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“AN EXAMPLE OF JESUIT IDEALS”

Hylla honored and remembered for 30+ years of service in FSC



Gus Tettamble drapes a SLUH flag, signed by students over Hylla. photo | Kathy Chott

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What does it mean to leave a legacy?
 “When you put a lot of

love into the world eventually it's gonna come back to you, and I think that's the definition of Kathy Hylla,” says President of SLUH Alan Caruthers.

After 32 years of service to St. Louis U. High, beloved Director of Food Services Kathy Hylla made her long-awaited return to the school

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SLUH enters an era of the “New Normal”, reassesses structures

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Like many institutions across the world, St. Louis U. High is beginning the transition from pandemic-era policies to a post-pandemic environment, or the “New Normal.” As the SLUH community, as a whole, navigates this new atmosphere, the Instructional Council is working to provide the school with a framework which it can use to settle into normalcy.

A central focus for the Instructional Council moving into the 2022-2023 academic year is the development of the “New Normal,” committee, made up of sub-committees dedicated to Academics, Spaces, and Expectations for students, faculty, and staff.

“I've been challenging the IC to look at what we call

the ‘New Normal’ pieces for the school,” said Principal Ian Gibbons, SJ. “We know how we did pandemic, we know how we did pre-pandemic. Now we're trying to figure out how we're going to do the New Normal.”

The New Normal will address topics such as dress code, homework, policies, communications, and activities. Each of these smaller pieces will serve to create a fuller sense of normalcy in the school community.

“It's looking at things like what are some of the smaller details that we're going to have to figure out?” said English Department chair Frank Kovarik, a member of the IC executive committee. “It's all for coming back in a more final way from the pandemic and adapting to our new

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To the Heights

Three alumni sign free agent contracts with NFL teams

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ed players, including the three from SLUH.

Following last weekend's NFL Draft, three former Jr. Billikens signed free agent deals with professional NFL teams across the country, where they will continue their football careers at the highest level. Tony Adams Jr. '17, Daniel Isom '16 and Michael Niese '16 all secured contracts after the draft ended on Saturday: Adams (safety) signed with the New York Jets, Niese (offensive lineman) signed with the Denver Broncos, and Isom (defensive back) signed with the reigning Super Bowl Champion Los Angeles Rams.

Each year, NFL teams can choose to add additional players after the draft depending on the team's needs. This year, teams added anywhere from four to upwards of 20 undraft-

The accomplishment of these former Jr. Bills is impressive given the new logo on their jersey, but it does bring with it a significant amount of work. As an undrafted rookie, a spot on the final team is in no way guaranteed. It's not impossible, though. St. Louis legend Kurt Warner, former Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo, and Adam Vinatieri, the greatest kicker of all time, as well as nearly 500 other current NFL players, all got their start with free agent deals after the draft.

In many ways, undrafted signees have an edge on late round draft picks because they can choose their destination and coaching system. Niese, for example, had to weigh all his options before becoming a

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Clavius receives \$612,000 grant

Accepts money during 8th jamboree, SLUH hosts first one since pandemic



Middle School students from St. Alban Roe compete. photo | Courtesy of SLUH Twitter

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(more schools) and horizontally (more STEM offerings), making the Clavius Project more impactful to our underserved communities than ever before.”

The Clavius Project, which has provided robotics and STEM education to local Catholic schools since 2014, received a donation of \$612,000 from the Thomas Schilli Foundation. With this funding and a new partnership with St. Louis University, Clavius is poised to expand its reach in the coming years.

“Forming a partnership with SLU and the Schilli Foundation will provide treasure, talent and time from a wide array of resources,” said Clavius Project Director Jeff Pitts. “This will allow the Clavius Project to grow both vertically

Named after German Jesuit mathematician and astronomer Christopher Clavius, the Clavius Project aims to introduce STEM topics to students in underserved areas. It was started by a group of SLUH Robotics students in 2014 who wanted to combine their passions for robotics and community service. A grant from the Innovative Technology Education Fund allowed them to kickstart the project, and they were advised by Pitts.

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What does it mean to be a Jr. Billiken?

BY JACK FIGGE AND A.J. THOMPSON
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Editor's Note: This past week, Prep News Editor in Chief, Jack Figge and STUCO Student Body President A.J. Thompson teamed up and ventured out into the halls of St. Louis U. High and asked one seemingly simple question: What does it mean to be a Jr. Bill? After combing through the responses, common threads and similar ideas became clear. The following article shares what we heard.

Doused in blue and sprinting full speed into the football stadium during the home opener. For many St. Louis U. High students, this experience, Running of the Bills, is the first time they feel like a Jr. Bill. But being a Jr. Bill consists of so much more than blue paint and brotherhood.

Every June, 250-plus incoming freshman descend upon the grounds of SLUH to be immersed in the culture of the school and inundated with messages and themes about what it means to be a Jr. Billiken. Whether it is through

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The goose has been cooked: Senior Follies provides a cheerful event to conclude high school for the Class of 2022

BY MARK WAPPLER
STAFF

Laughter echoed through the walls of the Joseph Schulte Theater this weekend as members of the class of 2022 performed in the annual Senior Follies. The first in-person show in two years, the seniors showcased their best imitations of their beloved SLUH faculty before an audience of family, friends, classmates, and faculty. Through their witty humor and respectful mockery, the SLUH seniors put on a show that successfully revived a treasured SLUH tradition.

Preparation for the Senior Follies began early in the second semester, when senior class moderator Daniel Becvar took on the task of rebooting the program by prompting the seniors to do what Jr. Bills do best: be creative. Though excited to see what skits or acts the senior class could prepare, he was underwhelmed by the initial amount of participation.

“Senior Follies, like many things around the school this year, needed to be built again,” said Becvar. “A lot of students, including a lot of seniors, who currently go here have never seen Senior Follies before and don’t know what it is.”

Despite these worries, several members of the class of 2022 took it upon themselves to create a show worth remembering. After being canceled all together in 2020 and only in video format in 2021, these seniors wanted to make sure that a production would be staged before they left the halls of SLUH. Using old Senior Follies videos on YouTube for inspiration, the seniors started brainstorming.

“The seniors made a huge list of possible topics and when I saw the idea of Faculty Feud, I thought it would be cool to give it a shot,” said senior Luke Brown.

Recruiting the aid of several more of their classmates, the seniors felt confident in

minds to come up with whimsical skit ideas, the seniors who chose to perform in the ballet likewise stretched out the fibers of their tutus and leotards to be able to dance in them. This proved to be a discomforting, yet rewarding experience.

nally ready to take to the stage in dress rehearsals. Though there were many technical difficulties along the way, the seniors took these opportunities to engage in improvised, “un-rated” versions of the skits that sometimes proved to be more enjoyable than the

and memorization, many of the senior actors were still jittery walking into the first production night, as many of them had never been in a SLUH theater performance before. Nevertheless, the first production on Saturday night proved to be a success for the

performance once and for all. After being conditioned from the night before, the group poured their hearts out on the stage in front of the crowd, which was more than two times larger than the night before. This led to even more laughter and applause than the first performance.

“The faculty talent show and Joe McGroarty’s impersonation of Mr. Hannick was definitely the funniest part of the night,” said senior Matt Kluba. “What made it even better was that Mr. Hannick was out in the crowd.”

During both production nights, there was hardly any scene that did not have its fair share of laughter. Whether it was the opening faculty Zoom skit or the masterfully crafted Faculty Feud skit, the crowd showed their enjoyment through their laughs and smiles while enjoying the reactions of their dear teachers. Many students kept their eyes on math teacher Donald Steingrubby, who rejoiced when he found out that the seniors had made a whole skit dedicated to his class.

“I have never felt so appreciated before and it was definitely the highlight of my weekend,” said Steingrubby. “After these last couple of years, I think we can all agree that we needed something like this to fire up our spirits again.”

It is fair to say that Senior Follies are back and they are here to stay, a precious tradition at the U High. The class of 2023 has it easier now that they have a great production to use as a foundation for their Senior Follies next year. Until then, the SLUH faculty and staff only have to continue being their beloved and respected selves.



(Left to Right) Seniors Mark Wappler, Alex Nance, Nathan Sewell, Luke Brown, and Sam Quinlivan.



Senior Alec Martinez in the opening act.



Senior A.J. Thompson dancing to “I’m Too Sexy” while impersonating Mr. Rob Hill.



Seniors performing a ballet number for the finale of Senior Follies.

photos | Kathy Chott

their ability to produce a full set of skits to perform in front of the school community. However, as production day drew nearer, several seniors had to work diligently around the clock to add depth and character to the proposed skits.

Skits, however, would prove not be sufficient enough. While the writers had to stretch their creative

“The dance belt I had to fit into was incredibly uncomfortable, one of the most uncomfortable things I’ve ever had to do in my life,” said senior AJ Thompson. “Other than that, I felt amazing. I was so eager to go out there and perform in front of everyone.”

After a semester-long endeavor of writing and practicing skits, the motley crew of performing seniors were fi-

written skits themselves.

“One of the funniest times during the dress rehearsal was when Mr. Stahl and Fr. Stewart’s characters faced each other in a rap battle,” said senior Nick La Presta. “It was something I thought I would never get to experience at SLUH, but, thanks to Senior Follies, I did.”

Despite continuous prac-

group.

“I have to admit, I was nervous about my own abilities going into the evening,” said senior Joe McGroarty. “But we all rode on the excitement of the show and it turned out to be a better experience than what I had expected.”

The Theatre Bills returned the following night in high spirits to finish their

Student Art Exhibit on display in gallery through end of school year

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The Student Art Exhibit has opened on the second floor of the J-Wing to display student-made art for the St. Louis U. High community to admire. From still lifes and self-portraits to abstract sketches and pottery, this exhibit is showing off the creativity and ingenuity within the visual arts department.

Throughout the school year, students make art in one of the numerous arts classes that SLUH offers.

“I’ve done Drawing I and II, painting and now ceramics,” said junior Leo Smith. “The exhibit is a display of all the different works we’ve created and I hope everyone is able to appreciate it as much as the artists do.”

These creations are no small feat to create. Hours upon hours of hard work and dedication are poured into the pieces by classmates



Self Portrait by Nathan Rich.

photo | Andrew Hunt



“So long and thanks for all the fish,” sculpture by senior Ryan DeCarlo.

photo | Andrew Hunt

to create these pieces.

“It’s really easy to walk into a gallery space like this and see a piece of artwork in its finished state and respect it for what it is right there in the moment. But, what goes unseen is the process to get to that point and not just the hours of actually working on

it,” said Fine Arts Department chair Sarah Rebholz. “There’s a lot of discussions with the teacher and contemplating which direction to take the project and those are crucial to the beautiful finished piece.”

After students create all of their varying pieces of art,

art teachers Rebholz, Joan Bugnitz, and Sean Powers lay out the entire art showcase. They choose which pieces to display and where all the artwork should be hung or placed for the most intriguing visual display.

“We all feel similar collectively when we’re select-

ing pieces but we also want students to feel like they are being well represented and representing the things that they are most proud of making. I think that’s what’s really the most important thing when it comes to the exhibit,” said Bugnitz.

The reflect a student’s

personality and his own special abilities.

“Every year students are so impressed by the work as a whole but especially when they see something that their friends have made,” said Rebholz. “You never know what you are going to be blown away by or what talents you didn’t know that your friend has possessed. It’s really cool to see that friend or student in a different light.”

The exhibit will be on display in the Art Gallery until the end of the school year in J223 for anyone to see between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on school days.

“It just takes a few minutes to visit,” said senior Malcolm Hinkebein. “It’s a fun experience to just look at all this and you might find something that really strikes you. A lot of students put so much work into the art pieces, and they would appreciate it.”

Floyd departs from SLUH after six years of service to take time for herself

BY THOMAS JUERGENS
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College counselor Elaine Floyd will be leaving St. Louis U. High this year after six years on the college counseling team. She plans to work part-time as a school psychological examiner. Floyd has been a beloved member of the SLUH community during her time here and will be missed by both her colleagues and students.

"She cares for her kids, and she does a great job as a counselor and really puts what the boys or their families needs first, and I really respect that about her," said Director of College Counseling Kevin Crimmins. "But more than that, she's been just an incredible team member. She's always willing to pitch in, she's always willing to put in the work."

The students who have worked with her admire her as well. They especially admire how much she goes through to help each and every one of them on their college search.

"If it weren't for Mrs. Floyd, I definitely would not have gotten into the college that I'm going to because she kept me motivated and kept me on track, meeting all the deadlines and doing all the necessary things I needed to do to get into the academy," said senior Tom Nguyen.

Floyd has found that the SLUH community has been incredibly supportive to her on her best and worst days.

"Six weeks in there were major crises (in my family), but I was able to come here and feel really safe and see really strong people of integrity, and I needed to see that," said Floyd.

SLUH has helped Floyd through difficult times, and she has also helped SLUH develop their college counseling program.

"She's got great ideas, and she's really smart," said Crimmins. "She's been just really impactful for helping us to build the college counseling program into what it is."

Floyd is sad to see her time at SLUH come to an end, but she is excited for what her future holds.

"I'm not really going to another job yet; I'm really going more toward taking some time off. I love nature, and I've always found nature very healing, so I look forward to being outside more," said Floyd.

For Floyd, departing is bittersweet. She is grateful to all of SLUH for what they do and their dedication to it.

"I will miss the students, your families, the faculty and the staff, everyone here in any role, whether you're a student, whether you are working on the grounds, helping in food service, the president of the school. Everyone here works incredibly hard at what they do. This is a very special place, and I will greatly miss it," said Floyd.



