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Top: Dr. Eric Clark addresses the student body during the awards ceremony. Bottom: Fr. Ian Gibbons consecrates the precious blood during Mass of the Holy Spirit.

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DEFENDER OF THE UNDERDOGS

Former Dean of Students Dr. Eric Clark honored with the Backer Award

JACK FIGGE
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How are you doing? The answer is usually a simple "good" or "fine." But for SLUH alum, Loyola Academy President, and this year's Backer Award winner Dr. Eric Clark, whenever somebody asks him that question, his response is always the same: "I am blessed."

"No matter what is going on, I am blessed. My feet hit the floor today so I am blessed," said Clark. "I can have something happen that was unpleasant, but I am always blessed."

Clark felt especially blessed on Monday, when he was presented with the Backer Award at the all-school assembly awards

ceremony. He was officially recognized as the recipient of this year's award last night at the Companions Dinner.

The Backer Award is the highest award one can receive from SLUH. It recognizes alum-

ni who have gone out into their communities and excelled in being men for others and living the mission of St. Louis U. High.

"We had a lot of fantastic nominations, but Dr. Clark stands out with his service to

the school, living the man for others mantra, and truly doing it in a way that I think is representative of who we hope our graduates can be," said President Alan Carruthers. "I think that Mrs. Backer would be extremely proud of Dr. Clark for what he's done intellectually, what he's done from a faith perspective, and what he's done as a leader."

Graduating in the class of 1983, Clark had a special place in his heart for SLUH as it helped to form himself into a person of faith. Growing up, he was raised predominantly by his mother after his parents divorced when he was three. Coupled with his upbringing and the formation he received

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Clark shares a hug with Rob Garavaglia. photo | Ryan Doyle

Re-imagining the SLUH experience

Advisory periods seek to bring unity and discussion

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First there was Activity Period, then there was Academic Lab, then Studium, and next year: Advisory periods. With the creation of another new schedule for the next school year, the administration has added this new period intended to address topics not discussed in the academic curriculum and create opportunities for each student to be a part of a strong community.

Three months ago, the administration unveiled a new schedule developed by the scheduling charter of the Strategic Summit. The new schedule consisted of many

new adjustments ranging from 60-minute periods to a cascading format. (To learn more about the schedule, consult Prep News 86.20.) On Tuesdays and Thursdays for most weeks, the schedule lists a new element called an "Advisory Period."

The advisory period was created with two objectives in mind: to create a mandatory curriculum that extends beyond the classroom and to build communities within classes.

"Students' lives have gotten more complicated and the mission formation pieces that SLUH wants to instill, only has grown to address these issues," said Dr. Kevin Foy, Assistant Principal for Academics.

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Safety committee draws up new plan amid low Covid cases

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Over the course of the 2022 school year, the school has experienced multiple different conditions under the SLUH safety plan. From masks to mask-recommended, contact tracing to Zoom classes, there's a lot of change that has happened this year. But to end the academic year, SLUH has released a new safety plan for the spring

and summer.

The old safety plan outlined four conditions, with Condition 1 (Regional Positivity < 5 percent, Ro < 1.0, single digit monthly cases, high student and educator vaccination rate) having the lowest level of safety measures, and Condition 4 (Regional Positivity > 10 percent, Ro > 1.2, double digit monthly cases, moderate student and faculty vaccination rate) having the highest level of safety measures.

"We had four different

conditions that we operated on based on regional metrics, safety metrics and the rates and some of the vaccination data for SLUH. What condition we would be in and what our protocols would be were driven by that and it served us very well," said Principal Ian Gibbons, S.J. "With the very rapid decline in cases that happened in the spring, both at SLUH and within the region, we knew we needed to look at a new model for going into the close of the

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Two Jesuit regents to join SLUH faculty next school year

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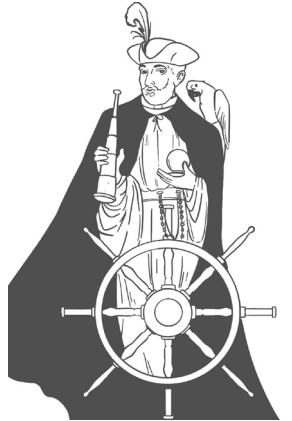
Good news is always abundant at St. Louis University High School and this week, the school community was blessed with the announcement that we will be hosting not one, but two new Jesuits: River Simpson and Justin Kelley who will be beginning their regency at SLUH next school year.

New Jesuits spend their

first two years as novitiates and then go on to complete three years of studying philosophy. Following this stage, they start their regency, where they go forth to apply their knowledge by serving the community, usually by working at a Jesuit high school. Fr. Matthew Stewart, S.J. recalls this as the most exciting time during the spiritual journey.

"This is a young Jesuit's first opportunity in five years

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Walsh enters retirement hopeful to spend more time with her grandchildren

BY MICAH DOHERTY
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Assistant to the President Kim Walsh officially retired from St. Louis U. High this past March, with bittersweet goodbyes from students and staff alike as she takes on becoming a full-time devoted grandmother.

Over the years, Walsh has been a beloved face to see when one wanders up to the Advancement Office on the third floor. She began working at SLUH in June 2006 as the personal assistant of then-President David Laughlin. After Laughlin's departure, she continued her administrative assistant work with Alan Carruthers when he took the position of President in 2017.

As the President's assistant, Walsh set up meetings and schedules and took minutes on his more important meetings. Additionally, she took care of tasks like managing work grant throughout the school year, giving speeches on several Kairos retreats, working with SLUH benefactors, and leading the President's Ambassadors. After 16 years of doing this hard work, Walsh finally decided that it was time for retirement.

One of the main reasons that Walsh decided to retire was for her twin granddaughters and her wish to settle down as her own children start families of their own.

"I am also expecting to have another granddaughter in July with my daughter in Chicago, so I knew I'd be commuting to and from there quite a bit as well," said Walsh. "It was just time to retire!"

However, Walsh's departure has definitely pulled on some heartstrings within the SLUH community, where

she formed some deep connections with the SLUH students, faculty, and staff throughout her 16-year tenure.

"I feel like the people on the third floor are really overlooked and seem so distant from everyday life and most students don't really have interactions with a lot of the people up there," said junior Kyle Verzino. "I had no idea what the third floor looked like until I went exploring up there. I thought maybe I would be met with skepticism about why I was up there but Mrs. Walsh was super welcoming and made me realize that the top floor wasn't scary but it was full of people who are part of our community."

One moment that displayed the bonds that Walsh had made with the SLUH community was back in 2011 when her father passed away. In a time of grief and

sadness, St. Louis U. High helped to support her in this difficult moment of her life.

"I remember over 40 or so kids walked in at the same time and it was my Kairos group," said Walsh. "That really got me. I mean really that was wonderful. The SLUH community is just so loving."

All in all, Walsh will surely be missed by the SLUH community, but all are happy for her as she is making her way into a beautiful new chapter of her life.

"I pray for SLUH, I love the Jesuits, I miss SLUH, I love being retired, and I feel so blessed that I was a part of their community. Though I'll definitely miss it, I'm still very excited (for retirement)," said Walsh. "Retiring was so bittersweet because I absolutely love SLUH, and it was truly a bittersweet decision, but I am still glad I made it."



Kim Walsh.

photo | courtesy of SLUH Yearbook

Mueller leaving SLUH to pursue aviation passion



Mueller with his plane after receiving his license.

photo | courtesy of Bradley Mueller

BY THOMAS JUERGENS
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Students learned during yesterday's farewell video that science teacher and STUCO moderator Bradley Mueller will be leaving SLUH at the end of this year to become a pilot.

During his time at SLUH, Mueller has worked with Student Council, coached soccer, and been involved with the Aviation Club. Most of all though, Mueller has worked with his students, getting to know them on a personal level in the science classroom.

"I think I have a certain level of relatability and know where students are coming from in certain regards when they come to class," said Mueller. "I feel like I have a good pulse on how students are feeling, and maybe what experiences they're going through, as I had a similar experience from my high school career."

Students who have worked with him have cherished their time with him. He's impacted many students, even outside of the classroom.

