



Makerspace construction

\$1.6 million project to begin in June

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In recent years, the makerspace movement has been sweeping across America at all levels of education, and in June, St. Louis U. High will join the movement as it begins construction on a \$1.6 million state-of-the-art makerspace as a part of Imagining 18.

A makerspace is just what it sounds like, a place to make things. Described in an earlier issue of the *Prep News*, the makerspace is intended to inspire creativity and collaboration among students for building projects—both curricularly and extracurricularly—by bringing together a variety of tools and elements from different subjects into a shared space.

According to SLUH President David Laughlin, “it’s a space for students who have had an interest in the area of just the world to spend some time

working on things that may be important to them that aren’t related to academics or a particular co-curricular.”

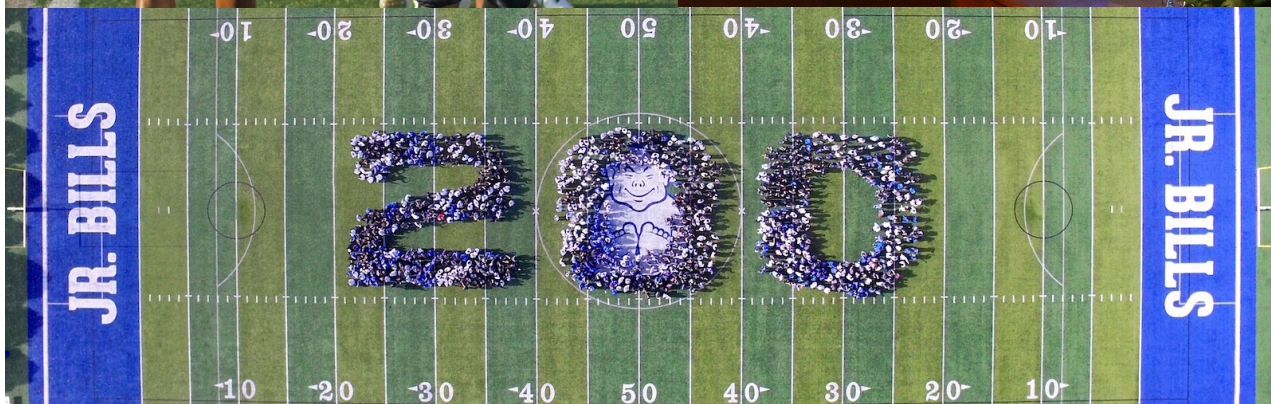
“I think it’s got a lot flexibility in its design and I think of it more as an innovation lab than anything,” said Laughlin.

The makerspace hopes to combine all of the creative and constructive parts of SLUH into one space.

Construction on the space is scheduled for July, with preliminary work beginning in June, and is scheduled to finish in mid-November. SLUH has hired Hastings + Chivetta Architects, Inc. to create the designs and has contracted BSI Construction Inc. to do construction.

The 5,000 square-foot makerspace will be housed in the basement where the current IT department and computer labs are located and will have four main sections: a collabora-

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Q: Where are you going to college? A: Umm, it’s complicated...

BY NATHAN P. WILD II AND
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Four students are planning to take a gap year next year, trading in their textbooks and ink-blotted notebooks to spend time not easily budgeted into the schedule of a bustling college student.

Gap years have become an increasing trend across the United States over the past few years, with many young adults taking them to take a break from school, grow personally, gain life experiences, or do service, to name a few reasons.

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Conversation: Gibbons reflects on first year as principal

BY JACK SCHWEIZER AND
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Editor in chief Jack Schweizer and core staff member Liam John sat down with principal Ian Gibbons, S.J., on Tuesday to discuss his first year as principal of St. Louis U. High. He reflected on his transition, the challenges he’s faced in his first year, and what he’s come to know about the school. The following text is a transcript of their conversation.

Jack Schweizer: First, thank you for taking the time to meet with us. I appreciate it. And congratulations on completing your first year as principal at SLUH.

Ian Gibbons: We’re almost there. Not done yet. As I always say, the year always seems to end with a whimper. Just phonetic, phonetic, phonetic and then, whew, it’s just over. We’re not there yet.

JS: Yeah. But now that

you’ve almost spent a year here, what are your thoughts on SLUH. What have you learned about the school? Was it different than your expectations? Stuff like that.

IG: Sure, no, it’s a very privileged time to be here for the bicentennial. It’s great to be a part of a school that’s undergoing a lot of major projects right now, including a new president who will be arriving, curriculum review, a lot of big technology work, a capital campaign that is very exciting and some major construction projects that are coming. So a lot of big things. And, you know my biggest concern is to make sure that the school runs well and all these other things are kind of icing on the project. But you know it’s tremendous to have the context of all of those pieces. And most importantly the bicentennial, that’s a great framing device.

JS: Yeah, this is definitely a time of change, and like you said, commemorating the 200

year anniversary. But what have you learned about the identity of the school? What have you learned about SLUH as a whole?

IG: Yeah, SLUH is just deeply tied to the community. And I knew this. I grew up in St. Louis. And you know the big question of St. Louis is allegedly ‘where did you go to high school?’. And that’s no less of a question today than it was you know when I graduated from high school. And you know everyone knows SLUH, but now that I’m very aware to look out for it, I see SLUH bumper stickers everywhere. I see people that recognize my SLUH attire and will immediately comment about it and it’s an omnipresent force within the city. And I think largely for very very good things. Sometimes people hold us to a standard. It’s good, but it can be challenging to live up to that and that’s kind of our duty as a 200 year old school. People will look at other schools and not

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Summer renovations: what to expect next August

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This summer, the Department of Facilities has some new renovations they plan to do to get out with the old and in with the new.

Normal repairs like painting and roof repairs that the crew does every year will still take place, but the crew’s biggest chore is the track and soccer field.

The soccer and track stadium features a turf soccer field and a 400-meter track encircling the field. The stadium is host to the SLUH soccer team, the SLUH track team, and it also holds non-SLUH events like the Festival of Miles charity event and various soccer and field hockey teams.

While the stadium has five rows of steel bleachers, the renovations will only be on the turf and track. The

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Brown leaves for Creighton Prep after six years of teaching, coaching

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After seven years of teaching, administrating, and coaching, Sterling Brown has accepted a position as the new Dean of Students at Creighton Prep High School in Omaha.

Brown initially started as a coach here seven years ago, but at the end of his first year he was offered a teaching position. He came from Loyola Academy, and was looking for a place to volunteer and coach football.

"A number of coaches reached out to me and wanted me to be a part of their staff, but I just felt real comfortable with Mr. Kornfeld here at SLUH and Mr. Clark at Loyola, who obviously has given SLUH a great rating as far as the people and the experiences to be had here at the school. I coached football, basketball, and then lacrosse that year. I just kept building. I didn't expect to do all those things, and then I was working here the next year," said Brown.

Brown started his SLUH teaching career as an American history teacher teach-

ing juniors. He's taught the American history class for all six years he's been here.

"Mr. Brown's class was an energizing and refreshing highlight of my day," said Fitz Lodes, junior and current student of Brown. "Obviously it's always a sad moment when somebody that great has to leave, but I'm happy for his decision and I hope he has a good future."

Brown's zeal for teaching, and his jack-of-all-trades skill set, make him well-liked by students, of course, and teachers alike.

"Mr. Brown was very personable and a good colleague. He always came in with a positive attitude, and from the moment he started working with us he was never afraid of taking on challenges and trying new things at SLUH. He's done so many things from coaching to teaching to helping out in Dr. Kesterson's office. He was a really positive influence," said social studies teacher Tim O'Neil.

Brown has also been a part of the football, basketball, and lacrosse programs at SLUH ever since he started

coaching seven years ago. In his first year, Brown saw action as a coach for football in the fall, basketball in the winter, and lacrosse in the spring.

"It was good actually I found him. First of all, he's great with the kids. Does a great job of motivating and teaching. He was valuable to not only his team but the entire program, and having an influence on our boys. I thought he was good," said varsity basketball coach and Assistant Director for Equity & Inclusion Erwin Claggett.

Besides his roles as coach and teacher, Brown was the Director of Diversity at SLUH, and is currently a member of the Equity and Inclusion staff. Brown realized that although his jobs around SLUH have changed, the culture still means a lot to him.

"I want to try and make sure (SLUH) is a welcoming place to everybody. I want to make sure that the school is healthy when it comes to the culture and the diversity within the school building," said Brown. "My favorite part of being the Director of Diversity was really being able to see



photo | Mrs. Kathleen Chott

the school from various different levels of the school. Just getting the know the school and kids a lot; seeing the kids who are sixth, seventh and eighth graders who dream of going to this school come into the school and make that dream become a reality."

Besides his teaching, coaching, and equity staff roles, Brown has helped Dean of Students Brock Kesterson with a variety of topics. Kesterson certainly appreciated the help.

"Mr. Brown was my right hand man whenever I needed to get things done, JUGS, tar-

dies, find kids who were missing from class to bigger issues, dealing with bigger situations, having to deal with parent meetings. He really brings a level head to situations, but more importantly for me, he was somebody else to bounce thoughts and ideas off of when we're trying to figure out how to deal with some situations. He would bring a different perspective and he brought different thoughts to the office," he said.

Brown's new job at Creighton Prep is the Assistant Dean of Students. Brown will make sure to have a good tran-

sition, and he eagerly awaits the challenges he'll face, just as he did at SLUH.

"I just want everybody to know how appreciative I am of the opportunity that was presented here to me to be a part of such a great school, an awesome faculty, and an awesome environment, period. I want everybody to understand everybody here, in some way, made some impact on me over the last six years. I am extremely appreciative," said Brown.

Southerly to return to Arizona after two years

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English teacher Kaitlin Southerly will be leaving for Arizona after two years of teaching freshman and senior classes.

Southerly will be leaving SLUH because of a job offer her husband received in Arizona, where they are both from. Southerly and her husband's families live in Arizona so it was an offer that was too good to pass up.

Still in the process of deciphering where her professional life will go from here, Southerly hopes to teach part time, if not full time, at a community college in Arizona.

Inspired by her father, who was Jesuit-educated, Southerly always envisioned herself teaching at an institution similar to SLUH, and applied for an opening in the English Department while she was still completing her degree from Arizona State University online.

"I really appreciated her wealth of experience in teaching and writing," said English teacher Frank Kovarik. "I always felt that

she was a colleague I could share ideas with and someone who would help me improve the assignments, the rubrics, and the teaching of writing."

Southerly taught freshman English and senior classes American Literature and Alienated Hero.

"I think what she brought to the teams that she worked on, the freshman and senior teams, was rigorous inquiry about a text, a lot of curiosity, and eagerness to work with a team to contribute where she could and to follow along where she could. Those were real strengths," said English department chair Steve Missey.

Southerly admired the freedom within the English department, specifically the senior classes, to be able to choose some of her favorite works of literature and implement them into the courses.

"I was incredibly impressed with how insightful my seniors were. My freshman are as well but I think in the senior classes we get the opportunity to dive into some more serious topics in

some of the books that we've read. I was really impressed with the thoughtful and critical insights that helped me better understand the texts that we were going through," said Southerly.

