

Dear Editor,

I would like to say a few things concerning complaints of lack of school spirit. I've heard a lot of griping about poor attendance to games, lousy pre-sale, very few people returning to school after games, etc.

This past fall I was a member of SLUH's cross-country team. Lots of times I have been returning from meets or practices with my track shoes in hand, and someone would ask me, "Hey, where were you, at track?"

I answer, "No, I was at a cross-country meet."

"Cross-country, what's that?"

Answer: "Oh, that's something like a caddy in golf except it's in tennis."

So, then, it's been established that cross-country is not quite a famous sport and the attendance at meets is highly indicative of this.

Now, the point I want to make is not about attendance, because I must admit that if I weren't on the cross-country team, I doubt if I would go to any meets either. The problem is that, of all these guys complaining about lack of spirit, how many of them have been to a cross-country meet, or a water-polo game? And how many plan to go to the band concert, or a track meet, or a wrestling match?

So why don't these people knock it off until they themselves are perfect? Steve Ficker

#### HOW'D YOU DO ON THE QUIZ?

The Scholar Quiz team under the direction of Dr. Robinson will open its season on January 29 against Central and Bayless. As of now team membership is up for grabs among seven seniors, three juniors, and one sophomore. Seniors trying out for the team are Mark Curran, Steve Dierkes, Mike Lawder, Dave Malon, Al Oehler, Mike Quinley, and Larry Vonder Haar. The rest of the candidates are juniors John Krussel, Mel Labrador, and Greg Suszko, as well as sophomore George Telthorst. Dierkes, Lawder, and Quinley were members of last year's team which lost to a tough Affton team in the quarter finals.

\*\*\*\*\* --Frank Baldwin  
Nebraska, Minnesota, and Miami will kick; while the Cardinals won't have any problems trying to find a place to have a victory party, because they won't be needing to have a party. -- Mike Smallwood--

Dear Editor:

I would like to make a reply to a letter in the Prep News last week. In this letter Mr. Wolff commented that St. Louie "is not the greatest." He makes this statement because we lost a couple of games. I however, disagree. We could be 0-10 and as far as I am concerned St. Louie, the team and the fans, would still be the greatest. His rather foolish example of poor work by the Student Council only went to show his ignorance of the real situation. Tim Hallett and the committee heads work all the time to pull off such projects as the Frolics and the Big Brother program. Everyone expects too much out of the Student Council, but I believe they do an excellent job. The only thing I really agree with is that Fr. Kellest is the greatest!

Mike Smallwood '72

The cross-country season is now over, but only after some tough meets. On October 29, a Friday, we ran the Saint Louis District meet at O'Fallon Park. The top 3 teams and the top 9 runners would be eligible to run at the state meet. No one from SLUH qualified. Fitzpatrick took 12th. The team finished 6th out of 17 teams.

The following Monday, November 1, we ran Bi-State over in Forest Park. The team ran well but finished second to a strong DeSmet team. The top runners were Rick Fitzpatrick 3rd, and Joe Shea 4th. Following came Tom Paino 6th, Bob Bieg 11th, and Mark Meredith 21st. The order of team finishes were DeSmet, SLUH, CBC, Assumption, and Augustinian.

Saturday the State meet was held in Columbia. Ex-SLUH runner Paul Lammert ran a strong race and finished 6th, the highest junior.

The outlook for next year's team looks promising because the whole team will be returning, except for Dave Raack. There are also a couple of good sophomores and freshman. We will be up there in contention next year.--Joe Shea-Dave Raack

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coaches (Hank Stram, Paul Brown) are also successful. The only real comment I can make is that I disagree with any coach who kicks a field goal (inside the ten) with 4th and inches. If you can't make a couple of inches, you shouldn't play Pro Ball.

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