College Counselor Elaine Floyd. photo | Kathy Chott



Happy Friday Dr. K! photo | Noah Leeseberg

SLUH musicians stun at State Band, earning gold, silver, and bronze

BY ANDREW HUNT
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Through the toil of masks and virtual auditions that was the face of much of the band experience this year, 11 SLUH musicians rose to the top and qualified for the State Band festival.

Last Thursday, the Band Bills took off to Mizzou for this annual competition that brings together high school musicians from all of Missouri's schools to be judged and awarded.

To qualify for the State Band festival, however, SLUH musicians first had to make it through the local solo-ensemble contest, hosted by Parkway Central High School, on Saturday, March 12. Only performers scoring a gold ranking in this competition could continue to the Mizzou state festival for the final challenge.

The process is an extensive one, with musicians choosing and perfecting their songs of choice long before the competition.

"It's a lot of practicing during class, and then there's a few teachers that come in and help us prepare the pieces," said saxophonist junior Connor Higano. "Doing it on your own can only go so far, so it's really helpful to have a second ear to hear things that you won't hear."

The Bills came into Parkway West well prepared. They walked out of its doors with an impressive 10 gold medals—nine soloists and

one saxophone quartet—qualifying a total of 11 students for the state festival.

"I was so thrilled that I got a gold because this was the hardest piece I had ever played," said junior trombonist Joey Hanks. "It contained the highest and lowest notes, the fast-

est passages, and the most expressive phrases I have ever played. I was so proud of what I accomplished, I wanted to keep it up and get another gold at the state level." On Thursday, April 28, these 11 students strolled into Mizzou's halls, packed with the best high school musicians from across the state, bolstered by their round one success, and fiercely determined to leave their best work with the judges table that day.



Left to right: Junior Connor Higano, Seniors Alex Nance, Nathan Rich, and Jake Marrison. photo | Joann Rich

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The Bills did just that. Three students won gold,

four won silver, and three won bronze. A huge highlight was the saxophone quartet of senior Nathan Rich, junior Connor Higano, senior Jacob Marison, and senior Alex Nance, who garnered the gold through their intense musical harmony.

"We talk about brotherhood at SLUH, and I think playing with the quartet was a great microcosm of it," said Higano. "You have to connect with each other. It's all communicating non-verbally, using your body language and your sound."

"I'm very, very proud of the saxophone quartet," said band director Jeff Pottinger. "Their work has probably superseded any small group I've ever worked with in my 25-plus years of teaching. It's really a beautiful thing."

Freshman Monroe Terry also stood out with his

mallet solo, earning bronze in state.

"Monroe started this year playing very little mallet instruments," said Pottinger. "He played his solo perfectly for districts, and being qualified for state as a freshman is just incredible."

Other solo gold winners were Rich, a seasoned alto saxophone soloist, and sophomore Samuel Hernandez with his impressive tenor saxophone solo. Meanwhile, Higano, Hanks, junior Ryan Jackson and sophomore Isaiah Hinkebein earned silver in their solo performances, while senior Peter Guidry and sophomore Nikolas Berndt also earned bronze.

"I know that I could have done better," said Hanks. "I could have practiced more, listened to the piece more, done more deep breathing before. But now, I have gold to work towards for next year."

In addition, the district and state competitions highlight the progress that has been made with Covid restrictions. Students and teachers have received a breath of fresh air after masks and virtual auditions even earlier this year.

"I think a lot of students made a decision that they were going to stick with it in hopes that things would get better and become more fun," said Pottinger. "I'm most happy with the success of having the kids continue to participate in the ensembles this year."

SLUH unveils new summer reading book: *Patron Saints of Nothing* by Randy Ribay

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The Saint Louis U. High summer '22 reading book has been decided: *Patron Saints of Nothing* by Randy Ribay.

The book tells the story of a young Filipino-American teen who encounters many obstacles, some obvious and others full of mystery, that make his journey to discover the murder of his cousin challenging and most of all, entertaining.

The summer reading committee decided that *Patron Saints of Nothing* would be a suitable all-school summer reading book.

"It's set in the Philippines and it's dealing with some of the injustices of war on drugs that has been taking place there and we are pretty sure most of the student body is unsure about and not very keen on," said English teacher Jennifer Carroll.

School-wide summer reading books are used to connect with the theme for the school year. A possible candidate for the school year

theme was walking with the excluded, and the committee felt the novel tied into this theme well.

"We want the students to open their eyes to another culture and something that doesn't involve them in

the world and increase their knowledge on the theme for the school year," said Librarian Lynne Casey.

The book introduces readers to the unique culture of the Philippines, and gives them insight on Filipino life

and the war on drugs in the country.

"The novel can lead to an empathic understanding of what's going on in countries such as Ukraine," said Casey. "The book isn't about Ukraine but it's opening our eyes to the issues in our world."

Additionally, the novel gives insight to many different types of people in different financial, cultural, and social positions.

"It features a variety of characters in a variety of situations, we thought that it would be important to feature that type of diversity," said Carroll.

Readers will be able to learn how families in complex situations can deal with their obstacles and mishaps, and turn them into bonding experiences.

"The book is dealing with a country in a situation that I did not know anything about, it is a part of the world that we do not have much knowledge of," said Carroll. "There is also a lot of healing and sympathy for the characters that can take place, especially in a family setting."



art | Leo Smith



Members of the Class of 2022 during their Running of the Bills in 2018.

photo | Above: Kathy Chott, Top Right: Terry Quinn, Bottom Right: Kathy Chott



Top: Students this year on a service trip in Brownsville Texas. Bottom: Owen Rittenhouse, Thomas Ziegler, Sam Orlando and Jack Christianell at the 2019 freshman dance.

Philia love and brotherhood are some components of a Jr. Bill

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freshman class moderator Tim Curdt shouting at them to embrace brotherhood or hearing the traditional first reading (1 Corinthians 12: 12-15—one body, many parts), students begin to develop an understanding of what it means to truly be a Jr. Bill. But the answer is not a

the class. To some faculty members and students, the passage is the clearest example of what it means to be a Jr. Bill.

“One body, many parts” is what being a Jr. Bill is all about. Knowing, believing that every person you encounter is valuable, has something to offer, is a part of the body of St. Louis U.

“Being a Jr. Bill means that you are a man of character, conscience and compassion. It is being about being the best self that you can be and using your God given talents.”

- Alan Carruthers

simple two or three word short answer question, nor is it the same for everybody.

“What is a Jr. Bill, is one question with many complex layers,” said Dean of Students Brock Kesterson.

One common comment we heard was that being a SLUH student carries with it a significant amount of pride for the opportunity to carry on and be a part of the SLUH tradition.

“Being a Jr. Billiken there is some type of pride that goes along with it,” said sophomore Triston Ivory. “SLUH has a good reputation so it is just living up to that legacy and tradition.”

Direction Days lays a solid foundation for students to begin developing their own definition of what it means to be a Jr. Bill. The One Body Many Parts passage presents a foundational idea: that no matter a student’s background, together each one of us makes up the SLUH community and each has something to contribute to

High,” said retired and long-time theology teacher Matt Sciuto. “Whether it be your class, the student body, or the entire community, everybody has something to offer.”

Developing deep, personal friendships with classmates is a hallmark of SLUH education. Many interviewees shared that the friendships formed are an essential element to being a Jr. Bill. These friendships are built over the course of four years, and often extend beyond class, race, and cultural divides. A true Jr. Bill is a person open to these new friendships that the SLUH community offers.

“More than anything, it means to be open to friendship, to initiate and create, to respond and to receive,” said English teacher Chuck Hussung. “I think the way that we honored Mrs. Hylla was an example of the spirit of this place. You do not just walk in here and do your job, you walk in here and connect with the community and it connects back with you.”

Often these relationships

bridge age divides, with upperclassmen forming friendships with underclassmen, and teachers forming friendships with their students.

“Being a Jr. Bill, to me, means being a part of a brotherhood together,” said freshman Madhavan Anbukumar. “If you look at Alex Mittendorf and myself, we are good friends even though I am a freshman and he is a senior. He fully represents what it means to be a Jr. Bill. He is well rounded and he cares for everyone no matter what class they are in.”

When reflecting on the question, some students brought up the Greek word: philia, or brotherly love. Everyday, students love their fellow students as they would their own brother, always there supporting, guiding and encouraging.

“In Mr. Kickham’s class we

“More than anything, it means to be open to friendship, to initiate and create, to respond and to receive.”

- Chuck Hussung



2021 All Saint's Day Mass, the first all school Mass since the pandemic.

photo | courtesy of SLUH Twitter

learned about philia love, which is brotherly love,” said senior Matt Kluba. “Being a Jr. Bill means that you emanate philia love by going the extra mile when people are not looking. It is doing the work and not counting the cost.”

“As a Jr. Bill, you just have an overwhelming sense of brotherly love,” said senior Ted Williams.

Examples of philia love radiate from the SLUH campus every day. Often it happens in the mundane moments of day to day school, where these examples are frequently overlooked. But sometimes, these displays of philia love happen during the biggest moments of the school year, like an end of the season playoff football game.

“Philia love is going to a football game at CBC in 32 degree weather and even after los-

ing, the seniors are going on the field and just celebrating with their brothers who lost,” said Kluba. “It is showing up to Senior Follies when there are AP exams all of this week.”

This brotherly love does not stop after graduation, however. It continues on, well into adulthood as classmates con-

his friends from when he went to SLUH, he still has a huge group chat. We are all men of character and that extends well past graduation. It is living it out in our daily lives, 10, 20, 30 years after we graduate.”

A final central theme that showed up across many interviews involved individual de-

“Being a Jr. Bill means that you emanate Philia love by going the extra mile when people are not looking. It is doing the work and not counting the cost.”

- Matthew Kluba

tinue to stay connected, to meet regularly and to continue to show that brotherly love. Students commended their own fathers, who are alumni, for continuing to show this brotherly love past graduation.

“Being a Jr. Billiken is something bigger than myself and it is something bigger than this building where we come to school every day. It extends past our graduation,” said senior Charlie Vonderheid. “My dad still hangs out with all of

velopment and formation into being a man for others, as students grow from being selfish to being selfless.

“It is behaving in a way that is representative of the mission and value of our school and doing it in any scenario at any time even if you are not necessarily being judged or being watched,” said Kesterson. “Especially as it relates to taking care of other people. That is the biggest thing is being selfless.”

Once a Jr. Bill, always a Jr. Bill is a common phrase heard around the halls of SLUH. But it is more than a simple phrase, it is a calling. A calling to take all that one has learned and experienced in four years at SLUH and live it out in their daily lives past graduation.

“Being a Jr. Bill means that you are a man of character, conscience and compassion,” said president Alan Carruthers. “It is about being the best self that you can be and using your God given talents to the highest levels that one can use them.”

“I WOULD DO IT ALL OVER AGAIN IN A HEARTBEAT”

SLUH honors Hylla for over 30 years of loving service

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community at yesterday's Mass of Praise and Gratitude. Unable to work in recent months due to health issues, it was Hylla's first on-campus appearance in front of the student body since the end of the first semester.

This return was bitter-sweet, however, as Hylla publicly announced her retirement effective at the end of the current school year during the post-Mass faculty farewell ceremony. A mainstay of the SLUH community for over three decades, Hylla's impact was truly felt by all, from current students, faculty, and alumni.

Following the traditional faculty farewell video following Communion, SLUH President Alan Carruthers took to the stage, where he introduced a separate goodbye video solely for Hylla. In the video, members of the school community recalled many of the moments which made Mrs. Kathy among its most cherished members.

“It was great to see Mrs. Hylla back in the building and to hear the impact that she has had on so many people's lives just by doing all kinds of little things for them,” said STUCO president A.J. Thompson.

Among other things, those in the video mentioned Hylla's remarkable ability to have memorized the name of virtually every person to have dined in her cafeteria. Mike Kumpf, the Director of FSC, even recalled Hylla's tendency to spend the night at school after late-night events, all so she could be up in time to prepare breakfast for students the next morning.

As the Director of Food Services for the entire school, Hylla was not only responsible for facilitating school lunches during her tenure, but also for catering large events such as Cashbah, team banquets, and admissions events. Largely due to her instrumental role in catering these events, Hylla remained very much in the public eye, with her quiet-yet-cheerful demeanor and willingness to prioritize the needs of others serving as the perfect example of being a woman for others.

In addition, Hylla also led catering services for many class reunions throughout the years, giving her the opportunity to reconnect with alumni, who always excitedly rushed to say hello to the one and only “Mrs. Kathy.” More often than not, she still remembered their names.

Before working at SLUH, Hylla cleaned houses and worked at a reception hall for years, but was elated when she got the opportunity to work at SLUH, given that three of her brothers came through SLUH.

“I did a lot of housecleaning when my kids were little. And then I also worked at a reception hall for about five years and then I got the opportunity to work for Food

Service Consultants and they asked me if I wanted to come to SLUH and manage so I said yes and was excited to do that,” said Hylla.

Starting in October of 1990, SLUH looked very different from what it is now. Instead of eating in the Commons (at the time it was the gym) as students do now, they ate in the old cafeteria, which is currently being renovated into the Dill Center for Academic Success.

“It was the same amount of boys, but everything we did was upstairs in what you've never known as the old cafeteria. You guys were all crammed in there,” said Hylla.

These first few years at

ended up going around to the homerooms trying to find the kids to get them to pay me back because they didn't have all the fancy things that we have now, like the emails and all the announcements. It was so different. And there were some times when I was so busy at the register that I would let the boys write down their own name and what they owed, and that got to be a circus. I had Santa Claus written down more than one time. So it was quite interesting to say the least. But I don't want to turn anybody away. I don't want the kids not to eat, even though they probably had money in their pocket,” said Hylla.

