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Varsity Volleyball Coach Amy Carlson shouts instructions to her team from the bench.



Photo by Monica Welsh

The addition of new stairs and a new door behind M&A provides an easy entrance for students attending classes with Kansas City Young Audiences.

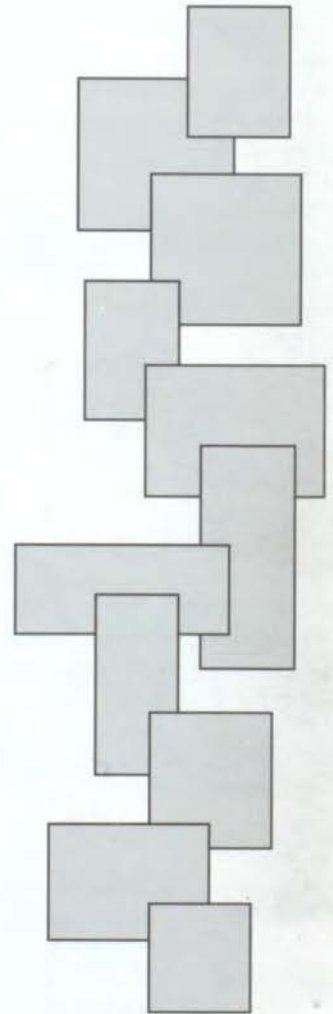


Photo by Monica Welsh

New furnishings and renovations transform the third floor into a professional work environment for the school's new occupants, employees of KCYA.

THEME PAGE

STUDENTS ADAPT TO CHANGES



Mr. Chris Hudson, left, of Kansas City Young Audiences, KCYA, instructs Isaac McGinnis in his guitar lesson.



Photo by Monica Welsh

Story by Laura Closson // Design by Kayleigh Gamble

Imagine something worse than an old bathroom and a dangerous elevator. Faculty and students couldn't. After much planning, spending and constructing, the M&A building underwent physical changes in the summer of 2003.

New instructional space, lunch program, air conditioning and central heating were the most obvious changes the STA community recognized and appreciated.

"It was just time for an update," said Junior Amy Kuhnlein. "The school was falling apart so the timing was right."

Besides the fact that M&A was in need of help, most everyone was pleased with the changes. Some, however, did miss the details of the building.

"[It is] too much of a mix of 1866 and 2004," said Junior Taylor Salle about the new elements of M&A.

There were limitations, however, on what was allowed to be renovated since M&A was a historical landmark.

Teachers and students missed the bigger size of the rooms and spacious halls.

"[The halls] are not as open," said Ms. Wanda VanLeeuwen. "I do miss that, but it's not as dangerous where someone might fall off the railing or something. So it's a nice tradeoff."

Another change that the students and teachers appreciated was the enhanced elevator and outside ramps for the handi-

capped.

VanLeeuwen never used the elevator in the previous years because she saw it as dangerous. She was happy with the new elevators when she fell down the wet, wooden steps behind Goppert this year.

"I usually try not to use the elevator," said VanLeeuwen. "But when I sprained my ankle, I had to."

Speaking in terms of details, Sophomore Amanda Textor was thankful for the new Choir room ceiling.

"They re-did the Choir room ceiling so that it allows for better acoustics," Textor said.

Students were also grateful for the renovation of the second floor restroom.

"[The bathroom] is more accessible now," said Kuhnlein. "It is just a major improvement and it's not as run down as it was. It's also more usable because it's not as dirty."

Besides the physical renovation of M&A, a change that most believed was a great idea was the addition of the lunch program four days a week. The program not only supported local businesses, but it also provided better lunch items for students.

"I like that we support local restaurants, instead of chains like McDonald's," said Mr. Mark Fudemberg. "And it's way better than last year's vending machines."

VanLeeuwen also took people's health into mind.

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Story by Laura Closson

What was the first change a student or teacher would automatically recognize as different from the previous years? Probably the renovation of M&A in 2003. But the position of new and old coaches at STA was a big change for the athletes and fans.

The sports that received new coaches or new head coaches were basketball, volleyball, swimming and cross country.

Most coaches agreed they enjoyed the challenge of their new position.

"I like the challenge," said Head Coach of Varsity basketball Mr. Rich Wilson. "I like having the responsibility of helping the girls improve and understand the game better."

The new Assistant Coach of swim team Ms. Stacie O'Rear explained that not being involved in aquatics for a number years makes a difference because "things have changed."

The coaches all agreed that the teammates improved from the previous year as well as throughout the current season.

"Thirty-four of the 40 girls ran their fastest times this year," said Head Coach of cross country Ms. Karen Moran as she referred back to the team's recordings of the season.

O'Rear believed that the girls improved over the first month that they had been practicing.

"Because I wasn't involved last year I don't really know, but this year they've definitely improved in the last month that we've been swimming," said O'Rear.

Head Volleyball Coach Ms. Amy Carlson and Wilson agreed that the intensity and tempo of the practices increased.

"I run a very intense practice," said Carlson. "I want to keep it very challenging and competitive as well."

The competition was what most of the coaches strived for in a team member's performance.

"I love the competition," Wilson said. "I love competing with our team."

Most team members of those sports agreed that the focus of the practice changed since the year before.

"We concentrated mainly on our defense [this year]," said Junior Emily Welch, a Varsity basketball player. "We realized that having a better defense was more important than having a good offense."

Junior Katie Farkas, a cross country runner, believed that Moran and the new Assistant Coach Ms. Wanda Shieb strove for competition in order to "push people to improve."

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Photo by Kathleen Hudnall

Students walk from the school parking lot to the buildings in the morning, having to leave their houses ten minutes earlier because of the new class times.



Photo by Kathleen Hudnall

Junior Maddie O'Connor models one of the typical dress code faux pas, an untucked shirt, which many students receive Student Behavior Reports and detentions for, replacing uniform fines used in previous years.



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In addition to classes being one minute longer, a bell is added to mark the beginning and end of each class.

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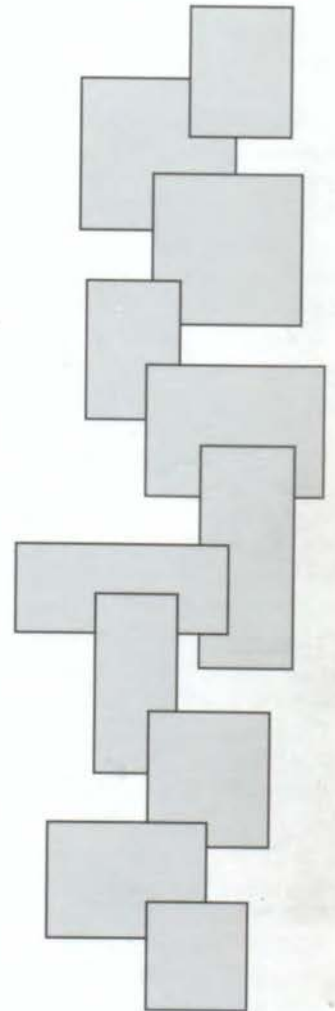




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Story by Maureen Healy // Design by Kayleigh Gamble

As waves of renovation moved through St. Teresa's, change was inevitable for the 2003-2004 school year. But more was transformed than just the structure of the school building.

Reorganization was the theme for the year as students tried to memorize new times for class dismissal and become accustomed to packing all activities into the last day of the week.

One minute was added to each class period to allow teachers more time in the classroom. Many students were upset with the change and did not understand its purpose.

"I don't see the point of adding that little of time," said Junior Chandler Domian. "One minute can't make that much of a difference."

Other students said they didn't notice or weren't bothered by the extra class time. Some even changed their mind and decided they liked the change.

"I thought it was stupid in the beginning, but it makes sense now because we get more time in class," said Junior Elizabeth Murray.

Other students agreed.

"In principal, it's annoying because you have to get up earlier," said senior Jessica Yeager. "But when it comes down to it, it doesn't really matter."

Not only were students required to come to school earlier each day, but some were forced to stay after as a result of the new detention policy.

Instead of serving detention during activity period, students had to stay after school until

3:50 p.m. Many girls were angered by the change.

"I know if I got a detention for something little, I would be mad because I would be punished in more ways than one," said Senior Kelly Harbison. "A detention would keep me from my job which I use to pay for college, and there isn't anybody to take over my shift."

The "little things" Harbison was referring to was the new uniform discipline system. The new consequence for an untucked shirt or unzipped skirt was a detention. Some girls thought it made students stay more responsible for themselves.

"I haven't gotten any [detentions] yet," said Freshman Katie Kellerman. "I don't think it's a bad policy. I makes people stay in uniform more so they don't get in trouble."

When detentions moved out of the activity period, clubs moved in. Instead of using a special schedule for clubs, they were combined with class meetings and moved to activity period on Fridays. Students had mixed emotions about this change.

"I don't like having clubs on Fridays because sometimes I have homework I want to get done and with clubs, I can't do it," said Senior Janelle Bailey.

These modifications resulted in adjustments for students and teachers. Despite the changes, the underlying philosophy of STA remained linked to the tradition of St Teresa of Avila.

During after-school detention, Seniors Christen Poynter, from left, Sarah Lombardo and Grace Livers study their homework. Students serve detention after school instead of during both Activity periods.

Physical Changes

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"[The restaurants] are better options than getting food out of the snack machines for sure," said VanLeeuwen.

The students' opinions were similar to those of the teachers. They felt the new change was practical, but also costly.

"I don't usually use [the lunch program] because it's expensive," said Textor. "But I think it's good for people who don't feel like making a lunch everyday."

"Because I am in such a rush in the morning, I don't often pack a lunch," said Kuhnlein. "But a lot of people have change with them, so they have some money for the day."

Although many changes took place in the building of M&A, one change that the faculty and students were waiting for was the renovation of the auditorium and cafeteria.

"I'm anxious to see the new cafeteria and auditorium and how that will turn out," said VanLeeuwen.

According to Ms. Mary Hoecker, the principle of academic affairs, the exact date of the renovation of the new cafeteria and auditorium was unknown.

Until then, STA patrons, teachers and students will have to wait in anticipation for more changes to the renovated campus.

New Coaches

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Welch believed the basketball team improved this year because they were more positive.

"We improved as a team because we would set goals for ourselves before a game, and I don't remember a time when we didn't meet just about every one of our goals," said Welch.

She also considered that she improved by working one on one with the head coach.

"I believe I've definitely improved as a player," Welch said as one of her own improvements. "Wilson helped me after practice and gave me confidence in my shots."

Many of the new coaches and team players saw the atmosphere and camaraderie of the team change as well.

"I think the coaches, especially the new ones, brought a lot of enthusiasm and it rubbed off on [the players]," said Wilson.

The team members and coaches of the 2003-2004 season had many memories to reminisce.



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Captured former Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein speaks in Baghdad Sunday Dec. 14, 2003 in this image from television. The former Iraqi president Saddam Hussein was found in a dirt hole under a farmhouse near his hometown of Tikrit.



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U.S. Forest Service firefighter Brian Theler battles the Cedar Fire on Oct. 28, 2003 in Descanso, Calif. The Cedar Fire is one of ten fires burning throughout Southern California.



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A U.N. vehicle passes the collapsed section of the United Nations headquarters caused by a bomb attack on Tuesday, Aug. 19, 2003, in Baghdad, Iraq. The deadly suicide truck bombing killed at least 23 people and injured many others.

CURRENT ACTIONS SH

The primary political events of this year emphasized the upcoming 2004 presidential elections. These issues influenced the ballot decisions of voters.

On Dec. 13, 2003, U.S. soldiers seized Mr. Saddam Hussein. The Iraqi leader was taken prisoner eight months after the fall of Iraq's capital, Baghdad, and five months after the deaths of his sons, Qusay and Uday, in an air raid. Hussein was found holed up near his ancestral hometown of Tikrit. In the public eye, this event was largely viewed as a success for President Bush and his "War on Terror." The capture of Hussein, dubbed the most-wanted man in America, could have influenced voters in the upcoming 2004 presidential elections.

Senator John Kerry, however, had hopes to defeat Bush as the Democratic nominee. Kerry secured the Democratic Party's presidential nomination after winning nine of ten states in the primary elections on "Super Tuesday," March 2, 2004. The Senator from Massachusetts beat out other hopeful candidates, including Mr. Howard Dean, Gen. Wesley Clark, Rev. Al Sharpton, and Mr. John Edwards. Kerry told supporters his intentions to raise the minimum wage, create new jobs, improve upon the nation's education and healthcare and focus on foreign policy by creating new international alliances.

Politicians, as well as the general public, took a closer



Democratic presidential hopefuls, from left to right, Sen. Joseph Lieberman of Connecticut; former governor Howard Dean of Vermont; former Sen. Carol Mosley Braun of Illinois; Sen. John Edwards of North Carolina; retired Army Gen. Wesley Clark of Arkansas; Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts, the Rev. Al Sharpton of New York; and Rep. Dennis Kucinich of Ohio pose together prior to the "Rock the Vote" debate Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2003 at Boston's Faneuil Hall.



EVENTS

APE BALLOTS FOR VOTERS

Story by Meaghan Quinly // Design by Kayleigh Gamble

look at the definition of marriage, as the debate over same-sex matrimony raged on. Thousands of gay couples rushed to San Francisco, where Mayor Gavin Newsom allowed the distribution of marriage licenses to same-sex couples, until the California Supreme Court ordered him to stop. The Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts ruled that prohibiting gays from marrying was a violation of the state's constitution, which guarantees equal rights to all citizens. As of May 17, 2004, same-sex marriages were legal in the state of Massachusetts. President Bush proposed a constitutional amendment that would ban gay marriage, but leave the issue of civil unions up to state government. This issue was also expected to be a decisive factor for many voters.

Congress ordered that a commission be created to investigate the actions of central government officials surrounding the terrorist attack on September 11, 2001. Questions were raised regarding the nation's preparation and caution for such an attack. Mrs. Condoleezza Rice, the national security advisor, was allowed to testify for the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States, despite initial protest from the White House. Rice refuted accusations that the Bush administration failed to respond to knowledge of the threat of terrorism prior to September 11.



Iraqis beat a picture of Saddam Hussein with their shoes while others celebrate the capture of Saddam Hussein in downtown Baghdad Sunday Dec. 14, 2003.



Associated Press Photo

Martha Stewart and her lawyer John Tighe leave U.S. District Court, Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2003. District Judge Miriam Goldman Cedarbaum refused to dismiss a securities fraud charge that accuses Stewart of deceiving her stockholders when she publicly declared her innocence in the insider-trading scandal.



Associated Press Photo

Paris Hilton arrives to the Teen Choice Awards 2003 on Saturday, August 2, 2003 in Los Angeles.



Associated Press Photo

Michael Jackson gives the peace sign as he exits the Santa Barbara County Jail after being booked on child molestation charges Thursday, Nov. 20, 2003.

CURRENT STARS AND

What did a dorky auditor from Boston, a hunky pharmaceutical salesman from Texas and a millionaire from New York City have in common? They were all first runners up on various reality TV shows in 2003 and 2004. Starting fifteen years ago with MTV's *Real World*, reality TV has swept the nation. With the end of *Friends*, *Sex and the City* and *Frasier*, reality TV had some people asking, "Are sitcoms dead?" The producers of reality TV got more and more creative, throwing midgets and gay men into the mix. Some producers intertwined reality TV with improv acting, with shows such as *My Big Fat Obnoxious Fiancé*. Reality TV also spawned a new genre of MTV shows, giving us an inside look into the real lives of celebrities in shows like *The Osbournes* and *Newlyweds*.

But reality TV isn't the only thing that caught our attention in 2003 and 2003. With the sudden end of boy bands, female divas took over. Artists like Britney Spears, Beyonce, J. Lo, and Christina Aguilera gave us a new sense of independence and a more sexual image of women. Teenage girls such as Hilary Duff and Lindsay Lohan got more media attention than many of the Oscar winners. America was obsessed with celebrities' love lives, hairstyles and fashion



Britney Spears, from left, Madonna and Christina Aguilera perform during the MTV Video Music Awards at New York's Radio City Music Hall Thursday, Aug. 28, 2003.

EVENTS SHAPING THE PUBLIC

Story by Erin Fitzpatrick // Design by Kayleigh Gamble

senses. Actresses like Mary Kate and Ashley Olsen even tried their hand at a signature fashion line.

Style also took an interesting turn in recent years, bringing back trends from the sixties and seventies such as leg warmers and mini skirts. A new type of snow boots called Uggs became extremely popular, but being \$160 a pair, the average American was stuck buying fake Uggs. And knock off snow boots weren't the only fakes being bought. Add on the imitation Kate Spade purses, Gucci shoes and Prada handbags and you've got yourself looking like a star for a tenth of the price.

Not only were people becoming obsessed with the minor details of the lives of stars, but celebrity scandals were also causing a major uproar among the people of our nation. Suspicions surrounding accusations of child abuse caused many fans to reevaluate Michael Jackson's sanity. The pop star attracted criticism after fans witnessed him dangling his infant son from a hotel balcony in Berlin. Later, he faced charges of sexual abuse, but was found not guilty. Martha Stewart struggled to maintain her pristine public image as allegations of illegal insider trading emerged. The media mogul faced the threat of serving time in jail and paying up to millions of dollars in fines.



California's Gov.-Elect Arnold Schwarzenegger, right, introduces President Bush as he arrives to speak on the economic recovery and the war on terror, in San Bernadino, Calif., Thursday, Oct. 17, 2003.

Student L



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Photo by Kelly Connor

Seniors Allie Palmer, from left, Lynette Samborski, and Lauren Neal show off during the Senior Fashion Show at the Mother/Daughter Luncheon. The girls modeled clothes from Dillard's. The luncheon was held on April 4 at the Westin Crown Center. Outside of academics and sports, there were many activities for STA students to participate in. The Parent's Association of St. Teresa's Academy (PASTA) sponsored events such as the luncheon and the Father/Daughter Dinner Dance. The Fashion Show and Dance Competition were special privileges for seniors only. Other activities such as the Junior Ring Ceremony and Frosh Fest allowed more students to be involved with activities outside academics.



Photo by Kylie Scovell
Junior Chandler Domian looks the part in her Vaudeville costume.



Photo by Kylie Scovell
Junior Kate Graham looks on as she waits for her project to be graded.



Photo by Kylie Scovell
Junior Amen Iyamu performs for her audience at the Plantation Club.



Photo by Kylie Scovell
Juniors Sarah Snyder, left, and Rachel Duff demonstrate the Charleston, a popular dance from the 1920s.

Juniors explore "roarin' twenties"

Story by Liz Hansen // Design by Liz Hansen

The 1920s were a time of excitement and experimentation, making them one of the most compelling decades in American history. Because of the many societal changes, the '20s provided endless possibilities for students looking to study different topics from the era.

In an attempt to educate and inform STA students, the junior class researched numerous different topics for their American Studies Roarin' Twenties project, ranging from the Harlem Renaissance to popular dances to Negro baseball leagues. The juniors worked in small groups for several weeks preparing a research paper and a short presentation on their topic to present to teachers and students in the cafeteria.

"The project was a lot more work than I thought it would be," said Junior Amanda Konz.

Although it may have required a lot of work, most students enjoyed the project. Juniors liked that they were able to choose their own topics as well as how they wanted to present their information. Students were able to explore their own interests and chose a wide range of topics.

"It was interesting learning more about that period in time, and how much actually happened," said Junior Kathryn Fitzsimmons. "I thought everyone would work on the same topics, but there were so many different ideas, it was really interesting."

In order to share their different topics with the school, juniors prepared multiple types of presentations.

"I thought it was really interesting to learn things I never knew about the 1920s from all the presentations," said Konz.

Although the atmosphere was somewhat chaotic on the morning of presentations, visitors to the cafeteria left well-informed about the 1920s after trying new dances, hearing new music and learning about important historical figures.



Photo by Kylie Scovell
 Juniors Emily Lodigensky, from left, Elisa Schmeltz, and Lauren Hance read over last minute information.



Photo by Kylie Scovell
 From left, Juniors Heather Coakley, Laura Brewer, and Leslie Herring rehearse their presentation.



Photo by Kylie Scovell
 Junior Rachel Duff instructs students on their Charleston footwork.



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As Mr. Mark Fudenberg critiques their poster, Junior Chandler Domian points out a photo from the 1920s while Junior Kate Cofran shares information with him.



Photo by Abby Sosinski
Mr. Eric Thomas' advisory supports the Kansas City Royals.



Photo by Abby Sosinski
On September 11, Senior Jess Ponnath and Junior Alecia Stover dress to commemorate all firefighters.



Photo by Abby Sosinski
Ms. Stacie O'Rear's advisory dresses to fit their theme.



Photo by Abby Sosinski
Senior Andrea Benben clicks her heels together Willy Wonka style.

Stars Spotted at Frosh Fest

Story by Kylie Scovell // Design by Caitlin Burke

The Osbournes, Smurfs and Royals players walked the halls of STA on September 11.

"Dressing up was my favorite part of Frosh Fest," said Freshman Laura Welch, who dressed as a nerd.

Advisories had a chance to get to know their new advisees by competing in a costume contest in the quad. A panel of teachers, staff and administrators selected by Ms. Sherry Neal and Ms. Mary Casey judged the creativity of the themes and costumes chosen by advisories.

"I liked having pink hair when I dressed up as Kelly Osbourne!" said Freshman Theresa Wagner.

To make things more fun, the girls chosen to dress up wore their outfits to all their classes that day.

"I thought Ms. Bernal's advisory was extremely clever," said Casey of the advisory that dressed up like their advisor.

Students were then invited to eat lunch outside with their classmates and watch their peers stand up on the steps of the Donnelly Building to be judged.

"Through laughter we united as a big family of freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors!" said Sophomore Magdalene Vick.

Ms. Heather Macintosh's and Ms. Pat Dunlay's advisories were this year's best costume winners. Macintosh's advisory honored the anniversary of 9/11 by dressing up as firemen with red hats, a garden hose and firefighter pants. Dunlay's advisory dressed as Smurfs. They were awarded with a pizza lunch whereas the three advisories that placed second won doughnuts.

"The way to have a winning celebration is to have free food!" said Casey. "It endears us to the students!"

Following the Theme Day, students were allowed to don black and gold in an act of spirit and support for STA.

Frosh Fest's Theme Day and Spirit Day helped make freshmen feel more comfortable in their first year of high school. But along with this event, STA gives freshmen the opportunity to ask questions and learn the ins and outs of the school through Freshmen Seminar.

"I enjoy spending one activity period a week surrounded by my other classmates learning about the school," said Freshmen Alison Raybould. "It's a great way to welcome us freshmen to the school."



Photo by Abby Sosinski

Freshmen Colleen Owens, Amella McGannon, Caroline Orscheln and Jacqui Lindsey dance as Oompa-Loompas.



Photo by Abby Sosinski

Ms. Robin Good's advisory imitates characters from the comedy, Saturday Night Live.



Photo by Abby Sosinski

Freshmen from Ms. Betsy Hansbrough's advisory portray the geeky side of STA.



Photo by Abby Sosinski

Senior Kelly Shuss, from left, Junior Ann Langworthy, Senior Carrie Gabhart and senior Annie Haden sing "YMCA" with their little sisters on the front steps of the Donnelly building at this year's Frosh Fest.



Photo by Chantel Heaphy
Jessica Closson, left, listens to Amanda Artigas tell a story.



Photo by Chantel Heaphy
From left, Hilary Stanley, Charmaine Willis work together.



Photo by Chantel Heaphy
Unitown participants are given the floor to explain their experiences with stereotypes.



Photo by Chantel Heaphy
Unitown participants take a break and enjoy snacks.

Students Share, Grow

Story by Kayleigh Gamble // Designed by Liz Hansen



Photo by Chantel Heaphy
Magdalene Vick comments on the prejudices she's seen.

With a new set of leaders and a new group of participants, Unitown continued its mission to "promote understanding and respect among all races, religions and cultures through advocacy, conflict resolution and education."

Sponsored by The National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ) the two-day retreat provided a forum for girls to express their opinions and beliefs. Through small group discussions and activities involving every participant, the girls not only shared their experiences, but they learned from others as well.

