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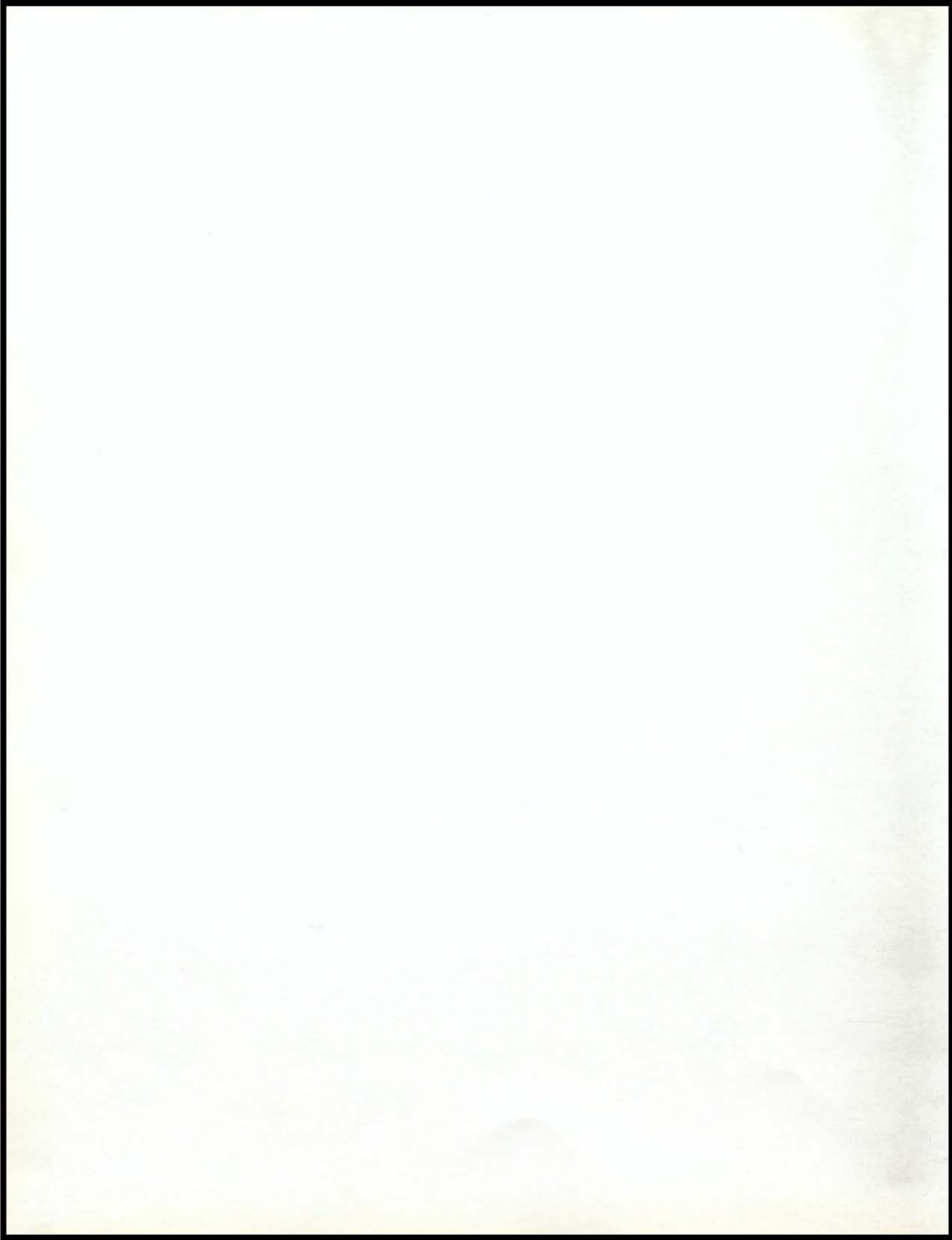
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Above: Pictured from right to left; Seniors Annie Swartz, Emily Curran, and Juli Lenihnan stress out in the College Resource center.



Above: Sophomore Becky Weideman and Senior Meghan Lampo collaborate on a Yearbook spread.

The Times but THE TR REM

I sit in the same desk as so many who have come before me.

I sit in the same room where knowledge has been shared with many women and will be shared again.

I am clothed in a polyester plaid that unifies, yet gives me a distinct identity.

I am a St. Teresa's Academy student.

I walk in halls filled with tradition, well worn banisters have provided support for many young women, flights of stairs have caused great agony.

Friendships are cemented in these halls.

A group of girls giggle by, two old friends exchange hellos, plans are shouted about after school activities.

These halls are alive.

May Change, ADDITION AINS

They are alive with the energy and spirit of the girls who inhabit them, and with the history of the women who have come before them.

I can become a doctor, an accountant, an artist, a mother, a stockbroker or an astronaut, but all these women will share something in common- they will be St. Teresa's graduates.

The strongest tradition of all at St. Teresa's is the development of the young woman. A girl is taken, put in a plaid uniform for four years and told to behave. She will learn Algebra, English, Ecology and Espanol. She will groove at dances, perform on stage or sweat on the court, field, pool, track, etc. She will participate in societies, clubs, and service projects. Then she will emerge, the total young woman, the St. Teresa's Academy graduate.

by Emily Griffey



Above: Freshmen Molly Reed and Kristin Milan express their artistic side.



Above: from right to left; Lakisha Dubar, freshman, Jill Dunfee, junior, and Theresa Holtsclaw, freshman, hang out in the Math/Science Resource Center.



Above: future Mozarts practice their skills in Class Piano.



4 Seniors

ITS ALL ABOUT TRADITIONS . . .

THE FIRST ANNUAL POWDER PUFF GAME

FATHER/DAUGHTER DANCE

LEAVING EARLY

TORTURING FRESHMEN

SERVICE PROJECT WEEK

TP WARS WITH ROCKHURST

SPRING BREAK

SENIOR SKIP DAY

DRESSING DOWN ON FRIDAYS

JUNIOR RING CEREMONY

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"WE LOVE YOU SENIORS.."

CLASS DAY

SPIRIT STICK

VAL SAL AND ACADEMY GAL

CHRISTMAS AND SPRING DANCE

MOTHER DAUGHTER FASHION SHOW AND LUNCH

SPIRIT WEEK

WE'VE LAUGHED, WE'VE CRIED AND WE'VE BEEN TOGETHER THROUGH IT ALL THE MEMORIES AND THE FRIENDSHIPS WE'VE GAINED WILL REMAIN WITH US FOREVER.

GRADUATION CEREMONY

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STUDENT LIFE





LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL



Come on all you STA girls, to the rockin' good times to be had at all the student activities. From Teresian to the Spring Musical these activities depend on student participation. Just think about how boring these events would be without the enthusiastic students who organize them and get involved. Besides what are you going to remember about your four years at STA, your 100% on the Algebra test or the awesome time you had at Christmas Dance? This is your chance to shine outside the classroom where the pressure is off and the fun can begin!

These student life activities enliven our school days and enrich our memories. They remind us that school is not only about grades and classes, but about friends and fun too.

by Emily Griffey

STA STUDENTS AIM FOR UNITY

This year's rendition of Unitown meant new faces, new ideas, and more breaking down of the ethnical barriers that unfortunately exist in today's society.

Students took part in Unitown on October 18th and 19th on campus at St. Teresa's. Here, students spent 36 hours learning about themselves, other people, other cultures, and their community. Students kept one goal in mind throughout the weekend. This goal was to be themselves and try to break down thoughts of prejudice, bias, and bigotry. Many people who attended Unitown this year experienced both new people and new ideas.

"I liked Unitown because I got to meet a lot of people from school that I never even knew. I had no idea that I could relate so well with new people. I also got the opportunity to learn about a few other cultures, while I told about mine," said sophomore **Devin Blackburn**.

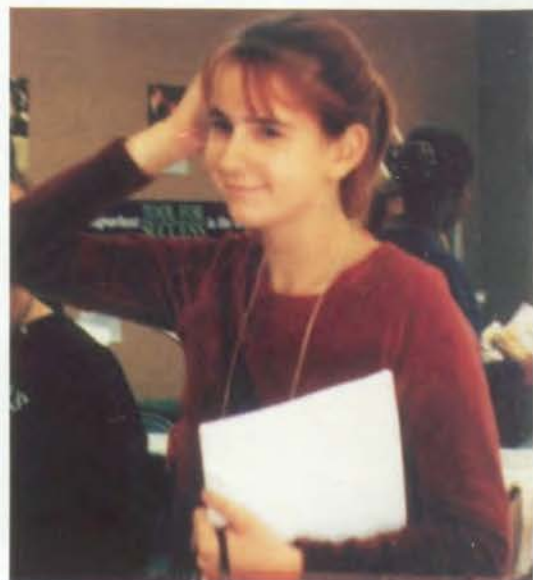
The idea that Unitown expressed was that all of the new people and ideas should be carried out for the rest of your life, not just that weekend. For many people, Unitown changed their overall view of life, and changed their overall personality all together. For most people, Unitown was a wonderful experience that allowed them to get away from all of the pressures of school and take the time to talk about their feelings and thoughts about others, and themselves.

Sophomore **Megan Rhodes** said, "There's only one word to describe my experience--awesome. Unitown was all that I talked about for days after the event. I learned a great deal about my perceptions of people and my perceptions of myself. Unitown was a wonderful experience."

by Lauren Teaney and Erin Quarnstrom



**"I HAD NO IDEA
THAT I COULD
RELATE SO WELL
WITH NEW PEOPLE."
—DEVIN BLACKBURN,
UNITOWN DELEGATE**





Pictured on these two pages, clockwise from top center are: Meghan Lampo, Gretchen Wirken, and Akeisha Varnado get together for a group hug; Katie Fadden uses gestures to help get her point across in one of the heated Unitown discussions; The 1996 Unitown delegates and facilitators gather in front of Donnelly for a group picture; Anna Saviano strikes a pose for the camera; Unitown delegates enjoy the nice weather and spend time bonding with each other outdoors.

Little Women, big fun!

The St. Teresa's Academy production of "Little Women" conjured up warm feelings of love, loyalty, and youthfulness in anyone who has sisters, or even just really good friends. The talented young STA actresses did a superb job of relating the classic tale and bringing the four heroines to life.

We are all familiar with the story - four young society women in the 1800s striving to attain a good reputation in the community. The March sisters lived through everything together. The girls survived tremendous tragedies and triumphant victories in their efforts. Amy had to cope with the utter embarrassment of being humiliated by the teacher for hording limes (a sign of affection) in her school desk. Jo accidentally burned a lock of Meg's hair completely off! Beth was a stellar example of a perfect young lady, earning the respect of all who knew her. Amy also received the privilege of traveling abroad with their eccentric aunt. The girls even had to live in ridicule their neighbors bestowed upon them because they didn't have very much money.

The trials and triumphs of the March girls were definitely oriented with their 19th century culture, but STA students can certainly relate to them. Little Women has a timeless message and theme.

Last year, **Mrs. Robin Murphy**, decided to double cast the play into blonde and brunette casts in order to give more students a chance to experience drama. She said, "The cast members did a wonderful job with the material and had a great time at it."

Megan Rhodes, who played the role of Beth March in the blonde cast, remarked, "Little Women was a truly enjoyable experience for everyone involved. It was executed beautifully. The theater at STA has great actresses and is something no one should miss!"

by Mary Bauers and Colleen Casey



Above: Amy (Becky Burnett), Meg (Erica Bower), Marmee (Elizabeth Barnes), Jo (Katie Kalahurka), and Beth (Sara Mayer) tell stories during tea time. Above Right: Lauren Burdolski (Aunt March) delivers some rude advice.





Meg (Linzee Jackson), Beth (Megan Rhodes), Amy (Erin Case), and Jo (Sara Delehunt) rehearse a Christmas play.



Jo (Katie Kalahurka) writes a scandalous novel while sitting in an unlady-like position. (How dare she!)

cast of characters

Blonde

Brunette

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| Marmee: Lani Morris | Elizabeth Barnes |
| Meg: Linzee Jackson | Erica Bower |
| Jo: Sara Delehunt | Katie Kalahurka |
| Amy: Erin Case | Becky Burnett |

Standing Cast

Hannah: Rachel Bock
 Aunt March: Lauren Burdolski
 Aunt Carol: Jen Downs
 Sallie Moffat: Ursula Chapman

ELECTRIFYING

spirit week at STA

At St. Teresa's Academy, spirit week is the best, and most fun week to show your wackiest, tackiest and most creative side. Students at STA enjoyed this year's spirit week, topped off by the STA vs. Sion Volleyball game. But unlike years past, this year's spirit week had no cafeteria limbo, or karaoke.

Spirit week started out on Tuesday with a fantastically comfy Pajama Day. P.J. Day is always a favorite at St. Teresa's, because it requires no planning. You just get up, get out of bed, wash your face, brush your teeth, and go to school.

Wednesday's 80's day was cut short by the electrical fire that let STA students out at eleven o'clock. Students loved getting out on the unexpected half day, but didn't like that it interfered with the taco lunch.

Thursday's Black and Gold day, and decorate your car day were for students to show their spirit of rivalry against the Sion Crusaders.

Friday was decorate your door day. The winner in M&A was **Ms. Rez**, and the winner in the Donnelly building was **Ms. Fisher**.

by Laurie Kokoruda

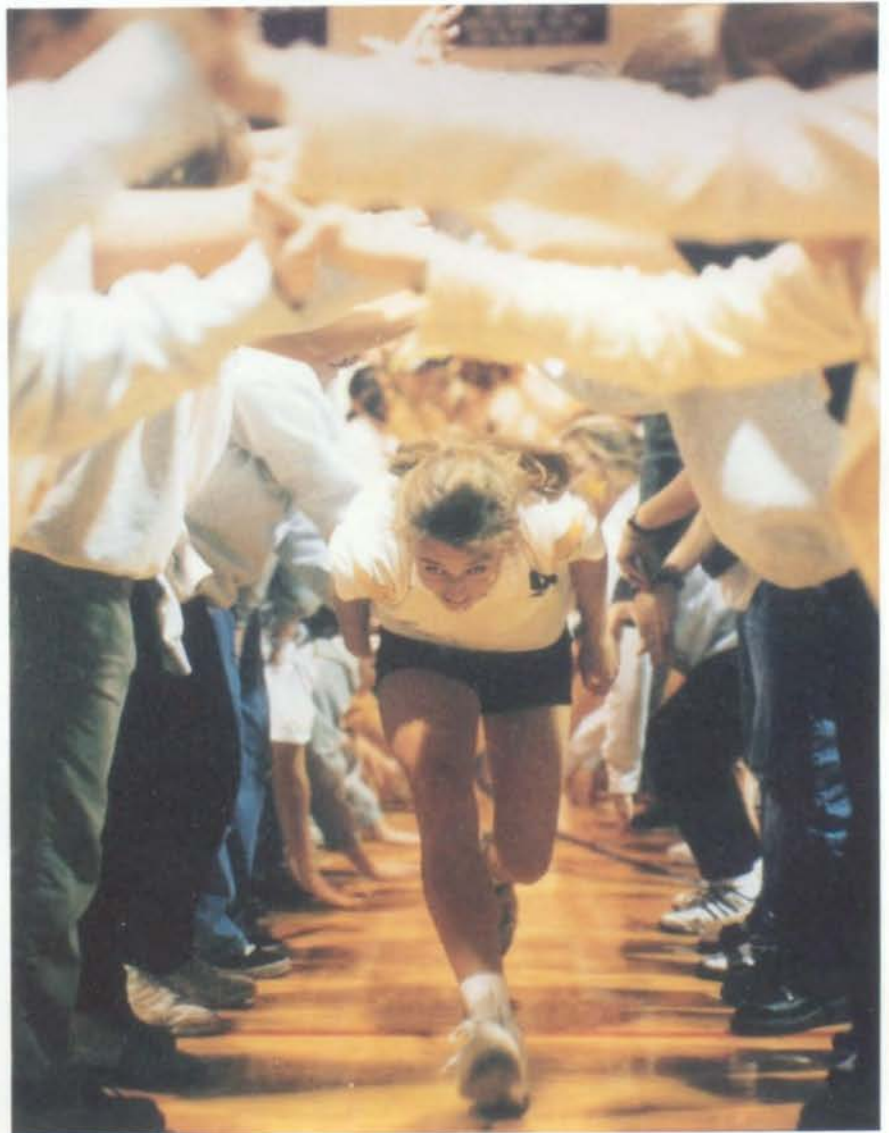
Pictured below: Juniors Becky Shelby, Erin Quarnstrom and Colleen Welsh festively decorate themselves for the STA vs Sion game on Thursday.



Pictured above top: Yolanda Navarette came to school in silk P.J.'s; Annie Leonard dressed for comfort, does her homework in silent study;

Pictured on right page clockwise from top left: Senior Emily Curran goes glam on crazy makup day; Represented by Christy Lolli, the Rez advisory was the M & A victor; Katie Swetala runs through the tunnel of spirit made up of STA students and volleyball players before the STA vs. Sion volleyball game; Bre Coleman takes a snooze on Julie Fahey's shoulder on Pajama day in the SSERC; Kori Saunders and Claire Maguire work on homework in silent study.

Pictured on this page, center: Lindsay Battles does her homework in the library on pajama day.



Under the *Sea of Love*

On October 12th, St. Teresa's girls and their dates took a plunge under the sea to attend this year's Teresian dance. Brave seafarers arrived between 9:00 and 10:00 p.m., and splashed the night away to the sounds of a hot crustacean band. Young mermaids and their dates had a fine feast before attending the night's festivities.

"My group went to Hikari's steak house and had to wait an hour and a half but it was really good and we made it to the dance in time," said senior **Jessica Latta**.

The sun was low, the sea was calm, couples in love spun and twirled, forgetting to come up for air sometimes. When the dance was done, the voyage was not over. The creatures of the sea left STA and the magic of the night to attend after-parties. These teens did everything from drinking Pepsi on a rented bus that shuffled them around the city to going to parties at friends' houses.

The fun they had was unfathomable and they were left with dreams of boys and bubbles by Mr. Sandman himself.

"I am a little sad that my last Teresian dance is over but this was the best one ever and my memories of the night will never be forgotten," said senior **Margaret Huff**.

by Gina Rotert



Middle: Katie, be careful! Your face might stay that way! Senior Katie Beisner laughs hysterically at her date.

Above: The Teresian Queen and her court are so beautiful! Senior Lauren Burdolski, Junior Dionne Smith, and sophomore Katie Mulligan light up the night!





Even after all that dancing, not a hair out of place!



Sorry, Colleen Casey, he's taken!



Wow! This guy can really reel them in!

'Twas the Night Before Christmas

'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the gym,
everyone was groovin'
even teachers jumped in.
Girls danced with their dates, and some went single,
their hearts would race when the music would jingle.
The Snow court was chosen by the student body,
including freshman **Angie Heier**, the snow baby.
Sophomore **Gretchen Wirken** was the snow bunny, yeah!
The snow princess was junior, **Carmen Day**.
A senior we were lucky to have seen,
was **Kelly Donnelly** crowned our snow queen.
The decorations were great, and the gym was full,
we give special thanks to the Student Council.
It seems on December 7th everything went right,
was merry for all and for all a good night.

by Jessie Hodes



Senior Erin Wholey and Sophomore Katie Swetala jump together for a quick snapshot.





Pictured left: Freshmen Leanna Jenkins, Tara Surface, Megan Price, and Bonny Murrell are having fun at their first Christmas dance.



Molly Barry and Colleen Welsh are groovin' with their dates.



Seniors gather together for a quick pic before the dance.



Freshmen are getting down with their dates.

DANCING Dads and Daughters

The Father/Daughter dance has been one of the favorite traditions among the students of St. Teresa's Academy. In years past, the dance has been held at the Gold Buffet, Brookridge Country Club, and the Alameda Plaza. This year the Stars, escorted by their fathers, attended a "Masquerade Ball" at the Downtown Marriott. Dressed to the nines, STA students enjoyed a night of dancing with their fathers. "I like the Father/Daughter dance because I don't have to worry about finding a date, and it's fun to see how different everyone acts when their dads are around," said Sophomore **Angela Fuhrken**. The highlight of the evening was the annual Senior dance contest. This year the winners were **Jennifer Winkler**, **Ariane Coleman**, and **Erin White**, all accompanied by their dads. The night, beginning with beverages, followed by dinner and then dancing, ended with the song "Goodnight Sweetheart" and the masked attendees vanished into the night.

by Meghan Lampo and Gina Rotert



Above: Mr. Coleman, the dance contest is over! The Winkler's won, but you should be proud of your second place.

Center: 1997 Model Search America??!



"Father/Daughter was fun because everyone pretty much let down their guard and just had a blast."

Kristen Spence, '00



"Father/Daughter was great! My friends and I had a rockin' time. I was impressed by the dads and their dancing abilities."

Beth Kreikemeier, '98



"I like Father/Daughter because I get to spend time with my dad and my friends' dads. They're fun to be around one night a year."

Emily Holland, '97

WHAT A WORKOUT!

STA Students Stretch Their Time & Money

While many students at St. Teresa's Academy get home in time to catch the latter part of the Ricki Lake Show, others rush out of the parking lot to arrive on time to their part-time job. Every year, many of our classmates work hard at school and at work. However, sleeping during class time is still against the law, and this includes cat naps. We all need jobs for different reasons, and with age comes responsibility. Parents may have doubts about the severity of our stress levels, but we are suddenly hit with bills that were non-existent before. Many of us are expected to help in the steadily increasing cost of living. Let's face it. A car doesn't come for free, and I don't know of any service station that simply gives away gas. There are car payments, insurance payments, class rings, and cap and gown fees to be paid for.

"I try to keep my work hours down to a minimum through the week and still stay within my budget when it comes to my expenses," said senior **Molly Newman**.

While the completion of our high school career should remain our top priority, our expenses should be acknowledged. It can be stressful to our brains and our bodies to get up every morning prepared to go to school and then head straight to work. There's no more time for that afternoon nap following "The After School Special." There is still a pile of homework waiting to be done. Oh and let's not forget that evening meal called dinner. By the time these things are finished, you've experienced a major decrease in energy level. Yet, you still haven't taken a bath, and you've missed New York Undercover. Needless to say, managing a part-time job will better prepare many of us for the full-time working world. Since there are activities that take up our time that we don't get paid for, it is encouraging to think of the paycheck received for the time and energy put into your work. So, hang in there because you might have a little extra spending money when you get paid at the end of the week.

by Toni Milsap



Left: Junior Becky Shelby is pushed for time being involved in STA Singers and having a job among other activities.



Above: Three students are unable to stay awake during a hard day's work at STA.



Above: Seniors Margaret Huff, left, and Megan Lynch, right, have a blast skiing in Winter Park, Colorado. They saved all year for an unforgettable Spring Break trip.



Above: In spite of the hot, tiring conditions, seniors Jackie Bivens, left, and Beth Brumell, right, make wise use of their time in the Math/Science Resource Center.

BLACK HISTORY

Program Gives Cultural Insight

Black History Month was a time for students to learn about the cultural background and influence of African-Americans and their contributions to society. This year's program titled "The Negro Mother" was one designed to educate and inform the student body about some of the most influential black leaders in history. Held in February every year, the Black History program is designed to help eliminate stereotypes and bring awareness to the surrounding community.

Sophomore **Devin Blackburn** was proud to be in the program for the past two years. "It was a great experience for me to be able to show other students about the black heritage. Also, I learned about many black heroes that I had never heard of before. I really enjoyed knowing that I taught people something about my culture. I can't wait to help with the program next year!"

Junior **Erica Bibbs** said, "I think that the program gets better every year. Everyone that contributes knows what time and effort goes into this program, and the program opens people to how African-Americans have influenced the world, in several different ways."

To those in the audience, the program was full of information. Senior **Kristin Moore** said, "The program was great. It was really interesting and I learned a lot."

by Colleen Casey and Laurie Kokoruda

Juniors Erica Bibbs and Janai Rollinson listen to their grandmother's wise words of advice about the good ole' days. The grandmother is played by Senior Melanie Hicks.



"The Negro Mother" Cast list

Melanie Hicks
Erica Bibbs
Janai Rollison
Ebony Ramsey
Amy Vaughn
Meia McKinney
Devin Blackburn
Sharita Shelby
Crystal Middleton

Veronica Purse
Akeisha Vernardo



Above: Devin Blackburn shows her black power by playing Bobby Seal in the program.

Left: At the end of the program, the cast lines up for a final bow in front of the audience.



Above: Junior Meia McKenny plays Bessie Smith....with an attitude.

Black History Program '97

Grandmother
 Grandchild #1
 Grandchild #2
 Slave
 Madame C.J. Walker
 Bessie Smith
 Bobby Seal
 Duke Ellington
 Mother Hale

lights and props

"I really enjoyed knowing that I taught people something about my culture."

--Devin Blackburn,
sophomore

Le Chic Freak Out! STA Students Revive the 70's

The bellbottoms, the platform shoes, big hair, body glitter, and T.P. were all familiar sites for this year's Spring Dance, Friday Nite Fever. The dance was sponsored by Student Council and The Spirit Club.

The night before, students from an unnamed single sex school on State Line allegedly left their mark to add on to our excitement for the night. This certainly did not stop our high spirits or determination to get down at the dance.

"I had a blast at the dance! I give it two thumbs up! Definitely the best dance of the year!" exclaimed sophomore **Chrissy Patti**. Students danced the night away to blasts from the past as well as those popular now. "Disco Inferno" and "Stayin' Alive" was the spirit to keep partying all night long.

"It was great to raid my parent's closets. People said I looked like a Brady kid. It was fun to let loose and get decked out in the groovy attire!" commented freshman **Katie Kalahurka**.

The last all school dance of the year was definitely a happenin' jive. Oh, let's get down, get down, stayin' alive. Long live the 70's!

by Melissa Freeman and Kelly Crawford



Toilet paper flowed in the wind the day of the Spring Dance.





At left: Seniors Alison Heryer, Jennie Schmidt, and Jenny Tolle relive the 70's at their last Spring Dance.



Sophomores Megan Rhodes and Jane McManus with Junior Lani Morris take a break from groovin' under the disco ball.



STA's own "Charlie's Angels" pose for the camera to show their enthusiasm for the dance.



Senior Stacey Glass takes a moment during "Disco Inferno" to smile for the camera.

ANOTHER OP'NIN, another show!

Guys tap dancing, elaborate dresses, and kissing at St. Teresa's Academy? All of these contributed to making this year's spring play a fabulous production. "Kiss Me Kate" is a crazy tale of lovers and the confusion they create. It is based on William Shakespeare's "Taming of the Shrew."

"The cast of "Kiss Me Kate" was really cool. I had fun getting to know all of the spunky people and making new friends," said Junior **Josie McClernon**.

This year's play had eight male leading roles. The male actors were recruited from various schools throughout the area. This added much excitement to the cast, and the audience as well.

"I loved working with and getting to know all of the guys. I made a lot of very good friendships that I hope will last a long time," said Sophomore **Ashley Gray**.

To perform a play, it takes more than just acting ability. The cast and crew definitely had what it takes. Their hard work and determination made "Kiss Me Kate" a tremendous success!

CAST:

by Sarah Young

Fred Graham/Petruchio
Harry Trevor/Baptista
Lois Lane/Bianca
Rhonda
Lilli Vanessi/Katharine
Hattie
Trixie (Stage Doorperson)
Paula
Bill Calhoun/Lucentio
First Gangster
Second Gangster
Gremio (First Suitor)
Hortensio (Second Suitor)
Harrison Howell

David Van Hook
Derek Drake
Katie Kalahurka
Katie Fadden
Lani Morris
Lauren Burdolsk
Megan Rhodes
Josie McClernon
Joel Kipper
Rusty Sneary
Bryan Benson
Ian Davidson
Gavin Waters
Jake Walker

Ensemble: Brie Alley, Mary Bauers, Erica Bower, Denisse Chapa, Jesse Chapa, Beth Corrigan, Bridget Glynn, Ashley Gray, Linzee Jackson, Brenyngai Katosang, Brie Manakul, Megan Price, Lea Williams





Pictured at left, from left to right: Ashley Gray and Katie Fadden admire Bryan Benson's enormous biceps.



Junior Lani Morris and David Van Hook show their enthusiasm for the production.



The cast of "Kiss Me Kate" expresses their strong dislike for men in the song, "I Hate Men!"



Ninth-grader Katie Kalahurka is swept off her feet during the performance of "Kiss Me Kate."

SPRING

BREAK

'97 !!!!!!!!!!!!!

Once again, the students of St. Teresa's broke through the winter doldrums with a fun-filled week of spring break. After slaving over their homework on those freezing cold winter nights, everyone at STA was ready for some time to just kick back and spend time with friends. Many people went on vacations with their friends and families. Florida, Colorado, and Mexico were three of the most popular choices among students. All made the best of their free time, even when things started out a little rough. Sophomore **Ashley Gray** commented: "For spring break I went to Mexico, and what started out as a disaster trip turned out to be one of the best weeks of my life."

Creativity was a must during spring break, as many people had fun in the most interesting of ways. One student sang with a band in Cancun, another bungee jumped, and several seniors accidentally assaulted a roller blader while walking on the beach in Fort Lauderdale. Other students found a way to make a week of freedom right here in KC lots of fun. And yes, most students were at least adventurous enough to leave their home state during the break. After all, Kansas and Missouri count too!!!!

"My Spring Break was so fun! The St. Patrick's day parade was awesome. Even though I stayed in Kansas City, my friends and I stuck together and had a lot of fun," said **Amy Keith**, Junior.

by Ashley Atwell

Woah! Look at those tan Seniors!! Pictured, from left to right: Shannon Huska, Liz Linhoff, Erin White, Gina Rotert, Kelly Donnelly, and Juli Lenihan.





Pictured left, from left to right: Molly Newman, Colleen McEvoy, and Annie Reardon try to make the best of time spent waiting in the airport.