"I would compare him to a mushroom," explained STUCO president A.J. Thompson. "You know, he's just kind of a fun guy." "He's a really fly guy," said

STUCO member James Saadi.

Mueller cherishes many of his experiences here at SLUH, from immersion trips to retreats. One of his favorite memories is from one of his first years teaching at SLUH with math teacher Stephen Deves.

"One (memory) that sticks out the most is Mr. Deves and I fundraising such that we got our hair cut by unprofessional students," said Mueller.

Mueller has made friends with many of his colleagues at SLUH, and will miss them when he leaves.

"I really will miss having Bradley in the department and just having him around," said Science Department chair Tim O'Keefe. "He does such a great job as a teacher, in terms of the activities that he does with his students. He's great about coming up with different projects."

Mueller will also miss the spiritual aspect of SLUH. Going into the aviation business, there is no examen or class Mass for the pilots.

"I'm going from a very faith-centered organization to a very secular organization, so I'm going to miss the faith aspect and formational parts of this job," said Mueller.

Mueller already has his pilot's license, but will still go to flight school for a bit to learn

more and gain more experience.

"I'm going to become totally a student again," said Mueller. "That's exciting because I love learning. (Aviation) is more or less an industry that I both know a lot about, but I also know so little about, so that's exciting that I will be pushed every day to learn a lot in a very short period of time."

When he finishes schooling, Mueller will not go into commercial flight, but will likely carry medical supplies. He also hopes to teach new pilots how to fly.

"Yeah, you probably won't hear my voice over the radio on your next Southwest flight," said Mueller. "I would love to stay local in corporate aviation, which is a range of things. It can be working for a company that does medical transport and transports donated organs with the doctors and nurses. It could be time-sensitive pharmaceutical drugs. Something between medicine and flight."

Mueller will miss teaching at SLUH, but the memories and experiences he has will never leave him. However, Mueller looks forward to his new career.

"I'll miss a lot of people here, and it makes me emotional to leave. It's very bittersweet," said Mueller.

Two Jesuits will arrive at SLUH to complete the next step in their formation

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to jump with both feet into something new: work," he said. "They're so pumped to work. It's compelling when you have that sort of energy around here."

Just like Jesus dispatched his disciples in pairs of twos, the Society of Jesus deemed it necessary to pair Simpson and Kelley together to complete their regency at SLUH. They are each coming from a Jesuit university: Simpson from St. Louis University and Kelley from Loyola University Chicago.

"You'll never be so tired after your first year of teaching," said Stewart. "So, to have somebody else that's in the same boat as you and learning the new culture of the school is just so helpful for both regents."

Although this is commonly practiced within the

Society, it is not always the case. As many upperclassmen remember, Mr. Michael Mohr embarked his regency stay at SLUH without any fellow regents at his side. He did not let this be a disadvantage and left a profound and lasting impression on all those he encountered. These new Jesuits, however, will bring new features and gifts to SLUH.

"They're both very different from Mr. Mohr in their own way," said Fr. Stewart. "They have the freedom to bring their own gifts and talents along with having different perspectives."

Though their roles for next year are not finalized just yet, both Jesuits desire an equal passion to teach and serve our school community. Simpson has expressed interest in teaching both social studies and theology while

Kelley wants to teach English and possibly assist the admissions team.

"They'll prove to be helpful around the halls," said Stewart. "They'll help with vocation promotion and just maintaining the energy level that SLUH is known for. It's also going to be nice having more Jesuits around to do more religious things."

"It's a real sign of confidence in our school that the provincial would send two young Jesuits here," continued Stewart. "It means that our school can be a place that can help these guys learn and we should be proud of that."

After officially being welcomed into the SLUH community next fall, the two Jesuits will be granted many opportunities to explore their new environment and meet new people along the

way.

"One great thing about St. Louis U High is that, by and large, the kids here want to learn and know their teachers while having a great openness to what they're going to provide," said Fr. Stewart.

As for right now, however, Simpson and Kelley will just have to wait patiently for when their opportunity to serve arises after summer break.

"This is a school that really believes in the Jesuit mission, identity, and character," said Fr. Stewart. "So for young Jesuits coming here for a first experience of apostolic life, they'll be forming and serving not only themselves, but the Church as well."

Thank you Kathy Hylla for
your 30+ years of service to
SLUH!



Stay tuned next week for
an article featuring her
incredible career.

Clark honored with Backer Award for contributions to SLUH community

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at SLUH, as a senior, Clark left knowing that he wanted to be known as a defender of the underdogs.

“SLUH solidified those values that God inherently gave me,” said Clark. “I have always been for the underdog. I saw my mom bust her butt to provide for my sister and I, and so my mom was an underdog. From an early age when it comes to sports or anything of that nature, I always root for the underdog.”

In 1993, Clark returned to the halls of SLUH as the Director of Diversity. Quickly, Clark began taking on more responsibilities, first as Work Grant Coordinator, then as a psychology teacher, and finally as STUCO moderator. In 1995, Clark was promoted to Dean of Students, a position he served until departing in 2008.

“Dr. Clark was a man that commanded respect but he was also a man that made it clear that he loved every single student at this school,” said math teacher Dan Becvar ’02. “No matter if they were kids that were always in his office because of behavior issues or kids that rarely were in his office, he had a deep love for each and every one of them.”

Throughout his tenure at SLUH, Clark always viewed his responsibility to be the defender of the underdogs. He sought to pay special attention to those that may live on the



Students and Dr. Clark showcasing their matching suspenders after the 2008 Mass of Praise and Gratitude. photo | Zach Boesch

fringes of the SLUH community and ensure that they felt loved and protected. Whether it be through calling out bullying or simply checking in with students Clark made it his mission to ensure that SLUH felt like a second home to every student that stepped foot on campus.

“I pride myself in that I used to tell students that I am a defender of the nerds, the geeks, and the underdogs,” said Clark. “I’ve been that way all my life. And so, being in the role of Dean of Students, I was able to present something different than the media was showing

when it came to show men of color.”

Clark saw every interaction he had with a student as a teaching opportunity. Whether it be disciplining a student for an infraction or intervening when

students on how to be men for others.

“Whenever I saw a student bullying another student, I would call them out on it. I would challenge them to start thinking the way God expects

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- Dr. Eric Clark

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us to think and treat one another,” said Clark. “It was always an educational moment.

I wasn’t trying to punish them, I was trying to educate them, because they often just didn’t know better.”

Clark provided, and continues to provide, a model example of what it means to be a man for others. For the 2008 Mass of Praise and Gratitude, more than half of the student body wore suspenders with their formal attire, modeling Clark’s signature look. This display was a testament to the impact Clark had on so many young men during his time at SLUH.

“When I was trying to calm down the students before Mass,

that’s when I realized, when I noticed that so many were wearing suspenders. Somehow they had gotten the word out without me finding out to wear suspenders,” said Clark. “That was pretty cool to see their appreciation and is one of my favorite memories.”

Following his service to SLUH, Clark went on to become the President of Loyola Academy, a Jesuit middle school that seeks to serve and educate underprivileged boys. Clark continues to serve on the Board of Trustees at SLUH providing insight into how the school can better fulfill its Jesuit mission.

For many, Clark continues to be a shining example of what it means to be a man for others. His love and concern for everyone, but especially the marginalized, his dedication to the SLUH community, and his leadership capabilities have made him into a SLUH legend.

“Dr. Clark is a class act,” said Carruthers. “If you take a look at the comments on social media, where the announcement that he won the Backer Award was posted, you’ll see graduates over and over comment that this man has really affected them, that this man showed them how to be a dignified and a good person, how to be a down-to-earth citizen. Some of them were talking about how he should be the mayor of St. Louis, because he’s just someone that you can look up to and can respect.”

Advisory period aimed at building unity and curriculum

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“Sometimes they fit into various classes, or retreat programs. But often they don’t. And as the stakes get higher it’s time for us to give minutes to the topics that are not addressed in the registered course curriculum.”

Emerging from the pandemic, administrators and faculty agreed that they needed to emphasize community and be intentional in offering students ways to build community.