Known for her energy in the classroom, Southerly committed herself to developing a community devoted to a deeper understanding of literature.

"She's really passionate about what she does. She brings a lot of energy into the classroom, and it's much easier to learn content from her rather than from someone without as much energy. She's a younger teacher so you can relate to her more and the things that she says," said freshman Bobby Rizzo.

Students noted how Southerly did a good job of interweaving themes of justice and goodness into the lectures on books that they read, themes similar to those promoted on Common Good Day and Issues Day.

"Dr. Southerly was by far one of the most intellectual teachers I've ever had," said senior Jack Callahan. "At any given moment, she

would unleash knowledge upon us that would leave us honestly awestruck a little bit."

One of Southerly's unique contributions to the English Department were her Scholarly Research Assignments (SRAs) in her senior classes. Previously, the department had not done much work in investigating what prominent writers have to say about works of literature that are read in the classroom. But Southerly's assignments revived that aspect of learning.

"By the end I think she really taught us how to interact with scholastic literature: how to write on it, how to understand it, and how to use it to further your own points," said Callahan.

The assignments consisted of seniors reading academic articles about pieces of literature they had read, summarizing the article, and then arguing their own stance on the article.

"The guys are awesome. I have so much fun in the classroom, and I think this is just a special place. It's the hardest thing about leaving St. Louis for me: leaving this job and this community, because it really is my dream job," said Southerly.

"We're really going to miss having Dr. Southerly as a colleague," said Missey. "We were excited when we hired Dr. Southerly because she had terrific academic credentials. She is a warm, vibrant, funny, eager-to-learn member of our community. She brought energy to our department, she has a great academic mind, and she's directed towards helping high school kids come to see what's really cool about literature."

Festival of miles to boast thousands

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Thousands of people will fill the St. Louis U. High track on Thursday, May 31, to witness the 11th annual Festival of Miles, a nonprofit track meet that attracts middle school, high school, and professional runners from all over the country to help raise money for people in need.

Since the inception of the event in 2008, it has raised over \$60,000 for people in need. The event was actually intended to be just a one year deal to raise money for St. Louis University runner Brigette Schutzman. Tragically, she and her friends were involved in an awful car accident on New Year's Eve in 2007, and according to the Festival of Miles website, doctors were not optimistic she would survive.

When the event first happened, it was only expected to happen once, but SLUH high jumper Mike Rathmann was tragically paralyzed just months after the inaugural event, so it made sense to host another one as a way to raise money to support him.

This year, proceeds will benefit St. Joseph native Murelle Plotner, who was diagnosed with Myelodysplastic Syndrome (MDS), a condition in which the bone marrow does not produce enough healthy blood cells. Despite this, Plotner has always had an affection for running.

"Running, family, and friends help me be positive. I always have a smile on my face, even on the worst days. I absolutely love running ever since I was a little girl,"

said Plotner.

Returning this year at the Festival of Miles will be Jordan McNamara, who currently holds the festival's record with a 3:54.27 minute mile. He also has a record four victories at the festival.

"Jordan is a fan favorite here and is a great runner, so it's always great to see him participating at the Festival of Miles," said SLUH track and field coach Joe Porter.

The event will begin with a run around campus for kids in kindergarten through 8th grade. Following that will be the highly anticipated high school and professional races, which are expected to end by 9:00 p.m.

In the ten year history of the event, there have been 24 sub 4:00-minute miles. More impressively, two of the ten sub 4:00-minute miles run by a high school student in the USA have occurred at the Festival of Miles. However, it is unlikely there will be one this year, according to Porter.

For just five dollars, spectators can come witness the Festival of Miles right before their eyes.

"It's just five dollars and you can get real close and see how fast the runners are," said Porter. "I'm hoping to see more SLUH students down there this year, too."



Southerly teaching a freshman English class.

photo | Mrs. Kathleen Chott

Traveling all over the world? Yep that's the gap year students

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Some seniors are taking the year to gain a better idea about what they want to do with their career, while also taking some time off from school to be able to relax a little and enjoy some things that they were not able to enjoy as much during the stresses of high school. One such senior is Joe Hillmeyer.

"With the stresses of high school, adding on looking for college was basically like adding on a whole other class, so I didn't want to put that stress on myself and quickly jump into something and regret it later. Now I can take the time to really look around and see what I actually want to do and where I want to be," said Hillmeyer.

Hillmeyer plans to work this upcoming year and do more research on colleges, while also gaining knowledge from other classmates who have already started college.

"For my career, I don't want to do anything that involves sitting behind a desk, so I might go to a community college to get some of the core classes out of the way. Then I could go to a college that specializes in what I really want to do, whether that is photography or something else like that," said Hillmeyer. "I'm looking forward to seeing how my friends are doing in school and asking them questions to hopefully narrow down what I want to do."

Hillmeyer also plans to spend the year relaxing and enjoying nature through multiple different means.

"I plan on doing a lot of biking in Missouri and Illinois just to see the countryside and enjoy nature," said Hillmeyer. "I also want to do a lot of stuff in nature like camping and fishing. I want to do all of the things that most people don't think they really have time

for until they retire. I want to do them now because I figure there is no point in waiting."

Another senior, Zack Meirink, is taking the year to travel.

"I've always wanted to travel and I thought about it and I was like 'after college I am going to have student loans and I am going to want to get a job right away so I can pay that off. So really the only time I can do it is between high school and college when I don't have as many responsibilities,' so that's what I decided to do," said Meirink.

Meirink will spend the first part of the year, from June to November, in Jackson Hole, Wyo. as a top-ropes instructor. He applied for the job online and chose it due to the location, pay, and housing. He will be staying in employee housing during his stay.

Although Meirink has only been to Jackson Hole during the winter to ski, he has a lot of experience climbing and is excited to be working in this setting.

"I have a lot of experience rock climbing at Upper Limits the past few years. I know all of the knots and the safety stuff for climbing. I knew that I wanted to do something outside and where I could move around, so this seemed like a good fit," said Meirink.

After his time in Jackson Hole, Meirink plans on coming home for a few weeks before going to New Zealand from mid-December to the end of March. Meirink will be living and working on a sheep and cattle ranch in the Northwest part of the northern island between Auckland and Hamilton. The ranch is owned by his second aunt and her husband, who is from there, and Meirink has been invited to go down to visit them multiple times at different family reunions.

Meirink will be working in exchange for food and a place to stay. Part of his job will be to help maintain the land and put in fences because the ranch was recently purchased. Although he will be working a good amount of the time, he also plans to spend some time exploring the area.

"I am not exactly sure what I am going to do in my free time, but I definitely want to see the beach, Auckland, and the other sites around there. They already offered to take me backpacking for a few days around the country, so I think we will probably do that," said Meirink.

After his gap year, Meirink will attend the University of Wyoming, and he hopes that his time off will help give him a better idea of what he would like to study.

"I am planning right now to major in environmental science, so both of these jobs get me outside and working—not so much in the science part of it—but to see exactly what I want to do. I am also interested in forestry and environmental engineering, so I hope to figure out the exact area that I want to study at some point in my gap year," said Meirink.

Like Meirink, another senior, Tyler Trout, will be spending his year overseas with a program called Winterline. Unlike Meirink though, Trout will be beyond the border for nine months. After finding the program with help from his counselor Kate Kindbom, he knew how he wanted to spend his year.

"I did want to spend a whole year traveling. There were some programs that were only for a semester and I didn't want to have to spend a whole semester at home. I wanted to spend as much time as I could traveling and I think I found the perfect program

for that," said Trout.

The trip will be taking him to ten countries in North and Central America, Europe, and Asia. Trout will be accompanied by a group of roughly 20 other travelers.

Winterline also boasts that those who travel will learn a hundred new skills such as navigation, cooking, scuba diving, photography, marine ecology, and more.

"I know in Costa Rica we are staying with families there. It will be a great way for me to learn. I think in Spanish class I have learned a lot, but you can't really understand a language without immersion. I really hope to take a lot out of this trip and learn about the Spanish language and foreign cultures," said Trout.

Trout has been a member of the Outdoor Adventure Club during his years at SLUH, joining them on excursions like the whitewater rafting trip.

"The club really opened my eyes up to adventure traveling, not staying in a hotel, but roughing it by staying in hostels and cabins. It taught me that you can travel all over for cheap if you're willing to tough it out," said Trout.

He also has an uncle who lives in Colombia who he has visited, and he has also spent time in Canada, so going out of the country is not a new experience for him. Although this is not his first time outside of the country, he is still nervous about his adventure.

"It's something I've known I've wanted to do for awhile and I just can't wait," said Trout.

According to a national survey done by the Gap Year Association and Temple University, roughly 50 percent of the students who took a gap year in 2015 did some form of service during the year. Senior Matt Rauschenbach has de-

cidated to spend his entire gap year working in New York as part of an Americorps program called City Year.

Rauschenbach decided that he was going to take a gap year during the end of his sophomore year and into the beginning of his junior year, but he did not decide on exactly what he wanted to do until a little after that. He was introduced to City Year when his brother did the same program after high school and he decided to volunteer there after enjoying tutoring in high school at various grade schools throughout St. Louis, including St. Louis the King and St. Louis Language Immersion School.

"My brother did the exact same program on his first year out of high school and visiting him was when I first fell in love with New York City and what he was doing was very interesting to me," said Rauschenbach. "I got to high school and tutored a lot, so I decided to combine my love for tutoring with my love for New York City."

Although City Year is a national organization, Rauschenbach applied to City Year New York at the same time he was applying to colleges because the New York section is very competitive. According to Rauschenbach, the application consisted of multiple short online essays and a hour-long phone interview where they asked how he would react to different situations.

The program is ten months long and starts in August. Although he knows that he will be working as a one-on-one tutor in a school in Brooklyn, he does not know which age group he will be working with, as the program spans from grade schoolers to seniors in high school. The first three weeks of the pro-

gram are training and he will know which age group he is working with after those few weeks.

"During those weeks, they kind of see how well you work with the other volunteers and what age group they think you will work best with based on how you act in different scenarios and activities," said Rauschenbach.

Although he is given a small stipend for housing and food, the year will also bring some lessons in independence and management due to the fact that Rauschenbach has to find his own housing and feed himself.

"I'm really excited. I'm also really nervous because I don't know what the year holds, but I think it is going to be a lot of fun," said Rauschenbach. "I have to find my own apartment in New York City, so that's going to be interesting. I get a living stipend on a bi-weekly basis to help pay for rent and food and stuff. I will also probably be getting federally-assisted money for food if I qualify, which I probably will because almost everybody who does City Year qualifies."

After his gap year, Rauschenbach will attend Brown University in Providence, R.I.; he believes that City Year will give him many different life experiences to help him later in life.

"What I want to do for my career is connected broadly to this. They are both under the idea of being able to serve people. I think I want to do something in public policy or politics for my career, so I think they are related. It won't necessarily be a year advancing my career in that field, but the basis for the idea is generally the same," said Rauschenbach.