Pictured above, from left to right: Seniors Megan Jekel, Megan Lynch, and Emily Griffey take a moment to model the latest spring fashions between runs down the slopes at Winter Park.



Pictured above: Seniors Christina Cucar and Jennifer Hobick smile with excitement as they anticipate a week of fun and sun in Cancun.



One of those crazy STA sophomores decided that Kansas City could be lots of fun during Spring Break. Pictured above, cowgirl Kelly Crawford enjoyed sticking up a local McDonald's during her week off.

SENIORS TAKE THE RUNWAY

This year the Mother/Daughter Luncheon was held at the Downtown Marriott Hotel on April 13, 1997.

Many students reflected on the past year's experience at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel. Where there was once room for improvement, students agreed the '97 luncheon was perfect.

"The worst thing about the previous years' luncheon was the food. I think the Marriott did a much better job of serving a more enticing meal," commented junior **Courtney Jekel**.

Shortly following dessert, the infamous senior fashion show began. The clothes were provided by the Gap and Halls. A variety of spring colors were flaunted, from lime green to electric blue. Scarfs were the accentuating touch to many outfits. Aside from the opportunity to walk the runway, senior STA students had yet another moment to have fun with each other.

"I feel more confident about my possible future modeling career. Besides that, being on the runway with my classmates was almost as special as the senior retreat," said senior **Emily Holland**.

Moms and daughters enjoyed their memorable afternoon together. It was an extraordinary event, not soon to be forgotten.

by Toni Milsap

*Is this
Hollywood?
Seniors
Chrissy
Herbic, left,
and Erin
Wholey, right,
smile for the
cameras after
they walk the
runway.*





Pictured left: Crystal Middleton, left, and Amy Vaughn, right, look like professional models as they stroll down the runway with ease and confidence.



Above: Are we doing this right? Kelly Donnelly, left, and Gina Rotert, right, reluctantly walk down the runway, afraid to crack a smile.



Above: Jennie Schmidt, left, and Anna Bryant, right, share a moment off stage as they wait for their modeling debut.



Above: Here we come! Betsy Curtis, left, and Amy Anderson, right, get the crowd's attention with their sexy but sporty dresses and matching hand bags.

Starring Marge & the Two Jens

Who were this year's senior top-dogs? It was no surprise that **Jennifer Winkler**, dedicated to four years of academic success, was our valedictorian. Or, that close behind her was **Jeni Hayob** as salutatorian. Academy girl nominees were **Margaret Huff**, **Kristin Moore**, and **Melanie Hicks**. The winner was.....**Margaret Huff!**

We thought it was pretty crazy that our smartest girls shared the same name. Even more special is the friendships that exist between **Jennifer**, **Jeni**, and **Margaret**.

"I feel really honored to be recognized with two of my really good friends. I could never have done it without my great friendships from STA," said **Margaret**.

Jennifer has been in honors classes ever since she began her years at STA. She was drill team captain and president of Student Council. **Jeni** has been very involved in computers since high school and she, too, has been involved with school politics. **Margaret** has been the best manager that any sports team has ever seen. She has managed, among others, track and basketball for the past four years. She also has been class president for the past three years.

Jennifer prepared a speech that was presented at graduation. We were all inspired and **Jeni Hayob** commenced the senior graduation brunch. She is a powerful orator. Three cheers for three girls who worked to be the best and the brightest, an honorable achievement at St. Teresa's Academy! Congratulations, girls!

by Gina Rotert and Meghan Lampo

*Right:
Salutatorian
Jeni Hayob
looks on in
anticipation
with Ms. Mary
Anne Hoecker
as the ceremony
begins.*





Left: "Jenny, we're so proud of you!" Associate principal Mrs. Nancy Hand presents Jennifer Winkler with the Valedictorian medal



Above: Senior Margaret Huff is overcome with joy as she hears that she is Academy Girl for the Class of 1997



Above: Dr. Faith Wilson tests the microphone in preparation for the upcoming ceremony



Above: Margaret Huff is filled with the spirit of St. Teresa's, posing for a picture with administrators Ms. Nancy Hand, Dr. Faith Wilson, and Ms. Mary Anne Hoecker

"UNDER a Moonlit SKY"

Starlight, starbright, first star I see tonight...

A romantic evening at Deercreek Country Club was the scene for STA seniors on April 18, 1997. It was a busy Friday, even though school was not in session. Seniors spent the entire day primping for their big night. Up-dos and manicures took a lot of time and money, but it was well worth it. Girls met in the M & A auditorium, where they were presented with their escorts. This was a great camera opportunity for close family and friends.

"Pre-prom was a little embarrassing with all those people watching and waiting when you arrive. Even though I felt shy about it, I also thought it was flattering to step out of a limo all dressed up with cameras all over the place," said **Megan Jekel**.

Seniors arrived at Deercreek around 8:30 and grabbed a bite to eat before hitting the dance floor.

"I've never stayed on the dance floor as long as I did on Prom night. The heel of my shoes got worn out before I did. It was a lot of fun for me and my date," commented **Michelle Phelps**.

At 11 'o clock, **Toni Milsap** was crowned prom queen with **Melanie Hicks** and **Jessica Ryan** as her court. The dance shared by the prom court and their dates was truly "Unforgettable" as Natalie Cole sweetly sang the tune.

Melanie Hicks shared her thoughts about the dance.

"Our senior prom was a blast, and I was honored to be a part of the court. Spending that time with my best friends and my boyfriend was the best way to end four years here at STA."

by Megan Lynch and Toni Milsap

*Pictured right:
What a happy
couple! Ariane
Coleman and
her date are all
smiles as they
enjoy the
evening.*





Pictured left: Prom Queen '97, Toni Milsap and her escort smile for the cameras just before leaving pre-prom. They are anxious to enjoy the rest of their evening's plans.



Above: Everyone in this gang gets along well. Jackie Bivens, left, and her date squeeze in with Katie Beisner, right, and her boyfriend for a perfect picture.



Above: Enjoying each other's presence already, Felicia Gasca and her date cuddle for a snapshot before heading to prom. They look forward to their elegant evening together.



Above, left to right: Elizabeth Linhoff, Katie Beisner, and Jackie Bivens pose with their prom escorts for a group snapshot as Leslie Caffrey and her date sneak in the picture.



ON THE AG CLASS FINALLY



Four years ago, the class of '97 met at orientation. Many of the girls were scared to come to high school, uncertain of what was ahead. But throughout their high school careers, the class of '97 found new friendships and had experiences that will last a lifetime.

The very last experience that the class of '97 went through was graduation. It was a day full of smiles and tears along with a sigh of relief. High school was complete!

The valedictorian of the class of 1997 was Jennifer Winkler. The salutatorian was Jenifer Hayob. Hayob spoke at the graduation brunch and Winkler at the ceremony itself. Winkler's graduation speech focused on visionaries and how important it is for everyone to achieve their goals in life.

One of the highlights of the graduation was the presence of commencement speaker Sr. Helen Prejean, CSJ, the author of the book "Dead Man Walking" and the consultant to the film based on the book. Sr. Helen is a nationally-recognized speaker who regularly appears on college campuses but St. Teresa's graduation



SCHOOL

We salute our alma mater and sight her praises strong.
The happiness we've found here now echoes in our song.

Loved STA we are loyal and proud
Of your spirits so stong and your teachings so true
Loved STA we are grateful and pledge
Our hearts sincere to you.

WE'RE THE CLASS

ROAD AIN OF '97 FINISHES

was the first high school ceremony at which she had ever spoken. Sr. Helen spoke on the topic of being a Christian woman in today's society and shared her experiences with the graduating class.

After scholarship recipients were announced, the 94 members of the class of '97 then crossed the stage one by one to receive their diplomas as families and friends cheered them on. The day was full of celebrations, but there were also some tears as the graduates realized this was the last time they would be formally gathered as group.

But the class has left its mark on STA. Fifty-three of the graduates were awarded scholarships to various institutions and college picks spanned the country coast to coast. While some chose to stay in the Midwest and attend K.U. or M.U., others chose to venture further away to such places as the University of Arizona, the University of San Francisco, the University of Virginia--Richmond and Montana State.

by Molly Wholey and Katie Wholey

SONG

Trust in God our motto with eyes on heavenly goals.
The zeal of our great Teresa now echoes in our souls.

Loved STA we are loyal and proud
Of your spirits so strong and your teachings so true
Loved STA we are grateful and pledge
Our hearts sincere to you.

OF NINETY SEVEN!!



Pictured on these two pages, counter-clockwise from top left-hand corner: Sr. Helen Prejean, graduation speaker and Dr. Faith Wilson, STA president, enjoy brunch; Valedictorian Jennifer Winkler speaks; soon-to-be graduates listen attentively to the ceremony; Amy Anderson and Ashley Atwell move their tassels from right to left after receiving their diplomas; members of the class of 1997 toss their caps into the air as the graduation ceremony comes to a close.



Traditionally the Teresian Dance was held the night before Thanksgiving. The date has changed but its purpose has remained the same. In this picture the senior Teresian queen is being crowned by yearbook editors in 1972.



Students in 1977 were on their way to Broadway with a skit during Fine Arts Week.



Spirit Week brought upon Roaring Twenties Day in 1969; students dressed in flapper attire.



Ecstatic seniors learned the wedge stop at Crested Butte in 1969 on their senior ski trip.

LIKE MOTHER, LIKE DAUGHTER

The tradition lives on

Student's activities have changed but their purpose is still the same. Students still go to dances, gather at school functions, and go out together on the weekends to have fun just like they did 100 years ago. Seniors take trips together each year but the locations have changed. **Jeanie Neenan**, class of '69, mother of sophomore **Mary Bauers**, said in regard to her senior ski trip, "Senior ski trip was a time of togetherness. We rode buses to Colorado, learned to ski, talked, laughed, sang, did not sleep and enjoyed each other immensely."

Dances have been a constant at St. Teresa's over the years. They spark school spirit and togetherness. The Teresian Dance has been around for years. A few dances still taking place are the Father/Daughter Dance and Christmas Dance.

Spirit week in the 1990's at STA resembles, but is also different from, the Spirit Months held in the '60's. Just as current students celebrate 50's day, students in 1969 celebrated the "Roaring Twenties Day." No matter what activities are held, Spirit Week sparks wacky outfits and student unity each year.

The Drama Department at STA has continued to put on elaborate productions. Past productions include Hansel and Gretel, Annie, Godspell, Kindertransport, and Little Women. STA also puts on an annual student production; this year it was Alice in Wonderland.

The traditions of Spirit Week, senior spring break, the Teresian Dance, and plays have continued through the years. STA students enjoy the same aspects of STA life as their mothers did thirty years ago.

by Sarah Simeone

Mary Beth Aylward Cicchetti Class of 1977

Mary Beth Aylward Cicchetti lives in Kansas City with her son Colin. She is an executive senior representative for Hoescht Marion Rousell.

What memories stick out the most from your years at STA?

Ring ceremony/graduation/Father-Daughter dances/Senior ski trip

What do you remember from your senior ski trip?

All of the girls wanted some color on their faces so they didn't put sunblock on. By the evening all of their faces were bright red, swollen and blistered--including mine.

What were some of the activities you were involved in?

President of Junior/Senior class, yearbook, the Dart, Dance Marathon, and basketball

Are you still in touch with friends you made at STA?

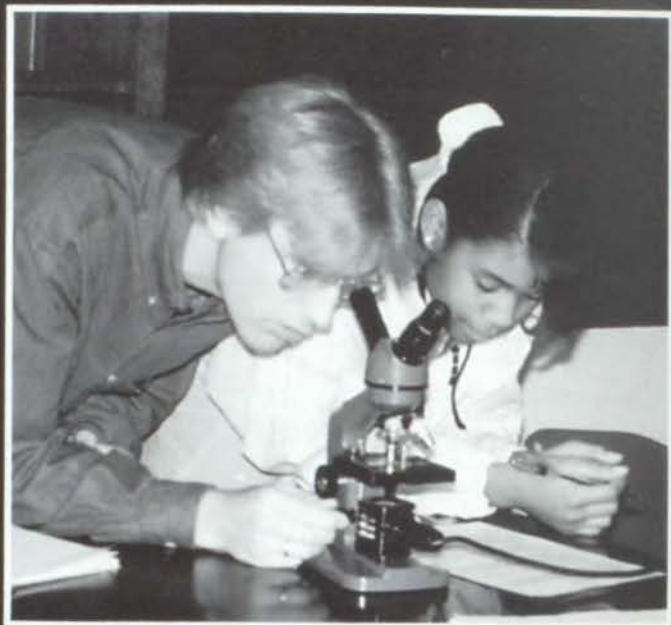
Yes, very much so. I have about 10 friends that I see very often. About three years ago I moved back to KC from Detroit and have since run into many of my classmates around KC. I am currently working on our 20 year reunion.

What do you remember from STA/Rockhurst dances?

Everyone wore long dresses and dancing was a huge thing--no one stood around.

Were your high school years the best years of your life?

They weren't the best years of my life but they were great years. I made friends I'll have for life but my judgement and decision making then was not good and in fact, is frightening by today's standards. I didn't understand the repercussions and consequences of decisions... something I found out as I got older. I had a lot of fun in high school.



ACADEMICS





ONE OF THE BRIGHTEST



St. Teresa's Academy is recognized for its tradition of academic excellence. Nothing less than the best is expected. For the past 130 years, STA has provided an environment in which students can excel to their fullest potential. Approachable faculty and modern resource centers also contribute to STA's success. Classes are challenging but provide extremely rewarding outcomes. The classes students face at STA are part of their true preparation for the future. The study skills they have learned will show the benefits of a STA education.

Class schedules for freshmen don't offer too much variety but rather stability. By senior year, individual schedules emerge. More choices are given to seniors but the same rewards year after year whether you are a freshman, sophomore, junior or senior. STA prides itself in providing a strong academic foundation in which many futures are built upon.

by Chrissy Herbic

Students Define Success in Math

Success in a math class, what is it? Does success mean a good grade (A or B)? Is success understanding the material in your math class regardless of the grade? Or, is success enjoying your math class in spite of your grade and how much you learn?

To find out the answer to this perplexing question, a variety of St. Teresa's Academy students were surveyed. What we found out was that success in a math class comes differently to every student. Among the students we asked, most defined success in math class as understanding or comprehension of what is learned. When asked how she defines success in a math class, Sophomore **Jane McManus** stated, "Success is defined to me by understanding and comprehension, and enjoyment, which should give you a good grade."

Some people define success as receiving a good grade. But do grades really matter? To some students, getting a good grade makes them feel good about what they are learning.

Success is achieved differently by every individual math student at STA. Although Math is a subject which many students find challenging, each student can succeed in her own way. Undoubtedly, the math classes at STA continue to be filled with successful students, and those which will be prepared to use their Math skills in the future.

by Kelly Crawford and Ashley Atwell

Pictured below: Seniors explore the challenges of Calculus at Rockhurst College. Below right: Ms. Heron explains an important concept to her Honors Algebra II class.





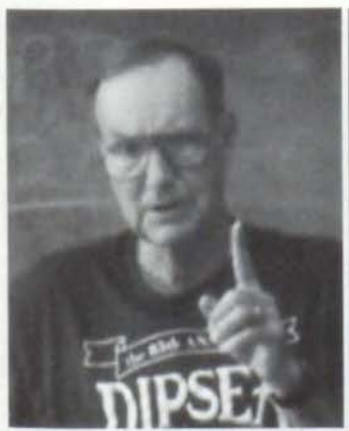
Pictured left: The Math Resource Center is a fun place to improve math skills, especially for Shelly Becchina and Jessica Latta.



Pictured above: Ms. Pearson gives an assignment to her Algebra I students.



Pictured above: Listening attentively, Colleen White and Sally Aldrich take notes in their Algebra II Topics class.



Dr. Joe Grantham

In the Spotlight . . .

Words of wisdom from **Dr. Joe**:

What is your obsession with red socks? "I don't have any obsession with red socks or with the Red Sox, although, I do like the Red Sox. However, with the STA uniform of "lots of RED sweaters," red socks would go nicely, and I, for one, cannot see why it isn't a part of the uniform. I endorse red socks for the STA uniform-maybe before the turn of the century?"

How do you define a successful math student? "The successful math student understands the power and function of math as a tool for doing many worthwhile things."

Question: How does S•T•A Apply the Scientific method?

The common thread that holds all the science classes together is the scientific method. This scientific method guided the yearbook staff on an investigation through the science department.

1. Question:

Where do the science teachers get their specimens for dissection?

Hypothesis:

Roadkill, maybe?

Conclusion:

"The bulk of my order will more than likely be from a company like Carolina Biological (I am comparing prices) and a vet on the Plaza offered free specimens to the school for next semester." Thank you, **Ms. Renee Blake**.

2. Question:

Why does the chemistry room have 300-year-old carpet if the school is only 130 years old?

Hypothesis:

The carpet was revived from the 15th century and to cut costs was implanted into STA. The carpet remains because there are many colonies of unidentified organisms making their home there.

Conclusion:

Results inconclusive.

by Jessie Hodes and Emily Curran



Above: Katie Hodes, Courtney Jekel and Molly Barry all seem enthralled in Chemistry.



Above: Mr. Powell helps Tonya Manion with Biology in the Math/Science Resource Center.



*Left: Sr. Harriet helps Nicole Smith and Becky Potter with a Chemistry lab.
Top right: Ms. Thompson prepares for an experiment.
Above: Molly White solves the crime in Mrs. Blake's room.*



Beth Brummel, senior

In the Spotlight . . .

“Science is the epitome of a good time. Where else could you wear a lovely white lab coat and pocket protector and be considered cool? Where else could you legitimately spend hours talking intellectually about none other than poopie? Science's most important contribution to society, however, is discovering the meaning of life. It has been determined to be contained in simple facts, or ‘truths’ as they are known to those who have been enlightened by them. They are as follows: Velcro has a sliding friction constant of 1. The second: Bile is the color of a yellow highlighter. Discovering what these three facts mean together is up to you, but science holds the answer (and so does the bottom of the third desk in the second row from the right in D202).”

Facts of the Past for the Future

Social Studies, Geography, History?? Who has time to think about the past? With the new school year in progress and all new classes to deal with, why would you want to think about last week's test that you flunked, and how you spent all that time doing extra credit and you're still not passing?

Here at St. Teresa's Academy history is not just about what happened in the past, but what can happen in the future. We can look with hope and promise about what can happen tomorrow and how to improve the accidental mishaps of today. With the help of teachers, students learn that history helped pave the road for today. From Geography to American Studies, we learn about our world and what makes us who we are. Geography teacher **Ms. Pat Gallagher** said, "We are hoping to take field trips such as visiting the Imax Theatre, and the Nelson Art Gallery."

Senior **Erin White** said, "It's a hard subject to learn, but it's fun."

Students at STA hope that their knowledge of history will prepare them for their future and help them to better understand events of the past. After all, history is bound to repeat itself and what we learn today may prevent another "mishap" of tomorrow. History is like learning it never ceases.

by Laurie Kokoruda and Sarah Young



Pictured Above: Mr. Bob Cox fully concentrates on whatever he is looking for??



Pictured Above: Sophomores Devra Scheffer, Tonya Manion and Gretchen Wirken "strike a pose" in the SSERC.



Pictured Left: Juniors Tracy Erwin, and Lucy McShane take time out of their SSERC assignments to pose for the camera.



Pictured Above: Mr. Mike Egner studies each paper carefully before giving the final grade.



Pictured Above: History textbooks show us the world.



Sara Mayer

In the Spotlight . . .

Sophomore Sara Mayer is a very active student here at STA. The classes she enjoyed most were World Perspectives and Drama. "I love learning about how the world works." Her hobbies include soccer, swimming, fishing, karate, the arts and reading about the different cultures around the world.

After school most students at STA get right to their homework, but Sara zonks out and then spends a few hours playing her favorite sport, soccer. Is she dedicated or what??

After soccer she puts on her favorite band, The Beatles, and starts right in on her homework.

Hola!

Bonjour! **Salve!**

These are just some of the foreign language greetings that can be heard from the mouths of both foreign language students and teachers involved in the foreign language department at St. Teresa's Academy. A variety of foreign language courses such as Spanish, French, and Latin are offered throughout the STA curriculum.

Foreign language classes give students at STA the opportunity to learn more than just a language. Students are offered the challenge through each course that allows them to explore unique aspects of foreign cultures, prepare for a college education, and have fun during the process.

"French III takes a great deal of time and effort on my part. Yet, at the same time I have learned a great deal about both the French language and culture," said junior **Lisa Brosnahan**.

Many students take advantage of the courses at STA, meaning they take three to four years of language, as opposed to people who only take the required amount, which is two years. Taking a foreign language seems difficult at the time, yet many students think all of the years pay off.

"I am glad that I have taken three years of language so far. I have learned a great deal, and I enjoy classtime as well," **Allie May** said.

The students are not the only ones involved in the foreign language department. Teachers such as **Señora Holt** of the Spanish department are involved as well in the curriculum.

"Teaching Spanish classes is a wonderful experience for me because I am able to educate so many students, and grant them the opportunity to succeed in a foreign language," she said.

by Lauren Teaney and Jessie Shechter



Pictured above, from left to right: Spanish teacher Mr. Erick Chaverri explains a concept to his Spanish II students, Sally Aldrich and Chi Yarde. Pictured above: Students in Spanish II enjoy group work during class.

Pictured center: Latin instructor Ms. Sandra Rowland assists sophomore Beth Cusick with her assignment.



Pictured above: Ms. Jennifer Holt's Spanish III class participates in an exciting class discussion.



Pictured above: Students in Ms. Lilian Chagoyan's French I class listen closely to a class discussion.



Meghan Lampo

In the Spotlight . . .

Senior Meghan Lampo is a student of both the French, and the Japanese language. Meghan is involved in a Japanese class at The Barstow School. She attends Barstow three days of the week, for about an hour. Meghan is considering living in Japan when she is older; and pursuing a career in international business, or education that involves teaching the English language in a Japanese school. "My favorite part about Japanese is learning how to write the language."

One Question Sparks Many Answers

What is religion? According to the dictionary, religion is the belief in a divine or superhuman power. For many St. Teresa's Academy students religion is interpreted in a variety of ways. Some students might say that religion is attending Mass every Sunday. Others will tell you that religion is talking to God and having a personal relationship with Him.

The religion classes at STA include the following: Hebrew Scriptures, Christian Wholeness, New Testament, Morality, Social Concerns, Life and Death, Contemporary Theology and Spirituality. The religion classes at STA helped students develop their faith in God and Jesus Christ. The classes also answered many questions students found themselves asking. For example, New Testament student **Jenni Gibbs** was always taught about the Christ of Faith. After she took the sophomore New Testament class she had a better understanding of who Jesus really was. "When my teacher told me that there were probably no wise men and that the star wasn't really the North Star I was shocked. Now I understand that Jesus was divine even though He didn't do all the things I thought He did."

"Religion to me is talking to God in my free time and praying to him daily. I attend Mass regularly and it helps me form a better relationship with God," stated **Tonya Manion**, New Testament student, when asked what religion meant to her.

When asked the same question Junior **Molly Barry** responded, "Religion plays an important role in my life. I am constantly turning to God in prayer and asking Him for guidance in my life."

By Erin Quarnstrom and Sarah Simeone



Claire Mallot, freshman, shares a laugh with Ms. Kelly-Mueller after asking for help on an assignment.



Pictured above: religion teachers from left to right, Mr. Buck Firth, Ms. Molly Reardon, Sister Barbara Jennings, Ms. Anita Reznicek and Ms. Mary Kelly-Mueller.



Pictured left: Senior students at STA are not exactly thrilled about an assignment they receive in their Contemporary Theology class.



Pictured above: Juniors listen intently in their Social Concerns class.



Pictured above: Casey Perkins, junior, and Mr. Buck Firth laugh during a routine Scantron test.



Ashley Gray, sophomore

In the Spotlight . . .

Ashley Gray, sophomore, thinks religion plays a major role in her life. She is actively involved in the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. When asked several questions about her faith, she replied as follows:

Q: Are your beliefs your own or were you brought up to believe them?

A: My beliefs originated with my parents but they have become my own due to me searching them out and seeing if I truly believe in them.

Q: Is praying to God a part of your daily life?

A: Yes, it is something I do daily but I don't close my eyes or get down on my knees. I have conversations with God.

Q: What do you think happens to you after you die?

A: I believe there is an afterlife. A person either goes to Heaven or hell depending on whether they believe Jesus Christ is God's son.

Students gain Valuable Experiences

Reading and writing, it's something we've all been doing for most of our lives. But we never realized how important it would be in our future. Fortunately, St. Teresa's Academy is blessed with some great teachers who can help us to refine our skills.

We use these skills everyday, from reading street signs to writing college applications. Reading pieces of literature, along with learning to write on our own, helps us to prepare for obstacles that we will encounter even after we depart from school.

The English Department at St. Teresa's works hard to expose us to things that will lend us valuable experience.

"I hope students get not only an appreciation of literature and writing but a true enjoyment of the subject. I hope they see the teachers have a love of the written word, and want to express that to the students," says **Ms. Kathy Lamb**, head of the English Department at STA.

On the other side, junior **Lucy McShane** offers a different perspective.

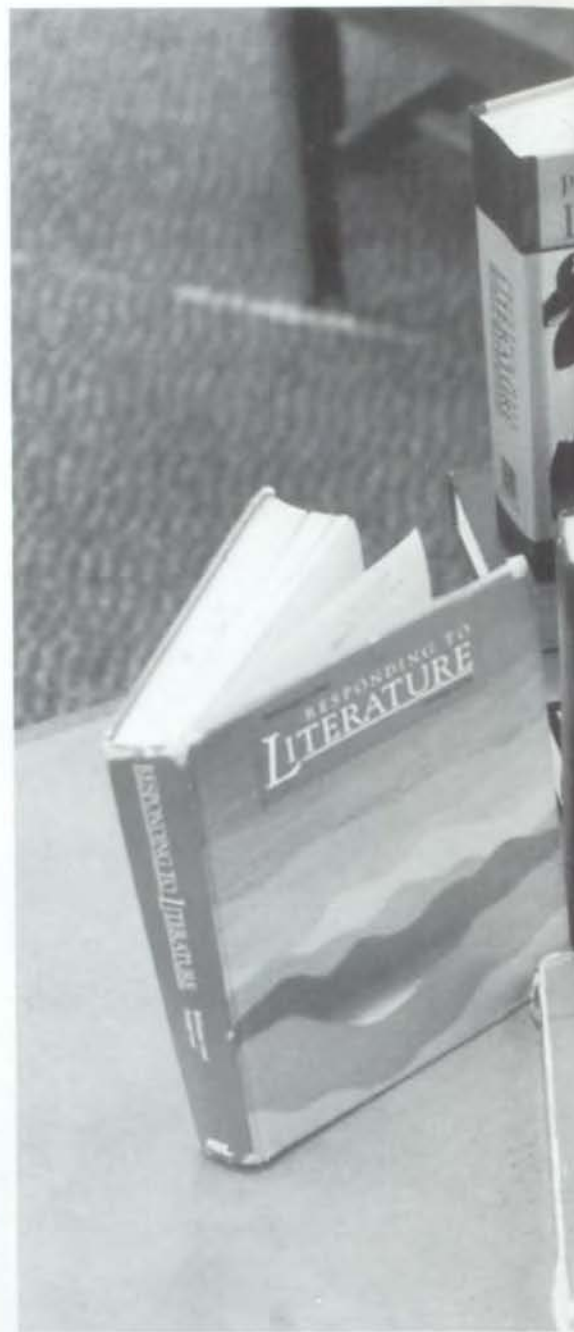
"I think that most of the English classes are very helpful, and not only give you a look into American Literature, but literature from all over the world, and all over time."

by Sam Smith and Katie Swetala

Below: Freshman Emily King thumbs through one of the many books in our school library.



Below: Looking comfortable, Erin White and Erin Root work diligently on an in-class assignment.





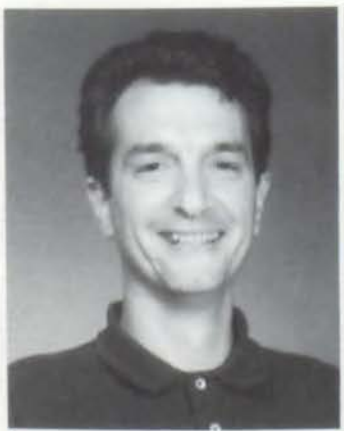
Pictured left: The different books used in English courses at STA.



Above: Sophomore Devin Blackburn catches up on some reading in the library.



Above: Ms. Renaud pauses to flash a smile for the camera.



Mr. Mark Fudenburg

In the Spotlight . . .

What was your favorite book in high school?

Kurt Vonnegut's "God Bless You Mr. Roseunter."

Did you do well in English when you were in high school?

Did ok. B's. But I always loved to read, and read a lot on my own.

How long have you been teaching?

15 years, all at STA.

If you could meet any author, alive or dead, who would it be and why?

I'd like to meet Ralph Ellison, author of "Invisible Man." I think it is a wildly imaginative novel and I like it. I'd like to talk to Saul Bellow, who is still alive because he made a Jewish world I know and love come alive for me.

Bumps and **BIRDIES** With Bode

Every year, new faces pour into St. Teresa's Academy. Each of these new students will at one point be clad in the traditional black shorts and white t-shirt with her name on it (the fantastically stylish gym uniform) bumping a volleyball and batting around a birdie.

Why does every future graduate of STA appear in the stylin' uniform for gym class? "For many people, it is a means of getting much needed exercise, relieving stress and having fun. I would hope it has an impact on their health and improve their self image--it's the healthy choice!" said **Ms. Anne Bode**, P.E. instuctor, (and everyone must have a P.E. credit in order to get that diploma...)

There are several classes one can take to get this credit: P.E. / Health, Team Sports, and Individual Sports. Senior **Jessica Latta** pointed out that Team Sports offered students who didn't play a sport an opportunity to improve their volleyball, basketball and badmitton skills.

