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Cinemark: best seat in town, but not for some

Tyler Yarbrough Staff Writer

This past summer, an area movie theater began enforcing regulations that require persons between the ages of six and sixteen to be accompanied by an adult who will attend the same feature.

Cinemark USA, Inc. has over 3,000 screens in 33 states; the Plaza Cinemark is the only theater with a VIP room. The VIP room has leather seats and a smaller auditorium where alcoholic beverages are served.

"Originally when we opened the theater we wanted it to be an art house theater with adult specialty products," said Ms. Terrell Falk, vice president of marketing and communication for Cinemark USA, stationed in Texas. "But we had a tough couple of years so we began showing children's films. In re-evaluating our original intent, we decided to go back."

The regulations at the Cinemark Theater on the Plaza have impacted STA students in particular.

Junior London Tatum, 15, lives ten minutes away from Cinemark. Before they enforced the new

rules she went to see movies two or three times a month.

"I think that the under-seventeen rule is totally arbitrary," said Tatum. "It's unfair to kids over the age of thirteen. We can handle ourselves in a movie theater. It's a cop out.'

Even students who seldom went to the Cinemark Theater were upset by the newly movie theater on the Country Club the rules were enforced regula-

"I think the

new rules are unnecessary, said Sophomre Katie Metzger. "I didn't go to the Cinemark Theater that often because the ticket prices were outrageous, but that is a place where kids hang out. Where else

are they going to go?" Children under the age of six are not admitted into the theater with or without a parent.

"I haven't gone to [the Cinemark Theater on the Plaza since the rules were made," said Freshman Carolyn Wiedeman. "But I think it will be easier now to go with my parents to the movies because there is not as much peer pressure, because not a lot of teenagers are down there anymore. Even though I haven't gone to the movies yet with my parents, we would go to the Cinemark Theater."

Others feel different.

"I will never go to the movies with my mom," said Freshman Jessica Weston.

According to Falk, the regulations have been well received by adults.

"We invite our customers to go to our website and give their comments about the theater and we have gotten several 'thank you' emails from adults and many parents," Falk said.

Wiedeman commented on how her parents feel about the recent changes.

"My parents think that it is good," said Wiedeman. "They think that more adults will go to the theater now because some adults can be intimidated by teenagers."

Falk refused to give information pertaining to the current economic status of the theater.

According to Falk, within the Kansas City market, teenagers have many choices when it comes to theaters. There is another Cinemark theater in Merriam, KS, where there are no such restrictions.

"If they don't want us at Cinemark, I will go somewhere else," said Weston, who recalls going to

> the Cinemark Theater every weekend before the rules were changed.

According to both Tatum and Metzger, before the regulations were put in place there was loitering outside of the theater:

The last time I was at Cinemark, there were just so many kids down there," Metzger photo by Rachel Straughn said. "Maybe changed because they were scaring people away."

According to Tatum, she once stood outside of Cinemark for ten

minutes and the security guards harassed her.

Shoppers stroll past the Cinemark

under the age of 16 to be admitted

Plaza Sept. 29. The Cinemark theater is not allowing patrons

without an adult.

Falk said it is ridiculous for people to believe that teenagers loitering outside of Cinemark had anything to do with the recently enforced regulations.

Students question the longevity of the retrictions at the Cinemark Theater on the plaza.

"I don't think that the rules will last very long at all, it seems like the teenagers were the main people going to the theater," said Wiedeman. "Cinemark will lose a lot of money."

Falk suggests that the permanence of the change is uncertain.

"Nothing is ever permanent," said Falk. "We are just testing it out and so far it is going well."



Brian Robertson of A.L. Huber Construction works around the auditorium circle on the third floor of the M&A building. These offices will be occupied by the Kansas City Community School of the Arts.

Wave of change rolls through STA campus

Kathryn Fitzsimmons Staff Writer

Students have noticed the many changes that were made to STA over the summer. The M&A building was renovated, students now hear bells at the beginning and end of each class period and new lunches are being brought in four days a week.

"My favorite part [about the construction] is [a] gap between Mr. Fud and Mr. LeCluyse's rooms," said Sophomore Abby Edsall. "Now I can get Morality and English class at the same

According to an STA press release, more renovations are to come for the M&A building. Although there are no permanent plans made for the restorations, the cafeteria is planned to be redone next summer, and the auditorium the summer of 2005. Firm construction plans will be made after the school raises funds for the changes.

STA students, faculty, staff and parents won't be the only ones to take use of the M&A renovations over the coming years. One of the objectives for the building is for the rooms to be used as the Kansas City Young Audiences Community School of the Arts for area kids. Classes will be offered after school, on weekends and during the summer. The classes will include everything from creative writing to private vocal and instrumental instruction. The classes are set to start in January.

In the process of the M&A renovation, many classrooms and even full departments were moved. The English Department is now on the third floor, and the Foreign Language classrooms are on the second floor. Not only

were the classrooms moved, but walls were torn down. Some classrooms got bigger, others smaller.

"I like climbing the extra flight of stairs because it will help me maintain I mean regain my girlish figure," said Ms. Wanda Van-Leeuwen, STA English teacher. "Plus I've always wanted a room with hardwood floors."

The move has confused many students, especially seniors, who are accustomed to the way M&A used to be.

"I'll walk onto a floor and not even know what floor I'm on," said Senior Katharine Bush.

Bells now ring at the beginning and end of classes and activity periods. Some STA students are having trouble adjusting to

STA Changes

- ·Renovated M&A building
- New uniform policy

School for the Arts

- After-school detention
- •Bells indicating tardiness
- ·Lunch program New location of M&A class-
- Partnership with Community

this change.

"That [bell] in M&A sounds like a foghorn," said Edsall. "It scares the bejesus out of me." Other students agree.

"I think they should play mu-

sic between classes," said Bush. "So when the music starts, you leave class and then when the music stops, you know you're supposed to be in your next class.'

A lunch program, something that STA has not had for many years, has made a reentry this year. According to Principal of Academic Affairs Ms. Mary Anne Hoecker, in the summer of 2002, Joe Joe's restaurant approached STA with the idea of selling lunches one day a week. The idea was a hit, and this year Joe Joe's added another STA day to their weekly schedule.

The owners of Sarah's restaurant also approached STA last summer with the idea of bringing hot, fresh lunches to the students and faculty. At \$5 per lunch, some students say it's too much, while others pay the price.

"I hate making my lunch so I'm willing to pay," said Freshman Mary Nulton.

Joe Joe's will be at STA every Monday and Wednesday, and Sarah's will bring in lunch every Tuesday and Thursday.

Changes were also made regarding the uniform policy. Students used to pay \$2 for every uniform violation they received, but now they receive a detention and a Category III SBR.

Since some uniform violations are accidents, not defiance, some students think this is a severe punishment. This is also true for juniors. After receiving one uniform violation, a junior must serve a detention and is put on accountability for at least one semester of their senior year.

Teachers, on the other hand, brought this strict idea to the administration and like the results they have seen thus far. "Something that's been a problem for years is fixed in weeks," said Spanish teacher Ms. Heather Macintosh.

Some students have been victim to the watchful eye of teachers and faculty.

"I've been secretly out of uniform all year long, so when I walked out of the bathroom and was greeted by Ms. O'Brien ready

See Cinemark on page 3

STA welcomes new faculty to community

New theology teachers Ms. Mimi Harman and Ms. Betsv Hansbrough needed no introduction to each other at the beginning of the school year.

They met six years ago at Bishop O'Hara High School, where Hansbrough introduced Harman to the teachings of Catholic Theologian Ren Girard. He is the inspiration of Theology and Film: Violence Unveiled

Girard believes that society uses one person as a scapegoal for the chaos violence creates. According to Hansbrough,

conflict is everywhere. "Violence is the sin of the



Ms. Mimi Harman teaches her

Harman developed Theology and Film three years ago and substituted it for her assigned course at STA, Religion Through

Harman, who also teaches the The Gospels: Faith in Community, feels students are responding well to the the new class.

"I am passionate about my subject and love that it is contagious and gets the students excited about theology," said

Harman worked in the Theology Department at Bishop O'Hara High School for seven years as a teacher and campus minister. Her experience at STA has exceeded her expectations.

"I have found the community of teachers and administration to be supportive and dedicated." said Harman. "The students are energetic, well behaved and

Hansbrough, a former nurse of 22 years, is teaching high school for the first time. In the past, she has worked as a probation officer, a singer, and a bible study and RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults'

Hansbrough is teaching Foundations of Faith: The Judeo-Christian Tradition and



New Theology teacher Ms. Betsy Hansbrough enlivens theology class by sharing stories from her life that relate to

The Gospels: Faith in Community. In these classes, she brings life to the scriptures by telling stories related personal stories.

"Watching young women get an idea and go with it is the most exciting aspect of teaching," Hansbrough said.

Mr. Shannon Peery and Ms. Barbara Calland have temporarily joined the Fine Art depart-Peery substitued for Ms.

Shana Prentiss, who was on maternity leave, and supervised all aspects of the Drama Department until Oct. 1. Prentiss now teaches the classes, while Peery directs the fall play

Calland, the STA choir accompanist three years ago, is substituting for Ms. Jennifer Benjamin, also on maternity leave. Calland will teach A Cappella, Concert Choir, Freshman choirs and STA singers for a lit-

the opics covered in class. tle more than a month. Calland will also assist with Benjamin's

Ms. Amy Carlson has also joined the STA community. Carlson works in the library and language lab every day from noon to 3 p.m., and is the head coach of the varsity volleyball team. Carlson used to be the head softball coach, assistant volleyball coach and intramural director at Baker University.

OVER HEARD ">" Dress Shopping

Ann Stacy



ions held oy STA girls are random, nteresting nd most of all funny. Throughout

he year I will be listening to capture some of tions STA has to offer. Overheard will choose one topic each issue and share quotes from STA girls

"I think I'm going to have to get this dress because it's stuck on me.

The process of finding a Teresian or Homecoming dress can be long, overwhelming, tiring and frustrating. Throughout the months of September and October, high school girls rayage through department store after department store in hopes of finding the perfect dress.

It is survival of the fittest when it comes to finding a dress that looks and fits the best. For most, the importance of finding the ideal dress is possibly more important than finding the perfect date. In the words of Vanilla Ice, "Anything less than the best is a felony."