“When we came together, one of the big things we discussed is how do we make sure that each of our students feels well known and cared for,” said Science teacher Megan Menne. “I gather that like 80 to 90 percent of our students feel a part of a community and feel cared for. But we wanted to address the question of how do we make sure that the last 10 percent don’t fall through the cracks.”

At the beginning of freshman year, students will be placed into advisory groups

which they will be with for their entire four years at SLUH. These groups will be intentionally randomized, meaning that it will be random assignments but faculty will try to split up students who went to the same grade school or already know one another. In addition, two faculty members will be assigned to lead each group. These faculty members will also stick with the students all four years in the hopes of being able to form meaningful relationships with each of the students in their advisory group.

“We want it to be a group of students who come together as a community, not because they’re all in the same sport, or they come from the same part of town or whatever, but because they’re all in a SLUH group together,” said Foy.

With the termination of homeroom, some classic SLUH traditions are in jeopardy. One of these is the Senior Advisor program. Advisory periods are

being viewed as the perfect time for senior advisors to guide their freshman, and could lead to the creation of more structured guidance sessions.

“Hopefully, seniors will view this period as a time to be mindful and present to their freshmen instead of just kind of hanging out with them in an informal way and just kind of letting the conversation go wherever,” said freshman class moderator Tim Curdt. “We have to work a little harder at being intentional about the relationship and the mentoring that’s going to happen and I am very excited.”

Aside from the community aspect, advisory periods will seek to expose students to topics and activities that would not typically be addressed in the classroom setting.

“Class Masses will take place during this time, presentations from the Counseling Department, and presentations on Diversity, Equity and Inclu-

sion,” said Director of Equity and Inclusion Frank Kovarik.

While there is an advisory period scheduled for every Tuesday and Thursday, around 25 percent of these periods will be used for late start faculty meetings that will occur every other week. Yet the addition of this period should allow students more freedom to use Activity Period and Studium for their intended purposes: activities and academic pursuits.

Faculty members are hopeful that this new advisory period will be a worthwhile addition to the SLUH experience. The goal is to better help the school achieve its mission of forming men for others through building community and exposing students to more experiences.

“I am excited to have a planned curriculum of formation that makes sense,” said Foy. “Everybody will be able to get those best things that they would otherwise have to join specific clubs or communities to receive, and it’ll be really fun.”

Safety committee unveils new plan, moving away from metrics

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year and then into the summer.”

SLUH started the year in Condition 3, meaning masks were required inside the building. Starting in Condition 3 did allow some events to proceed, such as the historic Running of the Bills, which was lost last school year.

“SLUH will be restoring many events lost in the past few years, including Running of the Bills, dances, student attendance at events and travel programs. While there will be special safety plans, it will be wonderful to recover so many great programs and opportunities,” stated the previous Safety Plan.

The previous safety plan proved to be capable of dealing with the pandemic, but when the pandemic started to slow down, that safety plan was no longer needed, so a new one was created to adapt to the current, milder situation.

“The numbers were so low at that point, and our community is so vaccinated and shown to be capable of dealing in an outstanding way with the pandemic. So everything from the vaccine rates, to our ability to prevent any spread from happening on campus really has served us so well in that regard that we realized that we don’t need to continue with the conditions,” said Gibbons.

Because of the low case counts at SLUH and the overall metrics of the region, SLUH has decided to move away from the Condition sys-

tem, meaning SLUH will not reenter Condition 2 or 3 based on regional positivity rates or Ro factors. If cases rise above 15 percent for the student body or 10 percent for the faculty and staff, then SLUH would shift back to the use of certain safety measures, which could include mask requirements indoors, temperature and wellness checks, contact tracing of cases, virtual classes for a designated period of time, and close of campus for a designated period of time.

“We were so focused on positivity rates and reproductive numbers, and rightfully so. But along with that, the new safety plan says that we will look at mortality rates, deaths, we’ll look at hospitalizations most importantly, we will look at severity of illness,” said Director of Student Health Scott Gilbert. “So even if positivity rates and reproductive numbers were to increase, if hospitalizations are low, people aren’t dying, and severity of illness is mild, then we will continue to move forward without extreme measures.”

Still some things remain, such as the fact that positive cases must be reported to Gilbert or Gibbons.

“The attendance office must also be notified of the absence,” continues the new Safety Plan. “Positive cases must self-isolate for five days and may return to campus on the sixth day if symptom free. Masks must be worn by these positive cases for the next five days.”

Sample School Week #1 Schedule

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:25-9:30	A + PRAYER ANNOUNCEMENTS	F + PRAYER ANNOUNCEMENTS	C + PRAYER ANNOUNCEMENTS	8AM FACULTY TIME	E + PRAYER ANNOUNCEMENTS
9:35-10:35	B	PROGRAM PERIOD	D	A + PRAYER ANNOUNCEMENTS	F
10:35-11:25	AP	STUDIUM	AP	STUDIUM	AP
11:25-12:30	JR/SR LUNCH 11:25-30 C	JR/SR LUNCH 11:25-30 G	JR/SR LUNCH 11:25-30 E	JR/SR LUNCH 11:25-30 B	JR/SR LUNCH 11:25-30 G
11:55-12:55	FR/SO LUNCH 12:30-35 C	FR/SO LUNCH 12:30-35 G	FR/SO LUNCH 12:30-35 E	FR/SO LUNCH 12:30-35 B	FR/SO LUNCH 12:30-35 G
1:00-2:00	D	A	F	C	A
2:05-3:10	E + EXAMEN ANNOUNCEMENTS	B + EXAMEN ANNOUNCEMENTS	G + EXAMEN ANNOUNCEMENTS	D + EXAMEN ANNOUNCEMENTS	B + EXAMEN ANNOUNCEMENTS

--The Advisory Periods (called Programming Periods on the left) will feature programming from groups such as Campus Ministry or College Counseling, etc. These periods are flexible, so they can be moved anywhere during the day in which they appear, almost always twice a week, on Tuesday and Thursday. To learn more about next year’s schedule, 26 April 28, 2022 2022

ST. LOUIS U. HIGH 2021 -2022 AWARDS

LONIGRO SCIENCE AWARD

Dr. Andrew Lonigro '54 was a physician, scientist and professor at St. Louis University Medical School for nearly 40 years. To honor his memory, this award was created by his family and classmates to be presented to the graduating senior who has most distinguished himself in the study of science at St. Louis University High. The winner of the Lonigro Science Award is **Matthew Leight**.

DAR GOOD CITIZEN AWARD

This award is given to the student who demonstrates dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism. Stand and be recognized. This year's winner is **Taggart Arens**.

FIENUP MATH AWARD

In memory of W. F. J. Fienup, this award is given annually by the mathematics department to the outstanding student in mathematics in the graduating class. This year's Fienup award winner is **Richard Taylor**.

RATERMAN AWARD

This award is given annually in honor of James Ratterman, a great teacher and beloved colleague, to an exemplary senior who reads attentively, speaks from the heart, writes with conviction, and devotes himself to learning. The award winner is **Nathan Rich**.

WILLIAM GEORGE AWARD

This award named for English teacher Bill George, original moderator of and long-time contributor to Sisyphus, whose poems have moved the SLUH community with their wit, their honesty, and their generous good will—is given annually to recognize excellence in student poetry. This year's winner—determined by a poetry contest, judged by poet Aaron Coleman—is **Cal Kreuter**.

MCCONAGHY AWARD

Dr. Mary Lee McConaghy has taught Latin and Greek at SLUH since 1979. Each day in her time here, she has displayed the invaluable qualities of integrity, dedication, and enthusiasm. To honor her, this award is given to a senior who exemplifies these qualities at St. Louis University High. This year's winner is **Richard Taylor**.

MODERN LANGUAGE SCHOLAR

This award has been created to acknowledge a student who, in the opinion of the department's members best demonstrates thorough mastery of his chosen language, as well as a genuine appreciation for the culture and peoples who speak it. This year's winner is **Jack Feise**.

F. JOSEPH SCHULTE DRAMATICS AWARD:

This award is awarded annually to a senior or seniors for outstanding work in the dramatic arts. This year's Schulte Awards will be given to **Donovan Meachem**.