STA has also started a new sports program--intramurals. (This is for all of us who didn't make the sports teams.) **Courtney Spiking**, freshman, said she really enjoyed participating in intramurals. "It's a great way to meet people while having fun playing a sport," she said.

by Meghan Lampo and Becky Wiedeman



Pictured above: Members of The Babysitters Club, seniors Kelly Ormsby, Emily Holland and Molly Newman show off their post-game victory dance.



Pictured above: Sophomores Lori Moore, Lea Avila and Beth Cusick take a quick break..



Pictured below: Freshman in P.E. class prepare their form for receiving a pass.



Pictured at left: Freshman stretch before class begins.



Pictured above: Sophomore Jenny Gibbs laces up before her game.



Rachel Benben, freshman

In the Spotlight . . .

Freshman Rachel Benben is a happy, involved individual, and has an uncontrollable tendency to giggle. She was a spirited member of the drill team, a proud player for "Ruckus," the intramural volleyball team and a semi-enthused P.E. student. "P.E. is a good way to make friends and to take a break from classes," she said.

Benben revealed that her favorite part about being at St. Teresa's Academy is the fact that she doesn't have to stress about the way she looks at the school. "I really like STA," she said. "The students are so nice, and no one cares how you look. That's just one less thing to worry about!"

Creative Ideas Used in Publications

The yearbook, known as the *Teresian*, is a fun way to look at a wrap up of the past year. The 1997 yearbook was more traditional than in the past. **St. Teresa's Academy** celebrated its 130th anniversary this year so the *Teresian* staff dedicated itself to make the yearbook extra special.

The 1996-1997 editors of the yearbook were **Chrissy Herbic**, **Emily Griffey**, and **Katie Wholey**. When asked about the yearbook, senior editor **Chrissy Herbic** commented, "All the people on staff are dedicated, hardworking people. I have a lot of confidence in all of them. The yearbook is a tremendous responsibility, but everyone did a great job."

The newspaper, *The Dart*, went wonderfully this year. *The Dart* is a way for students to learn what is happening in the **STA** community. The editors, **Emily Holland** and **Michelle Phelps**, both seniors, did a great job of coordinating the staff and its responsibilities.

Moderator **Ms. Dianne Hirner** said, "People are responsible for more layout and design this year. It is neat for students to have more control over how the paper looks."

Phelps added, "The paper is getting better every year. Ms. Hirner is very experienced and knows what she is doing. I'm sure the newspaper will turn out great."

by Molly Wholey

Pictured below: Senior Meghan Lampo shows Sophomore Becky Wiedeman what her yearbook spread looks like. Becky watches in admiration.

Pictured below: Emily Curran is not laughing at a joke Yearbook Editor Emily Griffey attempted to make.





Pictured left: Sophomores Mary Kellerman, Allison Summers and Jane McManus work together to make their newspaper atricle perfect and on time for the deadline.



Pictured above: Sophomores Kelly Crawford and Molly Wholey are revising their yearbook spread for publication.



Pictured above: Senior Michelle Phelps is working on the final touches of the newspaper.



Devin Blackburn

In the Spotlight . . .

Devin Blackburn was one of the newest members of the newspaper staff this past year. **Blackburn** loved being on the newspaper staff because she enjoyed the writing. "I had the responsibility to let people know what was going on in the school community. I think the new staff members were a big help in producing The DART," she commented.

Are you Computer Literate?

Fortunately, for the computer illiterate, STA offered many classes to help gain a better understanding of the age of computers. From introductory classes to computer programming, STA students had many opportunities to become skillful with their use of computers. Are you in sync with the technology of the nineties?

1. A modem is...
 - A. Something in the engine of your car.
 - B. A device inside the computer in order to connect with the Internet .
 - C. An Indian worship pole.
2. When you are on the computer, how often do you need help?
 - A. 2 - 3 times -- just to get started.
 - B. Help? You never need help on the computer!
 - C. So many times you stopped counting -- didn't you finish the reunion project for Intermediate Computers?
3. Logging on is...
 - A. Hauling every book you own up the stairs during passing time.
 - B. Hooking up with the Internet.
 - C. Working in a Northwestern lumberyard.
4. You're doing an important assignment and the computer eats your disk. What do you do?
 - A. You pull out your backup disk-you are always prepared.
 - B. You cry hysterically while banging your head against the table.
 - C. You beg your chemistry teacher for an extension. You know she'll understand.
5. When you think of Clip Art, you think of:
 - A. Coupons from the Sunday paper.
 - B. Your 13/14 class with Ms. Marstall.
 - C. Computer graphics that make your page interesting.

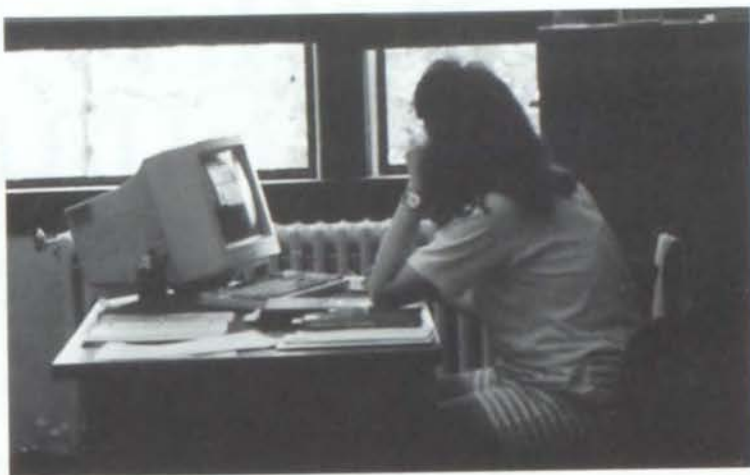


Ninth grader Ursula Chapman surfs the net in the Math/ Science Resource center.

by Megan Lynch and Colleen Casey



Left: Mr. Errante attempts to fix a jammed printer.



Above: Ms. Pearson works diligently on her new computer.



Above: Freshmen learn their way around the Apple IIGS in the Introduction to Computers class.



Nicole Healy

In the Spotlight . . .

Nicole Healy's interest in computers is admired by many. She is dedicated to improving her technological knowledge. She helped **Mr. John Errante** get STA on-line by installing computers in each classroom. **Healy** took a computer programming class at Rockhurst College, where she wrote a variety of programs. She also took a summer workshop at Allied Signal and an evening class at Penn Valley. Along with **Jennifer Hayob**, **Healy** created the web site for Dynamic Computer Solutions, where she held a part-time job.

Creating paths to the Future

The St. Teresa's Fine Arts department is no haven to slackers. The girls involved in drama, music and art are dedicated and determined. Each day, they spend their elective times with brush, script, or music in hand and with eyes focused on the future. They, like many STA graduates, see their path to their future as clear as their sculptures, solos, and monologues.

The STA Fine Arts department is well enough developed, organized, and spectacular for every St. Teresa's girl to advance in her own specialized area of talents and brilliance. To be an STA drama, speech, or forensics student takes more than a clear voice and convincing smile. These girls have to be well-spoken and able to take constructive criticism, as well as to really enjoy people.

Band members, pianists and singers are masters when it comes to keeping the beat, reading the music and trying again and again to reach perfection.

Drawing, Calligraphy and Watercolors require excellent hand-to-eye coordination, control and an eye for the intangible.

3-D Art, Fibers, Printmaking and Graphic Design are classes for art students seeking unique and creative ways to express themselves.

Portfolio and Independent Studies are courses geared towards the individual. These girls are determined and talented; they have very realistic goals and dreams.

All of the Fine Arts students possess an immense amount of confidence, pride and initiative. They are imaginative, innovative, excited and perhaps most importantly, they truly enjoy what they are doing.

by Mary Bauers and Kristin Moore



Pictured above: Sophomore Meghan Riley untangles a mess to make a masterpiece in Fibers class.



Pictured above: Seniors Mary Theresa Benson and Katie Fadden contemplate over which color to layer on their basket next during a Fibers class.



Pictured left: Sophomores Sally Aldrich and Anne Rhoades sing their hearts out during a chorus class while Lori Moore and Amy Clarkson sing the back-up tunes.



Pictured above: The new music teacher, Mr. Mike Davis, plays his piano along as his class sings to the tunes and beat.



Pictured above: Junior JoAnna Fitzhugh patiently draws lines on her paper to start her new quote in Calligraphy class.



Alison Heryer, Senior

In the Spotlight . . .

Alison Heryer, senior, is a dedicated Fine Arts student. She has not only taken a variety of courses at STA, but she also has taken courses during her spare time at Penn Valley, Communiversity, and the KC Art Institute. Heryer says that she, "loves art, and loves creating. I feel great when I see a finished product and know it's mine." Heryer is very well-known by her classmates and faculty for her incredible artistic talent, dedication and creativity. Heryer's goal: Work with commercial art or fashion design, and teach highschool art. Message from Heryer: "If you really love doing art, don't let anyone stop you or tell you that you'll never succeed. Life's too short to do things you don't like." Best of luck to Alison Heryer, her experience and love for art will pay off.



Above: Sr. Barbra Verheyen receives the award for Excellence in Education from the United States Department of Education for the year 1983 -84.



Can you guess what these students were doing? They're doing a chemistry experiment. Looks like a lot has changed, from the equipment to the uniforms. But one thing never changes, the requirement for taking science courses.



An art class from the days of St. Teresa's at the Quality Hill campus does a water color of a vase with flowers. STA students are still painting vases of flowers during art class but there is a large varieties of class offerings. From Graphic Design to Calligraphy, current STA students have more artistic outlets.



Above: Ms. Marstall and Tamara Elmore discuss the fine points of basketweaving in a current Fibers class.

STA HISTORY WON'T MAKE YOU FALL ASLEEP

Build new traditions by learning through our past

When St. Teresa's Academy opened its doors on Quality Hill in 1866 many people thought, "What do we need an all-girls school for? Girls don't need an education, because they don't need to have jobs or work." Fortunately the sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet and Father Bernard Donnelly thought differently. They realized that females could use an education equal to males and an all-girls school would be the place to achieve this. Of course, some of the early classes were very different then what we have today. In the "Olden Days" girls at STA took classes in shorthand and Film Appreciation. **Ms Nancy Hand**, school administrator, commented, "In the past we were much more oriented towards the business world. Girls weren't going to college as much. Since this has changed we have changed our curriculum to be much more college prep."

During the 1960's and 70's education in America was changing. St. Teresa's wanted to stay on the cutting edge, so modular scheduling was adopted around 1972. This new idea was to allow more flexibility in schedules and allow students to spend time in resource centers learning instead of the classroom. This schedule has changed little over the past twenty years and has added a unique aspect to the STA curriculum.

In fact it seems that some things never change at St. Teresa's. How long has **Sr. Harriet Koutsoumpas** been tormenting Chemistry students, and **Ms. Pat Gallagher** doling out Geography assignments? Even some classrooms have seen little changes. Yet it's the little things that we take for granted. How often have you gone out of your way to walk around the school seal on the front hallway floor in Donnelly? Have you ever visited the room off of the circle on the second floor of M&A that holds so much of the history for STA? If you are interested there is much history to explore in the 130 year tradition of St. Teresa's. Maybe even some day in the future we will be thankful for all the hard work we did in high school and thankful that someone had the foresight to recognize that young women could benefit from an excellent education as well.

by Emily Griffey

STA Timeline

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|
| 1866- STA founded at Quality Hill | 1907 - "Windmoor"(20 acres at 5600 Main) purchased | 1916- College of St. Teresa estab- lished as a junior college | 1939- College of St. Teresa becomes 4- year college, Donnelly Hall erected | 1962- College of St. Teresa renamed Avila and relocated | 1984- Goppert center dedicated | 1996- STA campus networked for computers |
|---|---|---|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|



SPORTS



★ A STAR IS BORN ★

Being a part of an athletic *team* is more special and more exciting than what it seems. At St. Teresa's the teammanship is beyond explanation, but to the teammates, this feeling of support and dedication is obtainable each season.

St. Teresa's is well known for the sports teams; the records, the scores, the players and the coaches. But behind the scenes are *teams* that make the seasons so successful, physically and mentally. The concerted action or effort by the members of the teams to achieve some common end, called teamwork, is the only key to success.

The teams portrayed and demonstrated at STA are full of friendships, dedication, and endurance. Being on a team can be compared to being in a family. There is the same bond of trust and the same goal of wanting to succeed together.

Watching the team performances, whether it may be volleyball, swimming, track, or golf, one may get a sudden sparkle of inspiration. The act of teammanship is a powerful force that brings about positive actions.

Here at STA the team spirit, team love, and team effort is present and shines through with each team and each sport. Teams have recognized the key to success, and that is dedication, support, and most of all teamwork.

Stars are alive and succeeding through the powerful teams at STA.

By Kristin Moore

Profile



Name: Juli Lenihan

Grade: Senior

Position:

Varsity runner

Favorite Food: Pizza and bread

Memory:

Pasta parties every Friday before races.

In 20 years:

I see myself married with a family. I also see myself with a good career that I enjoy.

Remembered For:

Supporting the team and making everyone feel good about their race, always having a positive attitude about running. I also tend to fall down a lot.

Quote Me:

"This is fun, you like it!"



Scoreboard

| | |
|---------------------|------|
| Truman Invit. | 12th |
| Olathe South Invit. | 9th |
| Liberty Invit. | 5th |
| Metro Invit. | 10th |
| SMSU Invit. | 1st |
| Clinton Invit. | 4th |
| Kearney Invit. | 3rd |
| Richmond Invit. | 2nd |
| Districts | 2nd |
| State | 8th |



Just Crusin' Along

Cross country runners at St. Teresa's Academy keep tradition. They remember tradition on the course, as a team, and in fun.

Every year, the STA cross country team runs the same courses: traveling south to Springfield, east to Swope Park, north to Liberty and west to Olathe. And at the end of every season the cross country team competes at districts and state. Since the team has been in existence, STA has won districts eight years and ran well at state.

A strong running team and a close-knit group of friends are two more traditions of the STA cross country team.

"The cross country team has always been a big part of my life. Even as a freshman I felt welcomed by all the other members," commented senior **Annie Swartz**.

Last fall the team had several individual winners. Sophomore **Joy Siebert** won two races last season. "It was exciting being able to win two races this season, but more importantly, I was glad I could help out my team," she said.

Having fun was just as important to the team as winning meets. Cross country consists of grueling workouts yet fun is to be had by all. Freshman **Liz Neal** found this out when upperclassmen taped her to the floor on a summer trip. While it may not have been funny to her, the rest of the team got a big laugh. The fun doesn't only come from teasing others, some of the laughter can be found in other places. Each year pasta dinners give the team a chance to gobble down spaghetti, bread, and brownies every night before a meet. The race to the food begins when practice ends. Team members raced to the house holding the pasta dinner to be first in line. These dinners gave last year's team a chance to relax and enjoy each other's company.

Looking at the banners on the gym wall will show that STA can count on the cross country tradition. Maybe it is best said by a poster in the weight room: *The names may change but the tradition remains.*

by Sarah Simeone



Clockwise from top left corner: Varsity team members gather after a meet; the JV team gathers for a quick pose to relax before a race; junior Lisa Brosnahan and freshman Liz Neal enjoy each other's company.

Profile



Name: Missy Haster

Grade: 10

Position: base-line

Favorite Food: pasta

Favorite Music:
Dave Matthews Band

In 20 years:
playing pro in
Switzerland

Remembered For:
always being ready for
the ball, always
supporting

Quote Me:

"I am cat woman,
hear me roar."



Pictured above; the Freshmen A and B Volleyball team



Pictured above; the Junior Varsity Volleyball team

Scoreboard

| JV | | FRESHMAN | |
|----------------|---|----------------|---|
| O'Hara | W | O'Hara | L |
| Liberty | W | Liberty | W |
| Hickman Mills | W | Sion | W |
| Ft. Osage | W | Hickman Mills | W |
| Harrisonville | W | Lee's Summit | L |
| L.S. North | L | Ray-Pec | W |
| Platte County | W | Ft. Osage | L |
| Warrensburg | W | Harrisonville | W |
| St. Joe Benton | W | L.S. North | L |
| Ray- South | W | Platte County | W |
| Sion | W | Warrensburg | W |
| | | St. Joe Benton | W |



THERE'S NO "I" IN TEAMWORK

Volleyball is a game of communication, skill and hard work. The Freshmen and Junior Varsity teams combined their hard work ethics and the desire to win to come out on top. Both teams had successful, winning seasons.

The freshmen worked hard to come together and play as a team. This group took on the challenge, and made their season a winning one. They took impressive wins over Ray-Pec, Harrisonville, Warrensburg, and, of course, they stomped on Sion. The Freshmen Stars took third place in the STA Invitational.

Junior Varsity had a spectacular season! The Stars ended with a 10-1 record and took third place in the Warrensburg tournament. JV was a young team with three

freshmen, seven sophomores and one junior. The youth of the team made it easy to gel and easy to be competitive. They all did a great job and should be proud of their accomplishments.

"Being on JV, I got a lot of playing time and I grew close to the players. They have become much more than just teammates," commented **Lea Avila**, sophomore.

In volleyball, the name of the game is TEAMWORK. Everyone must be on the same page or it just won't happen. But, it did happen for both the Junior Varsity and Freshmen volleyball teams.

by Katie Swetala



Pictured bottom left; the JV team unites in the middle of Sion's gym floor to pull it together for a STA win. Left; freshman Angie Heier is in perfect serve receive position.

Profile



Name:
Sister Harriet, CSJ

Grade:
Graduate Student

Position:
Bench, Scoreboard
table keeping stats, at
every game

Favorite Food:
Steak and Fish

Favorite Music:
Big Band; Musicals;
Phantom

In 20 years:
Only at home games--
running out of steam

Remembered For:
Supporting the girls-
whether win or lose;
Always interested, very
spirited and supportive;
Trying to help players
pass chemistry

Quote Me:
"Sports should be fun! I
played and coached
through high school and
college. Truly-it's how we-
the team plays the game.
We measure ourselves
against ourselves, not
against others."



THE TIE THAT BINDS

TO FORM A TEAM

A hard-working, dedicated team does not look at its record to see if they had a winning season. They look at their hearts, and their teammates' hearts.

The Varsity Volleyball Team of 1996 was filled with heart. This team was made up of girls who had one common goal; to be on a team of friendship, trust, love and determination. They accomplished this goal. Throughout the three month season these girls grew from acquaintances, to teammates and friends. After each game had passed, they strived to succeed and confidence was higher than ever.

It's not too often that one finds a team of such strength physically and mentally. But this team evolved at St. Teresa's

last year. Despite the tough schedule that the Varsity girls faced, each and everyone of them had the courage and desire to take on their next opponent to the best of their ability. Each and every girl worked diligently and with such enthusiasm, with such patience and confidence.

The St. Teresa's Varsity Volleyball Team members came together and did not give up. They had the positive attitude and the encouragement from their teammates to make a winning difference. The girls were a team and pushed each other on with smiles and confidence until their very, very last moment together.

by Kristin Moore

Pictured left: Before each game, the Varsity girls formed huddles on the floor for a pep talk and a spirited cheer.



*Pictured far left: Members of the STA Varsity Volleyball Team
Left, middle picture: Catherine Marx, junior, lends a helping hand to her friend and teammate, Christin Cipolla, junior, to ensure that there will be no aches and pains throughout the game. That's what teammates are for!*

Pictured Left: Junior, Christy Lolli, reaches to attack the ball, with full force and power, onto the opponents floor.

Profile



Name: Maureen Dunn (Mo)

Grade: Freshman

Position: #4 Varsity
Singles

Favorite Food:
Macaroni and Cheese

Favorite Music:
All Kinds

In 20 years:
I want to be a sports doctor
or a teacher.

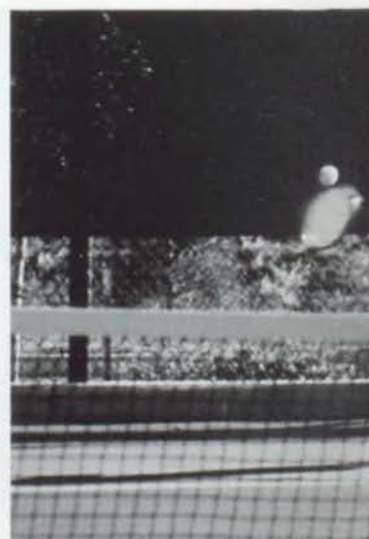
Remembered For:
Winning a team
championship in either
tennis or basketball.

Quote Me:

"Life's short, play hard."
-Reebok



Pictured above: 1996 tennis team. Top row: Coach Karen Boulware, Christine Deeken, Mary Jane Whitaker, Maureen Dunn, Kristen Spence, Becky Weideman, Annie Leonard, Vanessa Scott, Katie West, Laurie Woywod. Middle row: Jill Laping, Linzee Jackson, Stacey Porto, Katie Hodes, Kori Saunders, Erin Wholey, Ursula Chapman. Bottom row: Katie Buckley, Sacha Nana, Michelle Phelps, Erica Cash, Tiffany Williams. Below: Sophomores Christine Deeken, Becky Weideman and Kori Saunders take a break to show their team spirit.



Supporting Each Other

Everything in high school seems to drag on forever. That is, until you look back in four years, then it seems like everything has flown by. Making new friends and experiencing new things is a part of what makes high school a unique and memorable part of life.

Playing a sport is a good way of forming new relationships with others in a common field of interest. Tennis is a sport that can last a lifetime, and the friends you make while involved in it can too.

Last year's season was full of changes. Even though the team lost many seniors from the previous year, the team gained many talented new players. As well as new players

was a new coach, Coach **Karen Boulware**. She brought with her a fresh new outlook on tennis that inspired players to play our best and to be proud to be a part of the team.

Even though the new faces will be a hopeful success in the next few years, the outgoing seniors are sad to see them go. Seniors **Michelle Phelps, Erin White, Erin Wholey, Katie West, and Sam Smith** are the parting crowd.

Senior **Erin White** commented on her last season, "I was sad when the season was over because it was a short season. I got to know a lot of the freshmen and I continue to talk to all the people who were on the tennis team because I think we supported each other a lot."

by Sam Smith



Pictured far left: Sophomore Becky Weideman following through on her forehand. Center: Freshmen Katie Buckley focuses on her game. Left: Freshman Kristen Spence warms up with her opponent before starting her match.

Profile



Name: Mary Jane Groff

Grade: Sophomore

Position: Varsity

Favorite Food:
King Crab Legs

Favorite Music:
Classic Rock

In 20 years:
I will be sipping
cocktails on the beach.

Remembered For:
My imitations.

Quote Me:

"Golf is a humbling sport, kind-of like life. One minute you're hot, the next your not."



Scoreboard

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>OPPONENT</u> | <u>W/L</u> |
|-------------|---------------------------|------------|
| 8-28-96 | Liberty | W |
| 9-5-96 | Blue Valley North Tourney | 2nd |
| 9-10-96 | Sion | W |
| 9-12-96 | Sedalia Tourney | 7th |
| 9-17-96 | Sion | W |
| 9-23-96 | Sion/SM East | W |
| 9-26-96 | BS/BSS Tourney | 1st |
| 10-2-96 | Richmond Tourney | 1st |
| 10-8-96 | Liberty | L |
| 10-9-96 | LS/LSN | W |
| 10-10-96 | BS/BSS Tourney | 1st |
| 10-15-96 | Districts | 1st |
| 10-20/21-96 | State | 15th |



Birdies and Pars Fore the Golf Team

The golf team had a tremendous past year. They finished first at districts, but placed a disappointing 15th at state. The golf coach, **Ms. Pat Gallgher**, commented, "We had our most successful season in the three years we've had a team. It feels great to know that we are district champions. We had a lot of fun together. I hope the experienced players all come back next year."

Everyone had a lot of confidence in all the team members to have a great year. Junior **Becky Potter** said, "The team had a great season. The support for each other and the teamwork we showed was extraordinary. Teamwork was the idea that got us through the year. The team had a lot of support for each other and from the school. We really needed that. It helped us to know that lots of people were behind us all the way."

Teamwork was an important factor with the golf team. Without cooperation from each individual member, the team would not be as triumphant as it was.

Even losing outstanding senior Teresa Klefner from the previous year didn't slow the team down. **Laura Kolakowski**, '98, added, "I didn't think that we could come as far as we did without Teresa. The team really improved over the summer. It was very exciting to won districts and go to state. I just hope we do better at state next year."

The team did not do as well as they hoped to at state, but it was a huge accomplishment to be able to compete. This was the first time the whole varsity team made it to state. They had a lot of fun even though they didn't do as well as they wanted.

by Molly Wholey



Pictured top left: the team members gather at a golfer's house to get some grub before districts; Pictured center: the varsity team jumps in a cart to speed away from the camera; Pictured at left, left to right: Becky Potter, Katie Wholey and Laura Kolakowski join for a picture at the state tournament.

Profile



Name:
Catherine Marx

Grade:
Junior

Position:
Forward--"Post"

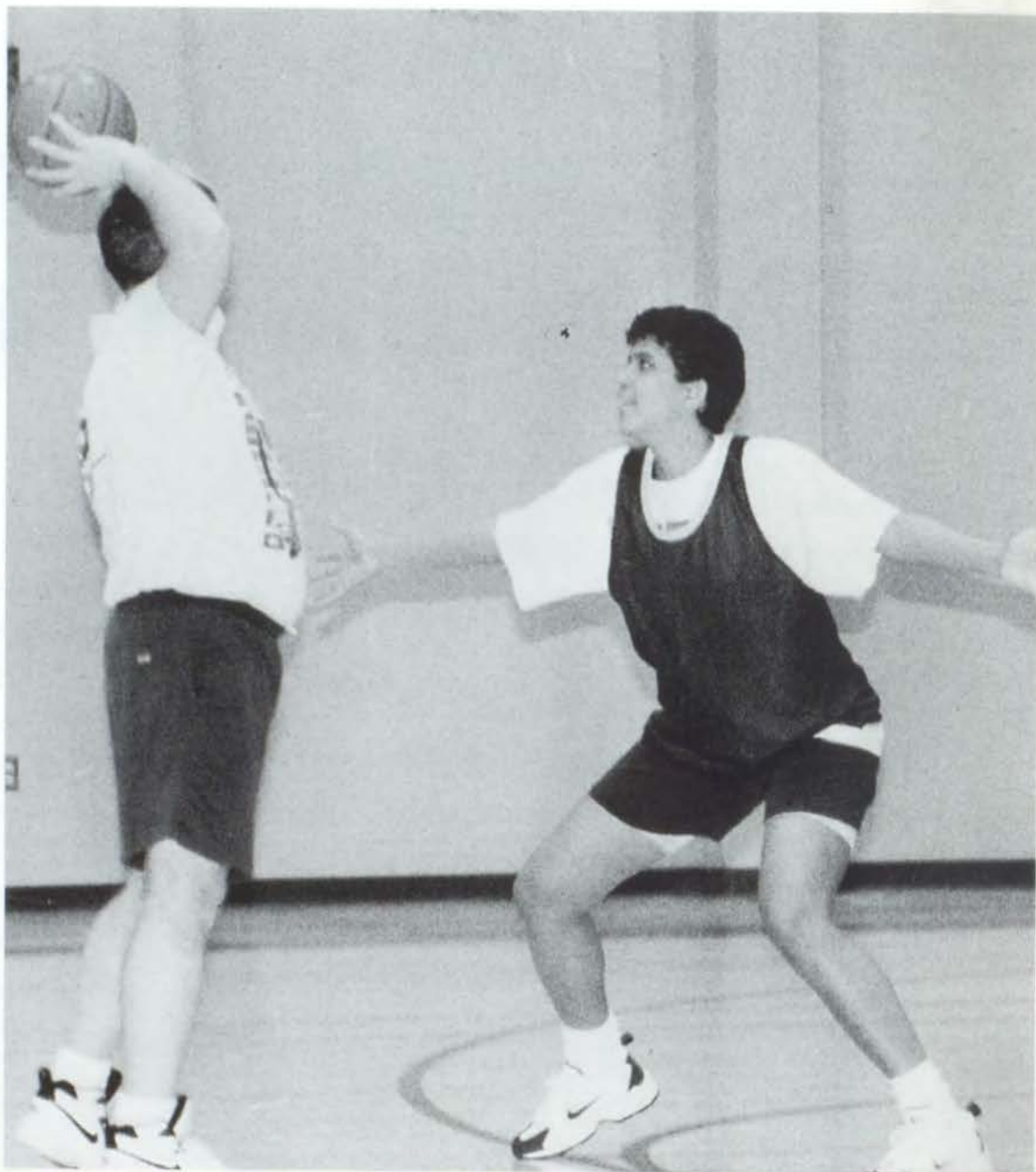
Favorite Food:
Pasta

Favorite Music:
Anything you can
dance to.

In 20 years:
I would love to be
teaching children with
disabilities, and coaching.

Remembered For:
I want to be remem-
bered for my leadership on
the court, in the classroom,
and throughout the world,
someday maybe.

Quote Me:
"Working for goals could
be the hardest accomplish-
ment. But someday it will all
pay off and be completely
worth the time."



BUILDING BLOCKS TO SUCCESS

Basketball is a sport of intensity, action, energy, and spirit. Throughout the history of St. Teresa's, full dedication and love was shown for the game by the Junior Varsity and Freshmen A and B basketball teams.

The Freshmen teams experienced the dramatic change from grade school to high school basketball. As the challenges grew more and more difficult, more and more lessons were learned.

At the end of the season, a great basketball player was discovered in each girl with great skills and ability and a shining heart. The teammates were all on their way to being great basketball players.

Tracie Davidson, freshman, and a Freshmen A team member said, "We stuck together, even when we lost. We had great coaches and the season was a lot of fun."

The girls developed an understanding of the game, sportsmanship, and the importance of dedication. Their hard

work throughout the season was worth all of the time put in. Freshmen A team had a record of 13-5 and the Freshmen B team had a 12-3 record.