For 19 years Hylla took

the Faculty Appreciation award. After seeing math teacher Dan Becvar with a bouquet of flowers, she knew it had to be a female teacher.

“I said ‘oh, it's gonna be a female teacher’ and then they said my name and I couldn't believe that they said my name because it's never been someone that's not a teacher. I was very overwhelmed and very grateful to think that you boys thought enough of me to give me that. It was a real honor for me. I'll cherish that forever,” reminisced Hylla.

Even though the award had always gone to teachers, everyone knew Hylla was a deserving candidate for the award because of how kind

everyone she encounters,” said Deves. “When you interact with her it's like interacting with a friend. Whether I am going through the lunch line or working with her on an event or something we are hosting. It's so much fun being able to work with someone as great as she is. Her friendship is one of care and love and every moment I get to see her it brings me joy.”

After having her name announced, the student body immediately leaped up to give her a standing ovation. And after everyone had settled down after her second standing ovation, Hylla was told that coming with the award was the responsibility of speaking at

not know who I am, I guess,” said Hylla.

After a video tribute to Hylla, she was handed flowers and a flag by senior STUCO president AJ Thompson and senior STUCO spirit leader Gus Tettamble.

“Yeah that was definitely a special moment. It's cool just to know Mrs. Kathy and to say that she had a part in my life, but to be a part of that ceremony and to see her expressions and her reactions up close made it extra cool for me, it was definitely a sweet moment that we could share,” said Tettamble.

Hylla was then surprised with both a scholarship that will be given out every year, and a plaque commemorating her dedication to SLUH which renamed the servery to ‘Kathy's Kitchen.’

“You know, to just think that one boy every year will be given this scholarship with my name on it and the generosity of the benefactor that thought enough about that to want to do that for me, it's just overwhelming,” said Hylla. “Somebody sent an email out the other day and they said something about ‘Kathy's Kitchen’ and it sounded so odd, but it's a very proud thing for me.”

Looking forward, Hylla doesn't have too many plans outside of spending time with her family and getting some extra sleep in.

“I guess not work 60 or 70, 80 hours a week and be able to maybe spend a little bit of time with my great grandchildren and still enjoy my grandchildren that are starting their lives,” said Hylla.

Through all the uncertainty, there is one thing for sure, Hylla will actually be able to get a real night's sleep in a bed instead of having to spend any more nights on the Campus Ministry couches.

“One funny story is that one night there was too much going on in campus ministry. So I decided that I would sleep somewhere else. I went to the box office and slept in there because I always like to sleep where I don't think anybody's going to know that I would be there. And I stopped at the box office and I did my usual routine. I brought my keys and I put my phone and plugged my phone in and my alarm went off and I got up and picked up my phone and walked out of the room but without my keys. So I was walking around in the hallway at school in my pajamas at 4:30 in the morning thinking ‘I can't get back in there, I can't go anywhere except just walk around the building. I finally called Mr. Prince and told Emmitt, ‘can you come over and help me get my keys out of the box office?’” laughed Hylla.

After 32 years of work at SLUH, Hylla only has one thing to say about her experience here:

“I'd do it all over again, too. In a heartbeat.”



Hylla serving students in the Commons.

photo | courtesy of Ryan Doyle

SLUH kept Hylla busy as there was less space, and even no air conditioning up in the old cafeteria.

“They were very, very hectic. Like I said, we were upstairs in the old kitchen. It needed a lot of updating, it had no air conditioning in the kitchen. Matter of fact, we didn't have that until we moved downstairs in 2012,” said Hylla.

Most students probably know Hylla as the debt collector of the Commons, as she was tasked with tracking down students who owed money. Even in her early days at SLUH this was true, although because email didn't exist, she had to write students' names down in a book. But as busy as she was, she would often have students write it down themselves, which of course led to problems.

“When I first started we didn't have this special meal card system so I would keep a book. And a lot of times I

care of SLUH and eight other schools, but in 2013 because she was here so much, they decided that she needed to be at SLUH full time.

“When you're with a group of teenage boys for that many years, you do feel like you enjoy being with the kids. I enjoyed being able to talk to them or help them with whatever, I am a people pleaser for sure I don't ever want to say no, I want to figure out what I can do to help,” said Hylla.

“I think Mrs. Hylla embodies so much of the spirit of St. Louis U High in the way she goes about her daily actions. I think she is a true example of Jesuit ideals and actions. Just the love she shows and the passion for what she does, her care for the person, and using her role as a position of ministry, it's an incredible example to all of us of how we serve God and be people of love in whatever we do,” said Deves.

After 31 years of service, in 2021, Hylla was awarded

she is to all the students in the lunch line, and although it is one of the most hectic times of the day as students are all racing to get an open seat at their table, everyone loves to stop by and say hi her.

“I'd say I met her freshman year when I came here. The first interaction I had with her was during summer school. I bought my lunch, I've never brought my lunch from home, I always buy it. And so when I buy my lunch, you obviously have to interact with Mrs. Kathy. There's like four different lanes, but you always go to Mrs. Kathy,” said senior Hanks Edwards.

“For me Mrs. Hylla was just someone I look forward to seeing at lunch every day passing in the lunch line,” said Thompson.

Something that can't be repeated is Hylla's ability to brighten peoples day by just sharing a conversation with them at a point in a day.

“She is just a friend to

graduation, which she looked forward to.

“Somebody said to me ‘you know, you don't have to talk at graduation,’ and I thought, Oh, but I want to talk. I want to be able to tell the boys what it's like and the experiences that I had and how important it was to me to be able to do what I've done for so long,” said Hylla.

Hylla need only wait one more year for another unforgettable memory as she was highlighted individually during this years leaving faculty presentation after all school Mass on Wednesday, April 27.

“Well, I know the process of when people leave they have a video about them. And I knew that because naturally my family was all there and my children, my grandchildren, my great grandchildren and my siblings were all there. I had no idea about naming the kitchen and the scholarship was just just an amazing thing that no one will ever be able to

Schilli Foundation grant and SLU partnership opens new opportunities for Clavius project

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"Eight years later, we have the Clavius Project and a new partnership with SLU and the Schilli Foundation that will ensure that Clavius will live and grow for years to come," said Pitts. "Before the pandemic, we were serving over 50 schools and nearly 2000 middle school students in our region and in Belize."

Coming out of the pandemic, Clavius had to contend with fewer participating schools due to remaining Covid precautions. Still, 34 schools participated in the project this year, and 29 attended the Jamboree that took place in the Danis Field House this past Saturday, April 30 after being postponed from January.

The new funding from the Schilli Foundation will help invigorate the program coming out of the pandemic. The foundation is dedicated to the deceased alumnus Thomas Schilli '64 and has made significant donations to SLUH in the past. This donation will help cover costs for the materials necessary to demonstrate STEM to students.

During the program, high school student mentors, many of them SLUH Robotics students but some De Smet and Rosati Kain students, visit an assigned school once a week to lead students in building and coding Lego Mindstorm EV3

robots and preparing for different challenges at the Jamboree.

"It was very much a passive learning," said junior Peter Roither. "We let them figure it out mainly, and if truly they did not know what to do, that's when we would swoop in and help."

Although smaller than usual, last weekend's Jamboree was still a successful event, providing students from all around the city a chance to come together and compete in friendly challenges while deepening their understanding of robots.

"In the past, we've had to do two sessions of the Jamboree, but this year, we could only do one, which I think was really nice," said Robotics coach Robyn Wellen. "All of the schools are there at the same time and participating. It ran very smoothly thanks to all of our volunteers that were there helping to set up and to work with the schools themselves, and then to cleanup afterwards."

Clavius has concluded for this school year, but its leaders plan to return in the fall with the goal of reaching more schools without access to STEM education. With oversight from SLU and financial support from the Schilli Foundation, the Clavius Project is geared for a successful post-pandemic revival.



Top: Clavius project members presented with the grant. Bottom: Competitors gathered in the Field House photo | courtesy of SLUH Twitter

Madonna Della Strada showcased to teachers during faculty retreat

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Members of the St. Louis U. High faculty spent last Friday at SLUH's new retreat house, Madonna Della Strada, for the second faculty retreat of the year. This retreat was especially different, mainly because most faculty retreats last the entire day. The retreat on Friday was a half day and was used to show faculty the new retreat center.

"It was a quite short and simple day, but it was nice day," noted Campus Minister and math teacher Steven Deves.

Faculty members were split into two groups, a morning session and an afternoon session. Each group

had a meal, listened to a presentation about the center and took a tour, and then celebrated Mass.

The main focus of this retreat was to introduce the new center and get people to start thinking about the possibilities and opportunities it could bring. The hope is that eventually the retreat center will expand to being used not just for campus ministry activities, but for student clubs and teams.

"I'm just really excited to see what the future of the retreat center holds," said science teacher Bradley Mueller. "I really liked it. I think there's a lot of potential for the retreat center. I just think the big question is will people use it and what will they use it for?"

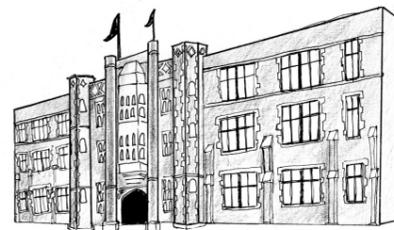


The Madonna Della Strada retreat house. photo | Courtesy of SLUH Twitter

Around the Hallways

Senior dress-down days

A hallmark of every year is the shenanigans pulled by seniors in their final days at school. Though mostly tame this week, the seniors organized a series of themed dress down days, garnering exuberant participation from across the senior class. Monday kicked off their final week with an "Anything but a Backpack Day," in which students left their ordinary backpacks at home and filled various objects with the books and devices. Many seniors could be seen strolling down the hallways with suitcases or rolling coolers, meanwhile others like Editor in Chief Jack Figge commandeered a large rolling cart to knock unsuspecting freshmen out of his way en route to class. Tuesday followed with a "Twin Day," pairing off seniors with each other to wear nearly identical outfits. Seniors arrived at school on Wednesday prepared for "Star Wars/Superhero Day," and costumes ranging from Batman to the Scarlet Witch were spotted engaging in vigilante-style activities, and Thursday had seniors decked out in helmets and togas of all kinds. Finally, today the seniors will commence their time at SLUH in their best beach attire.



AP Tests

This week and next week Jr. Bills will be taking their AP exams for the year. Students can be seen periodically chugging highly-caffeinated beverages and catching brief moments of sleep in preparation for their exams, plus some intermittent studying. The *Prep News* wishes all students good luck on these tests. Fives all around!

Jr. Ring

Today the Class of 2023 will receive their junior rings during Jr. Ring Mass starting at 2:00pm. This will be followed by a formal dance in the evening to celebrate the junior class. Anyone want to place bets on how many students request a resizing?

Instructional Council forms subcommittees to usher SLUH out of the pandemic

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schedule and things like that." One such piece that the Instructional Council's committees are considering is the use of common areas around the school outside of designated class time.

"I've been working on the Space Committee, so to speak, that is looking at common areas, common policies, ways that we gather, ways that we promote being together," said Gibbons. "For example, how do we make sure those spaces are safe and accessible during Studium, during Activity Period, or before or after school. We want to make sure they're helpful in the wider mission of the school and serve to promote collegiality and community."

The Instructional Council as a whole acts as a governing body within the school to initiate conversations about changes in policy or practice. Composed of 17 members of the faculty, staff, and administration, the IC is then broken down into smaller committees and subcommittees dedicated to specific issues.

"We know how we did pandemic, we know how we did pre-pandemic. Now we're trying to figure out how we're going to do the New Normal."

-Ian Gibbons S.J.

These committees bring up not only the concerns, but also a solution or ideas on how to solve the specific issues. With a variety of the faculty and staff of SLUH being on these committees, the IC is able to consider several different perspectives on the issues.

"It takes on all kinds of initiatives," said theology department chair Jon Ott, a member of the executive committee. "It's a way to get feedback from the faculty to the administration, and it's a way to bring forth initiatives from the administration to the departments."

After the recent changes to the upcoming academic year's new schedule, the Instructional Council is set to continue its dedication to the improvement of academics and student experience at St. Louis U. High based on the requests and concerns of not only the students and faculty, but also the rest of the SLUH community.

"I've really appreciated my time on the Instructional Council," said Kovarik. "It's given me a really valuable perspective on how our school works, how decisions get made, and how priorities get set."

Food Truck Friday!

After school, be sure to stick around to celebrate the senior and junior class by visiting one of the five trucks and playing games!

