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Over the past few weeks, the St. Rita internet and wifi have been in and out throughout the day. Students would be very excited, if it hadn't also disrupted retro bowl games. The spotty internet would have meant teachers wouldn't be able to use slideshows or teach, but students are more upset because class is boring once again.

P&P:

Perovich and Pazin form folk band after bonding over classroom microphone usage

The internet blockage wasn't just caused by a storm, however. It was caused by the Chinese psychological warfare units. The Chinese government is blocking all communications in and out of St. Rita High School. Declassified documents released by the United States defense department reveal that there is a massive underground military facility under the classrooms of St. Rita. In the place where nobody expects, military generals, politicians, and government officials meet everyday, where nobody sees. The entrance to the facility is rumored to be in the fenced off storage for the lacrosse team in the basement. The school administration was recently briefed on what is currently happening and how to prepare.

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The Chinese military is preparing a raid on St. Rita. The radar operations on the roof just outside the window in the upstairs hallway by Mrs. Earley's room picked up Chinese aircraft moving in within the next few days. The Chinese balloon shot down last year was conducting intelligence on our facilities, planning an attack. Students are advised to keep their eyes peeled towards the skies to look out for Chinese paratroopers before and after school; the US Military will handle the rest.

Printing issue affecting some AP English Language and Composition Exams

For Your Safety? Speed Cameras Installed in Parking Lot

Patrick Connolly '24

This past semester has been rough for the drivers of our school. One week even claimed two cars back to back. After that, Mr. Blaszak's inbox was flooded with emails. Filled with uncertainty, our administration met last week to discuss how they can make students feel safe and put some rest in the minds of our St. Rita's parents. Some ideas were good, like an assembly on driver safety and what to do in a crash, and some were bad, such as the quickly shot down option to force all students not on the bus to carpool with Kevin Kehoe (Class of '24). The final verdict? Set up speed cams on property effective September 1st.

Our dean Mr. Partacz issued a statement on Monday claiming that money gathered from speeding violations will go towards various school improvement projects. While this put parents at ease, it didn't do much for students.

Given the vagueness in his wording, many students fear that funds won't be distributed fairly. One popular theory is that it would be used for nefarious purposes, such as funding Mr. Dolan's unicorn poaching expeditions or fueling Mr. Kellam's alleged arsonism.

There's also fear that the test camera's installed two weeks ago are suspiciously flagging certain makes, models, and colors. This has been brought to the attention of the automobile club, and they are not standing for this. To protest, members have decided to boycott their homework until this automobilism is addressed and solved. If the administration refuses to budge, I have word that they won't hesitate to take this to the Supreme Court. Good luck out there guys!

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From the Deans office: 24 hour watch issued for Senior Prank

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Long Awaited AC: St. Rita's the Place to Be

Joseph Armbruster '24

Clearly the best part of St. Rita is the air conditioning. For those of you who have not been at St. Rita on a hot fall or spring day, it is the best place to be. The school is always kept nice and cool and at a comfortable temperature. And for those of you who have been to St. Rita on these hot days, keep your mouth shut.

The senior class can all agree that they were so willing to lend a helping hand by moving quietly, without complaint to unused classrooms in the building to allow for the patiently awaited ceiling units to be installed. In January and

February, the recruiting department walked many families around the building to view these new contraptions and show prospective students how comfortable the classrooms will be in the summer months, trying their best to tour the classrooms on the north end of the building. Since then, the number of brothers of current students registering for the class of 2028 has doubled.

St. Rita really knows how to keep it cool.

SLOWSFA: Seniors Panic Amid College Aid Issues

Kevin Castellanos '24

This year especially, Seniors have been freaking out about FASFA, a federal student loan program for college students. They announced a year ago about how they were going to modernize FASFA to make it faster as he name itself it indicates FAS(T). In reality, it was very much the opposite, it is SLOWFA. It is so slow, and it's always unavailable. We at the NATIR attempted to do some research of our own, but we couldn't even create an account because it was unavailable. Colleges have told their accepted students that FASFA won't be giving or finalizing aid until Decision Day, and our Ritmen are quite perturbed.

When we reached out to FASFA, we were sent an error message (as seen column right)

We interviewed Kevin Coyle, to talk more about how slow and unpredictable the FASFA website is.

He said "I am trying to do my FASFA, but it's so slow and I can't even finish before it's unavailable again. I can't even save my edits because it just logs me out."

As we interviewed more, it was all the same: FASFA is not fast, but very very slow.

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patience.

Bird's the Word

Kevin McNamara '27

Breaking news! Senior Ryan Talty has been making quite the stir at St. Rita with his bird conspiracy lore. He has been filling the minds of the freshmen class with his theories stating, "Think of it like this: Birds are always sitting on power lines, are they perching or is this for an electrical charge? We have also seen dead birds filled with computer parts more recently; no bird is hanging outside of BestBuy hoping for a byte to eat. Birds also have been coming back from migration earlier as the election is coming up. This means the government is trying to surveillance the election to prevent voter fraud. Why do you think the bald eagle is protected? It's not just that they are majestic creatures; it's that they are expensive to manufacture. In conclusion, the government is hiding the true nature of birds!" Mr. Talty was in talks to be this year's commencement speaker, but Mr. Blaszk has nixed that possibility in fear of upsetting the government.

St Rita to Create a Fish Pond in Place of the Van Leuvan Center.

Ryan Talty '24

Over the years, St. Rita has undergone many renovations, even enduring entire campus changes. Yet up until recently, the school has had little to offer in terms of aquatic variety. Many a time St. Rita's board of directors have hinted at the addition of a pond on campus, yet due to bureaucratic red tape and widespread ichthyophobia, the schools leadership has avoided the subject of on campus fish pond.

This of course has changed as of late. Our fearless president, Deacon John, has put in the order to renovate the Van Leuvan center, inserting a fish pond into the underutilized Van Leuvan Center which has been attracting less and less scholars since the dismantling of the computer lab. Among the reasons for this, Deacon John has told the Natir, "It just seems right," claiming this is the missing piece for St. Rita. Many staff members have aired out complaints regarding the safety and sanitary concerns of a fish pond. Deacon John responded

via Twitter, "fish don't smell bad unless you take them out of the water. The smell is no worse than our football locker-room"

St. Rita's bass fishing club has reunited, despite the absence of bass in the pond. The swimming team has expressed disappointment, however. During our interview with the team, sophomore Nevin Ortman stated in frustration, "Great, now no one will come to watch us swim. I never thought I'd been fighting with a fish for viewership!" The Kitchen Staff have urged the student and faculty population not to name the fish, as they would be served on Fridays during lent.

This single fish pond serves as the mossy stepping stone towards an aquatic St. Rita. While nothing is certain for now, excited whispers of fish tanks in classrooms have been heard from within the teachers lounge.