Junior Varsity, being a step above Freshmen teams and a step below the Varsity team, is a chance to put to full use what a teammate has learned. The teammates know how to play the game like a true basketball player.

The JV team had a successful season with a record of 16 wins and 7 losses. Throughout the entire season the girls played with their hearts and to the best of their ability.

Junior, **Catharine Marx**, said, "our team really pulled together and played hard."

Nothing comes easy, especially in the game of basketball where many different skills are required. Each girl in the program dedicated their time and effort to improve themselves and to improve the game of basketball.

by Kristin Moore



Counterclockwise from top left: Coach Egan and Coach Grey from the Freshmen basketball teams demonstrate the important skills of the game. Far left: The Freshmen A and B basketball teams get together and pose for a team picture. Pictured center: Coach Fletcher huddles his team together during a game to plan a play to defeat their opponent. Pictured left: The Junior Varsity team smiles for their team photo.

Profile



Name: Margaret Huff

Grade: Senior

Position:
4th year manager

Favorite Food:
Macaroni and cheese

Favorite Music:
Rusted Root, U2
Kool and the Gang

In 20 years:
Teaching at STA, married
and with kids

Remembered For:
Loving the school

Quote Me:
"Hi-e-uh"



Above: The 1996-1997 STA Varsity Stars

Below: The Stars gather up for a time out, to take a breather and listen to Coach Egner.



Scoreboard

| | | | |
|----------------------|---|----------------|-----|
| Warrensburg | W | S.M. East | W |
| Shawnee Mission N.W. | L | St. Joe Benton | W |
| Piggly Wiggly | W | Pembroke Hill | W |
| Blue Valley | W | S.M. North | W |
| Blue Valley North | L | S.M. South | W |
| Aquinas | L | O' Hara | W |
| Blue Springs | W | Sion | W |
| Jeff. City | L | Villa Duchene | L |
| St. Joe's Academy | L | Miege | L |
| | | Districts | 1st |



GOLDEN GIRLS

Most people would have thought a team who lost three seniors would barely scrape together a few wins. If you thought that about the 1996-1997 Varsity Stars, you were sorely mistaken. Not only did the Stars pull together 19 wins, they won districts for the seventh straight year.

The Stars shined brightly at the Pembroke Hill match-up. STA won by one point when **Laura Stark** lofted a pass from half-court to **Nora Smith**, who banked it up for two.

"I knew I had to make it," said **Smith**, a sophomore.

St. Teresa's matched up three times against Notre Dame de Sion. The Stars were victorious in all three games. The one that counted the most was the District Championship game. The Stars took care of business and came out on top.

An individual highlight for **Amelia Stark** this season

was her 1,000th high school career point. It is a rare occasion that a high school female reaches that milestone.

The Varsity Stars will lose only two seniors this year, **Molly Newman** and **Amelia Stark**. Even though there were only two seniors, their leadership will be missed. Their attitudes, hustle and aggressiveness will also be missed. The senior who doesn't wear a uniform, manager **Margaret Huff**, was an incredible part of our success. Whenever they needed water, gum, Gatorade, or even a hug, she was there for them. The Stars' future looks bright with the talent remaining in younger players. The seniors will be missed and surely not forgotten. The 1997-1998 Varsity Stars will hopefully have a promising season to come, with new lessons to be learned and new challenges awaiting.

By Katie Swetala



Below Right: Senior Amelia Stark, on the drive takes it in to the hoop for two. Below Left: The Varsity Stars look on with intense faces from the bench.

Profile



Name: Jane McManus

Grade: Sophomore

Event: high jump

Favorite Food:
Anything with sugar

Favorite Music:
Alternative, Rock, Ska

In 20 years:
I'll be a successful pediatrician (hopefully!). I'll be busy with my own family, and probably wanting a career change. Oh, and I'll have a kitten!

Remembered For:

My happiness, spirit, and involvement--not only in school, but everywhere I've been and with everyone I've known.

"If the sweet smell of flowers and the fresh feel of sprinkling raindrops can make me smile, then imagine what a bit of sugar or caffeine could do. Imagine..."



TEAM ROSTER

Katie Beisner
Marie D'Agostino
Juli Lenihan
Kelly Ormsby
Erin Root
Amelia Stark
Annie Swartz
Erica Bibbs
Beth Kreikemier
Ebony Ramsey
Rachel Bock
J. Cummings
Mary Jane Groff

Jane McManus
Sarah Simeone
Laura Stark
Katie Swetala
Tiffany Williams
Teresa Biersmith
Ann Cooke
Anne Dillon
Maureen Dunn
Angie Heier
Antoria Jones
Brooke Kreikemier
Claire Mallot

Tracie Davidson
Michelle Warlen

Managers:
Margaret Huff
Erin Conwell
Margaret Coleman
Melissa Warlen
Carolyn Fendler

Coaches:
Ann
Bode-Rodriguez
Paul Winkler
Leslie Gray



Running Like the Wind...

STA runners sprint to the finish

The 1997 St. Teresa's Academy track season began with beautiful weather and perfect running conditions but unfortunately Mother Nature took a turn for the worse. The Stars' first four meets were cancelled due to rainy weather and cold.

Pulling together, the Stars' Varsity members ran three meets in one week to make-up for the cancellations. Competition was fierce and the Stars encountered their strongest competition, with the exception of State, at their second meet of the season, CMSU, April 15.

"Going to CMSU was a great experience for everyone. There were some great teams that challenged us all. We had a great time," commented **Brooke Kreikemier**, ninth-grader.

All of the cancellations in the first month of competition led to a slow start for the team. The runners came back and finished the year strongly.

Track proved to be a good experience for both older runners and younger ones. **Angie Heier**, ninth-grader, enjoyed her first year of track at STA: "I loved going to meets and cheering everyone on," she commented.

One thing that will stand out in everyone's mind was the weather during the season. In addition to rain and cold causing a slow start, the weekend of districts was miserable, with temperatures in the 90s and muggy humidity.

by Sarah Simeone

"I loved going to meets and cheering everyone on."

**Angie Heier,
ninth-grader**



Clockwise from top left: Senior track manager Margaret Huff and ninth-grader Brooke Kreikemier share a nervous smile before Brooke's race; the 1997 track Stars; Angie Heier rejoices after breaking her previous race record; Senior Annie Swartz and Brooke Kreikemier give it their all in the mile.



Profile



Name:

Katie Stacy

Grade:

10th

Event:

Freestyle

Favorite Food:

Pasta

Favorite Music:

Anything but country

In 20 years:

Hopes to have a successful career and have children

Remembered For:

Having a positive attitude

Quote Me:

"Always push the limit!"



Swimmers finish with a **SPLASH** and a lot of teamwork

The STA swim team dove into a great season right from the start.

With new coach **Geoff Wilson** and returning coach **Mary Jo Klier**, motivation and excitement for team members was in full swing.

There were 27 swimmers, 1 diver and 2 managers who comprised the team. Some highlights of the season included a fourth-place finish at the first meet at Park Hill and many individual wins throughout the season, but the high point came when the STA swimmers won conference May 14 and 15 at Central High School.

After the excitement of winning the conference title, the next step was state. STA swimmers competing there included **Emily Holland**, **Julie Holland**, **Sarah Mayer**, **Terri Burke**, **Mary Jane Whitaker**, **Meg Donahoe** and diver **Sarah Hollabaugh**.

Other swim team members were **Becky Wiedeman**, **Jessie Hodes**, **Jenni Gibbs**, **Jillian Stanley**, **Erika Cash**, **Sally Aldrich**, **Amber Patti**, **Emily Berger**, **Allison**

Summers, **Katie Stacy**, **Molly Ekerdt**, **Gretchen Ekerdt**, **Laura Kolakowski**, **Elisa Clark**, **Katy Liebnitz**, **Robin Miller**, **Allie May**, **Sarah Young**, **Shannon Riley**, **Lauren Teaney** and **Kristin Cooke**. Managers were **Molly Wholey** and **Colleen Walsh**.

The season involved a lot of work for everyone. Practices were serious business, with swimmers routinely covering from 2000 to 4000 meters per practice.

"Swim team is definitely a challenge, but we make it lots of fun," said **Donohoe**.

One of the fun events was a swim-a-thon, designed to raise funds on May 19. Money raised at this event helped to provide a banquet for team members on May 22.

All in all, the team was a close-knit group that worked well together to achieve success.

Coach Wilson summed it up by saying, "we may compete as individuals, but we win as a team."

by Jessie Hodes



Pictured on these two pages, clockwise from top left: Sarah Hollabaugh gets ready for a great dive; Coach Geoff Wilson encourages Jenni Gibbs to her way to victory; Junior Laura Kolakowski starts her race with picture-perfect form; Sally Aldrich, Lauren Teaney and Emily Holland take a break to chat between races.

Profile



Name: Gretchen Wirken

Grade: Sophomore

Position: right halfback

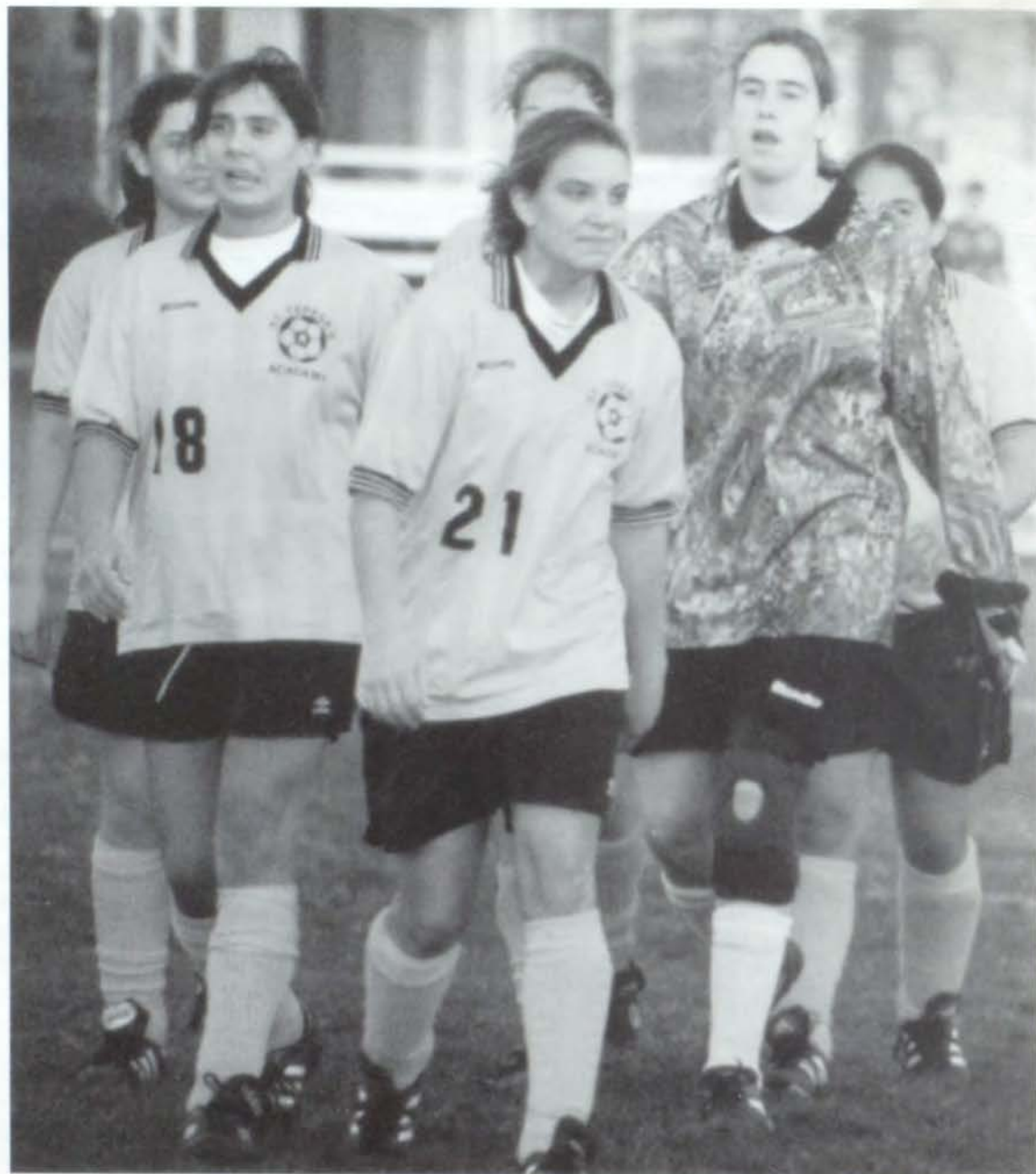
Favorite Food: pasta

Favorite Music:
R & B

In 20 years:
I'm going to be a back-up
dancer for Paula Abdul

Remembered For:
not scoring a goal until my
sophomore year

Quote Me:
"I can't believe I just
scored!"



Soccer is
life...
all the rest
is
just details



MORE THAN JUST A GAME

Muddy and dirty, completely exhausted but happy, the JV soccer team trudged back onto the bus after a hard game, chatting and laughing. They were all tired, but they didn't let this fatigue get in the way of their fun.

These girls worked hard and gave a lot to their team. They didn't hold back, they didn't give in. Every afternoon during practice, every long drive to a game, every Friday night when it was too late to go out, wills got stronger and friendships got tighter.

"When it's rainy at practice or something, everyone just works harder," said sophomore **Rachel Simeone**. "We all help each other through the tough practices, and our friendships give us a better attitude towards the game."

All in the name of soccer, right?

Wrong. Just because the team gave their all every day for two hours of grueling drills and precise instruction, it didn't mean that they didn't have fun. They all love soccer, yes, but most girls agree that their primary goal was to have fun and, of course, to play their best.

"I love playing soccer because it's more fun than anything else," said sophomore **Christine Deeken**. "I always try my best, but I concentrate on making the most of the game and always having fun."

by Mary Bauers and Becky Wiedeman

JV ROSTER

Jackie Adriano
Christine Deeken
Bri Devereaux
Anne Rhodes
Jessie Shecter
Rachel Simeone
Annora Smith
Gretchen Wirken
Rachel Benben
Katie Buckley
Becky Burnett
Katie Jackson
Jill Lapping
Annie Leonard
Megan Price
Angela Salazar
Tiana Scrivo
Molly White
COACH: Laura Schmitz



Clockwise, from top, left: Players strut off the field after a tough win; Teammates Becky Burnett, Anne Rhodes, and Rachel Benben watch the game from the bench; 1997 junior varsity soccer stars.

Profile



Name: Jennie Davey

Grade: Freshman

Position:
Forward /Midfield

Favorite Food:
Chinese

Favorite Music:
tie between country
and opera

In 20 years:
Married living in Arizona
with no kids.

Remembered For:
athletic ability,
personality

Quote Me:



Above: The 1997 STA Varsity Soccer Stars

Below: Beth Atkin, sophomore, and Ceceila Rollins, senior, warm up for the North Kansas City game.



Scoreboard

| | | | |
|---------------------|---|----------------------|---|
| Englewood Christian | W | Blue Valley | W |
| North Kansas City | W | Belton | W |
| Sion | W | Springfield Kickapoo | W |
| S.M. North | W | O'Hara | W |
| S.M. East | L | Columbia Hickman | W |
| Immaculata | W | Jefferson City | W |
| Lee's Summit | W | Pembroke Hill | W |
| Blue Valley North | L | Liberty | T |
| Miege | W | Park Hill | W |

HIGHLIGHTS

*Coach Erick Chaverri posted his 100th win as the STA coach.

*Sophomore Kori Saunders broke the record of 28 goals and 13 assist in regular season.



STA SOCCER SHOOT FOR THE STARS

Through rain or shine, St. Teresa's Varsity always seemed to come through with a traditional winning season. The STA Varsity soccer team kicked off the season with many rainy days that cancelled their games.

"Once the rain stopped we were able to get our season rolling. Also, we were able to practice more. If our games were cancelled, so were our practices," said junior **JoAnna Fitzhugh**.

The way the Stars were playing, one might have thought they did not need any practice. After the long awaited season got under way, the Stars won their home opening game. After that, they won three more consecutive games. Then they defeated Miego, Sion, and Springfield Kickapoo.

There were many new faces on the Varsity squad. Freshmen **Jessica Dotson**, **Jennie Davey**, **Beth Degnan**, and sophomore **Kelly O'Donnell** earned their spots on Varsity.

"Being on Varsity is a lot more competitive, but having the challenge is great," said **O'Donnell**.

Some STA players played club soccer during the off-season to better their skills. Some members played all year round. When these players came back for their regular high school season, they were more than ready to play. It was more than obvious the STA Varsity Soccer Stars were ready to compete.

This was evident as Erick Chaverri posted his 100th win as the STA coach. Also, sophomore Kori Saunders broke the record of 28 goals and 13 assists in a regular season.

by Katie Swetala & Jessica Shecter



Pictured bottom left: Katharine Bodde and JoAnna Fitzhugh tie back their hair whispies. Left: Coach Chaverri takes a break from the action.

Profile



Name: Erin Cozad

Grade: Sophomore

Position: Drill Team Member

Favorite Food:
Calzones at Minsky's

Favorite Music:
Seventies Rock,
Alternative

In 20 years:
Happily married,
pediatrician who lives in
Seattle and drives carpool
on Tuesdays

Remembered For:
Talking and being
in a good mood all the
time!

Quote Me: SMILE!!



96-97 Starlet Members

Emily Griffey
Jennifer Winkler
Amy Ernst
Tracy Erwin
Allie May
Becky Shelby
Dionne Smith
Erin Quarnstrom

Cantrell Jelley
Katie Mulligan
Jen Walters
Gretchen Wirken
Rachel Benben
Alex Hutchings
Angela Mancuso
Erin Cozad



STA DRILL TEAM

keeps

SPIRITS ALIVE!!

One of the most important groups to help keep our school spirit alive is the Drill Team. Leading all those familiar cheers we yell at our games, the Drill Team is there to keep us up in our school spirits.

The Drill Team increased our spirits as well as excitement for our school this year. To be a Starlet on the STA Drill Team, it takes a lot of efforts to give it your best, just to keep the rest of the school pumped up at our games.

Led by senior captain **Jennifer Winkler**, and junior co-captain **Tracy Erwin**, the Drill Team made their efforts to keep our spirits alive. Spirit chairman of the team was Sophomore **Gretchen Wirken**, and treasurer of the team was Junior **Erin Quarnstrom**.

The STA Drill Team took a new turn this year for sponsoring a training camp for 5th -8th graders in the area.

This gives the aspiring drill team members the chance to learn the dances and perform as a member of the Drill Team.

Being on the Drill Team isn't just hard work for everyone. It can also be a lot of fun to keep everyone else up in their school spirits.

Freshman **Angela Mancuso** shared her feelings about her experiences as a Starlet. "The Drill Team is a lot of fun. It gives me a chance to show my talents as well as express my feelings."

So, let's give the Drill Team credit for always performing with a smile, even if they have had a bad day and raising school spirits. The Drill Team is very important to our school and the athletes because they can make a big difference in the audience they perform to by pumping up their spirits.

by Kelly Crawford



Upper left: Sophomores Erin Cozad, Katie Mulligan and Junior Allie May show off for the camera during a regular Drill Team practice; Area 5-8 graders performed with the Drill Team at the Stars first home basketball game; Junior Dionne Smith and Sophomore Erin Cozad show their moves for the pumped up audience.



Ms. Sue Christenson has been athletic director for STA athletic department for over 35 years. The picture taken in 1989 reveals that she still looks the same and still does the same good deeds.



Ms. Anne Bode has been around STA for 19 years. She has been a tremendous volleyball and track coach.



A 1980 picture of St. Teresa athletes playing basketball. In 1980 the gym was in the shape of a circle, and the basketball goals were lower. Notice the fans--they sat on the upper circle around the floor. Classrooms were also located up there.



In 1990, the Drill Team was very spirited and was a huge support to St. Teresa's Athletic teams. They did more cheers than dances, wore different outfits than today's outfits, but had the same goal in mind: to pump up the athletes and the fans.



Strong spirit on the court still remains in STA sports. It is still very likely to see girls congratulate each other after a play, good or bad. As shown in this 1983 picture, teammates really care about one another and try and support each other the best they can.

HISTORY IN THE MAKING

Stars to shine on forever

Through the years, St. Teresa's sports have been very competitive and very successful. The best girls from grade school teams have always had their eyes glued on STA, the media has been attracted to STA teams, and the teams have many huge fans. STA fights for their records and their goals. They are very proud of what they have achieved.

At the beginning of sports history at STA, mostly all sports were geared towards men in the society. As a result, the female athletes at STA received only leftover and used equipment and uniforms from area boys teams.

The first gym was located in the Music and Arts building, acting as a circular gym, where the cafeteria is currently. Girls played on a smaller court, lower goals, and with not as much talent or ability as today.

Sue Christenson, Athletic director at STA for 35+ years, said "The major change in sports throughout history is the ability of the girls."

Very few of the athletes knew the fundamentals of the sports, but a lot of girls tried out for teams. In the past, teams have consisted of a few good players and sports were handled as teaching situations. Through time, sports at STA for the female athletes have grown and changed. Today, each different sport at STA consists of a full team of good players and sports are handled as learning, practicing, and game situations.

Competition in sports today is now fierce. Dedication to a team and games is immense. Female sports at St. Teresa's have made a complete turnaround and are forever changing for the better. What has happened in the life of sports of STA, and what has developed, is something very important.

What has happened in the history of St. Teresa's has led up to the events that take place today. Each year the effort and sportsmanship gets stronger and all teams learn from it. Star athletes have learned to carry on the STA tradition and pass it on. The Stars will shine forever.

by Kristin Moore

BANNERS ON THE WALL: STATE TOURNAMENTS

Cross Contry

First Place-1992, 1994
Third Place-1991, 1993

Soccer

Third Place-1991
Fourth Place-1990, 1995

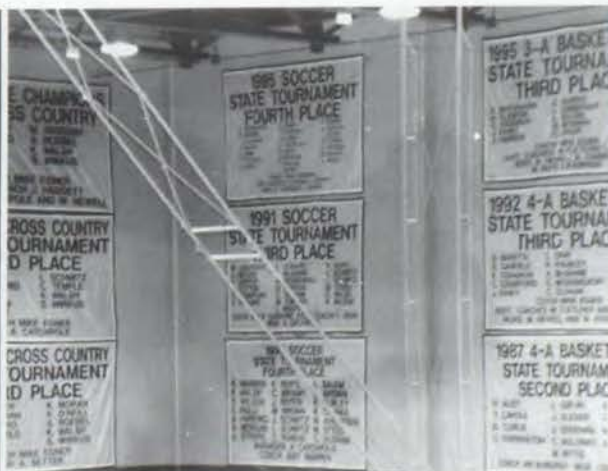
Basketball

Second Place-1987
Third Place-1985, 1992,
1995

Tennis

First Place-1986

*Including State Tournaments, the gym walls are covered with dozens of District Championships Awards.





CLUBS



STUDENTS TAKE ACTION

The clubs at St. Teresa's Academy have been around for many years. Last year, there were 16 different clubs at STA that served many interests. Whether someone was interested in a certain language, becoming active in human rights, protecting the environment, or even promoting school spirit, there was a club for everyone.

Two new clubs were added to the list last year. These were the SAGA club and the Spirit club. SAGA stands for Students Assembele for Global Awareness. SAGA club members were interested in making our world a better place, and included such projects as a magazine recycling week. The Spirit club was a club whose goal was to encourage school spirit and support sporting events. The Spirit club gave student athletes encouraging posters and little treats before a big game or match. Both clubs were very successful last year and will continue to be a part of the traditional clubs at STA next year.

Being in a club was a special way to get to know other people in the school. Each club consisted of members from all grades at STA. It was a way to work with other people that have similar interests.

Senior **Jessica Griffin** enjoyed the club in which she belonged. "I loved being in the Science Club at STA. One of our major projects last year was recycling. Some of us actually were able to take the items to the recycling center. I really learned a lot through the Science club at STA."

By Katie Wholey

STORIES, SONGS, & STAGECRAFT

Artistic expression part of STA clubs' appeal

At St. Teresa's, there is a club for every interest. The Drama Club was perfect for those who are Broadway-bound. The girls concentrated on improving acting techniques and, most importantly, having fun. They often invited guest speakers to their club meetings to learn about the field of drama. They also devoted time to earning points for acceptance into the nation-wide Thespian Society.

Ladies in Literature is a club that focuses on broadening horizons through reading and discussion. Club meetings were often filled with heated debates over controversial novels. The girls in this club were intelligent and opinionated.

Ladies in Literature Treasurer, sophomore **Erin Conwell**, enjoyed discussing different books. "I consider myself very opinionated. It is interesting to find out the contrasting viewpoints of other girls."

STA Singers is a major commitment. The members of this choral group are the elite singers of St. Teresa's. They practiced at least three times a week and performed at various events throughout the year. This group is not a club, and therefore entails extra time on the girls' parts to commit to practicing and performing.

Sophomore **Ashley Gray**, an STA Singer, loved performing and singing. "It is a big commitment, but all the others singers agree that it is also very rewarding."

by Colleen Casey and Mary Bauers



Students Take Action

Pictured on these two pages, clockwise, from right: Vocalists in STA Singers belt out a tune; sophomore Erin Conwell and senior Beth Douglass discuss the current Ladies in Lit. novel; sophomores Megan Rhodes and Jen Downs show off a Drama Club fundraiser; STA Singers practice a song and dance routine; a guest speaker lectures in a Ladies in Lit. meeting; sophomores Audrah French and Erin Beebe and senior Sara Delehunt ponder what to do in their next skit in Drama Club.





LANGUAGE CLUBS COMPLETE BUSY, SUCESSFUL YEAR

The Language Clubs completed yet another busy and successful year at St. Teresa's Academy, bringing the culture of their languages to students and faculty alike. Spanish club started off the year by creating a current events and culture bulletin board, which featured various articles in both Spanish and English, and pictures from club activities. Spanish Club vice-president **Jenny Tolle** commented, "I think the board is very important, because it creates an opportunity for the club to share Latino culture and current events with the school."

Spanish Club went on a field trip to Primitivo Garcia, a Spanish language immersion school in the KCMO school district. They interacted with students through games, songs, and dances which emphasized and displayed Hispanic culture. The field trip was a fun opportunity for club members to speak Spanish and learn.

French Club focused their year on learning about the history and culture of France. They successfully completed a fund-raiser, dined at a French restaurant, and held a year-long contest which focused club members on learning facts about France. **Ashley Tomes**, vice-president of the French Club, commented, "Learning facts about France is a great way to learn to understand the history and culture of France."

Latin Club spent club time having Roman-style parties. One day several club members ditched the plaid and corduroy of the STA uniform for "authentic" Roman togas. Junior **Lisa Rotert** stated, "In Latin Club, we have some great things going on. Some people are going to Rome over the summer and we're all going to KU for an inspirational field trip to study ancient Roman culture!"

by Ashley Atwell

Students Take Action

Pictured on this page, clockwise from top left-hand corner: Spanish Club officers demonstrate their ability to do the Macarena; Ashley Tomes, French Club vice-president, shares her opinion on club activities; Ely Cardenas, senior, shares her feelings as an exchange student about the Spanish Club; Spanish club members pose in front of their new bulletin board; Toga!Toga! Latin Club members smile for a group picture; Junior Lisa Rotert practices her archery at a Latin Club meeting.





"Learning facts about France is a great way to learn to understand the history and culture of France."
"Apprendre les faits sur le France est une bonne façon pour savoir et comprendre l'histoire et la culture française"
Ashley Tomes,
Senior



"I love the activities that we do in Spanish club and I feel proud that other girls are interested in the culture of Spanish speaking countries."
"Me encanta las actividades que hacemos en el Club de Español y me siento orgullosa de que otras chicas se interesen por la cultura de los países que hablan español!"
-Ely Cardenas,
Senior



STA GIRLS TO THE RESCUE

Strolling through the refined halls of St. Teresia's Academy, one would observe students involved in a number of clubs that are making a difference. These girls are committed to the on-going fight to better our world. The SADD, TREND, and Amnesty clubs all entail the dedication from STA students.

Contrary to popular belief, the SADD club does not require its members to be able to let out a blood-curdling scream on command or turn on the waterworks at a moment's notice. These girls do not sit around and see how melancholy they can feel. STA students take this club seriously. Its intent is to eliminate students drinking and more importantly, drinking and driving. "It pains me to know that there are kids out there who would jeopardize their lives by drinking and driving. I am proud to be a part of an organization that tries to eliminate this dangerous act," said Sophomore **Stacey Wilson**.

Another STA fad is to join the very retro TREND club. In this club the girls not only know the latest in hip fashions and phrases, they work to assure the safety of teens as they party the weekends away. "The goal of the TREND club is not to eliminate the fun of going out with your friends but to come up with new alternatives to having a blast besides alcohol and drugs," said Senior **Jennie Schmidt**. The members of the TREND club managed to have good, clean fun as well as stay totally trendy!

Amnesty International- no, it is not an airport in some African desert. Amnesty is a worldwide organization that offers support for victims of criticism and hatred. The girls in the STA chapter write general letters directed toward different recipients in order to make a difference for someone who needs political asylum.

"Amnesty allows me to make a difference in the world. Before joining this club, I didn't think that just writing one letter could change a person's life," said Junior **Gina Boxwell**.

by *Gina Rotert*

Students Take Action

Far right: Senior Annie Swartz is confused because she thought that she would have to be sad to be in the SADD club.

Right: Members of Amnesty International ponder whether their letters would be more effective written in cursive or print.





Above; Are we having fun yet? Members of the TREND club practice sober ways to party.

Above left; Freshmen are stimulated by the exotic activities of TREND club.



Above; Erin, watch out! That's quite a fall! President of SADD club, Erin White stresses the importance of not drinking and driving.



Above; Amnesty International freshmen work together on a project to make a difference.