Since the hopes of finding a perfect fitting dream dress are high, disapproval and disappointment are commonly the first feelings felt and expressed by the

average dress hunter. "It's not what I don't like about the dress, it's just that I don't like it," said a girl starring disgustedly at the reflection of herself wearing an unacceptable dress. "I wouldn't wear this dress if my life depended on it." "No, no, no! I will not wear that!"

Usually, when shopping for a dress, girls bring their friends with them to assist in making the final and important executive decision of what dress they will take home.

a stuffy department store, without food or water, can drastically affect the mind. The colors of dresses begin to blur, the annoying department store music causes a throbbing headache, the unpleasant mixture of smells from the nearby food court make your stomach turn. Therefore, having a friend present to prevent you from making an unwise purchase while in a delusional state can be

"Do you think I'll regret buying this?" asked a fear-stricken and worried shopper: "Not if you like it," her friend assured calmly "Oh my oosh out for you." "Oooh, someone else has that same dress in pink," a wise girl cautiously warned her friend.

After the dress is finally found, girls usually have to sacrifice a little extra spending cash in order to obtain it. However, it is clear that some dance attendees draw the line at reaching too far into

"One-hundred forty-nine dollars? That's like, more than my wedding dress will cost!" exclaimed an awestruck shopper, gawking at a price

great relief and excitement are felt. Girls' stress levels and blood pressure lower and other, less important, things such as deciding where to eat dinner before the dance, and who to invite as a date can become the main focus.

Students collect used prom dresses to benefit national charity, poor

Colleen Slentz

Three students from Shawnee Mission East High School are the driving forces behind a prom dress America) project.

community in two ways," said Kelly ect. "[We're] helping unfortunate girls and the MDA."

The MDA is a sponsor of DECA, vho aims to improve educational and career opportunities in marketing, management, and entrepreneurship among high school and college

The three Shawnee Mission East seniors involved are Kelly Kerr, Caro-

make it so that girls who can't afford \$200-300 dresses can [afford them],"

The girls have been advertising the prom dress resale around the city, and will accept dresses from anyone. They

"The target is going to be for unfortunate people who can't afford new dresses," said Kerr: "It's mainly for anybody. You can be old, you can be young, whatever."

of the resale. The number of times a person's name goes into the raffle will correspond to the number of dresses they donate. The raffle winners will receive gift certificates to Target and

On October 11th, there was a dress drop-off at Shawnee Mission East High School. There will be a second

date for it has not been decided vet. Dresses can be dropped off directly at Shawnee Mission East High School

Kelly Kerr is also available to pick up dresses. For more information, call:

Attn.: Prom Dress Resale 7500 Mission Road Prairie Village, KS 66208

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RIAA cracks down on Piracy, students react to lawsuits

Julia McQueeny-Thorpe Staff Writer

The Recording Industry As sociation of America is civilly prosecuting intellectual property theft due to the recent lack of royalties artists receive.

With resources such as KaZaA, Grokster, Limewire, and Gnutella consumers resorted to an easier, faster and cheaper way to meet their media needs, people are no longer stuck with a \$20 music budget, limiting purchases to one or two albums a month.

Instead, people sit at their computers for hours surfing, sampling,

and discarding at will. This allows users to acquire numerous unrelated songs in a non-interactive environment.

Meanwhile. The RIAA points out that the nation's GDP slumped five percent and the music industry's profits sunk to an all-time low. "It's cool to have a whole

bunch of good songs," said junior Rachel Duff. "Then you can have a mix CD." Duff, along with the majority of teenagers, participate in what

the Recording Industry Associa-

tion of America calls "theft of intellectual property." Until the recent wave of subpoenas against internet piracy, most had no idea that download-

The legality of the situation has been under severe debate

Cierra Obioha

Staff Writer

Seventeen-vear-old Itzel

City from Veraguas (Santiago).

Panama in August to improve

her English and experience

Pinzon traveled to Kansas

ing was illegal.

among lawyers, professors, and numerous politicians.

Missouri Statute 570.245 states, "Any person transferring any such sounds at home for his personal use without any compensation being derived by such person from such transfer," is exempt from prosecution.

"Why buy CD's at \$18 a piece when I can do it myself for free?" said Sophomore Abby Edsall

> The aforementioned statute only applies to criminal suits. Subpoenas were filed civilly, not

The RIAA's successful suit against Napster proved that downloading and peer-to-peer sharing is illegal.

With that question in mind, why do consumers still participate in what is most often referred to as the "victimless

World History teacher, Mrs. Sara Acton, doesn't personally download music, but understands why people, specifically teenagers, partake in media pi-

"Usually you buy a CD when you hear a song you like on the radio," said Acton. "Instead of paying \$12-15 for the whole CD, you can download that same

Exchange student adjusts to USA,

all-female enviornment at school

Before peer-to-peer downloading, purchasing an album meant going to a store, dealing with people, carrying around an object with cover art, and then the actual investing in the prod-

> "Why buy CD's at \$18 a piece, when I can do it myself, for free?" said Sophomore Abby Edsall. In just the past two months, the RIAA has released commercials, constructed billboards and handout pamphlets all in an attempt to persuade the consumer to

avoid piracy. "The commercials are stupid," said sophomore Caitlin Aaron. "They try to make me feel bad, but they don't."

The advertisements contain quotes from artists opposed to intellectual property theft, such as Britney Spears and the Dixie Chicks.

"We really look at it as stealing," said rap artist Nelly. "Because to us it's black and white. Either you pay for it or you don't, and you're not paying

So far the only internet provider to take a stand against prosecution and not release names of offenders is SBC-Ya-

Until then the safe thing to do is what Shakira says and: "Say no

being followed nor enforced.

basic animal welfare regulations.

In 40 percent of all cases hunters had to strike or shoot a seal a second time because the seal was still conscious.

percent of the examined seals was more than likely skinned while alive and conscious.

Sadly, funding for the hunt comes directly from the govern-

The true question is, "For

to give [a uniform violation] out,I figured it was time," said Junior Kaitlin O'Mallev.

"I'm wearing sweaters a lot so said Nulton

Waking Up Our World: **Canadian Seal Hunt**

Brittany Cummings

Editor's Note: This article contain. detailed information about animal cruelty. Reader's discretion is advised.



over the next three years due to the Canadian

Anyone with a commercial sealing license, Provincial hunting license or hunting capability certificate is allowed to participate in the hunt.

Last season, according to the Humane Society of the United **States**, 286,238 seals

were killed in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. 96 percent of those killed were between 12 days and 12 months old. Canada claims it follows government regulations about humane killing.

A 2001 report by an independent A hunter supported by the Canadian government team of veterinarclubs a baby seal with an ians proves other-

Following their invitation by the International Fund for Animal Welfare, 5 veterinarians deemed regulations were neither

They also agreed that Canada was failing to comply with its

Veterinarians observed that 79 percent of the hunters did not check to see if the seal was alive before skinning it.

Veterinarians noted that 42 showed minimal to no fractures of the skull indicating the seal.

Also, the government fails to penalize hunters exceeding the set quota for that year. Instead, the government raises the quota.

Cinemark continued from page 1)

Other students are trying hard not to receive any viola-

I don't have to tuck in my shirt,"

that because of the increase in uniform upkeep, Thursday is being designated as an additional STA sweatshirt day for the month of October. She seems open to other ideas, as well.

"We might look at other things."



Being cooped up for several

hours in the dress department of

I totally would have picked that color

their pocket books.

When a dress is paid for,

"Yes! I found a dress."

resale program this year as their DECA

(Distributive Education Clubs of All proceeds from the resale will go to the Muscular Dystrophy Association

"It's kind of like we're helping the Kerr, one of the managers of the proj-

"It's a project for our DECA," said Kerr: "It's a marketing thing."

line Winters, and Laura Fry. "We started because we wanted to

will hold the resale in late December.

The donated dresses will be sold for under \$20, while the price for a new dress can sometimes exceed \$300.

various other stores. Prom dresses can be donated a num-

Prom dresses can be mailed to:

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an all female environment at

to a coed school named San Vicente de Paul.

"At [my school], you meet more people and to be around boys is fun because they're funny," said

would be different, she said she Pinzon has been staying with her host family Mark and Chris Bales and their son, Nickolas. When choosing a school for Pinzon, STA was the first thing on the host family's mind. They wanted to send Itzel to a Catholic private school and Chris

Pinzon has only been in America for a month and a half, but she has already found something bizarre about our culture. "Clothing and music in Kansas

Bales graduated from STA.

City are not much different than the clothing and music in Panama," explained Pinzon. "What's different is the food. The food is different but I like [it]."

Pinzon is also adjusting to school. In Panama, she went In Panama, Pinzon took 11

On the first day of school Pinzon knew thing

was at ease and felt normal. "Because I live three houses down from Itzel, I met her one week after she arrived," Senior Lauren Noonan explained. "When we first met, she didn't know anything. Now she has learned so much

more people should take the time to speak to her." Pinzon has been to parties and football games, and according

to Noonan, she seemed to enjoy

more. Itzel is a sweet person

"I think everyone is very understanding with me since they understand that I don't speak English that well," said Pinzon

herself.

years of English. Pinzon feels that coming here proves she has much to learn. Pinzon said that she has the

most difficulty in American Literature, taught by Mrs. Dolan "Pinzon is slowly but surely progressing," said Ameri literature teacher Mrs. Dolan. "I understand that she is over-

whelmed, but [her usage and

understanding of English] will take some time The material might not be easily presented in the way she's used to, but I told her that when she's confused, to come speak with me after

school." Though Pinzon misses playing soccer and talking with family and friends, she feels okay with being away from home.

Pinzon said that her experience in Kansas City has been great so far and when she feels frustrated with her usage and understanding of English, she remembers that it will improve what reasons are seals being

Canada claims seals must be culled because seals prey on cod, a shrinking popula-

However two of Canada's scientists in 1994 reported the true cause of depletion in the North

Atlantic was over fishing. In fact, by removing seals from the ocean Canada is worsening the cod condition. (Seals eat hali but and redfish, other predators

Eliminating the seal popula-

tion is merely creating a glitch in the ocean's ecosystem and a "simpler" alternative to addressing the real problem. In general seals are killed

for their pelts, meat, penises

(used to sell aphrodisiacs in Asian markets) and oil (promoted as a health supplement by Canada). The hunt has become solely commercial and its habits are atrocious!