Arun to go to Taiwan on government scholarship

BY PETER CAMPBELL
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Summer is quickly approaching and many students are eagerly looking forward to summer plans, activities, and trips, especially junior Alfie Arun. The majority of Arun's summer will take place halfway around the world in the small island country of Taiwan, off the coast of China, where the primary language is Mandarin, or Chinese.

From June 15 to August 5, Arun will be on a government-sponsored trip in Taiwan as part of a program called NSLI-Y; the program's goal is to foster global leaders by learning about the language and the culture of different countries. The program takes students who are in both college and high school to countries across the globe like Bolivia, Morocco, and Russia.

"I heard about this when I went to a Chinese competition, and one of the guys recommended it to me. I then looked up online and applied for it in the fall," said Arun.

The admissions process is extremely selective and thorough.

"There was a multistage process in getting admitted into the program. First was to write a couple of essays and talk about my extracurriculars and show who I am. After I passed that round they put me through an interview stage," said Arun.

For the interview stage, Arun had to travel to Columbia, Mo., for an interview with an NSLI-Y representative. Arun learned that he was accepted into the program near the end of March.

During Arun's time in Taiwan, he will be immersed in the culture of the island, while also dedicating 20 to 25 hours a week learning Chinese.

"The goal is to have six weeks of cultural learning in Kaohsiung," said Arun.

Besides learning the language he will also be taking classes allowing him to become immersed in the culture more.

"There will be a lot of other things like Tai Chi classes that we will get to do, besides learning Chinese," said Arun.

On the weekends Arun will be going on cultural trips all around Taiwan, and visit major cities and landmarks. The trip,

which is completely sponsored by the government, will include free food, travel, boarding, and a weekly stipend.

Arun will be traveling to Taiwan with 23 other students from across the United States, and will be staying with a host family during his time in Taiwan.

"I have talked with a couple of the kids on Facebook, and I am trying to get to know every-

one going," said Arun.

Despite being gone for a long time, Arun is looking forward to the experience of what Taiwan has to offer.

"I think it will be an awesome experience and my goal will be to have some fluency in the language. I want to fully immerse myself in the culture," said Arun.



photo | courtesy of Alfie Arun

SLUH Tweet of the Week: Mr. David Laughlin

@Sluhpresident

"School's headed toward exams soon but who is still at it?! Prep News. Thanks for your work this year AMDG #candidatefortweetoftheweek?"



Makerspace spurs excitement among administration

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tion area, a light duty workshop, a heavy duty toolshop, and a storage space.

The collaboration area will serve as the common room of the makerspace and will be outfitted with both group and individual workspaces filled with whiteboards and computer spaces. On one side of the collaboration area, tables and a projector will allow teachers to sign out the room and take classes there to work on projects and do research. Computers, both desktops and laptops, will also be available for use.

The light duty workshop will house much of the design equipment, such as scanners, 3-D printers, laser cutters, and other digital resources.

The heavy duty workshop will hold many tools that can be found in a workshop, including various types of saws, a CNC Fabrication machine, a grinding

space should look like.

“We tried to learn from what (other schools) did and try and get it to the best version of what we are looking for,” said Principal Ian Gibbons, S.J.

“SLUH’s is going to be nicer than most of them I’ve seen. It’s going to be more square footage and it is going to be outfitted on day one to a greater degree than most (makerspaces) I have seen,” said Assistant Principal for Mission Jim Linhares.

Due to renovations beginning over summer break, construction will coincide with several of SLUH’s summer classes, but the main worry is the safety of the summer students.

“Our bigger concern is traffic flow, because this is a pathway from the Field House to the Si Commons and a lot of these kids here for summer school, they’re not SLUH students so they don’t know the campus. So we have to make sure they have

and use the space.”

Despite the unanswered questions, excitement is the only feeling among the administration.

“I like the idea of creativity and collaboration. I like the idea that it’s a multiple-use space,” said Laughlin.

“There is just excitement that this will be a wide, new capacity. One thing we are always trying to do is make sure there are great opportunities for all interests in the building and I look at what’s happening throughout our building with the music program, the theater program, the art areas, the new science areas, the language program expanding with Arabic, and a lot of the travel projects we have—we are trying to find a niche for every kid in the building and even multiple ways they can get involved and this is a wide ranging facility from everything from the theater kids from designing



One concept for the makerspace.

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wheel, and a drill press.

Glass walls will line the hallways to allow passersby to watch the many projects that are expected to take place in the makerspace.

Because the makerspace will occupy the space of the computer labs, the IT department, and several faculty offices, room will be made elsewhere in the school to accommodate the changes. One of the computer labs will be transitioned into one of the current language labs, in room M220, and the other will be downsized to a laptop cart.

In a meticulous planning period which took place over the last year, SLUH faculty and staff toured many makerspaces around the country to get an idea of what SLUH’s maker-

clear directions on how to get to places. You don’t want a sixth grader bolting into a construction zone,” said Gibbons.

Other concerns, such as how the space will be moderated and how to teach both students and faculty to utilize the space properly, are still being discussed.

“We don’t really know how the culture of this thing will grow,” said Linhares. “What we know is these spaces are coming into schools and great things are happening. But to be honest, sometimes these spaces come into schools and sometimes good things don’t happen because people don’t know what to do (with the space). So that also we must be aware of. We have to know how to invite, advertise,

sets and working through projects to physics classes to robotics and hack, and just guys who want to tinker,” said Gibbons.

“People getting in touch with that creative capacity that they have, that capacity for problem solving and making something happen in teams, that’s my ultimate level of excitement about this,” said Linhares. “I think that’s a dimension of education that has been underemphasized in schools like ours, which are college prep and a lot in the head and a lot of abstraction. We’ve underemphasized things like shop. We have pockets of it in robotics and the stage theater, but I think this could build that out.”

Students to help with summer work

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plan is to replace the turf and track with newer materials. Currently, the track and turf field are worn and old, according to Director of Maintenance Rick Figge.

Some of the projects will be done by summer work grant students, but others will be done by the Department of Facilities and their guys.

“I’ve got my guys and then I’ve got four SLUH boys that will be working for us during the summer and they usually start Tuesday after Memorial Day weekend and we usually have them until early to late August,” said Director of Maintenance Rick Figge. “With my three guys and four SLUH boys we try to knock out as much as possible.”

Another big project going on this summer is the

makerspace—a room that will be dedicated to students increasing their technological education and creativity. The crew at SLUH, however, will not be working on it.

“The maker space will be contracted out so we won’t be involved in that,” said Figge.

One project the maintenance crew will be working on is fixing the boilers in the basement of the school that have been appeared to be becoming old and new ones are needed. Other various small tasks will be done this summer.

“From doing carpet repairs and painting and going to all the classrooms and we fix the lighting and anything else that pops up like wall repairs and stuff like that,” said Figge. “We then go and usually do roof repairs.”

This year, the crew will also be doing some work

in the science wing, tearing down cabinets that will not be used anymore.

“We’ll have a lot of demolition in the science wing because there are a lot of cabinets that are going to come out,” said Figge.

Usually the maintenance men do the jobs that require more experience, but Figge and his men hope to educate the SLUH boys on new skills.

“We’re gonna have to do some flooring, some plumbing, some electrical stuff so these guys will learn a lot in the eight or nine weeks they’ll be here,” said Figge.

The men at work are hoping to get as much done as possible and are determined to get everything done.

“I usually accomplish everything that I put on my list,” said Figge.

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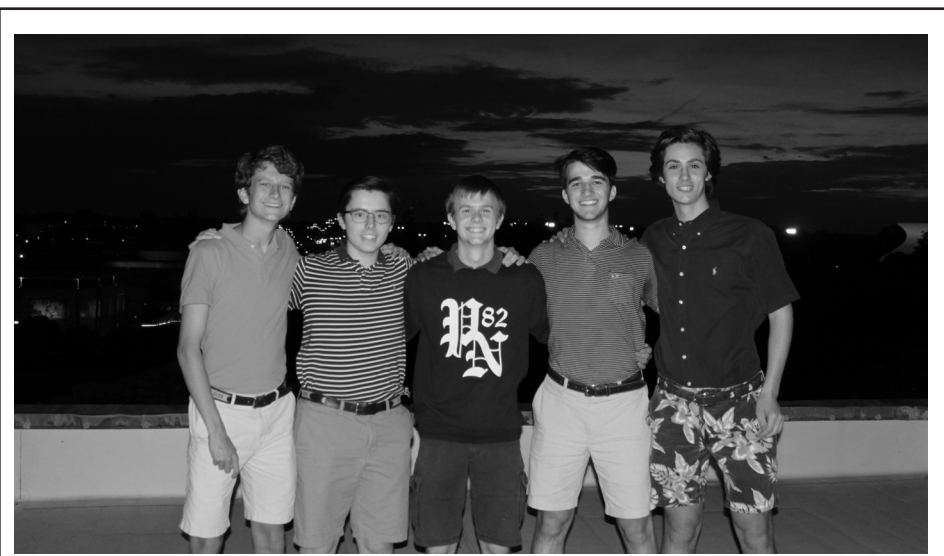


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TOP NEWS STORIES

David Jackson '16 passes away; SLUH community shocked and mourning

The beginning of the 2017-2018 school year started off in mourning for many in the St. Louis U. High community. David Jackson, '16, died after nearly drowning at Fugitive Beach in Rolla, Mo on August 9. Prayer services, candlelight vigils and donation parties were organized for Jackson before his funeral, which was held in the Field House on September 2. Jackson played three sports on the varsity level at SLUH: basketball, football and track and field. Jackson was known for his high intensity and drive to win.

Jackson was a close friend for many in the community and helped fellow African American students adjust to SLUH, a predominantly white school.

"David was a guy who I looked up to," said senior Jared Scott. "He helped me through a lot of tough times and just gave me his thoughts and wisdom."

Gibbons transitions into life at SLUH

Ian Gibbons, S.J., the first Jesuit principal in 34 years, started work at SLUH this past August, transitioning from Regis Jesuit in New York to St. Louis U. High. For Gibbons, the goal for the year was to observe how the school functioned before implementing any changes.

"I have enough experience and more than enough respect for the faculty and students here to know that I should wait and watch the dynamic of a school for year before making any big changes," said Gibbons.

St. Louis stops and stares: solar eclipse

The Great American solar eclipse touched Earth for the first time since Feb. 26, 1979 at the beginning of the school year on Aug. 21, 2017.

Science teachers Kathy Chott and Mary Russo held a speaker series, sent whole-school emails, and created the Solar Eclipse Task Force of students and faculty in anticipation of the eclipse. This group worked to perform an experiment at an expo at Queeny Park to test light and heat intensity during the eclipse.

The event was seen as magnificent by almost all members of the SLUH community, who were captivated by the beauty of the Great American solar eclipse.

"It was great to see," said senior Philip Schlichting, also a member of the Solar Eclipse Task Force. "I heard about a couple meteorologists that broke down and started crying. It wasn't that emotional for me, but it was really powerful to see."

SLUH responds to Hurricane Harvey

In September, the SLUH community banded together after Hurricane Harvey damaged Strake Jesuit and Cristo Rey Jesuit in Houston. The money that SLUH collected went to help a single family at each school with the cost of tuition at either school, with a goal of \$18,000 raised.