BAUSCH LOMB SCIENCE AWARD

This award is given by the University of Rochester to one student in Junior year who has demonstrated outstanding performance in science classes for three years. The SLUH Science Department has selected **David Hunt**.

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION AMERICAN HISTORY AWARD

This award is given to the student who demonstrates understanding and passion for the principles of democratic government, good citizenship, and appreciation of American heritage and history. This year's winner is **John Martin**.

RENSSELAER AWARD

Mrs. Moeser and the Math Department recognize one Outstanding Junior for superlative academic achievement in the areas of Mathematics and Science. That student is **Luke Dannegger**.

FATHER MARTIN HAGAN, S.J. AWARD

This award was created in memory of Father Marty Hagan, S.J. who devoted his time at Saint Louis U. High to developing a more personal relationship with the underclassmen. He helped foster a sense of brotherhood and unity in the pool hall, and made students feel welcomed by taking the time to learn their names and a little bit about them. The award named in his honor recognizes leadership in each class, the love of this school, generosity in giving of self, joy in coming to school every day and just being glad to be here. The award is presented this year to **seniors Matt Kluba and Derrick Baker; juniors Freddy Laux and Kam Bailey; sophomore Tim Browdy and Grayson Stevenson; and freshmen Madhavan Anbukumar and Chase Hatch**.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MODEL OF JUSTICE AWARD

This award recognizes a senior who has demonstrated, through his attitude and his work, a commitment to

conferred on the senior who has excelled in leadership, scholarship and athletics and who, in the opinion of the senior class, is judged most deserving of this award. Selected by his classmates as the recipient of the 2019 Hinck-Hereford Award is **Chris Brooks**.

MAC BOLAND AWARD

This award was established by members of the class of 1958 to honor and celebrate the life of their outstanding classmate, William McCreary Boland. The recipient of this annual award, chosen by the faculty, is the senior who best reflects Mac Boland's personal qualities which his classmates summarized as follows: "The otherwise unheralded senior, who through his dedication and determination, has most influenced his fellow students toward more united participation in the spirit which IS St. Louis University High School." Each year the winner's name is added to the plaque which hangs in the center corridor of the school. The Mac Boland Award winner from the class of 2022 is **Gus Tettamble**.

DUNN – MARTEL AWARD

The Dunn-Martel Award was established in 1988 to honor Coaches Ebbie Dunn and Paul Martel's long and successful tenures as soccer and football coaches at St.

Louis University High School. "The school will present this award annually to the senior who maintains the high level of scholarship as well as the discipline and commitment of athletic participation that earn for him selection as "Scholar-Athlete of St. Louis University High School." The award is given to **George Henken**.

ED HAWK MEMORIAL AWARD

The Ed Hawk award was established by members of the class of 1971 in memory of their classmate whose life was taken after his junior year at SLUH.

The fact that he was elected as an officer of the student council for his senior year is an indication of his standing among his classmates. Through their efforts, an annual award was established to recognize the senior who:

"through his love and dedication to St. Louis University High School, and through his example of working and giving, was most able to influence his class toward success by cooperation and unity." The winner of the 2019 Ed Hawk Award, chosen by members of the Senior class, is **AJ Thompson**.

JESUIT SCHOOLS NETWORK AWARD FOR STUDENT

The Jesuit Schools Network Award is presented to a graduating senior at each Jesuit high school who displays the five graduate at graduation virtues. This award goes to **Lucas Navarro**.

THE FAULTY APPRECIATION AWARD:

This award is voted on by the senior class. "In gratitude to the teachers at St. Louis U. High for all of their efforts toward the growth of their students, we, the graduating senior class, cite the following teacher for excellence in the classroom as well as contributions outside the classroom." This recipient is invited to address the Class of 2022 at graduation. This year's award is given to **Sarah Becvar**.

JESUIT SCHOOLS NETWORK:

This year also presents an award to a faculty member who exemplifies the profile of a Ignatian Educator. This year's winner is **Mike Lally**.



Left to right: Navarro (JSN), Henken (Dunn-Martel), Brooks (Hinck-Hereford), Tettamble (Boland) and Thompson (Ed Hawk).

photo | Kathy Chott

serving humanity in the broader community. This student has made justice a central part of his life and has committed himself "to the noble struggle for equal rights." The 2019 Model of Justice Award winner is **Ismael Karim**.

JACK KRINGS AWARD:

The Jack Krings Award for Outstanding Service to Others recognizes a senior who has distinguished himself in ministry to the poor and underprivileged in the spirit of justice and faith through his activities in St. Louis University High School's community service program. The 2019 Jack Krings Awards winner is **Jack Werremeyer**.

ARCHBISHOP MAY SERVICE AWARD:

The Archbishop May Service Award is given to a senior in each of the Catholic High Schools in the Archdiocese who, in the opinion of the Campus Ministry Department and the Administration, is an outstanding example of rendering Christian Service within his community and school. This year's recipient is **JP Torack**.

PRINCIPAL'S LEADERSHIP AWARDS

These awards are given annually to seniors who, in the opinion of the administration, have demonstrated the ability to combine Academic Excellence and Exemplary Leadership in School and Community Activities. The winners are **Jack Figge, Donovan Meacham, Nathan Rich, Mac Southern, Jared Thornberry, and Evan Yalavarthi**.

HINCK-HEREFORD AWARD

The Hinck-Hereford Award is named for the two alumni who gave their lives in the service of their country during World War II. The Hinck-Hereford Award is



Senior Nick Witcher looks upfield.

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SWEET, SWEET REVENGE

Seniors lead Lacrosse past last year’s rival CBC in highly anticipated rematch, Jr. Bills come out on top of nail-biting matchup

BY CHARLES TURNELL AND DANIEL TICE
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Revenge. The greatest feeling in sports. Lebron beating the Warriors in 2016, Rocky Balboa knocking out Apollo Creed in Rocky II, and now the Jr. Bills lacrosse team taking down the CBC cadets.

The 2021 SLUH lacrosse team has more talent than any team since SLUH lacrosse legend Charlie Carse graduated in 2018. With that talent comes expectation, and a state championship appearance was the only goal. Last May, CBC broke the hearts of the seniors and ignited a fire in the returning players by beating the Jr. Bills in the state semifinals in sudden death overtime.

Since then, the rematch had been circled on the calendar for every member of the lacrosse program. The day had come. After watching JV finish CBC in dominating fashion,

the energy was there for the Jr. Bills on the sunny Saturday afternoon.

With new players on both sides, the start of the game gave time for both teams to feel each other out by seeing what offense was being run and seeing the defense respond. No one was able to take advantage of the stalemate effectively. Eventually, CBC broke through and got on the scoreboard first. Not long after, a sideline clear fed the ball to Centre College commit Nick Witcher, who ran past his man with relative ease, manipulating the goalie for an easy flush. CBC tacked on another goal near the end of the quarter leaving the Bills down one goal. The quarter had not gone as planned.

SLUH quickly answered. Within minutes of the second quarter, the defense’s tenacity forced a bad shot, and star junior Danny Campbell was fed the ball, hit a spin move, and

scored. Immediately after, junior Michael Robinson won a faceoff to get the ball back to the offense, and junior Walter Hurley dumped one in off a ricochet from Witcher. Robinson won a second straight faceoff, which got picked up by senior PJ Haefer, who ran past CBC’s entire defense unguarded and scored. SLUH had their largest lead of the afternoon.

However, this CBC team had a fight, and when the Jr. Bills started being complacent, forcing passes and forgetting basic fundamentals, they took advantage. CBC went on a run of their own, scoring two on fast breaks and a couple created from their offense including two from Mitchell. The momentum had shifted and going into halftime, the Bills found themselves down 6-4. Turmoil on the sideline was beginning to mount but the worst thing that could happen would be letting the mistakes snowball.

The second half started like the first half ended, with a CBC goal; however, this time SLUH had a response. The next possession senior Michael Tramelli ripped one from 15 yards away into the top right corner of the net, followed by another Tramelli goal.