> ommercial trading is possible to regulate and often leads to disaster for the hunted species. The Humane Society of the United

> > States is making an

Unfortunately

effort to discontinue the hunt with the help of other organizations.

Bottom line: the ethics of this

a forum. Buttons will be sold and

hunt are far from fair, and the seals need all the help they can STA students are organizing

the proceeds will be sent to the Humane Society of the United We hope you will take the time to sign our petitions and letters

to be sent to the Canadian Prime

Minister. Every signature counts! If you can't wait, get on to: www.canadasealhunt.ca/ and watch the video. Write a letter to the Kansas City Star or to the Canadian Prime Minister about your concerns regarding Canada's treatment of marine life and the

welfare of such animals. If you are concerned about any global, national or local issue regarding social activism and would like to read about it in the paper, please submit your ideas to Brittany Cummings via Mr. Thomas in

Hoecker recently announced

"Who knows?" said Hoecker.

New gun law riddled with loop holes

Jen Vogel Co-editor-in-Chief

A middle-aged woman rummages through her chic Kate Spade handbag, searching for a tube of lip-gloss. As she reaches into the depths of her purse, a few spare nickels and dimes rattle around in the black lining. She feels past her overstuffed wallet, bulging with receipts and discount coupons. She recognizes the slick wrapper on a pack of gum. Then her fingers graze over a cold, hard metal object. She furrows her brow in momentary concentration, struggling to identify the unfamiliar item. Then her face brightens in recognition of course, it's her Glock 9 mm.

Last Saturday, approximately 50,000 Missourians were expected to apply for permits to carry concealed weapons. However, last Friday, a St. Louis judge blocked the concealed-weapons law from taking effect. This ruling was the climax of an ongoing battle between gun rights proponents, who claim concealed weapons will enhance the safety of law-abiding citizens, and those against the legislation, who fear the opposite.

Missouri Gov. Bob Holden vetoed the bill in July, but his veto was overturned in September. Now, the ruling has been reversed yet again, a clear indication of the controversy surrounding the law. Despite their differences, lawmakers on both sides of the issue are

questioning technicalities of the legislation.

The law requires applicants to be at least 23 years old, and a resident of Missouri for at least six months. They must receive eight hours of training by a qualified instructor, although the definition of a "qualified instructor" varies in each county. Following the training, applicants must demonstrate a 75% accuracy rate at a distance of 21 feet, hitting a target 15 out of 20 times. The final requirement is a background check by Missouri Highway Patrol and the FBI.

There the practicality of the bill ends. The law fails to allow for the number of applications and the time each would take to process. If an application is not processed within 45 days, the law requires the sheriff to issue the

The law would have enabled permit holders to carry concealed weapons onto both governmentowned and private property. According to *The Kansas City Star*, private property owners could post signs prohibiting concealed weapons, but the law establishes no penalty for those who ignore the signs. Not even public librar-

This major oversight enables convicted felons and other ineligible applicants to obtain a permit to carry a concealed weapon. Under the new law, the sheriff's office could later review the permit and revoke it if necessary, but only after locating the individual.

Kansas **Public** Library

Non-Fiction Please... no talking no running limit 4 guns per table Thanks!

behind the law. "The bill actually is in better shape than I thought it would be,' Crawford said to *The Kansas City*

If this is considered "better shape," Missourians should feel fortunate to have escaped a version in "worse shape." What could possibly be worse than granting a convicted criminal the right to tote a concealed weapon around a public library?

Proponents claim the law will enhance safety, but a law riddled with loop holes and filled with mixed messages can only yield the

photo poll: How did you support the Royals this season?

If an individual happens to dis-

ies have the authority to forbid

The legislation is filled with

plicants and permit holders, and

mandates a punishment of up to

one year in jail and a \$1000 fine

for any violators. In contrast, a

dishonest training instructor who

approves an unqualified applicant

faces a maximum of 15 days in jail

and a \$300 fine. The law seems

to have its priorities dangerously

cover the name of a questionable

permit holder, the law allows that

publicizing the names of ap-

inconsistencies. The law prohibits

concealed weapons.



"I watched them on Channel Six whenever they were on and listened to them on the radio."

the control, he wanted to be in charge.

being an savvy member of the government.

"He will not make a good governor because he was

never in it for the politics," said Brewer. "He was in it for

She thinks it was a mistake to elect him in the first

question Schwarzenegger's knowledge and capability of

problems in California," said Brewer. "He is just not that

Public attention is part of everyday life for political

Brewer does not think the scrutiny will get much worse

for him. She believes that he is already used to it from

his days in Hollywood. As for the situation in Califronia, Brewer does not think Schwarzenegger will help it at all.

"I think California will become more of a joke with

him as a political leader," said Brewer. "He is just some-

one who became a leader because he was previously

Without any extensive knowledge about politics,

Brewer thinks that Schwarzenegger will turn to wife Ms.

Maria Shriver for advice. As for Schwarzenegger's career

in Hollywood, Brewer thinks he will come back after his

"He'll probably make some political movie," said Brewer.

"But it will be bad just like all his other ones."

reign as governor has ended.

leaders. Since Schwarzenegger is already a celebrity

place. During the campaign, many people began to

"He is not intelligent enough to fix some of the



graphed by the team." Lauren Spear, senior



"I believe." Michelle Collins, junior



person to challenge the validity

claim is overruled, however, he

or she faces a heavy fine. Why

discourage the public from keep-

ing concealed weapons out of the

hands of a potentially dangerous

Rep. Larry Crawford, the spon-

sor of the bill, cannot account for

some of its provisions. According

to The Kansas City Star, Crawford

been proposed in previous years."

cannot account for the rationale

said he "simply copied those

Even the sponsor of the bill

provisions from bills that had

Even Centertown Republican

of the permit. If the challenger's

"I'm friends with Mike Sweeney. We're tight. He takes me to Aquinas games." Molly Wilkerson, sophomore



"I painted my face and hair at every game." Kate Laterza, freshman

ves Arnold is back! Is Arnold Schwartzenegger a good choice for governer of California? Three Perspectives

Alison Raybould, freshman Laura Brewer, junior Freshman Alison Raybould hopes Schwarzenegger Junior Laura Brewer does not think Arnold Schwarzenegger in office is a good decision.

"He is a Republican like I am and he shares the same beliefs as me," said Raybould. "I want him to be a good governor, I want him to succeed.

Raybould believes that Schwarzenegger is very intelligent and that he can help solve some of California's

"It takes a lot of intelligence to be an actor," said Raybould. "Since he has that intelligence down I think he will pick up on the political intelligence as well."

Since California is home to the entertainment capital of the United States Raybould does not think that having a celebrity as governor will change California much.

"Having Arnold as a governor, since he is a celebrity, will not change California much because it is so full of celebrities," said Raybould. "They probably share the

Raybould thinks that as long as Schwarzenegger is successful as governor, his career in politics will continue for a long time. She also believes that since he is used to the public eye he will be able to handle the pressure of governor well.

"He has the experience of handling all the publicity that comes with being a celebrity," said Raybould. "So he can use that knowledge while he is governor."

No matter what anyone else says about Schwarzenegger being governor, Raybould has confidence in him. "He will do a good job," says Raybould.

Mr. Sirridge, history teacher

One Issue

Mr. Partick Sirridge, is unsure if Schwarzenegger will make a good governor. He believes that Schwarzenegger will have plenty of help.

"What will help him is that he has wonderful political. economic, and social frineds and contacts that can help him out," said Sirridge. "He should have no trouble finding highly qualified advisors to help deal with the issues

Schwarzenegger's lack of political experience worries

"It does not appear that he has a very strong background for leading people in a government," said Sirridge. "But, similarly qualified people has been successful

Sirridge thinks the situation in California will get better, however, not necessarily due to Schwarzenegger's

"Things will get better in California in the next few years regardless of Schwarzenegger being governor," said Sirridge. "So, I think that he will be more successful that Davis in his last one or two years."

Sirridge is unsure how long Schwarzenegger will last in the world of politics.

"It all depends on the economic issue of California," said Sirridge. "If he does a good job then I believe it will be possible for him to be reelected or elected into a big-

However, Sirridge does not believe that the world of Hollywood should be an issue for Schwarzenegger.

HOW TO...

In 48 short

nours, the

St. Teresa's

How to snag a smooth at the Big "T"

Ann Langworthy



October 16, 2003

student body will be swept way in the excitement of the night of all nights, the Big "T," Tere-

For the past month, you've been preparing for hours on end. There is the dinner, afterparty, shoes, jewelry and of

course, the dress. Then, before you know it, the night is upon you. As meek teenage girls of STA, it can be difficult for us to make the first move. That is understandable.

Alas, do not fear, it is possible. By following these simple steps, you will have your man eating out of the palm of your

First thing's first, take advantage of natural male stupidity. Compliment. Example, "Wow, have you been working out? I never knew you were such a

Boys go weak for anything that has to do with muscles or manliness. The key to this is to make it believable. Ignore the

Keep them rolling. As far as compliments go, you can never give too many. Example #2, you walk into the dimly lit restaurant and utter, "Oh my! In this lighting you look remarkably like Ashton Kutcher!"

So now you are in the restaurant sitting in a cozy little nook. If ever you find yourself at a loss for words, don't despair. Throw out yet another compliment, or if worse comes to worst, you can always resort to a little foot

cidentally forget your wallet, try to steer clear of this move. Your man could become offended, or even worse, feel like an object. The last thing you need

Although it is tempting to ac-

tonight is an agitated date.

Now for step number 3. You know what I'm talking about, the look that will stop him dead in his tracks. Tilt your head slightly to the side and smile coyly while batting your long eyelashes.

Some might find it helpful to practice this move in the mirror before attempting it on a live specimen. People spend vears trying to master this, so be

Okay, here you are in the STA gym. Don't be afraid to bust a move. After all, this is a dance. The more original you are, the better.

Now when the music tempo slows, don't let your date get away. This is a golden opportunity to let him know how you feel. Gaze into his eyes, then lean in and whisper, "You are so beautiful (pause) to me." (Or you could opt for "God must have spent a little more time on

Let's fast forward to the drop-off, the big finale. You can start off by say something along the lines of, "Tonight sure was fun. Thanks for holding my camera." Just make sure that he knows you appreciate him.

Take time to ponder whether you really liked your date. Is he worthy of smoothing you? If vou think so then continue on.

