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NEWS IN BRIEF

PHOTO BY GARRETT SORRELS

Underclassmen perform on PSAT

Sophomores and juniors who recently took the PSAT reached a record benchmark this year with 100 percent of both classes reaching or exceeding the college readiness benchmark in reading and writing.

These benchmarks set by the College Board are only reached by approximately 60 percent of 11th graders and 45 percent of 10th graders who take the test.

"I attribute this ... to the dedication of both our talented teachers and the hard work of the students." Dean of English Will Nash said. "Both teachers and students put in a lot of work and this type of recognition always makes it feel worth it."

PHOTO BY NICK SILVA

Basketball team closes out season

Reckling gymnasium will be thundering once again when the Eagles basketball team takes on Beaumont Kelly on Tuesday the 9th.

The season has been nothing but a strong drive to the basket for the team. Only one game has been tallied as a loss, of course being the heartbreaking defeat to Concordia Lutheran on January 22nd.

The world famous Reckling Rowdies will be cheering on the Eagles while coming up with the most creative ways to tell Beaumont's players how bad they are.

If you are an Eagle, a teacher, or even a random person who just cannot stand the city of Beaumont, come out next Tuesday and cheer on Eagle Fight to a win and a trip to the playoffs.

Next level athletes sign dotted line

Seniors Charlie Vatterot, Pete Huggins, David Jones and Lorenzo Neal signing to play football in college. Charlie will be a Texas State Bobcat, Pete will be a Middlebury Panther, David will be a member of Cornell's Big Red, and Lorenzo will be a Purdue Boilermaker in the fall of 2016. Photo by Garrett Sorrels

by Josh Pane
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Every athlete aspires to play at the next level. Whether it is high school, college, or professional, athletes put in countless hours of work to aspire to that next level.

On February 3, St. Thomas had four seniors sign with the next level for football. Seniors Pete Huggins, Lorenzo Neal, Charlie Vatterott, and David Jones have signed to play at the collegiate level.

Neal is a four year football letterman at St. Thomas. He had numerous Division I offers, including his father's alma mater Fresno State. He signed with Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana. Neal chose Purdue because of the great opportunities it offered him.

"I want to study engineering and I wanted to play early. And I also wanted to play with the Big Ten." He later went on to say, "Ultimately I have to make the best decision for me and [Purdue] fits me the best." At St. Thomas, Neal has played both the offensive and defensive line, but plans to focus on being a defensive lineman at Purdue.

Vatterott is also a four year football letterman at St. Thomas. He was torn between University of Louisiana at Lafayette and Texas State University. He decided to sign with his father's alma mater Texas State University. When asked if his father's collegiate career had any impact on where he signed, Vatterott said, "It's cool that my dad is a respected alumnus and a successful football player out of Texas State. At the end of the day I chose [Texas State] because I like the university for the university, not just because my dad went there."

He too played both the offensive and defensive line for St. Thomas, but he plans on focusing on being an offensive lineman at Texas State.

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>
> **Pete Huggins**
> **Senior**

Huggins is a four year football letterman. He received his first two letters from Houston Christian his freshman and sophomore year. He committed to Middlebury College in Middlebury, Vermont. When asked about the toughest part of the recruiting process, Pete responded with, "The hardest part was getting your name out there in the initial stages. It isn't easy, unless you are a big name, ranked recruit. For smaller schools like Middlebury, you're really selling yourself to the school."

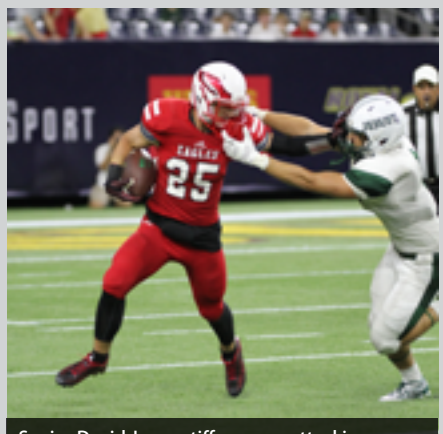
He played linebacker and some fullback at St.. Thomas, but plans on focusing on linebacker at Middlebury College.

Jones is a four year football letterman at St.. Thomas. David Jones is a multi-sport athlete also being a four year letterman in basketball. He has also been Academic All-State all four years at St.. Thomas and has committed to play football for Cornell University in Ithaca, New York.

When asked what goals he has set for himself during his Division I career, David replied, "My main goal is to help win an Ivy League championship for the first time in many years, but most importantly focusing on the Ivy League education and graduation from such a prestigious school like Cornell University."

St.. Thomas has shaped these student-athletes to be the best they can at their respective universities. The common denominator in all four of these young men is they all expressed the confidence they had that they would excel both academically and athletically.

Senior Lorenzo Neal takes a moment for God during practice. Eagle File Photo



Senior David Jones stiff arms an attacking Crusader at NRG Stadium. Eagle File Photo

Beard Growing Contest

As Round-Up saddles up into full swing and the Beard Growing Contest has begun. If you have not already signed up then scrape twenty bucks together and release your inner mountain man.

We talkin' 'bout playoffs

The Eagle basketball team will travel to Aggieland to start their playoff journey when they face off against El Paso Cathedral School in the first round of the TAPPS 5A State Tournament.

Round-Up Quota Sellers Holiday

Hopefully you have sold at least a quota! This second annual Round-Up tradition will be taking place on Friday, February 26. Make sure that all you do on this day is in the pursuit of excellence.

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