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Alford, Francis: Washington University in St. Louis
Andrew, John: Saint Louis University
Arens, Taggart Brian: Miami University, Oxford
Baker, Derrick Michael: William Jewell College
Barnard, Justin: Missouri University of Science and Technology
Bianchino, Vincent: University of Dayton
Bieg, Charles: University of Kansas
Blase, Joseph: University of Kansas
Boehler, Joseph Isaac: University of Arkansas
Bone, Phillip: Stevens Institute of Technology
Boyce, James: University of Arkansas
Brawley, Grant: Marquette University
Brewer, William: Marquette University
Brooks Jr., Christopher: University of Wisconsin-Madison
Broun, William: Xavier University
Brown, Liam: University of Missouri-Columbia
Brown, Luke: University of Kentucky
Bruen, Benjamin: University of Dayton
Brugnara, Zachary: Marquette University
Bryan, Colin: University of Notre Dame
Buehring, Connor: Creighton University
Christanell, Jack: Marquette University
Ciaramitaro, Andrew: Saint Louis University
Collins, Damius: Monmouth College
Cornett, Louis: University of Notre Dame
Critchfield, Brian: University of Arkansas
DeCarlo, Ryan: University of Missouri-Columbia
Derdeyn, Clay: American University
Dernlan, Stephen: Macalester College
DiMaggio, Mario: Youngstown Juniors Hockey
Dougherty, Tanner: St. Francis College
Dowd-Nieto, Henry: University of Denver
DuMont, Jack: Saint Louis University
Dunn III, Thomas: University of Mississippi
Edwards, Hanks: University of Missouri-Columbia
Esson, Nicholas: Marquette University
Etling, Thomas: Indiana University-Bloomington
Evans, Ethan: Loyola University-Chicago
Farroll, Ian: Marquette University
Feise, Jack: Princeton University
Fennewald, Adam: University of Missouri-Columbia
Ferrara, Jonathan: University of Arkansas
Figge, Jack: Benedictine College
Figge, Nicholas: Saint Louis University
Fischer, Nicholas: Hobart William Smith Colleges
Fitzgerald, William: The University of Tennessee-Knoxville
Floretta, Michael: University of Missouri-Columbia
Forthaus, Caleb: Enlisted in Marines
French, Samuel: Purdue University-Main Campus
Fucetola, Jude: University of California-Los Angeles
Garozzo, Zachary: Marquette University
Gegg, Cameron: University of Arkansas
Gilkerson, Daniel: Saint Louis University
Giunta, Thomas: Xavier University
Glass II, Justin: Rocky Mountain College
Gothra, Angad: Boston College
Gothra, Sasha: Fordham University
Gothra, Shawn: Northeastern University
Grabowski, Grant: Rhodes College
Gray, Theodore: Xavier University
Greninger, Conner: Southwest Baptist University
Grucza, Alexander: Miami University, Oxford
Guidry, Peter: Truman State University
Gund, Thomas: University of Denver
Gunn, Timothy: University of Notre Dame
Guo, Yuxuan (Neal): University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Haefer, Parker: University of Kansas
Halley, William: Xavier University
Harmon, Benjamin: Saint Louis University
Harris, Andrew: University of Arkansas
Heffernan, Declan: Loyola University Chicago
Henken, George: University of Notre Dame
Hillmeyer, Daniel: Marquette University
Hinkebein, Malcolm: St. Louis Community College
Hogan, Kevin: University of Missouri-Columbia
Hohn, Francis: Rhodes College
Hostetler, Jonas: Rhodes College
Howenstein, Michael: Belmont University
Hoxhaj, Ardian: Saint Louis University
Huels, James: Southeast Missouri State University
Inserra, Joseph: Undecided
Jakubik, Dennis: Saint Louis University
Jallow Turner, Xavier: Saint Louis University
James, Peter: Catholic University of America

Johnston, Luke: Washington University in St. Louis
Kar, Indranil: Fordham University
Karim, Ismael: Emory University
Kean, Samuel: Saint Louis University
Kellogg, Sean Gilliam: Marquette University
Kessler, Andrew: Saint Louis University
Kluba, Matthew: Marquette University
Kramer, Nick: Saint Louis University
La Presta, Nichola: Louisiana State University
LaBarge, Joseph: Boston College
Lawhorn, Gavin: University of Missouri-Columbia
Lawrence, Sebastian: University of Wisconsin-Madison
Le, Alexander: Loyola University Chicago
Ledbetter, Henry: Colorado State University-Fort Collins
Leeseberg, Noah: University of Kansas
Leight, Matthew: Purdue University-Main Campus
Lemley, Jacob: University of Missouri-Columbia
Leritz, Theodore: University of Dayton
Loehr, Brady: Saint Louis University
Loretta, John: Indiana University-Bloomington
Luders, Corey: Missouri University of Science and Technology
Lyons, Nicholas: Texas Christian University
Mackey, Nicholas: Purdue University-Main Campus
Madden, Sean: Creighton University
Mandina, Jonah: University of Missouri-Columbia
Marison, Jacob: Loyola University Chicago
Martin, Clark: Undecided
Martinez, Alec: University of Missouri-Columbia
McArthur, John: Babson College
McClain, Jaden: Millikin University
McCormac, Quinlan: University of Missouri-Columbia
McDaniel, Dennis: University of Arkansas
McGroarty, Joseph: Seattle University
Meachem, Donovan: Loyola University-Chicago
Meehan, Joseph: Loyola University Chicago
Mehmeti, Ned: University of Missouri-Columbia
Melero, Joseph: Saint Louis University
Merriman, Peter: Saint Louis University
Mittendorf, Alex: University of Missouri-Columbia
Mize, Robert: Washington University in St. Louis
Mooney, Patrick: Indiana University-Bloomington
Mruckovski, Antonio: University of Missouri-Columbia
Mueller, Peter: University of Oklahoma-Norman Campus
Munie, Daniel: University of Mississippi
Nadreau, Nicholas: Pennsylvania State University-Penn State Main Campus
Narkiewicz, Henry: Elon University
Naumann, Robert: University of Missouri-Columbia
Navarro, Lucas: Missouri University of Science and Technology
Nesser, Joseph: Missouri University of Science and Technology
Nester, Broderick: Purdue University-Main Campus
Neuwirth, Jonathan: Indiana University-Bloomington
Newbold, William: Indiana University-Bloomington
Nguyen, Thomas: Baylor University
Nguyen, Tom: United States Air Force Academy
Niemeyer, Luke: Loyola University Chicago
Nugent, Gaibrial: Purdue University-Main Campus
O'Connell, Flynn: Creighton University
O'Hagan, Rory: Loyola University Chicago
O'Keefe, John: University of Missouri-Columbia
Onder, John: Saint Louis University
Orlando, Samuel: Creighton University
Ortwerth, Craig: University of South Carolina-Columbia
Owens, Cayden: Millikin University
Parker, Keshon Antonio: Iowa State University
Pashea, Baker: Dartmouth College
Peretz, John: Truman State University
Petlansky, Zachary: University of Missouri-Columbia
Petty, Charles: University of Utah
Phillips, Daniel: Loyola University Chicago
Piening, Eric: Saint Louis University
Pierson, Luke: University of Mississippi
Polansky, John: University of Missouri-Columbia
Quinlivan, Ryan: University of Missouri-Columbia
Quinlivan, Samuel: Rockhurst University

Raymond, Donovan: Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville
Reed, Thomas John: University of Arkansas
Renaud, Andrew: Missouri University of Science and Technology
Renner, Zachary: Augustana College
Rich, Nathan: Tulane University of Louisiana
Ridgway, Benjamin: University of Dayton
Rittenhouse, Owen: Florida State University
Rodgers, Harrison: University of Missouri-Columbia
Rose, Nicholas: Purdue University-Main Campus
Rybak, Jack: University of Mississippi
Saadi, James: University of Dayton
Sadlo, Cooper: Saint Louis University
Saladin, Stephen: University of Dayton
Sander, Jacob: University of Arkansas
Sanders, Pierston: Millikin University
Sanfilippo, Graham: Webster University
Scharff, Cooper: University of Wisconsin-Madison
Schmidt, Nicolas: The University of Alabama
Schulte, Miles: University of Kansas
Scott, Benjamin: University of Missouri, Columbia
Sewell, Nathaniel: Saint Louis University
Sextro, Maxwell: The University of Alabama
Shelton, Alex: Indiana University-Bloomington
Shorey, William: Purdue University-Main Campus
Slama, Jonathan: Missouri University of Science and Technology
Southern, Macmillan: University of Arkansas
Spinner, Ryan: University of Arkansas
Spratte, Coby: University of Missouri-Columbia
Sprung, Colin: University of Wyoming
Sreedharan, Tanish: Saint Louis University
Stein, Brendan: University of Notre Dame
Steingrubby, Ethan: Saint Louis University
Stewart, William: University of Arkansas
Stix V, Albert I: University of Denver
Sullivan, DonTavion: Lincoln University
Swiecicki, Cullen: Rockhurst University
Taylor, Richard: University of Notre Dame
Telken, Maxwell: University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Tettamble, Augustine: University of Tulsa
Thomas, Tucker: Butler University
Thompson, A.J.: University of Missouri-Columbia
Thompson, Isaac: University of Missouri-Columbia
Thornberry, Jared: Saint Louis University
Thouvenot, Timothy: University of Missouri-Columbia
Torack, John Patrick: Washington University in St. Louis
Tramelli, Michael: University of Mississippi
Tucker Jr., Andre: University of Kentucky
Tyrrell, Patrick: Wichita State University
Unrau, Roarke: Loyola University Chicago
Unseth, Nicholas: Missouri University of Science and Technology
Urbanski, Michael: Saint Louis University
Van Bree, Tyler: Rockhurst University
Vanous, Matthew: Texas A & M University-College Station
Vonderheid, Charles: Creighton University
Vuylsteke, Richard: Rhodes College
Wappler, Mark: University of Kansas
Wappler, William: University of Missouri-Columbia
Watson-Brown, Kyland: Lincoln University
Weinbauer, Joseph: Truman State University
Weiss, Joseph: Indiana University-Bloomington
Wentz, Alex: Saint Louis University
Werremeyer, John: Rochester Institute of Technology
West, John: Saint Louis University
Wieggers, Sean: University of Arkansas
Williams, Theodore: University of Iowa
Wilmoth, Jack: University of Missouri-Columbia
Windler, Matthew: Saint Louis University
Winkeler, James: University of Missouri-Columbia
Winkelmann, Benjamin: Junior Hockey
Witcher, Nicholas: Centre College
Wojtkowski, Nathan: Missouri University of Science and Technology
Xu, Nuo (Paul): Washington University in St. Louis
Yalavarthi, Evan: University of Notre Dame
Yearson, Valentin: Carleton University
Yemm, Michael: Carthage College
Young, Patrick: Creighton University
Ziegler, Thomas: Creighton University
Zieroff, John: Saint Louis University
Zychinski, Samuel: Saint Louis University



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total colleges

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Editor's Note

This map was created using the list of the class of 2022's college decisions provided by the College Counseling Department. Students who are undecided, working, or taking a gap year were not included in the map creation. Seniors had to submit their decision to the Counseling Department by Sunday, May 1. All locations of the universities and colleges are approximate. See the previous page for a list of college choices by student or the next page for a list of college choices by college. This data was compiled by Editor in Chief Jack Figge and the College Counseling Department. This spread was laid out by Jack Figge and Core Staff member Jackson Cooper.