Begin with an innocent hug, then lean away and give him the look (see Example 2). Stay calm, everything will be

okay. Then just move in for the Embrace the awkward si-

lence that is bound to follow.

Yoga, a growing stress reliever

STA students practice a form of yoga in the new dance studio located on the 3rd floor of M&A. Yoga provides relax

Ann Langworthy

School can be summed up in one word, stress. Thankfully, steps can be taken to combat this predicament. More and more people are turning to yoga, soothing exercise for the mind and body.

3 most popular types of yoga:

Vinvasa •Basic Idea:

A flowing synchronized form of yoga that focuses on combining poses with the rhythm of the breath. Vinyasa literally translates to "breathing and movement system.

• Body Benefits:

Allows for increased blood circulation by cleaning and thinning the blood. Better blood circulation relieves joint pain and removes toxins and disease from internal organs. •Sanity Savers:

It provides a sense of internal

Ashtanga •Basic Idea:

Ashtanga is a popular form of Vinyasa Yoga that uses energy locks and deep rhythmic breath ing to incorporate the cardiovascular system into the workout. It is more physically demanding then other forms of yoga.

•Body Benefits: By using your own body weight as resistence, you will see physical benefits more quickly, especially in your arms.

•Sanity Savers: Endorphins, chemicals produced through exercise, will be

Bikram Yoga •Basic Idea:

Also known as "Hot Yoga," this variety is practiced in a heated room to safely promote the release of body tension.

•Body Benefits: Bikram helps to regulate internal organs, improve balance, and build strength and flexibility.

•Sanity Savers: It gives you a sense of happiness

Yoga Benefits:

•Regulates and strengthens the internal organs, immune system, endocrine glands, nervous system, digestion, blood pressure and circulation.

•Joint mobility and range of motion improves.

 Stabilizes swinging emotions and reduces mental worries •Helps to discover sense of self

and place in the world. •Connects you with your breath ing, which is especially beneficial to singers and musicians who require ample breath support.

Famous Friends: •Many celebrities have dis-

covered the power of yoga and include it in the exercise regimen.

•Some famous yoga fans are: Cameron Diaz, Gywneth Paltrow, Sting, Charlie Sheen, Jamie Lee Curtis, Britney Spears and Jenni-

Interested?

You can find more information about voga in Kansas City at: www.mayayoga.com

www.hotkcyoga.com www.yogallery.com www.anahattayogacenter.com www.wellbeingyoga.com

Ali Sherman Associate Editor

America is the fattest nation People have become less active, opting to sit in front of the tele-

The media constantly bombards people with advertisements for food and commercials for calorie-packed meals.

At the same time, teenagers are receiving the opposite message: the necessity to be thin. The dieting industry has capitalized on this message, mak ing books and eating programs easily accessible, thus becoming a 40 million dollar industry.

Though once seen as strict eating regimens, diets have progressed to a new era of flexibility variability and even accommodation. Atkins, Weight Watchers and The Zone are options.

However, all the dieting options can lead to confusion about which diet is right for each

"Diets are pointless because nobody stays on them," said

Freshman Ashley Johnson. "They just go back to the fatty

According to the latest addition to the diet world, *The South* Beach Diet, fatty foods are key to losing weight. Dr. Arthur Agatston, cardiologist and creator of this new installation, stresses the importance of "good fats, bad fats" as well as "good carbs, bad

carbs." The program begins with a rigorous first two weeks, then tapers off to less structure, emphasizing the importance of maintaining a good balance between fats, carbohydrates and proteins in order to maintain "good blood chemistry."

"I don't think it's for real,' said Junior Tiger Conole. "It's just to sell a product. A lot of people gain back the weight they lost after going off the diet."

Despite the abundance of diets, nutritionists and experts, people are still fat. According to popular psychologist and talk show host Dr. Phil McGraw, people should not change what

they eat, but more importantly, how they eat.

As Dr. Phil outlines in his recently released book, The Ultimate Weight Solution, changing diets is not as important as changing lifestyles. "I don't think I have the

answer to solve this crisis; I have the answers." Dr. Phil told the "Today" host Katie Couric in a recent NBC special. "What will happen? That remains to be seen. Somebody has to lead the charge. Why not me? I have the platform." Although many embrace this new method of "dieting," some

doubt whether it is a legitimate attempt to solve the crisis, or simply another opportunity for Dr. Phil to make a profit.

"Maybe he is trying to help people," said sophomore Kristina Clayton. "But he's probably trying to make money too. I mean, isn't that what everybody's trying to do?"

Whether Dr. Phil or any of the other diet tycoons have the answers or not, one thing

Will new diets slim a chunky nation? still remains certain; too many

How'd we get so chunky?

•Dieting has turned into 40 million dollar industry. According to the Surgeon General's recent report on American obesity, 127 million or two-thirds of American dults are considered over-

•These parents are then assing their bad eating habits on to their children, 30% of which are now considered verweight.

•The scary thing is, people re eating their way to an early death. Obesity is seen as an epidemic with 300,000 people lying every year from obesity related deaths. People eat verywhere and anywhere they can find food (in their cars, ofices, etc).

•Fast food companies have doubled, even tripled their serving sizes in the past 20 years, yet still prices have remained constant.

IS WATCHING YOU

With new surveillance technology becoming available to the masses and few laws to restrict its usage, many people are asking the question "Am I being watched?"

Chandler Domian

Do you shiver at the thought of your parents tracking your every move? Well, get used to it because new technology has made this a possibility.

New tracking devices are made possible through Global Positioning System satellites, a multi-billion dollar project sponsored by the U.S. Department of Defense. This tracking technology is not new, but advanced design has allowed mechanisms to be small enough to be built

into hand-held units. STA Theology teacher Ms. Anita Reznicek said that parents today are far more aware of possible dangers for their kids and use these devices as a replacement for the absence of themselves and close net communities.

"We are not connected," said Reznicek. "Parents have time to track you, but not time to be

Patriot Act.

tion Services has created the world's first personal locator that locks on the wearer's wrist and enables parents to track their child's location on the internet through maps and satellite

The GPS Locator includes features such as water and cut resistance, 911 emergency response, and a key fob, which from the locator that locks and unlocks the locator.

Reznicek when referring to the GPS locator.

\$399.99 plus tax and shipping, and requires a service plan of \$19.95 - \$44.95 a month, and can only be used in the United

Reznicek said that although the GPS Locator's marketing stragedy is promoting safety for the child, the loca-

Wherify Wireless Loca-

is a manual device disconnected

"It's borderline creepy," said

The GPS Locator sells for

tor can only show the wearer's location, not whether they are in danger of not.

"Tracking your child is not the solution," said Reznicek. "You are your kid's advocate, have your kids with you."

Another tracking device is the AT&T Wireless Find Friends tool. This enables the parent to keep track of their cell phonecarrying children.

This feature however can only be used with AT&T GSM/GPRS wireless phones that use mMode service plans. Both participants must also be within an AT&T Wireless GSM/GPRS coverage area, which include many metropolitan areas.

The Find Friends device differs from the GPS locator because of its privacy feature, which enables the user to make their phone "invisible" to other users. The Find Friends device is not able to give an exact street location of the user, but rather the location of the nearest trouble, people are looking for

transmission tower. The AT&T Find Friends feature comes with no additional monthly service

Computer software is now making it possible for parents to monitor their child's every keystroke on the computer.

Spy Buddy is monitoring software that allows parents to use the program without the consent or knowledge of their child. This software enables the user to filter websites, observe conversations on AOL/ICQ/ MSN/AIM Instant Messengers, track all keystrokes and which applications they were pressed in, and look at captured screen shots of the monitor. The Spy Buddy Monitoring Software sells

for \$49.99. Reznicek said that the presumption with the computer is that the child isn't always aware of trouble they are getting into on the Internet.

"Kids are not looking for

them," said Reznicek.

Parents now have access to devices that track their child while driving. The Real Time Tracking device manufactured by Alltrack USA, is a product that is installed behind the dashboard of the vehicle and is able to notify the parent of the drivers location, speed of travel, and how hard the driver is braking and accelerating. The parent can receive notifications and alerts about their child's driving through a pager, cell phone, manual phone, PDA, and e-mail. The location of the driver can be determined throughout most of the United States and is tracked on a map accessible through the Internet. The Real Time Tracking device sells for \$395.00.

Reznicek points out that parents share in the liability if their under 18 year old child breaks

"What motivates most parents is your safety, the second thing is legality" said Reznicek.



New techonology gives parents an easy way to track their childrens' behavior, putting an end to out dated techniques. Such as, spying though

STA parents reveal surveillance stories

On an average night, typical teenagers will talk to their friends on the phone or Internet about an endless variety of topics. Are their parents watching and listening to what they say?

Every weekend teens return home from parties or outings with their friends and are faced with a full interrogation from their parents about what they did, and who they were with. Are their parents trying to figure out the latest gossip and spy on their kids?

Although many new technological devices are on the market to help parents keep an extra eye or ear on their children, some parents feel that they do not need them. Most parents have their own methods, no matter how severe, of making sure their kids are doing the right things. Despite what teenagers may think, they are mostly to ensure the safety of the kids.

"We call them a lot," said Ms. Mary O'Connor of her four kids, including STA Junior Maddie. "If we have any concern we have them call us back from a land line so we can see the caller ID and know where they are."

Maddie O'Connor agrees that her parents often call her cell phone while she is out.

"Whenever I'm out they call me all the time," she said.

For Ms. O'Connor, cell phones are important for safety reasons.

"I think cell phones are good because one, [kids] can call if they need anything, and two, I can call

But, despite the good attributes of cell phones they can sometimes lead to problems.

"I was out to dinner at Winstead's and evidently I accidentally called my parents and they heard my whole conversation," said Junior Kathleen Musgrave.

Ms. Jeanne Musgrave remem-

bers the cell phone incident.

"[Kathleen] didn't know, but she bumped her cell phone and it called our house. We picked up and she never came on. We kept hollering at her, but she didn't hear. We told her when she got home.

In Kathleen Musgrave's case, her parents did not discover anything over her cell phone, but it could have been a problem. For one anonymous STA student, her home phone also poses a threat.

"Sometimes [my parents] push 'mute' and listen in on my phone conversations," she said. "They also get on my screen name and talk to my friends and pretend that they're me. When I'm not home they rummage through my room."

This student suggested that

"If the toilet paper amount is way different than it was before, there was a party."

