

# Prep News

"If nothing else, value the truth"

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## Lively Open House draws 425 families Smaller crowd attributed to growth of other events

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Three St. Louis U. High students sent an oblong ball spinning between them while SLUH musicians provided raucous background music. At the end of the gym, performers from SLUH's circus club completed the carnival scene in the crowded Field House.

More than fifty booths advertising SLUH clubs, sports and activities crammed into the Field House last Sunday to greet the 425 families as part of SLUH's annual Open House.

The energy in the Field House, the event's epicenter, belied the fact that 100 fewer families attended this year's Open House, from 522 families in 2010. The decline is part of a long-term downward trend in attendance because of dilution of prospective students into different admissions events.

"In the past, maybe three years ago, that was the main event," said Director of Admissions Anja Schmelzer of Open House. "Over time, we introduced the Inside



A student give a tour to a perspective family at Open House on Sunday.

SLUH tours, where students and parents come during the regular school day. We did this year, for the first time, SLUH Night, where we had more than 500 people."

As of this afternoon, 190 students will have attended tours during the school day. SLUH has also had a presence at 12 high school nights sponsored by the archdiocese, St. Louis Charter High School Night, Middle School Night, and Independent Schools of St. Louis Secondary

School Night. All of these different methods of exposure help explain declining attendance at Open House.

"My goal with all of these admission events is to give different opportunities to students and their families to learn about SLUH," said Schmelzer.

The club and sports booths were in the field house because of construction.

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## SLUH basketball legend "Easy Ed" Macauley '45 dies

BY JACK WITTHAUS  
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That smooth shot—the one that lifted his right foot off the hardwood, flowed from his legs and body, looked effortless and always ended with his arms arched over his head like an upside down parabola—started on the basketball court at St. Louis U. High. The owner of that shot, Charles Edward "Easy Ed" Macauley, '45, died on Tuesday. He was 83.

Tall and thin, Macauley broke into the U. High varsity basketball scene as junior and was named captain his senior year. Macauley scored a cumulative 541 points during his two years on the varsity squad and was named All-District and All-State his senior year.

"Mac," his nickname back then, split time between basketball and a host of other clubs. He was voted Class Secretary his junior year and participated in the Solidarity Club up until his junior year.

Macauley went on to play at St. Louis University and led the

Billikens to a National Invitational Tournament (NIT) win in 1948. At the time, the NIT was the biggest college basketball tournament. He was first team All-American in '48 and '49 and was named AP Player of the Year in '49.

After college, Macauley played professional basketball with the St. Louis Bombers, the Boston Celtics and the St. Louis Hawks. During the 10-year career, he scored 11,234 points. Macauley was part of the 1958 NBA Champion Hawks team.

Later, SLUH, SLU, the Celtics, and the Hawks retired his number. In 1960, Macauley, 32 years old at the time, was named to the Basketball Hall of Fame. To date, he is the youngest player ever to be admitted.

Originally retired in April of 1949, Macauley's SLUH number 4 was re-retired by SLUH in December of 2009 at the dedication of the Danis Field House.

A devoted Catholic, Macauley was ordained a deacon in 1989 and served St. Genevieve Du continued on page 2

## FALL SPORTS PLAYOFFS

### Football Seventh straight win on road to state

BY RYAN DOWD  
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The St. Louis U. High football team (8-3) has not lost a game since Sept. 16, almost two months and approximately 56 days ago. The high-flying Jr. Bill offense has scored at least 35

points in each of the last seven games. That same offense put up 57 points, its highest total of the year, in round one of the playoffs last week against Oakville in a 57-27 thumping. Tonight, SLUH hosts its cross country rival and Jesuit compadre DeSmet in a rematch of SLUH's epic double-overtime win earlier this season.

The late great Bill Walsh, head coach of 49er dynasty of the 1980s and West Coast offense innovator once said, "You pass to get the lead. You run to keep it."

Well, the Jr. Bill offense proved that that's not always true.