Defensive stops and huge saves from both sides created a lull of scoring for a five minute stretch, which was broken by back to back to back CBC goals that extended their lead to four goals. The seniors, with a feeling of déjà vu in the back of their heads, began to step up to the moment. Senior Ted Leritz scored two goals back to back. First, used his tall frame to shoot past his defender. Then, he ripped one from the 25-yard line from a feed from sophomore Josh Bertram.

SLUH’s rally continued as a CBC slashing penalty let SLUH be “man up” and gave Tramelli the easiest goal he will have all season as he stood

alone in the crease and scored from two yards out. Credit goes to Leritz for the assist. A few back and forths went by and Tramelli scored again, this time from a Nick Witcher feed, evening the score at 10-10.

The seniors kept rolling. Haefer was able to put in his second goal of the day, again using his speed to run by the Cadets on a fast break. CBC then tied it up, but not for long. Senior Jack Christanell scored his first goal of the season at a crucial time in the game, while Christanell’s basketball teammate and lacrosse manager Nick Kramer cheered from the sidelines. CBC scored again to tie it and a feeling began to emerge that whatever team scored next would take home the victory as time drained.

The Jr. Bills made sure it was them. The captain Leritz scored his fourth goal of the day because of a textbook clear from the defense and

midfielders, and then Witcher put his third ball into the goal running off a Hurley screen to give SLUH a two-goal lead. With under two minutes left, the Bills could sense that the revenge game had been won. Even though it had its ugly points, the effort and hustle was there throughout and heroics from some veteran seniors lead SLUH to victory.

“Overall a win is a win, we went out there and played hard for 48 minutes. Obviously we didn’t play the way we wanted to, and are aware of the work we have to put in these next couple weeks in order to make a push in the playoffs. We’ve been in a lot of close games this year. Some we won some we lost, but win or lose being in these close games proves to us we have what it takes. All we need is momentum,” said Campbell.

SLUH lacrosse takes on Rockhurst tomorrow at 5:15.

Pitching stays strong, but offense struggles as Baseball falls to De Smet

BY COBY SPRATTE
CORE STAFF

The Jr. Billikens have stumbled as of late, dropping three games in a row against Columbia-Hickman, Westminster and De Smet.

SLUH experienced a bit of a hangover game after their series sweep of CBC last week, as they were blown out of the water the following night by Hickman, out of Columbia, Mo. The Jr. Bills came out of the gate looking stellar, holding a 2-0 lead through 2 innings, but the wheels came off and the Kewpies piled on 11 unanswered runs to end the contest.

Back in action this Monday, the Jr. Bills were slated

for a rematch against Westminster. They played them way back in Florida where freshman James Unwin’s walk off single propelled SLUH to a 2-1 victory.

Senior Alex Shelton plated an early run for the Jr. Bills, and they held onto a 2-0 lead heading into the fourth inning.

Senior Jack DuMont toed the rubber for SLUH, and matched his season high strikeout total, punching out nine Wildcats. Although he gave up no hits through his 3.2 innings of work, he walked six and hit two batsmen. After junior Michael Baudendistel relieved him in a bases loaded jam, the Wildcats notched three unearned

runs, thanks to an error in the field by the Jr. Bills.

Despite sophomore Henry McDaniels closing out the game with six strikeouts against six batters, the offense remained largely nonexistent and SLUH dropped the game 3-2 in frustrating fashion.

The following day, the Jr. Bills traveled to Creve Coeur for a pivotal matchup against MCC and District rival De Smet.

Junior Garrett “Bulldog” Shearer got the nod for SLUH, and he did not disappoint. He went toe-to-toe with the Spartans’ Josh Cunningham.

Cunningham kept the Jr. Bills off balance with his curveball, and threw 5.1 in-

nings, allowing one unearned run, striking out seven and walking none.

Shearer hurled his first six innings for the Jr. Bills without surrendering a run, masterfully maneuvering his way out of a bases-loaded jam in the 6th, thanks to an inning-ending strikeout.

Yet, the Jr. Billikens could not learn from the Spartans’ mistakes, and stranded runners on second and third in the 6th, and then squandered runners on first and second in 7th. Despite Shearer’s incredible effort, SLUH was never able to extend their mere 1-0 lead, or give Shearer any run support at all.

The Spartans smacked a lead-off single to get things

churning in the bottom half of the seventh. Subsequently, they loaded the bases by virtue of two bunts for hits.

Junior Parker Guthrie entered the contest in relief, and the Spartans knotted the score at one apiece with a sacrifice fly to senior Tommy Etling in center field.

One out away from pushing it to extra innings, Guthrie walked the following batter to re-load the bases. De Smet Senior Darien Crisp came up to the plate and lined a single into left-center to easily score the runner from third and walk the game off by a final score of 2-1.

SLUH will get another crack at the Spartans in a near must-win game for the

Jr. Bills tonight at 4:30 at Sheridan Stadium. They will celebrate Senior Day this Saturday with a split double-header at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. against Parkway West and DuBourg, before they conclude MCC play with two games next week against the Vianney Griffins.

Currently, the Jr. Billikens sit in third place in their district with nine games remaining on the season. They trail only Francis Howell Central (14-8) and Pattonville (10-6). If the season ended today, they would be slated to face sixth-seeded Ritenour (5-5), and would have a possible championship rematch with De Smet.



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Tennis rebounds with dominant wins against De Smet and Oakville; Marquette looms large

BY NATHAN RICH
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The weather was starting to get chilly at Dwight Davis on Tuesday evening. It was 6:30 p.m. and as the wind picked up, the Jr. Bills were in a familiar spot: waiting on a closely-contested singles match to end. Just like the MICDS match, senior No. 2 Henry Dowd found himself fighting long after the others had finished.

After stubborn baseline rallies, Dowd had stayed neck and neck with his Oakville opponent the entire time. Now, at 7-7, all he needed was a tie break win. Unlike the MICDS match, though, everything went his way. His forehands were clicking and his net play had started to heat up late in the set. With all eyes on him, Dowd pulled off a decisive 7-2 win in the set tiebreak, securing his 8-7 win and epitomizing SLUH's play of late.

With only a few matches to go, the SLUH tennis team is coming off of back to back wins against De Smet and Oakville after scoring the singles title of last Friday's Tournament of Champions, courtesy of senior Gus Tettamble. The Jr. Bills have been playing strong at just the right time. Singles play has grown in consistency as the team's serves have settled in as well. Now, with one match to go tonight, players are eyeing a potential Marquette rematch in Districts later this May.

After losing 8-1 to Marquette in the team's first match of the season, SLUH will need to overcome the Mustangs, who have already secured the No. 1 seed in the District bracket, in order to make a play at state. It's a daunting prospect, but junior Josh Lombardi thinks it's possible.

"If we really try I think we could actually have a chance,"

he said. "We'd have to do perfect but it's definitely a possibility. I wouldn't say it's quite 50-50 at this point, though."

SLUH certainly has work to do in order to beat Marquette, but one thing they do have on their side is energy. In the past few days, the Jr. Bills have found their groove and started playing better as a team. Lombardi noticed this in his own game especially.

"I feel a lot better about the way I've been playing. Halfway through the season I started doing a lot better because I started trying harder and had a renewed drive for tennis," he reflected.

He's certainly got the numbers to back it up. Lombardi is coming off back-to-back 8-0 singles wins against De Smet and Oakville and he's not alone. Dowd and Tettamble both posted the same scores against De Smet, leading SLUH to the 9-0 win and setting them up for the MCC sweep later tonight against Chaminade.

In the past few matches, when Tettamble's dominance has not been as necessary, head coach Brian Kirk has adjusted the lineup to allow more players the chance to compete at singles and build the team's depth. Freshman Noah Butler made his first Varsity start at No. 6 singles against Oakville on Tuesday while sophomore Jimmy Holcomb made his first regular season start in singles against De Smet on Monday. Both won in dominant fashion.

On the topic of dominance, one can't forget to mention Tettamble's latest hardware from Friday's tournament at MICDS. After the rest of the Jr. Bills went out in the first round of the morning, Tettamble was left alone to represent SLUH in the singles bracket. Facing a difficult set of conditions, he battled all the way to the final.

"Friday was a fun day,"

Tettamble said. "It was long and it was the first time all year it was really hot, which can take a lot out of you. It tested my endurance but I still felt good all day."

