

SLUH group bikes for charity in MS150

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Last Saturday and Sunday, a group of SLUH students participated in the MS150 charity biking event in Troy, Missouri. The group included students Ryan Vierling and Greg Stahl and teachers Kevin Moore, George Mills, and Patrick Zarrick. This year was SLUH's third year participating in the race, with a group of ten (including five not associated with SLUH) on the team.

The riders began in Troy and rode eighty miles on Saturday to Mexico, Missouri. Saturday evening, the bikers rested in Mexico's city park, enjoying a nice meal provided by two thousand volunteers. "It's a very well-organized fundraising event," Moore, who has been biking since high school, said. "I ride for fun, and this event is such a great way to support charity."

"I'm in the best shape of my life," noted Mills, who trained six weeks for

the race. Mills said, "The best part of the ride was being with the other riders, since no one out there riding is selfish at all."

Sunday morning the riders continued the trek back to Troy, completing the 160-mile race. The race attracted a wide range of bikers, the youngest around the age thirteen; SLUH's team ranged from ages seventeen to fifty. Each rider was supposed to raise \$200 for the fundraiser, although many people raised much more than that. SLUH's team planned to raise about \$4000.

Multiple sclerosis is a disease which affects the central nervous system, with symptoms ranging from blurred vision to being completely paralyzed. Most victims are diagnosed between ages twenty and forty, although there are many cases found in youths as well.

The money raised from this event is sent to the national and local chapters of MS, with fifty-five percent staying in the gateway area. This money is used to research the disease, as well as to fund self-

help groups for victims coping with multiple sclerosis.

Another interesting part of the riders' journey is seeing old friends and meeting new ones. One woman rode her bike with her sister, a victim of multiple sclerosis.

"It was amazing to see her pull her sister the entire way in a bicycle carriage, going the entire way through the rain and up and down hills," said Moore.

"That woman showed so much love to her sister," said Vierling, who participated in his first MS150.

Commented Moore, "It's really neat to see two thousand riders out there, and striking up a conversation with some of them is really interesting."

The final half of the second day was the most difficult for most of the riders, finishing the race at the same speed as they did the other parts of the trip.

"It was a really good feeling when you finished," said Vierling, "especially since we just completed one hundred sixty miles of biking."

XC lets tiger roar at Mizzou and McCluer

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If there were one word that would describe the performance of the cross country team's performance at the Mizzou Challenge last Saturday, it would be "dominance."

The varsity team, which only scored 38 points in the meet, suggested a team to be reckoned with in the state cross country meet in early November.

For the second week in a row, the varsity top seven was composed of seniors Drew Noblot, Matt Killiany, Kevin Crean, Peter Schaefer, juniors Andrew Linhares and Brennan Connor, and sophomore Alex Muntges.

Once again the team listened to the advice of coach Pat Hamel and ran the first mile conservatively on a course which many have since described as "perfect" and "ideal."

After the mile split, the team looked strong, with many of the Harrierbills

near the front and in tight packs. Schaefer and Noblot came across the line at 5:01 and 5:02, respectively, with the rest of the team coming in before the 5:15 mark.

However, in the second mile it became apparent to many that Schaefer, SLUH's top runner after the First Capitol Invitational, was unable to hold on

to the rigorous pace. Luckily for the Prefontainebills, Linhares and Muntges were able to step up and fill Schaefer's shoes.

Linhares, who arguably had his best race ever, passed Noblot and the majority of the field in the last 800 meters, while kicking his way into a fourth-place medal and the top slot on the team in a personal record time of 16:31.

"Before the race I knew the course would be fast, and I was pumped up," Linhares said. "During the race all I could see in front and behind me was blue."

Muntges, who was running in only his second cross country meet, was able to go negative in the third mile

and came across the finish line in an equally impressive 16:41.

The rest of the team came in soon afterwards with Noblot (16:35, fifth overall), Killiany (16:46, 10), Crean (16:46, 11), Schaefer (17:04, 22) and Brennan Connor (17:19, 33), looking strong the whole way in.

Killiany called all of the times "freakishly fast."

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JV XC At Columbia

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Calendar

Sept. 20 - Sept. 28

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Schedule R

President's Assembly @ Activity Period

College Visits:

Emory University @ 8:30 am

Kansas, University of @ 12:52 pm

V FB @ Chaminade @ 7:30pm

V H2O Polo @ MICDS

Seasoned Fries & Pizza

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

V/JV Cross Country @ Hazelwood Inv@

9:30 am

V Soc vs DeSmet @5pm

B Soc vs DeSmet @3pm

C Soc vs DeSmet @1pm

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Schedule R

Senior Class Meeting

College Visits:

Macalaster College @ 12:52 pm

Southeast Missouri State University

@ 12:52 pm

Tri-Tators & Pizza

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Schedule B

V Soc vs. St Dominic @ 6pm

College Visits:

Lehigh University @ 8:30 am

Yale University @ 9:30 am

San Diego, University of @ 10:30 am

Benedictine College @ 12:42 pm

Bellarmine University @ 1:30 pm

Pretzels & Burritos/Crispitos

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Schedule B

Morning Dept. Mtgs.

College Visits:

Austin College @ 8:30 am

Illinois College @ 9:45 am

Christian Brothers University @

10:45 am

Drake University @ 12:22 pm

Marquette University @ 12:22 pm

Papa John's Pizza

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Schedule R

Junior Class Liturgy

V/JV H2O Polo vs MICDS @ 4/5pm

College Visits @ Activity Period

Dallas, University of

Depaul University

Drury University

Evansville, University of

George Washington University

Kansas State University

Purdue University

Rhodes University

Trinity, University-TX

Westminster College

Pomona College @ 11:30 pm

Depauw University @ 12:52 pm

Bosco Sticks & Toasted Ravioli

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Schedule L

Mother/Son Liturgy

V FB @ Gateway @ 6:30pm

College Visits:

Centenary College @ 12:15-12:45

pm

Illinois, University of Urbana-

Champaign @ 12:15-12:45 pm

Onion Rings & Pizza

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

V Soccer @ Edwardsville @ 7pm

V/JV XC @ Hancock Inv. @ 11am

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The JV, some of whom were given the opportunity to run at Mizzou, were able to run a race as impressive as their varsity counterparts, with senior Kyle Gonnerman leading the way with a state-caliber time of 17:12. Following Gonnerman, the rest of the team came in under 18:44.

The rest of the team, who did not make the trip to Columbia, raced at the McCluer North Invitational. This part of the team was able to race to an impressive fifth in the JV race, even though the Chikbills were running the third tier of JV runners. The freshman team was also able to run a stellar race at McCluer by winning the race behind Ben Murphy-Baum.

"From top to bottom we had one of the best days in recent history," said coach Jim Linhares.

Muntges summed up the day by saying, "We got gutsy, and we had fun."

Announcements

Family Mass
Sunday, Sept. 29
9:30 am
SLUH Chapel
Reception following

FOR SALE:
1987 Volvo
Good Condition
\$1500. 369-3780
Includes Billiken sticker

The Wellness Club is sponsoring a Parents' Meeting consisting of a panel discussion of SLUH students on the topic of "Weekends." The meeting will be held in the SLUH Performing Arts Center on Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2002 at 7:00 p.m.

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Quote of the Week

"Now from his pocket quick he
flashes
The crayon on the wall he slashes
Deep upon the advertising
A single worded poem
Comprised of four letters"

-Paul Simon