SPIRITED CLUBS GET INVOLVED

CARE, Spirit Clubs Bring STA to Life!

Newcomers at St. Teresa's Academy may have a hard time fitting in and getting involved in our school community. Transfer students and incoming freshman could look to the CARE Club and Spirit Club for encouragement, guidance, and support.

The CARE Club provided many ways for the freshmen to get familiar with each other and have fun at the same time. **Ms. Lilliane Chagoyan** moderated the CARE Club, which consisted of 18 members. They sponsored the freshman mixer and helped out a great deal with the freshman orientation. Senior **Sharita Shelby**, who was the president of the CARE Club, felt good knowing that the club put forth extra effort in providing more comfortable surroundings.

"I feel that it's hard enough to be the new kid at school. Anything to make the transition smoother helps a great deal," she said.

The Spirit Club was a new and exciting club made up of STA students. **Ms. Megan Schaefer**, the Spirit Club moderator, worked hard to get students to be enthusiastic about STA.

"The school's atmosphere depends a lot on the attitude of the students. It's very important for community members to make their high school experience a positive one. Being involved is a big part of what makes it memorable and enjoyable," she said.

The CARE Club and Spirit Club are unique activities offered at STA. It is as equally important to strive for a positive atmosphere as it is to strive for academic excellence. Students contribute more time and willingness to participate in extra-curricular activities because of these clubs.

by Toni Milsap

Students Take Action

Pictured on these two pages clockwise from top left corner: Spirited senior Patty Clune supports STA in a volleyball game against Sion; Junior Ebony Ramsey spends time with Senior Sharita Shelby after completing her job as CARE Club secretary; Juniors Courtney Clarkson, Julie Fahey, Laurie Woywod and sophomore Sarah McCann are all smiles at a STA pep rally; Sophomores Lori Moore, Lea Avila, and Freshman Dina Wathan sit together as they look at Spirit Week photos; Sophomore Mary Jane Groff enjoys the company of her fellow classmates; Seniors Sharita Shelby and Amy Vaughn put CARE Club business on hold to stop and pose.





STUDENTS SERVE COMMUNITY NHS and Community Service Club help community

What do NHS and Community Service Club have in common? A student may not think much, but really, being a National Honors Student and a member of Community Service Club has a lot in common.

These groups of students shared one goal: to help our community. Requirements for NHS include a 3.6 GPA, leadership skills, and a written essay. Community Service Club requires a desire to come together, help others, and serve our community. While 30 hours of community service are required for NHS, the Community Service Club members strictly volunteer their services.

Jennifer Clark, a junior, shared her feelings about the Community Service Club. "Community Service Club benefits not only needy people, but also gives those who participate a great feeling about the work they have done."

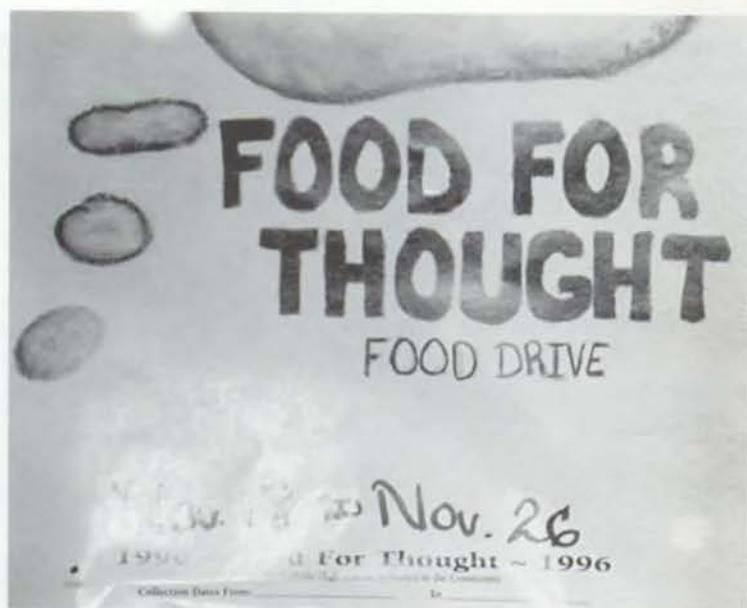
The Community Service Club moderator was **Ms. Pat Gallagher**. **Ms. Beth Collins** was the moderator for NHS and **Alison Heryer** was the President. These truly beneficial clubs added a great deal to our STA community.

by Kelly Crawford and Melissa Freeman



Students Take Action

Clockwise from above: Community Service collected cans for the needy; Ms. Beth Collins, the moderator of NHS, sits quietly in the SSRC; Laura Donnici and Meghan Kesse smile during a Community Service meeting; Ms. Pat Gallagher, the moderator of Community Service keeps the club under control; Money collected for the Food For Thought food-drive goes to the less fortunate; Collecting food for the needy is important to STA students.





Food
for
Thought



CHOOSING TO CHANGE

Every student at St. Teresa's Academy was given a choice of a club that suited her interests. Although some students chose not to join a club, and to use their time in other ways, those who did join a club thought the effort was well worth it.

This year SAGA (Students Assembled for Global Awareness) was back after being gone for two years. Major efforts were taken to help the M & A building maintain cleanliness by recycling. Sophomore **Beth Atkin** said "We had a tough time collecting all the recyclable products in the cafeteria, but we managed to get it done." SAGA is not only working to improve the future, but to make sure there is one.

If there indeed is a future, the Computer Club will help to pave the way. Last year the Computer Club took a giant leap by networking STA. This year a baby step was taken by offering students the chance to purchase software at school, in the school Computer Club store. Moderator of the Computer Club **Mr. John Errante** said "It was hard to get the store up and running, only having clubs once a month, but it was well worth it, helping students learn about computers and how manage the equipment properly."

Along with SAGA and Computer, this year Science Club took steps by helping STA recycle its paper, plastic and aluminum. The Science Club was in charge of recycling in the Donnelly building.

If these clubs continue at the rate they're going, STA is going to have a bright future.

by *Laurie Kokoruda and Jessie Hodes*

Students

Take Action

Pictured on these pages clockwise from top left: Sophomore Louise Dawson, Freshman Dominique Perez and Junior Maureen Flynn are assigned to recycle cans; Sophomores Beth Cusick and Annie Duetman recycle in M & A; Senior Nicole Healy and junior Allie May end an exciting computer club meeting by reading a magazine; Moderator of the computer club Mr. John Errante studies to improve his vast knowledge of computers; Seniors Sarah Burnett and Margret Micek of the Science Club recycle in the Donnelly building during clubs; Senior Megan O'Malley does her job of recycling in Ms. Herson's room.





SCO ADDS NEW TRADITION TO STA!

The Student Council at St. Teresa's Academy is a very unique club. Throughout the school year, the student council was responsible for a lot of events at STA. This included the Christmas dance and the Spring dance. SCO also assembles spirit week every year which is a week of fun with school spirit!!

Student Council is made up of 6 members from each grade and a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Each member is elected by their classmates. This year's officers were, President **Jennifer Winkler**, Vice- President **Betsy Curtis**, Secretary **Stacy Porto**, and Treasurer **Catherine Marx**.

SCO also did a lot of important things that many people did not know about. SCO put up a birthday board each month with everyone's name who had a birthday that given month. The club did a series of teacher appreciation gifts throughout the year, including a teacher appreciation breakfast for all of the teachers. SCO also provided the service of selling candy to students during lunchtime. One new event that SCO organized was the first annual powder puff game against rival school Notre Dame de Sion.

President of SCO, **Jennifer Winkler**, commented on the changes SCO has gone through this past year. "Student Council has gone through a lot of changes. I feel that we have done a good job adjusting and I am proud of everyone and the accomplishments that we have made this past year."

The SCO was an important club at St.Teresa's because they were a club for the students. Student Council does many things for students including promoting school spirit, thanking the teachers for everything that they do and, most importantly, having fun!

By Katie Wholey

Students Take Action

Pictured on these two pages clockwise from top left corner: Sophomores Sally Aldrich and Brooke Kuechler think hard to come up with dance themes for upcoming dances. Members of the first annual powder puff team collaborate with Coach Kerry Reardon before a big play. The Student Council of 1996-1997 shows off their smiles to the camera. Freshman Traci Daffer, Sophomore Alison Summers, and Freshman Mary Jane Whitaker listen to new ideas at an SCO meeting. Freshman Ursula Chapman and Chi Yarde jump together for a quick snapshot before an SCO meeting. Junior Stacy Porto starts to stress about the crunch of things to do.







Above: Former members of the Drama Club gather for a photo.



Right: Members of the Library Club made suggestions for improving the facility.

Far right: The Glee Club was a way for STA students to display their talents; Near right: The former Athletic Club members show off all the muscles they've developed.



Above: US Plus members gathered to exchange new ideas from a Christian viewpoint.



Above: Members of the Math Club pursued their interest in that discipline

HOW CLUBS HELP STA

Girls Help Others

One of the things St. Teresa's Academy puts a focus on is getting the students involved in the school activities and the community. One way to kill two birds with one stone is to encourage students to join a club. The existing clubs or previously existing clubs are dedicated to expanding STA students' perspectives, and in turn having the girls share their influence with others.

Over the decades, clubs have given STA girls chances to help others in a learning environment. The clubs have ranged from groups pertaining to hobbies to future careers. Becoming involved in clubs has given generations of STA students a chance to meet new people, make new friends, and interact with others.

STA clubs have reflected social conditions and concern for others. Groups such as the Red Cross Club and STOP existed for girls wanting to help improve their community. STOP--Students and Teachers Organized to Prevent Nuclear War--became involved in organizing and educating others to help in the struggle to rid the world of nuclear threats.

A few of the past clubs include: US Plus, Library Club, JCL--Junior Classical League, Athletic Club, Glee Club, Art Club, Career Club, Anthropology Club, Discussion Club and HUGS.

These clubs no longer exist but were replaced with clubs that still share the same purpose--to expand STA girls' minds and get them involved in sharing their time and effort with others.



Now you see them . . . now you don't

| | | |
|------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| French Club | Ladies in Lit | US Plus |
| Spanish Club | SADD | Library Club |
| SAGA | PRIDE | Athletic Club |
| NHS | Amnesty Int'l. | Career Club |
| Science Club | Student Council | STOP |
| Drama Club | CARE | Art Club |
| Community Service Club | | |



PEOPLE



A STAR IS BORN



Every year a Star is born, in fact, 100 or so Stars are born. They may not know it yet, their parents may not know it, but they are destined to end up walking the halls of St. Teresa's Academy. They grow up, graduate from grade school and they are thrown together to form the class of ????. It has been this way for decades - (girls come, women go) - thousands of women with a common bond. The pride that one acquires in the duration of an STA career is incomparable to any other school.

In these pages are the faces of the people we all know, but they are merely a blink in time. They will grow up as others before them and try to conquer the world. All these people will not be forgotten, though they will only spend four years here. The dent they make in the world will last; it will not be lost as this book will. So, soak in their pictures, engrave them in your head, because one day these Stars will be shining brightly.

by Emily Curran



FACULTY



The Solar System that Keeps the Stars Together

Through the students of St. Teresa's Academy are very diverse, the school and its teachers provides a common bond for the STA community. St. Teresa's faculty unifies their students by providing a basic foundation of knowledge from which the students build.

The faculty members watch their students grow. They see the young stars walk through their advisory doors freshman year. With the help of their advisors, the stars grow big and bright. The faculty prepares their students for the real world, teaching them not only what to think, but how to think.

In each community, there is one aspect that binds everything together. In the solar system of St. Teresa's, this bond is the faculty. Their dedication to the students and commitment to St. Teresa's keep students coming back year after year and keep the traditions shining brightly.

by Megan Lynch

Elizabeth Bono
French
Joyce Burkholder
Business
Ann Cave
Language Lab



Lilian Chagoyan
French and Spanish
Erick Chaverri
Spanish
Beth Collins
Social Studies



Robert Cox
Social Studies
Mike Davis
Music
Jerry Dowell
Maintenance Engineer



Above; Mr. Buck Firth peeks out his door to smile for the camera.



*Above Top; Mr. Mike Egner gives sophomores a new perspective of the world.
 Above; Ms. Ann Cave helps a student with her fluency in Spanish.*

Oh, How They've Changed... Or Have They?

Faculty members had varied opinions on how, or if, the students of St. Teresa's Academy have changed over the years. Many teachers said that STA students are more receptive while others thought the students to be less self-disciplined.

Several members of the staff commented that the students themselves haven't changed over the years, rather the society they live in. Ms. Mary Anne Hoecker said, "I think circumstances for students are

different. Their lives are busier; their areas of decision-making are riskier..."

Others felt that students had more initiative and greater aspirations. "Students today are more questioning and outspoken," commented Sr. Harriet Koutsoumpas, "They're even more college-bound."

Or it could be seen through Dr. Joe Grantham's eyes: "Certainly they students have changed! Otherwise we would have very old students. HA!!"

by Meghan Lampo and Megan Lynch



Pat Dunlay
English
Theresa Egelhoff
Development Office
Mike Egner
Social Studies

John Errante
Technology Coordinator
Buck Firth
Theology
Mary Fisher
Mathematics

Mark Fudenberg
English
Patricia Gallagher
Social Studies
Sr. Gerrie Grabow
English

Dr. Joe Grantham

Mathematics

Nancy Hand

Associate Principal

Arlene Herson

Mathematics

Dianne Hirner

Journalism



Roseanne Hudnall

Secretary to Guidance

Debi Hudson

Academic/College Advisor

Mary Anne Hoecker

Associate Principal

Joan Jordan

Development Office



Sr. Harriet Koutsoumpas

Chemistry

Kathy Lamb

English

Sr. Mary Ann Lavin

Art

Mary Kay Lenihan

Registrar Office



Jeannette Marstall

Art

Peggy Martin

Mathematics

Ann Maschler

Librarian

Kathy McCarthy

Business



Maryanne McDonald

Administrative Assistant



Above; Ms. Mary Kelly-Mueller leads a class discussion.



Oh, How Campus

Not only have the students of St. Teresa's Academy changed, but the physical appearance of STA has changed as well. Did you know that...

- The cafeteria used to be the gym
- The art room was the cafeteria- The testing center used to be a locker room
- D1 used to be a bookstore
- Mr. Fud's room was the laundry room for the sisters who lived on the third floor of M & A



Left: Sra. Jennifer Holt impresses her Spanish students with her bilingual ability.

Below: Ms. Arlene Herson works diligently to finish her homework during passing time.



Below: Mr. Mike Egner and Dr. Joe Grantham prepare for the big race.



We've Grown: Conversions

- The drama room was the sisters' dining area
- The third floor of M & A was the chapel
- Sr. Harriet lived on the third floor of M & A during her first year as a staff member
- Ms. Hirner's room was the Home Economics room
- Goppert was built in 1981
- Sewing and Child Care classes were a part of the STA curriculum

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Right: Sophomores Akeisha Venardo and Missy Haster stop to pose for the camera with their favorite teacher, Ms. Shirley Renaud.
 Below: Ms. Patty Pearson assists an Algebra 1 student with a challenging problem.



Above: Students in Ms. Sandra Roland's Latin II Class are eager to test their speaking ability.

Do you know about the

Your teachers probably know more about you than you want them to know. Take this quiz to see how much you know about them...

1. Which teacher has run in the Boston Marathon?
 - a. Ms. Thompson
 - b. Dr. Joe
 - c. Ms. Lamb

2. Which teacher has met the president?
 - a. Ms. Gallagher
 - b. Ms. Pearson
 - c. Ms. Fisher

3. Which teacher is obsessed with Sting?



Mary Kelly Mueller

Theology

Patti Pearson

Mathematics

Alexis Powell

Biology

Molly Reardon

Theology

Shirley Renaud

English

Anita Reznicek

Campus Ministry/Theology

Sandra Rowland

Latin and French

Megan Schaefer

Admissions

Rosemary Schmiedeler

Librarian

Jennifer Simon

English

Jessie Thompson

Physics/Physical Science

Sr. Joan Tolle

Computer Lab

Louann Tummons

School Counselor

Patty Walsh

Business Office Assistant

Kathy Walters

Receptionist

Dr. Faith Wilson

President

Not pictured: Ann Bode-Rodriguez, Renee Blake, Sue Christenson, Jennifer Holt, Sr. Barbara Jennings, Judy Merriman, Robin Murphy, and Judy Whalen

the facts Faculty?

- a. Mr. Chaverri
 - b. Mr. Davis
 - c. Ms. Collins
4. Which teachers party together on the weekends?
 - a. Sra. Holt and Ms. Herson
 - b. Ms. Dunlay and Ms. Renaud
 - c. Mr. Firth and Mr. Errante
 5. Which male teacher has been seen around campus wearing a skirt?
 - a. Mr. Cox
 - b. Mr. Egner
 - c. Mr. Fud

Answers: 1: b, 2: a, 3: c, 4: b, 5: c

by Meghan Lampo and Megan Lynch



Above: Sophomore Tonya Manion and Mr. Alexis Powell work on their Biology homework.



FRESHMEN



Freshmen Stars Begin Journey Through Time

Everyone begins the journey as a Freshman, unaware of what lies ahead. The plague of the accountability has been thrust on you, but the freedom of high school compensates. Football games and unsupervised parties with your new friends are the biggest festivities. You can feel the pride of being a Star, as your mothers or sisters or friends have felt before. Being the youngest class of Stars is kind of hard but "what doesn't kill you only makes you stronger." The class of 2000 carries with it a certain sense of responsibility you will obtain through the years. You must set an example as the first class of a new millennium. In this book, the following pages are dedicated to you ladies, the survivors of freshmen year.

by Emily Curran

Lindsay Allen
Brianne Alley



Malinda Baehr
Jessica Barton



Lindsay Battles
Alexis Beaven



JoAnna Belfonte
Rachel Benben



Brandi Berry
Teresa Biersmith
Emily Blanton
Angie Bodling
Sarah Brown
Katie Buckley



Pictured above; Liz Neal and Angie Heier join to get their picture taken in the hall.

Sing to us. .

"Get down on your knees! Ask this guy for a date!

If you think you are listening to Dazed and Confused, you're wrong. These sayings came out of the St. Teresa's seniors' mouths many times during the first months of school.

At STA, initiation is a tradition that has lasted for a long time.

In previous years, lunch was the usual time that freshmen had to go through initiation. During the '96-'97 school year, the administration changed the schedule around. The tradition of seniors being able to eat with freshman changed. During the



Misty Buell
Rebecca Burnett



Janel Burton
Erin Case



Urusula Chapman
Tiffany Cheatem



Elisa Clark
Margaret Coleman



Emily Collins
Ann Cook
Traci Daffer
Jennie Davey
Tracie Davidson
Beth Degnan

. NOW!!

lunch/activity times, every student had to be accounted for. In turn, seniors could not eat with the freshmen. As a result, the freshmen were "tortured" during frees and at Rockhurst games.

"It was really funny when everyone got down on their knees and sang," commented **Gretchen Ekerdt**, "It was fun because no one was left out."

It was all good in the end. The seniors kept the tradition flowing when they teased 9th graders. Freshmen still got embarrassed. The sophomores and juniors laughed at everyone. But most of all, everyone had fun.

So it's safe to say that although the scene may change, initiation remains.

By Molly Wholey



Pictured above, center; Calm down, girls! Freshmen jump in front of the camera to get a spot in the yearbook.

Above; Theresa Holtsclaw finishes her homework in the Math/Science Resource Center.

Another Pop Quiz

1. The population of the world is ...
A) 600,000
B) 6,000,000
C) 6,000,000,000
2. Find the value of x , when $20y=5x+10$.
A) $x=20$
B) $x=20y+10$
C) $x=4y-2$
3. Mercutio is ...
A) a type of pasta
B) William Shakespeare's nickname
C) Romeo's friend in Romeo and Juliet.
4. The Torah is ...
A) a type of car by Ford
B) a sacred Hebrew temple
C) the first five books of the Hebrew Scriptures

If you answered mostly ...

A's- You don't remember well. You need to pay more attention to the class discussions and to your tests. Put down your tokens for Aladdin's Castle and pick up your pen. You're lucky this is your first year at STA, you have three years to improve.

B's- You are not as clueless as the A's. You don't remember as well as others, but you are improving. You need to think more about homework and less about your social life. You listen in class, but don't remember well. Your next years at St. Teresa's will be tough, but not as bad as you expected.

C's- You have your priorities straight. You spend enough time with your friends and still save time for school. You have a good memory. You listen in class and your grades prove it! Your next few years at STA will be better than you think.





Anne Dillon
 Meg Donohoe
 Jessica Dotson
 Carissa Dowdy
 Lakisha Dunbar

Maureen Dunn
 Elizabeth Eberle
 Gretchen Ekerdt
 Mahtab Fakhari
 Carolyn Fendler

Erin Field
 Sarah Fitzpatrick-Heinz
 Brittany Fossey
 Bridget Glynn
 Melissa Gomez



Top center, pictured from left to right; Tiffany Cheatem talks with her friends about her walkman. That looks really neat!
Opposite page; Pictured from left to right; Julie Holland, Jessica Dotson, Rachel Benben and Sarah Trozzolo get together for a snapshot on the weekend.
Bottom center; Meghan Jesse and Emily King show off their study skills in the library.
Pictured above; Tracie Davidson and Bridget Glynn show how much fun they can have. What big smiles girls!



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It may be the daily smiles they gave between classes. It may be the surprising impressions they left on their teachers. It may just be the fact that they were inexperienced freshmen.

No. It's not their smiles, their first impressions, or their lack of experience. The reason why the class of 2000 is so special is because of just that--they're the class of 2000. The class of a whole new century. A part of a whole new millenium. The big '00.

For most students, kicking off a new century of graduating classes is a thrill. The new look is bursting with individuality for class t-shirts, year-books, and best of all, class rings.

"Class of 2000 is the bomb!" said **Sarah Wilkinson**. "The '00 just looks cool. I'm excited to see our class rings."

It's easy to admit that being a part of the class of '00 is new...and even kind of exciting. The new era approaching is a reminder of our ever-advancing modern world. "2000"...doesn't that look so modern? So technological?





1, '00

Maybe so, but some students are thrilled just because they are the first graduating class of not only the century, but the millennium.

"It's just so cool to be the first," said **Shannon Riley**. "People will always remember us. Plus, it's a great excuse to party hard senior year!"

Okay, so there are some negative feelings among the excitement. Some think that the "double zero" looks, well, just plain stupid.

"I love being in the class of '00, but I don't like the fact that our tassels will say '00!" commented **Katie Hardacre**.

So watch out, STA, they're coming. They may be at the bottom of the totem pole now, but in a few years they'll be kicking off a whole new millennium. Yep, they're coming...they are the class of 2000.

by Becky Wiedeman



Top row, left to right: Tracie Davison; Elizabeth Eberle and Claire Mallot do some studying after school; Liz Neal, Jennie Davey, and Meg Donohoe pose for a quick pic after a race; Jessica Dotson and Sarah Trozzolo chat between classes; Sarah Wilkison and Lindsay Jackson have fun during class; Janel Burton gets busy with homework.
Second row, left to right: Outside of the gym, Tiffany Cheatem and Carissa Dowdy catch up on gossip; Traci Davidson, Julie Holland and Jessica Dotson smile at their first STA dance.
Bottom row, left to right: Julie Holland and Jessica Dotson show off their volleyball skills; Leanna Jenkins; Liz Neal puts on her shades on a sunny day; Meg Donohoe and Jennie Davey pose between bites at lunch; Rachel Benben.

Most Embarrassing Moments

"I was at Cross Country; we were running around. All of the sudden, I ran into a tree. I fell down and everyone laughed at me."

-Brooke Kreikemeier

"I was writing to one of my friends when my backpack fell off of my back. All the juniors that were behind me were laughing and making fun of me. I was really embarrassed."

-Jessica Krisman

"I was at the Rockhurst game at Blue Springs. While I was standing on the bleachers talking to my friends, I fell. I slid down a bunch of rows of bleachers. "

-Jennie Davey

"One day, I was walking into M&A. My foot slipped and I almost hit my face on the stairs. It was really embarrassing. "

-Suzanne Lorfing



Pictured above: A group of freshmen gather together to get a group picture during lunch mods.

Pictured below: Claire Mallot and Elizabeth Eberle have an intense chat after school while waiting for their rides.



**Tesah Graham
Eleanor Haley
Katie Hardacre
Danielle Healy**



**Angela Heier
Lauren Henninger
Marcia Herr
Melissa Herr**





Pictured above: Freshmen show how much fun they can have on the weekends. Dressing up like monkeys?

Pictured below: Look at all those pretty teeth. Freshmen flash a quick smile for the camera during lunch.



"My most embarrassing moment was when I went to the wrong class on the third day of school. Everyone in the first class laughed at me when I had to get up and leave 15 minutes into the class."

-Alex Hutchings

"My most embarrassing moment is when my sister, Emily, and her friend Patty stopped me in M&A. They made me get down on my knees and sing to them!"

-Julie Holland

"Once, the Cross Country Team taped me to the ground while I was sleeping. I woke up to people laughing and spraying water guns at me. I'll never forget it!"

-Liz Neal

"Everyday would be considered embarrassing if you were me!"

-anonymous



**Frances Hershewe
Sarah Hollabaugh
Julie Holland
Theresa Holtsclaw**

**Shannon Howard
Alexandra Hutchings
Lindsay Jackson
Leanna Jenkins**

Meghan Jesse
 Megan Johnson
 Antoria Jones
 Katie Kalahurka
 Brengyei Katosang
 Kendra Kemp



Emily King
 Caroline Kornelis
 Brooke Kreikemeier
 Jessica Krisman
 Michaela Krna
 Laura Kuhnlein





Jill Lapping
Annie Leonard
Katy Liebnitz
LaToya Loren
Suzanne Lorfing
Claire Mallot

HIGH SCHOOL

H I G H

This ain't no grade school.

That's what many St. Teresa's Academy freshmen found out starting from the very first day of school. Around here, things are run differently, and most found that appealing.

"I really love high school," said **Molly White**. "It's so much more challenging than grade school but at the same time I'm having a lot more fun."

For most freshmen, STA proved to be a huge step up from grade school. It's probable that even most upperclassmen can recall that 'high school high' which all freshmen feel upon graduating from grade school. But even the most confident among the freshmen will admit that although high school is cool, freshmen are not.

"High school's pretty cool," said **Beth Degnan**. "But I found out early in the year that being a freshman isn't 'all that'."

Okay, so many students will admit that freshmen do get teased and picked on frequently. But for the most part, it's all in good spirits.

Besides getting picked on, many ninth graders resent being freshmen for other reasons, for example, accountabilities, being unfamiliar with the school and not being able to drive.

But for some freshmen, high school isn't all that different. It may be a mental thing or it may just be hype from other people, but for some reason, high school has been blown way out of proportion for some girls.

"Going to high school is kind of like having another birthday," said **Sarah Wilkinson**. "You never look or feel a year older, you just act like it!"

By Becky Wiedeman

*Pictured at left; a group of
Freshmen decided to wear their pj's
to Ms. Reardon's English class*



Brie Manakul
Angela Mancuso
Mindy Mathews
Laurie McDaniel
Elizabeth McLiney
Kristin Milan

Quiana Miller
Robin Miller
Lindsay Mitchell



Kate Murphy
Bonny Murrell
Alexandra Nana



Liz Neal
Alexis Pankey
Dominique Perez



Kathryn Phillips
Sephora Pittman
Megan Price



Molly Reed
Rachel Riederer
Shannon Riley



Sarah Roland
Erin Rowzee
Angela Salazar



*Top right, pictured from left to right; Courtney Spiking, Carolyn Fendler and Laurie McDaniel lean together to get their picture taken during lunch.
Pictured above; Liz Neal and Becky Burnett pose for a picture during the Senior Powderpuff football game.*



Tara Sawyer
Tiana Scrivo
Krystal Scroggins

Kelli Shankle
Kristin Spence
Courtney Spiking



Jillian Stanley
Bobbi Stoberl
Tara Surface



Katie Syrett
Sarah Trozzolo
Leah Twibell



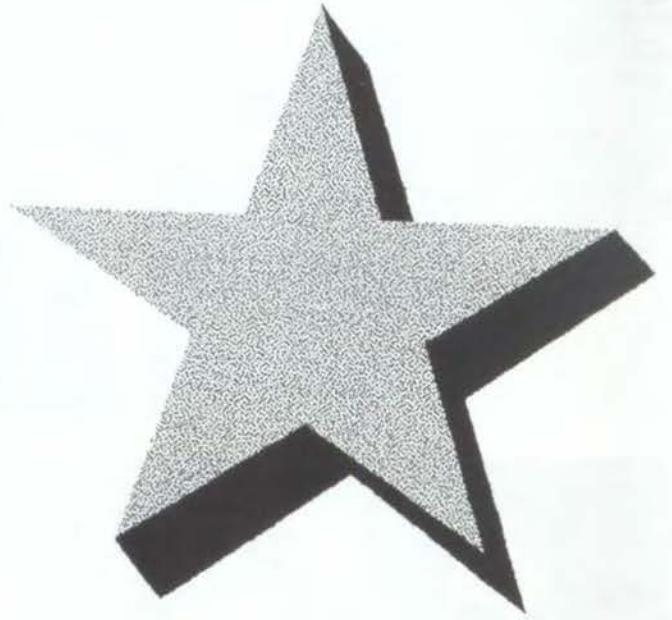
Melissa Warlen
Michelle Warlen
Dina Wathan



Mary Jane Whitaker
Molly White
Sarah Wilkison

Top left; Julie Holland and Rachel Benben crowd together so they can be in the yearbook. Are you okay Julie?

Pictured above; Angie Bodling and Angela Salazar scoot together to get a quick pic between classes.



SOPHOMORES



TWO DOWN, TWO TO GO

It is the second step in a four-step program, sophomore year. After a trying, stressful freshman year, you are a little bit older, a little bit wiser and a lot more comfortable. You know how the school runs and with your newfound freedom, A.K.A. a drivers license, you can conquer the world.

