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Boys go plaid for quality education

Katy Corogenes and
Katie Monaghan
Shipmates

Due to the high demand for Catholic education in the metropolitan area and the inability of Rockhurst high school to provide said education to males, STA will be accepting male students for the fall 2004-05 school year.

According to Ms. Mary Ann Hoecker, vice principle of student affairs, the addition of male students to the STA population will increase the amount of private funding the school receives due to the greater interest in male education.

In preparation for the integration of boys, several changes will occur to make for a smoother transition. One of these changes will involve the transformation of the soccer field into a football stadium. SBR's will now be issued for the discussion of such taboos as periods, p.m.s., and shaving. Mandatory showering will be enforced. STA will also begin offering courses that appeal to boy's needs such as men's theology and shop.

However the uniforms will remain the same, so girls keep your eyes peeled for boys in plaid skirts. Of course, they will now be referred to as "kilts" to maintain the masculinity of the male student population.

Seniors Katie and Katy (no relation to the writers of this story, wink, wink) had this to say on the addition of boys: "It's about time! Only they waited until we graduated, but better late than never."

Freshman Johnny Depp, who is interested in attending STA next year, said, "I'm really looking forward to the uniforms, and they are really cute and will go well with my eyeliner. Plus the girl to guy ratio is outstanding considering I'm the only boy applying as of now."

The dance calendar for next year will feature a WPA, which has most students excited. They will only have to fret over



photo by Cierra Obioha

Future students, from left, Michael Hinck, John Molner, and Joseph Hand frolic through the quad modeling their new uniforms.

finding a date for one dance and will already have access to a pool of eligible bachelors.

The community will also be affected

by the changes of STA. Local Drug stores are stockpiling razors, shaving cream, and makeup as STA students brace for the male invasion.

As STA looks to a co-ed future let us take a moment of remembrance for all the girls deprived of boys for the past 139 years.

Mr. Eric Thomas announces pregnancy to shocked students, staff, physicians

Kathryn Fitzsimmons
Shipmate

Mr. Eric Thomas, journalism teacher and publications advisor, announced Tuesday that he is expecting.

"[My wife] is a little bit jealous," said Thomas. "She's certainly surprised."

The pregnancy has become more and more apparent as stacks of Oreos, chicken legs, and corndogs with mayonnaise have begun to appear on Thomas's desk, amongst the yearbook spreads and revised journalism stories.

Food cravings have become a reality for Thomas. Pickle milkshakes are his specialty.

"You take pickles and Oreo ice cream and put it in the blender. It's fantastic. I have them probably four times a day, followed by three Altoids."

The movie *Junior*, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger and Danny De Vito might soon become an inspiration for Thomas, seeing as how it's not every day a man gets pregnant.

"I haven't seen [the movie] yet, but you would be amazed at the number of

people who gave me copies of the film with Hallmark cards wishing me Congratulations," said Thomas.

The sex of the baby is currently unknown according to Thomas, because his doctor's thoughts seem to be elsewhere.

"Well, for some reason, the doctors are concerned with other medical issues at this time," said Thomas. "Other things are more important to investigate right now."

Ms. Dianne Hirner, former publications advisor and teacher of the Journalism class, will most likely return to STA next year due to Thomas's absence.

"I think they are calling it a 'special medical leave'," said Thomas.

Thomas is finding it especially hard dealing with the new body he has received along with the pregnancy.

"I'm really conscious of [my new body,]" said Thomas. "I'm trying to wear more loose fitting clothes."

Shopping has also become an issue.

"You wouldn't believe how hard it is to find pregnancy clothes for men."

