

Letters

Water polo team thanks fans

The 1988 Varsity Water Polo Team would simply like to thank quite a few people who greatly contributed to SLUH's best water polo season (record-wise) ever.

First, thanks to our coach, Charlie Busenhardt, who put up with all of the garbage and unpleasant feedback he received from his players. His patience and kindness was especially appreciated after the championship game.

Second, thanks to our managers; senior Dan Henroid, juniors Kevin Boyle and Jim Lake, and Mr. Kevin Moore were extremely helpful in all of the menial labor involved in both hosting and attending water polo games.

Third, thanks to all of those students who found time in their hectic schedules to attend games, especially those who went to all the "meaningless" games. Certainly, we thank all who attended all important games, especially the championship match.

Finally, I feel that I speak for the entire polo team in expressing both condolences and congratulations to fellow team members, all of whom played hard and gave their all in contributing to the 1988 Water Polo Team.

Sincerely,

Paul Baudendistel, and other team members:
Ted Baudendistel, Miguel Figueras, Mike Kelly, Mike Zarrilli, Anthony Zerillo, John Lake, Matt Dumont, Dan O'Connell, Jeff Zimmerman, Tim Staley, John Guerrero, Dave Dimarco, Dave Grimmer, Craig Korte, Jake Schopp, Mark Pelikan

Luna finishes 28th at state

Star Harrier runner Mickey Luna ran in the Missouri Cross Country State Meet last Saturday at Jefferson City. Out of a tough field of about 150 runners, Luna finished a very impressive 28th with a time of 17:16, the fastest time ever for a SLUH runner on the challenging course. This record was formerly held by past-Harrier Rob Behm, Class of '85, who placed 32nd with a time of 17:17 when he ran at the State Meet.

The 3.1 mile course was located on the Hough Golf Course. This course is noted for its very uneven and hilly terrain, and is even considered tougher by many runners than the infamous Sioux Passage course, home of the "Man-maker" hill.

Much tension was felt among the hundreds of spectators and runners who flocked to the course on that very chilly Saturday morning. When asked how he felt before the race, Mickey Luna commented, "I wasn't nervous....I was cold!"

The anxiety and tension came to a climax during the seemingly endless cold silence as the runners took their positions on the line. Once the gun went off, the runners bolted up the half-mile starting straight-a-way in a tightly packed mass. For much of the beginning of the race, the runners ran in large packs. As for Luna, he maintained a 30-40th place position when he crossed the 1-mile mark at a speedy 5:15.

Fall sport teams provide thrills

Despite the playoff elimination of SLUH's football, soccer, and cross country teams and the water polo team's championship game loss, SLUH students can look back on this fall season proud with the knowledge that the Jr. Bills climbed back to the top of St. Louis high school sports. All four teams finished the regular season in the *Post Dispatch*'s top ten polls. The football team finished just behind East St. Louis, Kirkwood, Sumner, and McCluer North, some rather distinguished company. The soccer team ended its season behind only CBC, Vianney, and Hazelwood Central. The Harriers ran to one of their highest finishes in history (9th), behind Parkway West, DeSmet, Lincoln, House Springs, St. Charles West, Hazelwood West, Pattonville, and DeSoto. Water Polo, though not in an official poll, finished second in the district tournament. Congratulations to all SLUH athletes and fans for an excellent fall sports season.

The Editors

Soccer thanks fans

The 1988 Varsity Soccer Team would like to thank those fans who helped the Soccerbills give a 110% effort. With all the cheers, the team tried and succeeded in giving their best effort in a great game and a great season. In addition to the fans, the Soccerbills would also like to give great thanks to Coach Lopez, Coach McCarthy, our statistical manager Dominic Smith, and to our great coach Mr. Dunn. With your help and their help, the Soccerbills had a great winning season. Again thanks to the fans and coaching.

SLUH's 1988 Soccerbills

During the 2nd mile, the runners began to spread out, but only slightly. Mickey made his move on this section of the race as he moved to a position just within the top 30 runners. During the 3rd mile—the most grueling part of the race—the runners spread out much further as many began to reach their endurance limit. Despite the fatigue, Luna maintained his position and impressively sprinted up the final straight-a-way to his 28th place finish time of 17:16.

This great performance as a junior makes Luna a worthy force to contend with when he returns next year for the 1989 Cross Country Season. Luna says he is not going to set any "big" goals for next year's State Meet, but he does hope to finish in the top 15. Last year as a sophomore, Luna qualified to run in the State Meet. For Mickey, running in the meet this year was just "...a learning experience." With an excellent 1988 season under his belt, Luna looks to a successful senior season.

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Quote of the week

Doctor Dan Monahan of the Social Studies Department: I pledge allegiance / to the United Corporations of America / and to the investment bankers for which it stands, / one conglomerate, under George / with dividends and investments for some.