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- American University (1):** Clay Derdeyn
- Babson College (1):** John McArthur
- Baylor University (1):** Thomas Nguyen
- Belmont University (1):** Michael Howenstein
- Benedictine College (1):** Jack Figge
- Boston College (2):** Angad Gothra, Joseph LaBarge
- Butler University (1):** Tucker Thomas
- Catholic University of America (1):** Peter James
- Carleton University (1):** Valentin Yearson
- Carthage College (1):** Michael Yemm
- Centre College (1):** Nicholas Witcher
- Colorado State University - Fort Collins (1):** Henry Ledbetter
- Creighton University (7):** Connor Buehring, Sean Madden, Flynn O'Connell, Samuel Orlando, Charles Vonderheid, Patrick Young, Thomas Ziegler
- Dartmouth College (1):** Baker Pashea
- DePaul University (1):** Alex Nance
- Elon University (1):** Henry Narkiewicz
- Emory University (1):** Ismael Karim
- Florida State University (1):** Owen Rittenhouse
- Fordham University (2):** Sasha Gothra, Indranil Kar
- Hobart William Smith Colleges (1):** Nicholas Fischer
- Indiana University - Bloomington (7):** Thomas Etling, John Loretta, Patrick Mooney, Jonathan Neuwirth, William Newbold, Alex Shelton, Joseph Weiss
- Iowa State University (1):** Keshon Parker
- Lincoln University (2):** DonTavion Sullivan, Kyland Watson-Brown
- Loyola University - Chicago (10):** Ethan Evans, Declan Heffernan, Alexander Le, Jacob Marison, Donovan Meachem, Joseph Meehan, Luke Niemeyer, Rory O'Hagan, Daniel Phillips, Roarke Unrau
- Louisiana State University (1):** Nicholas LaPresta
- Macalester College (1):** Stephen Dernlan
- Marquette University (10):** Grant Brawley, William Brewer, Zachary Brugnara, Jack Christanell, Nicholas Esson, Ian Farroll, Zachary Garozzo, Daniel Hillmeyer, Sean Kellogg, Matthew Kluba
- Miami University - Oxford (2):** Taggart Arens, Alexander Grucza
- Millikin University (3):** Jaden McClain, Pierston Sanders, Cayden Owens
- Missouri University of Science and Technology (8):** Justin Barnard, Corey Luaders, Lucas Navarro, Joseph Nesser, Andrew Renaud, Jonathan Slama, Nicholas Unseth, Nathan Wojtkowski
- Monmouth College (1):** Damius Collins
- Northeastern University (1):** Shawn Gothra
- Pennsylvania State University (1):** Nicholas Nadreau
- Princeton University (1):** Jack Feise
- Purdue University - Main Campus (7):** Sam French, Matthew Leight, Nicholas Mackey, Broderick Nester, Gaibrial Nugent, Nicholas Rose, William Shorey
- Rhodes College (4):** Grant Grabowski, Francis Hohn, Jonas Hostetler, Richard Vuylsteke
- Rochester Institute of Technology (1):** Jack Werremeyer
- Rocky Mountain College (1):** Justin Glass II
- Rockhurst University (3):** Samuel Quinlivan, Tyler Van Bree, Cullen Swiecicki
- Saint. Louis University (28):** John Andrew, Andrew Ciaramitaro, Jack DuMont, Nicholas Figge, Daniel Gilkerson, Benjamin Harmon, Ardian Hoxhaj, Dennis Jakubik, Xavier Jallow Turner, Samuel Kean, Andrew Kessler, Nick Kramer, Brady Loehr, Joseph Melero, Peter Merriman, John Onder, Eric Piening, Cooper Sadlo, Nathaniel Sewell, Tanish Sreedharan, Ethan Steingrubby, Jared Thornberry, Michael Urbanski, Alex Wentz, John West, Matthew Windler, John Zieroff, Samuel Zychinski
- Seattle University (1):** Joseph McGroarty
- Southern Illinois University - Edwardsville (1):** Donovan Raymond
- St. Francis College (1):** Tanner Dougherty
- St. Louis Community College (1):** Malcolm Hinkebein
- Stevens Institute of Technology (1):** Phillip Bone
- Southeast Missouri State University (1):** James Huels
- Southwest Baptist University (1):** Conner Greninger
- Texas A&M (1):** Matthew Vanous
- Texas Christian University (1):** Nicholas Lyons
- The University of Tennessee - Knoxville (1):** William Fitzgerald
- Truman State University (3):** Peter Guidry, John Peretz, Joseph Weinbauer
- Tulane University (1):** Nathan Rich
- United States Air Force Academy (1):** Tom Nguyen
- University of Alabama (2):** Nicholas Schmidt, Maxwell Sextro
- University of Arkansas (13):** Joseph Boehler, James Boyce, Brian Critchfield, Jonathan Ferrara, Cameron Gegg, Andrew Harris, Dennis McDaniel, Thomas Reed, Jacob Sander, Macmillan Southern, Ryan Spinner, William Stewart, Sean Weigers
- University of California - Los Angeles (1):** Jude Fucetola
- University of Dayton (6):** Vincent Bianchino, Benjamin Bruen, Theodore Leritz, Benjamin Ridgway, James Saadi, Stephen Saladin
- University of Denver (3):** Henry Dowd-Nieto, Thomas Gund, Albert Stix V
- University of Illinois at Urbana - Champaign (2):** Yuxuan (Neal) Guo, Maxwell Telken
- University of Iowa (1):** Theodore Williams
- University of Kansas (6):** Charlie Bieg, Joseph Blase, Parker Haefer, Noah Leeseberg, Miles Schulte, Mark Wappler
- University of Kentucky (2):** Luke Brown, Andre Tucker Jr.
- University of Mississippi (5):** Thomas Dunn III, Daniel Munie, Luke Pierson, Jack Rybak, Michael Tramelli
- University of Missouri -Columbia (28):** Liam Brown, Ryan DeCarlo, Hanks Edwards, Adam Fennwald, Michael Floretta, Kevin Hogan, Gavin Lawhorn, Jacob Lemley, Jonah Mandina, Alec Martinez, Quinlan McCormac, Ned Mehmeti, Alex Mittendorf, Antonio Mruckovski, Robert Naumann, John O'Keefe, Zachary Petlansky, John Polansky III, Ryan Quinvilan, Harrison Rodgers, Benjamin Scott, Coby Spratte, A.J. Thompson, Isaac Thompson, Timothy Thouvenot, William Wappler, Jack Wilmoth, James Winkeler
- University of Notre Dame (7):** Colin Bryan, Louis Cornett, Timothy Gunn, George Henken, Brendan Stein, Richard Taylor, Evan Yalavarthi
- University of Oklahoma-Norman Campus (1):** Peter Mueller
- University of South Carolina - Columbia (1):** Craig Ortwerth
- University of Tulsa (1):** Gus Tettamble
- University of Utah (1):** Charles Petty
- University of Wisconsin - Madison (3):** Christopher Brooks Jr., Sebastian Lawrence, Cooper Scharff
- University of Wyoming (1):** Colin Sprung
- Washington University - St. Louis (5):** Francis Alford, Luke Johnston, Robert Mize, JP Torack, Nuo (Paul) Xu
- Webster University (1):** Graham Sanfilippo
- Wichita State University (1):** Patrick Tyrrell
- William Jewell College (1):** Derrick Baker
- Xavier University (4):** William Broun, Thomas Giunta, Theodore Gray, William Halley

WINDING UP FOR THE PLAYOFFS

SLUH bats start clicking to match stellar pitching, Thomas's walk off double propels Jr. Bills past Vianney

BY COBY SPRATTE
CORE STAFF

The Jr. Bills have won three of their past four games down the home stretch of the season, as they gear up for a District Championship run.

Coming off of a brutal 2-1 loss against De Smet, the Jr. Bills rebounded with a 12-3 exclamatory win over the Spartans. Sophomore phenom Andrew DuMont pitched 5.0 innings, striking out five, walking one and yielding three runs, two of which were unearned. In a year where run support has dwindled at times, the offense lit up the scoreboard and backed up DuMont.

In a hitting barrage, senior Tommy Etling scored four runs, senior Mikey Floretta drove in three on two hits, senior Alex Shelton knocked in three more, and sophomore Charlie Isom-McCall cleared the bases on a clutch double.

Junior Nick Heinlein closed out the game with two clean innings, and the Jr. Billikens evened the season series with the Spartans, a series which holds large implications for District Tournament seeding.

This past Saturday, the Jr. Bills celebrated Senior Day with a twin bill against Parkway West and DuBourg.

Senior Jack DuMont was granted the start against the Longhorns in the first game of the day, and he left it all out on the field. DuMont pitched

the best game of his high school career, hurling a complete game, allowing only three hits and one run while striking out 11.

"I was able to get ahead in the count and finish hitters off," DuMont said. "My offspeed was on and I didn't waste pitches ahead in the count. My defense also played solid behind me."

Despite the dominance, DuMont was bested by Longhorns pitcher Zach Taylor, who threw a complete game shutout. The Jr. Billiken bats were nowhere to be seen, as they couldn't even produce a single run to give DuMont a much-deserved tally in the win column. SLUH dropped the contest 1-0.

SLUH looked to go into their second game with some more offensive firepower against DuBourg, but the Jr. Bills' bats stayed cold for the first few innings.

Senior Johnny McArthur started on the mound, striking out four and allowing no hits through two innings of work. Even so, McArthur walked three and allowed one unearned run on a bases loaded walk to give DuBourg the early lead.

Senior Dennis "Scooby" Jakubik entered the game and followed

the same trends as McArthur. He walked three and allowed an unearned run, allowing no hits and striking out three through 0.2 innings. He exited with the bases juiced, and a 2-0 hole on the scoreboard, but senior Coby Spratte entered the game and escaped the jam with a three-pitch strikeout.

The Jr. Bills offense sustained a two-out rally that was capped off by a two-RBI triple into the corner by senior John Loretta.

"It was a slower pitcher so I was focused on keeping my head in, driving the ball opposite field, and seeing the curveball," Loretta remarked.

Spratte pitched the final 4.1 innings of the game, striking out seven and walking none.

SLUH grabbed a 3-2 lead in the bottom of the 6th, but DuBourg managed to knot it up in the top of the seventh, thanks to three errors in the field. Spratte managed to strand the final run-

ner at third, setting himself up for the win if the Jr. Billikens could walk it off.

Loretta came up to the plate as the hot bat for the Jr. Bills, and he delivered a walk-off single into right field. He contributed three of SLUH's six hits and three of their four RBIs, as the Jr. Billikens escaped Senior Day with a 4-3 win.

The Jr. Bills began their final MCC series of this season with a home game against Vianney on Tuesday.

Junior Garrett Shearer got the nod for SLUH, but he struggled to get out of the first inning. Shearer allowed five earned runs in the first, more than he had surrendered in his previous 24 innings combined. Even so, Shearer bore down and completed 4.0 innings, allowing one

unearned run over his final three frames.

The Jr. Bills offense slowly chipped away at the deficit, gradually scratching runs across each inning. Senior Tucker Thomas started this trend with an RBI walk. Junior Henry Zenor and sophomore Charlie Isom-McCall each contributed an RBI as well.

Junior Parker Guthrie came up as the most clutch player, though, as he went three for four on the night, including a huge two-RBI double to trim the deficit to 6-5.

"My approach was to have a good at bat," Guthrie said. "I knew the pitcher couldn't beat me and I had confidence that I could barrel the ball up."

In the 6th inning, Etling scored the game tying run on a chaotic play where the Golden Griffins kicked the ball around.

Guthrie also came in a tough relief position and held his ground for the Jr. Bills, throwing 2.2 scoreless innings, striking out seven of the eight recorded outs.

"I was just trying to keep the team in the game," Guthrie said. "My fastball was working so I stuck with that."

Junior Michael Baudendistel held the game at 6-6 with a clean 8th inning frame, which set up the Jr. Bills for another walk-off winner.

Senior Patrick Mooney led off the bottom half of the 8th with a double into the gap. Junior Owen Fitzgerald pinch ran for Mooney to give the Jr. Bills some speed on the bases, yet it did not matter, as Tucker Thomas tattooed a double into the gap which easily scored Fitzgerald and walked off the game 7-6 for SLUH.

"It was an awesome feeling,"

Thomas said. "I knew it off the bat, and seeing the team run out for a big win like this was just really cool."

SLUH wrapped up their conference schedule with another game against the Golden Griffins last night. The Jr. Bills dropped the contest 1-0, unable to muster any run support behind another dazzling performance by Andrew DuMont. They conclude conference play with a 4-4 record, and a 16-12 overall record.

They will play a road doubleheader at Troy Buchanan (10-20) on Saturday at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., and wrap up the regular season with a game against Rockwood Summit the following Tuesday.



SPARTANS

Water Polo scores #1 seed for state tournament after statement wins

BY ALEX WENTZ
REPORTER

After months of continuous bouts and trials, the St. Louis U. High water polo team has at last emerged at the top, securing the number one seed going into the postseason tournament. The Jr. Bills have now toppled two state champions, vanquishing the number one ranked team in Illinois earlier this year, then defeating Missouri's former victors Parkway West last week. In the culminating game of the Lindbergh tournament, after putting down the likes of CBC, Ladue, and De Smet, the Jr. Bills dominated the P. West Longhorns 15-6 to win the game and tournament with a perfect 4-0 record. After a hard fought weekend, the boys in blue closed up the regular season with a Senior Night victory against MICDS, and then a close loss in a Parkway West rematch.

On April 23, the final games of the Lindbergh tournament, the SLUH squad was faced with two matches, DeSmet in the morning and West in the afternoon. Despite Parkway decidedly being the better team, the Jr. Bills had a closer game with De Smet, only winning 11-7.

"We were probably a little too focused on the next game, and not that game," said head coach John Penilla. "We were just not 100 percent locked in. We knew what they were going to do, but we didn't always adjust to it. We weren't very dynamic in that way."

The morning's poor performance was soon forgotten as the Jr. Bills sought vengeance for last year's misfortune. Senior Cooper Scharff winning the first swim off

led to an early advantage, allowing the squad to gain momentum and score the first two goals of the game. The Bills were on a roll with senior Zach Brugnara and Scharff piercing through the opposition's front line, sophomore Aidan Brawer feeding them assists, and senior captain Sam French, junior captain Joe Zarrilli, and senior goalie Nick Figge putting up an impenetrable defense.

"(The boys) kept their mistakes down to a minimum (and) they played as a team," said assistant coach Dan Schulte. "We've talked about (the Parkway game) all year; everyone that was in the water, everyone that was on the bench, they knew their role and they played it well."

At half the boys in blue were up 10-1, an unprecedented lead against a team that hadn't lost since 2019.

"I was able to play better with my team than I had in any other game," said Brugnara. "The chemistry was really there. After those first two goals I think I was just in the zone. I felt like scoring and I just did it."

The final score was 15-7, with Scharff (seven goals) and Brugnara (six) leading the team to its first tournament victory of the season.

"We played the way we're able to. I mean, it's not really a secret. It's how we're capable of playing, and we did," said Penilla.

Coming off of a triumphant victory, SLUH had a battle against MICDS the following Monday. In senior night fashion, seniors Angad Gothra, Dennis McDaniel, Adam Fennewald, Jonas Hostetler, and captain Connor Buehring got the opportunity to start the game

off strong. Hostetler sped through the water to secure goal after goal, like a ravenous shark tearing through a school of fish. Furthermore, Gothra scored the longest goal of the SLUH season, pulling up from about half and putting a nasty lob shot into the back of the net.

"Honestly I had a lot of confidence (taking the shot). I've been taking a lot of those shots in practice, so it's kind of muscle memory by now," said Gothra. "I'm just that good."

To close out the regular season, the SLUH squad had to face off against Parkway West one last time. Despite beating them by nine goals four days earlier, the Jr. Bills fell to the Longhorns 11-9. After a long day at school, in a six lane pool with a shallow end, as well as the loudest environment known to man, a loss by only two goals is not enough to crush SLUH's spirit. The state high school athletic association agreed, and gave the St. Louis U. High team the first seed in the upcoming state tournament.

"(Going into the post-season) it'll be more of the same," said Penilla. "Playing Parkway West there were some really specific things that we just didn't do well, like if we scored a couple five-meters, if we looked a little better on six-on-fives, if we defend them the way I think we can, it's a different outcome. Those are really little things; small attention to detail, but thinking about these last practices we don't need two hours of practice. We just need to focus on a handful of things and do them well."

BILLS BY ONE

SLUH Lacrosse rebounds from Rockhurst loss in instant classic against Eureka, overtime magic secures win

BY DANIEL TICE
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Two hundred fifty-two miles from Oakland Ave., the Rockhurst high school lacrosse team had their eyes set on a hot SLUH team, coming off a statement win over CBC. Rockhurst was feeling good on the drive over as late season injuries were beginning to affect the Jr. Bills.