Senior running back Terek Hawkins led the first charge with four rushing continued on page 4

### Soccer Promising prospects finally put to an end

BY JAMES BOECKMANN  
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Everyone wants their career to end when they are on top. Tony LaRussa retiring almost immediately after winning the World Series is a perfect example of this. However, it is incredibly tough to accomplish. Even Phil Jackson, the Zen Master himself, couldn't do it; he had to come back for more. The St. Louis U. High soccer team had a promising season ahead of them, but they were run out of the state tournament shockingly early, considering their preseason promise, after last Saturday's 3-2 loss to Chaminade.

Things looked good early when senior Dominic Lanari scored a tap-in goal off a great

pass from fellow senior Tommy Behr to give SLUH the lead.

Later, after Chaminade had tied the game 1-1, junior Chris Gys again gave the Jr. Bills a one-goal continued on page 3

### Cross Country Fifth place finish: no trophy but no regrets

BY GREG FISTER  
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Looming large on the minds of the senior cross country runners Saturday was the bittersweet fact that they were about to run their last race for the St. Louis U. High cross country program. It had come time for the Missouri state championship meet, and thousands of runners, coaches, and fans had gathered on the Oak Hill Golf Course in Jefferson City to watch the meet. The festival atmosphere combined with a sense of bittersweet finality to make it a difficult day for SLUH.

The team was highly ranked in Missouri and has taken home a trophy from the State meet every year for the past seven years. SLUH's team took fifth place at this year's meet, and though this is the first

time in seven years they did not place among the top three teams, the fleet-footed running princes of the school ran proudly with, as senior Nathan Rubbelke would say, "No excuses, no continued on page 2

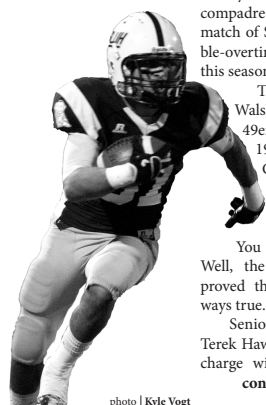


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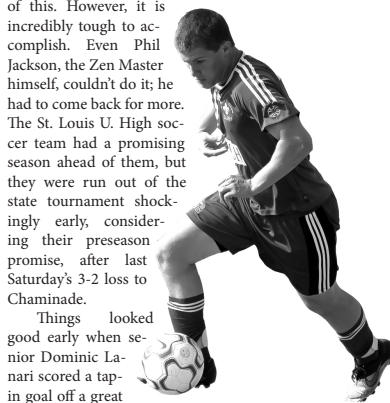
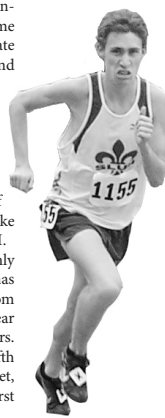


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## Sustainability conference explores ways to save energy

BY JOE MORAN  
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Five members of the St. Louis U. High Sustainability Committee attended A Case for Sustainability: Local Schools Go Green at Harris-Stowe University on Wednesday.

Senior Nathan Fox, sophomore Stephen Lumetta, computer support specialist John Haeefe, and history teachers Anne Marie Lodholz and Tom Zinselmeyer represented SLUH at the conference.

The goal of the committee is to reduce the waste SLUH produces. This helps protect the environment, but there are economic incentives as well.

"If the operation cost of the school is reduced, it can affect money in other areas," said history teacher Tom Zinselmeyer.

Fox explained that the goals of the SLUH Sustainability Committee are to make students "aware of themselves and what they are doing" when it comes to waste and to "try to get a movement going."

At the conference, which Zinselmeyer said was intended to gauge what other schools in the region are doing in terms of recycling and waste reduction, the attendees were educated about the state of sustainability in other schools so far.

The keynote address came from a representative of the Warren County School District, whose schools are the first "net zero" schools in the nation, meaning they produce more power than they consume. The district accomplished this status by installing solar panels and reducing energy consumption in innovative ways, such as installing combi ovens—which are steam-powered and use less power—in the kitchen, which uses the most energy.

After the keynote, many smaller meetings took place, which the students attended. One of the notable ones was presented by a representative of the Ritenour School District. Hoech Middle School has successfully reduced waste by installing windmills, putting in lights that only turn on when someone is in the room, planting a green roof full of plants, and buying chickens to lay eggs and produce waste for compost.