In one activity, the girls were asked to step forward or backward from a line, depending on their response to various questions. At the end of the activity the girls were dispersed throughout the gym. The result made the girls aware of their economic, racial and social differences.



Photo by Chantel Heaphy
Unitowners participate in a small group activity.

"A lot of the activities showed me that there are people who are in worse situations than I am," said Sophomore Katie Adair. "First opinions aren't always right. You can't make judgments about a person by just looking at them."

Following NCCJ's goal to emphasize diversity, invitations to attend the retreat were given out to students from all four classes. Also attending the retreat were Mr. Mark Fudenberg and Mr. Craig Whitney.

"The retreat is moderated by representatives from NCCJ, but Mr. Fud and Mr. Whitney are ultimately in charge," said Senior Krystal Griffin, one of the ten student leaders on the retreat. "They watch over the girls, but they also offer another source of information, providing us with a different point of view."

With discussions ranging from racial slurs to stereotypes, girls made conscious decisions to change their perspectives and incorporate what they learned into their everyday lives.

While Unitown strives to reach an idealistic goal, it acknowledges the realities of our society. Every student on the retreat was encouraged to speak out in order to deepen understandings of various topics.

"I think it is very important for girls to participate in Unitown because many of them need coaching to help them open up and confront the problems they might not have known existed," Fudenberg said. "I have seen the program transform people's lives. It is especially important at STA because it relates to our philosophy."

Although each student has a different experience at Unitown, they all leave with the same message from St. Teresa that "all must be friends, all must be loved, all must be held dear, and all must be helped."



Photo by Chantel Heaphy
Cierra Obiona, from left, Laura Brewer, Kate Adair, Oghosa Iyamu, and Taylor Salle work together.



Unitown participants take turns calling out different stereotypes associated with diverse groups of people.



Photo by Lauren Befort
Students enjoy the first slowdance of the night at Teresian.



Photo by Lauren Befort
Senior Morgan Martin-West takes in a dance surrounded by her fellow seniors.



Photo by Lauren Befort
Sophomores Sarah Tampke and Ashley Devine dance and shake to the music.



Photo by Lauren Befort
Sophomores Jill Cousins and Emily Schmeltz laugh throughout the night.



Photo by Lauren Befort
Sophomores Claire Foley and Riki Allen dance the night away.



Photo by Lauren Befort

S“Start spreading the news, I’m leaving today, I want to be a part of it, New York, New York.” The famous words of Frank Sinatra proved true for many of the STA students as they decked out in formal attire to attend the annual Teresian dance.

Teresian Takes Big Apple



Story By Kristen Lady // Design by Katy Boat

Students said the theme, “New York, New York,” set the classy aura of the fall formal.

“Having the Teresian as “New York, New York” made the whole experience a lot more fun and appealing to me,” said Junior Maddie O’Connor. “I liked how the theme wasn’t cheesy or unrealistic.”

The Stars have anticipated the dance since September, making restaurant and bus reservations early. The big night, Oct. 18th, already appeared in many of the girls’ planners, decorated with bright colors.

“I was so excited for the dance that I bought my dress in April!” said Sophomore Claire Foley. “All of my friends and I went dress shopping together.”

For some, the importance of having the most eye-catching dress surpassed the need for a date. When most of the buzz around STA consisted of who was wearing what, one can not help but wonder the essential reason for attending the dance.

“I didn’t even ask my date until a week before the dance because I was so worried about finding the perfect dress,” said Junior Felicia Ramsey.

Finally, the night of the dance arrived. As they were greeted with the “Welcome to New York” marquee, STA students indulged into what was to be one of their most unforgettable nights in their high school career. Street signs, taxis and even the Statue of Liberty added to the New

York atmosphere, surrounding the attendees.

Teresian expectations were met for students of all grades including sophomores, juniors and seniors. Whether they were bouncing to techno or feeling the vibe of Michael Jackson, the Stars danced the night away with no regrets.

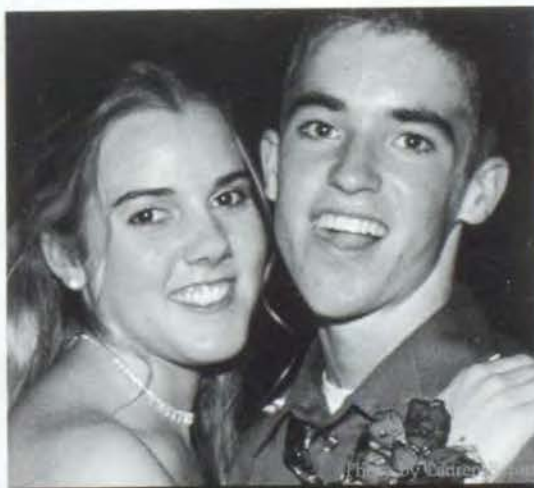
“I was really sad that this was my last year for Teresian,” said Senior Stephanie Martinat. “But the dance-off between the blondes and reds definitely made the night memorable.”

The dance-off, initially a bet among seniors, became one of the main attractions on the dance floor for those attending. The blonde-haired girls, including Seniors Kelly O’Brien, Lauren Neal and Maggie Triano faced the red-haired girls, Seniors Emily Riesmeyer, Carrie Gabhart and Stephanie Cashen, in a serious, well-rehearsed dance-off to the inspiring words of Christina Aguilera’s “Dirrty.”

Not only did Teresian benefit the students of STA with a night of fun, but the dance was also a success for STA’s yearbook. As a fundraiser for the yearbook, *The Teresian*, the dance provided the book with an acceptable income of

about \$,8000 coming from the high number of attendees.

By providing for the yearbook and bringing excitement to those dancing, Teresian was beneficial to a variety of people. Although at times the plans got changed and appointments became stressful, the Teresian Dance will once again be a happy memory. Looking back at the smiling faces in the pictures, students now can reminisce on the night that took them to New York.



Sophomores Lucy Duethman and David Kaufman pose together for a close picture during a song.

Junior Eli Medina tries to hold up fellow Junior Molly Hough while taking a rest between songs at Teresian.



Photo by Abby Sosinski

Sophomores Mary Rucker, left, and Jessica Bukaty bust a move.



Photo by Abby Sosinski

Sophomore Maggie Euston and Freshman Ashton Smith take a break from dancing.



Photo by Monica Welsh

Freshmen Michelle Jantsch, left, and Mary Beth Nulton twirl.



Photo by Monica Welsh

Sophomore Bree Bolton shows her stuff on the dance floor at the Christmas Dance.

Mistletoe Madness Proves Successful

Story by Molly Hough // Design by Caitlin Burke

Being the only dance of the school year that freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors can all attend, the Christmas Dance had high hopes for a great turn out this year. With the new exciting theme, "Mistletoe Madness," students were able to pull out their festive red and green outfits and swing some moves out on the dance floor on Dec. 6 in the Goppert Center.

"I brought my best friend Brian and we had so much fun," said freshman Kathleen Medina. "We went out to dinner before and played with all our friends. At the dance my friends and I were crazy. We ran around and jumped on everyone even though we didn't know them!"

The Christmas Dance is annually sponsored by the Student Council Organization. Every year the dance takes on a new theme. This year the student body voted "Mistletoe Madness" as the favorite out of various others, "Holiday Inn" and "Ice, Ice Baby" to name a few.

The freshman class was extraordinarily represented, being the class that had the largest number of attendants. There were also large groups of sophomores, but very few juniors and seniors attended this year.

"This year there happened to be tons of freshmen and sophomores and not as many juniors and seniors as in years past," said Junior Class Officer Michaela McKenny.

Despite the shortage of appearances from upperclassmen, the dance proceeded and was a huge success.

The Christmas Dance is the Student Council Organization's largest fundraiser of the year. This year a large sum of money was raised, which will benefit STA students in many ways. Money raised at the dance goes toward Student Appreciation day and is also used to buy the pumpkins for the advisory pumpkin decorating contests every October. The Student Council Organization also alternates years with Spirit Club giving a scholarship to incoming freshman using money raised at the Christmas Dance.

Although the D.J. was late, the music proved to be better than ever.

"The music was the best this year," said Junior Maddie O'Connor. "It was even better than Teresian."

Overall the dance was a huge success for the Student Council Organization and was entertaining for those who danced all night.

"The dance was great!" said Freshman Brynne Lee. "There was never a dull moment, and I had so much fun dancing with all my friends."

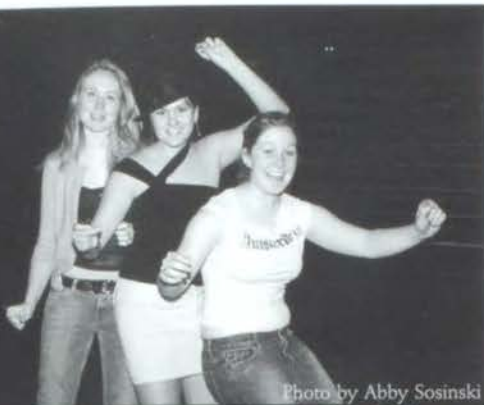


Photo by Abby Sosinski
Seniors Morgan Martin-West, from left, Alcyn Bucklew, and Brittany Cummings move to the music on the dance floor.

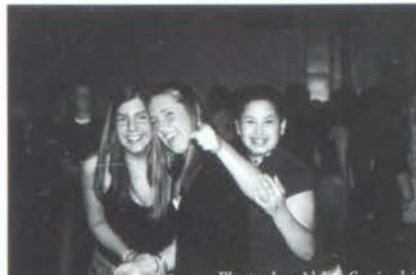


Photo by Abby Sosinski
Freshmen Jessie Kramer, center from left, Jessica Weston, and friend pose.



Photo by Abby Sosinski
Sophomores Briana Bailey, left, and Bree Bolton dance as their friends look on.



Photo by Monica Welsh
Juniors Maddie O'Connor, left, and Krsiten Lady get wild at the Christmas Dance.



Photo by Katie Alley
Senior Kelly O'Brien and her dad compete in the senior dance off.



Photo by Katie Alley
Juniors Chandler Domian and Rachel Cook blow bubbles at the Father/Daughter Luau.



Photo by Katie Alley
Girls congo on the dance floor at the Father/Daughter Dinner Dance.



Photo by Katie Alley
Senior Kelly Woodward dances with her father.



Photo by Katie Alley
Junior Michelle Collins and her dad model their fake sunburns.



Photo by Katie Alley
Juniors Carrie Brogan and Ann Langworthy tango in their Hawaiian dresses.



Photo by Katie Alley
Senior Sarah Fox and her dad show off their skills during the Senior Dance Contest.

Luau In The Snow

Story by Lora Swarts // Design by Katy Boat

In 2003-4, Kansas City had a cold and snowy winter. But, on Sunday, February 8, at the Westin Crown Center Century Ballroom, STA held a luau for the 2004 Father/Daughter Dinner Dance.

"I enjoyed the Westin very much," said Sophomore Sarah Murphy. "I thought that the decorations were fun and I thought the hotel incorporated the theme nicely."

Costumes lent to the Hawaiian ambiance as well.

"I thought that Chandler Domian and her dad's costumes were very funny," said Junior Amy Kuhnlein. "Their theme reminded me of 'Loveboat'. I also thought that it was funny to see that that many girls wore coconut bras."

Father/Daughter 2004 was a carefree, more informal event than usual.

"I liked that the choice of attire could be anything," said Murphy. "It was either semi-formal or a Hawaiian luau costume."

Hawaiian attire wasn't the only attraction of the night; music also contributed to the island feel.

"My favorite part of the night was hearing 'MMMBop' by Hanson," laughed Junior Jessica Bradford. "They rock!"

The annual "Senior Dance Contest" was a hit, as usual.

"My favorite part of the night was the Senior Dance Contest," said Kuhnlein. "It was very entertaining to see all the seniors and their dads go wild. Participating in the Senior Dance Contest is another experience that many students look forward to in future Father/Daughter dances.

"I'm pumped for the dance contest next year," said Jessica Bradford. "It is my chance to bust a move!"

Dancing is one part of the night in which everyone usually participates.

"I think it is really fun to see everybody getting into the music," said

Junior Katie Murray. "The best part of the night was seeing everybody's friends and dads all dancing together and having a great time."

The Father/Daughter Dinner Dance was a new experience for all freshmen students.

"I had a lot of fun," said Freshman Emily Bradford. "This was my first Father/Daughter Dance, and I enjoyed being there with my sister and my dad."

"I was very excited to come this year with my sister," said Jessica Bradford. "We tried to coordinate our costumes."

On the other hand, seniors enjoyed their last Father/Daughter in 2004, and juniors began thinking about being in that position in 2005.

"I am sad because it will be my last Father/Daughter Dance," said Murray. "I think that it is important to be able to spend time with the people who are most important to you, especially during the years when it counts the most. It is always nice to have everyone get together with their dads and just have fun."



Photo by Katie Alley

Senior Maureen Healy and her father Bob Healy participate in the Senior Dance Contest at the Westin Crown Center Century Ballroom while fellow seniors watch with enthusiasm. The couple placed third overall in the competition.



Photo submitted
Junior Molly Hough and second grade boys take a break from bingo.



Photo submitted
Junior Suzanne Russel works with first graders at St. Monica's Catholic school.



Photo by Monica Welsh
Junior Megan Kelly helps keep children's interest at Head Start.



Photo submitted
Junior Carrie Brogan works with a woman at Johnson County Developmental supports.

Students Gain From Service

Story by Anna Beckett // Design by Caitlin Burke

During the last week of February, the juniors and the seniors ventured out across the city to participate in Service Projects.

Service Project Week gave the juniors and seniors an opportunity to give back to the Kansas City community through different Service Agencies within the area. To help with the selection of an agency, Campus Ministry set up a Service Fair that helped assist the junior's choices. Students would usually choose the agency that matched their personality and interests.

"I was looking for a place to work and play with young kids," said Junior Eli Medina. Medina chose to do her Service Project at St. Monica's Catholic Grade School so she would have the chance to interact with younger children.

Some students found that Service Week served as a good opportunity to gain a better understanding of certain careers that they happened to be interested in.

"I decided to work at a grade school because I am interested in becoming a teacher sometime in the future," said Junior Bridget Moran. Moran worked at St. Stephen's Academy during the week. Throughout the week, she had the chance to work in the Art classes, the Kindergarten room and helped tutor kids in reading.

"By working at St. Stephen's Academy, my eyes were more open to some of the less fortunate within our community," said Moran.

Another popular part of Service Week was when students would have the opportunity to play games and sports with the children they were working with. This gave the juniors and seniors a chance to let out some energy.

"I had a really fun time when I was able to play basketball with some of the older kids at St. Monica's," commented Medina.

After Service Project Week had been completed, many girls came back to school having learned things from their experiences at the service agencies. Junior Meg Franke worked at St. Vincent's where she spent much of her time with young children.

"While on Service Projects, I learned that children have a lot to teach us," said Franke. "Everything is so much simpler for them."

With the help of the Campus Ministry Team, Junior and Senior Service Project Week proved to be a success for another year. It allowed the juniors and seniors to take a break for school and experience different service opportunities throughout the city. Students were given the chance to expose themselves to new surroundings and meet new people within the community.



Photo by Monjea Welsh

Junior Merritt Lee and children in the Head Start program enjoy a snack on the playground.



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Senior Andrea Benben talks with a woman at Johnson County Developmental Supports.



Photo by Monica

Junior Caitlin Burke sits with children during arts and crafts time at Head Start.



Photo by Monica Welsh

Junior Michaela McKenny poses for a picture while playing with children in the Head Start program on the playground.



Photo by Lauren Befort

Betsey Birt, left, and Michaela McKenny stop for a picture on their way to the reception.



Photo by Lauren Befort

Sara Penaloza, left, and Anne Marie Fitzgerald admire their class rings.



Photo by Lauren Befort

Megan Kelly, from left, Merritt Lee, Alex Hercules, Ann Stacy, Michelle Collins, Meg Franke and Maggie Mullane blind us with their bling after Junior Ring.



Photo by Lauren Befort

Ms. Mary Anne Hoecker calls class secretary Megan Kelly onstage to receive her ring.



Photo by Lauren Befort

Amy Kuhnlein and Chandler Domian flash their new rings.



Photo by Lauren Befort

Meg Franke, left, and Ann Stacy joke around in front of the camera.



Photo by Lauren Befort

Caroline Findlay, from left, Cierra Obioha, Amen Iyamu, Jessica Bradford, and Candace Darden pause for a photo at the reception.

Juniors Receive Sign of Unity

Story by Kylie Scovell // Design by Caitlin Burke

On Saturday, Feb. 22, the junior class received their long awaited junior rings. The juniors had heard stories about this event for years and had looked forward to the day when they would be presented with their ring.

In a ceremony led by Junior Class President Tyler Yarborough, Dr. Joe Grantham, Mr. Pat Sirridge and Ms. Mary Anne Hoecker, the students were given a symbol of the unity and memories made at STA.

"I invited all of my family, because it was such a big event," said Junior Amen Iyamu.

Although each ring is designed with the STA emblem as the main element, girls were able to choose everything from the use of diamonds and cubic zirconium to whether they wanted their band to be made of gold, white gold or platinum.

Some students even opted to have their signature or name engraved on the inside of the band. Jostens wanted to make each ring individual; they strived to make it so that each student would enjoy their ring years after high school.

"I only take my ring off to sleep and shower, because I like it so much!" said Iyamu of her personally designed ring.

One of the students' favorite memories from the day was when family members and close friends snapped pictures of them holding out their hands for all to see their new rings.

"It was fun because everyone was so excited to get their ring and in such a good mood that day," said Junior Michaela McKenny.

Earlier in the year, the junior class decided to ask Sirridge to present a speech at the ceremony. He spoke of how each ring represented the unity among the girls.

Following Sirridge's speech, Grantham blessed the rings and gave them to Ms. Hoecker to present and distribute to each student.

McKenny's experience was one of extreme excitement and pride as she walked up to receive her ring in front of all her friends.

The ring ceremony has always held a special importance at the school.

Ms. Theresa Egelhoff an alumnae of STA remembered that as a student the only jewelry they were allowed to wear was the class ring that was given to them junior year.

When Health and Fitness teacher Ms. Ann Bode-Rodriguez was a junior at STA her friends all chipped in and offered to buy her the class ring when she neglected to buy one herself.

Seeing the class of 2005 receive their rings reminded her of the way her closest peers in high school expressed the depth of their friendship by way of the class ring.



Photo by Lauren Befort

Michaela McKenny, from left, Caitlin Krugh, Kathleen Hudnall, Maddie O'Connor, Kelly Connor, Kristen Lady, Anna Beckett, and Claire Gude gather in the quad to enjoy the unusually warm February weather after the ring ceremony.



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Seniors Kelly Woodward, Lauren Neal, Sarah Kitts and Stephanie Martinat enjoy their break.



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Juniors Sara Penaloza and Molly Hough sunbathe in St. Pete Beach, Florida.



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A group of seniors vacation in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico for Spring Break.



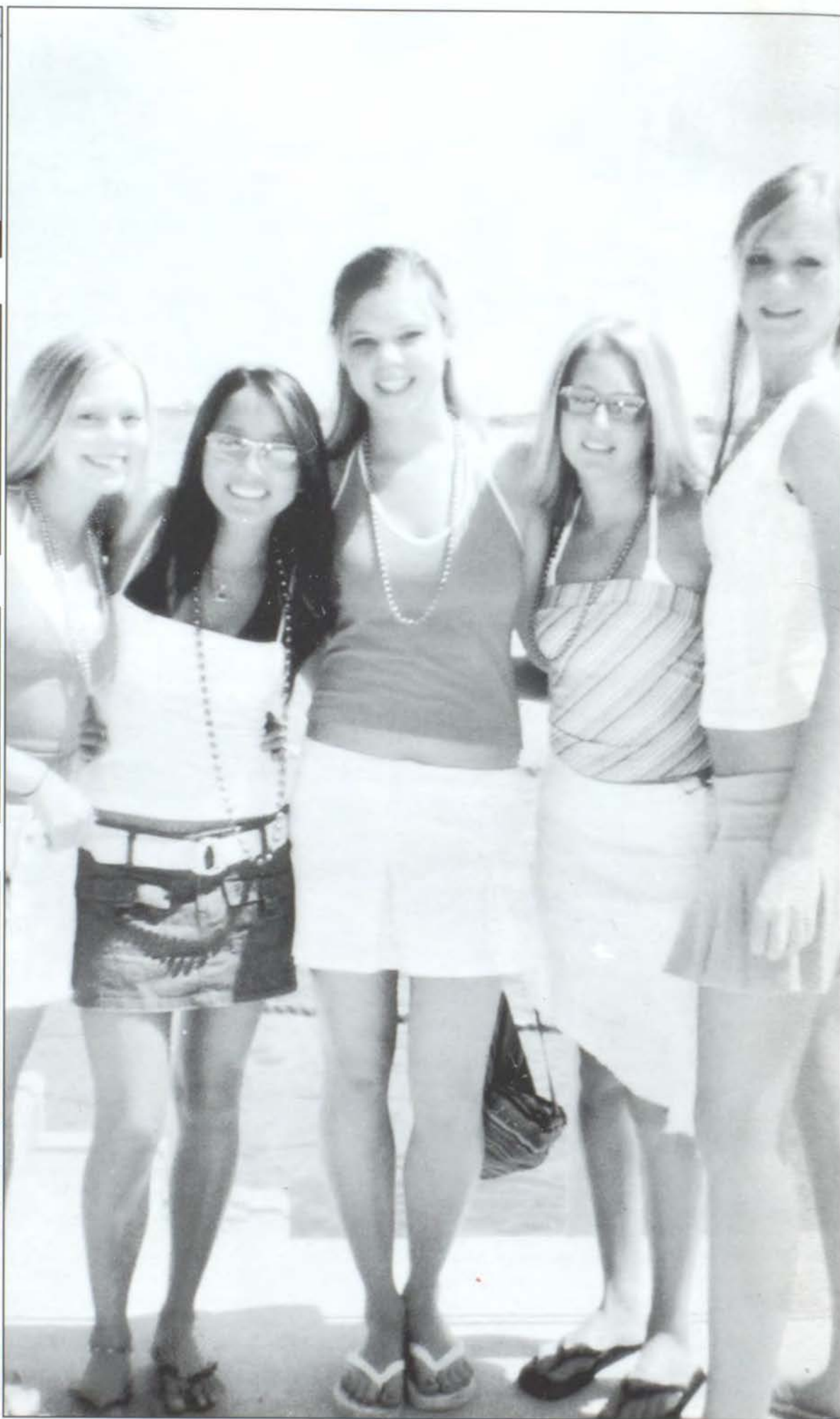
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Sophomore Laura Strickland has a funfilled meal in Cancun, Mexico.



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Seniors Stephanie Cashen, Lauren Noonan and Lynette Samborski vacation in Mexico.



What break during the school year, did students at STA look forward to the most? Without hesitation, the majority of students would have told you, "Spring break."

Girls enjoy much needed vacation

Story By Amen Iyamu // Design by Liz Hansen

Every year in the month of March students and staff get a week off to enjoy a much-needed vacation. Spring break this school year was the week of March 15th through the 19th.

"Spring break is the best break, because the nice weather makes the days more enjoyable," said Sophomore Alex Waechter.

Spring break was the only break when students were given time off that didn't involve a major holiday, which involuntarily became designated to family or church. Spring break was the time that was solely dedicated to relaxing and having fun. For some students and faculty the way to truly enjoy themselves was by getting out of the city, the state or even the country.

"During my spring break, I went to Omaha, Nebraska to see Britney Spears in concert with two of my cousins," said Freshman Ashton Smith. "This break without question has been my favorite one."

To ensure the best spring break experience, students planned months in advance to find the right location and the right weather.

"To plan spring break, one must take into consideration the transportation, the food and definitely the weather," said Senior Laura Prather.

Prather, along with many other seniors, spent her last spring break on a cruise. Popular destinations included islands like Jamaica, Key West, Montego Bay, and the Bahamas. Seniors Megan O'Donnell, Prather, Sarah Fox, Seabrin Stanley, and Jessica Rosas all went on Celebrity Cruise Line to the Caribbean Islands.

