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NEWS IN BRIEF



Jones commits to Cornell, stays red

Senior David Jones committed to play football at Cornell University while on his official visit to the school October 5.

Jones, who is the second Ivy-League product from St. Thomas in just as many years, also had interest from Yale University, along with a myriad of smaller division one schools.

"I had no idea I was going to commit before I went up there, but how couldn't I?" Jones said. "It's a perfect fit for me, and I'm really excited about it."



Peck commits to Drexel Dragons

In more commitment news, senior Jeremy Peck verbally committed to play basketball for Drexel University yesterday.

The star big man had been deliberating for a while over where he would continue his hoops career. Peck was also considering a slew of other small mid-major Division I offers.

"I was getting called by everybody," Peck said. "Even coaches that I had turned down were calling me, it was really cool. Still, I was on the phone forever. I had an interview with a Philly newspaper, and people just kept calling. A kid I hadn't seen since the fourth grade called me to say congratulations. This entire experience has been crazy."

Recruiting the Next Generation



Junior Michael Gentempo gives a tour to a group of eager middle schoolers who are ready to attack the beast that is high school. Gentempo is one of many Eagle Ambassadors who has contributed to this revived area of admissions. Photo by Garrett Sorrels

Eagle Ambassadors give school newfound shine

BY HENRY FISHER
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You know these guys as your peers, but they put it all on the line a few times a week for the good of the school. These unsung heroes are part of an elite task force known as the Eagle Ambassadors. Their duties as members of this high level squad consist of giving prospective students tours and showing off our beloved school for what it really is, a sanctuary for the extraordinary.

There is a veteran who has taken the admissions department by the throat in his first few months at the helm, Keith Page. Page is a veteran of admissions as well as a stalwart of the football and baseball coaching staffs.

His rise to the summit of admissions was expected as he strives to bring in the best athletes, scholars and artists from around the Houston area. He is known for his killer instinct and love of his job, and students should be eternally grateful for his invaluable services to our community.

Page and Claudia Walker of the front office are the key players in the club being revamped. They both understood the importance of an organized approach to a student-lead admissions campaign.

"This is an idea I have been toying with for awhile. Page said. "Mrs. Walker is the one who really got the ball rolling to re-establish Eagle Ambassadors as a club."

Page and his Eagle Ambassadors are an example of what

makes STH a great place to be a scholar, athlete, thespian or public servant. The members of the Eagle Ambassadors all bring a different and important talent to the school that prospective students care about.

For example, senior Matthew Ashbaugh is a member of the club who maintains high grades while being an excellent athlete.

His performance on the baseball diamond and in the classroom is as impressive as it gets for a student. Ashbaugh has aspirations of playing high level Division 1 baseball at a highly academic institution. A student-athlete such as Ashbaugh is a great example of a student who gives up his time for the future of our beloved school.

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Matthew Ashbaugh
Eagle Ambassador

"It gives me a good opportunity to show a glimpse of what it is like to be a student here." Ashbaugh said. "I can help a kid make a good decision about where they should attend high school." Ashbaugh said.

Another Eagle Ambassador and star EBN anchor, junior Ryan Chandler exemplifies the diversity of students who are members of the new club. Chandler is an established member of the debate team along with being one of the faces of our broadcast network.

This combination of extracurriculars gives a different and refreshing taste to the group of Eagle Ambassadors where many of the members are athletes. Chandler is an example of a

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Blood drive another major success

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Monday, Sep. 28, in Mary Moody, Student Activities hosted its annual blood drive conducted by the Houston Blood Center.

The historically productive blood drive brought in 95 bags of blood which will help save 229 lives. This destroys the record from last year, beating it by 20 bags of blood.

Blood drive is generally favorable for eligible candidates.

Donors start out by munching on some salty snacks and answering questions about their patient history.

After their history is verified and checked out, donors take a seat and waited for their turn to donate blood. Once the donor's name is called, the nurse prepares the donor and the donation process starts.

A nurse gives the donor a stress ball, they find a vein and start to drain. The actual process only takes fifteen to twenty minutes to complete.

After completing the donation, students tend to hang around Mary Moody to recuperate for a spell. The whole process of checking in and donating takes about an hour to an hour and fifteen minutes.

The blood drive is not only saving lives, but students are able to do it while missing a class or two, depending on whether they are giving plasma or not and while this should not be the sole reason to give blood, it is an extra perk.

"The blood drive is priceless, and there is nothing quite like it and our boys are ideal for the center," Joe O'Brien, director of student activities, said.

Because of the amazing turnout this year, the blood drive may have to expand out of its current location in Mary Moody and into the much larger Cemo Auditorium. This will allow donors to not have to wait for an inordinate amount of time and allow them to check in, donate, and head back to class in an orderly fashion.

Overall, the blood drive was a huge success, and anyone interested in giving blood next year should definitely consider the opportunity to help save someone's life by committing to life.

Time to find a date

The homecoming dance has been moved to October 30. This could end up being the most memorable Friday of your young life, so make sure to snag a nice lady to court to the ball.

Father-Son Mass

The annual Father-Son Mass will be held on Monday, Nov. 2 in Reckling Gymnasium first thing in the morning. This is a chance to spend time with pops and also threaten cardiac arrest from all of those delicious donuts.

In the Hunt for Hardware

This weekend the Eagle cross country team competes in the TAPPS State Meet away in Elm Mott, Texas. The squad hopes to capitalize on its strong showing in the district meet. Bring it home!

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