Fox called the conference "inspiring" for SLUH. Right now, the committee is hoping to apply some of the principles they learned from the conference to SLUH. Eventually, they hope to reach the standard set by the

aforementioned schools, but now they plan to start small.

Inspired by River Kids, a program of the New City school where students go out and clean up local rivers, the Environmental Club is planning on finding volunteer opportunities that they can schedule for students, such as cleaning up rivers or nature trails. Fox said to expect announcements about environmental volunteering sometime in the future.

The Sustainability Committee's energy subcommittee is also planning changes for the school. However, the possibility of a net zero school is out of the question unless the administration decides to build a new main building, Haeefe explained. Rather, he wants to take the example of Bayless High School, which has a building similar to SLUH. Even with the main building already

built, Haeefe said, "they were able to do some very impressive cuts retroactively," and thinks SLUH can do so too.

For example, Haeefe noted that a very simple thing to do in bathrooms and classrooms is to install motion-detecting light switches which can save energy by preventing lights from being on in an unoccupied room. Haeefe also mentioned light shelves, which can attach to windows.

"(They) light the room pretty effectively without turning a light on," said Haeefe.

Haeefe concluded that if the school implements other things that are relatively easy to do, such as simply changing the color of the roof, which cuts down cooling costs, the school's energy use can be reduced considerably.

## Racquetball sweeps DeSmet

BY FRITZ SIMMON  
REPORTER

The St. Louis U. High varsity racquetball team swept the Spartans right off the court in the team's first match against DeSmet last Friday. Though every player won his match, the highlight of the night was the doubles match.

With senior Ryan Shea out on a college visit, freshman Thomas Donlin substituted for him and played doubles with senior Luke Hagerty.

Donlin said, "I was really nervous, but I just hit ceiling shots and let Luke take over the game."

Despite losing 15-11 in the first game and having every drive serve in the last two games go to Donlin, the team turned it around. With Donlin hitting consistent ceiling balls and Hagerty putting everything else away, they won the next two games in stunning fashion, 15-7, 11-8.

Head coach Joe Koestner said, "It was quite the feat, given that we had a freshman subbing for a senior."

This win was followed by a 15-4, 15-12 win from junior A.J. Cirillo, a slow-starting 15-8, 15-1 win from junior Lorenzo Crim, and a 15-4, 15-11 win from senior Jack Mohrmann.

Seniors Fritz Simmon and Rob Laurentius also won their games.

The night was capped off with an impressive 15-2, 15-4 win from injured senior Joe Koch. Less than 48 hours before the big match, Koch had a wart frozen off his foot.

This win was a very good start to the season for SLUH.

Hagerty said, "The fact that we swept DeSmet shows just how much depth our team really has."

Koestner added, "It was a great start to our season. I'm looking forward to keeping the momentum going."

### Congratulations Water Polo captains elected for 2012

Sam Erlinger  
Justin Ramacciotti  
Sean Sullivan

## Early push fades as cross country places fifth at state meet

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regrets."

Fresh off a win at the Sectional meet, SLUH's varsity team was expecting anywhere from second to seventh place at Jefferson City, though they knew it all depended on how the other teams ran.

"We knew that we could control how we raced and not how (the other teams) raced," said head coach Joe Porter.

Senior Michael McLaughlin finished first for SLUH on the day, crossing the finish line in 16 minutes and 45 seconds. McLaughlin was the only runner from SLUH to claim an All-State title. As he did last year, McLaughlin claimed the 25th and final All-State spot with his finish.

"I feel like I dodged a bullet; had I been one place back this year it would have been really disappointing. In the back of my mind, being All-State was my goal, though I would have liked to have been higher," said McLaughlin.

McLaughlin said the mood of the team right after the race was "more somber than years past, because we didn't do as well as we would have liked."

He said, "It was a mixture of relief that (the season) was over and disappointment that it didn't turn out how we wanted it to."

"Throughout the season, the team has been kind of inconsistent," said McLaughlin. "The talent was there. The work was there. But when it came to racing, we would have either mental problems, injuries, but I suppose it was all a learning experience."

Finishing after McLaughlin was junior Matt Nicholson, who, in 37th place, finished with a time of 17:01. Senior captain Nathan Rubbelke came in 50th place with a time of 17:10. The future of SLUH cross country, juniors Tom Laughlin and Joe Archer and sophomore Tom Rubio, finished in 73rd, 81st, and 88th places, respectively. Veteran senior Joe Esswein finished SLUH's run in 128th place.

