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Mount Carmel Supports Fake News

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Over the past 118 school years, St. Rita of Cascia High School has strived to establish itself as an institution that follows the core values of Truth, Unity, and Love. Although it has occasionally failed in following, St. Rita has generally been able to uphold those core values. The folks at Mount Carmel High School, however, do not hold these same values, which is why it should be no surprise to anyone that they officially launched a newspaper dedicated to spreading fake news called "The Merchant."

Many in the administration team at St. Rita of Cascia High School were appalled, but not surprised to hear about this. "Absolutely deplorable" said John Bonk, Director of Admissions at St. Rita High School. "I knew they were always the dross of the CCL, but for them to disrespect the good name of journalism by actively participating in spreading fake news? Unacceptable. We don't do that here. We do a very good job of instilling our core values" said Principal Josh Blaszak.

The Natir performed an investigation into who was responsible for launching this fake news initiative at Mount Carmel, and we were shocked to discover that the person responsible is Mr. Tim Baffoe, an alumnus of Mount Carmel and a former employee of St. Rita.

"I can't believe my former coworker would do such a thing," said Jerry Pazin, Seinfeld Club founder. "He's such an opp" said James Healy, former student of Tim Baffoe. "Not only is it evil, it's nowhere near as good as the Natir, the original great source of fake news in Chicago" continued Healy.

The Mount Carmel - St. Rita rivalry appears to have extended beyond the athletic field. At least we own them in Scholastic Bowl.

St. Rita Adds a Claw Machine to the McCarthy Center

Thomas Healy '25

On December 12th, 2022, St. Rita administration decided to allow students to have fun doing a different activity in the McCarthy Center. This other activity would be playing with a claw machine. This comes after the large population of students were unaware of where the Lost and Found bin is located. So, the administration decided to put all of the Lost and Found items in a claw machine and make money off of the oddly large amount of students that lose one of their airpods. This claw machine was able to make St. Rita quite the money as about one week has gone by since the introduction of the machine and St. Rita has reported \$12,000 from strictly this machine. Most of the money probably came from some students trying to win a free airpod that will be impossible to win because they are so small. During this one week period, a total of 4 lunch boxes, 13 quarter zips, and 2 hats have been collected from the new "Lost and Found".



Former Natir Moderator and English Teacher, Tim Baffoe, visits St. Rita to seek out "fake" news

St. Rita Students Try Their Hand At Podcasting

Patrick Connolly '24

Long have the voiceless at Rita gone unheard. Those who have no soapbox to preach upon have finally found a platform to spread their speech. The St. Rita student body is getting their rhetoric out in the world through Spotify, starting January 7th, 2023. Courtesy of the broadcasting club, the student body has formed Mustang Pride. This podcast will feature real talk with real students. When asked why Mustang Pride was formed, the broadcasting club replied, "We realize that the only way people really talk about this school is through those who get Mustang of the Month and speeches at graduation. This is not representative of every student, so we want to give others that opportunity.

However, when a signup sheet for interviews was released to the students, the broadcasting club was shocked to discover that almost no one wanted to talk on it. . As it would seem, the voiceless are fine not saying anything. There was one person who put himself down for multiple interviews though. Junior Rick Connolly has signed up for five of the six episodes airing in the third quarter of the 2022-2023 school year, with one of those episodes being the introduction episode to the podcast.

When interviewed by The Natir on why he signed up for that many interviews, Rick replied, "You guys censor my works too much. I can't criticize anyone. The guys at the the broadcasting club are letting me say whatever." Rick then went on to start typing up the script for "Episode 2: The Royal Family: The Kardashians of England" and the script for "Episode 5: William Shakespeare: Brilliant Bard or Lazy Writer?" at the same time on two computers. Due to only one student willing to do interviews, Mustang Pride is estimated to last approximately six episodes. There is still hope for this train wreck of a podcast though. The broadcasting club intends to follow the same route as beloved 90's sitcoms, which is to meet up in thirty years and talk about what few happy memories were made in the process.

St. Rita Entrance Exam Yields a Suspicious Amount of High Scores

Thomas Healy '25

One December 3rd, 2022, St. Rita hosted their entrance exam for the Class of 2027. You may think that the entrance exam is a standardized test, therefore, making it rather hard to cheat on. Well, you would be right, however, these incoming freshmen from the Class of 2027 would prove you wrong. A total of 39 cheat sheets were confiscated during the testing day, setting a new record for the high school. Because St. Rita can't afford to lose 39 new students, a total of roughly \$520,000 worth of tuition costs, all of those students who were found with the cheat sheets were asked to come back on the retake testing day, December 10th, without a cheat sheet on their person.