Meanwhile, back at SLUH, practice that week began as normal until a shooting drill sidelined both goalies, juniors Ian Erker and Will Barnidge, with serious thumb injuries. Coach Andrew Toussaint had options, but neither looked appealing with two games on the horizon: Call up a goalie from JV or look internally for a substitute.

Toussaint chose the latter and senior attackman Jack Andrew had four days to play a position he had never played before.

"I don't know what it was but playing goalie was natural for me. It was something I always wanted to do. It just felt right," said Andrews.

Friday arrived. Rain in the forecast threatened to cancel the bout, but the sky cleared in time. Maybe it would have been better if the thunderstorms did show up, though, because even though Barnidge was cleared right before the match, Rockhurst came to embarrass SLUH.

In the first half, Rockhurst took a 9-1 lead, exposing the Jr. Bills in all three phases. SLUH's one goal, coming from senior Ted Leritz on a beautiful spin move to the goal, was the only bright spot of the half.

Things did not turn around in the second half. Rockhurst scored six more goals in the third quarter. When it rains it pours for SLUH; the culmination of the night was an own goal. The final was 17-4 Rockhurst with garbage time goals from sophomore Josh Bertram and two from senior Nick Witcher.

SLUH needed a short memory because 18 hours later, Eureka hoped to do just what Rockhurst had done. Eureka, the state semifinalist in 2019, had recently been enjoying more success than any other public school in the area. To add onto this, Barnidge injured his knee in the Rockhurst game, and Erker was still not available. It was Jack Andrew who, after five days of playing the position, got the start in net.

Deja vu set in immediately. Late slides, missing passes, and a lack of offensive production cratered the Jr. Bills into a 4-0 deficit. SLUH got on the board with one minute left in the first quarter because of junior Kalil Turner,

who took advantage of his increased role in the rotation. The message at the end of the quarter was clear.

"They might out physical us but we have to play better fundamental lacrosse," said coach Scott Casey.

SLUH knew what needed to be done, but an errant pass from Andrews let Eureka go up by four again. The offense knew they had to make up for the inexperience in net and junior Walter Hurley stepped up and scored thanks in part to senior Michael Tramelli who assisted the goal.

Junior Michael Robinson had himself a day doing faceoffs, and with faceoff starter Louis Kertz absent, Robinson shined. After the Hurley goal, he won the faceoff and fed the ball to the attack on a fast-break. Textbook ball movement ended with Leritz feeding Witcher for a wide open goal.

SLUH began to make similar mistakes later in the game, though, and Eureka took advantage, scoring three in a row. Senior Jack Christanell broke Eureka's streak, using his speed to get his own fast break and scoring on a sidarm shot. Despite glimpses of good fundamental lacrosse beginning to show, SLUH was still down four heading into the locker room at halftime.

SLUH struck early in the third. Junior Dan Campbell set the tone, ripping it into the back of the net while simultaneously getting rocked to the ground. Leritz followed Campbell's lead, notching another tally on the board to cut Eureka's lead to two.

Lacrosse, however, is a game of runs and Eureka scored three straight goals for the third time that day. Robinson, gassed from taking every rep, began to lose momentum. The defense knew they had to make a statement stop to stay in the game. Captain and Rockhurst lacrosse commit Cullen Swiecicki deflected a Eureka pass and got the ball to the offense, which was able to set up a play to feed senior PJ Haefler at the crease for a goal.

Campbell followed with his second goal of the day, split dodging and making his defender fall onto the ground while scoring an easy one. Eureka scored after a faceoff win, and SLUH could not let another streak happen because of the limited time on the clock. Hurley stepped up big, scoring two straight by himself, first from a feed from Witcher and then, on the next possession, tossing the ball in off a rebound.

With only a few minutes left, SLUH found themselves down two goals. Was it too little too late? Leritz didn't

think so. After a Eureka penalty, SLUH was a man up and Leritz ripped one in top right. SLUH brought it to a one goal game for the first time since the first quarter.

With less than a minute to go, Eureka had the ball and things looked grim. However, the fortitude of the defense caused a turnover and sophomore Marco Sansone brought out his inner quarterback and launched the ball 70 yards into the stick of Nick Witcher. Toussaint called a quick timeout to organize the players. With only ten seconds left, he knew he had to rely on the seniors, who have been such an important part of the team all season long. Out of the timeout, Witcher started with it, ran behind the goal, and fed Leritz the ball. Leritz spun and with two seconds left got the ball past the goalie. The game was headed to overtime.

Five minutes were put on the clock. Next goal wins. Robinson, who had just thrown up on the sideline from exhaustion, went out and won the opening faceoff. After a long possession, Eureka's defense stood their ground. SLUH's defense followed and a big save from Andrews gave the Jr. Bills more opportunities. Unfortunately, the offense was not as effective as before and time expired with the scoreboard unchanged. The two teams were off to double overtime.

Both sides were drained. Intense humidity coupled with 55 minutes of lacrosse leads to some ugly play. Both sides were just trying to put shots on goal and seeing if any would happen to go in. A lot of bad shots mixed with turnovers made a third overtime seem all too possible. However, after a missed shot, Leritz got the ball on the endline. "Go to your left! Go to your left!" yelled a frantic Toussaint. Whether Leritz heard his coach or not, Leritz did indeed go left. He ran past his defender with ease and since he scored the last two SLUH goals, the attention was on him. Three Eureka defenders ran straight towards him, which gave way for Hurley to backdoor cut right and plant himself in front of the goal. Leritz saw him, made a perfect pass, and Hurley did the rest. The Jr. Bills won. Leritz fell to the ground in relief and Hurley celebrated with his team.

"The moment was unreal. But to be frank, the first thing I thought of after scoring the goal was to bring it up on Jack Andrews. He took one for the team with both goalies out and stepped in net and we won the game thanks to that," said Hurley.



Senior Sam French (13) takes a shot.

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After struggling with injuries in up-and-down final stretch, Rugby prepares for State Tournament this weekend

BY BEN CROAT
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After an up and down few weeks which saw the Jr. Bills take home both a decisive victory and a significant loss, the Jr. Bills are now preparing for the upcoming State Tournament this weekend. The team also played a crucial district match against rival Chaminade last Tuesday in their final regular season match.

Last week started off strong with a huge bounce back victory over district rival North County 43-7. In the SLUH tournament a few weeks prior, the Jr. Bills had struggled to set their offense but that all changed with an electrifying performance against a well-skilled foe.

"I think we played great as a team on Thursday and really had fun doing it," said sophomore Nathan Gunn. "We stopped worrying about the little things that have been bringing us down the whole year like bad calls and things like that."

"Great game tonight. For new guys, that's how

it's supposed to look," said head coach Brian Corrigan through a team email following Thursday's victory over North County/Howell. "However, we did have a few players get banged up, unfortunately."

While the victory was definitely decisive, the Jr. Bills did suffer a multitude of injuries on the turf in their battle against North County/Howell. Still two weeks out from the state tournament, the Jr. Bills hoped that they could heal up in preparation for a run at state, but that meant they would be without some key starters for their trip to Cincinnati.

On the morning of April 23, the Jr. Bills woke up before daylight to embark on a multi-state journey to face off against Jesuit rival St. Xavier High School in Cincinnati. During warmups, the coaches got on the team for their apparent lack of motivation, which would later transfer into the game as Xavier scored a try on their first trip down the

field.

After another score, SLUH would respond with a try of their own which resulted from a line break by senior Caleb Forthaus who then dumped it off to fellow senior and team captain Max Sextro. The half ended with the Jr. Bills down 20-7, and they went on to lose 56-14.

"During the St. Xavier game, we started to worry about bad calls and little things like that too much and didn't keep our cool," said Gunn. "I know me personally, I let some of the chirping for their sidelines get to my head. I also think we have to improve our offensive structure that has worked so well in the past and when we get all riled up, we start playing badly and now how we have been taught that we can't do that and expect results."

"We are coming off another full week of rugby. Our trip to Cincy made for a long but fun experience," said Corrigan. "Another chance for us to compete

against a strong program. These tests haven't gone our way this year, but I assure you that these experiences will pay off significantly in the years to come."

The differences between the two games came down to the first and last five minutes of each half, which has been a major topic of strategy by the coaching staff over the last month. Additionally, while Thursday's match was at home on Oakland Avenue, Saturday's game included a 6 a.m., 5-hour drive all the way to Cincinnati.

"We looked fantastic on Thursday and looked flat on Saturday. Part of Saturday can be attributed to playing Thursday as well as a long bus ride ahead of time, but even though we found ourselves behind early," said Corrigan. "It was either teams' game until five or so minutes into the second half. For context, we won the first and last five minutes of each half on Thursday and lost the first and last five minutes of each half on Sat-

urday. It seems insignificant, but really those 20 minutes of a 70-minute game almost always determine the outcome."

On Tuesday, the Jr. Bills faced off against district rival Chaminade at Lou Fusz for their final regular season game. The match was tight and scrappy from the very beginning, but SLUH erased two early deficits to come out on top 26-24.

"We finally learned how to win a gritty game. I think we could have, would have, and should have done better, but the reality is we didn't, which in the end turned out to be ok," said Corrigan. "Chami was a tough, athletic and motivated side."

In a postgame email, Corrigan praised the work of the run-ons, especially starting sophomore Erik Boehm, for their hard work and determination in the match against Chaminade.

"A true rugby team has depth," said Corrigan. "When a finisher comes into the game, ideally, they are a net positive, meaning

there is no drop off replacing a starter or better yet as we saw today, they are a net positive."

"Many of you had your best games today, but in my mind, there was one of you who was the Man of the Match (Erik Boehm). To the novice fan, his play probably didn't stand out," said Corrigan. "He plays an unsung position, and he's responsible for doing A LOT of the dirty work; primarily rucking, rucking, tackling. He did all of the dirty work very well, and he also broke off at least three very impressive line break runs."

Next up, SLUH will play in the Missouri State Rugby Tournament at the St. Charles Soccer Complex. Their first match is tomorrow against Liberty (Kansas City) at 3:40 p.m.

"I think with two weeks to prepare for this tournament, we will be able to turn around our season for the better and start having fun with what we are doing with an almost completely healthy team," said Gunn.

Nothing Gold Can Stay

After losing record set streak to De Smet, Volleyball rallies back to stay undefeated; takes first in Lafayette Tournament

BY GEORGE HENKEN
CORE STAFF

The halls of SLUH and the talk of many in the St. Louis volleyball community have been filled with news of the St. Louis U. High's unprecedented set streak. Since 2019, the varsity team has not dropped a single set, playing 136 perfectly. This accomplishment is uncommon in volleyball, let alone amid the strong competition of St. Louis high school volleyball. Given the grand stat, the question just had to be asked: When will the SLUH team fall back to earth?

The answer: April 28, 2022. SLUH lost the first set of their match against De Smet last Thursday, ending the long and successful streak. Despite the end of the run, the team is still dominating with a 26-0 undefeated season. They eventually beat De Smet in four sets, and then pushed through the competition in the Lafayette Tournament, beating the number two team in Illinois, Chicago Marist, in their most impressive win of the season.

Going into the match on April 28, SLUH knew that De Smet would be a worthy opponent. The first set was controlled by the Spartans, who never gave up a lead to the Jr. Bills. SLUH was having trouble finding plays to bring momentum, something they strive on. De Smet kept their foot on the gas pedal the entirety of the set, eventually reaching a score of 25-22 in favor of the Spartans. When the final point of the set ended, De Smet players and fans



SLUH celebrates the Lafayette tournament win.

photo | George Henken

enthusiastically roared and cheered on their team. Their reaction was justified given their accomplishment of ending SLUH's set streak, but their celebrations were met with an equally loud standing ovation from SLUH fans congratulating the Jr. Bills on such a great record.

Given that many on the team had never lost a set in their varsity careers, head coach Jeff Cheak was interested in seeing how the team would respond to the set loss.

"I figured we would handle it well. We've talked about it quite a bit. As you watched our guys react to it, it wasn't that big of a deal," said Cheak.

Among many players, the loss actually brought a sigh of relief.

"Now that it is over, there is a feeling of relief. Now we

do not have to focus on some stupid streak, we can focus on winning matches and winning state," said senior Ben Harmon.

The Jr. Bills were quick to capitalize on the motivation gained by the loss. Ready to avenge their set loss in the following sets, they used the loss as fuel for the rest of the match.

"We never let it get to us mentally before the streak was broken or after, because for us it is all about playing as hard as we can every match. When teams are able to challenge us, those are our most fun matches," said senior Michael Yemm.

This source of motivation was more than enough for SLUH to bounce back and win the next three sets in the usual dominating fashion 25-16, 25-16, 25-11. Cheak was very

pleased with the response that the team had to the set loss.

"I thought our demeanor was good. I felt like we just played a little bit freer instead of being a little more uptight and worried about some stuff. I thought it was a very mature response," said Cheak.

The Jr. Bills' next matches were on Saturday, April 30 at the Lafayette tournament. SLUH, entering the tournament as the top seed, participated in five matches scattered throughout the day from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The first three matches were used to determine which top four teams in the 16 team tournament would advance to the gold bracket. SLUH's opponents for these matches were St. Mary's, Francis Howell North, and Marquette. The Jr. Bills easily controlled all three of the

matches and moved into the gold bracket semifinals.

In the semifinals, SLUH faced the Mehlville Panthers. The Jr. Bills easily handled their opponent in a 25-12 first set victory. The second set, however, proved to be a bigger problem. SLUH's rhythm that led them to the first set win was missing in the second set, and Mehlville took advantage of that. The teams traded points back and forth for the entirety of the set. Not until later in the set were the Jr. Bills able to beat out their opponent in a 28-26 set. This win over Mehlville placed the Jr. Bills in the tournament finals.