Ms. Mary O'Connor

her parents' behavior stems from a want to know more about her. "I know they're snoopy because they're parents, but I think they just want to know more about me,"

Since parental surveillance can be a worry for teens, some parents take a sense of humor with the is-

"When Kathleen was on the Internet we used to tease her by grabbing binoculars and looking over her shoulder," said Ms. Mus-

Many parents believe that it is not necessary to use any serious type of surveillance unless something arises to give them the need

"I don't think there is any reason to be particularly sneaky unless there is a problem," said Ms. Musgrave. "If there is a problem, the parent has an obligation to be nosey or to find out more informa-

In case a problem does come up, some parents have special ways of watching out for possibly bad

"I have a huge family, so I usually hear if [the kids] do something," said Ms. O'Connor. Also, the alarm at the O'Connor house beeps whenever the door opens, which according to Ms. O'Connor has proved to be helpful with teens to know when they are going in and out. Ms. O'Connor even has a way to determine whether or not there has been a party in a house.

"If the toilet paper amount is way different than it was before, there was a party," she said.

Although some parent actions may sound severe, most kids do not mind them too much.

"I'm not too bothered," said Kathleen Musgrave. "I have a very open relationship with my parents. so it doesn't bother me as much as it probably bothers other people. My parents give me my space and I've earned it by being trusted."

When Maddie O'Connor's parents sometimes pay extra attention to her behavior it does not bother

"I don't really care because my parents are pretty lenient. They trust me more than they did last vear or the vear before," she said "I think it's kind of cute because they care so much."

Ms. O'Connor simplified the reason why many parents feel the need to keep an extra eye on their kids every once in a while.

"They are the most important things to me, and at times it is necessary to protect them from their own lack of experience."

Patriot Act brings changes to everyday life

Since September 11, new legislature has been introduced to protect Americans. However some students wonder when the line between protecting and stripping American freedoms will be crossed.

Juana Summers

Since September 11, American security has changed drastically with additions such as the USA Patriot Act and traffic light

The USA Patriot act, passed in the Senate October 26, 2001 with a 94-to-1 vote, is said to protect the safety of the American people after the terrorist attacks.

Attorney General John Ashcroft, seen in Kansas City during the weekend of September 20 said, "The lives and liberties of Americans are protected

by the Patriot Act, not threatened the Missouri and Western Kansas by the Patriot Act. Though Ashcroft assures

that American freedoms are not threatened, many find the act in violation of natural law. "Going into your house with-

out a search warrant goes against the search and seizure laws and our natural right to privacy," said Junior Mattea DeLaet.

The USA Patriot Act is viewed by organizations such as the American Civil Liberties Union and the MAINstream Coalition as an infringement of Americans' constitutional rights.

Dick Kurchbach, director for

chapter of the ACLU said that the Patriot Act makes suspicion the standard for probable cause.

"The next stop is the 'Patriot Police', which equals Junior Mandy Ingram.

Article 2.15 of the USA Patriot Act is one of particular controversy as it gives the

government the right to obtain library circulation records, book purchase records, and internet

ynn Wells views the hypothetical scenario of being investigated due to her library records as an inconvenience. "The next stop is Mona Carmack, CEO at the

the Gestapo," said the 'Patriot Police' Johnson County which equals the says that library, Gestapo.' Mandy Ingram

Library does not keep specific circulation records and, after about three months. the records would be completely

Public Library,

patrons should

not overreact.

The Johnson

County Public

irretrievable. However, library records are never considered private if a court order is given.

In locations such as 95th and Quivira as well as 119th Street near Town Center Plaza, traffic light cameras have been installed to monitor law violators who run red lights. Signals like these have also been seen in Columbia and St Louis Missouri.

"What's the purpose?" Ingram said. "They don't keep you from running stop lights."

Many opponents to these cameras find them as an invasion of privacy, being that they can snap a picture of you and your car

without warning.

Wells believes that when a citizen runs a red light, they give up their privacy to a certain

As for general American safety after the recent changes, Ingram feels that Americans are only safer because of widespread paranoia. She goes on to say that the sense of patriotism within the country is false.

Regardless of opinions, the changes made by the USA Patriot Act sunset, or automatically terminate, in December 2005 as a new legislation emerges the Patriot Act II.



Students star in upcoming fall play 'Gamma Rays' features small but talented cast

after a science experiment done

by Matilda. It refers to how each

person is able to survive or not

Like in her experiment Matilda

"transcends her environment"

according to Peerv.

survive in their environment.

Allison Jaros

"The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds," this year's fall play, is quite a mouthful for everyone involved,

including first time director Mr. Shannon Peery. The play is a "really good story about a family" according to Peery. There are only five characters all female. It will be showing November sixth through the eighth.

"I didn't know if I wanted to do this play at first," said Peery. "I thought it would be too challenging because of all the lines the actors are required to memorize."

While watching a video at the teacher's introduc tion, Peery heard

some words that inspired him to try it. In the video, Sister Harriet Koutsoumpas says, "I wouldn't want to deprive you of the opportunity to be challenged." Peery took those words to heart and decided to put the challenge of this play to the STA students.

"I had really good auditions overall," said Peery. "I chose the people because of chemistry, similarities in look, their depth of humor, and their ability to grasp the material."

actors to audition with already memorized monologues, to display their experience and also a variety of pre-prepared scenes. "It's really an ensemble piece," said Peery. "There's a lot of

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atic family.

Beatrice,

The mother,

vho has an

acerbic wit

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to make it

in life. She is played by Senior

"[The mother] is an emo-

tionally abusive alcoholic," said

Willetts. "She's funny in a cruel

way, like Joan Rivers. It's a really

different role for me, normally

The two daughters, Ruth

Domian. Beier describes her

whore, while Matilda is quiet

character, Ruth, as an attention

and Matilda, are played by

Lizzy Beier and Chandler

I'm the comic relief."

"She does this by being haracters n the play totally amazed," said Peery. "She are the three nembers of

"The interesting thing is ters outside the family. Janice, that the mother is evil, very played by Senior Kat Liljegren, harsh to her daughters, and one is a competitor in the science fair. Nanny, played by Senior [daughter] is cynical and one is a cheerleader for life, and you're, Madison Garcia, is an elderly woman that Beatrice takes care like how did this happen," said The title of the play is named

The play, which was written by Paul Zindel, is something of an autobiography. The mother in his play reminds Zindel of his own mother and her antics. Overall it is just a play about "the unusual, the hilarity, the sadness," of life, as Zindel himself says.

"It's all about one big



Senior Emily Willets, who plays Beatrice, practices her lines with fellow cast members in preparation for the play on November 6-8.



Mr. Shannon Peery. director of "The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds," directs his cast at an

Fine Arts Calendar

"The Effect of Gamma Rays on

Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds"

Emily Willets.....Beatrice

Chandler Domian....Matilda

Madison Garcia.....Nanny

November 6-8

St. Teresas's Academy Auditorium

Tickets:

\$4 for students

\$6 for adults

Emily Willetts.

Lizzy Beier.....

Today through October 29- The H&R Block Artspace will host UnNaturally, an art exhibit. This exhibit features 15 artists who use various artificial materials to create representations of nature. The Artspace is located at 16 E. 43rd Street. Call 561-5563 for more informa-

Today through October 31- "Gatherings in the Graveyard III" will be presented at the Cotorie Theatre, located in Crown Center. This is a collection of three short stories themed for Halloween. Times and ticket prices vary. Visit www.thecotorie.com for more infor-

Today through November 30- Artist Jean Lowe will have her art displayed at the Kemper Museum of Art. Lowes' artwork consists of elaborately decorated rooms from a variety of materials. The museum is at 4420 Warwick. Call 753-5784 for more information.

October 19 and 26- Free tango lessons at Westport Presbyterian Church. Lessons are at 7:30, then there is open dance from 8:30-10:30. The church is located at 201 Westport Road. Call 931-1032 for more infor-

October 24- November 16- The Missouri Rep will be putting on the play "The Front Page," a classic American play. This hilarious play follows a Chicago reporter and his editor's attempts to get him to write one last story. Showtimes and ticket prices vary. Visit missourireptheatre.org for more information.

November 4-9- "Kiss Me Kate" will be performed at the Kansas City Music Hall. Show times and ticket prices vary. Visit www.ticketmaster.com for more informa-

November 6-23- The UMKC Theater department will be presenting "ANGEL STREET: A Victorian Thriller," in the City Stage Theater in Union Station. This takes you on a suspenseful journey through the 1940s. Tickets prices and showtimes vary.

What's all the buzz about? The scoop behind *The Secret Life of Bees*

Associate Editor

Sitting in the STA library, tears came to my eyes. Moments later. I had to stifle laughter in fear of being kicked out of the library. The Secret Life of Bees takes vou on a roller coaster ride of emotions, making it nearly impossible to put down.

This novel, by Sue Monk Kidd, follows the life of Lily Owens, a white North Carolina girl in 1964. Lily lives with T. Ray, her father, and Rosaleen, her "stand-in mother" on the family's peach farm. This living arrangement has come after the death of her mother. In what seems like a blur to her now, Lily accidentally shot and killed her mother at the age four.

Lily has an awful life at home. She lives in constant fear of her father, who doesn't even allow her to read. He is abusive, and treats her as an inconvenience to his life.

One day, after the Civil Rights Act was passed by President Johnson, Lily goes with Rosaleen to register to vote. There, after a confrontation with some men in town, the two end up in jail. Lily knows that it is time for them to leave. With only a few belongings, and led by the name of a town on the back of one of

her mothers things, Lily and Rosaleen escape to South Carolina.

By only this small hint, Lily finds the home where her mother lived. She meets the three bee-keeping sisters who live there and invite Rosaleen and Lily to stay with them. They introduce her to a new way of life, so unlike her own, that she learns to love. She learns of a new

This book leads you on a

journey through Lily's life. The

characters are all extremely

who Kidd does a wonderful

job capturing. As the book

beginning, she is a reclusive,

her own fantasy world, living

in fear of the true story of her

mother. At the end of the book,

we find she has changed into a

strong, self-assured girl who has

encountered new situations and

Throughout the book, there

timid girl. She lives with in

you know them.

risen above them.

vivid, so life-like that you feel

Lily is a complex character,

progresses, so does Lily. In the

the world of

religion, about bees and about forgiveness. She p there in the dark." eventually even learns about the thing that means the most-the life of her mother.

intertwined together "When I looked up through the web of trees, the night feel over me, and reling like the sky was my own skin nd the moon was my heart beating -The Secret Life of Bees

people in the world, all original in their own way. Although their presence may not always be appreciated, they are needed to get

is a recurring theme of bees.