As a sophomore you have gained the respect to go to Teresian and dignity to sit in the pit at lunch. Simply, don't forget that sophomores are considered underclassmen. These sophomore pages are dedicated to those that made the most of being a sophomore, a "wise fool."

by Emily Curran

Sally Aldrich
Heather Allen
Beth Atkin
Lea Avila
Mary Bauers



Erin Beebe
Justina Benson



Ashley Bivens
Devin Blackburn



Rachel Bock
Katharine Bodde



Erica Bower
Katy Breashears



"Wise Old Fools"

You enter high school as a freshman, the bottom of the heap, as low as you can get. As the little guy you are oblivious to the many strange faces in the class that surround you.

Finally, as a sophomore, still younger than two grades full of people, you begin your second year of high school with familiar faces. You know everyone from last year, and you know the locations of each classroom and which teacher belongs in it.

"The best thing about being a sophomore is not being a freshman anymore!" said sophomore **Kori Saunders**. Traditionally the word sophomore means "wise old fool" because they know more than they did, but still can't conquer the world.

by Jessie Shechter and Sarah Young

Pictured on these two pages, clockwise starting at far right; Becky Wiedeman, Jessie Hodes, and Joy Siebert show their pearly whites. Kim Martin and Ashley Gray study hard in the auditorium. Sophomores take a break from chowing down in the cafe. Akeisha Varnado shares a Hungry Man with her freshman bud.





Mary Burnett
Jeanne Caffrey
Colleen Casey
Megan Casey
Erika Cash



Jenny Cervello
Denisse Chapa



Amy Clarkson
Audrey Collins



Erin Conwell
Beth Corrigan



Erin Cozad
Kelly Crawford



Jennifer Cummings
 Beth Cusick
 Louise Dawson
 Christine Deeken
 Briana Devereaux



Jessica Dianda



“Under The Sea”

Was it worth waiting a year for? Sophomore year is the first year that St. Teresa's students can attend the Teresian dance.

“I had a lot of fun, but I think freshmen should be given the same opportunity,” said **Danielle Douglas**.

“I had a blast! It was every thing I thought it would be,” **Anne Rhodes** exclaimed.

This is how the evening went for other sophomores:

The top place to go before the dance: Fast food

The best place to go after Teresian: A party

Was it worth waiting for? NO: 32% YES: 68%

How long did it take to find a dress? about 4 hours

What was the total amount spent? \$110

Danielle Douglas



Jennifer Downs



Annie Duethman
 Lauren Dusselier
 Denise Earl
 Emily Etem
 Molly Euston



Class of



Lyndsey Farris
 Meghan Finucane
 Emily Flach
 Angela Fuhrken
 Jennifer Gibbs



Ashley Gray



Mary Jane Groff



Michaela Hand

From top to bottom; Anne Rhodes and Lori Moore take a break from swimming "Under the Sea". Jessica Dianda, Justina Benson, and Beth Atkin get ready to boogie down.



Beth Handley
 Julie Harris
 Missy Haster
 Mary Heydon
 Kristin Hill

1999

Erin Hinken
 Jessica Hodes
 Sami Holliday
 Jennifer Houska



Gina Katzer
 Mari Kellerman
 Akila Kincy
 Laurie Kokoruda



Brooke Kuechler
 Jill Lampton
 Audrah Lund-French
 Daphne Mack



Take this quiz to find out what kind of sophomore you are.

1. On the weekends, you:
 - a) Go party-hoppin' with pals
 - b) study hard for the big English test that is 3 weeks away.
 - c) Go hang at Ward Parkway.

2. After school, you usually:
 - a) Quick stop at QT on your way to Rockhurst (checkin' out the guys, of course!)
 - b) Head straight to the local library to chill with your favorite librarian.
 - c) Rush home to see the end of the Ricki Lake show. Go Ricki!

3. In the cafe, you:
 - a) Stop by all the different tables to catch up on the latest gossip.
 - b) Stay double activity in the Science lab to catch some un-needed extra credit.
 - c) Sit with the regular group of buds, munchin' on your regular Bumpus pizza.

4. Between classes, you:
 - a) Procrastinate and again, catch up on the latest gossip.
 - b) Race to your next class, you do NOT want to be even close to late.
 - c) Walk at a normal pace, casually talking amongst people walking by you.

5. During class, you:
 - a) Pass notes, once again, catching up on the latest news and plans.
 - b) Completely concentrate on the lecture.
 - c) Listen, take notes, think about your after school Ricki Show.

If you chose mostly a's, you are the typical social butterfly, whose main concern is to have fun, capture the moment, and live life to its fullest. Keep it up! If you chose mostly b's, you need to get your nose outta those books and live it up a bit. You're here for some fun, right? If you chose mostly c's, you are an average STA student, with some quirks, but that's okay, right?

by Jessie Shechter and Sarah Young





Clare Maguire
Tonya Manion
Kimberly Martin



Sara Mayer
Sarah McCann
Jane McManus



Lori Moore
Katie Mulligan
Diana Navarrete



Kelly O'Donnell
Mary Shannon O'Neill
Erica Oades



Angela Ottolini
Mary Theda Owens



Top to bottom: Anne Rhodes and Angela Ottolini show their school spirit at a Cross Country Meet. Veronica Purse and Terri Burke take a break to smile at the camera during their first year in the pit.



Renee Panchal
Amber Patti



Chrissy Patti
Khara Preston



Veronica Purse
Jennifer Redmond



Meaghan Reidy
Anne Rhodes



Megan Rhodes
Meghan Riley



Ashley Rosley
Molly Rothove
Kori Saunders



“Look out here we come”

Driving. Is it a scary topic or not? During this year, many sophomores will take a course called Driver's Education. It helps them develop good skills for driving. Some do not take this course, yet they understand the rules of driving.

Jennifer Redmond said, "It helps you to be a careful and wary driver."

Many people in the sophomore class have just turned 16 and don't drive. There are several reasons why people don't.

"My first driving experience was horrible, I had to practice driving on ice and snow and I slipped and almost got in a wreck and I have been scared ever since," said **Laura Stark**.

Driving is very important to most people. There are many advantages and disadvantages involved.

"An advantage is that it is easier on you because you provide your own transportation to and from school. A disadvantage is that when you go out with your friends and they live in different parts of the town, you worry about their feelings when you can't take them home," said **Lori Moore**.

Many people look forward to driving because of the privileges that come with it.

"I have more freedom now that I can drive. I'm able to do things on my own without having to rely on my parents," said **Brooke Kuechler**.

Many people anticipate driving but have to wait until they turn 16.

"I am counting down the months until I can drive and be free to go places without having to ask my parents to take me," said **Beth Cusick**.

by Jessie Shechter and Sarah Young



From top to bottom; Annie Duethman drives her friends around in her Corsica, of course. A bunch of sophomores party in a hip school bus.



**Brigid Scarbrough
Emily Schmidt**



**Vanessa Scott
Jessica Shechter**



**Devra Sheffer
Amanda Shirkey**



**Joy Siebert
Rachel Simeone**



**Sarah Simeone
Caroline Simone**



**Annora Smith
Erin Speck
Katie Stacy**

Left is right, right is wrong!

What is it like to be left handed?

The class of 1999 has 127 students, 10 of which are left handed. They are **Gretchen Wirken, Sally Aldrich, Kelly Crawford, Michaela Hand, Amy Clarkson, Molly Euston, Mary Bauers, Annie Duethman, Laurie Kokoruda, and Beth Corrigan.** Here are some of the outlooks of the highs and lows in a world dominated by right handed people.

"I hate when I get the spiral shape indented into my arm after writing," said **Mary "Southpaw" Bauers.**

"The desks we use every day for everything, are made for the right handed people, with no exceptions. There is no room to write, while the paper is tilted and ends up on the floor as soon as the wind of someone walking by blows," says **Gretchen Wirken.**

"God made some people perfect, and the rest he made right handed," said **Beth "Lefty" Corrigan.**

Michaela Hand complains, "My writing is bad enough without it getting smudged by my hand!"





Laura Stark
Allison Summers
Katie Swetala
Aisha Tate
Sarah Unger

Akeisha Varnado
Katie Vitale
Jennifer Walter
Molly Wholey
Becky Wiedeman

Catherine Wilcox
Becky Willets
Le Andrea Williams
Tiffany Williams
Stacey Wilson

Gretchen Wirken
Rissy Yahaya
Chisa Yarde
Sarah Young
Jessica Zizza

Not Pictured:
Terracina Burke

*Pictured far left, top to bottom: A group of lefties show their pride! Gretchen Wirken and Katie Mulligan, who are you going to call? Ghostbusters?! Mary Bauers and Beth Corrigan show their friendly sides.
Below: Ashley Bivens and Jen Downs snuggle up together.*



Friends come in all ages

Buddies find grade level isn't important

For many students at St. Teresa's Academy, each year means something different. As for the girls in the freshmen class, their first year in high school is spent adjusting to new classes, and new people. The sophomores spend their year appreciating the fact that they are no longer freshmen, and they can finally begin driving. The juniors, on the other hand, are lost in a world of Chemistry, Algebra II, ACT results, and ring ceremonies. Finally, the seniors realize that their high school years are coming to an end and the future holds bigger and better things, like college.

Although various conflicts exist throughout the grade levels, students still manage to relieve stress among friends. Even though it seems that there are certain boundaries between grade levels, many students are able to break through the barriers and share relationships with people older or younger than themselves.

"I have known **Brooke Kuechler** (sophomore) my whole life, and age has never been an issue for us," said junior **Lane Taylor**.

Breaking through the age barrier and befriending an upperclassman can prove to be very beneficial to a freshman.

"My first week at STA was baffling. I was lost in a world of accountabilities, modular schedules, and new faces. Having **Kori** there by my side, showing me all the ropes and introducing me to all her friends, was exactly what I needed," said freshman **Julie Holland**.

Friends of different ages all agree that this type of bond has many advantages. Whether it comes to academics, sports, or relationships, these friends come through with support and guidance. Although a few years may lie between them, the bonds are strong and will surely last for long.

by *Lauren Teaney and Erin Quarnstrom*

Pictured on this page clockwise from top left: Gretchen Wirken, Molly Barry, Casey Perkins, and Meghan Lampo spend an enjoyable weekend together at Unitown; Nicole Effertz, junior, and Michelle Phelps, senior, prove that some people never change; Brooke Kuechler, sophomore, and Lane Taylor, junior, have been friends since those swimsuits were in style; Margaret Huff, senior, and Katie Swetala, sophomore, embrace after a victorious home basketball game; Katharine Hauschild, senior, Kristen Moore, senior, Shannon Becker, junior, and Maureen Flynn, junior, show their Star spirit at the Powder Puff game; Kristen Milan, freshman, and Devin Blackburn, sophomore, stop for a moment during passing time to take a quick snapshot; Louise Dawson, sophomore, and Jennifer Clarke, junior, get in touch with their philosophical sides; Breanne Coleman, junior, and Sarah McCann, sophomore, spend a warm summer day together; Kori Saunders, sophomore, and Julie Holland, freshman, spend Spring Break in San Francisco.







JUNIORS



Can These Stars Shine Through It?

It's called hell...

If you don't watch out, junior year can eat you and your GPA alive.

Millions of years ago, in a land far, far away, the elders of a prehistoric society sat around and planned the curriculum for the juniors at St. Teresa's Academy. They included Chemistry, Algebra II, American Studies, and a variety of other challenging electives. What they hadn't considered was a 17 year old girl living in the 1990's has many other responsibilities. They forgot, or neglected to anticipate, that there would be jobs, dances and service work for these young girls to deal with. However, STA has stuck with this, "set in stone" (literally in this story) collection of courses. Some students have barely survived, while others have conquered it with flying colors. Junior year tests everything you've got--it separates the girls from the women. The following pages are dedicated to the Juniors who gave it their all, and to the days that they will always remember.

by Emily Curran

Jaqueline Adriano
Molly Barry



Shannon Becker
Lillian Belfonte



Emily Berger
Erica Bibbs



Amy Bodling
Christina Bonura



Lisa Brosnahan
Beth Brown
Anjanette Buchanan
Stacy Bush
JoAnna Catalano



Pictured above left; Shannon Becker, Lauren Teaney, Chrissy Bonura, and Nicole Effertz pose for a quick picture at the Father Daughter Dance. Pictured above right; A group of crazy junior girls get pumped up at a pep rally.

JUNIORS



Rasheedah Cherry
Christin Cipolla



Jennifer Clark
Courtney Clarkson



Breanne Coleman
Kristen Cooke



Maggie Cushman
Carmen Day



Alison Dick
Laura Donnici
Kelly Dowd
Jill Dunfee
Nicole Effertz
Molly Ekerdt

CLASS OF '98

Sarah Elmore
 Amy Ernst
 Tracy Erwin
 Julie Fahey



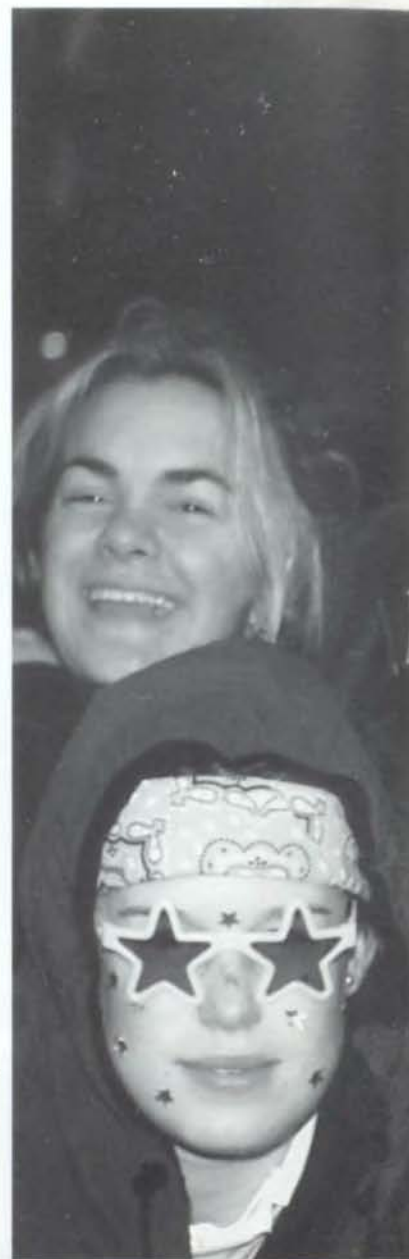
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 Maureen Flynn
 Melissa Freeman
 Nicholle Hill



Bernadette Hiltner
 Katie Hodes
 Teresa Hollimon
 Courtney Jekel



Cantrell Jelley
 Amy Keith
 Meghan Kesse
 Brooke Knight



*Pictured above; a group of juniors show their enthusiasm in the hallway
 Pictured above center; Stacy Porto, Becky Shelby, Colleen Welsh, Erin Quarnstrom, and Lisa Brosnahan show their school spirit at the powder puff game
 Pictured right; a group of juniors take a break for lunch*



A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A JUNIOR



It is 7:15 a.m., and you are already running late. Your Chemistry lab is still printing out, and your carpool is impatiently waiting in the driveway. You remember that you have an Algebra II test also, and this leads to more confusion and debate on whether or not to even go to school for the day. What else could possibly go wrong for a junior girl?

When you finally get in the car and arrive at school, you realize you aren't even in uniform, not to mention you forgot your class ring money for the millionth time. On top of all that, a college that you are interested in is visiting and you already have a meeting with a teacher because you are flunking her class. When you finally think that your day could not get any worse, you realize that you forgot to register for the ACT test. Your day comes to a roaring halt when you decide to give up on school altogether and go home.

"On some days I feel like I am going to rip my hair out because I am so stressed out. A lot of times it just feels like my days could not get any worse, and then they do!" said junior **Catherine Marx**.

Well Catherine, don't stress too much. It is probable that the stress of junior year will pay off in the long run. Although many juniors become stressed, there are also other individuals that feel like they have a strong hold on their studies.

Junior **Lisa Rotert** commented, "I feel as though my junior year is easier compared to my previous years at St. Teresa's. I am also confident in my studies, and I feel as though I am performing to my best ability."

Being a junior at STA requires a great deal of hard work and determination. Even though many students thought that their most horrible days would never end, they actually did come to a positive conclusion. After all of the hard work and stress, junior year came to a positive close for the majority of students in the junior class. After all, no one said school was supposed to be easy.

by Lauren Teaney and Erin Quarnstrom



Laura Kolakowski
 Elizabeth Kreikemeier
 Julie Laird
 Melody Lamb
 Melissa Lecuyer
 Sarah Leiker



Christina Lolli
 Catherine Marx
 Allison May
 Josie McClernon
 Jessica McGeehan
 Meia McKinney



Lucy McShane
 Jill Mitchell
 Lani Morris
 Marisa Mullane
 Amber Mura
 Ashley Mura



Kristin Murphy
 Yolanda Navarrete
 Casey Perkins
 Stacy Porto
 Rebecca Potter
 Erin Quarnstrom



Ebony Ramsey
 Betsy Reardon
 Janai Rollison
 Lisa Rotert
 Anna Saviano
 Becky Shelby



Pictured right; Nicole Smith, Laura Spencer, and Emily Berger take time out from the math resource center for a quick picture

Pictured far top; a group of juniors enjoy their new class rings

Pictured far center; Laura Kolakowski, Nicolle Hill, and JoAnna Fitzhugh goof off at lunch

Pictured far bottom; Rasheedah Cherry, Dionne Smith, and Janai Rollison strike a pose for the camera





MEMORIES OF JUNIOR YEAR:

Totally Geek:

- locked bathrooms
- sophomore drivers
- stolen cars
- 5 day old, reduced price Cafe food
- 25 minute lunch periods
- microwaves lacking voltage
- activity sheets
- freshmen in the pit



Totally Sheik:

- ring ceremony
- one more year!
- upperclassmen
- intramurals
- snow days



Dionne Smith
Nicole Smith



Laura Spencer
Kate Swoboda



Lane Taylor
Lauren Teaney



Angela Teater
Amanda Tucker



Sarah VanHoecke
Katie Walkenhorst



AHH--- AT

For many students at St. Teresa's, junior year can be viewed as being the most difficult year of high school. For others though, junior year is seen as a transitional period which dramatically changes an underclassman into an upperclassman.

Junior **Lisa Brosnahan** said, "It feels like just yesterday I was a freshman trying to figure out my schedule. It feels good to finally be an upperclassman."

Junior year means many changes for the students. These changes range anywhere from Chemistry, to even making college decisions. Junior year also serves as a reality check for some students, due to the fact that grades are so essential when it comes to college requirements.

Pictured close right; a group of juniors enjoy a field trip at the wetlands

Pictured middle right; Kaite Woulfe and Julie Fahey enjoy the Father Daughter dance together

Pictured far right; Kristin Murphy, Courtney Jekel, Amy Tucker, and Katie Walkenhorst enjoy their lunch



JUNIORS LAST

"I have really noticed certain things this year that have challenged me more than previous years. All of my classes are much more difficult this year, and I also have to worry about future college decisions." said Junior **Katie Woulfe**.

Courses for many students in the junior class such as American Studies, Chemistry, and Algebra II are known to be just some of the most difficult. These classes all include a great amount of time, and tend to cause a great deal of stress for many students. These are just some of the challenges that many students experience throughout the transitional period of junior year.

*by Lauren Teaney
and Erin Quarnstrom*



Leni Wells
Colleen Welsh



Colleen White
Katie Wholey



Katie Woulfe
Laurie Woywod



Kara Wozniak
Shelly Wynn

Not pictured:
Gina Boxwell





FADS (in)



ENTERTAINMENT

- Jerry Maguire
- Star Wars
- Romeo and Juliet
- Party of Five
- Road Rules
- Dave Matthews Band
- Sublime



PEOPLE

- Rosie O'Donnell
- Elmo
- Bill Clinton (literally)
- Elizabeth Shue
- Tom Cruise
- Tiger Woods



STA

- Security
- Networking
- Intramurals
- Water Bottles
- Recycling



FASHION

- Boot leg pants
- Lime Green
- Scarves
- Silver Jewelry
- Clunky Shoes
- Blue Nails





BADS (out)



ENTERTAINMENT

Twister
 Star Trek
 While You were Sleeping
 90210
 Beavis and Butthead
 Alanis Morissette
 Green Day



PEOPLE

Ricki
 Barney
 Bob Dole (literally)
 Demi Moore
 Joey Lawrence
 O.J. Simpson



STA

Short Lunches
 Tucked Shirts
 Activity Sheets
 Drinking Fountains
 Bathrooms

FASHION

Bellbottoms
 Earth Tones
 Y-Necklaces
 Plastic Jewelry
 Jellies
 Red Nails





Melanie Hicks, Crystal Middleton, and Sharita Shelby, members of the Class of '97, enjoy a moment together on a road trip.



The tradition of attending St. Teresa's Academy runs in the family. Jeanne Nestor, class of 1972 smiles on her graduation day. Kelly Crawford, her daughter awaits her graduation day in 1999.



The Senior Ski trip was a popular tradition at STA for a number of years. Pictured above; members of the class of '72 have fun together in the bus on their way to Colorado.



Students who attended STA in 1974 enjoy a fall day in the quad. Check out those uniforms!

THAT WAS THEN, THIS IS NOW! STA Girls Go Retro

As we walk down the halls of St. Teresa's Academy, it is easy to get caught up in all of the modern technology, e-mail, and modular scheduling and forget about the history and people which have created STA. The truth is that history of St. Teresa's is kept alive through the people. Among current students at STA, over 12% are the daughter of an STA graduate. Many more have sisters, grandmothers, cousins or other relatives who have attended STA.

Though the workings of the school, such as scheduling have changed, many traditions have remained mostly the same. Some students even find comfort with the idea that past relatives have attended the school. "STA is a link between me and my mother. It makes me feel comfortable in school to know that it has so much tradition, and that my mom even once walked these same hallways," said Junior, **Laura Kolakowski**.

If you don't think traditions mean that much, you may not realize what you are missing. Have you ever noticed the St. Teresa's emblem on the floor in the Donnelly hallway? "The school seal was sacred in the front of Donnelly Hall, you never dared to walk on it, or you were sacreligious." **Ms. Ann Bode** said. "Also, Father/ Daughter Dinner Dance was a a huge tradition. I had so much fun at those. The uniform is also so relaxed compared to what it used to be. Why should we even have one?"

Traditions among our school spirit has declined among the years. "It was a big deal to go out on Friday night with your friends and see a big game, then go out somewhere else, like Winsteads." said **Jeanne Nestor**, class of 1972. **Ms. Ann Bode** said, "All games were held before school at St. Teresa's. You could never find a seat, it was so packed."

Some traditions have remained the same, and some have declined as the years went on. There are some being revived and relived through alumni's daughters at STA. Here we can always follow that old saying, "like mother, like daughter."

by Kelly Crawford and Ashley Atwell



Tawanda Allen
*A man grows what he
 can... and tends it.*
Stephen King



Amy Anderson
*We are the people our
 parents warned us
 about.*
Glynn Parr



Ashley Atwell
*Life moves by pretty
 fast. If you don't stop
 and look around once
 in awhile you could
 miss it.*
Ferris Bueller



Julie Balnis
*Life is ours to be spent,
 not saved.*
*P.S. I heard it was
 ...beautiful.*



Elizabeth Barnes
*In three words I can
 sum up everything I've
 learned about life. It
 goes on.*
Robert Frost



Shelly Becchina
*Turns out not where
 but who you're with that
 really matters.*



Katie Beisner
*Smile a lot. It costs
 nothing and is beyond
 price.*
Anonymous



M.T. Benson
*If you go parachuting and
 your parachute doesn't
 open, and your friends
 are all watching you fall, I
 think a funny gag would
 be to pretend you were
 swimming.*
Jack Handy



Jackie Bivens



Beth Brummel
*Envy is ignorance and
 imitation is suicide.*
Ralph Waldo Emerson



Anna Bryant
*Whether you think you
 can or can't- you are
 right.*
Henry Ford



Lauren Burdolski



Sarah Burnett
I love Elmo! I still refuse to say the P-word. I love Schoolgirl! I will never get some.



Tania Cabezas
You may earn your success in life by earnest efforts.



Leslie Caffrey
We can't all, and some of us don't. That's all there is to it.
Eeyore



Alejandra Carnedas



Margaret Cashill
It is better to waste one's youth than to do nothing with it at all.
Georges Courteline



Patty Clune
If there's one thing I've learned from life, it's that I've only learned one thing, I'm a idiot!



Ariane Coleman
If ya' faulty than hit the highway. I ain't gonna be able to do it. C ya when I C ya.
By the way can I borrow your VCR?



Christina Cucar
If you expect someone to give you happiness... expect them to take it away.



Emily Curran
Merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily, life is but a dream...



Betsy Curtis
Pushing up I hope for the sun, but I'll take the rain with all it comes.
Poi dog



Marie D'Agostino
Tomorrow is the most important thing in life. Comes in to us at midnight very clean. It's perfect when it arrives and it puts itself in our hands and hopes we've learnt something from yesterday.
John Wayne



Sara Delehunt
Incredible, one of the worst performances of my career, and they never doubted it for a second.
Ferris Bueller

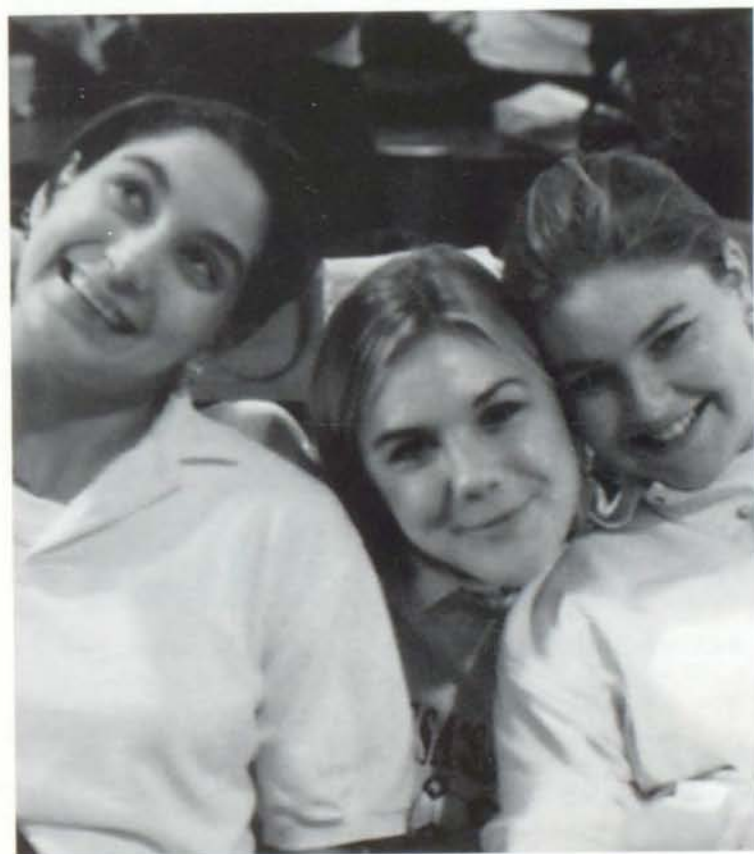


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Kelly Donnelly

We loved within those walls. That was yesterday. Today we pass on, we see it no more, and we are different.

*Daphne Du Maurier
Thanks STA! It's been fun!!*



Elizabeth Douglass



Valerie Duff
*Reason in madness
William Shakespeare*



Tamara Elmore
How you gon' ask me for something, when I ask you, you pretend you don't have it. See, see faulty! That's you!



Jennifer Estrada



Katie Fadden-Powers

Earth always has water, water always needs air, and air isn't any fun without fire.

Katie Fadden



Kellie Flynn
Once in a while you get shown the light in the strangest of places if you look at it right.

Robert Hunter



Felicia Gasca
We are not put on this earth to see through one another, but to see one another through.

Anonymous



Marie Genova



Stacey Glass

To be free means the ability to deal with the realities of one's situation so as not to be overcome by them.

True friends are friends are friends that last forever!



Emily Griffey

If you have built castles in the clouds your work need not be lost; there is where they should be. Now put foundations under them.

Thoreau



Jessica Griffin

Trust in what you love, continue to do it and it will take you where you need to go.

Natalie Goldberg



Emily Hansbrough
We can't all be shining examples, but we can at least twinkle a little.



Candy Haster
Sure don't know what I'm goin' for, but I'm gonna go for it for sure.
Bob Weir



Kathrine Hauschild
The end is but the coming of the dawn.
unknown



Jenifer Hayob
To me, fair friend, you never can be old. For as you were when first your eye I eyed, such seems your beauty still.
Shakespeare



Nicole Healy



Christina Herbic
It's the journey not the destination that matters the most.
DJG



Alison Heryer
The fire you like so much in me, is the mark of someone adamantly free.
Liz Phair



Melanie Hicks
Who am I to tell you what a success you can be? When you can learn it on your own.



Jennifer Hobick
Life is what happens to us while we are making other plans.
Thomas LaMance



Emily Holland
We are remembered by the rules we break.



Margaret Huff
I'm a part of all I have met.
Alfred Lord Tennyson



Shannon Huska
It's like driving a car at night. You never see further than your headlights, but you can make the whole trip that way.
E.L. Doctorow

Powder Puff



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Most Valuable
Colleen McEvoy

Most Spirited
Kristin Moore



Teresa James



Megan Jekel
If you always do what interests you, than at least one person is pleased.
Advice to Katherine Hepburn from her mother



Kate Krcina
If we could read the secret history of our enemies, we should find in each man's life sorrow and suffering enough to disarm all hostility.
Henry Wadsworth Longfellow



Meghan Lampo
You have to color outside the lines once in awhile if you want to make your life a masterpiece.
unknown



Jessica Latta
Celebrate we will because life is short but sweet for certain.
Dave Matthews



Dorothy Le



Juli Lenihan



Elizabeth Linhoff
Remember the rewards of today, the promises of tomorrow, and never forget yesterday, the memories of the past.