In the final, which took place after nearly 10 hours of playing, Tettamble played Max Litton, a senior from Rock Bridge High School in Columbia, Mo. Even though he won every match, it wasn't easy to get there.

"I had a bit of a tough draw with some solid players in my half (of the bracket). It wasn't an easy road to the finals but I was glad to take out some of those guys and get some more names," Tettamble said.

In his semifinal match, Tettamble's opponent even took him to a third set. Of course, when it really mattered, he came up clutch in the final, winning 7-5, 6-2. The win was extra special for Tettamble, who was knocked out of the team state final by Rock Bridge as a freshman. It provided some closure for the grudge from 2019's playoffs.

As for this year's postseason, Tettamble is preparing to lead his team through some difficult matches. He recognized the threat of the Mustangs, but was hesitant to rely on Lombardi's assessment.

"I don't think we can expect to ever be perfect," he said, when asked about beating Marquette. "We can hope to play really well and play to the best of our abilities, though. We have to not try to do anything out of our comfort zone and do what we do really well."

Luckily, the Jr. Bills should be well within their comfort zone tonight against Chaminade. Weather permitting, the match begins at 4:00 at Dwight Davis. SLUH will be looking for its second conference sweep in as many years.

After thrilling finals comeback, Volleyball prevails at Parkway Central Tournament

BY GEORGE HENKEN
CORE STAFF

It is often said that weekends are for relaxing. With time off from the chaos that school often brings, SLUH students cherish their weekends as times of alleviating stress from schoolwork and other extracurricular activities. However, this was not the case for the SLUH volleyball team this past weekend. After school on Friday, April 22 and the following Saturday morning, the Jr. Bills traveled to Chesterfield for the annual Parkway Central Volleyball Tournament. With 16 teams, the tournament fielded multiple teams that will stand between SLUH and a state trophy in May. SLUH prevailed with the first place tournament trophy, but not without a nail-biter win in the finals against the Marquette Mustangs.

Friday afternoon consisted of two matches for the Jr. Bills, against Parkway North and Oakville. Because of the tournament schedule and the number of games needed to be played in one night, all matches on Friday were played best out of three, the first sets to 19 and the third to 15 (if needed). This shortened game emphasized the urgency needed from the Jr. Bills at the very beginning of each set.

"Playing the game to 19 is pretty tough because whoever's winning or losing, there is always that thought and that feeling that you are right in the game. So being able to kind of jump out to an early lead is vital," said head coach Jeff Cheak.

Despite this needed urgency, SLUH got off to, by their standards, a rough start. It was not until at least halfway through the first set that the Jr. Bills were able to pull away to a large lead. Concluding the set with a Parkway North error, SLUH took the first set 19-13.

The second set saw the Jr. Bills getting back into a rhythm they were comfortable with. This rhythm allowed them to control the Vikings in a 19-10 win.

The next match against Oakville was a continuation of this dominance. Oakville had two very powerful attackers, but SLUH was ready to put their best foot forward. The Jr. Bills controlled both sets with ease, leading to a 19-7, 19-14 win. SLUH's serves caused the Tigers to be out of system on many plays, and this heavily decreased the presence that their two main attackers had at the net.

The following day SLUH had three matches, all played best of three to normal 25-point sets. They competed against Lindbergh, Mehlville, and Marquette. The quarterfinal Lindbergh match and semifinal Mehlville match were both controlled by SLUH in dominant fashion.

In the 25-16, 25-11 win over the Flyers, sophomore outside hitter Jack Krausz led the team with eight kills.

Against Mehlville, junior middle hitters Victor Lazzaretti and Will Blaisdell stole the show. With a combined nine kills and three blocks, the middles led the team to a 25-17, 25-16 victory.

In the finals of the tournament, the Marquette Mustangs were the only ones in the way of the trophy. Off to a slow start, the Jr. Bills were neck and neck with their opponent.

"Marquette played really well. They jumped on us early, and then we made a couple of key errors that they took advantage of," said Cheak.

The teams were trading point for point until the Mustangs began to take a lead. Calling a timeout with SLUH down 17-13, Cheak was doing everything in his power to calm his team down. Although the timeout originally worked, as the Jr. Bills inched back into the game, Marquette's play continued to overwhelm SLUH. After many points later, Marquette had a 24-21 lead. The Marquette bench and fans were in a frenzy as their win of the first set seemed imminent.

However, the Jr. Bills were not done.

Two kills by senior right

side hitter Michael Yemm put SLUH within one, 24-23. The next point, however, was what really gave the Jr. Bills momentum to finish off the set win. With the set on the line, a magical up by senior outside Phillip Bone kept the ball alive.

"I basically was thinking, 'Wherever this ball is, I am going to go for it.' So when the ball went through the block, I stuck my arm out as a last resort," said Bone.

After the up, a perfectly placed free ball by senior libero Tanner Dougherty landed in the opponent's court, tying the game at 24-24. After a couple of points traded back and forth between the teams via service errors and service aces, a Yemm ace secured the set with a score of 27-25.

The second set began the same way the first set had. Not until 11-11 did the Jr. Bills start to pull away. Led by a service run by senior Ben Harmon, SLUH won six unanswered points. After this run, the middle hitter presence of SLUH continued to apply pressure to the Mustangs. Lazzaretti and Blaisdell had a combined nine kills, and these kills captured the 25-19 set, the match, and the tournament.

As the team looks back on the weekend, one word stands out: resiliency. Cheak and the rest of the coaching staff is proud of how the team persisted through the tough first set against Marquette and came back with the win. They hope to use that comeback as a memory to look back on for the remainder of the season to use as motivation and a confidence booster.

"It is always good to remember that in tight spots you have accomplished those tough tasks. Being able to come back from 24-21 in a final of a tournament is a great memory and it gives you a muscle memory to be more comfortable next time it happens," said Cheak.

Read about Track and Field's trip to Kentucky!



Track and Field overcomes wet conditions as varsity runners set new records in Louisville

Golf starts 4-3, struggling against MCC rivals and in tournament play

BY AUSTIN WALD
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SLUH's golf squad began the season sizzling with a 237-245 against conference opponent St. John Vianney at Tapawingo Golf Club on March 28, with senior captain

Louis Cornett shooting an even par 36, followed closely by a one over par from senior Thomas Ziegler. After a solid win, St. Louis U. High went on a brief cold spell, struggling in the Bantle Tournament the next day and against Chaminade on

April 4. SLUH rebounded the next week with two wins over Ladue and Westminster, and a fifth place tournament finish at the Bulldog Battle Tournament, highlighted by round in the 70's by Cornett, Ziegler, and senior Sam Orlando.



Senior Owen Rittenhouse hits a 3 wood from the fairway. photo | Thomas Ziegler

The following week, the Jr. Bills had mixed results with a deserved loss against CBC, a top five finish at the Webster Cup, and a dominant win against John Burroughs. The mixed results would only continue the week of April 25 with seventh place at the Lake Forest Tournament and another unfortunate loss against CBC with four rounds in the 30's. The Jr. Bills were at a huge disadvantage at the Vianney match on March 28, with Tapawingo being Vianney's home course and being owned by members of their golf team, but it wouldn't be enough to overcome SLUH. The team set high hopes for the rest of the season with several low scores, the highest being only at six over par. Coming off the win, they had a quick turnaround with the SLUH hosted Bantle Tournament taking place the next day. The five players selected to be in the tournament weren't able to further their success on the course from the previous day with all five rounds being in the 80's. "The Bantle tournament is interesting because it's the most in depth field at such an early point in that season and has the most competitions," said senior Miles Schulte. "We played okay, but the conditions were tough with the wind and the cold." The varsity squad was ready to roll in hot and shake off poor play for their second conference matchup against the Chaminade Red Devils at Greenbriar Hills Country Club, but it wouldn't