The sisters show Lily how much

we are like bees. Though we of-

ten see bees as simple creatures

nothing compared to ourselves,

Bees rely on each other through

everything, and cannot survive

without one another. Each bee

has its' own job, but they are all

bees, humans

life. There are

many different

need one another

the sisters prove this wrong.

A wide variety of important topics are tackled through Lily's life experiences. Lily learns lessons of racism, friendship, religion, love, and the meaning of forgiveness.

This book is a must read for any teen girl. It has the power to bring both laughter and tears. Kidd does an excellent job illustrating life lessons that everyone should learn. It is a book that should be shared among friends, showing the strength of friendship and the knowledge which we can all gain from each other.

Music Review: Taking Back Sunday

Tell All Your **Friends**

Katie Monaghan Entertainment Page Editor

Group & Album: Taking Back Sunday's "Tell All Your Friends"

"Your lipstick, his collar...don't bother Angel/I know exactly what goes on..."

> "Cute Without The 'E'"

If you were to take out the 'e' in cute, what would that spell? Cut? It spells success, that's what it spells. Taking Back Sunday's new song "Cute Without The 'E' (Cut From The Team)" is more than just "cute." it's pretty good listening too.

This song, along with many others, creates the kind of CD that makes people want to tell all their friends.

With catchy lyrics about love and breaking-up, any teenager with a little bit of angst can relate to Taking Back Sunday's emo style. With their boyishly rough vocals and nice harmony between electric guitar, piano, and singers, Taking Back Sunday creates some great voice box busting, car radio jamming music that you won't be able to get out of your head.

This band's emo sound seems to be attracting some attention among the masses. The group's new album, "Tell All Your Friends" sold 200,000 records this year.

After they dropped out of the Warped Tour last year, these upstate New York natives were rumored to have split. Yet, Taking Back Sunday returns this fall with a whole new line up and video for their third single. "You're So Last Summer," off their debut album.

Taking Back Sunday can be seen in their tour along with Saves the Day, which came to Kansas City's Beaumont on Oct. 9. The CD, "Tell All Your Friends" has some great songs such as "Great Romances of The 20th Century" and "There' No 'I' In Team," which both offer the same quality of good listening as the rest of the songs on the CD. With the sound of power blazing from the guitar, each song is introduced to be its own ballad of love or heartbreak, including "You Know How I Do," with an amazing sound that makes you want to spin around in circles...or not.

Their hit songs, "Cute Without The 'E' (Cut From The Team)," and "You're So Last Summer" also can also be heard on 96.5 the Buzz, so keep your ears on and enjoy the

'Paint 'Til You Faint'

Make Ceramic Mugs, Bowls, and Plates

Ceramica is unique place where you can paint your own pottery and let your creative juices flow. It is located north of the river at 6 E. Franklin in Liberty on the Historical Liberty Šquare. Walk-ins are welcome. Weekday hours are noon to 6 p.m.

Prices range depending on the piece chosen. The mandatory, all day studio fee is \$5 for kids 12 and under and \$7 for adults. On top of the studio fee, customers must pay the cost of the item she is painting. Prices range from \$1 to \$45 and there is no limit on the number of pieces one can paint

Owners are husband and wife Traci and Michael Scheible. Traci manages Ceramica full time and Michael works part-time at Ceramica and part-time as a package designer at Hallmark.

"I felt like I needed to get out and do my own thing and I also wanted to contribute to the household earnings," said Traci. "Some people like scrap booking; I like to paint ceramics."

The process of creating anything at Ceramica takes approximately one week. The variety of clay used is standard white clay called bisque. When fired, all pieces are food/drink safe, but are not recommended for dishwasher use. Ceramica orders all of the pre-made pieces from a local distributor in Warrensburg. What makes us different from

other places is that we use a slow, better quality process,"



photo by Katie Hembree paint unique pieces of art that they

With a 'better quality process' of using your own creativity, customers can can use everyday

Ceramica gladly adheres different pieces together to create new pieces. For example, one of the most creative items spotted at Ceramica was a Halloween bowl. To start, the piece was just a bowl, but the creator adhered a police badge for a nose, two ceramic balls for eyes, and a toy skateboard for the mouth. All of the adherences were painted over, and when fired, the bowl resembled Frankenstein. The creator plans to use the bowl to hold Halloween candy for the trick-or-treaters.

Thirty days are allowed for pick-up and if a piece is not retrieved, it is donated to charity or someone in need. Unfinished pieces are common at Ceramica and the Scheibles try to save pieces as long as possible, but storing room is limited.

Most popular items created are functional pieces like mugs, bowls, plates, etc.

"People can't believe that what they can do can look so good," said Traci.

"Paint 'Til You Faint" is an activity night that takes place

is always risk," said Jacki Beck-

er, a local concert promoter

"You could have a bird poop

on your head. I would say that

99.9 percent of all venues put

Some helpful tips to avoid

group, and have a rendezvous

point and/or cell phone num-

bers in case you get separated.

substances. Getting arrested

is never a good idea, not to

mention impaired judgment.

• Stay hydrated, especially

if the concert is outdoors. At

an annoying headache, and at

shoes. You don't want to lose

band you know you don't like.

Though going to a concert

the very least, you could get

worst you could pass out.

• Wear securely fastened

• Don't go to a show for a

It's just not fun for anyone.

is possibly dangerous, live

with Eleven Productions.

the safety of the fan first.

• Always stay with your

• Stay away from illegal

real danger include:

on the first Saturday of every month. On this day, everyone receives half off on their studio The Scheibles also created

a special night for high school students. Every Friday in October, high school students receive half off of their studio fee. A student ID is required.

"I think that people come to Ceramica because it is something new to do especially for Liberty residents who have

Concerts Alert Caution

Are Good Music and Bands Worth the Risk?

Business Manager

Three years ago, when Senior Cindy Cameron was a freshman, she had her first brush with the mosh pit at a Green Day concert. During the opening performance by The Getup Kids, she headed into the crowd, jamming to the music. Everything was going fine until a very large man slammed into her and she passed out. When she regained consciousness, her shoes were gone and so were her friends.

However, all was not lost. She borrowed a pair of socks, and did not miss out on the

With news reports about buildings not meeting fire code, overcrowding in clubs, and fires killing dozens of people, anxiety about the safety of going to see your favorite band is increasing.

The biggest danger is in the nosh pit. "The crowd can get really

wild," said Cameron.

If the crowd is too wild, people can be injured.

shows," said Junior Marcie

Another danger is drug and alcohol use, which is common at many shows.

"Sometimes there's a lot of guys that are older, and they get drunk," said Conway. "Ît's really easy to smoke weed at shows because people pass it around. "[At Warped Tour] these kids were so high and they

close to hurting somebody." At outdoor concerts, like the all-day events Warped Tour and Lollapalooza, dehydration and heat can be a problem as

were throwing stuff," said

Cameron. "They came so

"Sometimes you just get so hot that you pass out," said

However, the possibility of danger at a concert is part of the reason people go. "The danger factor is like a

rush," said Cameron. "It's part of the entertainment.' Also important to remember is the rarity of serious

music is worth the risk. "The most dangerous thing about a concert is the danger of danger in a concert setting. having too much fun," said "Like anything in life, there

them.

never seen a place like this,"

Sept 20-Oct 26: Worlds of Fun Halloweekends

Sept 26-Jan 4: The Lost Spacecraft: Liberty Bell 7 Exhibit at Union Station

Oct.-Nov: Haunted Houses (I-35 and 12 St.), opens at

-The Beast, Catacombs (only through October), Edge of Hell, and Main Street Morgue (only through

Oct. 25-26: Haunted Market Halloween Festival at City Market From 10am-2pm

Oct. 31- Halloween

Nov. 7- Crown Center Ice Skating Opens

Nov. 11- Nickelback. Three Days Grace, and Trapt Concert at Memorial Hall

Nov. 12- Relient K Concert at the Beaumont

Molly Huber

It is 3:30 on a Tuesday afternoon.

overhead, sending down a cold rain

to the Kansas City area. You are on

your way home, driving down Ward

Parkway in your warm car, when

you see about 50 girls running on

They appear tired, and are

soaked in rain, as well as their own

sweat. Yet they keep running with-

"Who are these girls?" you won-

"Why are they running in this

This is the STA cross country

spite of the adverse weather condi-

The Park Hill South meet on Sep-

"The conditions were cold, rainy

and very muddy," saidCoach Karen

Moran, who is now in her fifth year

of coaching cross country at STA.

strength mentally and physically.

the Freshman/Sophomore team.

there was lots of it," said Sopho-

more Julie Shuss.

"It made the girls realize their

The mud proved to be a trying

obstacle that morning, especially for

"The mud was really thick and

"Girls were sliding and falling

Caroline Findlay

Staff Writer

The STA varsity softball

team has had a different type

of season from years past. They

1-9 at one point, but ended up

with a winning record of 13-11.

The coach is now in his second

year, and he is starting to shape

the softball stars into a winning

"We had a lot of close games

in the beginning of the sea-

son] that unfortunately did not

fall our way," said Senior Jane

Kaufman. "I think we have one

but our bats just weren't there

of the best defenses in Missouri,

ers from last year, but fortunate-

v gained a second pitcher.

"Pitching is a big part of

Kaufman. "We are now confi-

softball, and we only had Melissa

(senior pitcher) last year," added

dent with Amanda (junior trans-

fer student) on our team that we

The STA stars lost four start-

started out slow with a record of

eam, and they are practicing in

tions. That is what they do.

tember 13 was no exception.

the side of the road.

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der to vourself

veather?

Outside, the clouds loom dark

October 16, 2003

Caroline Findlay and

Alex Hercules

Staff Writers

This season the Kansas City

Royals have taken their home

town on a roller coaster ride.