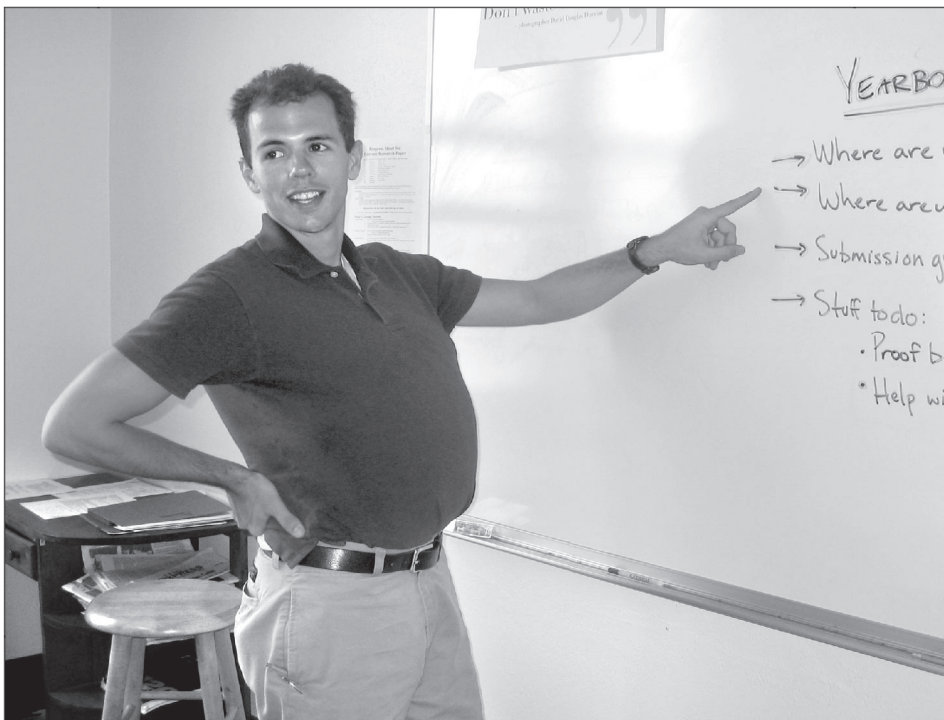


photo by Megan Kelly

Mr. Thomas displays his new firm while bravely mentoring his Yearbook students.

St. Teresa's mascot, Twinks, will soon be changed. After several student protesters appealed to the administration, stressing the political incorrectness of the star, the school has decided to allow current students to vote for the new mascot. Up for mascot election are: the Crusader, the Rainbow, the Starburst, and the frontrunner, Tessie the Holy. Elections will be held next week.

There will be a brief seminar on "How to be a Pirate," tomorrow during lunch/activity. Seniors Brittany Cummings and Jen Vogel are hosting the meeting and hint that there might be a "special guest speaker." All who are interested are invited to attend.

Ali Sherman

Principal of Academic Affairs Ms. Nancy Hand announced last week that three new teachers will join the STA faculty at the beginning of the 2004/2005 school year. These teachers, Mr. Adam Brody, Mr. Brad Pitt and Mr. Ryan Phillippe will all leave their current jobs as actors to be additional Spanish, Theology and Science teachers at STA. According to Hand, the decisions to hire Brody, Pitt and Phillippe were easy ones.

"All of these men are extremely qualified," Hand said. "Also, their click with STA was instant."

Allison Jaros

Mrs. Hand and the rest of the STA staff and faculty are expecting the new teachers to bring energy and excitement to the student body. According to Principal of Student Affairs Ms. Mary Anne Hoecker, Brody, Pitt and Phillippe have gone the extra step to become immediately involved at STA by expressing the idea of starting STA's first Hot Club. Plans for the club are not concrete, however Hand expects that no matter what the outcome of the club is, the men's dedication in the classroom will be unwavering.

"I think Mr. Brody, Mr. Pitt and Mr. Phillippe will be great educators for our young women and fine additions to STA," said Hand.

Ann Stacy

Janet Jackson is scheduled to visit STA April 2 during both activities to teach a Super Bowl Halftime Performance Workshop. If you loved her recent act and would like to be a part of the "Rhythm Nation," don't miss this once in a lifetime opportunity. Learn how to showcase your bodacious body through the right exotic moves and sexy apparel. So, if you would like to make your mother proud, contact Ms. Arlene Hernon in room D206 to reserve your spot in this eye-opening experience.

Caroline Findlay

Beginning next year, all seniors will be required to take the year-long College Composition class taught by Ms. Pat Dunlay. Administration feels that in order to adequately prepare all STA students for college, every student must learn to work relentlessly and function on 3 to 4 hours of sleep each night.

Chandler Domian

On April 9, St. Teresa's will be holding their very own Easter Egg Hunt. The lucky STA student who collects the most eggs will receive a \$1,000 cash prize. Administrators realize that the chance of winning this amount of money in an egg hunt does not come up often. Therefore, they will allow students to kick and cause harm to one another at all costs.

Cierra Obioha

St. Teresa's is going to add two new languages to next year's curriculum: Quenya and Sindarin. Students may study these Elvish languages, originally invented by Tolkien, instead of Spanish, French or Latin. Many have expressed an interest in taking either or even both of the courses, and administration has stated that this is just one more step in the battle against conformity. Besides, the colleges will be impressed.