"The cruise was more excitement than I could have possibly imagined," said Senior Megan O'Donnell. "The best part was forgetting about everything back at home, and

living life."

Some other locations students and faculty visited over spring break included Cancun, the Florida Keys, Italy, Disney World, Colorado, Minnesota, Texas, and Hawaii.

"I went to Rome, Greece, Pompei, and Athens with a couple of juniors at STA and Sion and a couple of guys from

Rockhurst...for spring break," said Junior Jessie Holbrook. "It was the prettiest place I have ever been, and I have never appreciated a break from school so much."

Many faculty members used their break from school for vacation, as well.

"Being out of school for spring break, gave me time to travel to Puerto Rico with my mom for a week," said Spanish teacher Heather Macintosh. "Traveling is a leisure I enjoy when I am not in school."

For others, simply being out of school was good enough for them as they spent their time

catching up on sleep, hanging out with friends, or working.

"I worked at the Great Wolfe Lodge all spring break, putting in over forty hours," says Junior Jamie Duncan. "It was fine because I was out of school and making money."

Many students enjoyed their Spring Break in Kansas City.

"Even though I stayed in Kansas City, I still had fun," said Senior Andera Horn. "I spent time with friends that I'm going to leave next year, when I attend Southern University in the fall."

Spring break, whether spent working, going to a concert, or traveling to a foreign country, was a break from school that every student took advantage of. No matter where it was spent, it was a break given to enjoy life outside the walls of STA.



A group of seniors gather outside their hotel in Mexico to take a picture.

Seniors Laura Prather, from left, Jessica Rosas, Sarah Fox, Megan O'Donnell and Seabrin Stanley pose for a picture on the deck of their cruise ship.

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Photo by Kelly Connor
Seniors Jane Kaufman and Erin Fitzpatrick walk arm in arm as they show off their prom dresses.



Photo by Kelly Connor
Senior Seabrin Stanley struts her stuff in the Mother-Daughter Fashion Show.



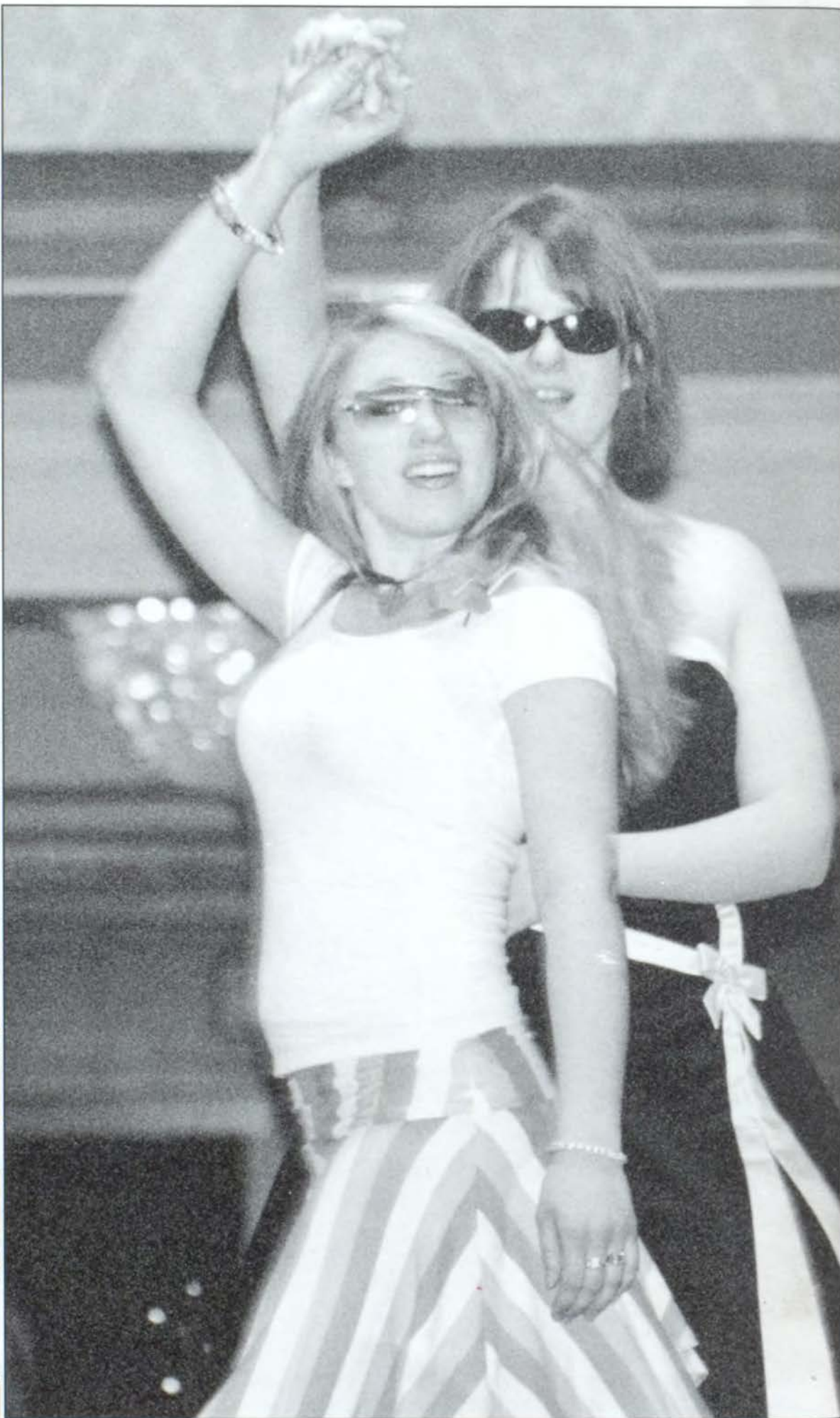
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Senior Diana Jantsch poses for a picture with her mom at her last Mother-Daughter Luncheon.



Photo by Kelly Connor
Seniors Maureen Healy, left, and Allison Wilkerson prepare to give roses to their mothers.



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Sophomore Julian Langenkamp and her mother enjoy their time at the luncheon.



"I didn't eat yesterday, I'm not gonna eat today, I'm not gonna eat tomorrow... Cause I'm gonna be a supermodel!"

These lyrics to the song, "Supermodel," blared from the speakers as seniors strutted down the runway at the annual Mother-Daughter Luncheon.

Supermodel Seniors Take Stage

Story By Abigail Sosinski // Design by Liz Hansen

The event was held on April 4 at the Downtown Marriott Hotel.

Introduced to STA in 1987, the luncheon became a tradition. The senior fashion show, added in 1993, lived up to its expectations yet again this year. From swimwear to evening wear and even a little bit of outdoorsmen fashion, the seniors showed the underclassmen and the mothers that they are "gonna be a supermodel."

"I really liked picking out my clothes," said Senior Kelly O'Brien, who wore a humorous outfit from Eddie Bauer. "I liked walking down the catwalk!"

Most everyone enjoyed watching the seniors model onstage.

"They looked like they were having so much fun up there," said Sophomore Emylie Leonard. "I can't wait for senior year."

Students found this luncheon as a time to bond with their mother and dress up with their friends.

"It is important to attend Mother-Daughter to spend time with your mom," said Sophomore Sarah Tampke. "Sometimes our mothers don't feel appreciated and it is important for our mothers to meet our friends and our friends' mothers."

"It was really fun seeing the seniors strut their stuff and show off cute clothes," said first time luncheon attendee Freshman Katie Murphy.

Girls agreed that they often overlook the significance that their mothers have in their lives. Between sport practices, play rehearsals, and many other distractions, the Mother-Daughter Luncheon was a great opportunity to spend time with Mom.

"Our mothers are very important people, but we all have such busy schedules," said Leonard. "It's hard to find time to get together."

One of the great things about the luncheon was comparing the sets of mother-daughter pairs. Girls loved connecting the mothers and daughters by looking at their similar appearances and mannerisms.

"It was really surprising how much mothers and daughters looked alike," said Tampke.

As students enter high school and grow into adults, similarities between mother and daughter become much more apparent.

"It's funny because as we get older, we start to look like our moms!" said Senior Mary Elizabeth Sherman.

The Mother-Daughter Luncheon was an event for all classes to enjoy. Most

girls were able to visit with their friends and laugh with their mother at the same time. Seniors were finally able to share in the fun of participating in the Fashion Show and all other classes had something to look forward to.

"Cause I'm young and I'm hip and so beautiful, I'm gonna be a supermodel!"



Seniors Jess Ponnath, left, and Ann Smith walk the catwalk together at the Mother-Daughter Luncheon.

Seniors Kat Liljegren and Allegra Perkins spin on the runway while entertaining the audience at the Mother-Daughter Luncheon.



Photo by Caitlin Burke
Senior Alex Persley receives a rose for her Academy Woman nomination.



Ms. Mary Anne Hoecker awards Senior Elizabeth Sherman as the Senior Class's Salutatorian.



Photo by Caitlin Burke
Fellow nominee, Alex Persley, congratulates Senior Brittany Cummings.



Photo by Caitlin Burke
Academy Woman nominees Brittany Cummings, from left, Kelly Harbison, Alex Persley, and Agie Sparks await the announcement of the 2004 honoree.

Achievements Honored

Story by Merritt Lee // Design by Caitlin Burke



Photo by Caitlin Burke
Ms. Nancy Hand describes Senior Jessica Yeager's academic excellence.



Photo by Caitlin Burke
Senior Kelly Harbison, from left, shows her appreciation for Senior Alex Persley.



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Valedictorian Jessica Yeager and Salutatorian Elizabeth Sherman pose for a picture after receiving recognition for their achievements.

As Academy Woman nominees Brittany Cummings, Kelly Harbison, Alex Persley and Agie Sparks squeezed hands on March 26, 2004 Dr. Faith Wilson announced Cummings as the 2003-2004 Academy Woman at the National Honor Society induction ceremony.

The Academy Woman has been a tradition at STA for over 50 years. The honor is awarded to a student who shows leadership and participation in the school. Faculty, staff and the senior class first nominated four seniors for the honor. After the nominations were complete, students and staff voted once more, choosing one of the three or four nominees. Students and staff looked for a young lady with school spirit, a fun personality and involvement in the community.

"It is not a popularity contest," explained Senior Class Moderator Ms. Mary Montag. "The Academy Woman is an overall girl that shows the values of the school, is a part of the STA community and has a great personality."

Cummings loved being a part of the STA community and was honored to be named Academy Woman.

"STA has given me the opportunity to meet the most incredible people I have ever known," said Cummings after receiving the award. "I'm just in love with St. Teresa's and everything that comes with it."

On that same day, Ms. Mary Anne Hoecker and Mrs. Nancy Hand identified the valedictorian and salutatorian. These were the students who held the two highest GPAs throughout their four years at STA.

The 2004 valedictorian was Senior Jessica Yeager. She planned on attending Harvard University in Boston, Massachusetts. She was also accepted to Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Columbia University, Yale, Cornell and Stanford.

Yeager's unique qualities played a major role in her academic accomplishments at STA.

"Jessica is such a smart girl and great student," commented Chemistry teacher Mrs. Kjersten Metzler. "She is so independent, which is a really good thing. I could just tell her to go make a solution and she could do it by herself without any help or questions. She understands things so well that you can tell her to do anything and she can do it."

The salutatorian was Senior Elizabeth Sherman. Sherman applied for early decision and was accepted at Dartmouth College in New Hampshire. She was the fourth generation in her family to attend Dartmouth and it was her first choice of colleges. She planned on majoring in commercial chemistry.

"Elizabeth is such a hard worker and is methodical with her work," explained Metzler. "She is conscientious and asks questions until she understands the concepts. She is very good about practicing and makes an awesome tutor."



Photo by Candice Burke

Senior Agie Sparks, right, congratulates Senior Brittany Cummings after Cummings was acknowledged as the 2003-2004 Academy Woman.



Photo by Caitlin Burke
New inductees stand and take their pledge as part of their initiation.



Photo by Caitlin Burke
Senior Alex Persley, right, receives her rose from the 2003-2004 NHS officers.



Photo by Caitlin Burke
Senior Brittany Cummings receives her rose and honor sash.



Photo by Caitlin Burke
Sophomore Kate Harbin receives her rose as a new inductee at the NHS ceremony.

NHS Assumes Larger Role

Story by Monica Welsh // Design by Caitlin Burke

Scholarship, leadership, service and character: each of these terms probably sound familiar. Every year the student body heard these attributes described to them at the National Honor Society Induction assembly. STA students see members of their school receive the honor of being inducted into the National Honor Society (NHS).

Each year the Star Chapter of the NHS strived to become a more visible aspect of the STA community. In the 2003-2004 school year the NHS achieved that goal with "First Friday Fabulous Faculty."

"Fabulous Faculty is a neat way for the students to acknowledge teachers that have influenced them," said Junior NHS member Angela Garrozzo.

Another change was the rearrangement of the leadership system. A chair was established for each pillar of the NHS. The new chairs were Michaela McKenny as the character chair, Ann Langworthy as the leadership chair, Chandler Domian as the service chair and Amen Iyamu as the scholarship chair. Also, Megan Kelly was nominated as the public relations chair along with Katie Hembree as the treasurer.

Each pillar was asked to plan something for the school community during each quarter of the school year. A committee was formed to plan an activity for the leadership pillar. The committee made announcements and highlighted members of the junior and senior class. Senior Agie Sparks and Junior Kate Graham were recognized for their leadership inside and outside of school.

Next, was an activity for the service pillar. The committee came up with the idea of "Hug it Forward." The committee went around school for a day in February and hugged as many girls as they could. When a girl would receive a hug she would then give three other girls a hug. The goal was to have everyone in school receive a hug. Afterwards, the committee sold t-shirts and donated the proceeds to Marillac, a special school for children who cannot attend public schools.

The last pillar to devise an activity was character. The committee made announcements and recognized a member from each class who portrayed strong character through their individual accomplishments.

"I think that the leadership and character announcements were a way to recognize people in the school who do not usually get recognized for the things they do inside and outside of school," said McKenny.

At the ceremony the student body witnessed members and new inductees receive a rose from NHS advisor, Ms. Steph Hart. The new members recited the pledge and all members were honored for their work.

"The ceremony recognizes women who show leadership, service, character and scholarship, and these aspects are important in our school," said Garrozzo.



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Members of the STA singers begin the ceremony with the singing of the school song.



Photo by Caitlin Burke

Seniors wait anxiously for their roses and sashes at the NHS ceremony.



Photo by Caitlin Burke

Junior Chandler Domian describes the role service plays in the Star Chapter of NHS.



Photo by Caitlin Burke

New NHS officers Juniors Megan Kelly, from left, Ann Langworthy, Amen Iyamu, Chandler Domian, Michaela McKenny, and Katie Hembree accept their new roles as leaders of the Star Chapter of NHS.



Senior Sarah Valdivia poses for a picture at pre-Prom with her date.



Seniors Hilary Bowker, left, and Agie Sparks take a break from dancing.



Seniors Erinn Riley, left, and Emily Mulloy dance for the crowd.



Seniors Carrie Gabhart, from left, Lauren Neal, Lauren Noonan and Caitlin Corcoran pose.



Seniors Seabrin Stanley, from left, Megan O'Donnell and Jessica Rosas sing along.



“Take that and rewind it back, the seniors had the beat to make the prom be whack.” STA seniors and their dates crowded the Little Theater in downtown Kansas City on Friday night April 23, 2004, to celebrate “A Night in Paris” for prom.

Seniors Enjoy ‘A Night in Paris’

Story By Molly Hough // Design by Liz Hansen

Pre-Prom began the festivities at 6:00 p.m. when students escorted their dates across the Auditorium stage, presenting themselves to family and friends. English teacher Mr. Mark Fudemberg, provided narration for this year’s Pre-Prom. He announced the names of STA seniors and their dates as they walked across the stage and stopped to pose for pictures under a black archway, part of a Parisian theme backdrop.

After Pre-Prom, the couples left STA and headed down to the Little Theater in Municipal Auditorium for dinner and the start of the long-awaited dance.

The dance started at 7:30, with no admittance after 8 p.m. The seniors arrived to find a dinner buffet waiting for them, which easily accommodated everyone who arrived at different times.

“My favorite part of the night was the dance,” said Senior Stephanie Cashen. “It was so much fun. I thought it was an awesome way to end our senior year. All together, it was everything I thought it would be.”

After dinner, the seniors and their dates hit the dance floor and moved to varying styles of music. Most enjoyed dancing to the fast-beat songs which allowed them to dance together with large groups of friends.

“I loved dancing with all of my friends,” said Senior Andrea Benben. “The time went by so fast!”

Seniors danced the night away until around 11 p.m., when some began to leave and headed to a school sponsored after party at Mission Bowl while others retreated to buses or small parties. Overall, the dancing was the most enjoyable part of the night and brought out the youth in many of the girls.

“My favorite part about the dance was watching all of my friends all dressed up, but still acting crazy like we were underclassmen,” said Senior Kelly Harbison.

As the end of the dance approached, many STA seniors realized that the night held extraordinary memories because it was the last dance they would have as a class. Many reminisced about past dances and the memories that surrounded those times. Most seniors said that Prom was the best dance they had ever attended during their four years at STA.

“Prom definitely was the best dance at St. Teresa’s,” said Senior Megan O’Donnell. “It was great to see all my classmates come together and have an incredible time at our last dance.”

As Prom night came to an end, students began to say “au revoir” to their high school years and “bonjour” to the years they have ahead in their future.



Seniors Lauren Spear, left, and Jen Vogel bought the same dress and shared the same date at pre-Prom.

The senior class raises the roof of the Little Theater at Prom.



Photo by Lisa Peterson

Senior Carrie Gabhart crosses the stage as her name is called during graduation.



Photo by Lisa Peterson

Senior Rachel Jackson wipes away a tear while talking to Ms. Renee Blake.



Photo by Lisa Peterson

Senior Erin Fitzpatrick receives a hug after receiving her diploma during the graduation ceremony at Bartle Hall.



Photo by Lisa Peterson

Senior Erin Fitzgerald poses for a picture and smiles after receiving her diploma.

Willets Falls For the Last Time

Story by Caitlin Burke // Design by Caitlin Burke



Photo by Lisa Peterson

Senior Valedictorian Jessica Yeager addresses her classmates.



Photo by Lisa Peterson

Seniors Lauren Higgins, Agie Sparks and Anne Buchanan sing the school song.



Photo by Lisa Peterson

Senior Agie Sparks embraces a fellow classmate after the graduation ceremony outside of Bartle Hall.

The senior class of 2004 celebrated the Baccalaureate mass together at STA, marking one of the last times they would be together. Each senior was given a flashlight, which was meant to help them find their way on any path they chose in life. For many seniors, the mass was a way to give thanks to everyone who had aided them in their successes at STA.

"It was amazing to see all of us [seniors] together in one place," said Senior Jess Ponnath. "I was sad because I knew that it was going to be one of the last times."

Many memories and tales of the last four years at STA were overheard at the graduation brunch. Accounts of impossible Chemistry tests and the not-so-easy transition into an all-girls high school could be heard throughout the room. Senior Salutatorian Mary Elizabeth Sherman spoke at the brunch about the many ways in which STA had shaped her into who she had become.

"Mary Elizabeth's speech made me realize all that I have been through at STA," said Senior Andrea Benben.

Later on, during the Sunday afternoon, the graduation ceremony was held downtown in Bartle Hall. Hundreds of family and friends packed the venue to watch the senior class of 2004 walk across the stage and receive their diplomas, symbolizing the end of their education at STA.

Valedictorian Jessica Yeager spoke to her fellow graduating seniors and encouraged them to find true happiness in life and in everything they do.

Many seniors waited for the moment when Senior Emily Willets walked across the stage and received her diploma. Willets was famous during her four years at STA for being clumsy and constantly tripping and falling throughout the school, especially in front of large groups of people. Without fail, Willets tripped for the last time across the graduation stage after receiving her diploma.

"Seeing Emily fall for the last time was the best moment during graduation," said Benben. "We all knew that it was coming."



Photo by Lisa Peterson

Seniors Tiffany Adams, from left, Amy Aldrich, and Melissa Ann move their tassels to the other side of their caps after graduating.

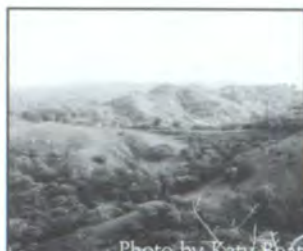


Photo by Katy Boat
A view from the bus on the way to Monteverde.



Photo by Katy Boat
Volcán Poas caught in a rare fog-free moment, revealing the aqua-colored pool in the crater.



Photo by Katy Boat
The Doca Estate coffee plantation outside of San José.



Photo by Katy Boat
A waterfall on the road to Volcán Poas.

Costa Rica Or Bust

Story by Caitlin Burke // Design by Caitlin Burke



Photo by Katy Boat
A poison tree at Manuel Antonio National Park.



Photo by Katy Boat
A river tour provided a glimpse into the Costa Rican fauna.



Photo by Katy Boat
A small town that the STA group stopped in on a return-trip to San José.

On June 6, 2004 a group of juniors lead by Ms. Heather Macintosh planned to travel to Costa Rica for a 17-day trip. This was the second annual trip lead by Macintosh, a Spanish I and III teacher who lived in the Central American country for more than a year and a half.

"I chose to take my students to Costa Rica because I know a lot about it and I could get a good price for the trip," said Macintosh.

According to Macintosh, this year's group consisted of 23 juniors and sophomores who were enrolled in Spanish III or IV. To prepare for the trip, the students attended informational meetings led by Macintosh, where travel arrangements, classes, and other important details regarding the trip were discussed.

"I learned a lot at the meetings. She talked to us about passports and we got to choose our roommates," said Junior Meg Franke.

While in Costa Rica, the students attended classes at the Foreign Language Institute from 8 a.m. until 12 a.m. After classes, they were free to see movies or go shopping until they were expected to have dinner with their host families, typically around 6 or 7 p.m. At the end of each week, Macintosh took the students to a beach and to see an active volcano.

"I wanted my students to experience full-language immersion and the culture while having fun at the same time," said Macintosh.



Photo by Katy Boar

An iguana poised on a tree along the beach at Manuel Antonio National Park, famous for its pristine beaches and abundant wildlife.

Fine Arts...





Photo by Merritt Lee

Freshman Sydney Baker, from left, Sophomore Brooks Fitzpatrick, Freshman Franki Triano, Senior Emily Willets and Senior Amie Buchanan sing "The Needles Eye" on closing night of the spring musical, "Quilters" which was directed by Ms. Shana Prentiss. Starring 12 students, the musical was one of three productions shown throughout the year. The fall play, directed by Mr. Shannon Peery was "The Effects of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds." This drama featured only five students. In the spring over 50 students performed in the Student Productions. Six seniors directed the one-act plays. All students involved in fine arts at St. Teresa's displayed their talent in the spring Fine Arts Showcase on April 28.

Small cast delivers big drama

Story by Meaghan Quinly // Design by Erin Fitzpatrick

Undertaking a drama with the lengthy title "The Effects of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds" seemed to be an ambitious task, but the production was a great experience for all involved.

"This play was different because it was a serious drama," said Senior Emily Willets. "St. Teresa's hasn't done a drama of this magnitude in a while."

Willets portrayed the emotionally abusive mother of two teenage daughters. Sophomore Lizzy Beier and Junior Chandler Domain played the parts of the daughters. The play's title comes from Domain's character, Matilda's, science project.

"The play was a metaphor," said Willets. "Like the marigolds exposed to radiation, the daughters were raised in extreme circumstances. One mutated and went crazy, and one managed to thrive."

The cast of "Marigolds" included only five characters. Along with Willets, Domain, and Beier, Seniors Kat Liljegren and Madison Garcia were in the supporting cast. Liljegren and Senior Lindsee Acton were the assistant stage managers.

Due to her recent pregnancy, Ms. Shana Prentiss was unable to direct the fall play this year. Mr. Shannon Peery took over her directorial duties.

"He is a very interesting man, a Renaissance type of man," said Acton of the director. "He writes and directs his own plays, and he sings and acts."