Amy Lucas
The only failures in life are the ones you never try.



Megan Lynch
If you hold on tight to what you think is your thing you might find you're missing all the rest.
Dave Matthews



Colleen McEvoy
If you intend to live again, then open your eyes and don't pretend you're feeling there's nothing worth believing.
10,000 Maniacs



Margaret Micek
I'd rather be running.
A friend is one before whom I may think aloud.
R.W. Emerson



Crystal Middleton
What you are is God's gift to you! What you become is your gift to God. If it's to be, it's up to me!



Toni Milsap
What lies behind you, what lies ahead of you is of very little importance when it's compared to what lies within you.
Oliver Wendall Holmes



Kristin Moore
Nothing left to do but smile, smile, smile.
Robert Hunter



Molly Newman
It's time to move on, time to get going, what lies ahead I have no way of knowing.
Tom Petty



Megan O'Malley
We want you to move faster and faster to the beat of the super SKA Master.
Don't let them take it all the way! NO! NO! NO!



Kelly Ormsby
Know your enemy.
Rage Against the Machine



Michelle Phelps
The important thing is not what they think of me, but what I think of them.



Annie Reardon
If you don't stand for something, you'll fall for anything.



Erin Rockford
Make new friends, but don't forget the old ones.
Yiddish Proverb



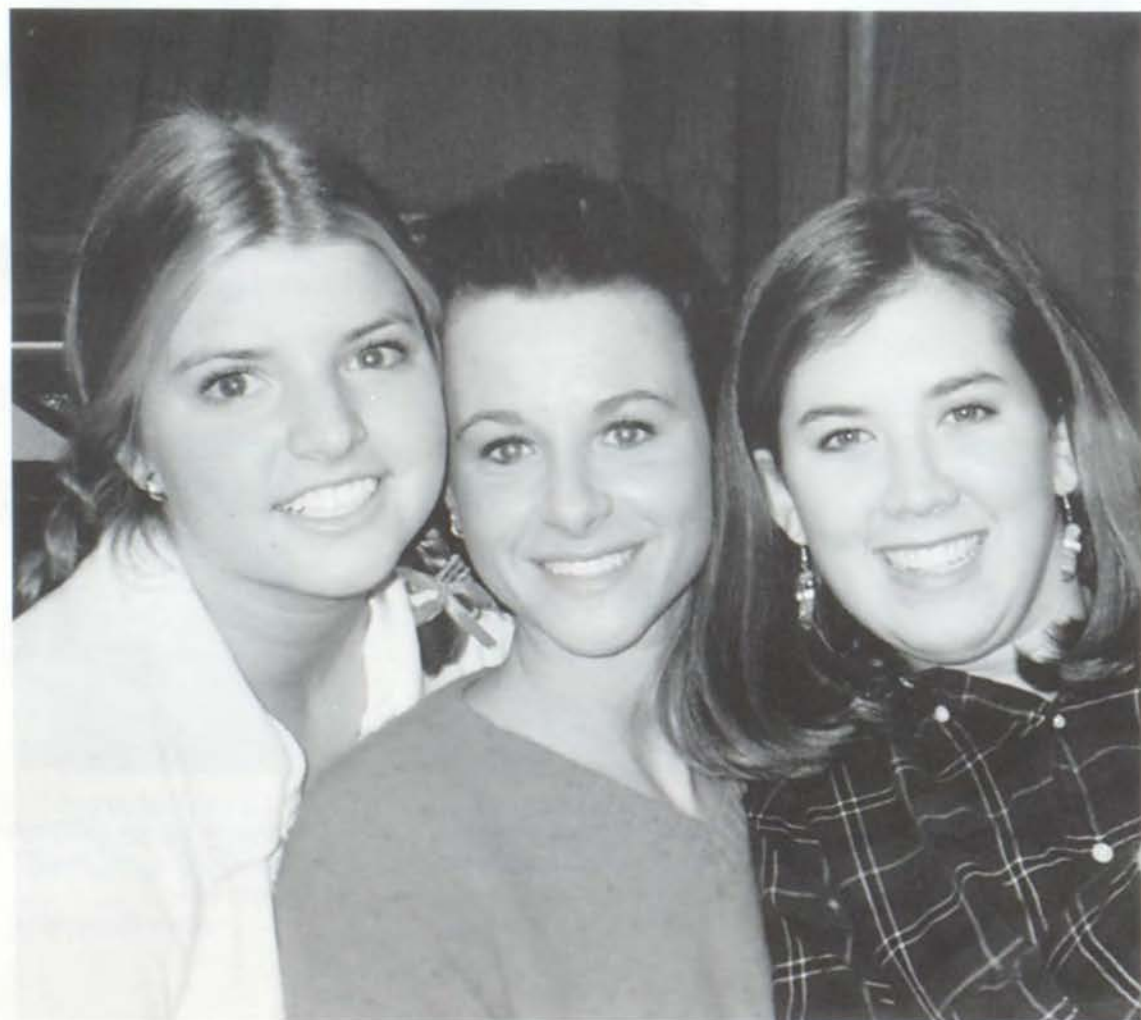
Cecelia Rollins
The environment is everything that isn't me.
Albert Einstein



Erin Root
What I want is what I've not got. But what I need is all around me.
Dave Matthews



Gina Rotert
You grow up the day you have the first real laugh at yourself.
Ethel Barrymore



The Best



Eyes- Jessica Ryan
Complexion- Alison Heryer
Nails- Stacey Glass
Wardrobe- Michelle Phelps
Sense of Style- Gina Rotert
Smile- Jennifer Tolle
Voice- Molly Newman
Advice- Margaret Huff
Personality- Toni Milsap
Listener- Dorothy Le
Friends- Megan O'Malley & Sarah Burnett
Athlete- Amelia Stark
Moocher- Beth Douglass
Hair- Betsy Curtis
Sense of Humor- Marie D'Agostino
Car- Amy Lucas
Lunches- Kellie Flynn
Laugh- Melanie Hicks





Jessica Ryan
Being crazy is the only way to stay sane.



Jennie Schmidt
Seeing things from a better side than most can dream on a clear road I feel you could say she's safe, whatever tears at her whatever holds her down, and if nothing can be done, she'll make the best of what's around.
 Dave Matthews



Amy Setter
Memories are the key not to the past, but to the future.

Corrie tenBoom
 Thanks for the future, STA.



Deidre Sheffer



Sharita Shelby
Two roads diverged in a wood and I, I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference.
 Robert Frost
You don't have to be crazy to be my friend ...but it helps! Woop gotta go!



Nikki Sinclair
Success is not the key to happiness. Happiness is the key to success. If you love what your are doing, you will be successful.
 Herman Cain



Samantha Smith
I've been with you for four years, it's four years I'll never forget.



Amanda Stahl
Shoot for the moon even if you miss you'll still be among the stars.



Amelia Stark
If you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain.



Jamie Stuckey
People are liked stained-glass windows. They sparkle and shine when the sun is out, but when the darkness sets in, their true beauty is revealed only if there is a light from within.
 Elizabeth Kubler Ross



Annie Swartz
To be great is to be misunderstood.



Andrea Tillmon
Soon learnt, soon forgotten.
 Anonymous



Jennifer Tolle
*Fashion can be bought,
 style one must possess.*
Edna Woolman Chase
*All the things I really like
 to do are either immoral,
 illegal or fattening.*
Alexander Woolcott

Ashley Tomes
*You can never ever leave
 without leaving a piece of
 youth.*
Smashing Pumpkins

Amy Vaughn
*The race is not given to
 the swift, nor to the
 strong, but to the one that
 endureth until the end.*

Kelly Walsh
*Imagination is more
 important than knowledge.*



Katie West
*Life is truly a ride. We're
 all strapped in and no one
 can stop it. The most you
 can hope for at the end of life
 is that your hair is messed,
 you're out of breath, and you
 didn't throw up.*

Erin White
*It is one of the blessings
 of old friends, that you
 can afford to be stupid
 with them.*
Ralph Waldo Emerson

Erin Wholey
*To achieve all that's
 possible, we must
 attempt the impossible;
 to be as much as we can
 be, we must dream of
 being more.*

Kelly Williams
*...and if you had a way of
 staring at people with an
 off-hand disdain, and you
 were not the only
 monster from hell, there
 were usually one or two
 others with you.*
Charles Bukowski



Not Pictured:

Eryn Clayton,
 Antoinette
 Harris

Jennifer Winkler
*Charm is deceptive and
 beauty is fleeting, but a
 woman who fears the
 Lord is to be praised.*
Proverbs 31:30

Most Likely To..

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|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| be in the Olympics | Amelia Stark |
| have their own talkshow | Patty Clune |
| own their own tanning salon | Marie Genova |
| come back to teach at STA | Margaret Huff |
| save the world | Kristin Moore |
| live the life of a roadie | Candy Haster |
| find a cure for AIDS | Beth Brummel |
| become President | Jeni Hayob |
| be a model | Annie Reardon |
| marry Jeff the Jostens guy | Katie Beisner |
| star on Broadway | Kathrine Hauschild |
| design their own clothing line | Alison Heryer |
| start an international chain for WAFC | Margaret Cashill |
| marry their high school sweetheart | Leslie Caffrey |
| be on Sesame Street | Sarah Burnett |
| get lost in their own neighborhood | Gina Rotert |
| die of hyperactivity | Katie Beisner |
| become an American Gladiator | Kelly Ormsby |



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| retire from Bagel and Bagel | Meghan Lampo |
| be a cast member of the "Breakfast Club" | Jessica Ryan |
| own the Gap | Emily Griffey |
| be a MTV v.j. | Jenny Tolle |
| join the Peace Corps | Emily Curran |
| name their kid Jerry Garcia | Kellie Flynn |
| become an organizer for other people | Erin Wholey |

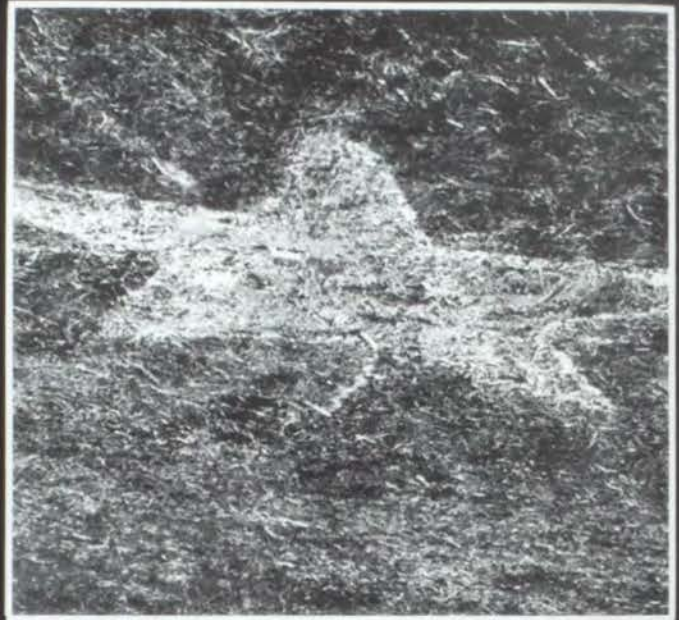




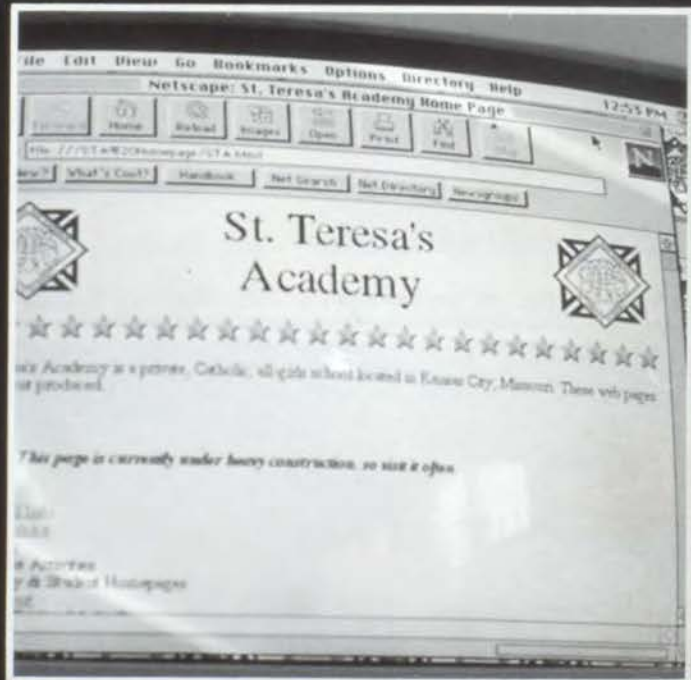
be engaged to 3 people at once
 never get their license
 start a pro soccer league for women
 have 10 kids
 become a Clairol color consultant
 impersonate Courtney Love

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ADS





STARS SHINE ON



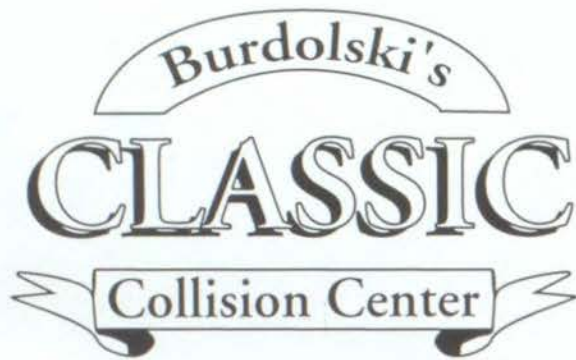
The ads at STA are a great way for parents and friends to show their support for their daughters and all STA students. It is great for students to have the joy and surprise of opening up the new yearbook to see an ad made for them, knowing that a lot of time, money and effort was put into it.

The students enjoy looking at all the old baby photos that are submitted to the yearbook. They also like to shop around at all the businesses that publicize in the yearbook. "I enjoy looking at the yearbook ads because it gives me a chance to look at all my friends as babies," said Senior **Erin Wholey**.

An extra special "thanks" to all the students who sold yearbook ads in the fall. Especially to Teresian Queen **Senior Lauren Burdolski** and attendants **Junior Dionne Smith** and **Sophomore Katie Mulligan**, who dedicated their time and effort and sold the most ads in their class.

These pages are dedicated to all the students who helped make this yearbook great. Although the times may change, the ads remain.

by Molly Wholey and Jessie Hodes



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Well, I sure don't believe God's a woman, because if He were, men would be the ones walking around in heels, taking Midol, and having their upper lips waxed.

-Dixie Carter



**We love you Stace....
Mom, Dad, Tony, Nick, and Tom**

Good Luck Khara!

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**We know that you will all miss
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repeats next year! We love you and
respect your leadership. Good luck
next year - We'll miss you!**

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French. Have a great Junior
Year You Girls!!**

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DiCaprio, Oompa Loompas,
and Pooh Bear!

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soul.*

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you've been great to
all of us.

Love,
Carrie '89, Lara '91,
John, Steve, and of
course Bailey and
Flannel

Good Luck
'98
3 down one to go!
Allie May

GOOD LUCK ANNE,
SALLY, AND JENNIFER!
THE HERRERA FAMILY



Kelbel Kowpoke KKD
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and made it a better place for us
and everyone else
who has ever known you.*

*Thank you for
teaching us to be parents,
defining the word "Love",
sharing your friends, school, and
cross country,
basketball,
track,
chemistry,
Spanish,
algebra,
and one million other activities.*

*Thank you for
your kindness,
your generosity,
your school spirit,
your determination.*

*You are a beautiful, amazing, incredible woman.
Congratulations on all your many accomplishments!
We are very, very proud of you!
You are truly a STAR!
All our love,
Mom and Dad*



Amy Christine...



You're the flash in our camera,
the caffeine in our Mountain Dew...
Our Destructo in braids
is all grown up, so...
Look out ol' Mizzou!



THE FINAL STRETCH

Side by side we've traveled so far
The bumps the bruises, the time you saved me from that car?

Such a weaving unrelentless road of fights and and feuds we thought would never end, but those roads merged together, and there standing was my best friend

Whose wit and charm that is so unmistakable to see, that personality I've longed to be

The times we've hit, the times we've swung, that time we wrote to Connie Chung

I saw you then sitting on some unattainable pedestal; I emulated, and wanted so much to be, something I could not, something that which I could only see

Thanks for putting hearts on my face, but I'll never forget those times that we raced

Do you recall my trip to Guatemala in a box, or the fights about white socks?

It's hard to see you passing me by; hopefully to look back, but not see me cry

I see you up ahead on our road that has been so hard... I hope to God that I don't get your car

And at last, a final note; you better not have used my quote!

Have a great four years in college, and don't call collect! Don't forget friends and family when you are rich and famous.

Love, DAD

Love always and forever,

Julie Julie



IT'S BEEN A WILD AND CRAZY RIDE!

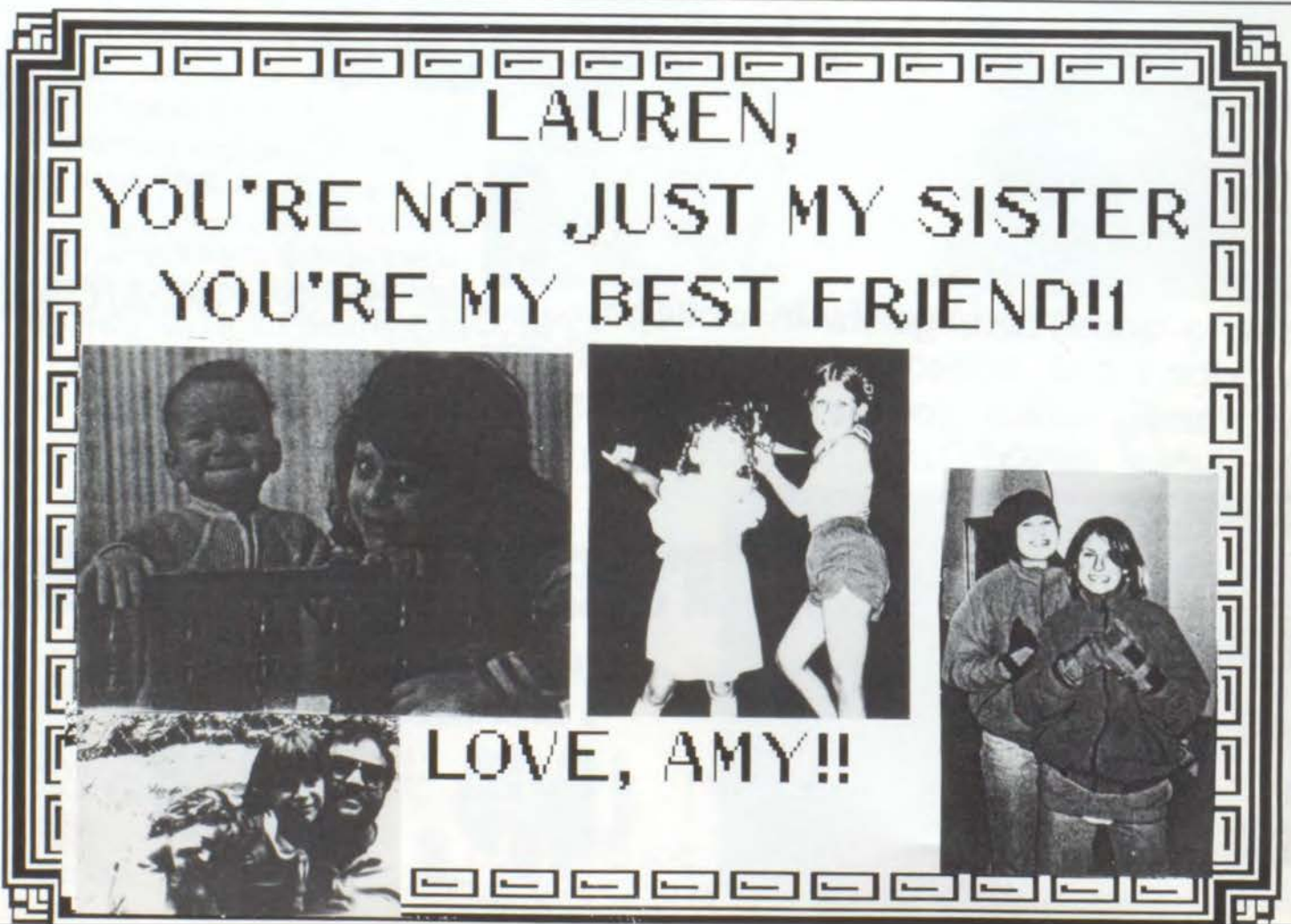
I'M GOING TO MISS YOU

LOVE, MOM mom



KATIE

Sunrise, sunset, quickly go the years.....but, what joy and happiness you have given us! We are so proud of you, Katie, and wish you God's blessings, as you close this chapter of your life and begin anew! CONGRATULATIONS AND LOVE ALWAYS, MOM AND DAD



LAUREN,
 YOU'RE NOT JUST MY SISTER
 YOU'RE MY BEST FRIEND!!



LOVE, AMY!!



LAUREN
FROM



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AUNT MARCH
YOU ARE THE BEST!
WE WISH YOU
GREAT SUCCESS
AS A SPARTAN
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TO MARGARET HUFF, OUR NIECE, COUSIN, AND SPECIAL FRIEND

We've laughed and cried,
cussed and sighed,
From Research Medical Center
to Raytown, Grandview, K.C, Independence, and Denver.

In good times and bad,
both happy and sad,
you've shown us the way
to grow up but still stay
young-at-heart and eager to have fun.
Thanks for allowing us to act dumb!

To your family you're always true,
more loyal there could barely be a few,
thank goodness for you, Margie Poo!

To college you'll now go
it's been so exciting to watch you grow!
A success we know you'll be
a SHINING STAR on our family tree.

CONGRATULATIONS ON ALL YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS!

ALL OUR LOVE,

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For all that will be,
Yes.

Dag Hammarskjöld

love,

Mom
and
Dad



**To A Wonderful
Daughter
Khara A. Preston !!!**

**Love,
Annette A. Preston**

**Best Wishes!
Khara Preston**

Carla J. Randolph
St. Louis, MO

Dear Lauren,
When you are rich and
famous, don't forget
your "really cool Grandma!"
Love, Grandma Baich

**Lauren- Congratulations!
It is my pleasure to be your uncle,
and I know it is your pleasure to
have known "Golden Boy".
May he rest in auto heaven.
Love, Pork-N-Bean**

**TO A WONDERFUL
GRANDDAUGHTER!
KHARA A. PRESTON**

**James & Cornelia Armstrong
East St. Louis, Illinois**

Ashley,

Have we told you we love you?

WE DO AND WE ARE!



Have we told you we're proud of you?

*Love,
Dad, Mom and Kendall*



**Kelly,
I loved you from
the second time I saw
you. I could not have
had a better daughter.
Thanks! Love, Dad**



**CONGRATULATIONS
TO OUR
Juli**

**Congratulations Lauren!
We Love You!**

Love, Judy, Kyle and Mr. J!

**WE
LOVE
ANNE
'99**



Dad Martin
Mom '61 Charlie Cauley '94

Congratulations Lauren!

I am lighting the fuse.

One more thing, "My
Little Pony" forever!

Love, Grandma Poland

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WE'RE PROUD OF YOU JESSE, MO, DO, AND CHRIS

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Sessie-- Always remember 62nd St. days, Nan's tomato soup with animal crackers & Debbie Gibson concerts. College will be hard, but sharing a bathroom with me was harder. Love Bean (aka Gravel Gertie)



Dear Leslie--I'll miss our times together at McDonald's and especially the fun I have teasing you. -Love, Charlie

Leslie, Bless Thee...
"Act the Winner and You Will Be."
--A prediction by Poppo with love.



I'm outta here!



Kelly
What would I do without you?!
It's been a great 4 years...

The rope swing - Lawrence road trips -
Your closet - Regarding Johnson County -
Ape Man - Nobody Laughs At Me,
Nobody! - 4 Wheeling lake trips - Texas -
The Coast - KenTacoHut - RedRocket -
1 month=4 1 Year=4 - Butthole Surfers
Concert - Rage Sing Alongs - Chux Trux -
U - Turns - Fish Revenges - Motorcycle
Chases - TP Wars - Barstow - Watergun/
Vietnam My Parties - YOUR HOUSE -
"Colleen get away from ME!! - Racing -
White Zombie - "On a scale of 1-10 what do
you give that one? - Summer days at your
pool - Robertson's Farm Parties (steaks) - The
Duck - Glass Tables - Krupps 29th Wedding
Anniversary - Spies Like Us and Animal
Noises - "There's a fine line between being
insane and being a genius" - Mark Tally fan
club - Mark walking - Hat Freaks - U@ - QuikTrip
fight - Buzz and Eric - Albino - "I like it when
guys chew gum."

I know that there are a million
more memories and I will always
remember them!!!!

Love, Julie

Sara
You're the poet in my heart
Never change
And don't you ever stop!
We love you forever---Mom, Dad, Matt and Grandmother



Jennifer (JK)

Congratulations on four
fabulous years! We are
so proud of you!!

You are the delight of
our hearts. We know
that God will richly
bless our "Special
Honey" in the future.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Glenn

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young women.



MEGHAN,

At age two you traveled
full speed ahead - even
on Ollie! Now look
where you are--and
where you have been!
Your world has
expanded; you have
grown in more ways
than you expected, and
we are so proud.

The journeys have only
begun. Enjoy the
adventures that await you.

Seek peace and good will along the way, and know that our
love goes with you always.

Love,

Mom,
Dad,
Lindsay
& Chuck



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Congratulations Jeni & Class of '97!!

Jeni-

You've always been our "model." The last four years have been great. The next four years--what an adventure!! Something new and wonderful is around the corner and Saint Teresa's has prepared you well to make the turn! How exciting!!

Dad, Mom, David, Grandma
Dryden and Libby



Make new friends, but keep the old;
Those are silver, these are gold.
New-made friendships, like new wine,
Age will mellow and refine.
Friendships that have stood the test--
Time and change--are surely best.

Andrea!



You are beautiful, and we are so very proud of you!!

Congratulations Em!!

Where did the curls and chubby cheeks go?

Mom and Dad
Jack and Patrick

We Love You
Jessica OH
Yes We Do-
All The Best-
Dad, Mom,
Mike, James,
Annie, Barkley



Dearest Emmy,

Since the first time you opened the door at St. Paul's to the last closing of the door at St. Teresa's, we have shared the joy of your accomplishments. May the doors of life's endless possibilities keep opening for you !

Love, Mom and Dad



To Emily,
 We love you
 and we're so
 proud of you!
 We remember:
 "I don't know
 where I got my
 blond hair."
 -Bets & Em -
 The years of
 Sasha The
 babysitting
 dynasty - A
 real job at last
 and the green
 petticoat dress
 with bells.

MOM, DAD, ANDREW AND MARGARET

I'LL WALK IN THE RAIN
 BY YOUR SIDE,
 I'LL CLING TO THE WARMTH
 OF YOUR TINY HAND,
 I'LL DO ANYTHING
 TO HELP YOU UNDERSTAND,
 I'LL LOVE YOU MORE
 THAN ANYBODY CAN.

YOUR HAND IS NO LONGER TINY,
 AND YOU SOMETIMES
 HELP US TO UNDERSTAND.
 BUT WE STILL LOVE YOU
 MORE THAN ANYBODY CAN.

CONGRATULATIONS
 YOU DID IT!

LOVE MOM
 AND THE OLD MAN



Dear Cecelia Rollins

High School has been a wonderful journey, full of surprises, successes and joy, as we all have watched you grow into the beautiful young woman that you are. We know of your sacrifices, your commitment, and your fierce loyalty to your family, friends, church, and school.

It has been wonderful for us all to watch you perform in the "Little Shop of Horrors" and "Godspell". Who can forget the Missouri State High School Soccer Championships that you lead your team into, year after year? What a treat it has been for us to watch you grow. Thank you St. Teresa's Academy!

Always remember that your family loves you and will always be here for you. We know you will be a great success in whatever you choose to do as we look forward to your continuing happiness in life.

A VERY SPECIAL THANKS to those people who have helped you grow into what you are:

Ms. Rene Blake, Mr. Erick Chaverri, Ms. Sue Christenson, Ms. Beth Collins, Mr. Kevin Kelley, and to all current faculty and staff.

With Love, CONGRATULATIONS Mom, Dad, and Jason You are our Star!





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 We Love
 You!
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Congratulations

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&
Dad

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Grandpa Skaggs.

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How's your mama doin'?
Argentina
Howya doin'?



Björn
Hawaii



Ashley,
With much joy, we
congratulate you on your
accomplishments and look
forward to your future.

Much love always,
Mom, Dad, Martin, Lucky, and Richard

Ely
Meghan
Ashley G.
Marcie
Lycio
The Tempo



The lake
"Azzay"

4th of July

Going to "state" with Dad



ANNIE.

We are so proud of you. You have brought so much joy in our lives as we watched you grow up.

Love Always,
Dad, Mom,
Jim, Cassete,
and Kit.



Kelly

*Right before our eyes
You've grown from a
curly headed cutie to
a brown eyed beauty!*

We Love You!

*Mom, Dad, Erin,
Dan, Kara, and Mo*



Congratulations **Erin Wholey!**

**Two Down two
to go !!**

Love, Mom, Dad,
Amy, Katie,
Molly



Good Luck

Khara!

Lucille Randolph

East St. Louis, Ill

Rosalee Besses

Blue Springs, Mo.

Barbara Harris

Kansas City, Mo.

Good Luck

Khara!