Colleen Slentz

Sophomore Leah Blake has proven her relation to STA Biology teacher Renee Blake. She is Blake's long lost daughter, given up for adoption several years ago. Leah believes that this discovery has answered many unasked questions for her and she feels that she and her teacher will now have a "closer, more personal bond."

Juana Summers

I'm Captain Jack Sparrow, savvy?

Jen Vogel
Captain

An ordinary trip to the movie theater, who could have guessed the implications it would have on my life goals and aspirations? Mesmerized by his slurred speech and exaggerated body language, I involuntarily smiled as Captain Jack Sparrow staggered across the scene.

When he leapt from the boat in a perfect dive and his clasped hands pierced the clear Caribbean water, I knew I had discovered my calling. I was born to be a pirate . . . savvy?

I can talk like Jack Sparrow, I can walk like Jack Sparrow and, yes, I even joined dive team so I can dive like Jack Sparrow. When I call one of my friends, the lyrics "Yo ho, Yo ho, a pirate's life for me" play for everyone to hear. Now it's my job to help all you scabrous dogs express your inner pirate. If you've been waiting for the opportune moment, mate, this is it.

As a pirate, you'll need to learn the Pirate's Code, which is more what you'd call "guidelines" than actual rules. You get to carry a sword and fight off anyone unwise enough to cross blades with a



photo submitted by Captain Jack Sparrow

pirate. You don't have to shower, which, as Ann Stacy so accurately pointed out in her most recent column, we St. Teresa's girls don't do very often anyway. Plus, you get to wear hats - really big ones.

A life of piracy is free of limitations. You spend all your time on a boat, and what a boat is - what the

Black Pearl really is - is freedom. You spend your days hunting for treasure, because all pirates are completely obsessed with treasure. Don't think you're obsessed? Not all treasure is silver and gold, mate.

You can raid, pillage, plunder and otherwise pilfer your weaselly black guts out of any situation. If someone accuses you of lying, cheating or stealing, simply flash your best Johnny Depp smile and smugly reply, "Pirate!" Someone might tell you that they would

"Now bring me that horizon. Drink up me hearties, Yo ho..."

-CAPTAIN JACK SPARROW

have beaten you in a fair fight. Well that doesn't give you much incentive to fight fairly, does it?

Just because you're dishonest doesn't make you untrustworthy. A dishonest man you can always trust to be dishonest, honestly. It's the honest ones you have to watch out for, because you can never predict when they're going to do something incredibly . . . stupid.

So how are you going to integrate all this information into your daily life? It's easier than you think. When making plans for Friday night, ask your friends, "Do we have an accord?" If your parents tell you to do the dishes, simply respond, "I'm disinclined to acquiesce to your request." When meeting a guy at a party, introduce yourself by saying "I'm Captain (insert your name here), savvy?" It works every time.

Well, I'm actually feeling rather good about this. I think we've all arrived at a very special place spiritually, ecumenically, grammatically. Now, bring me that horizon. Drink up me hearties, Yo ho . . .



photo by Rachel Straughn

Guiding her boat to shore, Jen Vogel stares off into the distant horizon of the Caribbean Sea, finally fulfilling her life long dream of becoming a pirate.

Dear hot boys everywhere...

This is directed to all boys of all shapes and forms, all attitudes, styles and personalities:

Brittany Cummings
Captain

Oh boys! How can one summarize an entire gender full of wonderful and yet equally confusing qualities?

I suppose I should begin with my admiration towards the mysteries you bestow.

It is easy to spend hours upon hours in a day consumed by your

addictive beauty. Really, what could be better to focus on? As I sit in a room beaming over your magnetic eyes or killer smile, is there really something more appealing for me to be doing?

Such beauty, which so naturally radiates from your skin, is constantly eating away at my time. But I'm not complaining! Maybe I should begin by recognizing a few of you. Jude Law, Johnny Depp, Orlando Bloom, Andy Roddick, Dustin McKnight, Rockhurst high school, you make my days worth living.

Maybe my only complaint is this: You see, you are so confident in so many ways, but when it comes to putting faith in another person, or perhaps in a relationship, you back down. Naturally this is a flaw in all humans so I guess I can't pinpoint it on boys entirely.