Undoubtedly, Mrs. Prentiss' presence was missed during the fall play. However, having a male director allowed the students to gain new perspective.

"Overall, having a different director was a horizon-expander," said Willets. "For those of us who want to continue with drama after high school, having a variety of directors is helpful."

Another learning experience provided in "Marigolds" was the smaller cast. The actors were given the opportunity to bond.

"In the past, I've been in casts of 12 or more people," said Sophomore Lizzy Beier. "The smaller cast made it easier and more intimate, which was helpful since we were portraying a family."

"Marigolds" presented a challenge for the actors. Along with having an unfamiliar director, the subject matter was much darker than previous plays.

"It was my first drama," said Beier. "Actually, it was the first drama for the entire cast."

Despite the actors' lack of experience in this genre, they look back on the play with pride.

"When I step back and look at it, I'm glad we did this play," said Acton. "It was a great experience."



▲ Sophomore Lizzie Beier, left, and Senior Emily Willets share an on-stage fight, while Junior Chandler Domain looks on with fear.



photo by Kathleen Hudnall



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▲ Junior Chandler Domian, left, and Sophomore Lizzie Beier recall a story of their mother's past.

▲ Junior Chandler Domian, from left, Sophomore Lizzie Beier, and Senior Emily Willets perform a scene during the opening night of the play.



photo by Kathleen Hudnall

▲ Sophomore Lizzie Beier styles Junior Chandler Domian's hair in "The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man in the Moon Marigolds."



photo by Kathleen Hudnall

▲ Sophomore Lizzie Beier, from left, timidly listens to Senior Emily Willets.

"The smaller cast made it easier and more intimate, which was helpful since we were portraying a family."
 Sophomore Lizzie Beier

'Quilters' reflects pioneer life

Story by Kristen Lady // Design by Erin Fitzpatrick

Capturing the essence of women pioneers, the spring play, 'Quilters', provided audiences with a sensitive perspective of the traditional hobby. 'Quilters' depicted the hardships pioneer women faced during their lives by telling the life story of a pioneer woman named Sarah.

Sarah, played by Senior Amanda Doyan, assembled a quilt before her death. Each piece represented a certain moment in her life. These emotional scenes were acted out by Sarah's 11 daughters, who were played by the rest of the cast.

"You really get a sense of what life was like in the 19th century," said Junior Allie Brown. "Women often bore 12 children because there wasn't any kind of birth control, risking their life with each birth."

The demands that pioneer women struggled with were what led many women to engage in quilting. Quilting was seen as a relief, almost an escape from the challenges that women endured. 'Quilters' accurately exhibited women's appreciation for quilting by linking each memory of Sarah's life to the squares making up the quilt.

Because the play reflected the adversities of pioneer women, 'Quilters' 12 person cast consisted only of girls, which differed from the coed cast for the fall play, 'Gamma Rays'. Also dissimilar to the fall play was the aura onstage. The fall play was loud and bright, while 'Quilters' took a more dramatic approach in telling the story.

"The storyline of this play was unique and powerful," said Sophomore Magdalene Vick. "It combined happy feelings with gloomy feelings that caused intense emotions in the audience."

The contrast of sentiments yielded a detailed description of pioneer life. By creating a solemn presence onstage, the cast was able to effectively present the life of a pioneer woman. Dramatizing the endurance of hardships proved to be a success for 'Quilters'.

"Everyone that came to see the play absolutely loved it!" said Senior Lindsee Acton. "Although, I think it was geared more towards an older crowd of people. Not many teenagers sew after all."

Whomever the play was targeted toward, the production certainly made an impact on people of all ages. Viewers no longer perceived quilting to be an "old lady" hobby but rather a motivational diversion for women of our past.



▲ Freshmen Sydney Baker, Franki Triano, and Melissa Rhodes gather for a picture post performance.



Photo by Merritt Lee



Photo by Merritt Lee

▲ Freshman Franki Triano, center, listens intently to cast's singing.

▲ Senior Emily Willets and Junior Laura Brewer perform a number on stage.



Photo by Merritt Lee

▲ Sophomore Anna Johnson applies stage makeup for Freshman Franki Triano.



Photo by Merritt Lee

▲ 'Quilters' cast sings about the different pieces of their quilts.

"The storyline of this play was unique and powerful. It combined happy feelings with gloomy feelings that caused intense emotions in the audience."

Sophomore Magdeline Vick

Students prove creativity

Story by Lisa Peterson // Design by Erin Fitzpatrick

The 2003-2004 Student Productions began with a teacher's angry outburst over her husband's affair with the neighbor and ended with a full-out Elvis impersonation to the tune of "Jailhouse Rock." Student Productions featured over 50 students and showcased five short plays directed by six seniors.

"Student Productions are a really unique opportunity for students to direct a play and have others pay to see their hard work," said Ms. Shana Prentiss, director of the STA Drama department.

In order to direct a play, seniors submitted a proposal to be approved by Prentiss explaining the scene that would be performed, where students would rehearse and set information.

The unusual break from full-length dramas attracted many students to the showcase.

"Student Productions is a lot more informal," said Sophomore Juana Summers, who played an eccentric director of plays at the Concorde Playhouse. "It's a lot more laid back."

The shorter length plays also gave students more time to concentrate on their specific acting role.

"With a short scene, I didn't have to worry about being on stage and memorizing lines for a long play," said Freshman Marisa Henderson, who played the role of a ditzy cheerleader. "I was able to get more into the character and focus on acting."

This year, two plays were not only directed by STA seniors, they were also written by the senior directors themselves. Senior Tonia Barksdale chose to write her own short play, a collection of four short monologues by high school students, entitled "The Bathroom Monologues."

"Colleen VanBuskirk, inspired me [to write my own piece]," said Barksdale.

Seniors Rachel Hogan and Kelly Harbison also chose to write their own production, "In Front of Closed Doors," which took place in the waiting room of a psychiatrist's office and featured characters ranging from a couple suffering from marriage troubles and a crazed hunter, to an eight year old bully wanted by government agents and Elvis.

The other productions included "The End of Civilization as We Know It," a comedy set in a history class, directed by Senior Caitlin Corcoran, "The Butlers," a murder mystery directed by Senior Kat Liljegren and "Words, Words, Words," a comedy featuring monkeys, directed by Senior Lindsee Acton.

Auditions for Student Productions were open to any student in the STA student body interested in performing in the annual event. Students auditioned in front of the senior director of a specific play in order to land a role.

"Student Productions gives students who would not normally audition a chance to be on stage," said Prentiss. "These students are more comfortable working with their peers."



photo by Kathleen Heerman

▲ Senior Emily Willets holds up opossum bait for Junior Chandler Domian, left, to smell while in the waiting room of a psychiatrist's office in Rachel Hogan and Kelly Harbison's "In Front of Closed Doors."

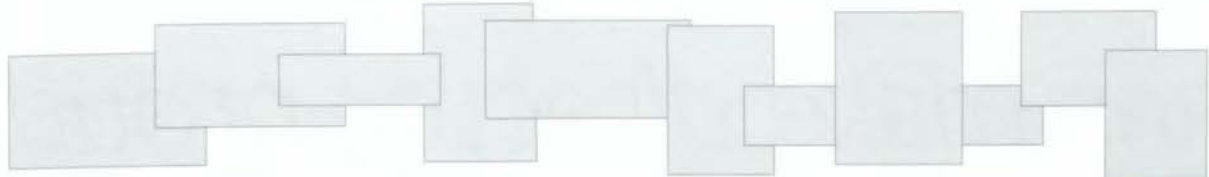


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- ▲ Junior Bree Bolton argues vegetarianism in Tonia Barksdale's "The Bathroom Monologues."
- ▲ Senior Alex Persley (center) yells questions at her two students in "The End of Civilization As We Know It."



photo by Lisa Peterson

- ▲ Junior Ann Stacy gives her best Elvis impersonation to the tune of "Jail House Rock" in "In Front of Closed Doors."



photo by Lisa Peterson

- ▲ Sophomore Magdalene Vick, right, explains her plans to attend Northwestern to Senior Caitlin Cororan, the star and director of "The End of Civilization As We Know It."

"Student productions are a really unique opportunity for seniors to direct a play and have others pay to see their hard work."

Ms. Shana Prentiss

Musicians make director proud

Story by Katie Alley // Design by Erin Fitzpatrick

Freshmen Chorus was offered to all incoming freshmen who were interested in choir. Concert Choir was available to all sophomores, juniors and seniors who wanted to further their musical and learning skills through choir. Students did not need to audition to be in Concert Choir or Freshmen Chorus.

Ms. Jennifer Benjamin was pregnant during her fourth year as choir director. Ms. Benjamin was due during the middle of first semester. During Ms. Benjamin's maternity leave, Ms. Calland took over her position.

"During class, Ms. Benjamin would be tired and not have as much energy, but she still worked as hard as she would on any normal day," said Junior Felicia Ramsey, member of Concert Choir. "When she brought in Ms. Calland, it took awhile to get used to her teaching style because it differed from Ms. Benjamin, but Ms. Calland was very nice and a good teacher."

Though Ms. Benjamin was gone, she was still in contact with Ms. Calland, making it easier for her to follow the lesson plan.

"I met Ms. Calland during graduate school and she was the accompanist when I first started three and a half years ago," said Benjamin. "It was nice that she took over considering I knew her before."

Freshmen chorus provided freshmen with an introduction to choir at STA. Students acquired basic knowledge about music and singing by learning about notes, how to read music, and time signatures.

"Freshmen Chorus is basically a pre-requisite for most girls who want to advance to other choirs that require an audition," said Benjamin.

In Concert choir, girls were allowed to further their knowledge of music. They began to learn about intonation, tone quality, and being in sync with the rest of the group.

"Concert choir is an intermediate choir," said Ramsey. "We began to expand the things we know and learn about tone quality and syncopation."

Both choirs performed at the Fine Arts Showcase, the winter concert at STA and the Rockhurst Festival. Also, in the past years, the choirs usually had a fall concert.

"One thing that changed this year besides my pregnancy is that the choirs did not have a fall concert because of [it] and I didn't have the energy or the time," said Benjamin.

Even with the absence of the fall concert, the Freshmen Chorus and Concert Choir still showed off their vocal and musical talents that they worked on all year to their school, their friends, and their families.



photo by Lauren Befor

▲ Freshman choir gathers before a performance.



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- ▲ Junior Felicia Ramsey finds the correct note while singing.
- ▲ Sophomores Victoria White, from left, Abby Edsall and Bridget Kelly utilize the practice facilities of the Kansas City Young Audiences for concert choir.



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▲ The STA orchestra poses before a performance.



photo by Lauren Befort

▲ Concert choir gathers before a performance.

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Junior Felicia Ramsey

Choirs unite for added sound

Story by Kelly Connor // Design by Erin Fitzpatrick

What were the key essentials that united both the A Cappella Choir and the STA Singers into such a tightly knit group of young women?

Friendship, community, time, and effort were the main assets needed to achieve the greatnesses of both of these choirs. In only a few years the girls accomplished more than was expected.

"Over the two years in which I have been a member of the choir, we have gotten a lot stronger," said Junior Rachel Wilson. "I have come to learn that hard work pays off."

A Cappella Choir was a smaller, selective choir that required talent. Students had to audition in order to join. The main objective of A Cappella Choir was to develop skills in vocal technique, stage performances, and also to gain a clear sense of music articulation. In order to attain these objectives, the girls had to practice.

As expected, the hard work paid off. This year the A Cappella Choir traveled to Tan Ta Ra, Missouri to perform in a music festival.

"Performing in Tan Ta Ra was a great experience," said Junior Ann Langworthy. "Not only did it strengthen our abilities to perform in public and as a group, but it was also a lot of fun. I found myself closer to girls who formerly I did not know as well."

The STA Singers were also a skilled group of young women. Requirements for STA Singers included being a member of the A Cappella Choir and auditioning. Like the A Cappella Choir, it demanded time and effort. However, STA Singers was not recognized as a class but more as a club. Girls devoted their activity periods to be a part of the STA Singers.

Ongoing changes that the choirs experienced included exploring with a wider variety of music selections and also raising the level of difficulty of the music. The Choirs have experimented with different languages, variations of harmonization and even different types of *yawps*. This year the choir included the yawp, a high-pitched bark introduced to performances by the Bulgarian Women's Choir. This form of music added variety and also influence from another language.

"It seems like we have built on year after year," stated A Cappella and STA Singer Senior Agie Sparks. "We are always reaching new levels!"

Due to the devoted choir members and the choir teacher, Ms. Jennifer Benjamin, STA has been gifted with a powerful choir. However, their friendships and display of community has been even more inspiring.

"The girls here are the best!" said Sparks. "Being a part of this group of talented young women has helped me make my decision that I want to pursue my career in music."



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▲ A Cappella choir gathers before a performance.



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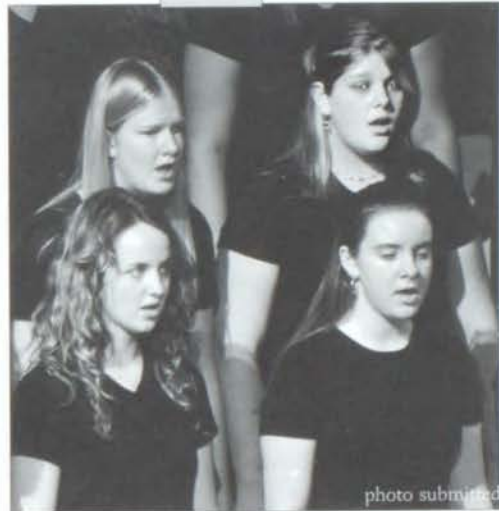


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▲ A Capella choir sings in harmony.

◀ A Capella choir performs at a Christmas concert.



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▲ A Capella choir smiles as crowd applauds them.



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▲ STA singers gather before a performance.

"We have gotten a lot stronger. I have come to learn that hard work pays off."
Junior Rachel Wilson

New studio enriches dance

Story by Kathleen Heermann // Design by Erin Fitzpatrick

"Dance is a passion for me," said Orchesis instructor, Ms. Liz Jeans. "I feel that dance is meaningful for any person because it is a way of knowing yourself and a way to experience culture."

That is exactly what this year's Orchesis students experienced. The class was a mixture of yoga, ballet, modern dance, jazz, and even choreography and composition.

"The goal of this class is to be present in the moment and to utilize your body as a vehicle of being in the now," said Jeans.

Many Orchesis students mentioned that the class was a distinct experience.

"This class is unlike any other dance class I have ever taken before," said Sophomore Rachel Somodi. "It has its own little flare."

Students were also offered the chance to learn more about themselves.

"I learned that I am actually a little graceful," said Sophomore Christine Farris. "I didn't think I was."

One of the biggest changes to the dance class this year was the installment of a new dance studio. The room featured hardwood floors, dance bars and an entire wall of ceiling-to-floor mirrors.

"The studio is perfect," said Senior Rasheedat Yahaya. "The environment really gets you into the feel for dance."

Many Orchesis students believed that the mirrors were the most important aspect of the new room.

"When I look in the mirrors it makes me want to strike a pose," said Somodi.

The mirrors also made a difference in the way the students learned.

"Mirrors make a huge difference in helping the students to understand the feedback that I give to them," Jeans said.

Besides learning the basics of dance, Orchesis also presented students with an opportunity to express themselves in a way they never had before.

"When you are in the now, your essential person is being expressed," said Jeans. "You do not have to be a good dancer to experience that."

During the semester, students were able to take part in a workshop directed by Pilobolus. Pilobolus was a dance company in the Kansas City area that focused on creating visual shapes and theatrical performances.

The difficulty of Orchesis depended on the skills of the individuals. Some were beginners with no prior experience in the field of dance while others proved their expertise.

"We have a large range of abilities in this class, which makes it difficult to come up with a curriculum that challenges everyone," said Jeans.



▲ Ms. Liz Jeans's Orchesis class stretches their legs with kicks into the air.

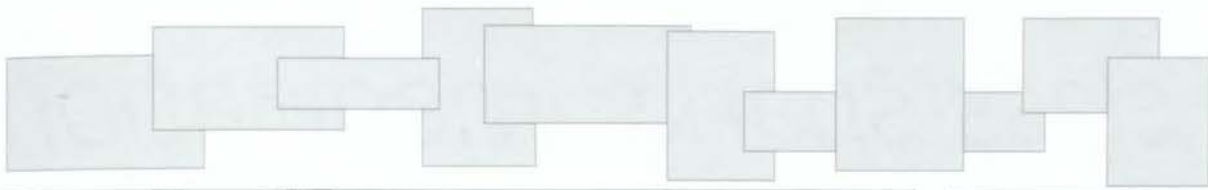


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▲ Orchesis students stiffly move to the beats of instructor Ms. Liz Jeans.
◀ Dancers practice pliés to classical music.



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▲ The introduction to Dance class pushes their lower torsos, extending their bodies in the air.



photo by Amen Iyamu

▲ The Orchesis class, which consists of sophomores through seniors, captures the art of movement through their hands.

“The dance studio is perfect. The environment really gets you into the feel for dance.”
Senior Rasheedat Yahaya

New class sparks imagination

Story by Laura Closson // Design by Erin Fitzpatrick

During the summer of 2003, along with the renovation of the rest of M&A, the new Black Box theater replaced the bowling alley in the basement of M&A.

Mr. Kevin Flattery, the director of Institutional Advancement of St. Teresa's, suggested the idea of a Black Box and decided to use this space as such during the renovation process.

"It would be interesting to take [drama] from a smaller aspect," said Senior Ashley Price.

The requirement for taking Acting/Directing Workshop class was Drama I, and in this class the Black Box was used for the performance of monologues and scenes, which the students picked and worked themselves.

So, what exactly was the Black Box?

"The idea of [the Black Box] is that it's a blank slate; it's about the performance and the actors itself, more than the spectacle of everything," said the head of the Drama Department, Ms. Shana Prentiss. "It leaves more up to the imagination."

The Black Box was completely black and was meant to leave the image of the scene up to the imagination of the audience. Price gave the analogy that it's like reading a book, when people were able to imagine their own picture.

In this class the students picked their scenes or monologues and then had the chance to direct or act. Junior Ashley Ramsey enjoyed the chance to direct in a personal manner.

"I took [the class] mainly because it seemed really interesting," said Ramsey. "I've always been into directing. It's something to broaden your horizons."

Ramsey also felt that the environment was more personal, as opposed to being in a larger environment, which carried the possibility of being afraid to speak up.

There were many other users of the Black Box besides Acting/Directing Workshop, such as Drama I, Speech and Forensics. Young Audiences of Kansas City, a program for children to be taught in singing, dancing and acting, hosted performances as well.

The Black Box was used for the classes and KCYA, but in the future Prentiss would like to see it opened up to students during their unstructured mods. Prentiss claimed that the only problem is having someone supervise the space.

Price believed the Black Box would be a great idea because students would be able to let the plays express themselves without using the auditorium's materials.

"We need that because it will make plays come alive instead of using 'scraps,'" said Price.

As for now, the Black Box will be left up to the imagination.



photo by Laura Closson

▲ Kat Lilijegren, from left, Lindsee Acton and Emily Willets pose in the roles as the characters in "Queen of Hearts."

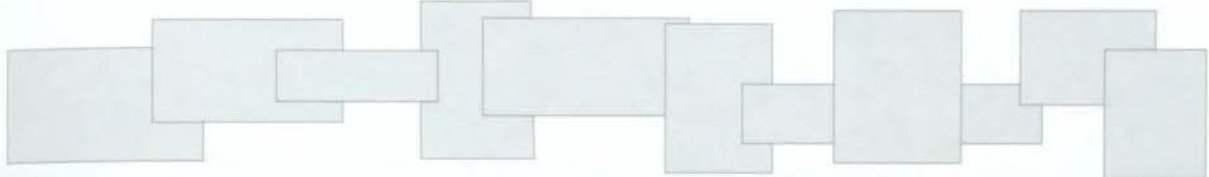


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▲ Emily Willets delivers a monologue in the Black Box Theater.

▲ Seniors Lindsee Acton, from left, Kat Liljegren and Emily Willets put the new Black Box Theater in the M&A basement to use.



Photo by Laura Closson

▲ Lindsee Acton, left, and Kat Liljegren perform a scene from "Queen of Hearts".



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▲ Emily Willets, from left, Lindsee Acton and Kat Liljegren act in the scene, "Queen of Hearts".

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Junior Ashley Ramsey

Clubs.....





Photo by Chantele Heaphy

Spirit Club senior members Caitlin Corcoran, Erin Riley, Treasurer Stephanie Cashen, Carrie Gabhart and Vice President Andrea [unclear] in the "spirit fingers" cheer during the home basketball game. The Spirit Club cheered to a 50-49 victory over Sion on February 20. [unclear] was one of 21 clubs offered at STA. An ad [unclear] the list of the clubs in 2003-2004 was the C Club. The clubs met during Lunch/Activity gathering between the 3/4 and 5/6 mods. [unclear] also met on the same day that Class meeting place, which allowed for an entire day in w/ students were involved in school activities.

TWINKS IS OUR HOMEBOY

Story by Kylie Scovell // Design by Annie Haden

"Don't mess with the best, cause the best don't mess" were the words shouted from the mouths of Spirit Club members each week at STA's many school events.

Each of the 54 members were assigned by Senior President Carrie Gabhart and Senior Vice President Andrea Benben to attend a certain number of games.

"A good Spirit Club member has to be spirited, energetic and prepared to help out with different things," said Gabhart.

Spirit Club made sure that all of its members were girls who would encourage their classmates in whatever they did—whether it be a sporting event, a choir concert, or a drama production.

"I think it's important for friends to understand the positive results of encouraging and supporting others' talents and successes," said club moderator Ms. Katie Dolan.

To put this belief into action, Dolan required that each member attend all choir concerts put on by STA, along with the Fall Play and Spring Musical.

Members would not just attend games wearing any outfit; they donned bright colors of yellow and gold, painted stars on their faces, adorned themselves with beads and wore funny costumes to dance alongside STA's mascot, Twinks.

"I look forward to wearing my yellow big bird jacket to games because it makes people excited," said Senior Caitlin Corcoran about her costume.

Yelling the school cheers that were taught during the pep rallies, the girls led the crowd of parents and students in supporting their daughters and friends.

"We all try to make the pep rallies fun for the school, to get their school spirit up and get them to go to games," said Sophomore Maggie Euston.

Pep rallies were a chance for the group to excite and prepare their classmates for upcoming games while competing in funny competitions that engaged members of all classes and introduced and applauded members of various productions, sports and clubs.



◀ Spirit Club members

Photo by Kylie Scovell

Culture shock

Story by Anna Beckett

The Spanish Club was a success in 2003-2004 through the different activities the club participated in. This was Ms. Lucila Bernal-Estudillo's second year as the Spanish Club moderator.

All members in the Spanish Club were encouraged to participate more within the club through activities. Some of the most popular activities were dancing, watching movies and inviting visitors to join them in their club meetings.

Besides participating in the activities during club meetings, members received points for doing activities outside of clubs. Members would research different topics and then present the information to the rest of the members in the club.

"My favorite part of the meetings is when they learn something new about the culture," said Bernal.

One activity that helped increase their knowledge about the Spanish culture was when they discussed the meanings of different words in the Spanish language. For their January meeting,



Spanish Club members

the members discussed the meaning of the word "Piñata". Once the members talked about the meaning of the word, they celebrated by bringing in a Piñata.

With the guidance of Bernal and the members' eagerness to learn about the Spanish culture, the Spanish Club had a productive year.

Members Can-Can

Story by Anna Beckett

The French Club had their fill of excitement during their monthly meetings that included food, movies, and fun.

During the French Club meetings, the members



Photo by Anna Beckett

French Club members

always brought in plenty of food for one another. Bringing in food proved to be enjoyable for the members of the club. The most popular food at meetings was a French dessert called crêpes.

"We always have a lot of food at our meetings," said Junior Elizabeth Murray.

Along with the enjoyable snacks, the French Club learned more about the French language with the guidance of moderator Ms. Liliane Chagoyan. Chagoyan brought in different cultural videos throughout the year that were entertaining as well as educational.