"Not only do we take what we do for our community very seriously—the formation of our young men and the power that you are going to bring to the world going forward—we're also part of a much bigger network," said principal Fr. Ian Gibbons, S.J. "If we, as an institution, can't take a leadership role in something like this, who will?"

Stockley verdict upends school day

On Sept. 15, a regular day of classes turned into chaos at St. Louis U. High after the announcement of the Jason Stockley verdict. The highly anticipated verdict—involving the 2011 shooting death of Anthony Lamar Smith, a black male, by the white Stockley after a high speed chase—was



photo | Joe Hillmeyer

announced over the PA just before activity period.

Many students left school when they heard the announcement, while others were called home by parents who were fearful of the potential for violent protests in the city.

By the end of the day, 350 students had left the school, although Kesterson suspects the true number might have been higher since some seemed to have exited without checking in with him.

Some students were saddened by the announcement and angered by the reactions of classmates who appeared happy with the verdict.

The ACES club (Association for Cultural Enrichment at SLUH) hosted an emergency meeting in M204 during activity period for anyone struggling with the news. The weekend sporting events had to be adjusted for the protests, one of which passed by on Kingshighway. STUCO had to adjust

their Spirit Week schedule after the verdict as well. Some students attended the weekend protests.

The issue was further examined the following week when students and faculty gathered for an assembly discussing their reactions to the verdict. And several weeks later, SLUH invited lawyers during activity period to discuss the case in more detail.

School-wide day of service for Bicentennial

At the end of the first quarter, SLUH took part in an all school day of service for the year long celebration for the school's Bicentennial. Freshman and sophomores went to Forest Park to help removing invasive species, trimming bushes, and picking up trash. Juniors and seniors were sent out to various locations across St. Louis to work at houses, schools, and churches doing everything from mowing grass to painting fences.

A highlight came after all students returned to SLUH for an all school picture with everyone in the shape of a 200. The drone that was taking the photo fly into one of the light poles, crashing into the faculty parking lot. After a replacement drone was found and the pictures were taken, over 400 pizzas, ordered by food service, were handed out to students.

"I was pretty blown away with how smooth it went. I thought it was a really cool experience to have nearly a thousand students out at the same time in the city of St. Louis doing service," said math teacher Stephen Deves.



art | Michael Esson

Alan Carruthers named President

Alan Carruthers was named the 17th President of St. Louis U. High this past November, selected after a 10-month, nationwide search process. Carruthers will become the second lay president in SLUH's history, following the first, David Laughlin, who is leaving to become the president of Rockhurst at the end of this school year. Carruthers has been involved in Jesuit education for the past 22 years, working as a teacher, coach, and administrator at three different Jesuit schools in two different countries. Since he was named President, Carruthers has visited SLUH several times throughout the year as part of his transition process.

Senior Henry Matus diagnosed with brain tumor. Surgery complete; community prays for his recovery

The SLUH community was shocked to hear in January that senior Henry Matus was diagnosed with a brain tumor. After visiting Clarkson eyecare about some vision problems he was having, it was discovered through an MRI that Matus had a brain tumor. The tumor was able to be removed through Matus' nose in surgery, and he survived with no complications.

It was later determined that the tumor had led to stage 1 glioma in Matus' brain, and then started receiving chemotherapy treatment to eliminate the cancerous cells.

Daily Masses and prayer services were dedicated to Matus the following week, and the community kept him in their prayers.

Pope Francis surprises SLUH band with personal visit and blessing

After being told they could not play in the square for the pope and the Papal Audience, band director Jeff Pottinger and the St. Louis U. High band took a huge risk by playing anyways, and it paid off; they got to meet the pope.

The band started playing Pharell's *Happy* and were then talked to by the Vatican's "Polizia" who then told the band to move onto the steps of the St. Peter's Basilica to play in front of Pope Francis himself. The band played a few pieces before the pope personally talked to Pottinger and shook members of the band's hands, which had not been done by any pope since the 1980's.

The impromptu show left the band in awe as they came home to interviews by media outlets such as *The Washington Post*, *the Post*, *St. Louis Post Dispatch*, and even National Public Radio (NPR), who all covered the story.



photo | courtesy of SLUH Band

STUCO in hands of Menne and Mueller after Toussaint steps down, making changes for efficiency

In early April it was announced that current STUCO moderator Kate Toussaint would be stepping down and passing the Student Council baton on to science teachers Megan Menne and Bradley Mueller. Along with the change in moderators, the organization also revisited the way positions are delegated and how students are elected.

Now, any sophomore, junior, or senior can apply for a spot on the executive board, and they are selected by a faculty committee, as opposed to previous years when only seniors ran and were voted into position by their classmates. The positions of class president and vice president, as well as STUCO president and vice president will still be voted upon by students.

Alumni return to speak at Common Good Day; five alumni receive Backer Award

On April 20, 2018, a number of alumni across the country came back to St. Louis U. High to talk about their contribution towards one goal: the common good. The day started with talk from President David Laughlin, who awarded the school's highest honor, the Backer Award, to three alumni, followed by a talk from Mike Hamm, '70, the keynote speaker, about Environmental Science. Backer awards were distributed to alumni Tom Santel, '76, John Wunderlich, '66, and Mark Wilhelm, '72. The day was dedicated to students learning about other options to contribute to the Common Good in their careers. The next day, two more alumni, Ralph Houlihan, '52 and David Baltz, '58, were awarded the Backer Award.



photo | Ben Andrews

SLUH celebrates 200 year birthday in Bicentennial bash

On April 21, SLUH celebrated its 200th birthday with a day full of activities for current students, alumni, and their families. The day started with an outdoor mass celebrated by Jesuit Provincial V. Rev. Ronald Mercier, S.J. After the Mass, the day turned into a parish festival of sorts with games, food, and fellowship for all who came. The day ended with a fireworks show from the top of the theater and a balloon glow performed by students ranging from the class of '18 to the class of '22.

Trailblazer, visionary: Laughlin's legacies

President David Laughlin is leaving SLUH after 13 years and is heading to Rockhurst High School. Laughlin's time here has been rooted in Jesuit values and he has been the lead in guiding SLUH through dramatic building projects and slowing increasing tuition while boosting financial aid. He was the first lay president in school history and was well-loved by faculty, staff, students, and alumni. He is well-known for his fun-loving approach to his job and his dedication to everybody in the SLUH community.



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TOP SPORTS STORIES

New hockey staff values commitment to program; hosts middle school camp

New hockey head coach Jack Behan vowed to create a mentality of accountability and commitment to SLUH hockey. With the help of parents, Behan ran a middle school camp in August, showing younger boys what it means to wear a SLUH hockey jersey.

Soccer blanks MCC in CBC Tournament win

SLUH soccer continued its impressive regular season by shutting out all MCC opponents in the CBC tournament. The strong Jr. Billiken defense translated to offensive success in victories over rival schools.



photo | Mr. Matt Scuito

Martel gets 500th over 23 years of coaching at SLUH

The Jr. Bills soccer team beat Vianney 4-0 in early September, giving head coach Charlie Martel his 500th win, a huge accomplishment to complement many of his other achievements. Martel expressed gratitude towards his team and those who taught him so much about the game.

Soccer unexpectedly falls in Districts to Chaminade

The SLUH soccer season came to an unexpected end at

the hands of Chaminade in a woeful 1-0 game where tensions ran high. Seniors look forward to success of the future team behind experienced junior leaders.

Swim and Dive takes second at State; swimmers break school records

In the new swimming classification system, the Jr. Bills took second at State, falling barely to Rock Bridge in the final race of the meet. Senior Barclay Dale and junior Joe Feder broke the SLUH record in the 100 Backstroke and 100 Freestyle, respectively, during prelims.

Scott given new award in honor of David Jackson

SLUH football team created an award in honor of the late David Jackson's inspiration and character on and off the field, and named senior Jared Scott the first recipient.

Martel retires after 25 years of soccer

Charlie Martel stepped down after 25 years of coaching SLUH soccer. Martel planned to spend more time with family, and players remembered lessons he taught beyond the soccer field.

O'Connell named head coach for soccer

After Martel stepped down, a committee began the search process for a new soccer head coach. Having looked through many applications, the SLUH athletic program named history teacher Bob O'Connell, an experienced player and coach, to carry on SLUH soccer's winning tradition.

Racquetball bounces back to claim 12th national title

After finishing second in the Missouri State Tournament, SLUH racquetball traveled to Portland, Ore. to win its 12th national title. The team finished 805 points ahead of

the second place team, Sprague High School.

Sacrifices of winning the Challenge Cup

SLUH hockey won the Challenge Cup once again over De Smet after consecutive years of falling to CBC. The team attributed its success to every man on the roster being fully committed to helping the team work together to win.



photo | Jonel Olar

Marco Cup back to SLUH; Jr. Bills come back from 10-1 deficit in dramatic game against De Smet

Jr. Billiken lacrosse completed an epic comeback to win the annual Father Marco Cup game against De Smet. Seniors took charge in starting the turnaround, and Toussaint praised loyal fans for backing the team even when the game appeared to already be over.

Not to be: Rugby falls short of the state championship for the fifth consecutive year

After nothing short of a great SLUH rugby season, the Jr. Blues stopped the Jr. Billiken comeback just short and defeated SLUH in the state championship. Senior captains Buck Chevalier and Matthew Quinlan looked to pass the torch to an excellent junior rugby class.

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"Sleep no more! Moran doth murder sleep"

English teacher and renowned night owl Mr. Rich Moran reflected on his years staying in the school into the wee hours of the night grading papers, scaring Mr. Deves, and especially his midnight bike rides around the empty halls. Since he lives so close to SLUH, the school is like a second home for him and has an entirely different atmosphere when the hallways aren't clumped with students elbow to elbow rushing to third period. When breaks needed to be taken from meticulous essay grading, Moran would join others on Thursday nights to ball out.

"I wasn't a good player. I just loved to play basketball. We would play for a couple of hours at night. Unlike Flick Webb, I never got 38 points in a home game. The ball didn't love me," said Moran.

Although he may not have been a great point guard, Moran touched on the personal connections he was able to make in the night as he grew closer to the SLUH community as a whole.



art | Matt Thomas

Vaping popularity rises among students

This year, the SLUH community faced the struggle of JUULs, which are quickly becoming the cigarettes of the new generation. Because of the sleek design that resembles a large USB stick, it is easy for students to slip it into a pocket and smoke it during a bathroom break or even during a class. Many students reflected on its powerful addiction and side effects as well as the administration weighing in on how the devices will be confiscated if caught on campus.

"A&P:" Nearly 40 years of debate

Comic? Ironic? Tragic? The possibilities of interpretation of John Updike's SLUH-renowned short story "A&P" are endless, but some swear there is only one right way: their way. The 38 year old tradition was pioneered by SLUH teachers Bill Noonan, Jim Ratterman, and Pat Conley when they met at a doctoral program and could come to at least on one thing about the story, that it was ripe with interpretation and was surely going to test the sanity of SLUH students for years to come.