"(The State race) is different from any other race out there. They run all four classes of boys and girls on the same day and thousands upon thousands of people are there. We try to keep

our guys calm, keep them relaxed, and think we did a pretty good job of that. They were ready to run well," said Porter.

Each runner had a different personal story coming to a close on that day, but they all shared in the story that was SLUH cross country 2011.

Esswein said, "There were a lot of fans, a lot of yelling, and you really don't remember any of it. The race gets out really fast, the adrenaline is pumping. It was very cold and very cloudy, but there is a huge crowd, and it's really cool to see all the fans running all over the place."

"I felt pretty good coming into the race. I had just come from a couple good races and I felt calm at the starting line," said Rubbelke. He said the fact that this was his last big race for SLUH was in his mind last Saturday, but he tried not to focus on it leading up to the race.

"I just tried to focus on running a strong race. The fact that (I was done) didn't really hit me until after the race," Rubbelke said.

At 12:05 p.m., the starting gun sounded, and SLUH's runners tried their best to stake their places among the top tier of runners in the race. The Jr. Bill fan section ran around frantically and energetically to follow their brothers on the race course, but the race was over almost as soon as it had begun.

At the first mile, SLUH's top three runners, McLaughlin, Rubbelke, and Rubio, all came in at around five minutes, poised to take third place at the meet. But as the runners spread out, SLUH lost some of its steam.

"I think we raced really well. We went out really quick and put ourselves right in the middle of the race, and that's what we wanted to do. We wanted to take some risks and see what happens, and we kind of faded a little bit over the last mile as a result of those risks, but I wouldn't have had our guys run any other way," said Porter.

McLaughlin was the sole SLUH runner to stand on the MSHSAA stage and accept a medal at the award ceremony. And the team finished in fifth, one place away from a trophy spot.



Junior Matt Nicholson makes a pass en route to the a 37th place finish.

But Porter's focus was beyond trophies.

"It's not about trophies, it's about our guys running as best as they can, that's what we have focused on and that's what we will continue to focus on. Being fifth in the State is nothing to shake your head at," said Porter.

Porter praised junior Matt Nicholson's riveting race performance. Nicholson was SLUH's second place runner at the meet, and has a promising senior year as a cross country runner ahead of him.

Seniors like Rubbelke took comfort in their effort.

"My performance wasn't exactly what I wanted, but I can live with it. We didn't get a trophy, and that was our goal. We really wanted one, but we went after it," said Rubbelke. "We were in third place at the mile and dropped off a little in the last mile, but I think we would've been more upset if we didn't go after it as much as we did."

"I was really disappointed right after the race, but I could hardly walk the next day, and a lot of the other guys had the same problem, which proves that we left it all out there on the course," said Esswein. "When you step back and look at it, fifth place in the state is nothing to be ashamed of. For me and some of the other guys, this season was sort of a rollercoaster. It's hard because to have a successful day at State, you need all the guys to have a good day, and we didn't have that," said Esswein.

Rubbelke and Esswein were not exactly thrilled with how they, or the team as a whole, ran on Saturday, but they both looked back on their time with SLUH cross country with pride and satisfaction.

"I'd say that all the seniors had fantastic careers. All the guys that ran this year had a great season, and I'm really excited to follow the team next year when I'll be a guy watching from the sidelines," said Esswein.

They are not quite done yet: several of SLUH's runners, including many of the State varsity runners, are racing as the "St. Louis Cross Country Club" in the Nike Cross Nationals race tomorrow in Terre Haute, Indiana.

## "Easy Ed" dies

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Bois and Christ Prince of Peace parishes. He retired in 2002.

Athletic Director Dick Wehner got to know Macauley through dealings with him at SLUH.

"Doesn't make a difference what type of a basketball player he was. Doesn't make any difference that he was in the (basketball) Hall of Fame," Wehner said. "Doesn't make any difference that his number was retired at every stop. ... What made him an all-star was that he was an unbelievable father, a deacon in the Catholic Church, and he was a staunch defender of the unborn."