The games were the happening

place to be on summer nights.

fathers, has been supporting

Everyone, from babies to grand-

the team in their royal blue and

this season, were in the closest

race for the pendant that they

have been in since 1985. This

was also one of the first years

that the royals won over half

their games. With the Royals

up 20 percent," said media rela-

Stephanie Cashen were two

Caroline Findlay

Staff Writer

The Royals, with over 80 wins

Practice Makes Perfect

Golf Earns Respect

Kelly Woodward Sports Editor



hink evervone is at m sorry watching golf on TV since

I am guilty

I was little, and I still don't find the sport interesting.

I still have flashbacks of my childhood, waiting all day to play games with my dad, and it taking forever because of this great game called golf. Then it always took even longer because he would end up falling asleep before the golfers even got through 9 holes, let alone

Maybe the soft monotone voice of the announcers or the soft hush of the crowd is what makes his eyes so heavy and his body so relaxed

But of course I was always right there sitting through the pain and agony of the most boring game ever played. I would find my eyes drooping and the relaxed feeling overtaking my body. I then realized, this wonderful feeling is what he loves about the sport.

I have a new-found respect for the golf team here at STA. These girls put so much effort and physical strength into this sport. Not to mention the con centration of hitting a tiny golf ball off a tee in the ground to send it soaring through the air. Don't forget about keeping the ball in sight as it lands straight down onto the green.

The golf team practices every day from 3:30-5:30 at Blue River Golf Academy in Swope Park. Practices sometimes include skills tests, 9 holes of playing, and hill walking. Every now and then a little weight lifting and conditioning are included. (Even the golf team has to stay in shape and strong.)

Skills tests include stations for putting, chipping, and other workouts. The girls work at each station before moving onto the next one. This usually takes up a whole practice.

Hill walking is something I never thought the golf team would do. The girls have to walk up a big, long hill wearing their golf bags before three minutes is up. Keep in mind the girls carry their bags while playing a 9-18 hole course. There are no golf carts.

chance, and you too will realize

that it isn't the easiest sport in

the world.

can pull out victories." I remember being forced According to Junior Michelle to step onto a golf course to Collins this has not been a see how I could do. I haven't fairytale season, but it has been touched a golf club since, and one of the most productive ones. probably because I thought a They have never learned so high score was good. So for much from their coach and each all you girls who think this is such an easy sport, next time you have a chance to head out to one of the courses, take a

"We get a lot more done in oractice, " said Collins. "We all take initiative and learn something new everyday.

Collins said that Coach Don Lang has been quite an

Runners prove strong in any weather

The conditions on that hill also presented a certain level of

and uncomfortable.

butt all muddy. It felt really weird cheted off a tree about halfway down the hill. I slid to the bottom and something in the mud must have cut my leg."



Sports Kansas City, Missouri

Freshmen and Sophomores show off their hard work after the Park Hill South Meet on September 13, 2003. danger to the runners, and Sopho-

more Caitlyn McFarland has the scar on her leg to prove it. "The hill was basically just a

mudslide," said McFarland.

inspiration to the team. Last

year was his first at STA and he

new environment. Now in his

second season the team has set

up a batting cage on the tennis

courts, bought new equipment

and they won their first tourna-

ment in STA softball history on

"Coach Lang's impact is

indescribable," said Ŝophomore

Jennifer Schuler. "Even though

I wasn't on the team before he

was the coach, I couldn't imag-

He has stayed positive and

ine playing for anyone else."

September 27

was still learning to adapt to the

Softball Scores

Streak Higher

Team loses in district finals

to the Oak Park Northmen

In the summer, the girls had to practice in extreme heat or early in the morning to avoid it.

"During the summer, we practiced in 108 degree weather," said

"The girls actually cheered when we switched the practice time to 6 a.m. It's tough to run in the

Although the weather may not be pleasant all the time, the girls are keeping a good morale and growing strong not just physically, but mentally.

"Cross country is 90 percent mental," said Moran.

"They just have to tell themselves to keep going."

This season, the cross country runners have come together more as a team in comparison to last year according to Senior Maureen Healy, co-captain of the varsity team.

Personal best times for individuals have also been achieved and unior Bridget Moran got first place in the Park Hill South meet on September 13.

As for now, however, the cross country team is focused on making it out of Districts

"The results of our hard work throughout the season should be showing up pretty soon," said

"We're getting there. We should be ready for Districts."

Coach Moran is positive the team will continue to do very well

"This is the best team I've coached in five years," she said.

doing so well, this has caused a different type of crowd to attend the games this year. "This year our attendance in teens and young adults has gone

Seniors Lauren Noonan and of the many teen faces seen at Kauffman stadium this season. They attended eight games and

Students Say, "We Believe!" made t-shirts with the famous phrase "We Believe!" on the

> At a recent game against Detroit Jose Lima, a star pitcher for the Royals tossed Noonan a game ball from the dugout between innings. She waited after the game and got pitcher Jeremy Affeldt's autograph. She was so proud she brought the baseball to school to show all her friends.

> Another teen seen at several games was Freshman Mary Kate Bird. She attended three games, yet they lost all of them.

"Maybe I shouldn't go anymore because they kept losing when I would go," said Bird.

The girls described themselves as good, loyal supporters. They were raised with the Royals and aren't just "fair-weather

A few times a year, on Friday nights because that is when attendance is the highest, the concession stands have "buck nights." They sell hot dogs, a small Pepsi and peanuts for a dollar each. Another promotion

Royals get 12 hits in one game, then with a valid ticket stub fans can get a dozen donuts for free.

The tickets, as well as parking, are inexpensive compared to other professional and collegiate sporting events. "Our tickets only cost ten

dollars and parking is only six!' said Cashen "We piled all our friends into Lauren's van and cruised to the

The Royals talent and starquality is widespread throughout the team. Noonan said her favorite player was Ken Harvey, Cashen likes Raúl Ibañez and

Bird's favorite is Carlos Beltran Their reaction when asked about manager Tony Pena? "We love him!" said Cashen and Noonan. "He has really turned

our program around." The games are not just for teens, though. According to STA History teacher Ms. Sara Acton the Royals games have really turned into a family event.

"Since the team did so well this year the game of baseball

and are "meshing" according

The district tournament

to Triano.

major league games appealed to younger children as well as adults," said Acton. "I think this year a whole new generation was introduced to Kaufmann Stadium.

Bird agrees. She says that all the games she attended were with family

"They need a strong start like they had last year," said Acton. "We need a few more young pitchers and we should be set."

There are now positive vibes going through the entire city. Even though the season ended little prematurely, most fans, including Cashen, Noonan, Acton, and Bird think an even better season is possible next year.

That seems to be the consensus of many fans across the Kansas City metropolitan area. Even though the Royals did not reach the post season, this year will be a memorable one for

The outlook for next year is still positive. We will just have to wait until April to see what will

will be held the weekend of

Oct. 27. The team has plenty

of matches to play before then

but if they keep up their win-

ning streak Medina thinks they

can have a great post-season.

"Anything can happen," said

Kaitlin Dunham

Alex Hercules

Star Athlete

This year, sophomore Kaitlin Dunham has led the varsity tennis team to several victories. Dunham is ranked number one on the tennis ladder and is undefeated.

"Kaitlin, not only hasn't lost a match, but she shows lots of leadership on and off the court," said Mr. Bob Riley, STA tennis coach.

Riley discussed how Dunham has stepped up this year since Colleen Rielley left. He believes she has improved a lot over the summer and has come in this year ready to be number one on the ladder.

"With the loss of a player like Colleen, Kaitlin really had to step up," said Riley. "I think

she has improved and learned a lot from last year." Dun-

of different tournaments, including nationals. She also played about five hours of tennis a day. Dunham said that the longest she was home, at a time in the sum

mer, was about two days. Dunham has recently put a few big wins under her belt. She helped the team beat St. Joe Central, their

rivals, in an 8-6 match. Dunham's biggest win this year was when she beat Kelcie Klockengay from Blue Valley North. Klockengay had beat Dunham over the summer in a tournament.

"Kelcie had beat me this summer," said Dunham. " So it was good for me to beat her during this season."

Riley talked about how this was no surprise to him. He thinks that Dunham could possibly win state this

"Kaitlin in better this year because she has a lot more

experience," said Rilev. "I would be surprised if anyone in our district or even state beat her.

Do Sports Drinks Make

Athletes are the primary target for many sports drinks on the market. These products contain carbohydrates, electrolytes, sothe best performance. But are

Although commercials tell athletes that their abilities will Moran partially disagrees. Moran, of STA's cross country ing sports drinks improves her athletic abilities, but she does

looks at losses as learning exafter a workout. periences, rather than negative "I drink it because after I ones, which has lifted the girls' Coach Lang said a very pro-

found statement after one game that has stayed with Collins, Kaufman, and Schuler.

"I am not going to give up on you, so don't you quit on me," said Lang.

The girls have taken that to heart and used it as motivation for winning games. In their last 9 games of the season, they were

Even though they did not win their district, the stars have considered this season a successful one and like every other year they had a ton of fun.

"Our last game was really emotional for me, especially because I am a senior," said Kaufman. "For most of the girls, there is always next year."

Athletes Stronger?

Megan Kelly

dium, and potassium, which are said to power an athlete, ensuring these drinks all they are made out

improve if they use sports drinks in their work outs, Junior Bridget team, does not think that drinkthink they help to reenergize her

come back from a run it tastes really good and it puts energy back that I've lost during my run," says

Senior Diana Jantsch, also a member of the STA cross country

"I drink it because it keeps me hydrated," says Jantsch. STA's cross country coach

Ms. Karen Moran persuades her athletes to drink sports drinks during the day and after a work out "to replenish electrolytes lost during runs." Runners are not encouraged to drink sports drinks during the work out because an excess of carbohydrates can cause cramping.

Ms. Patty Johnson, former nutritional consultant for the Kansas City Chiefs, maintains that the primary goal is to ensure that the athlete is well hydrated. She says

that "people only perceive [sports drinks] to be better" than water.

"The most important thing is that the athlete is getting enough fluid," says Johnson. "Sports drinks taste better

so more people will drink them Coaches push sports drinks on their athletes because they taste better, and therefore an athlete is more likely to drink more and

stay hydrated. According to Johnson, there is a misconception about the need to replenish electrolytes lost during a relatively short workout. An athlete doesn't lose enough electrolytes while sweating to necessitate replacing them through consumption of a sports drink. The electrolytes are simply replenished in the next meal.