To better enforce this, the students were met with the St. Rita security to verify that they didn't have a cheat sheet with them when they entered the testing rooms. Even after the security had checked each person when they entered the building, Dean of Students, Mr. Partacz, was doing a thorough sweep of all of the testing rooms to verify that no students somehow had a cheat sheet with them still. This time, only a grand total of 4 cheat sheets were taken from students, and those students were recommended to go to a school that wasn't St. Rita. According to reliable sources, 3 of those students ended up testing at Brother Rice, and the other student ended up testing at Mount Carmel.



St. Rita's Extraordinary E-Sports Team Solidifies Its First Victory

Richard Lippert '24

Perhaps the only good "sports" team has just earned their rings for a state championship. The St. Rita eSports team beat Mt. Carmel in Rocket League 13-0.

When asked about how they did it, most players claimed it was the rigorous practice hours each player endured. Players would have 2 hour practices after school in the cold dark basement, and then venture home to their own cold dark basements to "practice" another 4-6 hours straight. Some teachers were upset with the coaching staff, saying how players spent more free time "practicing video games" instead of doing homework. The team didn't spend all day at the screens, though. "Morning" workouts were held at 4PM every Saturday, because most of the team woke up when the sun started to set. The actual workouts the team was

doing, however, is out of our knowledge; possibly some wrist and finger workouts maybe?

Nevertheless, these uncanny methods proved to be effective, bringing home another plaque for the boys. One player was quoted stating, "expect more hardware on the way." The gaming mustangs have qualified for a national championship being held in LA, and have been nominated for a spot the FIFA World Cup in Qatar (FIFA 23, the video game). Many "sigma edits" of the team have been posted around TikTok, because these boys are ice cold. Make sure to look out for your Gaming Mustangs in the off season.

New R.O.S.E. Hour Opportunity Available

Joseph Baxtrom '26

There is now a new Rose Hour opportunity available at Brother Rice. Mr. McIntosh is offering 7 hours of service. This will entail carrying a bench off the baseball field, buffing the dents out of a car, and laughing at Rice kids who couldn't get over their loss.

There will be free T-shirts and lunch will be provided. One grateful Rice teacher is quoted as saying, "At least they didn't get the cone on the roof." For more information see the flyers at the ends of each hallway or stop by Campus Ministry.

R.O.S.E. Hour Requirements:

- The Class of 2024 must complete and submit 35 hours of service by the end of their junior year - by April 15, 2023.
- The Class of 2025 must complete and submit 35 hours of service by the end of their junior year - by April 15, 2024.
- The Class of 2026 must complete and submit 15 hours of service by the end of their freshman year - by April 15, 2023

If you have any questions regarding the R.O.S.E. Program, please contact:
Mr. Andy McIntosh



Old Desk, Endless Possibilities. Students consider money making Schemes

Patrick Connolly '24

In January 13, 2023, St. Rita will be replacing all student desks in the building with new ones. This pleases many students, with gossip of back massagers being included. While that would be nice, there's one question that's being overlooked: what is happening to the old desks?

The Natir statistics division went around classes after school and ran the numbers on the condition of desks. He came to the conclusion that 1/3 of the desks were so banged up that their only function was to be sold as scrap. So what about the other 2/3? Most students don't really care about what happens to the rest, but this writer teamed up with Student Government to find a possible use.

The scrap from the destroyed desks along with the desks in semi-good quality could be used to build a secret section on the school roof where students can screw around out of sight, or they could be used to barricade certain parts of the

school. This would make everything more inconvenient for everyone, but rest assured, the school administration will find some way to morph it into a security measure.

Others believe that there may be ways of profiting of the desks by auctioning off the artwork that has been drawn or carved onto them for the last decade.

Either way, students are moderately excited to see what ways they can distract themselves and others using the new desks come Tuesday morning.



Broken desk in room 201 waits for its new home

Poet's Corner

Sam Tire '23

After years of breaking news and audacious stories, St. Rita students have been looking to expand their literary genius.

One inspiring poem, listed as the title of an essay on Mrs. Boldt's, Turnitin, got her thinking. She is noted saying, "I have noticed over the last 7 years, that what our Ritamen seem to enjoy the most in English classes is poetry. They cannot seem to stop ranting and raving about Shakespeare, and often beg to read more sonnets and to write their own. And since our Natir members

are dwindling, or have quit due to do frustration of being told "no," what the Natir really needs is some poetry to give our Rita Students what they want."

Will the next Billy Shakespeare or John Donne come from 77th and Western? Only Time will tell. For now, enjoy this insiring poem by Junior, Ryan Talty.

There was a duck who sat on a wall
There was a duck who had a great fall
All the King's horses and all the King's
men arrested the duck for plagiarism

Would you like to see your poem in the next edition of The Natir?
See Mrs. Boldt or any member of the Natir for details.