Eh, I suppose it doesn't really matter either way, because it doesn't make me love you any less! I can't cease to be enchanted by you. It's impossible for you to go unnoticed with your great clothing choices and alluring hair. How can I resist those endless adorable qualities that make your particular style unique to you? For the most part, those of you boys I know, I love your kind nature and fun-loving spirits. It's nearly impractical to resist your charm.

Maybe what I've realized after all these years is that you really make excellent friends. In fact, in friendship you are ordinarily full of unconditional love and respect for the opposite person.

I will always adore the gorgeous things about you, but I think your friendship is what I appreciate above everything else.

After all these countless hours of begging Mr. Thomas to let me dedicate a page to you, I can barely think of anything to say other than this: You are gorgeous, wonderful, funny, interesting, awesome, fun, great, cool, and absolutely fantastic!! So thank you Jude, Johnny, Orlando, Andy, Dustin, Rockhurst and all you others! You have truly made these past 17 years a joy and other way. I wouldn't have it any



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St. Teresa's Grandmothers are boycotting this year's Grandmother's Tea. Grandmothers and students agree the tea promotes the irrational idea that all Grandmothers enjoy tea, when in fact that's not true, Grandmas like to drink soda and maybe even coffee. Additionally, the term "grandmother" is slightly politically incorrect. A preferred term is "awesome-mother," due to the fact that "grand" is outdated and very subjective. Mary O' Bradley proposes an Awesome-mothers Tea, Soda, and Coffee.

Julia McQueeney-Thorp

Administrators have recently announced the addition of dungenous crab, calamari, Maine lobster, and an assortment of sushi to the school's vending machines. The additions will begin in late April. Shellfish will vary seasonally and prices will start at \$2.

Katie Hembree

The fourth floor ghost rumor is true and the ghost wants to get his story out. He and a friend snuck in many years ago to check out the students and he accidentally got locked in a dorm room on the fourth floor. He died in that room and admits to placing a bloody handprint to scare the STA students. Although he has never purposefully tried to scare any students, however, there have been a few occasions when he couldn't help himself.

"There was one time when a girl and her friend came up here ghost hunting and I heard them walking towards my room," said the ghost. "It was too irresistible and so I waited for them to get closer and I creaked the door open. They started laughing, which hurt my feelings so I threw something at the door breaking open the glass window and I do believe I did such a good job that they both soiled their uniform skirts."

The ghost declined to give his name but leaves everyone with one warning.

"I am not afraid to come out during the day and since my room has been taken over, do not be surprised if you sense something sitting next to you in one of your classes," said the ghost. "It's probably just me."

Leslie Herring

It has just been revealed that a girl at our school is the Princess of Andorra, the only living heir to the Andorran throne. Though she has known her entire life, she accidentally blurted the information after getting into a fight with a cameraman on Oprah. The man claimed that he was the true King of Andorra, and our student, knowing the real truth, ran from her seat in the audience and attacked the man, beating him severely and attempting to choke him with her necklace. Her plans to leave for Andorra this summer will be delayed, as she is serving time in the Juvenile Delinquent Center.

Maggie Mullane

An announcement was made last week that Ms. Nancy Hand, currently the Principal of Academic Affairs at STA, will assume the duties of head coach of the Stars dance team for the 2004-2005 school year. Ms. Hand said she has big goals for next year - she plans to teach the girls the arts of interpretive dance and mime.

Molly Huber

This year's TNT sale has been cancelled due to the discovery of an illegal operation to smuggle poached African parrots into the country by sewing them into the stuffing of recliners to be sold at TNT. The smugglers were caught when a student heard squawking coming from the basement of M&A where donated furniture is stored. Allegedly the night guard went in to feed the birds and retrieve birds to be sold. When questioned, the STA mom responsible for the incident claimed that she was "rescuing the birds from slavery."

Rachel Straughn

Now freshman may enroll in another honors course at STA - it is Honors Physical Education/Health. Entrance into Honors P.E. is not as easy as it may seem. The students must be naturally athletic and be able to identify every organ in the female reproductive system. Some of the incoming male freshmen are excited about the course.

Tyler Yarbrough

Drugs, cash: Secret life of Katy Boat

Rose Dillon and
Alex Hercules

Poop-Deck Swabber and Shipmate

**Some names have been changed to protect the innocent.*

Everyone knows that Katy Boat has impeccable hair, that her shirt is stapled to the waistline of her skirt so it won't come un-tucked, and that the only time she didn't get an A+ was when the teacher made a calculating error in her grade. However, does anyone know that she's a Colombian drug lord?