While water is the best choice in most activities, sports drinks can be beneficial in strenuous activity lasting more than an hour--such as a soccer game, according to Johnson. In such ac tivities the body loses sugar, and Johnson says sports drinks are good for glycogen replacement. In such a situation, an athlete should choose a sports drink that provides 60 to 80 calories in eight ounces of drink, such as Gatorade or Powerade. Drinks with only 50 calories are too diluted and drinks with 100 calories can cause a stomachache

The bottom line for athletes is to ensure proper hydration. "It is best to drink water," says

"However, if sports drinks are the only way to keep a person hydrated, then it is a fine way to

The St. Teresa's Varsity volleyball team is a different type of team this year with the addition of a new head coach. Amy Carlson stepped into the position for the start of the 2003 season. She brings "knowledgeable," "fun," and "competitive" aspects to the

team according to the players. The Stars' record of 17-2, as of press time, shows how much success they have had.

The Blue Valley West match, one of the first matches played this season, was a highlight because the Jaguars were one of the best teams in Kansas last year. The stars beat them in three games.

"The Blue Valley West game was a close one," said Senior Maggie Triano. "It was great to pull out that type of win in the early stages of our season."

They beat Notre Dame de Sion in two games in front of a full house at St. Teresa's. The scores for both games were close, 25-23, but the stars pulled out the victory.

"The Sion match was definitely one of the most exciting playing experiences for me this season," said Sophomore Michaela Marak. "Playing in

the girls a while to get used Many players believe the to each other and figure out difference in their team should everyone's style of play. Now they are well into their season

be credited to their new coach. She has brought many experiences to share with the girls. Carlson played volleyball in high school and went on to play for Emporia State. She had been working at

Baker University for five years when she decided to make a change to high school. She was coaching a club volleyball team when she heard about the St. Teresa's job and decided to pursue it

"I couldn't ask for a bet ter team to walk into," said Carlson. "They are so talented, mature, and have good fundamentals. They bought into my coaching philosophy right

The players feel lucky to have her, too.

"This year the team has transformed into a whole new program," said Junior Eli Medina. "I am learning so much from Coach Carlson.

The team captains are Medina and Seniors Annie Haden and Jenny Jantsch. According to Medina the team chemistry and the way they play together has also improved. Since it is a rather new team (six se-



Metro Sports records varsity volleyball captain Jenny Jantsch meeting with Coach Amy Carlson before the team's victory over O'Hara.

What's been going on in the world of sports?

Volleyball Cross Country

Season to date:

•Record of 16-2 •Wins against Sion and O'Hara

Season to come: •Oct. 18 at Aquinas •Oct. 24 Sion at Avila

•Oct. 27 Districts

•Varsity placed 7th at Hazelwood Central •Varsity placed 3rd at

Season to date:

Season to come: •Season ends Oct. 23

after Richmond Meet •Varsity to compete in districts on Nov. 11

Season to date:

•Record of 25-27 •Mary-Kate Bird

named all-district •Bird and Liz Hanson play in State Tourna ment Oct. 20th and 21st in Springfield

•Team placed 4th at dis tricts.

Golf

Season to date:

Softball

•Record of 13-10 in regular season Team won 12 out

of their last 13 games but lost in district finals on Oct. 9th and 10th

Tennis

Season to date: •Team won districts on

•Sectionals began yesterday and con

tinue today •Four players are now competing in State.

Drill Team

Season to date:

•Team performed during RHS vs. Blue Springs

Season to come:

•Team prepares for performances in future

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In an informal survey by the Dart staff, some STA students reported that they spend up to five hours on the internet.

Megan Kelly and Maggie Mullane Staff writers

"Are You Addicted to the Internet?

The telephone. The car. The television. What do all of these have in common? In their own time, each captivated the public and changed the world forever.

The newest invention to join this list is the Internet.

It's 1 a.m. on Monday night and the Brown house is dark

and silent except for the steady tapping of a keyboard. Junior Allison Brown sits alone in her office, awaiting a response from a fellow nighthawk. Night after night, Brown stays awake long after she knows she should be in bed to explore the world of cyberspace. Brown, like many other Academy girls, shows shows signs of internet addcition.

'Whenever my brother's not on the Internet, I am," says Freshman Andrea Johnson. "I talk to people and play games

on ebaumsworld.com. It's so distracting from homework and school stuff. You can't stop playing. It's mind-warping."

In a recent survey of 50 STA students, 10% are like Johnson and say they never do homework when they are able to be online. 46% admit to being addicted to the Internet and 8% say they are so addicted that they spend more than five hours online each day.

There are many different things to do online, such as write emails, play games,

download music, and visit chat

However, the most popular activity online is by far Instant Messaging. 75% of students polled agree that it is their favorite internet activity. Freshman Brynne Lee and Junior Emily Welch usually have two to three conversations going at one time. Johnson is at the extreme end of the spectrum- she usually holds 12 to 15 conversations at one time.

"You have to concentrate on the [computer] screen," says Johnson. "It just takes you away from everything. You lose track of time so easily.'

34% of students polled said they are usually online for anywhere from one to three hours each night. Among those is Johnson, who spends an average of two hours each night.

However, unlike these diehard Internet enthusiasts, Welch is among the 54% of surveyed STA students who deny addiction to the Internet.

"I do use the Internet often but I would not say I am obsessed with it," says Welch.

The Internet is appealing to Welch because it gives her a way to communicate with friends.

Welch also uses the Internet to help with homework and obtain other useful information.

Since its begining, the Internet has become increasingly accessible. You can use the Internet at your local library, at your school and even on

your cell phone. According to a national AOL survey, 25% of parents surveyed said that their children use cell phones with Internet access, including instant messaging and email capacity.

The Internet is one of the most widely used resource in today's society. It combines the library, the post office, the arcade, and the phone into one place that can all be accessed from the privacy of one's own home or office. Something this helpful is sure to be popular, as the phone, the TV and the car are, but the Internet is more than just popular: it has been proven to be addicting to teens at St. Teresa's Academy.

Is STA Addicted?

Would you consider yourself 'addicted' to the Internet? Yes: 46% No: 54%

How much time do you spend online each day?

32%-0 - 30 min 24%-1/2 - 1 hr 34%-1 - 3 hr 2%-3 - 5 hr: 8%-5 or more hrs

How does the Internet affect your schoolwork?

72%-Not at all 18%-Occasionally do not complete assignments 10%-Never complete assignments when able to be online

beyond wickedcool.com

Katy Corogenes and Rose Dillon Accent page editor & Staff writer

Beyond Cool. A simple concept, really. The idea that some things are so cool that they're not even cool anymore, they've passed into that gray area that lies beyond the ocean of cool. This column is devoted to exposing our readers to things that truly are Beyond Cool.

When you have too much time on your hands, or have decided to ignore the towering piles of homework, TV is so last year. I mean, who watches "Friends" anymore? Turn instead to the Internet, a world without Geico commercials and Allegra ads. Those of us in the know have compiled a list of the absolute coolest websites on our radar right now. And luckily, they're (mostly) pop-up

Mr. Nice, a pink, armless, dancing creature, is worth the few extra keystrokes to get to www.columbia.edu/~sjt59/ mr nice.swf. Mr. Nice tells you a little about himself, and then proceeds to dance the night away. Who needs a Teresian date?

Or for other dancers, visit www.hamsterdance.com to watch music videos containing cartoon hamsters. Who doesn't like to watch rodents boogie down?

Strong Bad, a disgruntled character in a mask, dominates www.homestarrunner.com with

cynical observations about his fellow cartoon characters. Watch as he answers email, leaves irritating messages on other characters' answering machines, and generally creates mischief.

Or you could visit the Technicolor kitties Snowdrop and Mittens at <u>www.matazone.co.uk</u>. Just click on The Other Side icon to find all sorts of cool cartoons, like the kitties and Mr. Snaffleburger, a dinosaur trying to undermine large corpora-

For more kitties, go to www.rathergood.com to watch cartoons made with pictures of kittens and set to the tunes of popular songs, such as "Gay Bar" by Electric Six (if you don't know what I'm talking about, you need to raise your coolness level by listening to it right now).

www.Purple.com is exactly what it sounds like. A webpage that contains nothing but a purple screen. Besides being the coolest color, purple is also one of the coolest words, so when staring at the purple screen consider purple: the word that rhymes with urple. Definitely beyond cool.

As far as games go, www.holdthebutton.com is the perfect timewaster when you just can't bring yourself to write that essay. Just hold down your mouse button for as long as you can, and it will time you. The record button holder

lasted 4 days. Or you could go to www.virtual-bubblewrap.com for a stress reliever of epic pro-

At www.toothpastefordinner <u>.com</u>, there are amusing little drawings that address current topics, such as "Support Our Troops" bumper stickers.

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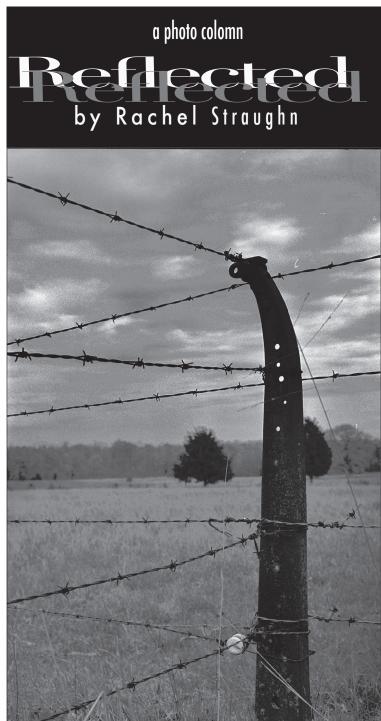
But wait, the Internet does not stop there. Hop on over to www.xsunderground.com/thechild and meet Mikey, a rambunctious sixth grader just looking for a little love. Are you cool enough to be his girlfriend?

Take a short jaunt to www. menwholooklikekennyrogers.co m/gallery.html and discover the surprising similarities between the famed country singer and men over fifty. Take notice of the well-groomed facial hair.

Fans of martial arts will no doubt enjoy the official ninja web page at www.realultimate.net. You never know when they'll attack, so it's best to keep track of their movements here.

The ultimate in coolness is www.gooseclothes.com, for all your lawn goose apparel. It includes a wide selection of themes, ranging from patriotic to bees.

The Internet has been there to answer the ever-pertinent question of "Am I hot or not?" and dispel multitudes of urban legends. But beware: these sites are not for the faint of heart or the easily offended. So muster up all your coolness, and visit these sites, yo.



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