be that easy. The combination of poor execution and bad luck cost the team their shot against last year's state champions, narrowly losing 241-242 with Ziegler being the only player to break 40 at 3-over par. "It was not our best day, it was not Chaminade's best day. The match was delayed about 30 minutes so there was a lot of waiting around beforehand and nobody on either team was loose. Losing by one is tough and all eight guys can think back on their round and think of one shot they want back," said senior Owen Rittenhouse. "In the end we put up a great fight against the best team in the state and the reigning state champs which is something we can hold our heads high on." After two days of struggle, the squad got it back together with a few easy match wins against Ladue and Westminster, along with some solid play in the Bulldog Battle and Webster tournaments. The Bills bested Ladue (237-243) and Westminster (236-245) with ease, thanks to solid play all around to put them at a 3-1 record. In tournament play, the team had both poor and strong play but couldn't secure any wins with a fifth place finish at the Bulldog Battle Tournament at Winghaven CC, a fourth place finish at the Webster Cup at Crescent Farms GC, and a seventh place finish at the Lake Forest Invitational at Lake Forest CC. At Bulldog and Webster, Louis Cornett

led the team once again with a 72 (even) at Winghaven and 76 (+4) at Crescent Farms, earning him individual medalist honors. "We are still looking to find our rhythm for the season," said Cornett. "The two tournaments gave us much-needed experience but we were unable to have five consistent scores from the team to retain our trophies. The team wasn't too happy with the level of play but we'll use these tournaments to prepare us for districts on May 9." The Jr. Bills' next matchup would be against conference opponent CBC at Winghaven. The team struggled immensely with poor shots and adjusting to the speed of the greens. SLUH was bested 233-249 with no Jr. Billiken golfers breaking 40 except for junior Austin Wald's 1-over par 37. One week later SLUH faced off against CBC once again, this time at SLUH's home course at Forest Park, but the result wasn't much different. The squad showed solid play narrowing the score gap but fell again 226-234. The team was led by Schulte and Ziegler at two-over par and accompanied by three more scores of 40 or less. In the interim, varsity competed in a match against John Burroughs at the Bogey Club. The course played short and fairly easy for the team and they were able to beat out JBS with a score of 196-207, once again led by Ziegler at even par.

Commit's Corner

Cross Country standout Kellogg heads north to Marquette

BY JOE LABARGE
REPORTER

Senior Sean Kellogg officially committed to run Division 1 cross country and track at Marquette University last Wednesday. After coming off of a great cross country season where he was SLUH's number one finishing runner for the majority of the season, Kellogg finished with a personal record of 15:47 at the State meet where he earned an All-State spot. After continuing to train throughout the winter, Kel-

logg has posted some impressive times this track season, running 9:25 in the 3200-meter race and a 2:03 in the 800 to keep him as one of the top members of the SLUH running program. While Kellogg is wrapping up his final year with the SLUH cross country and track programs, the coaches and culture have had a lasting impact on him. "I wanted to run cross country and track and field in college because of all of the joy it has given me over the last 4

years," Kellogg mentioned. "It has given me opportunities I didn't think I would have ever gotten to have and has allowed me to meet many impactful people both inside and outside of the SLUH community." Kellogg's athletic commitment to Marquette does not seem surprising for the academically bright student. Asked why he chose Marquette, Kellogg said, "In addition to being a Division 1 school that has a great running program, Marquette offers incredible academic opportunities and provides real world experiences." The future engineering major will further his education at Marquette's impressive facilities, where he will continue to balance school and athletics. The Marquette cross country and track programs have been and are continuing to grow as more talented recruits are added to the roster. Along with Kellogg, senior Grant Brawley has also committed to run at Marquette and together the two are hoping to help grow the program to become a regional or even national powerhouse in collegiate running.

Van Bree commits to Rockhurst soccer as a legacy

BY JACKSON COOPER
CORE STAFF

Following a strong four years playing forward for the Jr. Bills, senior Tyler Van Bree will continue his soccer career next year at Rockhurst University in Kansas City, where he plans to study financial markets and economic analysis. As the college search process began, Van Bree knew that he wanted to keep playing soccer at the next level. "Soccer's been a part of my life since I was three and I'm not ready to give it up yet," he reflected. He was not expecting to play at Rockhurst, though. It wasn't even on his radar. "Initially, I was not thinking about Rockhurst because my parents went there. I was leaning away from it, and never really gave it a fair chance," said Van Bree. "But, as I started looking at academics and everything, I realized that Rockhurst was better academically, and it really had everything I wanted." The decision to play for

the Hawklets came together very quickly. After visiting and realizing that he already knew several students going to Rockhurst, the rest of his commitment was pretty easy. "Within a week, everything just clicked. I got my roommate and we got everything else figured out," he said. On the field, Van Bree will look to make an immediate impact on a team that has historically been one of the top programs at the Division 2 level. Recent years have

been tough for Rockhurst, though, as they finished last season with just six wins out of 18 games. Still, Van Bree is confident that he can help return the team to its prior glory. "(Rockhurst) has a good history with soccer," said Van Bree. "In the past couple of years, they haven't had the best seasons, but obviously we're going to try to turn that around."



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SATIRE

Posters pose problem: the chaos of the banner trend

BY JACKSON COOPER
CORE STAFF

Over the course of this year, several of St. Louis U. High's athletic programs have chosen to honor their soon-to-be graduating seniors with banners hung along the turnaround. Now, with the school year coming to a close and not wanting to miss out on the trend, 83 different student groups and clubs have placed banners around the school grounds just in the last week alone, creating space concerns for the administration.

“This was a thing that began in the fall, when our football and soccer teams hung up their posters on the fences next to the turnaround,” said Athletic Director Chris Muskopf. “I let it slide at first because I thought it was a nice gesture,

but it's just gotten out of hand in the last week or so. I kind of forgot just how many spring sports we have.”

First, the banners were relatively normal, recognizing seniors in the baseball and lacrosse programs, among others. However, things soon got out of hand when a group of senior leaders in the Crossword Club demanded their very own sendoff.

“Well, I just feel like it was completely uncalled for to have these athletes get all this special attention,” said Crossword Club President Jack Feise. “We do the Prep News crossword every week, and, if you think about it, that's basically a sport.”

Following in the Crossword Club's footsteps, a seemingly never-ending stream of clubs and organizations have come out with their own banners.

The Anna F. Backer Chapter of the National Honors Society, for example, has placed banners honoring each of its 106 seniors along the back wall of the Si Commons.

Eventually, after some jealous sentiments made their way around the school, students of all grade levels began lobbying for their very own posters. Now, virtually every piece of free wall space across campus has been claimed by a banner recognizing some student for his involvement in some co-curricular.

“I was sick and tired of it being only seniors who got banners,” said one peeved freshman who did not disclose his name. “It's my school too, and I feel like I deserve the same benefits that the seniors get. I've gone to three meetings of the Fishing Club, and that

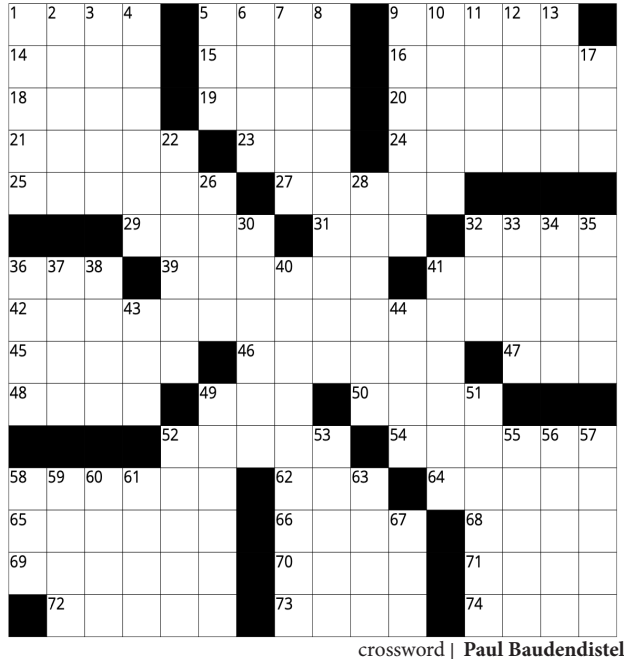
should be rewarded.”

Interestingly enough, teachers have successfully advocated for posters of their own, many of which can now be found adorning the walls of department offices.