In the final, SLUH met Marist, a Chicago volleyball powerhouse that is ranked the number two team in Illinois. SLUH was looking forward to this match the whole day.

"Seeing them beat some of the top teams in St. Louis during the beginning of the tournament, we knew that we were going to see them in the finals. A lot of teams talked highly of them, so we were ready for a tough and close match," said senior Tanner Dougherty.

However, the match was not closely contested. The Jr. Bills took the win with scores of 25-12, 25-15. SLUH played some of their best volleyball of the season, led by insane defense.

"We were really clicking on all levels that match. Nobody was trying to do too much, and that played to our advantage. Craig (Ortwerth), Tanner, and Phillip (Bone) had monster defense. The ability that our defense has to keep plays going is such a strong part of our team that gives us repeated opportunities to earn points," said Yemm.

Cheak also cites the team's smart decision-making for the commanding victory.

"We played with some of our smartest play I have seen any team play. When we were in tight spots, we put a lot of pressure on them," said Cheak.

Overall, this past week has shown that the volleyball team can deal with loss, use it as motivation, and come back even stronger. As the team looks forward to the final week of the regular season and into the playoffs, they hope to use the response to the loss and their dominating match against Marist as motivation and a confidence booster to push them towards a state championship.

Michael Niese '16 talks free agent signing with Denver Broncos, one of three Jr. Bills going pro after NFL Draft

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Bronco, including his likelihood of making the team next fall.

"For me it was a very easy choice," he said. "Denver is a team that I'm very interested in because they only drafted a center this year and that should give me a good opportunity to go in and compete as an undrafted free agent."

Plus, with nine-time Pro-Bowler Russell Wilson in the pocket, Denver is on the way up in the league. Signing last weekend officially put an end to what was a stressful preparation period for all three players. The NFL, Niese explained, was a lot less caring than his previous football experiences.

"This process is different from anything I've done before," he said. "When you get recruited to play in college, the teams are recruiting you and trying to get you to like them. With this process, though, you know what NFL teams might be interested in you, but you don't know how much they like you. There was a team that I thought was really interested in me but they ended up taking a few offensive linemen high in the draft and then I never heard from them again. It goes to show that these teams are looking out for their own interests. You're completely in the dark of what they're thinking."

Niese will leave for Denver in a few days and stay there until June 17, working with the team in off-season training with other rookies as well as more seasoned players. Then, he said, things will get real.

"The nervousness of draft weekend now becomes a different kind of nervous. Now that you actually know where you're going, you have to go in there and make the team," said Niese. "I'm worried about actually playing football now."

Amid all the nerves, Niese finds it easy to be nostalgic about his time as a Jr. Bill, playing football on Oakland Avenue.

"High school football is one of the purest forms of football," he reflected. "Students are just playing for fun. It didn't really matter to me what position I was playing or who we were playing against, it was just always fun. When everyone reminisces, I think that's why they miss it. It wasn't as stressful and business-like."

Isom, Adams, and Niese all played together on the 2015 SLUH team, a team that went 8-3 and easily beat De Smet 63-13. Coach Gary Kornfeld led the Jr. Billikens that year in his penultimate season. After an impressive tenure, Kornfeld fondly remembers his time working with the three signees.

"They were all very good



Adams poses for recognition as an all-state athlete.



Isom (23) shoots the gap against Chaminade.



Niese (54) leads the team out of the locker room.

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athletes," he reflected, noting the ability of all three to play on both offense and defense. "It was wonderful coaching these guys, they're just a great group and having three free agents is pretty special."

That year, Isom was named a first team All-State player at the defensive back position and Adams secured

the same spot on the second All-State team. Next week, the *Prep News* will feature Tony Adams and his decision to sign with the Jets.

In the meantime, though, members of the SLUH football program have high hopes. Sending three players to the NFL is unprecedented for the football

team according to Kornfeld, whose only experience with a future pro was Henry Jones, '85. Unlike the three most recent signees, Jones was taken in the first round of the 1991 NFL Draft, giving him a much easier path to success. Isom, Adams, and Niese have a more challenging path ahead, but Kornfeld

has faith in all three.

"We wish them all the best of luck," he said. "It's hard, it's a tough way to make it but that's why they get paid so much when they make it. It's a tough road but I think all three of these guys stand a good chance."

Commit's Corner

Promising young coaches lead McClain to Millikin

BY NATHAN RICH
SPORTS EDITOR

Next year, senior point guard Jaden McClain, who has been a staple of the Jr. Billikens basketball team for four years, will be taking the court for the Big Blue at Millikin University in Decatur, Ill. The Millikin program, lead by head coach Kramer Soderberg, is experiencing a rebirth of late and McClain was quick to notice it when he visited last fall.

"The coaches were telling me about their program and I was like: I have to be a part of this. I really liked what they were looking forward to and what they were bringing," McClain said.

Soderberg, now in his second year, is working on rebuilding a Millikin team that

won only 5 games from 2019 to 2021. In his first season last year, he led the Big Blue to a winning record. Now, McClain will step in and help the team fill in some holes.

"They are missing a point guard so I hope I can step into that role and lead them to even more wins than they had last season," said McClain.

The match seems perfect for McClain, who always had a passion for basketball. The sport invigorates him.

"I've always played basketball so going to college I was like: Why would I give it up now?" he said. "It's so much fun and one of the only things I look forward to. Let's keep it going. Four more years."

Off the court, McClain will be studying business management.



McClain.

Watson-Brown follows family footsteps at Lincoln

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Senior Kylend Watson-Brown will join teammate DonTavion Sullivan at Lincoln University in Jefferson City next fall to play football and possibly major in computer engineering.

Football has been at the forefront of Watson-Brown's mind for a long time.

"Football has been my passion since I was five," Watson-Brown said. "My brothers played before me, and now I have the opportunity to play in college and hopefully the NFL in the future."

Football has always been a pillar of his family, and he will look to continue that legacy at Lincoln.

"It's a great environment, and I love the overall energy of Lincoln," Watson-Brown said. "Plus it's an HBCU my brother and cousin have graduated from."

While the Division II program has struggled in recent years, Watson-Brown believes that Sullivan and him will be able to flip the script and positively impact the culture of the team. He will look to add intensity, and take away the lessons that SLUH has taught him over the past four years.

"The biggest thing I have learned is to have patience, and whatever you want to do in life just work at it and you'll achieve it," Watson-Brown said.



Watson-Brown.



Brawley.

Marquette adds even more speed with XC star Brawley

BY JOE LABARGE
REPORTER

Senior Grant Brawley officially signed his commitment to run Division I cross country and track at Marquette University last Wednesday. After a season-ending injury ruined his chances at a track season his junior year, Brawley worked up to the top of the cross country team, finishing with a 15:41 5K time at state to finish 11th and earn himself an All-State spot and the second-fastest state time in program history.

Although his performance at the State cross country meet pushed him to the top of the SLUH team, his running talent dates back much further than his senior year and will continue to grow in the coming years.

"I want to run cross country in college because I have been running since 5th grade and it has become such an important part of my life," Brawley noted. "Obviously I have had a few setbacks throughout high school, but those setbacks and injuries have given me the ability to appreciate training and improving even

more."

With Brawley's appreciation for improvement, Marquette seems like an obvious choice to continue his athletic career.

"The program is filled with young talent and fast recruits, which really gives me the ability to grow along with the program," he said.

Along with talented athletes, Brawley also enjoys the culture of his future team, which will include fellow Jr. Bill Sean Kellogg, who also committed to Marquette.

"The coach and all of the guys on the team really have a great community with each other and are always pushing each other to be better," he said.

Brawley will join the pre-med track to pursue a biological studies major while competing in two D1 sports.

photos | Kathy Chott



Track and Field dominates MCC championship as postseason approaches

BY SEAN KELLOGG AND JOE LABARGE
REPORTER

With the districts drawing nearer, the Track and Field team has been refining their times and preparing for the postseason. The team has competed in four meets since Tuesday, April 26 and have shown off their skills in every single one of them, coming away with new personal bests while simultaneously dominating the competition.

The V2 squad began the week at Vianney for the Jim Farrel relays. The team placed fourth overall in a field of many of the top Varsity teams thanks to first place wins in the 1600 and 3200. Meanwhile, the Varsity runners met Saturday at the Annual Dale Collier Invitational. Senior Chris Brooks, despite not being put in the top heat, ran a very impressive 100-meter dash, winning his own heat and placing eighth overall after all heats were combined. Sophomore Joe Harris was in the same situation as Brooks being just outside the first heat. He won his 200 heat by a landslide, though, placing him fifth overall. Senior Connor Greiner placed third in the 110 hurdles and then came back to place fourth in the 300 hurdles with teammate Keshon Parker just behind him in sixth.

Senior Grant Brawley was put in a stacked 1600 where the top 800 runner in the nation was set to run against him but despite that challenge Brawley rose to the occasion and stayed with the top pack for most of the race and finished in eighth place with a new personal best of 4:22. In the 3200, both junior Tim Greiner and junior Nolan Meara ran very well to place fourth and seventh re-

spectively. In the field events, senior Eric Piening absolutely dominated the competition, not missing a single attempt until every competitor had already finished and ultimately jumping 1.96 meters. He then came back in the triple jump and placed third with a jump of 12.91 meters while senior teammate Andy Harris finished close behind with a jump of 12.45 meters. Sophomore Ben Kean had an impressive day as well, vaulting 3.20 meters and placing eights. The team ended up placing fourth overall in a very competitive meet and set themselves up nicely for the conference meet just four days later.

One of the most important meets of the year for the Track and Field team is the MCC Championships. With some of the most valuable athletes to the team sidelined due to injury the meet had become much closer than originally expected and the Jr. Bills would need to have a day if they were to take down SLUH West, otherwise known as De Smet. This year the meet was hosted by Chaminade and despite the limited roster due to injuries, the cool weather paired with the calm wind made for a very fast day.

The day started with the Novice Mile, where all teams can enter athletes who would otherwise not have competed, and SLUH made sure to make use of it. Freshman Gus Talleur took first place in the race running 4:56.84 but shoulder to shoulder with him was freshman George Donahue who lost to Talleur by only 0.02 seconds also running a very impressive time of 4:56.86. Freshmen Gavin Smith and Alex Bendaña placed third and fourth respectively both barely

missing the sub 5:00 barrier. The 4x800 was next and SLUH made a statement by having their Varsity team win the race by 20 seconds with the next closest team being the JV who beat the next best Varsity team by almost 10 seconds.

"I think it was a great way to start the meet and really set the mood for the rest of the day," said junior 4x800m runner Wyatt Seal. "After that the whole team was zoned in and did really well in their events."

In the 110 hurdles, sophomore Jacobi Oliphant and Greninger placed first and second respectively, comfortably beating the rest of the field. Brooks had an impressive third place finish in the 100-meter dash and he then followed it up in the 4x200 where he helped our 4x200 team place first by over a full second. In the 1600, Senior Sean Kellogg won with a time of 4:23 and Brawley finished in second with a time of 4:29. The 4x100 team finished second to De Smet in a very impressive time of 43.61 and junior Carter Lowe and Seal placed third and fourth respectively in the 400, both earning valuable points for the team.

In the 300 hurdles Greiner shot out of the blocks like a missile and only 100 meters into the race had a noticeable gap on the rest of the field. He ended up winning the event by almost two whole seconds with Parker coming in second place. In the 800, senior Joe LaBarge set a new personal record of 2:00 while simultaneously beating the rest of the field by almost 10 seconds. Sophomore Joe Harris earned some more points for the team by placing third in the 200 running 23.11. In the 3200 the team dominated on both levels

with Brawley winning the race in 9:40 and his teammate Kellogg coming in second.

In addition, with the combined Varsity and JV races, all the SLUH JV racers beat the third place Varsity runner with sophomore Mason Scargall finally breaking 10:00 and running 9:56, while sophomore Charlie Murray just narrowly missed the barrier. To end the day on the track the 4x400 earned some final points for the team by placing second, running 3:37. In the field events, Piening once again dominated the field in the high jump, easily taking first place. Kean and sophomore Eli Smith placed second and third in the pole vault and Piening and Harris placed third and fourth respectively in the long jump. They then followed it up with a first and second place in the triple jump. Senior Kylend Watson-Brown placed third in the shot put and senior Andrew Renaud won the Javelin with a throw of 42.13 meters. Overall 7 individuals earned the right to be classed MCC champion in their event and SLUH outperformed what they were expected to do, winning by 41 points over De Smet and continuing their streak of MCC championships.

With conference behind them and the season nearing the end, the Varsity squad looks to the postseason where in a week they will compete as Districts and try to qualify to sectionals the following week. The rest of the team has one remaining meet, SLUH JV/C #3 where the remaining members of the team look to get their last shots at setting new personal bests and competing before the offseason begins.

Tennis overcomes Chaminade to take MCC title, Tettamble preps for individual playoffs

BY NATHAN RICH
SPORTS EDITOR

SLUH Tennis has been seeing red lately. The Red Devils, to be more specific. After cruising to an easy 8-1 win against Chaminade in their regular season matchup last week, the Jr. Bills were forced to overcome a reinvigorated Chaminade team again on Tuesday to take their second straight MCC conference title.

The two wins mark the end of the 2022 regular season for the tennis team. After starting 1-4 against tough opponents early, SLUH found their stride later in the season to bring their final record to 6-5. The surge of wins came against MCC schools later in the schedule. Capping off the hot streak was the MCC tournament, which featured two doubles brackets and four singles brackets filled with players from all five conference schools. SLUH went in expecting to do well, as head coach Brian Kirk boasts a nearly undefeated record in conference play. Plus, the Jr. Bills won the trophy last year thanks to se-

nior Gus Tettamble's singles dominance and a win in the top doubles bracket from senior Jake Marison and junior Josh Lombardi.