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Love Mom, Dad and Nathan



KELLY,

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THANKS FOR 18
WONDERFUL YEARS.
I LOVE YOU,
MOM



Molly

"Our Shining Star"

Congratulations,
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Margaret and Sr. Alma

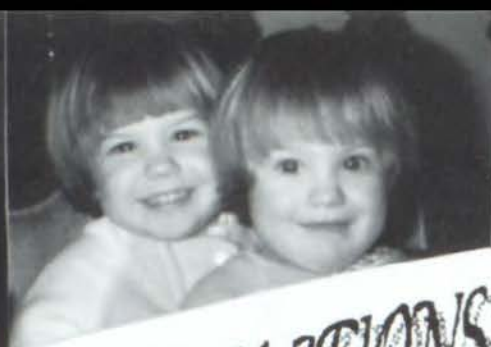


I'd like to be the sort
of friend that you've
been to me.
I'd like to be the help
that you've been always
glad to be;
I'd like to mean as
much to you each
minute of the day
As you have meant, old
friend of mine, to me
along the way.

No matter where we go or
what we do, we will always
be in each others hearts.

Jessica, Margaret, Megan J.,
Meghan, Megan L., Cecilia,
Jamie, and Jennifer





CONGRATULATIONS, GINIA!



You have a loving heart, the soul of an artist. With the world as your canvas, continue to fill it with your love! We love you!

Mom, Dad and Lisa



Chrissy
You fill our lives with joy. We are so proud of the compassionate, strong young woman you have become. Stay happy always!
Love Dad, Mom
Mark and Charley



Beth Douglass,
Follow your heart to a wonderful future.
Love, Mom and Dad



Allie,
We love them dancin' legs.
Mom and Gregg

*Ely,
Nunca voy a olvidarte y este año que hemos pasado como mejores amigas. Que recuerdes siempre los momentos que pasamos juntas: the lake, las fiestas, "la radio", Christmas Dance, y muchos mas. ¡Te "re" quiero!*

Siempre
♥ Ashley

Nepo,

It's been a great three years, since you hated me freshman year.

Rope Swing Incident * "They can't take us all" * "Wake up! We're getting pulled over" * Going 90 down to the lake * Red Rocket * "Julie, What's this white stuff on my shorts?" * Stealing Dave's car * Sleeping in the car x 2 * The horrible lake trip * Mike's friend trying to beat me up * "Julie, why are you running from Colleen's pants" * A. J. * Rage Against the Machine * Surfer's concert * Texas * Regarding: Paris, Arkansas, Dixon, Forte, Apeman, Nellie, Lewis, Tom and Oliver * A joke in itself * Robertson x 2 * ESP * Kevin x 2 * Parting of the Red Sea * Steak's at Snoop's farm * Spying on Cyn and Shaner * Spraying Oliver in Chris's Jeep.

Thanks for the memories, I'll never forget them. We'll always be friends. I love you so much.

Love,
Hooter

Megan,
Congratulations and best of luck!
we all love you very much! We
are all so proud of you!

Love,
Dad, Mom,
Stacy,
Courtney,
Katie,
and
Cullen



→ Meggie,
those are
Uncle
Rodie
Green
beans!

P.S. Maynen,
You're not only my closest sister, but
you're also my best friend! Good luck,
twin! I love you and I'll miss you!
Love, Babydoll :)



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Love, Sessie

Elizabeth,
What a great daughter
you are! Where ever you
go so goes our love with
you. Good Luck and we
are proud of you!!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Joe, John, Katie
and Jimmy

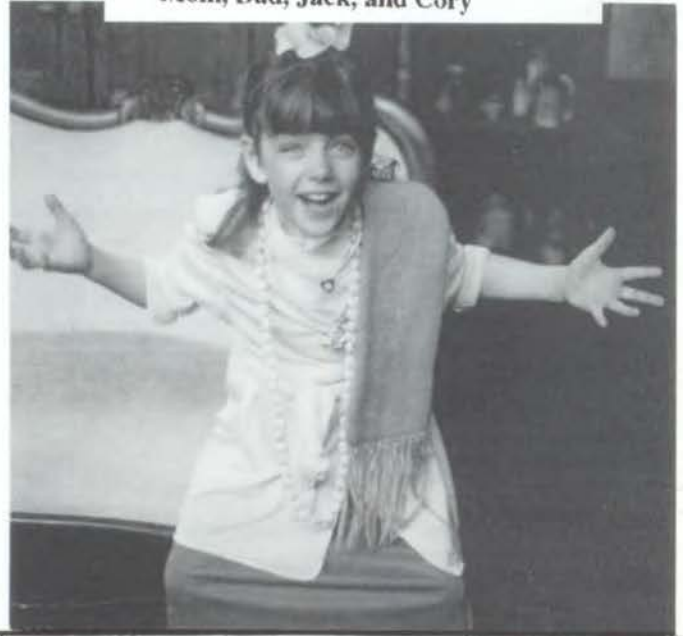


FINDING THE BEST

Life is fun, but it's sometimes hard.
It's difficult to comprehend
Why some things happen and some things don't,
Why some things have to end.

Don't try too hard to understand.
Don't confuse yourself with why.
*Just find the best in every minute.
It's there if you'll just try.*

You Did It! Congratulations "Pumpkin"
We love You,
Mom, Dad, Jack, and Cory



How Much You've Grown!



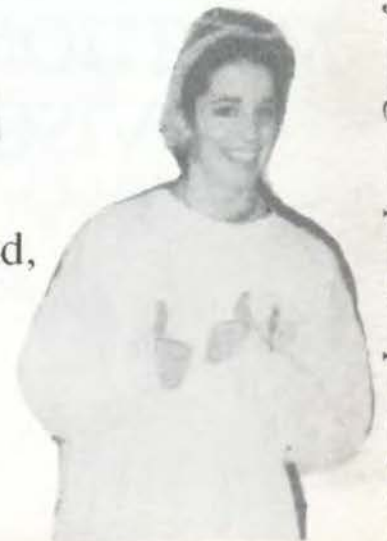
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Go With You!
Dad**

Wave Running Mountains Phish



KRISTIN,
YOU HAVE ALWAYS
BEEN OUR LITTLE
FLOWER CHILD.
WE ARE EXCITED
TO WATCH YOU
BLOOM INTO
YOUR FUTURE!

Love,
Mom, Dad,
Becky,
Lori, and
Kevin



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Roo,

Your The Best Daughter
A Parent Could Have!!!

Love Always,
Mom and Dad

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To Our Homegirls:

Thanks for the great four years!
You guys are the Best!
(Don't be mad, we're only bein' real!)

Love,
Jeni and Amy



KELLIE,

Although two have gone before you



And one has yet to go.



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May you always know you're special



Mom, Dad, Kristine, Katie, Patrick, and Mo



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We're so proud
of you!
Love, Mom

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of you!
Good Luck in your
final year at S.T.A.
Love,
Mom and Dad

Sam

...A being breathing life and death
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Endurance, foresight, strength and skill.
A perfect woman, noble planned,
To warn, to comfort and command.
And yet a spirit still and bright
With something of an angel light.
A Phantom of Delight; Wordsworth

Love Mom and Dad.





Guidance Advisory takes to
the M&A roof!

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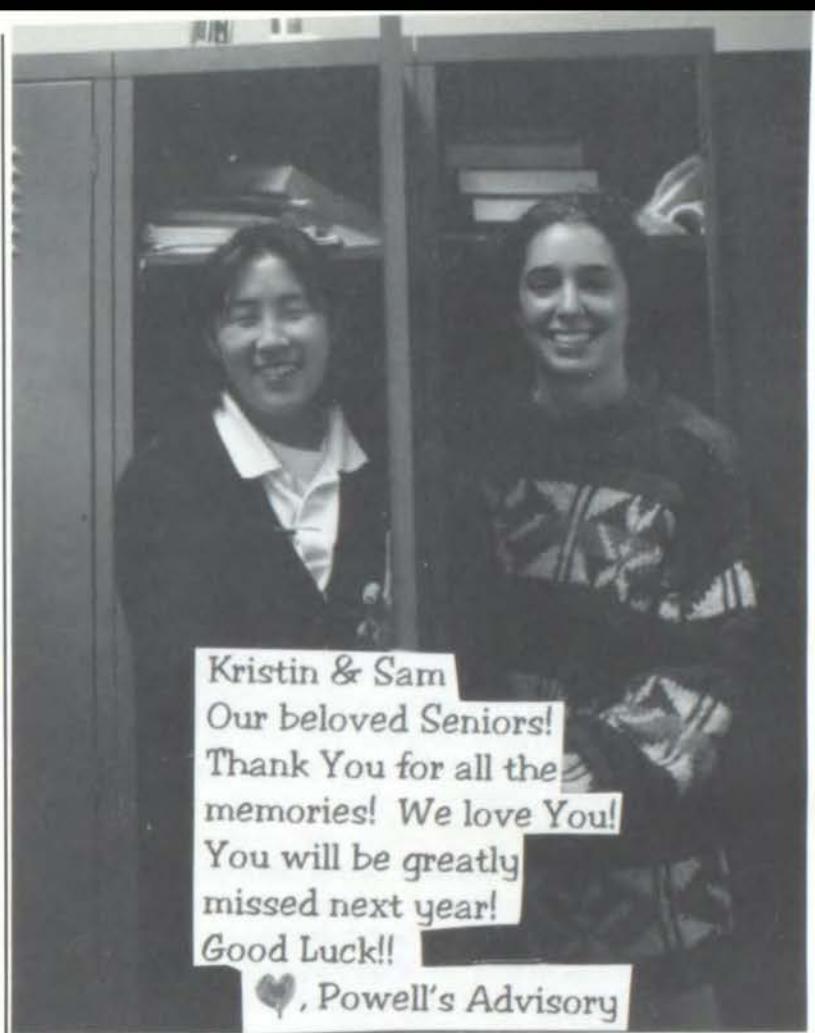


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Kristin & Sam
 Our beloved Seniors!
 Thank You for all the
 memories! We love You!
 You will be greatly
 missed next year!
 Good Luck!!

♥, Powell's Advisory



GOODBYE SENIORS!

(PLEASE SING TO THE TUNE OF THE BRADY BUNCH)

Here's the story of an ad department
 That was headed by two very lovely girls
 Both of them worked very hard, on the pages
 Like oysters making pearls

Here's the story of the other staffers
 who were busy with spreads of their own
 They worked very hard through the year
 Their dedication shone;

But one day when the deadlines had expired
 And the pages were all completely done
 The group had somehow formed a yearbook
 Called the **TER-E-SI-AN**

The **TERESIAN!**

The **TERESIAN!**

That is how they produced the **TERESIAN!**



LETTERS FROM THE EDITORS

LETTER FROM EMILY:

Well, what can I say, it's been a crazy year, not much like the traditional year we've tried to recreate with this yearbook. But that's what it's all about, creating new traditions. I'm proud to be a part of the 1997 senior class-the class that brought back Powder Puff Football, the Senior/Freshmen picnic, and much more. I hope this yearbook will ignite new school spirit for the 1997-1998 school year through a retrospective look at our past. I hope you enjoy this yearbook and continue some of the STA traditions of the past into the future. Good luck in keeping the spirit alive.

Yearbook Staff- I really appreciate all the hard work the yearbook staff has done this year, especially when deadlines were quickly approaching. You guys work really hard, are super-creative, always help each other, and still have time to have fun. THANK YOU SO MUCH GUYS!

Katie- You've been such a big help this year, more like a regular editor than an assistant. Good luck next year (Don't overburden yourself!)

Chrissy- We've made it certain that we'll be remembered by putting our pictures on every page. It was really fun being co-editors with you, let's do it again sometime. (just kidding!)

Remeber-AFRO PUFF, Ernesto, and all our fun times with Nancy.

LETTER FROM CHRISSEY

Yearbook staffers: A BIG thank you to all of you! I really enjoyed working with all of you this year. Thank you for always working so hard to make this yearbook awesome. Your hard work and time is very much appreciated. It was a tough year and thank you for always working hard and putting up with us. You made the yearbook what it is and for that you should be extremely proud. Thank you for also making this a memorable year for me. I had a lot of fun and I'll miss you all next year!

Katie: I had so much fun working with you this year! I don't think I would have made it through this year without you! I will always remember our adventures at Crown Center. Nancy and Ernesto will always hold a special place in all of our hearts. Good luck next year, I know you will do a great job. Don't stress out too much and miss me a lot and come see me at K-State.

Emily: I will always remember the yearbook slumber parties and our daily talks with Afro-Puff. We did a great job and I had a lot of fun working with you this year. Thanks for all of your hard work and good luck at Richmond! You are wicked awesome!

Senior Staffers: CONGRATS AND BEST OF LUCK!!!

LETTER FROM KATIE:

Staffers: Thanks so much for everything you have done this year! I really had a lot of fun with everyone! I will always remember our Kris Kringle parties at my house. They were great! Everyone did a wonderful job this year and I hope we can do even better next year! I just can't wait until next year. (Katie Swetala: Remember that we will always be the Queens of Crap Jobs!)

Emily: I had a great time working with you this year. Our experiences will never be forgotten. I will always remember yearbook camp and the great times we had running around Crown Center. If I see Ernesto, I'll tell him to look you up. Good luck next year at Richmond!

Chrissy: You are my hero! I had a great time with you this year! I know you wish you could be here next year, but you will be a purple-people-eater at K-State. You can come home on the weekends and we can get caffeine highs on coffee, just like yearbook camp. Maybe we could eat whole sugar cubes! I will miss you next year, there won't be anyone to whine to or look at you wierdly. Great job this year and good luck next year!!
CHRISSEY AND EMILY LOVE HERFFF!

Hirner: Thanks for abandoning us and leaving us alone just so that you could have a kid. You are lucky we accepted you back! Just kidding, thanks for everything that you have done for us this year; you are the best! You have put up with us even in your worst moods. Good luck throughout the summer taking care of Nick (should have been named Herff) Hirner!

Love, the Eds!



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The STA Family Album



Spunky Spohomores Jessie Hodes, Jennifer Redmond, and Sarah McCann play on the first snowy day of the year. The snow made a good excuse for these girls to get cozy in thier pajamas. This was just the begining of many snowy days to come, of which St. Teresa's only got one day off.



Pictured above clockwise from the top: Juniors Kristen Cooke, Carmen Day, Christin Cipolla and Sophomore Ashley Rosely are having fun at a STA sports game. Many fans turned out this year to cheer on the successful basketball team

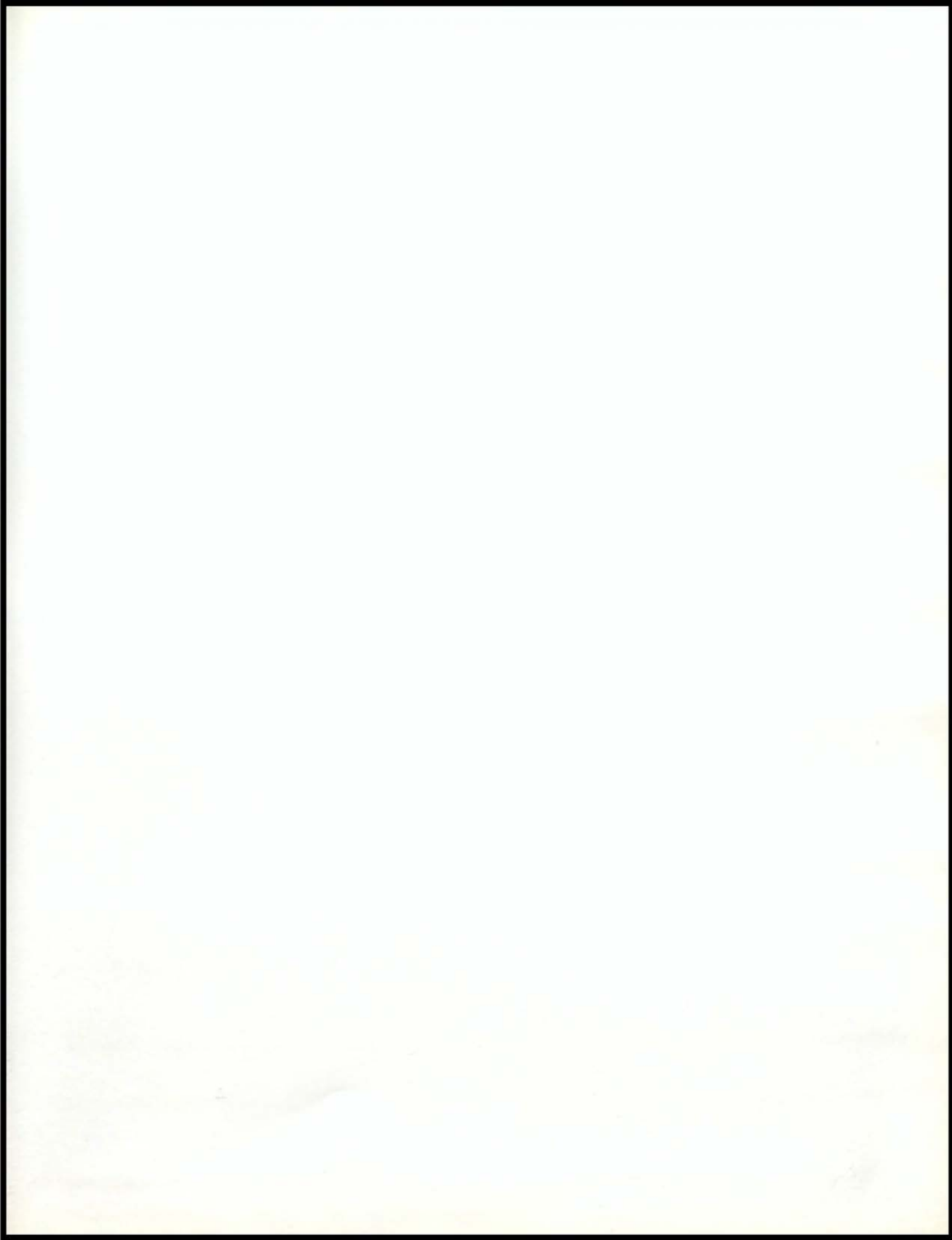


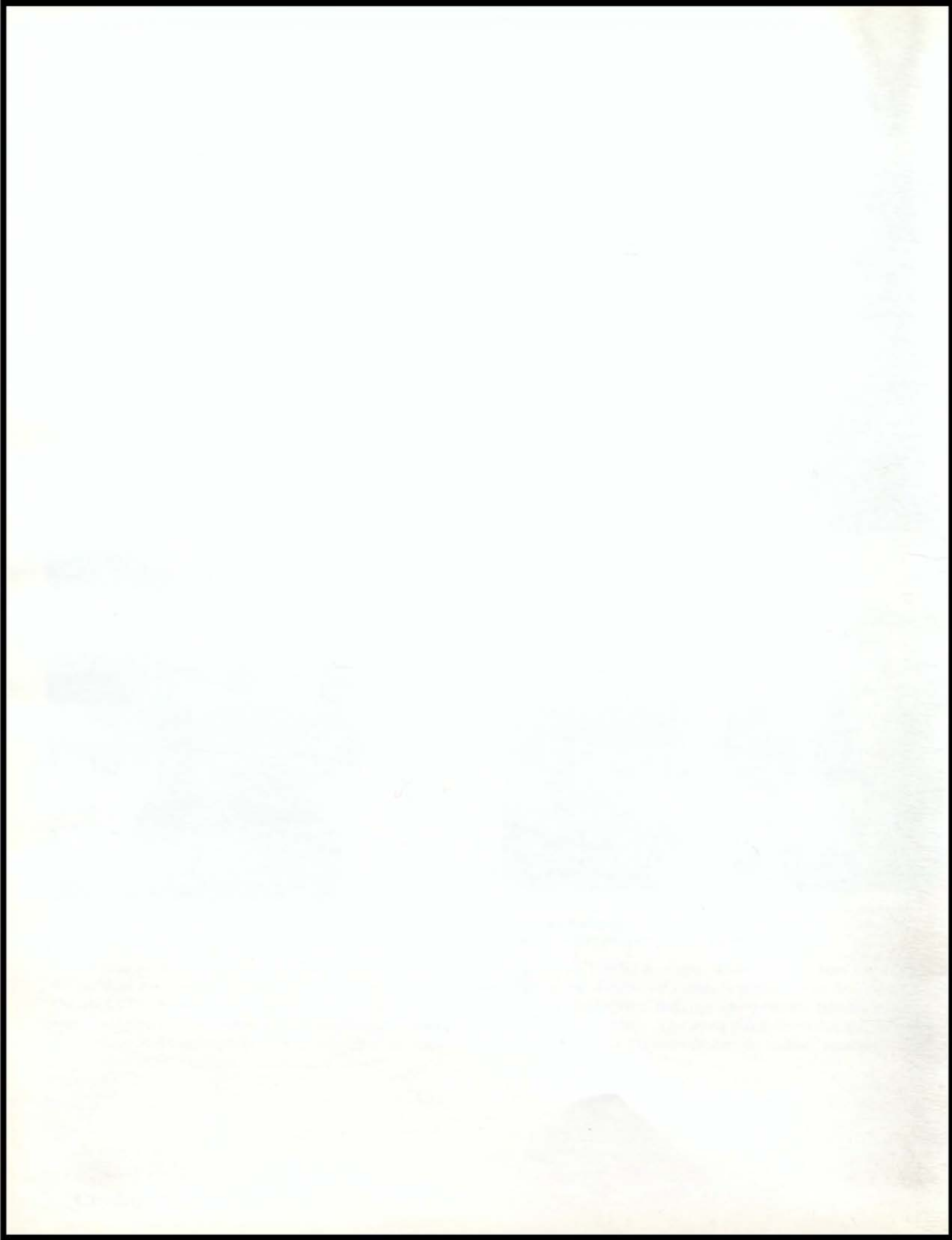
At the first annual Powder Puff football game many underclassmen came to cheer on the seniors in their game against Sion. Akeshia Vernardo embodies the STA spirit with her face paint and gold streamers.

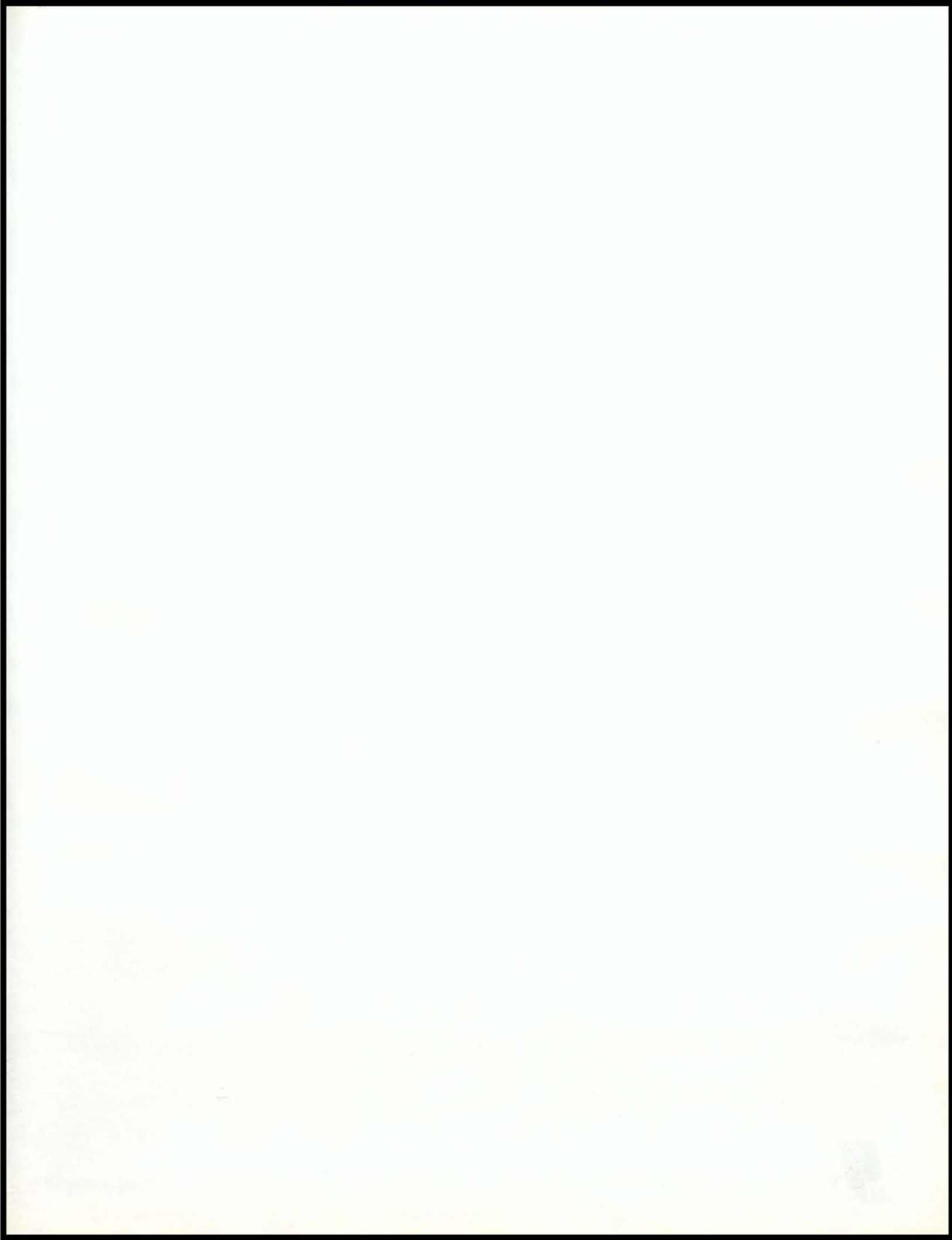


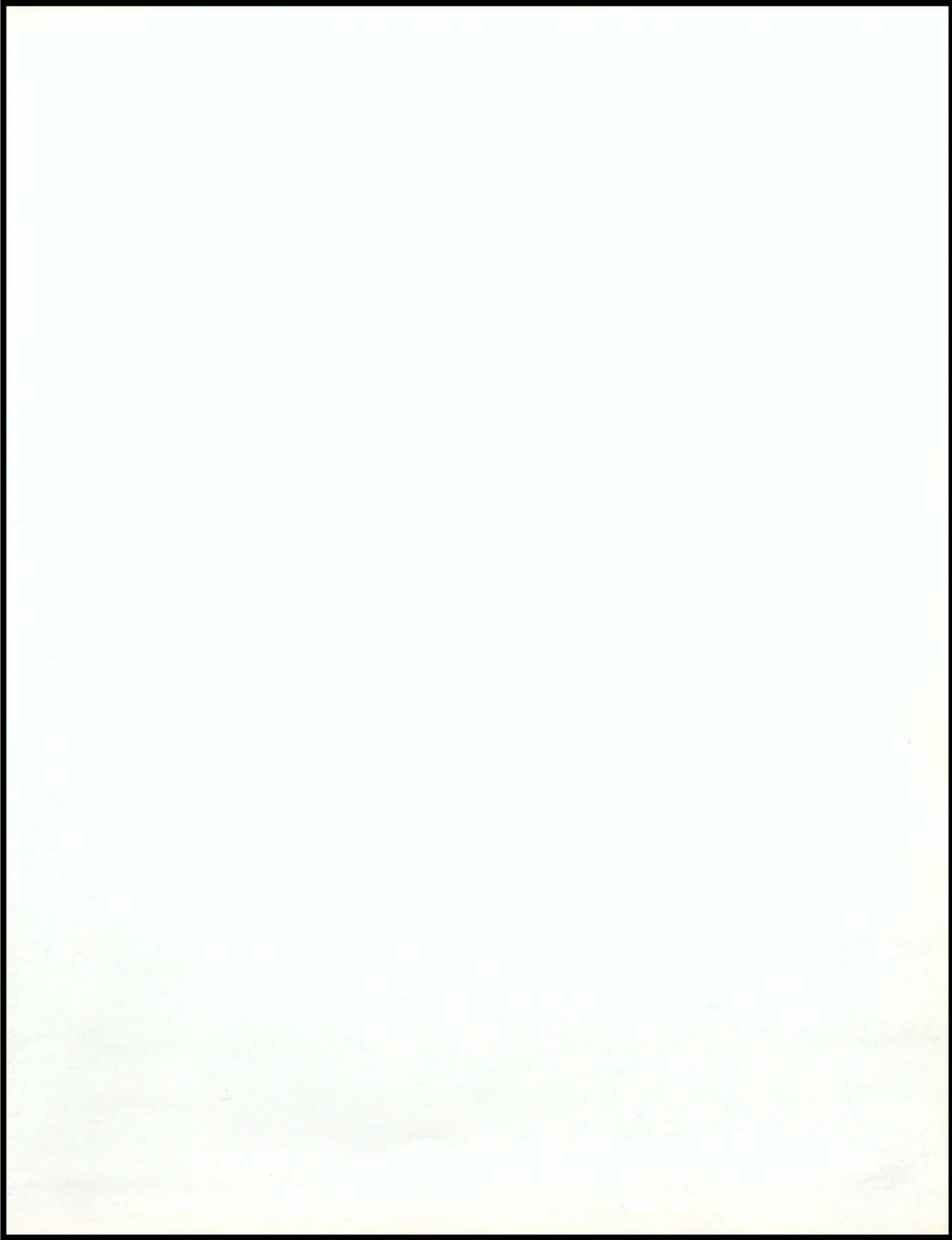
*Seniors in Ms. Dunlay's College Composition class get ready for the Broadway premiere of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. These students enjoyed doing an assignment that strayed from the normal papers and tests.*

A final good-bye to the year 1996-1997! The 130th year in the tradition of St. Teresa's Academy. There has never been a year like this and there will never be one like it again. The class of 1997 left their mark as one of the *nices*t classes to graduate from St. Teresa's. The usual STA traditions were upheld this year including the junior ring ceremony, spirit week, and crazy spring breaks. New traditions were established such as the Powder Puff football game, and upper/lower classmen friendships. This was a year to remember that we are all a part of the St. Teresa's family. Always remember the years at St. Teresa's where even as the times change, the tradition remains.









**The Times May Change,
But The Tradition Remains**



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