Her exploits are only matched by those of George



Jung, played by Johnny Depp in the movie "Blow." Police are having a hard time tracking her down in frees.

"I always knew there was a dark side to that little girl," said Jane*.

According to a source close to Boat, she met her coca connection while vacationing in Costa Rica during the summer of 2003. Spanish teacher Ms. Heather Macintosh introduced Boat to Carlos* in a San Jose dance club.

"She fell in love with him," said Liz*, a close friend. "But I think that she eventually realized that she'd make more money as his business partner than as his lover."

And she did make money. "She started buying all this expensive stuff," said Junior Jessica Bradford, who also went on the trip to Costa Rica. "You can't get a lot of Prada in



photo by Juana Summers

Ms. Heather Macintosh cracks a deal with Junior Maddie O'Connor during Spanish class. Macintosh has been linked to Boat's drug cartel.

San Jose, but we're pretty sure she cornered the market."

Prada wasn't the only thing she bought. Boat flew to New York over Christmas break and purchased \$100,000 worth of diamond jewelry from Tiffany's and Cartier. She was also seen last week buying a plasma screen TV with Surround Sound from the Bose outlet.

The motivation for Boat's descent into felonious activity

seems to be entirely mercenary. "She doesn't do the cocaine," said Liz. "She only sells it."

Boat is so motivated by the money that she and Carlos have broken up.

"She broke my heart," said Carlos. "I will always love her, but she has torn my soul in two. I keep listening to 'Corazon Partido,' by Alejandro Sanz. It makes me feel like I'm not alone."

Besides selling coke and breaking hearts, Boat has branched out to dealing marijuana.

"From what I understand," said Liz, "she gets a lot more business with the weed. Cocaine has a stigma of being really dangerous."

Boat is also making money because of her loyal customers.

"She must have connections in the Netherlands or

something, you know, where it's, like, legal," said a frequent buyer. "Her dope is totally dope."

Boat's friends speculate that she's made millions in the past eight months, and now she might go back to babyitting.

"I think that now that she's made her money, she's going to get out," said Liz. "The drug game can get really dangerous really quickly."

Teresian scandal shames the Academy

Kelly Woodward
Shipmate

On March 29, 2004, Annie Haden, Jenny Jantsch, Katie Gillis, Emily Mulloy, Maureen Healy, Erin Fitzpatrick, Kayleigh Gamble, Meaghan Quinly and Justine Cotter were removed from Teresian yearbook staff after being found to have been a part of the huge scandal during the yearbook sales.

It has now been revealed that the yearbooks were oversold by \$10 after the girls were seen hiding money in a "special cabinet" they say is only used for snacks. Over \$3,000 was found in the bottom cabinet next to a bag full of animal crackers.

The girls were taken into the conference room where Katie Gillis broke down and spilled everything.

"I'm so sorry, this is so unlike me," she sobbed.

Haden and Jantsch stood off to the side beaming like they were proud of what they had done. They showed no remorse.

There is talk that the girls planned to use the money for their Spring Break trip to the Bahamas, but at the last minute, they decided to keep it hidden for later use in college.

"We became obsessed with the fact that we had all this money just sitting there waiting for our use, so we decided to expand on it," said Haden. "Not only were we taking money from the yearbook sales, but from the Teresian

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—ANNIE HADEN,
SENIOR

dance as well."

It had been kept a secret that a few days after the Teresian sales, \$350 had been lost and reported to the police, but never found.

"It was the perfect plan because no one would have ever suspected us to be the

ones stealing the money," said Cotter.

The girls have not only been removed from staff, but a meeting will be held to decide their future at STA.

"This is a travesty and I cannot believe that these particular girls could ever do such a thing to give themselves the horrible reputation they now have at STA," said Ms. Katie Dolan after hearing the news. "It would be a privilege for these girls to be expelled."

Everyone is disgusted by the yearbook staff's decision to pull such a horrific act. Staff members of the Dart newspaper are absolutely appalled.

"I personally always thought the girls could do something of this kind," said Dart staffer Ali Sherman.

"They take over the bulletin board, try to use the computers during our class time and try to make their calendar so much better than ours. They are how STA gets a bad name."

"I can't wait until the publication Olympics so I can show Annie Haden who the better editor is," said editor of newspaper Senior Jen Vogel. "You're going down little girl."