This year, Tettamble's singles dominance was the same, as he won 8-0 in his first round against a CBC opponent and then took the title in straight sets against De Smet, but the doubles success was not. Senior Henry Dowd and Lombardi, playing No. 1 doubles, and seniors Nathan Rich and Jake Marison, playing at No. 2 doubles, both lost their doubles finals matches to Chaminade opponents.

With two gold medals given up to Chaminade and doubles scoring weighted higher than singles, SLUH needed a strong performance in singles to win the tournament. Luckily, things were clicking below Tettamble. Junior Luke Gund took first in the No. 2 singles bracket and sophomore Jimmy Holcomb did the same at No. 3 singles. Senior Niko Nadreau, rounding out the singles players at No. 4, ended the day on a high note for SLUH. With his back against the wall in the

finals after losing the first set 9-7 in a tiebreak, Nadreau went on to beat his Chaminade opponent in the second and third sets, securing Nadreau's gold medal and the team win for SLUH.

"I started to get really frustrated. The guy I played was getting everything back," Nadreau said. "After the first set, though, I started to calm down and regain some momentum."

After closing out his season against Chaminade, Tettamble accomplished a feat that pretty much everyone could have predicted: an undefeated season in both tournament and regular season play. There were a few close calls, like in the first round of the Edwardsville tournament when Tettamble dropped the first set 1-6 and had to rally back, but after 11 matches, he never tasted defeat. It's an impressive stat, one Tettamble worked hard to achieve.

"I put a lot of work in since the start of last season, it really left a bad taste in my mouth," he said. "I've been practicing and it's paying off now so that's been really fulfilling."

Now, just like last week,

the Jr. Bills are keeping close tabs on Marquette. A win against the Mustangs will likely punch their ticket to state. Team discussions have led to a new lineup against Marquette, a lineup very different from the one that opened the season. With new doubles partners, the team will hope to get off to a better start in doubles, especially from the new No. 3 team of Gund and Marison.

"The first time we played them we lost pretty handily but that was our first game of the season," admitted Tettamble. "But the guys on our team have only gotten better and more mature as players. With our new lineup we have more experience in the back half of the lineup which is crucial."

SLUH will play in the team District Tournament next week. In the meantime, the Jr. Bills will compete in the individual bracket today after school. No players besides Tettamble have much expectations, but Dowd and Lombardi could make a run in the doubles tournament if the bracket falls their way.

Jr. Bills battle the wind in Ultimate Frisbee state playoff, take ninth in tournament

BY JP TORACK
REPORTER

The St. Louis University High School Ultimate team finished its season last weekend by tying for ninth place at the USA Ultimate 2022 Missouri high school Boys State Championship. The tournament consisted of a pool play round on Saturday and a single elimination bracket on Sunday.

The Jr. Bills arrived early in the morning to Ladue Fifth Grade Center to play their first three games. After winning their first match by a slim margin, the Jr. Bills took the field against a team from Achiston, Kan. called Solis. The Jr. Bills secured a comfortable win against Solis, but then matched up against Priory, the team that would wind up winning the tournament and the state title. The Jr. Bills struggled against strong Priory defense and the increasing wind and ended 2-1 for the day.

"It was a great start to the tournament," said senior captain Jared Thornberry. "We all got a lot of playing time. We got a lot of experience with the wind and were able to work on a lot of things. We lost to Priory, but it was still a strong first day."

The next morning, the team traveled to the Chesterfield Valley Athletic Complex to face Clayton High School's team in the pre-quarter round.

"I wasn't thrilled with the seeding," said Thornberry. "Clayton's a pretty even match up for us and there were some other teams we could've played that would have been a much better first game."

The team lost a point going against the wind and then had to go upwind after half, meaning two break-points were needed to win. The Jr. Bills were able to score one point against the wind and then score a downwind break point to force the game into a univ-erse point. Unfortunately, they lost that and dropped the game.

"The Clayton game didn't go as planned," said Thornberry. "The wind really highlighted our mistakes and Clayton took advantage of that. It was a tough loss, but we fought hard."

Next, the team played Edwardsville's JV team to make it into the ninth place game. The wind was still strong, but now blowing from sideline to sideline. The game started off rough with Edwardsville scoring three Callahan points on upwind swings. The Jr. Bills were able to take the lead going into half. In the second half, the Jr. Bills put together a strong zone defense which heavily crippled Edwardsville's offense. On offense, the Bills used swings and dumps to break apart Edwardsville's zone allowing downfield passes. With strong defense and patient offense, SLUH won the game.

"It was a good last game. I would have liked to go deeper in the tournament, but it was good to go out on a win," said Thornberry. "We worked back from an early deficit and were able to correct our mistakes. There was strong team spirit and no one wanted to go home with another loss."

The game for ninth place (which would have been against Ladue) was canceled as the tournament organizers didn't have access to a field they thought the game could be played on. SLUH Ultimate tied for ninth in the tournament, which when excluding the Edwardsville Varsity team, means tied for eighth in the state.

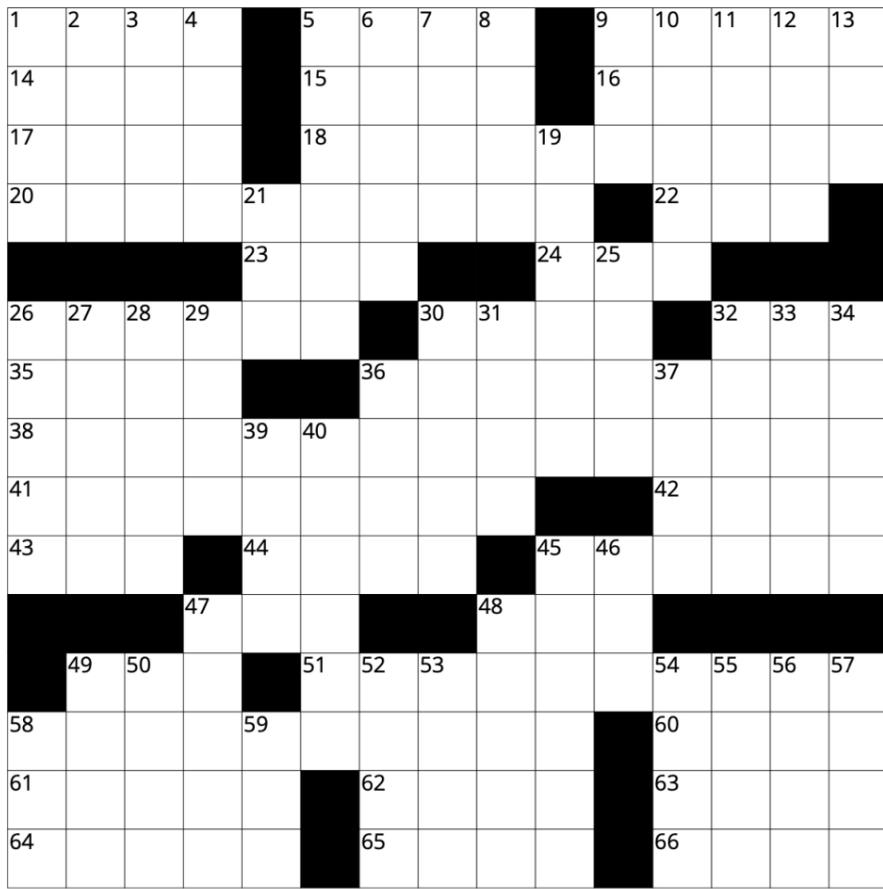
"We really developed over the course of the year. Handlers started figuring out throws and cutters made better cuts each game. We also had a bunch of inexperienced or new players really step up," said Thornberry. "I'm proud of this team and proud of my time on the Saint Louis University High School Ultimate team."



Ultimate celebrates state run.

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PN Crossword: Drawing a Blank



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- ACROSS**
- 1. ____ rain
 - 5. ____ cable
 - 9. ____ layer
 - 14. ____ awakening
 - 15. ____ I Did It Again
 - 16. ____ rack
 - 17. ____ code
 - 18. ____ (unlimited amount)
 - 20. ____ (without preconceptions)
 - 22. ____ of the Covenant
 - 23. ____ sauce
 - 24. ____ and 66-Across
 - 26. ____, Mexico
 - 30. ____ wrap
 - 32. Super Bowl ____, in 2018
 - 35. ____ vera
 - 36. "As far as I ____, ..."
 - 38. How to solve this puzzle
 - 41. "Depart from me, all you ____," Luke 13:27
 - 42. "____ yellow ribbon ..."
 - 43. ____ through
 - 44. ____ Bitsy Spider
 - 45. ____, U.S.A.
 - 47. ____ Amin
 - 48. ____ Legend
 - 49. ____ Arbor
 - 51. ____ (close range)
 - 58. ____ (Taylor Swift
 - 60. Jai ____
 - 61. ____ Grows in Brooklyn
 - 62. "____ walks into a bar ..."
 - 63. ____ member
 - 64. A shoulder ____ on
 - 65. ____ d' oeuvre
 - 66. 24-Across and ____
- DOWN**
- 1. United ____ Emirates
 - 2. "... little girl, who had a little ____, ..."
 - 3. Bright ____
 - 4. Jimmy ____
 - 5. Thomas of a "choice" song)

- 6. Hello, ____!
- 7. They choose G or R
- 8. "... but who ____?"
- 9. Not needing a prescription (abbr.)
- 10. You Don't Mess with the ____
- 11. Someone with a debt
- 12. Pain in the ____
- 13. Caribou cousin
- 19. Remote control for a lock
- 21. Sch. near Topeka
- 25. "____ all work out"
- 26. Lunch spots
- 27. "It's ____!" (line from Frankenstein)
- 28. "... and that ain't ____." ("Trust me.")
- 29. Red blood ____
- 30. Architect Frank who designed the Walt Disney Concert Hall
- 31. ____ over (freezes)
- 32. Order of ____, former Soviet award
- 33. Harold of FDR's cabinet or Harold of Clinton's staff
- 34. That's Where ____
- 36. Some rds.
- 37. ... fa, so, ____
- 39. "Look what ____!" ("Ta-da!")
- 40. Open bar policy
- 45. "Ahoj, ____!"
- 46. Embassy VIP
- 47. ____ tube
- 48. Bring on, as bet
- 49. Palo ____
- 50. Drug cop
- 52. Colorful fish
- 53. "Patience, ____." (line from Aladdin)
- 54. Like a doily
- 55. ____ breve, cut time in music
- 56. Palindromic bread
- 57. I Just Can't Wait to Be ____
- 58. Vampire ____
- 59. Skeleton ____

Calendar

Friday, May 6

B Day

- Student Art Exhibition
- Water Polo Postseason
- AP Exams-AM US History, PM Microeconomics
- Junior Ring Dance
- Junior Ring Mass
- Last Day of Classes for Seniors
- Jr. Ring Schedule
- 7:50AM SLUH Community First Friday Mass
- 2:00PM Tennis Singles/Doubles Districts
- 6:00PM Ultimate Frisbee All-Star Contests

Saturday, May 7

- Student Art Exhibition
- Water Polo Postseason
- State Rugby Tournament
- Sophomore Dance
- 11:00AM Varsity Baseball vs Troy (DH)

Sunday, May 8

- Student Art Exhibition
- Water Polo Postseason
- State Rugby Tournament

Monday, May 9

A Day

- Student Art Exhibition
- Water Polo Postseason
- Lacrosse Postseason
- Tennis Team Districts
- C Team Baseball vs CBC Clash
- Team District Tennis Tournament
- Senior Second Semester Exams
- Golf Districts
- AP Exams-AM Calculus AB & BC
- LUNCH Barbacoa Street Tacos
- 6:00PM Varsity Baseball vs Pattonville

Tuesday, May 10

B Day

- Student Art Exhibition
- Water Polo Postseason
- Lacrosse Postseason
- Tennis Team Districts
- C Team Baseball vs CBC Clash
- Team District Tennis Tournament
- Senior Second Semester Exams
- AP Exams-AM Eng. Lang, PM Physics C
- Band Rehearsal
- Faculty Meeting
- Late Start Schedule
- LUNCH Loaded Potato Wedges
- 4:00PM Track & Field/SLUH JV/C #3
- 4:00PM Volleyball vs CBC (C/JV/V)
- 4:30PM Varsity Baseball vs Summit
- 4:30PM B Team Baseball vs Westminster
- 4:30PM Varsity Lacrosse vs Lafayette
- 6:00PM Mother's Club and Alumni Mother's Club Mass and Celebration
- 6:00PM JV Lacrosse vs Lafayette

Wednesday, May 11

A Day

- Student Art Exhibition
- Water Polo Postseason
- Lacrosse Postseason
- Tennis Team Districts
- C Team Baseball vs CBC Clash
- Team District Tennis Tournament
- Senior Second Semester Exams
- JV White Team Lacrosse vs CBC
- AP Exams-AM Spanish Lang, PM Biology
- Faculty Year-End Party
- LUNCH Chopped Brisket Hoagie with Onion Ring

Thursday, May 12

B Day

- Student Art Exhibition
- Water Polo Postseason
- Lacrosse Postseason
- Tennis Team Districts
- C Team Baseball vs CBC Clash
- Team District Tennis Tournament
- AP Exams-AM Wld History, PM Physics 1
- Band Rehearsal-(AP)
- Mix-it-Up Lunch
- LUNCH Cowboy Nachos
- 3:00PM Choir Rehearsal
- 4:30PM Volleyball vs DeSmet (C/JV/V)
- 7:00PM Band Concert

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