Concussions and the uncertain future of football

After a series of studies by Boston University in September, citing the dangerous effects of concussions from football, schools across the country have been working to prevent head injuries, including St. Louis U. High. Since the 1980s, SLUH's football program has consistently tried to promote a minimum amount of contact before games. Today, the protocol for concussions is much more extensive, including baseline concussion tests and the use of a robotic tackle dummy in practices. But students and parents still have concerns about the sport, as other schools have decided to shut down their football programs entirely, according to the New York Times. Muskopf said he believed the sport was still safe to play, but conceded—with the growing negative perception of football—he's preparing for a day when the SLUH football team is dramatically smaller. Players revealed their thoughts on the issue as well.

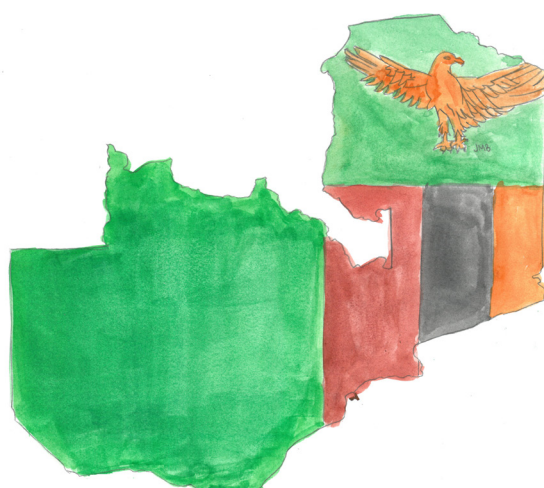
On the prowl: students and faculty enjoy hunting season

Faculty members and students alike reflect on what hunting has meant to them in their own lives and how it has impacted them. From deer, to ducks, to turkey, these trips have bonded family and friends, and allowed hunters to have incredible interactions and experiences with the natural world.

"It's almost a way of life," said Appelbaum. "Something you dedicate time to, something you focus on, and something you can keep moving through life with, I can't really describe it. It's something I can fall back on, cause if something happens, you always have hunting to fall back on."

Parker returns from Zambia with crazy story

While some students enjoyed the luxury of indoor, air conditioned schools for their Senior Projects, Manny Parker spent his time in the country of Zambia. The trip started off on the wrong foot when his luggage was lost and he then broke his ankle in a friendly soccer match with school children. After spending hours in a less than desired hospital, he had his ankle fixed without painkillers. He then went back to his site to recover in a home without WiFi, eating



art | Joe Bytnar

foreign food, and being kept awake by the sight of crawling insects. All in all, Parker enjoyed his time and now appreciates it as a great story to tell others.

18 years later, Jones remembers 'The Tackle' that sealed Super Bowl XXXIV

New SLUH football head coach Mike Jones recalls making 'The Tackle' and the effects that the game-saving play made on his life. 'The Tackle' ranks among the top Super Bowl plays of all time but Jones stays humble about his experience as after the game, he wasn't even able to hold the Lombardi trophy and talked to Sports Illustrated's Peter King while being worked on by the trainer.

Conversation with Aldrich, '60, and Gray, '55, recount experiences as some of the first black students at SLUH

Following the Black History Month presentation by ACES in February, the Prep News wanted to learn more about the first black students at SLUH. We had conversations with Fred Aldrich, '60, and Garret Gray, '55, both of whom relayed what it was like as a black student at SLUH and in the St. Louis area. They also told us about their lives after SLUH, and how their SLU High experience impacted them through in their careers.

In wake of Majory Stoneman, should teachers carry guns? We asked teachers and students

After the tragedy of yet another school shooting, the nation erupted into conversation about gun control. What greatly impacted SLUH was questioning whether teachers should be armed in case of an emergency. Teachers and students came together to discuss the pros and cons that come with arming teachers as an effective deterrent to school shootings.

The newspaper fanatic: Kickham pens letters to St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Amidst the age of technology and the scare of fake news, AP Psychology teacher Tom Kickham enjoys reading the daily paper front to back, cutting out clippings of students and placing them on the desks for them to read. He has sent in arguments against an Anheuser Busch slogan and other letters cutting at educational policies in his community. While many are quick to make the switch over to digitalized internet news, Kickham can't be parted with the black and white.

Anxiety on the rise; school psychologists respond

A SLUH career is not complete without stress. But within recent years, an upward trend is worrying Poirier, SJ, a counselor and clinical psychologist. Poirier and others believe this spike is caused by social media as teens rely on more social feedback such as Instagram likes or will tend to deal with stress not by face to face encounters, but with a screen. In response, the administration is looking at how to push a student to be their best, while supporting them and not crush them under a mountain of stress.

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Water polo completes four-peat in crushing of Parkway West at State

BY JOE FEDER
REPORTER

4-peat. 20th team championship. Fully sent.

On Saturday, May 12, the St. Louis U. High varsity water polo team rallied one final time for a dominant show of force against longtime rival Parkway West in the state finals of the postseason tournament. Before they were able to face off against the Longhorns, however, the Jr. Bills had to match up against De Smet Jesuit.

After a combined JV and varsity Mass during activity period, the defending state champions headed to the RecPlex for the State semifinals. The team started off slow, only leading 3-1 by the end of the first half, but 11 saves from junior goalie John McCabe, at least two steals from each of the seven starting field players, and a tough defense from sophomore Michael Kreienkamp, who tallied four steals and a block, were enough to keep the Spartan offense at bay.

On the offensive side of the pool, senior Nick Mattingly was an enigma to De Smet, as they could not guard against his whopping seven goals, more than all of the players combined. With a final score of 9-3, SLUH cruised confidently into the championship game for the 27th time in the past 31 seasons.

One of the major difficulties for the team was not getting caught up in the excitement of another seemingly easy state title. The team refocused itself on Friday with a few final drills before the game on Saturday, refusing to become complacent.

"I tried to avoid the mindset of 'we beat them before so we'll win for sure,' be-



Water polo raising the trophy after state win.

photo | Dominik Skroska

cause that's how you lose the drive to be better," said McCabe. "It wasn't about winning. It was about becoming the best player I could and enjoying the last game with the seniors."

The main objective for Saturday was to rest up before the big game, especially for the seniors, who had Prom the night before. As the game approached, the team's excitement escalated up to the start of the game, when senior captain Joe Jellinek and seniors Brendan Moore and Mattingly each scored textbook goals, forcing a Longhorn timeout after just three minutes of play.

"We got better and more hyped as the tournament went on," said Mattingly. "It was really cool to see us playing our

best polo at the end of the season."

After the timeout, Jellinek scored two more times before the first quarter buzzer, giving the Jr. Bills a 5-0 lead.

Refusing to slow down, Jellinek and Moore racked up two more goals, forcing another timeout from Parkway West after just two minutes. Although the Longhorns rallied briefly with two back-to-back goals, SLUH responded with two more, one from Mattingly and another from senior Jacob Fields in one of his signature 6-on-5 outside shots, for a 9-2 score at the half.

Following the break, the Jr. Bills decided to go "full send" for their final half of the season, and their efforts paid

off. Mattingly scored on the first play of the quarter in a mere 26 seconds in addition to a later skip shot, and Jellinek scored a reverse turned goal, and Fields scored on a sweep shot, giving the Jr. Bills four unanswered goals, and a 13-2 lead going into the final quarter.

SLUH started off strong, with Mattingly winning the fourth swim-off of the game, and although Parkway West mustered their last ounces of strength in the form of two goals, seniors Barclay Dale and Jack Laux offset their gain with two goals of their own.

The final minutes saw the return of El Fin, who controlled the pool, holding the score at 15-4 for the 20th state title in SLUH's history.

However, the game could have gone very differently had it not been for the Jr. Bill defense, headed by senior captain John Burke, who shut down the Longhorns with eight steals, and McCabe, who earned seven saves and five steals of his own.

"Our water polo team (and program) is in many ways similar to a pod of orcas," noted former Polo player Kyle Irvine, '17. "We're hungry, we can dive down to depths of 850 feet, we can swim at a speed upwards of 29 miles per hour, and most importantly, we are vicious at the sport of water polo."

It may seem to some readers and viewers of the game that the team is simply "that good," but in reality, they

have worked anywhere from two to eight years to become the dominant aquatic force that they are today.

"The credit always goes to the players," said head coach Paul Baudendistel, affectionately known as Coach Baud. "This year it was two sophomores, seven juniors, and seven seniors that worked not just during the season, but during the winter, and last fall during swim season, and last summer, and the last two, three, four years."

At the start of the game, it was announced that Baud would be an inductee of the Missouri Water Polo Hall of Fame, a huge achievement and honor for the coach of 15 years who played during his time at SLUH.

In the coming year, the team will feel the loss of the 2018 senior class in a special way. All 15 goals scored in the championship game were scored by a Senior.

"We could identify early on that this group is talented, and they're willing to work, and I think everything came together as it should," said Baud.

Above all, though, aside from all of the wins and the memories from this season, from the near off-road experience on an icy road in Illinois, to the countless playings of "Tremor", to Laux's inspiring pre-game speeches, the players will most remember the brotherhood built by the team.

"What I'll remember is our ability to keep grinding through games, regardless of the score, and the chemistry we had," said Burke.

Baud inducted into Missouri Water Polo Hall of Fame

BY JOHN BURKE
REPORTER

Varsity water polo coach and AP Physics I teacher Paul Baudendistel was inducted into the Missouri Water Polo Hall of Fame last night.

The process for his induction began two years ago, in 2016, when junior varsity water polo coach John Penilla nominated him to be considered for induction.

According to mowaterpolo.com, in order for a

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Volleyball starts quarterfinals tonight after District victory

BY NATHAN LANGHAUSER
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Let the State tournament begin. With victories over Fort Zumwalt West and De Smet in the District tournament this past week, the St. Louis U. High volleyball team has secured the top seed in the Class 4 State volleyball bracket. The Jr. Billikens play Kirkwood tonight at 6:30 in the Danis Field House in the quarterfinal matchup.

The Jr. Bills have now beaten De Smet four times this season, but the matchup in the District finals was no cake walk. The Spartans challenged the Jr. Bills and kept the match tight, but SLUH prevailed 28-26, 25-21.

In the first set, the Jr. Bills jumped out to a 5-1 lead, built by strong blocks from seniors Matt Coplen and Ryan Whealan.

"We knew they had a good outside in Gage, we just

had to set our block and make some touches on him," said Whealan.

De Smet came back to tie the score at 7, but Whealan gave the Jr. Bills the lead back with a serving run consisting of two aces to make it 11-7 SLUH. Behind De Smet senior Gage Mize, the Spartans did not let the lead faze them. The Jr. Bills made some mental errors and the Spartans picked up a few blocks, staying with SLUH nearly point for point.

The Jr. Bills forced a timeout though at 19-16. Whatever De Smet head coach Tim Haffner said to his team must have worked, because they brought the game to only a one point Jr. Billiken lead, 21-20.

