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Culture

It's All Greek to Me

Geneva teachers enroll in Greek class, and “go back to high school”

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It's a regular, dull, mundane Monday afternoon on the campus of the Geneva School of Boerne. As a normal student does every day, you go to class after lunch. You sit down, take out your notebooks and homework for that class, and get ready to start learning. But something seems different. Not a bad kind of different, but different enough. You look over to your right and are shocked to find a teacher sitting in the desk next to you. You think, “What? A teacher?” Yes, a teacher is sitting next to you—notebook paper out, pencils sharpened, and ready to learn. As of this year, a few teachers have enrolled in classes alongside high school students.

It comes as no surprise that these teachers, Mr. Steven Tye, debate coach, and Mr. Paul Johnson, humanities instructor, were the first teachers in Geneva history to take a class with the students that they so dearly love [to annoy].

The class that they are taking is Biblical Greek, taught by Dr. John Rosheger. Johnson says, “I have always wanted to take Greek so that I may be able to translate the original New Testament. I think it would be interesting to learn what it says and then compare that translation to all the different English versions.”

It is also intriguing to know how they came about taking this class. Tye explains that “it was

originally just an idea, but then Mr. Johnson and I decided to make it happen. We went to Dr. Rosheger and asked if there was any way we could sit in on the class. He thought it was a great idea, and so now we get to relive our days as students again.”

Rosheger has his own opinion about teaching other teachers. “It's not a situation I'm not used to,” he says. “I have taught adults before. I'm actually very excited for having them sit in on my class.”

He also points out, “They will be asked to do the homework and take the tests, but none of it will actually be for a grade.” This may seem unfair to the students in the class, but Tye and Johnson have received plenty of grades in their lifetime and already graduated high school (back in the 20th century).

Tye puts it best when he says, “I took Latin once, and I enjoyed it. It honestly doesn't matter what language you take because any of them will make you better off in some way and will help you learn anything.” Next time you see Johnson and Tye, either on the boardwalk during lunch or maybe even in class, you might have to ask yourself, “Are those teachers, or students?”

TEACHER'S PETS

Mr. Tye and Mr. Johnson are taking Dr. Rosheger's Greek class this year alongside the other Rhetoric students who signed up.