One of the highlights during the 2003-2004 year was when the members of the club visited the Little Sisters of the Poor. When they visited in October, they performed the Can-Can and sang French songs.

"I had a lot of fun visiting Little Sisters of the Poor," said Murray. "We were able to share our knowledge of the French culture with others."

The French Club had another enjoyable and successful year through the activities they participated in.

Photo by Kylie Scovell

▲ Senior Mary Elizabeth Sherman represents the Varsity Basketball team in a pie-eating competition at a Pep Rally sponsored by the Spirit Club.

Club Dishes Out Aid

Story by Lisa Peterson // Design by Annie Haden

With new club moderators and fewer students, the Community Service Club focused on doing what it does best: helping out the community and those less fortunate.

"I like what community service is all about," said Sophomore member Jordan Gribble. "I chose Community Service Club because the core values are very similar to my own values. I liked that there was a club here at St. Teresa's where students could step outside of their busy lifestyles and help others."

Community Service Club members did that by organizing several fundraisers throughout the school year. The club kicked off the year by sponsoring Food For Thought, a Halloween food drive and Project Little Star, a holiday toy drive for children at St. Vincent's Operation Break-through.

In addition, each class division of the club was required to carry out a class project, which included a candy gram sale that bought 100 bus passes for people who would otherwise have to walk to work in the winter.

"This year the juniors and sophomores worked together because there are so few people," said Junior Ali Sherman. "Our goal was just to make more money with our project than last year, which we did. We only made \$45, but we reached our goal."

The Community Service Club also organized the Souper Bowl lunch, Mac and Cheese lunch and a blood drive, with proceeds going to several organizations throughout the community.

"The club as a group decides where money and donations will go based on need," said club moderator Ms. Betsy Hansbrough. "We have several agencies which depend on us."

"I think it's important for anybody to do community service," said Sherman. "For one, it's fun. Plus some of the greatest people you meet in service-based situations are the most generous and real people you'll ever meet."

Next year, the club hopes to organize more opportunities for students in and out of the club to get involved.



Community Service Club members

Photo by Lisa Peterson



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▲ Community Service Club members Marisa Henderson, from left, Jessie Kramer, and Jessica Yeager serve and prepare soup during the club's Souper Bowl fundraiser.

We got the goods

Story by Katie Alley

When thinking about Halloween, many think about trick-or-treating, costume parties, or candy. But for many girls, they are concerned about collecting food for the annual Food for Thought food drive.

Girls give up their precious hours of Halloween for Food for Thought to help the needy. Girls separated into small teams and distributed fliers to houses around the area, mentioning the food drive. On Halloween night, Food for Thought trick-or-treated like most kids, except not for candy. They went to houses in the area to pick up canned goods.

"Food for Thought is an easy way to get involved in school but also in the community, said Junior Katie Kelly. "Also, it is a lot of fun because you can dress up and trick or treat while still knowing you are helping people."

Not only do students give up their time during Halloween, they also help organize the canned goods and put them in brown bags during their frees and activity period.



Photo by Katie Alley

▲ Food 4 Thought members

Last year canned good collected from the food drive were given to St. Louis Parish and Bishop Sullivan Center. With the help of the canned goods they were able to feed a lot of people in need.

Students who participate in Food for Thought did not mind giving up their Halloween, because they knew they were helping those less fortunate. They were just trying to follow the STA philosophy of helping those in need.

SAGA hugs a tree

Story by Katie Alley

Clubs offered at STA provide a chance to be involved in activities they enjoy and have interested in. Students Assembled for Global Awareness (SAGA) allowed girls to express to others the importance of



Photo by Katie Alley

▲ SAGA members

the environment.

"SAGA's goal is to bring forth awareness about the earth and the importance of maintaining it, said Junior Caroline Findlay. "We try to show the school that the world and nature is important."

SAGA has 18 members ranging from freshmen to seniors. Mrs. Kjersten Metzler was the club moderator. Club officers were president Junior Monica Welsh, vice president Senior Christine Weston, secretary Senior Emily Riesmeyer, and treasurer Senior Erin Fitzpatrick.

SAGA was involved in activities to promote environmental awareness including Christmas in October, recycling in M&A, planting trees and Earth Day.

Christmas in October was a program where people all around KC get together on one Saturday morning in October to provide service to beautify the city.

With the help of SAGA, the STA community continues to be aware of the environment surrounding them.

Students lead school events

Story by Lauren Befort // Design by Annie Haden

Imagine today is sweatshirt day, and a variety of designs and logos on peoples' sweatshirts represent numerous activities, clubs and organizations in the STA community. On those days, the Student Community Organization, better known as SCO, stood out. With their royal blue sweatshirts, sporting the traditional colors of Superman, members were easily spotted.

The Student Community Organization represented the student body, helped the STA community and served as an outlet for students to get involved.

"SCO is the organization that represents the student body to the fullest and is a main voice for the opinions of the students," said senior member Rasheedat Yahaya.

The club wanted to show that everyone is needed, appreciated and valued.

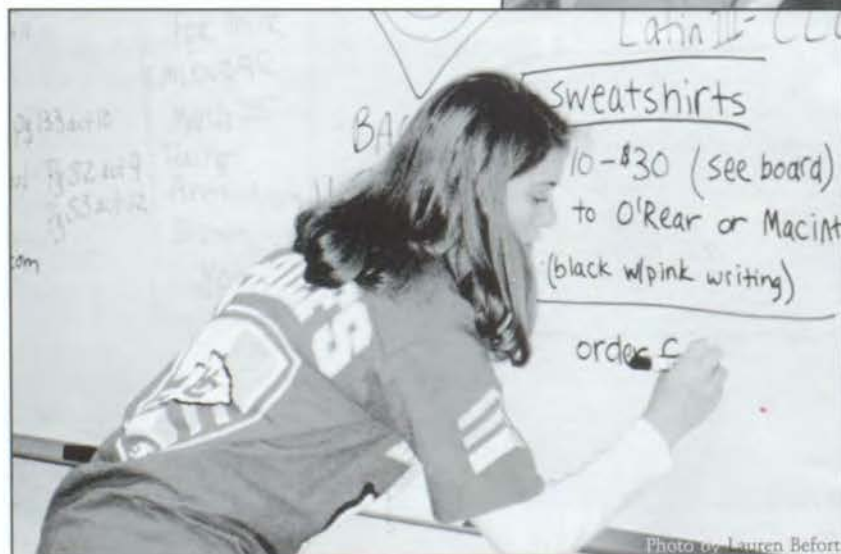
Girls liked being in SCO because they were able to get others involved at STA and helped to make a difference at school.

"I think it's important to help students interact and have a good time with one another at school and it's a great and fun club," said sophomore member Laura Strickland.

SCO sponsored school events such as the Christmas Dance, Teacher/Student Appreciation Day, Awareness Day every other year, and the Advisory Pumpkin Carving Contest.

"I liked getting to boogie down at the Christmas dance," said Sophomore Maggie Euston. "It was a good chance to support SCO."

SCO gave students the opportunity to have an input at STA and gave them the chance to participate in memorable events. The school would not have seen the rivalry and competition that was sparked during the Pumpkin Carving Contest or have the memories of the annual Christmas Dance.



SCO Treasurer Katherine Schilling writes sweatshirt details on the board during a club meeting.

Photo by Lauren Befort

Heads of the classes

Story by Kelly Connor

Late nights, extra meetings, excessive planning... are all obstacles in which student representatives had to deal with. One may question, "Why would some one spend their time doing this?" The answer is simple. They did this out of compassion for their class.

"I like being involved in school and having a leadership role in my class," said Junior Class Secretary, Megan Kelly. "It has been a good experience and I feel a closer bond with classmates that I barely knew."

Student representatives were elected at the end of the previous year. Duties of the representatives included planning class meetings, directing class fundraisers, and setting examples for fellow classmates.

"Our main goal is to try and convey student's opinions," said Junior Vice President Allison Brown. Brown found it necessary that all opinions be heard in order to have a unified and successful class.

Fundraisers were an asset every year. Starting to raise money for senior traditions early made for a



▲ Student Representatives

laid-back senior year.

One of the main events that the fundraising provided for was Senior Prom. Prom was an event that every girl looked forward to ever since they were in the sixth grade.

"Our fundraiser, selling cookie dough, was successful," said Sophomore representative Katie Kennaley. "We were able to establish a firm base for future fundraisers."

Star mathletes

Story by Kelly Connor

"There are two minutes remaining in the math section of this test." At that point most students would scramble to fill in the ten empty spots on their answer sheet. However this never occurs when you



▲ Math Team members

are a "mathlete".

Students gathered every Wednesday in Ms. Jo Weller's room to study math. Girls studied different types of problems done in Algebra I and Calculus. Along with studying came testing. Girls would take a test during the gathering and then send them by mail to determine their results.

"We work pretty hard, but we also have fun," said Junior Rose Dillon. "I am excited to participate in KCATM!"

KCATM stood for the Kansas City Association Teachers of Mathematics. It was a competition that took place on Saturday, Feb. 28. Students gathered from schools to compete in a math competition. STA was well represented by the math team.

Hard work did pay off. On some occasions Weller decided to surprise the girls with food. On national Pi day, the team shared tastes of delicious pies.

"It is a nice break from the *mathersize*," stated Dillon chuckling.



Photo by Lauren Belert

▲ The Student Community Organization

Grim days for SADD

Story by Chantele Heaphy// Design by Annie Haden

"Attention students, please remember to buckle up!"

Some students believe that announcements like the above are a waste of time, but to the students that make them it's a whole different story. Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) was a club dedicated to awareness.

"The club is about thinking before you do something like drink and drive or take drugs," said Senior vice-president Jenna Jantsch.

The club had about 23 active members, making it one of the larger clubs. The club attracted many types of people, including mainly girls who care and want to help educate others.

"A lot of people join because of personal experiences," said Junior Chandler Domian. "They want to give back or prevent similar accidents in the future."

To promote awareness, club members set up visual displays throughout the year to serve as reminders, such as the ribbon-decked Christmas trees. During Halloween, SADD set up a skeleton in the Donnelly main hall to remind girls to be safe while partying and trick-or-treating.

"We try to have Grim Reaper Day and other activities to help get the message out," said Senior Katie Gillis.

While having the club did raise awareness, members wished they could do more.

"Most of the time people don't read the signs or listen to the announcements," said Jantsch. "There are only so many ways to get the message out, and the administration limits our voice too."

The coming of the end of the year marked a change in the executive positions. With only two juniors in SADD, sophomores had to step up sooner.

"This year was really spent getting organized, so that next year the club can be more active," said Jenna Jantsch.

SADD club finished out the year ready and geared to start the next fall with impact and a strong message to the STA community.



◀ SADD members

Photo by Chantele Heaphy

The perfect recipe

Story by Kathleen Heermann

What is the only club at STA in which members have a real excuse to have parties every meeting and eat food from all around the world? The answer is Cooking Club. But this club was more than just one big party. It also involved perfecting culinary skills and sampling new foods that members would not normally have had a chance to try.

Three years ago, Seniors Shannon McSorley and Madeleine Hill came up with the idea to create a club of their own that was based on their shared interest in cooking.

"Madeleine and I went to Ms. [Mary Anne] Hoecker and she loved the idea," said McSorley. "I always wanted to cook and I thought it would be a cool idea to make a club out of it."

Club members noticed some major changes in the club this year compared to previous years.

"People are taking it more seriously this year," said McSorley. "Everyone brings in the food they are assigned and everyone who is here really wants to be here."



In addition to eating, the club members also took part in serving the STA community.

"For the past two years, Cooking Club has provided lunch for Unitown," said club moderator Mr. Craig Whitney. "Everyone comes in on Saturday and they pick a menu and prepare the entire meal."

Small club, big results

Story by Kathleen Heermann

Amnesty International presented its members with a chance to make a difference both locally and worldwide. With seven members this year, the students had an opportunity to make their ideas known.



▲ Amnesty International members

"The main purpose is to put an end to human rights violations," said moderator Ms. Sara Acton.

During club meetings, members discussed current events and brainstormed ideas on how to change unjust treatments.

"Someone brings in an article and we write letters to the countries involved to get them to change," said Sophomore Katie Metzger. "If someone was imprisoned for speaking out against their government, we wrote letters asking for his release."

As well as making a difference for others, these letters also offered benefits for the members themselves.

"I feel like even though I am just one person, I am still making a difference in the world," said Metzger.

Going from 15 members to seven, the club experienced a major change in organization. However, Acton did not see the loss as a disadvantage.

"The members we have this year are all devoted to the club," said Acton. "Discussions are more interesting because the people here really want to be here."

▲ The Grim Reaper places a white cross in the quad, symbolizing the death of a teenager caused by drunk driving. SADD Club sponsored this day to remind girls to be careful during Spring Break.

Handle with care

Story by Molly Hough // Design by Annie Haden

For incoming freshmen, everything was new at St. Teresa's. New classmates, new teachers, and a new learning atmosphere made things, like fitting in, difficult. Care Club made the transition from grade school to high school much easier for the girls of the freshmen class.

Although Care Club supported the school community, its main priority was making the freshmen of St. Teresa's feel welcome. Care Club sponsored many events throughout the year that were focused specifically on the freshmen class. The main event the club sponsored each year was the Freshmen Mixer. The Freshmen Mixer is a social event provided to encourage STA freshmen to get to know others from different area schools, including Rockhurst, Miege, Sion, O'Hara and Aquinas. The dance proved not only to be an entertaining night for freshmen, but also for club members who chaperoned.

"My friends and I had a great time at the Freshmen Mixer," said Junior Leslie Herring. "We played pick and grind with all the freshmen boys."

The Freshmen Mixer was a huge success this year raising over \$1,500. Every year Care Club uses the money raised at the mixer to give out a scholarship to an incoming freshman for the following academic school year.

Moderator Mr. Matthew Bertalott and club officers, President Allie Palmer, Vice-President Lynette Samborski, Secretary Molly Hough and Treasurer Anne Marie Fitzgerald helped club members organize other activities to let the freshmen know that the club was thinking of them. The club provided the freshmen class with care cups filled with candy and a note the week before finals.

Although Care Club provided support toward the freshmen class, club members felt as though they got something out of the experience as well.

"I really like being a part of Care Club because it gives me an opportunity to know lots of freshmen I might not have met otherwise," said Junior Kathryn Fitzsimmons. "I know that what we do really makes their experience as freshmen better."



Photo by Molly Hough



◀ Care Club members

Not just science

Story by Amen Iyamu

Do not be fooled by the name, the Science Club was not just a club that solely focused on science. It was a club that helped the school become more aware of the environment and some scientific issues.

"Science Club is not all about science," said Junior Delisa Harris. "It's a time to hang out and take care of the community while learning about science."

The club took care of the community, by running a recycling program in Donnelly to help preserve paper. The girls set up a recycling bin in each classroom of the building, and every week two girls went to empty the bins.

"Collecting the paper from the bins every week made me feel like I really made a difference in my community," said Junior Carrie Brogan.

After the many months of recycling, the club went on their 4th annual Science City field trip to Union Station and saw a more exciting side of science.

"Science City is always fun," said Senior Ashley



Photo by Amen Iyamu

▲ Science Club members

Fowlkes, "We got to see another side of science."

The group, moderated by science teacher Mr. Micheal Schroer, tripled in the previous two years, and had over 32 members in 2004. The club in the past consisted of sophomores, juniors and seniors but in 2004, the majority were freshmen.

With the increasing number of members each year, Science Club planned to make a bigger impact in the school as well as in the community.

Science explosion

Story by Amen Iyamu

On any given Monday, during the school year, one could find the Science Knowledge Bowl team in Ms. Mary Montag's or Ms. Jessie Thompson's room training, reviewing and practicing for competitions.



Photo by Amen Iyamu

▲ Science Knowledge Bowl Team

This year the Science Knowledge Bowl maintained their goal to pursue knowledge while still having fun.

"We don't take our practices seriously," says Sophomore Lizzy Beier. "We go to have fun."

Even with the light-hearted approach, the team still met during both activities every week in preparation for the two annual competitions.

At the Rockhurst competition the Stars won a round that focused on a variety of questions ranging from Chemistry, Physics and Biology, and placing sixth overall.

The girls were content with their win and enjoyed the experience of competing.

"Competing was one of the best parts of science team," said Junior Katie Hembree. "We had to think on our feet and be quick."

With four seniors leaving, the girls looked forward to next year with new members, more competitions and lots more fun.



Photo by Molly Hough

▲ Junior Kathryn Fitzsimmons fills cups of candy for freshmen at a Care Club meeting while Mr. Bertalott, club moderator, looks on close by. Every year, Care Club hands out cups of candy with a friendly good luck note to freshmen before first semester finals.

Lights, camera, drama!

Story by Kristen Lady // Design by Annie Haden

Equal involvement among members shaped the animated attitudes of the Drama Club for the 2003-2004 school year. Because of the participation of all club members, Drama Club's fundraisers and productions thrived.

The purpose of Drama Club was to aid in bringing St. Teresa's theatrical productions up to their potential. Members participated in plays throughout the year and held fundraisers to lower the cost of putting on shows.

"We each had to sell a certain amount of candy bars instead of suckers, this year for our fundraiser," said Junior Kathleen Musgrave.

In addition to selling candy bars, members were also encouraged to aid in production. Every ten hours that a member helped with a play, they were rewarded a point. Once ten points, or 100 hours of assistance, had been achieved, the Drama Club member succeeded in acceptance of the International Thespian Society.

Striving to become a member of the Thespian Society was one of the positions that club members tried to acquire. Other positions included officers and technicians. Each of these three positions worked together to plan club meetings.

Many club meetings involved interactive games that all members played. Because of games such as "Hitchhiker," "Love Connection" and relays, Drama Club anticipated meetings for their high energy, rather than food.

"Our club didn't need to have food at meetings to be fun," said Freshman Alyson Russell. "It's more exciting to portray different characters and then everyone can enjoy the randomness of the club."

Drama Club's originality, high energy, and participation provided the club with much success for the 2003-2004 school year. Members learned how to act with different personalities other than their own, while still maintaining a sense of initiative to provide for St. Teresa's productions.



◀ Drama Club members

Photo by kristen lady

Sketching new ideas

Story by Merritt Lee

For the 2003-2004 school year, the Art Club's devoted members were successful in displaying their creativity and giving to others in the STA community.

The club used their artistic talents to construct pencil cups for the teachers.

"By making the cups for the teachers we are showing our creativity to others," said Junior Melinda Parra. "If the teachers put them on their desks, everyone can see them."

Pencil cups were not the only things the Art Club has managed to make. The members of the club came together and made their own design for a shirt. The design they came up with was what went on the shirt.

"The shirts are always fun and artistic," commented co-president Senior Geri Pedicino. "People come up with cool designs and ideas."

The members of Art Club were dedicated and wanted to show off more art throughout the school.



Photo by Merritt Lee

▲ Art Club members

"Everyone in the club wanted others to see what we do," said Parra. "Our shirts are always a great way to show the other students our talents and interests."

The club had many girls willing to help it be successful in displaying artwork around STA.

"We have a really good group this year," said Pedicino. "Everyone is a very hard worker, which is what made this year such a success and fun."

Digging up our roots

Story by Merritt Lee

The small size of the Latin Club brought many benefits to its members. With a small number, the club was able to meet outside of school hours.

The Latin Club took a field trip to visit a pottery

maker. The students and club moderator, Ms. Sandra Rowland, watched a pottery maker create Roman objects. After observing, they were able to then create their own pottery designs.

"Pottery was a big thing for the Romans," said Junior Rachel Duff. "It was a really fun trip."

This field trip was also a way to practice what they had been studying.

The Latin Club practiced what they had been studying in other ways, too. During Christmas Break, the club met in Verheyen for a Saturnalia party. This was a pagan ceremony, which the Romans celebrated. During this celebration they exchanged gifts.

"It was a lot of fun," said Duff. "We made ancient Roman foods, made pillars and told Roman stories."

It was easy for the Latin Club to organize these special events because of the size.

"The club is pretty small," commented Duff. "It is really nice because you have the opportunity to do more things."



Photo by Merritt Lee

▲ Latin Club members



Photo by Kristen Lady

▲ Drama Club members strike a pose of their favorite character. Members participate in games in which they choose different roles to act out.

Team 4N6 competes to win

Story by Abigail Sosinski // Design by Annie Haden

Though it may be a surprise, the drama and forensics programs at St. Teresa's are different. In drama classes, students are taught about the history of the art, stage makeup and costuming. In drama they study plays, while in Forensics class students focus much more on acting. Forensics is more than just a class though; it is a team. Team Forensics prepped for tournaments and competitions.

"We work as a team to bring different theatrical pieces to life," stated Senior Kat Liljegren, who was in the forensics class for three years.

Forensics was about interpretation. Students picked several works of literature throughout the year, breaking it up until it was memorized and completely understood.

"After overanalyzing the characters to death, it's a really great reward to feel like you're portraying them well," said Sophomore Erica Houglund.

"Often students come in thinking that this will be an easy 'A' and are surprised by how much work is involved in preparing for a tournament," said Prentiss.

Forensic students do not always choose the classic pieces of literature to perform.

"In the first tournament, I performed a humorous piece about a lady whose husband dies and she goes crazy and when her son and his wife visit, he turns out to be a cross dresser," said Houglund. "In the second tournament, I did a duet playing Anna Johnson and her all too submissive husband whose son has died, but they keep digging him up. It's funny!"

Sophomore Lizzy Beier placed 3rd in Prose, while teammate Sophomore Carly Thoma-Perry placed 4th in Prose in the same tournament. Junior Mary Martha Donaldson, junior, placed 3rd in Prose in a tournament early in the year. Sophomores Erica Houglund and Anna Johnson placed 6th in Duo Interpretation.

"I hear a lot of complaining about things being too hard but once a student really gets how to present a piece and the light bulb goes on, that is the moment when I love my job the most," said Prentiss.



◀ Forensics Club members

Photo by Abigail Sosinski

They're overexposed

Story by Lora Swarts

The Photography Club was not a club for the uninterested. More members had joined with moderator, Mr. Eric Thomas and the president, Junior Rachel Straughn.

"Members need to have an interest in photography," said Straughn. "Club members do activities outside of school with different photo assignments."

The Photo Club members also dubbed this assignment with a new name.

"We call it 'Overexposed'," said Junior secretary Chantele Heaphy.

Club members also participated in more activities.

"We try to get speakers to come and talk, we do projects and we also fundraise," said Heaphy. "We fundraise to bring the cost of the sweatshirts down and to raise money for field trips. We have a stand to display our pictures at the Fine Arts Showcase. The Fine Arts Showcase helps us with our fundraising."

New members benefited from joining the club.

"We all love photography," said Junior Cierra



▲ Photography Club members

Obioha. "I feel there are others who share my interest and passion for taking pictures, and this is a benefit for having a photography club."

There were many reasons behind the need for a photo club.

"St. Teresa's does not have a photography class," said Thomas. "Photo club helps the students get more involved with photography without having to take an extra class."

Read all about it

Story by Lora Swarts

What did Oprah, Regis and Kelly, and STA have in common? They all had a book club. This was the second year for Ms. Wanda VanLeeuwen as the club moderator.



▲ Book Club members

"I was very happy to be moderator again because reading is something that I am interested in," said VanLeeuwen. "I love to read."

Book Club was different from the other clubs at school.

"Some clubs at school can be very serious," said Sophomore Kate Harbin. "Book Club is relaxing, fun and free from stress. That is one thing I really like about it."

Along with any club at school, food was involved. "We always have food," said VanLeeuwen. "Eating is a high priority with any club. It is almost as important as the book being discussed."

Although members had little time on their hands, they still found time to read.

"I am happy that so many girls want to read," said VanLeeuwen. "With all the homework and extra curricular activities, it is exciting that they find time to read. I wish I even had more time to read."

Photo by Abigail Sosinski

▲ Junior Mary Martha Donaldson imitates Lucille Ball during a duet piece for Forensics class.