SLUH earned game point on an overpass kill from Coplen, but De Smet wasn't done yet. Haffner called timeout and De Smet got two consecutive points on SLUH errors. Head coach Jeff Cheak called time-



Volleyball after a point at Districts.

photo | Dominik Skroska

out to talk things over at 24-24.

"We made a lot of mental mistakes in that first set, surely not our best game. We will have to be sure to be at a higher level of communication and focus to find success later on," said Cheak.

The Jr. Bills never let De Smet get a game point though. To end the set, senior Kyle Cohan made two amazing defensive plays, digging a Mize hit and saving a ball near the SLUH bench and forcing a De Smet error, and SLUH won 28-26.

"Our goal is to frustrate teams with our defense," said Cohan. "We want to make every touch we can to extend points, and that point just happened to be the winning point."

The Jr. Bills started the second set off strong like the first, building a 4-1 lead off of two aces from senior Nathan Langhauser. From there,

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Baseball beats Kirkwood in a two-day semifinal matchup; falls to explosive Vianney in District final

BY BEN DATTILO
SPORTS EDITOR

The St. Louis U. High varsity baseball team finished its season this past Wednesday with a 12-0 loss to Vianney in the district finals. SLUH had defeated Kirkwood 4-2 in the District semifinals in a game that was delayed in the bottom of the seventh because of the weather and was played over two days.

SLUH got off to a great start against Kirkwood when senior Danny Favazza hit a grounder to the shortstop who bobbled the ball allowing Favazza to reach first safely. Favazza advanced to second on a wild pitch, putting him in a prime scoring position, and senior Rickie Brown made the pitcher pay when he hit a single to drive in Favazza and make the score 1-0.

In the top of the fourth,

base runners.

SLUH faced the Vianney Griffins in district finals on Wednesday. Coming into the game, Vianney was ranked No. 8 by Max Preps and No. 13 by Baseball America nationally, but that didn't faze the Jr. Bills because earlier in the season SLUH defeated Vianney 7-6, handing the Griffins their first loss of the season.

Both teams put their ace on the mound as senior Griffin Lester started for SLUH and senior Mizzou commit Luke Mann started for Vianney.

SLUH was the away team because they were lower seed, so the Jr. Bills were up to bat in the top of the first, but it didn't last long because Mann got off to a great start, striking out the first three SLUH batters he faced.

In the bottom of the sec-

fourth SLUH wasn't able to get anything started as Mann didn't allow anyone to hit off of him.

Vianney didn't waste any time putting up more runs in the board as Charles Cepicky cleared the bases with a double making the score 8-0. After that junior Cam Glynn was brought in to relieve Broughton.

In the bottom of the fifth, Vianney scored another run off of another error and then Vianney's Andrew Keck hit a three run home run over the left field fence to end the game 12-0 on the mercy rule. Mann was sensational for Vianney as he pitched all five innings, only allowing one hit and walking only two batters.

"I got to give the credit to Luke Mann," said Favazza. "He is an incredible player. He was throwing hard and was hitting



Senior Griffin Lester against Vianney on Wednesday.

photo | Dominik Skroska

junior Nick Lang singled, and advanced to third after a bunt and a wild pitch. SLUH again made Kirkwood's pitcher pay for the wild pitch when junior Kolin King hit a single to drive in Lang to make it 2-0.

Starting pitcher senior Gavin Obert gave up two runs in the fourth making the score 2-2. But Obert only gave up six hits and two runs through six innings, an impressive outing, keeping the Jr. Bills in the game.

In the top of the seventh SLUH got the bats going in response to Kirkwood's runs and junior Danny LaChance scored off of another wild pitch and junior Timmy Heinlein also scored. The Jr. Bills had a comfortable lead of 4-2 going into the bottom of the seventh.

Sophomore Austin Brush came in to to relieve Obert in the last inning. He was able to get one out with two people on base before the game was delayed due to bad weather. The weather persisted long enough to postpone the game to the next day.

On Tuesday, the game resumed and Brush only had to throw five pitches to get the two outs needed to end the game and strand the Pioneer

ond, Vianney had a man on first when the ball was sent into left field where Lang lost a fly ball in the sun. The ball dropped, allowing Vianney to have runners on first and second.

Then, Vianney's Sam Altobella made the Jr. Bills pay for the error as he hit a single, driving in Vianney's first run. The Jr. Bills couldn't stop the bleeding as they let in two more runs in the inning, one due to an error.

Still in the bottom of the second, Vianney was looking to capitalize with bases loaded, but Lester got out of the jam, sending the game to the third inning. All three runs were scored with two outs.

In the bottom of the third Lester allowed the first Vianney hitter to get on and was pulled for sophomore Adam Broughton. The first batter he faced launched one over the right field fence for a two run home run, putting the Griffins up 5-0.

"When things got tough Griffin came out and jumped right back up there rooting for his teammates," said head coach Steve Nicollerat. "That's what guys do and that's the way it's supposed to be."

Again in the top of the

Inline season ends on all levels; varsity only loses two seniors

BY NICK PRAINITO
REPORTER

The State Tournament has come and gone, and St. Louis U. High inline has wrapped up its short season. All three teams earned spots in their divisional tournament, and the anticipation was especially high after last year, where the varsity team came runner-up in the State final. Although no team came out successful, there is a lot of hope and excitement for next season, with only two seniors leaving the varsity team.

For the varsity tournament, each round was a best-of-three series. The quarterfinals were nail-biting, as after splitting the first two games, SLUH and Seckman went to the 10-minute mini game. But after ten minutes, the mini game was tied, so it went to overtime. However, it only took a few minutes into overtime for the Jr. Bills to take the victory, though, as senior Trevor White scored the game-winning goal.

"It was scary," said sophomore forward Andrew Zerega about the mini-game.

The Jr. Bills fell in the semifinals to Oakville in two games though, the team that would go on to win the cham-

pionship.

The JV tournament was structured the same as the varsity, but instead of a three-game series, it was single-elimination, adding all the more pressure on every single moment. The squad fought hard and valiantly, proven by their four penalties (though not earned, some argued), but in the end was mercy-ruled by Rockwood, 12-2. Juniors Ryan MacDonald and Liam Gallagher netted the two Jr. Bill goals.

Freshman goaltender Andrew Bergman put in solid efforts for the Jr. Bills, and he showed his talent on the C-team as well.

"Andrew Bergman shines game after game in goal. Opposing coaches comment post-game how difficult it was to get the puck past him," said coach David Richert.

The C-team fell in the quarterfinals of their tournament as well, but played a much closer and less chipper game than JV. They fell 7-5 to their season rivals, De Smet. Freshman Henry McIntyre played strongly, scoring SLUH's first goal in the first half, and recording assists on later goals. Freshman Jake Buttice also scored two

goals. Over the season, Buttice proved himself to be a valuable defenseman as well, even helping in goal.

"Jake Buttice ... is (a) three-way player for us (forward, defense, and goal) that provides the team a crafty puck handler; his accurate passing creates instant offense for us," said Richert.

The season officially finished up on Wednesday night with its annual banquet. Head coach Tim O'Neil announced that he is moving on from coaching inline after 16 years of involvement. He said that with two children and a third on the way, he needed to take a break.

At the banquet, junior Christian Berger won the team MVP award. He played on varsity, scoring 30 goals and recording 28 assists.

Though the next season will not commence for another nine months, there has already been talk of a summer league. And with many talented freshmen and sophomores, things are looking up for the Jr. Bills.

"Win or lose, the players compete hard, play fair and enjoy the opportunity to represent SLUH to the league," said Richert.

Perotti, Wachter and Winter compete in State golf in Kansas City

BY BEN DATTILO
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The St. Louis U. High varsity golf team sent three golfers to the State tournament this past Monday and Tuesday. The tournament took place in Kansas City at Swope golf course.

The team failed to qualify for state, but seniors Louie Perotti and Jack Wachter and sophomore Ray Winter qualified as individuals. This is the first time in four years that the team has not qualified for state, so instead of thinking about how to work together as a team they were looking to place high as individuals.

"They did an incredible job of representing the school at the tournament," said head coach Scott Gilbert. "Our plan was to place high as individuals and to finish on the All-State team, which was the top 15 golfers."

The difference between regular season tournaments and the State tournament is that the State tournament is

over two days instead of one.

"Day one in State is where you can't win it, but you can lose it," said Gilbert. "So we wanted to put ourselves in position to make a move on day two, which we did, and day two was great golf from all three of them."

"I think it made it a little bit easier to play the first round knowing that it was two days," said Wachter. "I just kept thinking to myself that tomorrow is a whole new day so if you make a mistake, you have a lot of time to recover."

The best SLUH golfer over the two days was Winter, who scored 76 on the first day and 71 on the second day for a total score of 147, placing him sixth overall and he was named to the All-State Team.

"I thought Ray did an unbelievable job," said Wachter. "The atmosphere at the state tournament is unlike any other tournament, and for Ray to shoot the way he did as a sophomore is pretty impressive."

The second golfer to

make the All-State team was Perotti, who scored a 73 on the first day and a 78 on the second day, for a total score of 151 placing him 15th overall.

"I was very blessed to have a tremendous amount of success and growth within the golf program the last seven years," said Gilbert.

The Jr. Bills lose seniors Wachter, Perotti, Sam Bricker, Jack Fitzpatrick, and Clark Warren.

"It felt great to be there for the fourth year in a row," said Wachter. "I remember when I was a freshman and found out that I made varsity, and one of the first things I told my dad was that I wanted to make it to the State tournament four years in a row. I didn't play too well this year, but it just wasn't my couple of days."

"Another fantastic year of golf with big contributions from our senior leaders. Our seniors stepped and lead the younger guys to aspire for greatness," said Gilbert.



From left to right: Winter, Wachter, and Perotti at Swope golf course.

photo | Mr. Scott Gilbert

Coach Baudendistel inducted with much praise from past and present players

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coach to be inducted, he/she must have coached water polo for at least 15 years, “developed and fostered the game with distinction among his/her athletes,” and “had a notable impact on Missouri Water Polo and his/her fellow coaches in growing the sport and raising the level of competition within the area.”

Baudendistel has been coaching since his year as an ASC teacher, 1994-1995, and has been the head coach of St. Louis U. High since 2002. He’s won 10 state championships as a head coach, the most recent coming last Saturday, and he helped found Jungle Cat Water Polo, a club team offered to kids from middle school through high school that has consistently produced some of the best high school water polo players in the area and has competed in the national Junior Olympics many times. In short, he checks all the boxes.

Before this year, there were 28 members of the Missouri Water Polo Hall of Fame. Only four of whom were coaches, one of which is SLUH’s own Charlie Busenhart, who was head coach from 1967 through 2001 (with a small hiatus from ’69-’71 when he was drafted to military service), leading the team to eight state championships of his own.

Missouri Water Polo has not inducted anyone since 2009. Since then, the nominations have piled up. However, only a maximum of three people can be inducted per year. This year, Baudendistel enters the Hall with fellow SLUH alumnus and former De Smet Jesuit head coach Miguel Figueras, ’89, and former MICDS superstar Kevin Kerber.