“I just didn't want to miss out,” said English teacher and Staycation Club moderator Chuck Hussung, whose banner hangs above his desk in M101. “I put in a lot of work for this club, and the least they could do is give me a poster, too.”

With all of the recent commotion surrounding the banner trend, the members of this very paper have decided to honor each and every one of our contributors with a banner. Stop by the second floor of the J-Wing anytime to see our efforts in recognizing every artist, reporter, photographer, staffer, and editor.

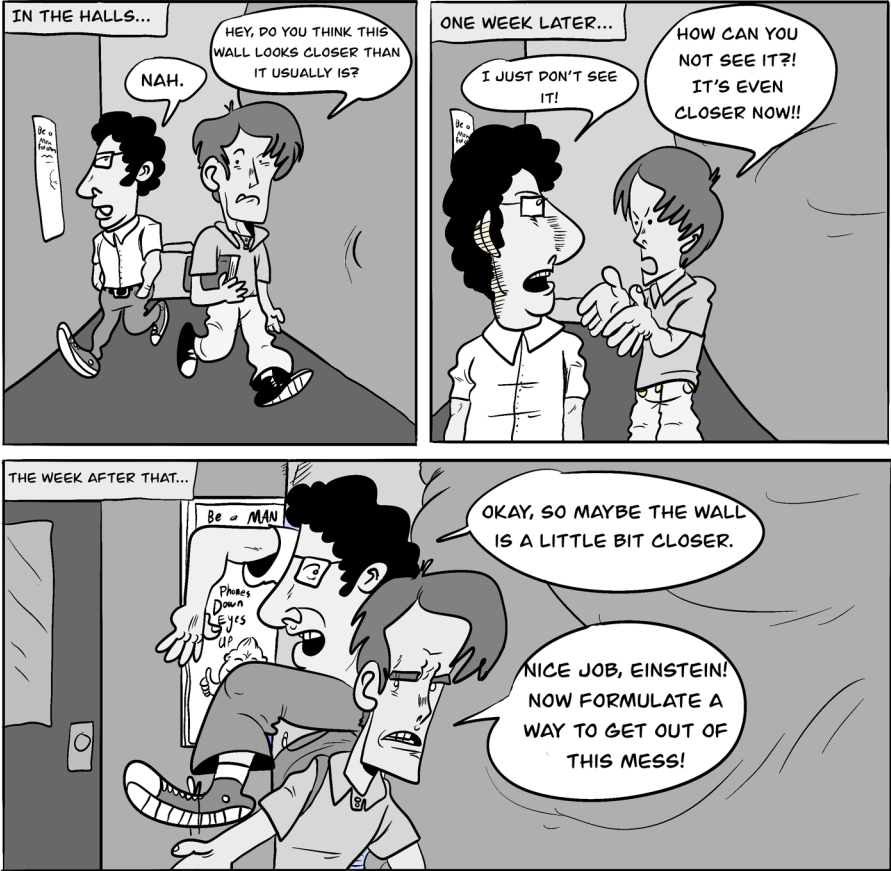
Puzzle Title: Plurality



- crossword | **Paul Baudendistel**
- ACROSS**
- [England]
 - [France]
 - Without ____: dangerous
 - [Rivendell]
 - Laminated list
 - Mighty trees
 - [Atlantica]
 - O.K. Corral family
 - Actor Gibson or voice actor Blanc
 - Group of 2 x 50
- DOWN**
- Scotland, originally (ask your Theology teacher, maybe)
 - ____ a time: separately
 - [England]
 - Math set of unspecified number
 - A card game for one?
 - Edge on fabric or a football field
 - A card game for fire handlers?
 - Overwhelming attack
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 - 2002 Blake Shelton cover song about a bloodhound
 - Prefix for a certain excretion
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- Ending for ball or cart
 - Feudal laborer
 - Baseball's Doubleday
 - “That's weak!”
 - Inconvenience
 - “World's Best Boss” vessel
 - [Israel]
 - [Britain]
 - Actress Watson or Stone
 - Prefix for health programs, including two run by the government
 - Singer Jason
 - Col. neighbor
 - [The Six Kingdoms of Westeros] (ask Mr. Cruz)
 - [Narnia]
 - Actress Daly with six Emmy Awards
 - It, in Italy
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SLUHSers | Jude Reed, Chuck Hussung

Calendar

Thursday, April 28A Day

- Sophomore Conversations
Optional Fac/Staff Overnight
- LUNCH Special—Beef Chimichanga
Brio Chef—PapaJohn's Pizza
- 3:30PM Golf (JV/V) vs John Burroughs
- 4:00PM Track & Field/DeSmet JV Invitational
- 4:15PM Volleyball vs DeSmet (C/JV/V)
- 4:15PM Tennis (JV/V) vs Chaminade
- 4:30PM Baseball (B Team/V) vs DeSmet Jesuit

Friday, April 29No Classes - Faculty Retreat

- Sophomore Conversations
JV Water Polo - Ladue Invite
- 1:00PM V Tennis - Belleville East Tournament
- 4:30PM B Baseball vs Granite City
- 5:15PM V Lacrosse vs Rockhurst
- 6:00PM V2 Inline Hockey vs Lindbergh
- 7:00PM B Baseball vs John Burroughs
- 8:00PM V1 Inline Hockey vs St. John Vianney

Saturday, April 30

- Sophomore Conversations
JV Water Polo - Ladue Invite
Clavius Jamboree
- 8:00AM Lafayette Volleyball Tournament (V)
- 8:00AM V Tennis - Belleville East Tournament
- 10:00AM Varsity Baseball vs Parkway West
- 1:00PM Varsity Baseball vs Bishop Dubourg
- 1:00PM Varsity Lacrosse vs Eureka
- 3:00PM Track & Field/Dale Collier Invitational (V)
- 3:00PM JV Lacrosse vs Eureka
- 7:00PM Senior Follies
- 7:00PM Varsity 2 Inline Hockey vs FZN
- 9:00PM V1 Inline Hockey vs De Smet Jesuit

Sunday, May 1

- Sophomore Conversations
- 2:00PM V1 Inline Hockey vs De Smet Jesuit
- 7:00PM Senior Follies
- 8:00PM JV Inline Hockey vs Lindbergh

Monday, May 2B Day - Late Start Schedule

- Student Art Exhibition
AP Exams-AM US Govt, PM Chemistry
Department Meetings
- LUNCH Special—Homestyle Meatloaf
Brio Chef—Crunchy Beef Taco
- 4:00PM Track & Field/John Mohr Invitational (C)
- 4:30PM Volleyball vs Lindbergh (C/JV/V)

Tuesday, May 3A Day

- Student Art Exhibition
MCC Tennis Tournament (V)
AP Exams-AM Env. Science, PM Psychology
Band Rehearsal
Junior Class Meeting
- LUNCH Special—Taco Bar
Brio Chef—Pulled Pork Sandwich
- 3:30PM Varsity Golf - J Cup
- 4:30PM Volleyball vs Chaminade (JV/V)
- 4:30-7:00PM Baseball (B Team/V) vs Vianney

Wednesday, May 4B Day

- Student Art Exhibition
MCC Tennis Tournament (V)
AP Exams-AM Eng. Lit, PM Comp. Gov't & Comp Science
Rising Sophomore STUCO Elections
- LUNCH Special—Chicken Alfredo
Brio Chef—Philly Cheese Steak
- 4:00PM Track & Field/MCC Championships (JV/V)
- 5:00PM JV Blue Team Lacrosse vs Glen Ed
- 7:00PM Varsity Lacrosse vs O'Fallon
- 7:00PM Jazz Concert

Thursday, May 5A Day

- Student Art Exhibition
Water Polo Postseason
AP Exams-AM Human Geo & Macro, PM Statistics
Junior Class Meeting
NIE 4th Quarter Happy Hour
- LUNCH Special—Sante Fe Chicken with Chipotle Cream
Brio Chef—JR. BILL CHICKEN WRAP
- 3:30PM Varsity Golf - J Cup
- 4:30PM Volleyball vs Vianney
- 4:30PM Baseball (B Team/V) vs Vianney
- 7:00PM Student Art Exhibit Reception