Photo by Lora Swarts

Sports





Photo by Maureen Healy

The dance team struts their stuff while performing their jazz routine in the Kansas Spectacular, a dance competition held at Olathe East High School. It was the second of two competitions for the Stars, the first being at Lindberg High School in St. Louis. "It was an entirely different experience allowing us to showcase the assets we have on our team to other area squads," said Senior Justine Cotter. The Stars received awards, including second place for their jazz routine at the Lindberg Invitational. New coaches Ms. Megan Savage and Ms. Laura Eilers were instrumental in getting the girls ready for their first year of competition. Four other sports also added new head coaches to the staff. These included volleyball, basketball, swimming and cross country.

SPORTS FEATURE



▲ Senior Sarah Kitts, middle row second from right, and her club team, the Dynamos, take a team picture after winning the Kansas State Cup.

“I started playing club soccer because I wanted to play in college. I knew it was the best way to get recruited.”

Sarah Kitts '04



▲ Freshman Michelle Jantsch takes a dead ball kick for her club team the KCFC Futuras during the Regional tournament.



Clubbin'

Have club sports become more important than high school sports?

Story by Jenny Jantsch // Design by Jenny Jantsch

There is a whole realm of sports that consume athletes' lives outside of STA. Sports are now becoming more competitive and girls are beginning to specialize in just one sport. They spend all year traveling and spending money with their club team in hopes for a college scholarship.

"I started playing club soccer because I wanted to play in college," said Senior Sarah Kitts. "I knew it was the best way to get recruited."

Kitts' team, the Dynamos, have proven to be one of the best teams in their age group in Kansas, having won three state championships. Kitts says that the experience and exposure while playing for the Dynamos helped her to obtain her soccer scholarship to the University of Tulsa.

While club sports may be the best way to get recruited for college, they can still be beneficial for the high school teams as well. Girls are able to start their high school season feeling confident in their play, because they are practicing year around.

"Club soccer has allowed me to get a lot more touches on the ball in the off-season," said Kitts. "I feel like I am more prepared for high school soccer when it starts."

Junior Michelle Collins, playing premier softball, has also found success. Her team has

been to Nationals 8 times and received 4th and 5th place. She enjoys playing premier softball because of the level at which it is played.

"Premier softball is at a lot different skill level than high school," said Collins. "Everyone is at the same level and it's just a lot more relaxed."

While many of the high school girls find club sports to be helpful some high school coaches feel differently. They feel that it can take away from the high school experience.

"I believe that many girls learn values in their high school sport that complements what they learn in the classroom," said varsity basketball Coach Rich Wilson. "That is something that club sports can't do."

Many high school coaches also feel that many girls have been taken away from high school sports because they are being misled to believe that club sports are better than they really are.

However coaches also admit that there can be a positive side as well. It allows the athlete to travel more, compete at higher levels, and work with different people and coaches.

"Club sports are beneficial in that the athlete skill development increases and they are able to interact with other people and coaches," said Wilson. "It only becomes a problem when the club sport becomes more important than the high school sport."

◀ Junior Michelle Collins prepares for the upcoming batter.



▲ Sophomores Michaela Marak, back row second from left, and Caitlin Rowland, back row third from left, with their club volleyball team, the North Stars.

Photo submitted

TEAM GETS WINNING ITCH

Story by Amen Iyamu // Design by Jenny Jantsch

What was the difference between last year's JV softball team and the 2003 team? The difference was a new coach, plus new players and an outbreak of poison ivy. All of this equaled to a better record.

This season for the JV stars was not easy on or off the field. With four new players and a new coach, the team had to learn the importance of teamwork and trust. Off the field they learned the importance of Calamine lotion and oatmeal baths.

One of the obstacles overcome by the team was the overlooks of poison oak from the tree that overlooks the field. The JV team occasionally watched the varsity team play from the tree, until a rash appeared.

"Poison ivy was an experience," said returning JV softball player Junior Lauren Hance. "It brought the team together not the way we may have wanted, because it was hard to play."

In the middle of the season the outbreak attacked the legs and thighs of the JV team and lasted for a couple of weeks.

"Even though most of us had poison ivy, we still played and practiced really hard," said Freshman Devon Aaron.

Coach Cassie Muntz, a newcomer to JV softball, pushed the girls to their full potential, which later paid off with a better record.

"Coach Muntz was hard on us," said

Sophomore Julian Langenkamp. "But she was a really good coach and taught us a lot."

Last year's record was 1-12 but this year's record increased with an additional win and a record of 2-10-1.

One of the better games for the JV Stars was the win against the O'Hara Celtics in the O'Hara Tournament toward the end of the season. After losing to the Celtics at home, the Stars defeated them in the tournament with a score of 9-8.

Toward the end of the season, when trust was no longer an issue, the JV team became more competitive and no longer were defeated with lopsided losses.

"In the beginning the hardest thing was working together," said Sophomore Jessica Collins. "But when we began to trust each other and work together we became better as a team."

The Stars grew as a team as well as individually with personal bests.

"This year was a great year for me," said new player Sophomore Bridget Kelly. "I hit my first double."

The JV softball team's main objective was to have fun and play with pride. The team played to their ability and improved their skills throughout the year.

The JV Stars look forward to next year as an even better year with more wins and no outbreaks.



▲ Junior Meghan Hohl gives Junior Lauren Hance a motivational talk in between innings of the Platte County game.

▶ Coach Cassie Muntz congratulates her team in between innings and encourages them for a win against Platte County.



JUNIOR VARSITY SOFTBALL

HIGHLIGHTS

- The win at the O'Hara tournament against the Celtics
- Bridget Kelley hitting her first double
- The win against Lafayette High school
- Lauren Hance's strike out
- The tie against Lafayette at Lafayette
- Devon Aaron hitting a home run at the O'Hara game
- "Overcoming poison ivy"
- Team Bonding
- Yellow and black socks
- "Oak tree"...poison
- Placing 5th at the tournament



Photo by Merritt Lee

◀ Sophomore Julian Langenkamp tags Platte County player out at third base.



Photo by Merritt Lee

▲ Junior Lauren Hance pitches a strike in the last home game against Slon.



Photo by Merritt Lee



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◀ Front row, from left: J. Reid, S. Morado, L. Hance, C. Williams, B. Kelly, J. Collins. 2nd row: M. Hohl, J. Langenkamp, T. Ford, D. Aaron, M. McSorley, Coach C. Muntz.

GAME REVIVES SEASON

Story by Liz Hansen // Design by Maureen Healy

Entering the season, the softball team did not expect a loss to be the most valuable game of the season. After a slow 1-9 start, the team searched for an elevated level of play that surfaced in an intense game well into the year.

Midway through the season, the Stars found themselves in a game against Liberty, one of their toughest opponents. After giving up three runs in the first inning, Liberty didn't score again.

"The Liberty game was our turning point," said Senior Jane Kaufman. "We held one of the best teams in the county to just three runs."

The Stars created new goals for the season including winning their remaining games. After such a strong performance against Liberty, the team was excited to build on that success. Players raised their intensity and gained confidence in themselves and their teammates.

"Catie Turney really worked hard to keep the team outlook positive and encourage everyone," said Kaufman.

After that game, the Stars were ready to compete and play to their full potential, winning 12 of their last 14 games. The team managed to finish over .500 with a record of 13-11.

Going into the 2003 season, expectations were high for the Stars. The team had their eyes set on a District banner. With several strong players returning from the 2002 season and an enthusiastic coach, the season outlook

was promising.

Although the team was determined to have fun throughout the season, they were much more serious than in past years. Practices became more focused as the team worked on catching and throwing, infield practice and hitting. The coaches were more serious about fitness, running the girls more during practices.

"We ran a lot, and the coaches pushed us," said Junior Andrea Dater. "But we had fun because we never knew what to expect."

Because of several injuries and players forced to unfamiliar positions, the team got off to a slow start. The team came together and rallied to turn what looked to be a disappointing season into a success. Good team chemistry and senior leadership were big factors in the late season accomplishments.

"We loved each other," said Junior Michelle Collins. "And the seniors really got us going."

Once the Stars got on track, they won the first tournament title in STA history. In a 13-4 win over Sion, the Stars captured their trophy at the O'Hara Tournament.

The Stars didn't play as well as they wanted to in the District Tournament and were defeated in the final round by Oak Park (6-0). Although they didn't reach their pre-season goals of getting a District banner, the season was a success. The Stars worked through injury and disappointment as they learned how to play as a team to win games.

SCHEDULE	
Park Hill	W 5-3
Oak Park	L 0-4
Sion	L 4-5
Columbia Rock Bridge	L 0-5
Mid Buchanan	L 0-4
Raytown South	L 2-4
O'Hara	L 1-4
St. Pius X	L 3-6
Winnetonka Tournament	3rd Place
St. Joe Lafayette	W 3-1
Platte City	W 5-2
Sion	W 9-4
O'Hara Tournament	1st Place
Smithville	L 0-5
St. Joe Benton	W 3-0
Ruskin	W 22-0
Hickman Mills	W 24-0
Oak Grove	W 9-6
Districts	2nd Place



▲ Junior Catie Turney gathers her equipment to enter the game as catcher at the STA-Ruskin game.

▶ Sophomore Mallory Castro crosses home plate in a 24-0 victory over Hickman Mills.



VARSITY SOFTBALL

HIGHLIGHTS

- O'Hara Tournament Champions
- Holding Liberty to three runs
- Beating Sion twice
- Second Place at Districts
- Ice cream party
- "Categories on the bus"
- Sandwich Club
- 8 a.m. practice to shape up
- "I'm tickled pink"
- 1-9 to 12-2
- Catie sliding on the tennis courts twice
- Michelle Collins: First Team All Metro



Photo by Lora Swartz

Senior Melissa Ann tosses in a ball as she warms up her pitching arm at the STA-Hickman Mills Game.



Juniors Andrea Dater and Michelle Collins lend some advice to batter Meghan Hohl before she steps up the the plate at the STA-Ruskin game.

Front row, from left: M. Welsh, M. Ann, M. Collins, J. Schuler, A. Dater, S. Morado, J. Reid. 2nd row: Coach D. Lang, M. Castro, J. Langenkamp, L. Hance, J. Kaufman, A. Konz, M. Hohl, C. Turney, Coach C. Muntz.



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CHANGES SPARK SUCCESS

Story by Lisa Peterson // Design by Jenny Jantsch

"What time is it? Game time!" Before each game, the JV volleyball players chanted these words, pumping up the squad and preparing the players for action.

The 2003 freshmen and junior varsity volleyball squads came to each game fired up and ready to win. The Stars looked toward each game as a chance to improve both mentally and physically, as well as strengthen teamwork and develop friendships.

With last year's junior varsity coach expecting a baby in mid-September, the JV Stars knew this season would be filled with many changes. Ms. Breanne Coleman also returned for her second year at STA, making the transition from coaching freshman to the junior varsity squad.

"It was difficult adjusting to new teammates," said Sophomore Rosalyn Anderson, who was one of eight new players to join junior varsity squad.

As captains, Juniors Alex Hercules and Betsy Birt provided the junior varsity with experience and leadership. The team focused on working hard, with longer, more difficult practices, which included more running.

The junior varsity squad placed third in the Blue Valley Tournament and had big wins against Blue Valley North and O'Hara. One of the JV's toughest opponents was Sion. Although losing to Sion twice, the Stars put up a fight, coming back to win the second game

of each match. However, they lost the third game of both matches against Sion.

Ms. Catherine Marx returned for a second year as coach of the freshmen Stars. The importance of leadership was stressed early on with the election of team captains Katrina Abella and Jessie Kramer. Even though the captains rarely won a coin toss, Abella and Kramer showed dedication to the team.

Although just beginning to adjust to high school rules, the 12 girls of the freshmen squad had some previous interactions, either playing with or against current teammates before the high school season began.

"A lot of us had already played against each other either during grade school in the parochial league or during the club season," said Abella. "We all adapted very well to each other's styles, strengths and weaknesses."

The freshmen Stars posted two big wins against Sion, including a victory in the championship match of the STA Freshmen Tournament. The squad also beat Winnetonka to finish first place in the Winnetonka tournament. The Stars managed to get a win in a difficult match against Bishop Ward, finishing the season 16-7.

Both the freshmen and junior varsity squads look to the years ahead for future success in volleyball. The 2003 season will be marked by the numerous personal achievements and friendships made throughout the season.

JV Record

Blue Valley North	L 0-2
Benton	W 2-1
Sion	L 1-2
Pleasant Hill	L 1-2
Mission Valley	L 0-2
Bishop Miege	L 0-2
SM Northwest	W 2-0
Platte County	W 2-0
St. Pius X	L 0-2
SM Northwest	W 2-0
SM East	W 2-0
Olathe South	L 0-2
Warrensburg	W 2-1
Blue Valley	W 2-0
Blue Valley West	L 0-2
Harrisonville	W 2-1
Sion	L 1-2



▲ Freshman Mikhala Lantz-Simmons blocks as her opponent hits during a game at the Freshmen tournament.

▲ Front row, from left: K. Abella, M. Nulton, B. Miller, R. Janose 2nd row: A. Wilson, J. Finley, L. Goulding, J. Kramer, M. Lantz-Simmons. 3rd row: Coach M. Marx, R. Ridge, J. Weston, T. Haden.



FRESHMAN AND JUNIOR VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

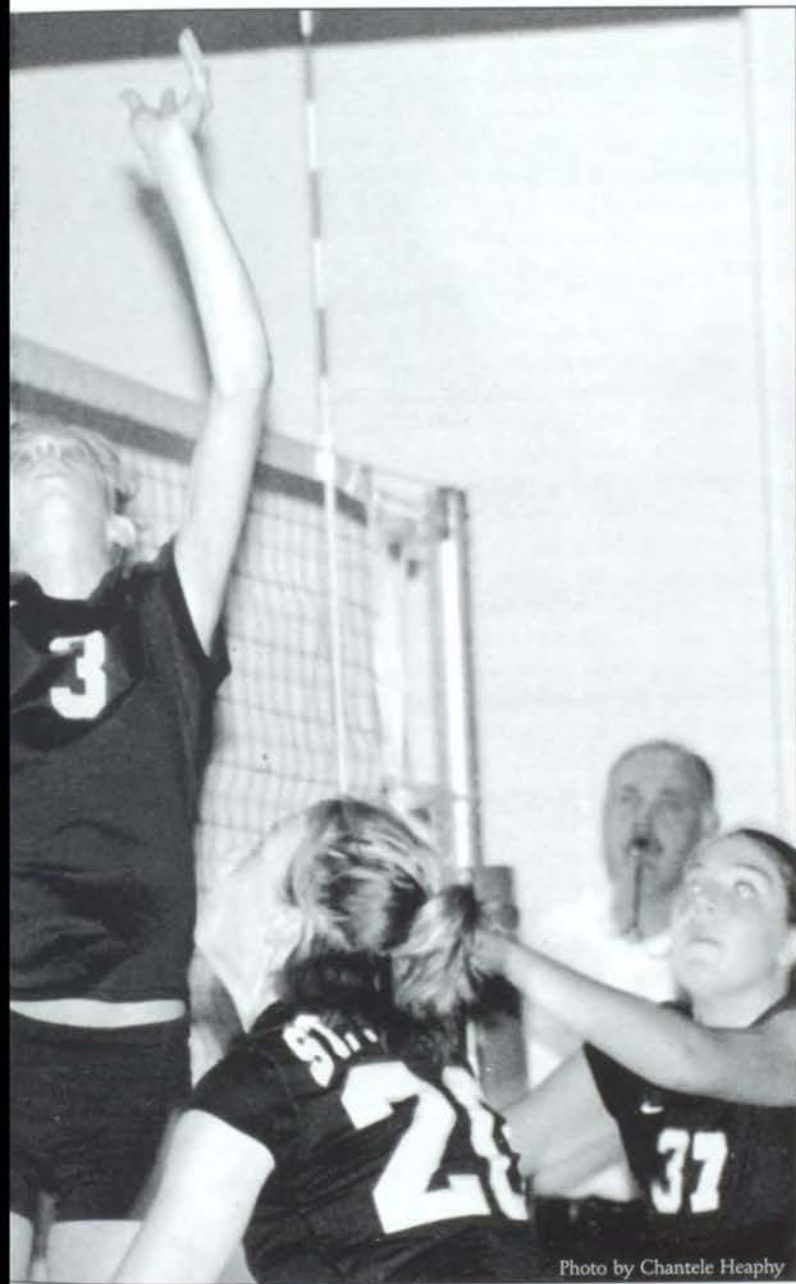


Photo by Chantele Heaphy

HIGHLIGHTS

Junior Varsity:

- Tweedle dee and Tweedle dum
- Alex, Michelle and Molly dominating Queen of the Court
- Team Bonding at Minsky's and Molly's House
- Going to three games with Sion
- Ball dropping behind Claire

Freshman:

- Ho Ho Ho
- BOYS!
- Mikhala "I touched it"
- Smack It
- Winning the Winnetonka and STA Tournaments

◀ Freshman Michelle Jantsch sets the ball to Sophomore Molly Wilkerson



Photo by Chantele Heaphy

▲ Sophomores Lauren Befort, left, and Caitlin Rowland run down a line of teammates before a JV home game.

◀ Front row, from left: K. Harbin, A. Hercules, L. Befort. 2nd Row: M. Jantsch, E. Price, L. Darden, R. Anderson. 3rd Row: C. Rowland, C. Foley, R. Allen. Not pictured: B. Birt, M. Wilkerson.



Photo by Justine Corter



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CHANGE PROVES POSITIVE

Story by Caitlin Burke // Design by Jenny Jantsch

The varsity volleyball team came into the season with high expectations, some set by players and some set by the team's new head coach Ms. Amy Carlson.

"I wanted us to compete with the best teams in the city and have the best possible chance at going to state," said Carlson.

The team's nine players, including three new players, came into the start of the season knowing that Carlson had made changes to the program. During the month of August, players worked on attacking at the net and understanding their team roles. Coach Carlson also brought new drills to practices to help the team utilize the height advantage brought to the team by new players Junior Molly Hough and Sophomore Michaela Marak.

"Coach Carlson helped us become more aggressive at the net," said Sophomore Jenna Perry. "She also motivated us so we would do well."

As the season progressed, the team faced new opponent Blue Valley Northwest, where they successfully made a comeback to beat Northwest in two tight games. At one point, the team was ranked 69th in the nation according to PrepVolleyball.com. The team also beat rival Sion twice during the season.

"Our goal always is to beat Sion and we did it twice," said Senior Maggie Triano.

The team also spent a lot of time outside of practices and games getting to know one

another better and becoming more of a team. Players hosted team dinners at their houses and even played laser tag together.

"The team had a Halloween party at my house," said Coach Carlson. "We had a lot of fun that night while we prepared for Sectionals the next day."

The team made St. Teresa's history by becoming the first team to win the District Tournament at the 4-A level. They felt a sense of accomplishment after winning Districts, as they achieved their goal set at the beginning of the season. After winning Districts, the team met Lee's Summit in the first round of the Sectional Tournament and lost in three close games, 13-25, 25-21, 17-25. The team ended the season with a 24-4 record.

"We played to win and worked hard," said Sophomore Jenna Perry.

Because of their teamwork and high level of play, team captains Senior Jenny Jantsch and Junior Eli Medina were selected for first team All-District. Senior setter Erinn Riley was also honored with her selection to the second team All-District.

"Jenny and Eli were two of the most feared outside hitters," said Carlson. "Teams would practice hour after hour on how they were going to defend against them."

As the season came to a close seniors said their goodbyes as the rest of the team looked forward to another exciting year.



Blue Valley North	W 2-0
Bishop Ward	W 2-0
Schlagel	W 2-0
Blue Valley West	W 2-0
Benton	W 2-0
Sion	W 2-0
Blue Valley	W 2-0
Bishop Miege	L 0-2
Blue Valley North	W 2-0
LS North Tournament	3rd Place
Pleasant Hill	W 2-0
Blue Valley Northwest	W 2-0
Platte County	W 2-0
St. Pius X	W 2-0
O'Hara	W 2-0
Warrensburg	W 2-0
Harrisonville	W 2-0
Aquinas Tournament	6th Place
Sion	W 2-0
Districts	1st Place
Sectionals	L 1-2

SCHEDULE



Photo by Justine Cotter

▲ Senior Jenny Jantsch goes up for the attack against Sion. Jantsch signed a national letter of intent to play volleyball at Kansas State.

▶ The team huddles together to say a cheer after a win against Blue Valley Northwest.

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

HIGHLIGHTS

- Beating Sion twice
- Singing "Right Thurr" for Metro Sports
- Molly's Nemo hands
- Halloween night at Amy and Carolyn's house
- Lasar tag
- BA
- Amy getting her yellow card
- JP always wearing her hair down
- "Guys, Amy didn't get the van again"
- Winning Districts
- 18-24 comeback vs. Blue Valley Northwest
- Real clean practice jerseys
- Wade a.k.a Stifler



Photo by Justine Cotter

Junior Eli Medina serves the ball against Blue Valley Northwest at St. Teresa's



Photo by Justine Cotter

Senior Maggie Triano runs through an archway of fans offering support before the game against Sion.

Front row, from left: E. Riley, M. Triano, A. Haden. 2nd row: Coach A. Carlson, J. Jantsch, J. Perry, M. Marak. 3rd row: E. Medina, J. Jantsch, M. Hough.



Photo by Justine Cotter



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RUNNERS JOIN TOP-30

Story by Katy Boat // Design by Jenny Jantsch

The varsity cross-country team, a group of seven dedicated athletes, had a productive season in 2003, a year marked by personal improvement.

Cross country accomplishments began at practice. Both the JV and Varsity teams met each day after school for rigorous workouts on the Brookside Trail, along Ward Parkway or at the Paul Robeson track.

"An easy workout could be anywhere from two to ten miles," said head coach Ms. Karen Moran.

A hard day might include speed training or hill repeats led by Coach Moran and assistant coach Ms. Wanda Scheib. Along with stretching, these workouts honed strength and built endurance.

Exercise was not enough to keep the cross country team ready to run; nutrition was also emphasized. Throughout the season, runners made a point to replace the caffeine in their diets with water. The team also gathered for pasta parties to stock up on carbohydrates before a race.

In order for the five returning juniors and seniors to get to know their two freshmen, the team traveled to a farm in Ford City, Missouri, belonging to the family of Senior Maureen Healy. The three-day trip consisted of, "a lot of running and eating," according to Junior Bridget Moran. As an exercise in teamwork and fun, the runners were led on a "snipe

hunting" expedition by Healy and senior Diana Jantsch, in which they worked together to catch a mysterious bird with nothing but a flash light and a brown lunch sack.

Because they spent so much time together, the runners built friendships outlasting their season. The juniors and seniors on the team, including captains Katharine Bush, Healy, Jantsch and Bridget Moran, offered leadership through their attitudes and achievements that helped contribute to this unity.

"Everyone was closer this year, and people were willing to work harder," said Coach Moran. "I think it was because of Maureen, Katharine, and Diana's leadership."

Practices and team bonding experiences were fun, but the team still worked hard enough to set multiple records in 2003. Bridget Moran and Healy each set two Top-30 St. Teresa's records. Other runners proved that their daily workouts were beneficial, as six of them ran their fastest races at the District meet. Three runners, Healy, Jantsch, and Moran, proceeded to the Sectional meet, and Moran advanced to the State competition.

"Physical sport is more of a mental than physical sport," said Coach Moran, "As long as you are willing to work hard, you will do well."

The 2003 cross country runners demonstrated their willingness by devoting time and effort throughout the entire season.



Truman Invitational	6th Place
Park Hill South Panther Invitational	3rd Place
Hazelwood Central Invitational	7th Place
Kansas City Metro XC Championships	11th Place
Miege XC Invitational	3rd Place
Excelsior Springs Invitational	2nd Place
Clinton Invitational	3rd Place
Kearney Invitational	2nd Place
Richmond Invitational	7th Place
4-A District Cross Country Meet	5th Place
4-A Sectional Cross Country Meet	
Bridget Moran	23rd Place
Maureen Healy	31st Place
Diana Jantsch	55th Place
MSHSAA State XC Championships	
Bridget Moran	99th Place



Photo by Maureen Healy

▲ Sophomores Danielle Spears, from left, and Katie Kennaley, and Freshman Betsy McKenny encourage each other as they fight up "The Beast," a muddy hill at the Park Hill South meet.