“I think the fact that



Baudendistel earlier this spring.

photo | Mrs. Kathy Chott

Coach Baud was selected this year shows the amount of respect he garners from people across the water polo community in our area,” said Ray Kreienkamp, ’07, former SLUH water polo player and member of Missouri Water Polo. “Coach Baud was an integral part of my education at St. Louis U. High. Even as an MD/PhD student now, the things learned at FoPo still stick with me.”

Amongst his former and current players, the consensus is all the same: respect and gratitude.

“Coach Baudendistel is a Hall of Famer because of his care for his players. He says that winning is a byproduct of playing your best. His teams win as a byproduct of the care he shows his players: in their water polo development, in their spiritual lives, and their life away from the pool. He demands excellence, and teaches his players to demand it from themselves as well,” said Penilla. “It’s an honor to have known him since 1995 and coached along since him at SLUH since 2006, and am personally grateful for mentoring me, first as a player and now as a colleague.”

Baudendistel and Figueras are the fifth and sixth SLUH water polo associated people to enter the Hall of Fame, joining Busenhart, Bill Pohrer, Kevin O’Sullivan, and Ted Baudendistel, brother of Paul.

This induction marks a nice recognition in Baudendistel’s coaching career, but it surely won’t be his last. He is a mere 16 years into his tenure as head coach. If he’s anything like SLUH’s last head coach, there’s at least 16 more to go.

Track sets many records at Districts despite seven fifth place finishes

BY CHRIS STALEY
STAFF

The track team seemed to be cursed last Saturday at districts when seven competitors finished fifth in their event—one place shy of qualifying for sectionals. Despite the disappointments, however, St. Louis U. High qualified for sectionals in four events—4x800-meter relay, the 1600-meter run, the 800-meter run, and the high jump. The team did well getting goals and new PRs, but the end result was not what was hoped.

Before the day of the meet, host CBC decided to move the 3200-meter run from the second to last event to the very first event to get runners to avoid running in



Senior Paul Burka and junior Chuck Perry at CBC for the District meet.

photo | Mr. Jim Hetlage

the heat.

Two SLUH runners ran in this race and junior Patrick Hetlage seemed like a favorite to move on, but he ended up in sixth place with a time of 9:44, one place behind teammate sophomore Lucas Rackers, who got a new PR with a time of 9:41.

“Moving the race shouldn’t have been that big of a deal, but it really messed with my head during the race. It just added on to a pile of things that I was worried about with that race,” said Hetlage. “The effects were the worst heading into the last lap of the race because I was spending so much time thinking about all of this stuff going on and forgot to just race and chase down the people in front of me.”

But just as a rainbow appears after a storm, the 4x800 team ran right after the disappointing 3200. The team of Hetlage, junior Chuck Perry, sophomore Lazarus Williams, and senior Paul Burka has been dominant this season by becoming one of the best relays in the state of Missouri. After losing the title as Missouri’s fastest to Kirkwood a couple weeks ago, the team regained the top spot by running a time of 7:56, a new PR.

Burka led off with a 2:00 800 and gave the baton to Perry who broke 2:00 in the 800 for the first time by running a 1:58 while getting the team from third to first in the process, and he then gave it to Hetlage who ran a 2:03, and then Williams anchored the relay with a dominating 1:55

1600 and barely got the last spot to go to sectionals in that event.

“The goal of every district and sectionals is to get in that top four and it doesn’t matter how else you do it,” said head coach Joe Porter. “Whether you’re one or four it doesn’t matter because all it means is you advance to the next round and getting to the state meet is the goal so we’re gonna focus on getting guys through.”

There were also some very close qualifiers in the meet. Sophomore Nate Bischof ran a PR of 15.6 in the 110 hurdles to advance to the finals, but after a trip over the second hurdle, he was unable to qualify for sectionals. Junior Jay Duda tied for fifth place in the 200, but in the finals, after thinking he had false started, he was unable to qualify. Junior Christian Wallace-Hughes and sophomore Solomon Elliot advanced to the finals with new PRs in the triple jump, and even though Wallace-Hughes jumped a PR of 40-9.75, he ended up getting fifth place and missed fourth by three quarters of an inch. Sophomore Noah Hayes got to the 100 meter dash finals by running an 11.3 second PR, but he got fifth place, missing the qualifying spot by 0.03 seconds. Other fifth place finishes were the 4x400 meter relay team who missed by 0.08 seconds despite a PR, pole vault, the 3200 meter run, and the 4x200 meter relay.

“We wanted to get a few more events through and we felt like we had a good chance,” said Porter. “We were ranked lower than fifth in most of those events that we were close in. Seven fifth places is not ideal, we would like to sneak one in, it was right there, but that’s just how it goes sometimes.”

Tomorrow the track team looks to keep moving on at the sectional meet at Kirkwood High School. Those who advance in that meet will compete at state in Jefferson City May 25 and 26.

“We’re excited about the events we did get through in because we feel like every one of those has a good shot at getting through to state, which is exciting that we can have guys in five events in the State meet trying to go out there and compete and score as many points as they can,” said Porter.

Communication and focus key to volleyball success in playoffs

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SLUH never gave up less than a two-point lead.

A serving run by junior Charlie Steenberge extended the SLUH lead to 17-11 with some help of some defensive touches by Cohan and Langhauser and kills from Copen and junior Joe Manion.

But the Spartans fought back again, led by strong junior middle Clay Kruse, to make the game 18-16. From there though, the Jr. Bills did not let the Spartans get more than one point in a row and SLUH closed out the set 25-21.

Before the De Smet match, the Jr. Bills first had to go through a Fort Zumwalt West. After an awful start to the Monday match, allowing the Jaguars to stay close and think that they could play at SLUH’s level, the Jr. Bills finally pulled away, winning the first set 25-14.

In the second set, SLUH started much better and kept its momentum from the first set going, easily building a ten point lead and getting some subs into the game. The Jr. Bills won the second set 25-14 as well.

SLUH now starts the final stretch of their road to State redemption, but know that each match is no guarantee.

“We are going to have to take these playoffs game by game, we can’t take any points off,” said Cohan.

The Jr. Bills play Kirkwood in the quarterfinals tonight at SLUH at 6:30. The semifinals and finals are set to be at Webster Groves high school, the same location as last year.

Spring Underclassmen Briefs

JV Golf

Record: 9-2

The JV golf team had a great season, losing only to De Smet and CBC. The team had great success in tournament play this year, getting second in the Pomme Creek Tournament, MCC Tournament, and Kirkwood Tournament. With five seniors graduating, the team is going to have to rely on underclassmen to fill in those leadership roles on the varsity team.

“During a match someone would probably have had a bad day, but the team as a whole would pick him up. That’s how the team became so successful in our season,” said freshman Joseph Perotti.

“It was a great season and was really fun spending time with the boys,” said freshman Samuel Fix.

“We had a very good golf season on the JV and C golf levels. I enjoyed being with them and the future looks bright for SLUH golf,” said coach Tom Wilson.

JV Water Polo

Record: 19-3

The JV water polo team won another state title, defeating Ladue in a thrilling finish, 13-11. Sophomores Will Fox, Sean Santoni, and Kevin Flack were the team’s leading scorers, and sophomores Adam Simokaitis and goalie Jameson Horvath were the team’s standout defensive players. One of the team’s highlights was a win over Saint Louis Area Polo’s varsity team in triple overtime.

“I think the season went very well. Our freshmen had very little experience playing water polo before this season, but many of them improved greatly. I am confident that the JV team will keep winning next year with the current freshmen leading the team. We did not always get along, but in the end we won together and lost together,” said sophomore Cooper Swiecicki.

“The team stepped up in the biggest games at the biggest moments. I am proud of everyone’s work and dedication over our successful season,” said sophomore Evan Lu.

“The season overall was very successful and a great experience. There were a few times when we struggled, but we kept working hard as a team and due to our commitment and desire to improve we made it past those struggles and came closer together as a team,” said sophomore Jameson Horvath.

Lacrosse salutes seniors; conquers CBC to claim MCC title

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That's a wrap! The lacrosse team defeated the Lindbergh Flyers and CBC Cadets to finish the regular season with a sturdy 12-5 record. As the Jr. Bills move forward, they share excitement the postseason and sentiment for their seniors.

Following their stunning comeback against De Smet in the Father Marco Cup, the lacrosse team turned around to take on the Lindbergh Flyers three days later. The Jr. Bills dominated the game with possessions and goals, easily shooting down the Flyers for a 13-5 win. But the night was not just about the win. It also served as a "thank you" to the enormous senior presence on the team.

This year's varsity team has 18 seniors, which make up over half of the team. Senior attackmen Pete O'Malley, DJ McFarland, and Nick Corker have a combined 36 goals, making them a strong scoring presence on the team. The senior midfielders Austin Hannah, Chip Holmes, Chris Swiecicki, Kevin Einig, Nick Floretta, and Sean Hennessey have all been key players on offense and defense. Faceoff specialists Will Perryman and Jack Saputo have been vital organs in getting the Jr. Bills possession and scoring opportunities.

The biggest senior presence is on the defense, since the starting line for this year's defense hasn't changed since last year and all but one are returning varsity players. The senior defensemen are seven players deep, with Jake Killian, Anthony Freeman, Matt Leritz, and Jake Wilmsmeyer playing close, Cooper



SLUH lacrosse seniors.

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Nichols and Luke Wilmes playing long-stick midfielder, and Sam Ratterman playing both.

"This year's senior class is something special. Over half the team is made up of seniors so that automatically brings a new level of leadership to the team. There isn't just one or two designated leaders, every senior is willing to step up when needed," said Hannah. "A lot of seniors play, and a lot don't. I think the most noteworthy part is that the seniors who don't play are still willing to push the other players to be their best in order to find the best success for the team."

"This year's senior class has been great, and this is by far the most fun I have had on a team. We work hard and play competitive in practice, and we have one goal," said Perryman.

"This senior class has been a great backbone for this team this year. Every senior has taken a great leadership role with this team and I feel that that has made us even stronger as a team," said O'Malley. "The night was a nice way to honor all of the

hard work we have put into this program."

"Coming onto the new coaching staff during the fall, I was privileged to have a solid group of seniors to help set the tone for the season. Being able to rely on the older guys to help manage the team's expectations and strive to achieve loftier goals was key to the success we have had this year," said assistant coach Charlie Yorke. "It is important to set a high standard and a winning attitude that the younger guys can follow for years to come. I am lucky to have been brought on to help coach this team and I am grateful for the work the seniors have put in."

Following the fall of the Flyers, the Jr. Bills prepared for their final foe: the CBC Cadets. CBC is known to be one of SLUH's biggest rivals, and the lacrosse team rivalries only darken the bad blood. Last year, CBC beat down the Bills in the pre-season MCC tournament and beat them 11-7 in their regular season match-up. Only in the quarterfinal game of the state tournament were the Jr. Bills able to tally a win against CBC.

The SLUH lax team knew the Cadets were still furious about their season being ended early by the Jr. Bills last season, and were coming back to Oakland Avenue for revenge.

