

Newspaper Title: Blair uses homecoming to connect to her mother

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Science teacher, Teresa Blair, has noticeable school spirit with a story behind it. Blair has a collection of wigs that she wears every year during homecoming to show her school spirit and love for her mom.

“I’m doing this to kind of celebrate my mother, indirectly. My mom passed away five years ago... and these are her wigs. She’s from New Orleans, and she was always one that would be like ‘Hey you know what, it’s a party! Let’s put on the music, let’s put up decorations, let’s get dressed up! Let’s do it up; life’s too short, let’s do it up!’”

Her mother, Cindy Roux, was born in New Orleans and lived there for 21 years until she moved to Alabama, then eventually to Oxford. She was always a happy, smart, and energetic person who loved to entertain people and have a good time. In 2013, Cindy Roux passed away suddenly from a pulmonary embolism.

“When she had gatherings at her house she had music playing, bubbles floating through the air, and delicious food to eat. She would dress up and add that little something extra to every occasion. Her passing was a complete shock for the whole family,” said Blair.

Some of her favorite memories with her mom include watching old movies together, picking up food from restaurants, and singing with her. The family refers to her as a “mix of Maria from the *Sound of Music*, Snow White, and Mary Poppins...” Blair believes that the description fits her very well because she loved to sing and play the guitar. When Blair and her siblings were younger, their mother taught herself to play the acoustic guitar, “And [that] was the main source of music at our church growing up.”

Blair’s mother often got her wigs from a store in New Orleans called Fifi Mahony’s. Some of her wigs are long, some are short, some are blonde, some are brunette, and all with different styles and texture. Blair’s favorite wig is the blonde bobbed wig. She likes it because it stands out on her head since she is normally a brunette.

“I will never have blonde hair so it’s fun for me to put on the blonde wig,” Blair said.

She still continues to collect wigs as time progresses; some of her wigs are ten years old, but most of them are newer. Blair’s mother was a big part of her life, and she would like to carry her mother’s torch and continue her legacy by looking for the fun moments in life and taking time to enjoy them. Blair will continue to spread school spirit and happiness with her students, and in the words of Cindy Roux, “Life is too short, why not go ahead and celebrate.”

Caption: Science teacher, Teresa Blair shows her school spirit with wigs.

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