▶ Front row, from left: K. Shuss, S. Martinat, D. Jantsch, M. Healy, K. Woodward, E. Fitzpatrick, K. Bush, J. Ponnath. 2nd row: A. Jaros, K. Lady, B. Moran, C. Krugh, M. Lee, R. Dillon, M. McKenney, K. Farkas. 3rd row: Coach K. Moran

VARSITY AND JUNIOR VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY



Photo by Justine Cotter

HIGHLIGHTS

- Kearney mud fight in the volleyball courts
- The Healy farm trip
- Alison meeting a tree
- Bridget falling down all the time
- 6 PRs at Districts
- 20 PRs at Excelsior Springs
- Mud at Park Hill South
- "O Captain, my Captain"
- Yoga with Wanda
- Diana couldn't find the pasta parties
- Mo's wipeout in the gym office
- Snipe Hunting
- The "Slow Club"

Junior Bridget Moran drafts off a Ray-Pec runner at the KC Metro meet.



Photo by Maureen Healy

STA runners write inspirational messages such as, "Get Her" and "Don't Stop!" on teammates' spikes before every race.

Front row, from left: N. Ganon, S. Sheffield, B. Lee, B. McKenny, M. Lynch, K. Pointer, K. Kennaley, M. Rucker, M. Hanger. 2nd row: L. Howard, L. Conwell, A. Spaniol, A. Cirroco, M. Schrader, D. Spears, J. Shuss. 3rd row: A. Raybould, S. Van-Buskirk, A. Johnson, N. Tarr, J. Bukaty, J. Lindsey, A. Bojarski-Stauffner, M. Rogers



Photo by Justine Cotter

BIRD TIES SCHOOL RECORD

Story by Anna Beckett // Design by Jenny Jantsch

The 2003 golf team started the season off well at 17-6. The Stars placed sixth out of 20 teams in the Richmond tournament. Throughout the season, they continued to get better and compete against tougher teams.

"This was the best team in my five years of coaching," said Coach Jack Garvin of his squad. "There were no discipline problems and they all got along well."

Freshman Mary Kate Bird led the varsity squad. She was able to tie the school record of 36 on a par 35 against Liberty early in the season. Being the top player as a freshman was not as difficult as Bird originally thought even with her lack of high school experience.

"I was concerned about going in and playing above the older girls, but the team was completely welcoming and supportive of the situation," said Bird.

This year the team was complete with 16 players, which included three returning varsity lettermen. The lone senior, Agie Sparks, provided leadership for the new freshmen on the team.

"Agie was very welcoming to the new girls," said Freshman Kayla Crandall. "She was a leader as well as a good person."

The golf team finished out the season at 25-29, which included some of the big tournaments consisting of 20 teams. During the District tournament, the varsity team finished fourth and Bird was named All-

District. Liz Hansen and Mary Kate Bird qualified individually for state, but the team as a whole did not qualify for the first time in three years.

"It was a big disappointment not going to state [as a team]," said Bird. "Several of us felt that we had not played our best at Districts."

During the drives to away matches and tournaments, the team had plenty of bonding time on the road. The longest trip was an hour and fifteen minutes to play Richmond in Skirkey. Sparks often provided the team with Starburst on the van trips.

"During van trips we would mostly talk," said Crandall. "They were always a lot of fun."

At the beginning of the season, the team set goals. For many of the top individuals, their goals were to play well and keep up with some of the best players. As a team, their goal was to qualify and place well at state. During the season, one of the more important matches was the Liberty match. The Stars won by only one stroke.

"We were tied after four scores and had to go to the fifth score to determine the winner," said Bird. "The team was really excited."

Though the golf team did not qualify for state this year, they are looking forward to the 2004 season in hopes of qualifying. With the exception of one graduating senior, the entire team will be back next year.



Liberty	W
Pleasant Hill	W
Richmond Tournament	6th Place
Blue Springs	W
Sion Tournament	16th Place
Sion/Lee Summit North	L
Pembroke Hill	L
Richmond/Pembroke Hill	L
Disticts	4th Place
Sion/Pembroke Hill	L
State	
Mary Kate Bird	28th Place
Liz Hansen	88th Place



Photo by Kelly Connor

- ▲ Junior Kathleen Hudnall watches her drive sail down the middle of the fairway on the fifth hole in a match against Pembroke Hill.
- ▶ Juniors Katy Boat and Liz Hansen congratulate each other after sinking both of their putts on hole six.

JUNIOR VARSITY AND VARSITY GOLF



Photo by Kelly Connor



Photo by Kelly Connor



Photo by Kelly Connor

HIGHLIGHTS

- Beating Liberty
- Placing sixth out of 20 teams at Richmond
- Agie's Starbursts
- "Watch this!"
- "Putting is like Christmas presents, no peeking!"
- Party at Coach Garvin's house
- Mary Kate medaling at Districts
- Building the Putting Board
- "Clearing the mechanism"
- Mary Kate and Liz qualifying for state
- Singing "Happy Birthday" to Coach Garvin at Stroud's

◀ Freshman Mary Kate Bird drives the ball down the center of the fairway in a match against Pembroke Hill.



Photo by Kelly Connor

▲ Junior Liz Hansen concentrates on sinking a putt on the sixth hole.

◀ Front row, from left: K. Crandall, C. Morris, K. Heermann, L. Strickland, N. Blackburn. 2nd Row: L. Hansen, K. Boat, K. Hudnall, M. Bird, K. Seitter. 3rd Row: K. Fitzsimmons, C. Findlay, A. Stacey, M. Kelly, J. Bradford, E. Bradford, Coach J. Garvin. Not pictured: A. Sparks

DUNHAM CLAIMS TITLE

Story by Kathleen Heermann // Design by Jenny Jantsch

While success is nothing new to the STA tennis team, the 2003 season was one full of achievements and team bonding.

"This was the best season ever!" said Mr. Bob Riley, head coach of the tennis team.

Finishing the season with a record of 20-2, the team had the talent needed to compete.

"My favorite part about coaching this season was winning. That's what makes it fun," said Riley, who has been coaching tennis at STA for four years. "There is a lot of paperwork and things like that going on behind the scenes, but the winning is what makes it all worthwhile."

The varsity Stars were Sectional and District Champions. The players went on to defend last year's third place title at State with another third place finish this year. Sophomore Kaitlin Dunham placed first in State as a singles player, and doubles team Anna Beckett and Franny McShane won a fourth place title in State finals.

Dunham went undefeated through the entire season with a record of 27-0. She was the second high school student in history to win State and go undefeated all in one season.

After losing last year's star player, Colleen Rielley, the team knew changes would have to be made in order to defend the third place title they won in the 2002 season.

"After Colleen left last year, we all knew that Kaitlin would step up," said Sophomore

Caitlin Aaron.

Additional talent came in with the class of 2007. Seven freshmen joined the line-up this season. Charmaine Willis was the only freshman to compete at State level.

"I felt like everyone was taking care of me just because I was the only freshman," said Willis.

However, all this success did not come easily. Practices were filled with skills that would be put to the test in a real match.

After stretching out and pairing off, the team worked in pairs on volleys and overheads.

"It is critical, especially in doubles, to be able to do an overhead shot," said Riley.

In the two weeks before school started, the team worked on establishing a ladder, which put the players in order from one to 21 according to the level of skill of each player. This ladder was used to determine rankings and who could challenge whom in a match.

Besides the obvious success of the players, the season was also filled with team bonding and new friendships.

"We were much closer as a team this year," said Dunham. "We knew each other better and we had more experience as a team."

The team supported each other and cheered each other on throughout the season.

"Everyone was very encouraging," said Willis. "Our team has made me a better tennis player and a better person."

Truman	Cancelled
Aquinas	Cancelled
Center	W 9-0
St. Joe Central	W 5-4
Blue Valley North	W 6-3
Pembroke Hill	L 7-2
Clinton	W 9-0
Sion	Cancelled
Mary Inst. Country Day	W 8-1
Lafayette	W 8-1
Barstow	W 8-1
Guilfoil Tournament	1st Place
Pembroke Hill	6th Place
St. Joe Leblond	W 9-0
Park Hill	W 7-2
Miege	W 7-2
Park Hill South	W 6-3
Bonner Springs	W 56-50
Park Hill	W 10-0
Districts	1st Place
Sectionals	1st Place
State	3rd Place



▲ Sophomore Kaitlin Dunham finishes a forehand swing against her opponent from Park Hill South. Dunham went undefeated with a record of 27-0.

▶ Freshman Maggie Burke runs to hit the ball against her opponent from Park Hill South.



VARSITY AND JUNIOR VARSITY TENNIS

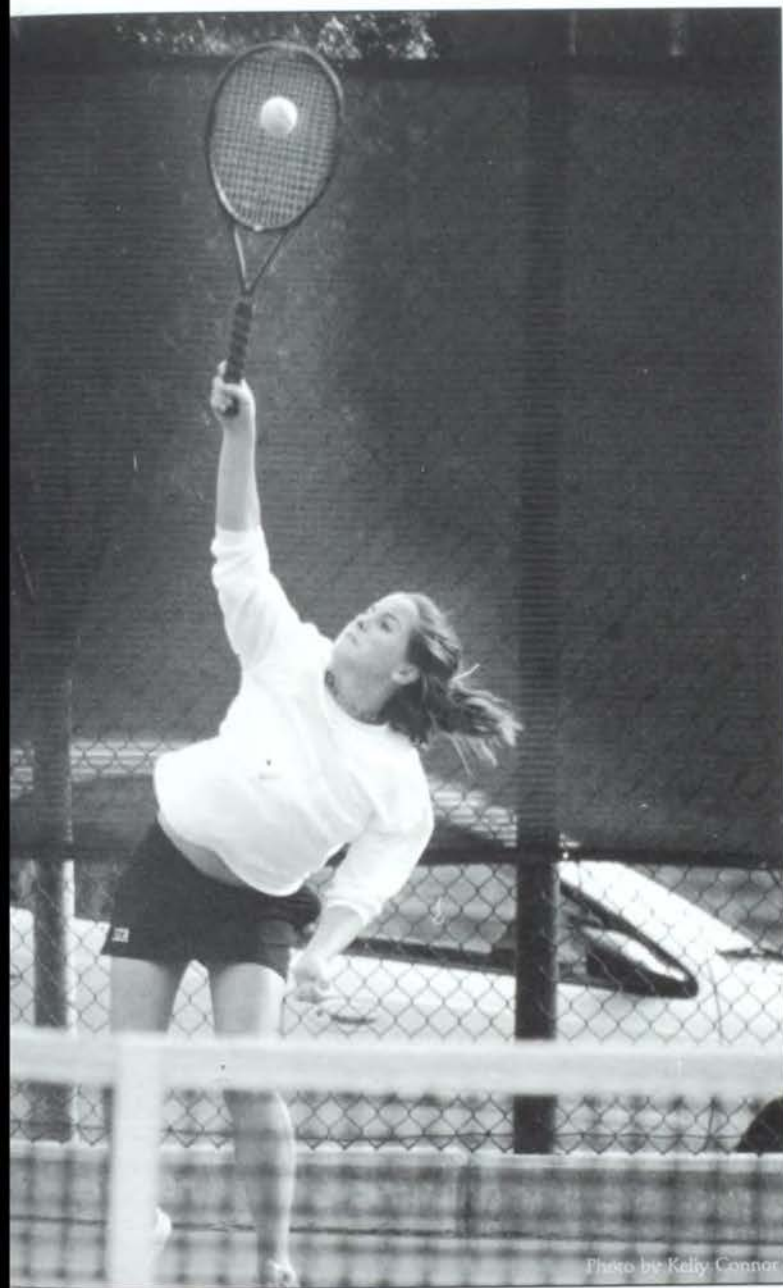


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Photo by Kaitlin Dunham

HIGHLIGHTS

- Kaitlin Dunham winning State singles title
- Team placing third at State
- La Casa de Waffles
- Listening to music in Bob's Buick
- Holla Paula
- Winning the Guilfoil Tournament
- Kaitlin "cheating" vs. Susan Ma
- Walkie Talkies
- Anna and Franny vs. Maggie and Charmaine
- "The Man" at Districts
- Overhead drills
- Caitlin stealing decorations from El Chico

◀ Sophomore Franny McShane serves the ball to her opponent.



Photo by Katie Alley

▲ Freshman Charmaine Willis practices her backhand.

◀ Front row, from left: C. Wiedeman, L. Blake, C. Burke, C. Willis. 2nd Row: F. McShane, K. Schilling, K. Murphy, J. Yeager, K. O'Flaherty, M. Burke. 3rd Row: Coach P. Aaron, B. Doherty, K. Dunham, A. Beckett, C. Aaron, M. Mullane, D. Smith, G. Lauricella, K. Hembree, A. Johnson, Coach B. Riley.

DEDICATION UNITES TEAMS

Story by Lisa Peterson // Design by Jenny Jantsch

Both the junior varsity and freshmen basketball Stars focused on achieving personal and team goals during the season.

"One of the (JV team's) goals was to hold our opponents to less than 35 points and for our team to score 40 points or more," said Sophomore Ashley Devine, who was one of 12 members of the junior varsity squad.

The junior varsity Stars were led by returning coach, Mr. Mick Fletcher. The team emphasized improving as individuals and working together. The JV team bonded during an overnight trip to Jefferson City, which not only gave the Stars an important victory, but allowed teammates to develop stronger friendships with each other.

"The trip to Jeff City was a great time," said Sophomore Jill Cousins. "We went in knowing we had a tough match up against Helias and we ended up winning a hard fought game."

The JV Stars participated in two round robin tournaments and the STA JV Shootout. The team played many hard fought games due to a schedule that included tougher opponents like St. Thomas Aquinas and Bishop Miege. The JV squad came out with a win against Lincoln Prep, but lost to Sion in a nail-biting overtime game that concluded the season. The junior varsity Stars finished the season with a 7-14 record.

"The season was a little shaky," said Sophomore Amanda Trouba. "We won a few

and lost a few, but we improved. The team worked really hard to get better and that's what matters most."

The freshmen basketball Stars were comprised of two squads, an A-team with ten girls and a B-team of nine girls. Both groups were led by new coaches, Mr. Eric Thomas and Ms. Amy Carlson, respectively.

The freshmen teams warmed-up together and then split into separate groups, occasionally doing drills as one large team. The squads had several team bonding activities including a pizza party, a Christmas party and gift exchange and an end of season pasta party. The team also set both personal and team goals for the season.

"As a team, we wanted to go undefeated and we were 6-0 at one point in the season," said Freshman Mary Beth Nulton. "Personally, I wanted to improve my shooting skills."

One of the freshmen teams' rivals was Shawnee Mission East, a multi-game opponent, whom the Stars beat both away and at home. The freshmen A-team crushed Sion in a 44-9 victory. The A-team had a winning season, finishing 10-4 and the B-team finished 4-8. Both squads had a challenging but fun season filled with improvements as individuals and growth as a team.

"We worked hard and stayed together as a team," said Freshman Leia Darden.



Truman	L	24-64
Oak Park	L	27-37
Park Hill	L	40-42
Center	W	41-30
Benton	L	27-69
Sion	W	32-26
Blue Springs	L	28-48
Lafayette	L	25-45
Helias	W	28-27
Marshall	W	25-21
Warrensburg	W	36-26
Spring Hill	L	24-27
Aquinas	L	31-60
Blue Springs	L	30-44
Bishop Miege	L	26-45
Savannah	L	18-20
Aquinas	L	14-50
Lawrence	L	28-42
Lincoln Prep	W	48-33
O'Hara	W	40-26
Sion	L	47-52

SCHEDULE



▲ Front row, from left: L. Befort, A. Trouba, J. Bukaty, J. Cousins, J. Baker, A. Devine. 2nd row: Coach P. Crider, J. Mack, C. McFarland, M. Hough, J. Froe, E. Murray, A. Bryant, Coach M. Fletcher.

▶ Front row, from left: A. Russel, M. Nulton, A. Morrall, B. Lee, S. Gramlich. 2nd row: Coach E. Thomas, C. Orscheln, L. Darden, A. Raybould, M. Jantsch, E. Tummons

JUNIOR VARSITY AND FRESHMAN BASKETBALL

HIGHLIGHTS

Junior Varsity:

- Snowball fight with coaches
- Coach Fletcher: "screw"
- Special J
- Jeff City trip
- Overtime with Sion
- Jazmyn's jokes—only she laughs at them

Freshman Teams:

- "Game Time" cheer
- Beating Sion
- End of season football game
- East rivalry
- Pasta party at Tracy Haden's house



Photo by Abigail Sosinski

◀ JV sophomore, Jill Cousins, shoots the ball against the Warrensburg Tigers.



Photo by Abigail Sosinski

▲ Freshman guard, Franki Belfonte, dribbles past the Sion defense.

◀ Front row, from left: F. Belfonte, K. Williams, T. Haden, K. Nelson, K. Abella.
2nd row: Coach A. Carlson, S. VanBuskirk, M. Lantz-Simmons, F. Swalwell.



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STARS BEAT THE BUZZER

Story by Laura Closson // Design by Jenny Jantsch

There were just seconds left to break the tied Varsity basketball game against Sion. Hearts were pounding. Senior and Captain Jenny Jantsch got the rebound and made a lay-up shot at the buzzer. During the Fall season of 2003, Varsity basketball had many nerve-racking, exciting and lasting memories of games like this.

With all the changes, including new Head Coach Mr. Rich Wilson and new team members, as well as losing key senior players from the previous year, most players and their parents didn't have high hopes for a successful season. But they proved themselves wrong.

"It was so exciting because a lot of people didn't have high expectations," said Jantsch. "It was a good feeling to know that we made it [to District Championships]."

There were many changes taken into account that prompted the athletes to improve as a whole team. One such change was learning not to count solely on one player.

"I think that they really learned to play together and not be dependent on any one person," said Wilson.

For Jantsch it was about the vigor that the new head coach brought with him.

"This year Coach Wilson brought in new energy and excitement," Jantsch said. "He was really supportive and his main focus was to make the team better."

Junior Eli Medina believed that the focus of their practices concentrated on playing a "com-

pletely different game."

"We did a lot of new drills," she said. "Wilson focused on conditioning and keeping us in shape. He taught us that defense wins the game and that offense will just come."

The most thrilling part of the season for many of the team members was winning those couple games at the buzzer.

"We beat Lawrence High School and Sion on last second shots at home," said Wilson. "That was pretty exciting."

However, these exciting games weren't necessarily always the players favorite games.

"Probably the Olathe East game," said Medina. "We had just gotten in a slump and nobody thought we could win and we kind of proved ourselves for the first time by beating an incredible team."

Jantsch had different feelings.

"The Sion game," Jantsch said. "Because it was my last home game at STA, and we won the game at the buzzer."

The feeling of winning a game was described in a number of ways, and sometimes was indescribable.

"It's good to know how much effort we took to beat [the opponent]," said Caitlin Aaron. "I don't really know how to describe it."

These fond memories of the 2003-2004 season will live on in the hearts of STA's Varsity basketball team players.



Park Hill	W 58-36
Center	W 53-43
Benton	L 53-59
Blue Springs South	L 47-63
Raytown South	L 31-36
Center	L 47-61
Olathe East	W 54-44
St. Joe Lafayette	L 51-54
Helias	W 63-60
Marshall	W 49-37
Warrensburg	W 51-16
Spring Hill	W 49-34
Park Hill	W 44-37
Fort Scott	L 47-59
Bonner Springs	W 46-33
Gardner-Edgerton	L 45-49
Olathe Northwest	W 56-16
Omaha Marian	L 49-57
Savannah	W 56-53
Aquinas	L 40-55
Lawrence	W 45-44
Lincoln Prep	W 60-47
O'Hara	W 38-33
Sion	W 50-49
Districts: Raytown	W 59-47
North Kansas City	W 55-40
Sion	L 53-67

SCHEDULE



▲ Senior Jenny Jantsch fights through a Sion trap during the Stars last home game.
 ▲ Junior Eli Medina drives past the Sion defender to the basket.

VARSITY BASKETBALL

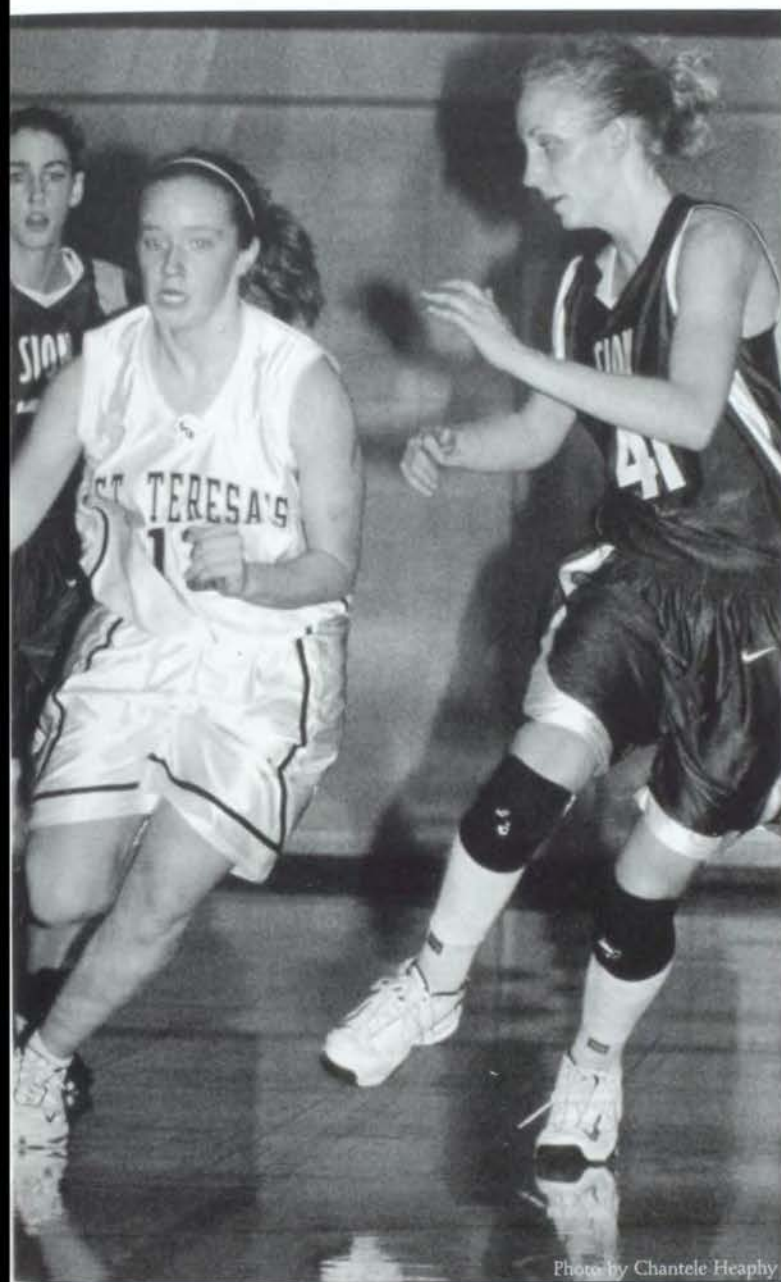


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HIGHLIGHTS

- Celine Dion
- Coach Crider's Party with catch phrase.
- No smart games
- Jenny's small practice jersey
- "I lost my tooth!"
- Our Father
- Eli's farm
- Prank calling
- Brandon and Anthony "Did you know that the 3 point line is shorter here?"
- "Alexandra meet Coach Fletcher"
- Beating Sion
- Coach Crider's favorite song
- "I love Vilson!"
- Buzzer shots

Senior Maureen Healy drives the ball past Sion Senior Rachel Seymore.



Photo by Chantele Heaphy

Senior Jenny Jantsch, from left, Juniors Rachel Wilson and Eli Medina and Freshman Alexandra Kurth celebrate a made basket during a District game.

Front row, from left: M. Healy, E. Sherman, J. Jantsch, S. Penalzoza. 2nd row: Coach P. Crider, A. Kurth, E. Welch, C. Aaron, R. Wilson, E. Medina, Coach R. Wilson.