At first, it seemed as if the rivalrous spirit of the game had eaten into the Jr. Bills' nerves. The Cadets won the first faceoff due to an interference call and scored on their first possession. The goal from CBC seemed to give SLUH a wake-up call and the Jr. Bills went to work. Three quick goals from junior attackman Charlie Carse, sophomore midfielder Brendan Hannah, and Holmes put SLUH back on top.

The Cadets and Jr. Bills then traded possession until CBC sniped a stick-side high goal past junior goalie Will Webster to cut SLUH's lead to one. Luckily, the Jr. Bills drew a foul and were able to score while man-up. With 11 seconds to go, both SLUH and CBC received penalties, so they would play 5 on 5 for the rest of the first quarter and into the second. The quarter ended soon after with SLUH leading 4-2.

Perryman started the second quarter with a bang, winning the faceoff to himself, running into the Cadet defense, and finding junior attackman Collin Gund on the lead to three.

But the Cadets weren't conquered yet. CBC scored four straight goals to take the lead, stunning the SLUH defense. Carse shut them up quickly though with a slick wrap-around shot through the CBC goalie's five-hole. The Jr. Bills and Cadets were even at six apiece at the half.

The tone of the game didn't change much in the third quarter. Both teams ended evenly at seven goals apiece, but CBC took the lead and it took a dime pass to Holmes cutting through the middle to even it out.

The game continued to be a battle in the fourth quarter. The Jr. Bills took a two-goal lead, but the Cadets tied the game again with a five-hole goal and another stick-side high snipe. Instead of turning on one another in frustration, the Jr. Bills turned inwards and started to muscle out the Cadets for the win. Four straight goals from Holmes (2), Brendan Hannah, and Gund gave SLUH the 13-9 win and the MCC title.

"After losing to the majority of the MCC teams last year, I think we made a huge statement by coming back and beating them all this year," said Austin Hannah. "The MCC games are always tough and are usually some of our biggest rivals so it's always nice to beat them, but it was even more important this year after falling short to them last year."

"After our poor performance in the MCC last year as

well as a last-minute coaching change in the off-season, it felt great to show everyone that we were the best team," said Perryman.

"Winning the MCC is huge for us as a program after doing so poorly last year," said O'Malley. "It's nice to get back on top and really show our dominance among our conference."

The Jr. Bills' win against CBC clinched their second seed spot in the playoff bracket. They begin their postseason run tonight at 7 p.m. at SLUH against John Burroughs.

"I think our greatest challenge in the postseason will be staying focused and staying humble," said Perryman. "We have won several games that could have gone either way—including against De Smet and Eureka—and we are due for a game that doesn't necessarily go our way."

"The challenge coming up in the postseason is to take it one game at a time. We can't get caught up in the idea of whether we will win or lose state, we still have two games to win before we can even think about that game," said Austin Hannah. "Everyone needs to stay focused and recognize the opportunity we have ahead of us. If everyone can buy in and give it all they got, we have nobody stopping us."

"As a team we know what needs to be done to get to our common goal. We need to play as a team and go through every play like it's our last because for the seniors, it just might be," said O'Malley. "If we play for each other and play the lacrosse I know we can then I have nothing but faith in this team to do great things in these next weeks."

Spring Underclassmen Briefs

C Baseball

Record: 9-9-1

The C baseball team went .500 this year and many of the players had to play multiple positions throughout the year. The team was knocked out of the freshman tournament by De Smet who went on to win the tournament.

"I have never had more fun coaching than I have this year," said head coach Adam Cruz.

Eight freshmen were pulled up to B team and varsity, so many freshmen had to step up and produce for the team.

"For these guys to fight and battle like they did was pretty impressive. Of the nine wins we had we were probably better than four or five of the teams. We had four games where we beat a team that was better than us because we played better baseball than them. The team bought into the beautiful thing about baseball which is you don't have to be the better team overall, but just for two hours," said Cruz.

"Everyone did their job when they had to. It felt like a team effort all the way

through," said freshman captain Tyler Ridgeway.

B Baseball

Record: 6-12

The B baseball team's record didn't reflect how much the team grew together. The team struggled to find places to practice and many games were cancelled due to rain, but that didn't dampen the mood of the team.

"This year, like every year, the guys were the best," said head coach Nick Ehlman. "Seeing them grow, not just as individual players, but also seeing them grow together as a team was the highlight. It was a tough first three weeks after tryouts because of the terrible weather causing games to be cancelled and trying to figure out where we could practice. But the team had a great attitude towards the situation. The wins weren't there this year, but the attitude was."

JV Track

The JV track team spent its season together working hard and competing well at competitive meets, especially at the MCC championship meet. The team, however,

looks to improve next year with a goal to master technique and to work on perfecting the basics of their events.

"I think we did pretty well as a team," said sophomore Matt Friedrichs. "I think we need to go back to basics next year, but other than that it went really well."

"In the JV you look at our conference meet, and we were able to win that by 61 points which is really a show of the sign of the depth and guys really putting in the work day in and day out this season," said head coach Joe Porter.

C Track

The small freshman track team only had a couple of events for only themselves and ended up performing very well in those meets. However, the team was a little lazy with their work ethic and hope to fix that issue going into the future. The size of team was also a problem as they were not able to get a lot of people to compete and earn points for the team.

"We didn't have a lot of people except for distance, so we hope to get more guys

out next year," said freshman Sandy Legrand. "I think we need to improve our times and work a bit harder at practice and I think if we get more people out doing a wide variety of events, we'll get a lot more points."

"We're really excited for next year," said head coach Joe Porter. "A lot of these guys are coming back, we only had seven seniors so a lot of our (freshmen) will be coming back to continue to get better and that's always the focus."

C Lacrosse

Record: 6-2

The freshman lacrosse team had a phenomenal season with a record of 6-2. The young talent showed in their domination of the competition and promises good things to come for the lacrosse program. While the season demanded a lot of hard work, that didn't stop the frosh from having a good time.

"My favorite part of the season was the Father Marco Cup because we got to finish our unfinished business with De Smet after our previous loss and being able to prove that we had the fire

and desire to put them down and finish with a bang," said freshman long-stick midfielder Matthew Wilmes. "When we worked hard and put our mind to the task at hand, we could do anything. I hope next year will be even greater."

"This season was a blast, man. We had a really really good group of kids. From guys who started to guys that didn't play a lot, everybody bought in," said freshman head coach Pablo Sherman. "They've got great chemistry together. They walked to practice and hung out at their dance together. I worked them really hard, ran the hell out of them, made them go to study halls, all that deal. They responded tenfold and made me look like a really good coach. We beat SLUH West (De Smet) to cap the year and it was a lot of fun."

C Golf

Record: 5-1

The C Golf team had a fantastic season losing only once to Vianney by only one stroke. The team beat CBC twice, Chaminade twice, and Vianney once. The golfers will look to improve over the

summer to come back better than ever.

"They need to play over the summer as much as possible to get better," said head coach Tom Wilson.

JV Lacrosse

Record: 7-9

The JV lacrosse team got off to a rough start and had a hard time staying consistent throughout the season. However, the JV team aren't quitters. They went on to win seven of their next ten games to win a spot in the playoffs.

"We had a great season this year. We had a new head coach who came in and led us to the playoffs in his first year. We lost to MICDS in the first round, but we had great chemistry and effort," said junior attackman Jamo Fitzgerald. "My favorite part this season was to watch us come together as a team and not fold to adversity. It's not that often that you see a team start off 0-5 and win the next 7 out of 10 games to put us in the playoffs. We also suffered from a lot of injuries which put us further in a hole."

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Gibbons reflects on first year

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necessarily hold them to that standing. But I think that's right. I think we bring upon ourselves in our mission a sense of leadership and a sense of duty to pave the way for a strong education.

JS: Great. We also talked at the end of the first semester in December and you mentioned like this struggle between balancing time with students and getting to know the faculty and you know your job and working and there's sort of a disconnect there as the principle. What have you done to work to bridge that disconnect?

IG: That's constant tension and one that I have not satisfactorily solved but there are things I am doing to work on that. Areas where I think I have done a really good job is getting out there and being with the faculty, being in the classes, observing, meeting with different students on different projects, I think I have been a good chaplain for sports and getting to a lot of games. I have been to every concert, every theater production, and I love that stuff so that's costless for me. Doing retreats, service projects, liturgies. I think I get very good marks for that stuff. I think I get very low marks for the daily stuff. You know just getting out there and just the banter in the hallways and being able to connect to guys. Drop ins and just being part of classes. Attend student meetings.

Get to some of the other student activities. There is huge swaths of student activities that I just didn't get to. I think I get horrid marks for like activity period. Getting out there, it just seems like that's the time when people are able to meet and deal with kind of the crisis situation and more long term things and the cost of that is maybe one out of 20 activity periods I actually have free. Invariably when I have it free, ring ring, I have a phone call. I think it's mixed.

JS: What have been some of the things you have worked on this year—your accomplishments, things you have changed and things you are really happy with?

IG: I think we have made tremendous progress on the curriculum review. I know, for you guys, that's hard and kind of an abstract thing, but that's been a huge project for us. Working on getting to know the school and taking the discipline to not just make changes and going off gut instinct, but to really get to know the community and making some adaptations. I am really proud of how we have worked the bicentennial. Significant programs coming into fruition like with what we did with the eclipse. I think we were leaders in the St. Louis region in that and I am really glad the way we handled that. The way we handled incidents we had in the city like the Stockley Verdict, like

some of the racial tension, some of our commitments to financial aid for our families. That takes a lot of work with the auction and being a part of advancement projects. I don't have a whole lot of time to do them, but I make the time.

JS: Was it scary jumping into the school amid the two hundred year anniversary with all this tradition and all of this change going on and you sort of as an outsider?

IG: To some degree, but I think I have some advantages being a Jesuit for 23 years. I am a member of this province even though I've lived outside of it. I know a lot of the characters. I knew Fr. Marco and Fr. Houlihan. Those are people that, even though I have been away for awhile, it is a reuniting with them. I think there is a calming influence being a Jesuit. I think families really appreciate that tradition.

JS: Yeah, definitely. So I guess one of the things we definitely want to close with is what, going into the future, what do you hope to see at SLUH? That can be from either changes you hope to implement or in general what you hope for the school.

IG: Some of the goals for next year, I didn't get to talk about this, but one thing I am very proud of is the changes we have made in leadership opportunities for students. We have revamped the student

council and that is going to be a dynamic force at every grade level and then for the whole school and the different capacity of developing those students. I think that is going to be a huge payoff. I think that's going to be wonderful. The curriculum review will be a big project for next year. This year we did all our school wide goals for curriculum and our department goals this year. Next year, we will be doing each course required for graduation, and all the goals and mapping out how that will pay out so every section of that class will be uniform in content. Delivery will be a little different depending on the teacher, but the content will be uniform. We will also be working on assessment piece of curriculum. We are working on our accreditation review next year which will be a major project. There is a group called Advanced Ed that takes care of accreditation for public and private schools every ten years you go through it, and we are up next year, so that will be a big project. I served on the accreditation team for a public high school here in the city to get up to speed with the program. I don't know how I found that time to do it, but I did. I am very grateful I had that experience. That will serve myself and the school well having done that. And, a new president. That's pretty big.

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