Photo by Chantele Heaphy



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LORD HAVE MERCY

Story by Amen Iyamu // Design by Jenny Jantsch

During a soccer game, many teams hope to play well enough to end early because of the ten-point mercy rule. The rule ends the game at any point in the second half if one team has a ten point lead over their opponents.

Referees ended one game early for the JV soccer team because of the 10-point mercy rule against O'Hara. They defeated five other teams by five goals or more.

Like other seasons, the Stars were victorious with a record of 16-3, only losing to two teams.

"This year we played to defeat our opponents," said Freshman Jessie Kramer. "We also played to not wear those yellow shorts."

At the game following a JV loss, yellow, nylon shorts were the required uniform as punishment for the girls.

"It was really rough and chapping, not to mention terribly ugly," said Junior Suzanne Russell of the uniforms. "The shorts were honestly the worst thing ever."

This requirement pushed the Stars to play their best. They only experienced the "yellow shorts" three times.

After losing their first two games, the desire to win became a goal for the JV team.

"When we lost our first couple of games, we realized that we needed to stop playing around and play together," said Junior Claire Gude. "To win we had to act as one team."

With four juniors, five sophomores and

eight freshmen, the JV team learned to play together and overcome the differences of ages.

"This year was different for me," Russell said. "This was the first time I was the oldest and not one of the younger players."

As the season went on, ages lost meaning and the Stars continued to grow stronger on the field.

The "C" team also had a winning season. This team had many younger players and gave more people an opportunity to play.

The group proved themselves by earning a better record than the team before them. The Stars finished with a record of 9-4-1, compared to the previous year's record of 8-2-3.

At the Shawnee Mission East tournament, the team won first place without allowing any opponents to score.

"The East tournament games were our best of the whole season," said Freshmen Mallory Finn. "We played well and had a lot of fun."

Before they started winning, many people doubted the success of the "C" team.

"A lot of people were surprised that we were winning," said Freshman Leia Darden. "People didn't believe we were going to be as good as we were, but we proved them wrong."

Knowing others' predictions motivated the "C" team to play to their best ability with an up-beat attitude.

"We had a lot of spirit, which made the team really fun" said Freshman Maggie Burke.

Junior Varsity

Olathe South	L	1-2
Miege	W	2-0
Aquinas	L	1-6
Notre Dame de Sion	W	2-1
Pembroke Hill	W	9-0
Aquinas	L	0-4
Columbia Hickman	W	3-2
Maryville	W	7-0
Blue Springs South	W	5-0
Blue Valley West	W	4-2
O'Hara	W	10-0
St. Charles West	W	6-0
Mary Institute CD	W	2-0
Pembroke Hill	W	7-0
Blue Springs	W	2-0

C Team

Olathe South	L	1-2
Miege	W	2-0
Shawnee Mission East	W	1-0
Aquinas	L	0-1
Park Hill	W	4-0
Liberty	W	1-0
Lee's Summit	L	1-2
Maryville	W	9-0
Lee's Summit	T	0-0
Aquinas	L	0-7
Shawnee Mission East Tournament	1st	
Liberty	W	4-0



▲ Junior Kelly Connor clears the ball during the JV Pembroke Hill game.

▶ Front row, from left: K. Calhoun, L. Yanes, J. Reid, C. Fuerst, A. Edsall. 2nd Row: B. Lee, A. Navarre, M. Franke, B. Alyward, K. Nelson. 3rd Row: Coach J. Watermann, C. Madden, A. Trouba, A. LaPointe, L. Darden, M. Finn, M. Burke.



JUNIOR VARSITY AND "C" TEAM SOCCER

HIGHLIGHTS

- We Pass on Grass
- Claire scoring goals
- Maryville
- Coach Kate
- Blount's baby
- Bridget's Syndromes
- Suzanna & Abby's Ab workout
- Worlds of Fun
- Chase in St. Louie
- Amanda Trouba's goal
- East Tournament
- Leia making a header
- Still in the locker room
- Att-ah-tude
- Run Up Killer Heel
- 3 down, 12 to go
- More More More



Photo by Lara Swarts

Junior Suzanne Russell defends a Pembroke forward



Photo by Lara Swarts

Sophomore Caitlin Madden runs down the field in an attempt to score against Pembroke Hill.

Front row, from left: K. Clayton, A. Sosinski, R. Neenan, S. Gramlich. 2nd row: K. Connor, M. Huber, K. LaTerza, J. Kramer, A. Russell. 3rd row: Coach M. Blount, C. Gude, B. Dougherty, S. Russell, C. Rebeck, J. Hixon.



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TEAM ADAPTS TO CHANGE

Story by Merritt Lee // Design by Jenny Jantsch

The soccer Stars kicked it in full gear from the beginning of the season until the very end. They knew the season would require hard work and dedication because they lost ten seniors from the previous year.

"We had a great year especially after losing all the seniors," said Junior Jessie Holbrook. "We adjusted well and played as a team."

With ten seniors gone the team took in four new freshmen, including Lauren Fowlkes, Michelle Jantsch, Alexandra Kurth and Alison Raybould.

"With five new teammates it was difficult in the beginning," said Senior Maddie Kramer. "Everyone came together in the end and we played like we really knew each other well."

Even though the team changed, everyone knew her role on the field.

"The freshmen contributed a lot to the team," said Holbrook. "They hustled all season and gave it all they had in every game."

The team's hard work and unity showed at their 2-0 defeat over MICDS.

"It was an awesome game because they were undefeated," said Junior Katie Kelly. "It was cool to know that we were the only team that could beat them."

Seniors Sarah Kitts, GERALYN Pedicino and Allison Wilkerson chose to continue their soccer careers in college.

Kitts signed with University of Tulsa in Oklahoma.

"Sarah is a good leader for the team," said Holbrook. "I know that a lot of younger girls look up to her and she did a good job leading the team."

Pedicino signed with United States Military Academy at West Point. She has been playing soccer for most of her life and is dedicated to the sport.

"Geri is such a good hustler," said Holbrook. "She knows what she wants and she will do what it takes to get it."

Wilkerson signed with Lewis University, just outside Chicago. The team always looked up to her for encouragement.

"Allison has a positive attitude no matter what," said Holbrook. "She also makes really good decisions on the field."

The Stars took on Sion in the District Final. They fought hard, but were defeated 1-0. This was the first time in ten years the team did not make it to sectionals.

"It was hard to let it go because it was the first time in so long," said Kelly. "Also, losing to Sion made it worse."

At the end of the season the Stars looked past the loss and thought the season was a success.

"[The District Final] was a really hard loss for the team," said Kramer. "But we made it through and moved on. Overall, I think the season was good. It was sad when we lost to Sion, but as a whole we had a lot of fun."



Olathe South	W	3-2
Miege	L	1-3
Blue Valley North	W	4-1
Lee's Summit North	W	3-2
Aquinas	L	1-0
Hazelwood Central	T	1-1
Sion	W	4-2
Pembroke	W	7-0
Barrington, Illinois	W	4-3 (OT)
Jenks, Oklahoma	W	2-1
Aquinas	L	2-0
Columbia Hickman	W	2-0
Sion	W	1-0
Blue Springs South	W	4-0
Blue Valley West	W	2-0
O'Hara	W	6-3
St. Charles West	L	1-2
MICDS	W	2-0
Pembroke	W	9-1
Blue Springs	T	3-3
Raytown	W	8-0
Sion	L	0-1



▲ Freshman Michelle Jantsch launches the ball past a Sion defender in an attempt to score a goal during the District Final on May 20.

▶ Freshman Alexandra Kurth sprints to block the ball after a Sion player passed it up the field.



Photo by Kylie Scovell

HIGHLIGHTS

- Emily: Blue Springs Rumble
- Megan: Hell no!
- Jessie: Pink armband
- Geri: Hotdogs
- Ali: Ear warmer
- Mo: GO HOME!
- Riki: Team cheerleader
- Lauren: Taking down Sie gel
- Katie: Jessie
- Michelle: Boot it!
- Alexandra: Somersaults
- Ashley: St. Louis Trip
- Sarah: I need someone big and scary!
- Jenny: It feels good to be a gangsta!
- Maddie: Shaniqua
- Allison: Chunk of foam
- Alex: Whole pizzas in St. Louis

Senior Geri Pedicino gets tangled as she works to control the ball.



Photo by Kylie Scovell

Senior Sarah Kitts defends the goal from Sion players and kicks the ball upfield.

Front row, from left: G. Pedicino, M. Healy, J. Jantsch, S. Kitts, M. Kramer, A. Wilkerson; Second row: Coach S. Siegel, A. Benben, K. Kelly, A. Devine, A. Kurth, J. Holbrook, A. Hercules, Coach J. Watermann; Third row: Emily Welch, M. Jantsch, A. Raybould, L. Fowlkes, R. Allen, K. LaTerza



Photo by Kylie Scovell



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LEAPING TO NEW LENGTHS

Story by Lauren Befort // Design by Jenny Jantsch

Like every year, the STA track team filled a roster with countless girls ready to work hard and compete. From sprinting, to distance running, to field events, the Stars had a season filled with success stories.

The triple jump competition was one highlight for the 2004 Track season. The triple jump record was not broken once, but three times. Junior Tyler Yarbrough and Sophomore Kate Harbin leapt their way into STA history when both athletes broke the 1998 record of 32 feet 3 inches previously held by Shea Stark.

Yarbrough broke the record first with a jump of 32 feet seven inches, and then Harbin replaced that new record with her own jump of 33 feet one inch. Finally, at the District meet at Lee's Summit High School, Yarbrough wrapped up the title as the triple jump record holder with her leap of 35 feet, also earning a spot to compete at the Sectional meet.

With so many differing events, girls had to practice with others who competed in similar events. Girls split up daily for practice. They divided into sprinters, middle distance, distance, throwers and jumpers who traveled to UMKC, Paul Robeson Middle School and the Prairie Village YMCA to train. All squads had their own workouts which helped prepare them for competition.

"We have workouts for all athletes, maybe even numerous workouts just for one practice," said Coach Anne Bode-Rodriguez.

Even though the individual groups of athletes spent most of their time together, the team was always able to interact well.

"The bus rides really helped us bond," said Junior Brandi Kerens.

The Stars also celebrated their season with a huge fiesta at school. The fiesta was a team-building activity where athletes, coaches and managers ate Mexican food and shared highlights and memories of the season.

"The fiesta was really fun because a lot of us attended and we were able to relax and have a good time," said Sophomore Laura Quaison.

The track team also held after school study halls before practicing at UMKC since they could not use the facility until late afternoon, giving the girls an early jump on their homework.

Over 50 athletes and managers participated in track and field. Twenty athletes gained the opportunity to compete in the District meet at Lee's Summit High School. Out of the 20 participants, seven girls qualified for the Sectional meet.

"The most exciting part of the track season was our 4 X 800 meter relay team at districts because they qualified for Sectionals with an amazing time," said Coach Karen Moran.

Both girls and coaches said they all looked forward to returning athletes, improving times, posting personal records and producing another successful season.



Ruskin Meet	Yarbrough set triple jump record
Liberty Meet	
Wyandotte Meet	2nd place team finish
Turner Meet	Weight relay set new school record
Miege Meet	1st place Normile; Bridget Moran
Blue Springs South Meet	3rd place 1600 meter medley relay
O'Hara Meet	1st place team finish third year in a row
Lee's Summit Meet	
Aquinas Meet	
Piper Meet	1st place team finish
St. Joe Benton Meet	1st place 4 x 800 meter relay
	1st place 4 x 100 meter relay
District Meet	4 x 800 meter relay qualified
	Schuler qualified in 800 meter run
	Yarbrough qualified in Triple Jump
Sectional Meet	Five athletes competed



▲ Junior Tyler Yarbrough warms up for the triple jump at the district track meet.

▲ Junior Sara Penalosa supports her team mate, Junior Merrit Lee, after a exhausting race.

TRACK AND FIELD



Photo by Lake Kenosha

HIGHLIGHTS

- The fights for the triple-jump record
- Merritt saying "these are sooo easy!" about abs
- Oghosa getting depantsed
- Bonding with the distance cult
- Krystol and Rasheedat wrestling
- Tyler falling over the hurdle
- Honey O's
- Bode's hot and spicy twins
- UMKC practices
- Fiesta
- Track nicknames

◀ Junior Sara Penalosa gives her relay team a pep talk before their race.



Photo by Merritt Lee

▲ Sophomore Trenisha Ford throws the discus at the District meet.



Photo by Katib...



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◀ Front row, from left: D. Jantsch, A. Horn, K. Griffin, R. Yahaya. 2nd row: J. Finley, O. Nast, K. Kennaley, K. Abella, A. Garozzo, K. Pointer, M. Hanger, S. Penalosa, S. Sheffield, M. Lynch, Coach K. Moran, 3rd Row: Coach A. Bode, J. Navarre, M. Smith, K. Metzger, D. Spears, M. Stoops, K. Williams, T. Yarbrough, M. Taylor. 4th row: D. Harris, B. Kerens, M.J. Schrader, O. Iyamu, A. Morrall, M. McKenny, B. McKenny, L. Quaison, J. Summers. 5th row: Coach M. Yulich, K. Harbin, A. Bojarski-Stauffer, M. Lee, L. Herring, M. McGill, J. Counts, A. Farkas, A. Crumpton. 6th row: J. Finley, J. Mack, A. Bryant, J. Froe, J. Lindsey, B. Gentry, B. Moran, Coach R. Albert.

STARS MAKE BIG WAVES

Story by Kathleen Heermann // Design by Jenny Jantsch

True to form, the 2004 STA swim and dive team concluded a season filled with talent, success and close friendships.

"This season was the best season of any sport I've ever played at STA," said Junior Maggie Mullane.

With five swimmers and one diver qualifying for State competitions, the season was marked for success.

"Qualifying for State was so awesome," commented Mullane.

The freshman class proved to be an important part of the team. Out of the five swimmers that competed at the State level, two were freshmen.

"Going to State was a great way to get to know each other," said Freshman Abby Fagan. "We all took the competition really well and we stepped up to the plate when we had to."

The swim team finished the season with a winning record. Sophomore diver Katie Adair finished with mostly wins in all her competitions.

At State events in St. Louis, the swimming team's medley relay placed 23rd. The team also qualified in a freestyle relay, which placed 25th at the State championships.

In light of all this success, changes were made in the 2004 season compared to the previous year.

At the top of this list were the changes made to the practices. Switching practices

from 5 a.m. at Dale's Aquatic Center in Lenexa to 7:45 p.m. at Shawnee Mission East High School allowed for a larger team, as more students were willing to commit. In the end, the team ended up going from 14 members in 2003 to about 40 members in 2004.

Other modifications included the method in which the teammates strengthened their team unity and close friendships.

"Our team was a lot more unified this year," commented Sophomore Laura Strickland. "We had parties and we even had a barbecue at the end of the season to celebrate."

Also this past season, swimmers and divers were able to coordinate their practices so that they could practice at the same time and place. This arrangement allowed the swimmers and divers to interact with one another more.

Not only were swimmers and divers practicing together, but there were a total of five divers compared to only one the previous year.

"Diving practices were a lot more exciting with more divers," said Adair. "It felt more like a team with more people and it was way better than practicing by myself."

Both swimmers and divers agreed that the team's accomplishments combined with the many fond memories added up to a truly successful season.

"Everyone really put forth their best effort," said Strickland. "It was a fabulous season."



Photo by Chantele Heaphy

▲ Sophomore Clare Morris swims the backstroke.

▶ Senior Brittany Cummings, from left, Junior Maggie Mullane, Freshman Hilary Fracassa, and Sophomore Lisa Peterson embrace after qualifying for state.

SCHEDULE

Shawnee Mission East	2nd place
Shawnee Mission North	2nd place
Blue Springs South	7th place
Center	1st place
Park Hill	8th place
Washington	2nd place
Mo/Kan Invitational	12th place
Center	1st place
Blue Valley West	3rd place
Sedalia Smith Cotton	1st place
Private Schools	3rd place
Independent League	3rd place
State Events	23rd in medley relay 25th in freestyle relay

SWIMMING AND DIVING

HIGHLIGHTS

- Qualifying for State
- Swim team forest
- Rally Monkeys
- De-pantsing Jenna
- Brittany's "dedication"
- Indecent exposure of Maggie
- Cell phones
- Carolyn's false start
- Katie's fingers
- Sedalia jokes (Allie)
- Hilary's life story
- Storytime at State
- You're beautiful
- The detour to St. Louis
- Superhero shirts
- Maddie's diving
- Swim buddies



Photo by Chantele Heaphy

▲ Freshman Hillary Fracassa, from left, Sophomore Lisa Peterson, and Freshman Abby Fagan watch the clock as Sophomore Bridget Kelly comes in on her final lap.



Photo by Molly Hough

▲ Freshman Abby Fagan dives into the water



Photo by Chantele Heaphy



Photo by Molly Hough

▲ Front row, from left: B. Cummings, A. Smith, J. Vogel. 2nd row: C. Wiedeman, M. Rhodes, L. Peterson, A. Fagan, T. Haden, L. Strickland, C. Morris. 3rd Row: C. Wilson, K. Medina, N. Martin, L. Swarts, S. Baker, C. Williams, K. Crandall. 4th Row: Coach S. O'Rear, K. Adair, M. Rogers, H. Fracassa, S. Murphy, M. Mullane, M. Snyder, B. Kelly.

GIRLS DANCE TO AWARDS

Story by Kathleen Hudnall // Design by Jenny Jantsch

With the addition of new coaches Megan Savage and Laura Eilers, the STA Dance Team adapted many changes. From the change of name to participation in competitions, the girls found themselves in a whole new atmosphere.

One noticeable difference was the new name, STA Dance Team. Though there are many names for spirit squads, dance team most accurately describes the team's focus.

"The coaches wanted it to be more dance oriented; drill team is normally marching," said Senior Dance Team Captain Amber Hix when asked about the name change.

Another major change was the practices. Dedicated team members now practice before and after school to prepare for games and competitions. Practices were much more intense and difficult than in prior years. "The coaches stressed dance techniques at practice. That has made us become better dancers," said Senior Dance Team Captain Amber Hix.

These more intense practices have created a more unified team.

"The women of the STA Dance Team have so much maturity and discipline, and they know how to come together for common goals," said Coach Laura Eilers.

Although neither Savage nor Eilers have officially coached a dance team before, they have had many years of dance experience. Some of this experience includes being selected as Chiefs Cheerleaders as well as head

dance instructors for the Universal Dance Association, the top camp company for high school and college dance teams. Relying on the coaches' dance experience, the girls have learned many new routines.

In previous years, the students themselves choreographed the routines and dances. In 2003-4 the coaches used their dance experience to create new routines for STA. A professional choreographer was even brought in by the coaches to assist in the dances.

A big addition to the dance team program was participation in dance competitions. This new aspect to the dance team resulted in a more serious approach to their sport. With the knowledge that every detail of their performance was judged, the girls quickly learned that there was no room for error.

"The competitions are a chance for the girls to reward themselves," said Coach Megan Savage. "They get to see the results of their hard work."

Competition at the 2003 Yvonne Cole Invitational in St. Louis earned the team second place in 2A Dance and fifth place in the 2A Pom. The team also competed in the 2004 Kansas Spectacular in Olathe where they were honored with Best Overall Presentation and a Judges' Award for Jazz Routine. Team members Amber Hix and Jennifer Koelsch were named first runner up in Small Team Duet.



Yvonne Cole Invitational

• 2nd Place in Dance

• 5th Place in Pom

Kansas Spectacular

• Best Overall Presentation

• Judge's Award for Jazz Routine

Small Group Awards:

Amber Hix and Jenifer Koelsch

• Small Team Duet First Runner-up



Photo by Maurzen Healy

▲ Freshman K. Hansen, from left, sophomores Emylie Leonard and Katie Metzger, and senior Erin Fitzgerald dance during half time of the Rockhurst High School football game.

▶ Sophomore Katie Metzger leads the dance at the Kansas Spectacular.

DANCE TEAM



Photo by Maureen Healy

HIGHLIGHTS

- Competitions (Placing 2nd in Dance and 5th in Pom)
- St. Louis-Road Trip
- Camp
- Sleepovers
- Performing at the Sion game
- Joe's Crab Shack
- Camp Amber
- Savvy
- Performing at the Rockhurst game
- Tights
- Butchy
- Emporia
- Injured list at camp
- E.T.

◀ Junior Jennifer Koelsch dances during half-time of a sporting event.



Photo by Maureen Healy

▲ The Dance Team performs at the Kansas Spectacular at Olathe East High School. Team team earned best overall presentation.

◀ Front row, from left: J. Cotter, A. Hix, E. Fitzgerald, C. Corcoran. 2nd row: J. Dahmer, J. Koelsch, K. Metzger, A. Fiss. 3rd row: A. Fagan, E. Leonard, S. Tampke. 4th row: A. Edsall, L. Goede, A. Noonan, K. Hansen, K. Cofran.



Photo by Maureen Healy



SPORTS FEATURE



Photo by Monica Welsh

▲ Varsity basketball stars Sophomore Caitlin Aaron, from left, and Juniors Eli Medina, Sara Penaloza and Rachel Wilson bond in the stands before their game.

“The Sion game is the most exciting game of the year. The rivalry makes the win so much more enjoyable.”

Rachel Wilson '05



Photo by Monica Welsh

▲ Freshman Charmaine Willis, from left, Junior Allie Brown and Senior Elizabeth Sherman devour pans of whipped cream in the relay at the prep rally.



Spirit Week

Spirit Club pumps up the school for the STA/Sion basketball game

Story by Monica Welsh // Design by Jenny Jantsch

'Twas the spirit week of 2004, all the Stars were excited, including those on the gym floor. The posters were hung in Goppert with care, in anxiety that the Storm soon would be there. The girls were all donned in their black and gold, while stories of past victories were being told.

Many people do not realize how huge the rivalry between STA and Sion is, except for those who are directly involved. The entire week leading up to the Friday night basketball game is dedicated to school spirit and preparing for the game.

Every year the spirit club creates a spirit week to get the school excited about the game and this year was no different. They came up with ideas for different theme days for the entire school to participate in.

Intense anxiety flows through the school in the days preceding the game. Everyone gets excited for the game especially the basketball players.

"The Sion game is the most exciting game of the year," said Junior Rachel Wilson. The rivalry makes the win so much more enjoyable."

Each student or faculty member found different ways to get ready for the game, whether it be helping others get excited or buying new gear to wear at the game.

"I go around and ask everyone if they are going to the game, and if they are not I try and convince them to go, especially the freshmen," said Sophomore Maggie Euston.

The week culminated in a pep rally to end the day on Friday. At the pep rally the student body learned new cheers and some students participated in a relay between students, choir members, and basketball team members.

That night the Stars participated in one of the most exciting STA vs. Sion games in history. The crowd was huge and you could feel the bleachers moving when the game neared the end. The cheers were loud and the student body screamed at the top of their lungs to deter Sion from making their shots. When the winning basket finally went through the crowd stormed the court.

"I was really excited when the crowd came down, until I was trampled and feared for my life," said Wilson.

Anyone who attended the game should now realize how intense this rivalry really is. A win against Sion brightened the whole weekend for lots of STA girls and made their nights worthwhile.

"The win made that night and the whole weekend so much more fun," said Euston.

Happy spirit week to all, and to all a good game.



Photo by Mike Scovell

Seniors Carrie Gabhart and Stephanie Cashen dress in their black and gold to support the stars.



Monica Welsh

The STA student body throws their hands in the air for their Stars.

Academic





Photo by Kathleen Heerman

Freshmen Katie Williams, left, and Rebecca Ridge watch with amazement as their Physical Science experiment emits a cloud of smoke. Beginning freshman year, St. Teresa's prepared girls for the demanding college workload. Students were able to choose from over 115 courses, ranging from Calculus and Chemistry to Foreign Language, Graphic Design and Theater. With the modular scheduling, each day was different. Classes rotated to meet at different times during the week. This break from routine granted girls the opportunity to meet more students, while at the same time keeping class sizes small. The scheduling promoted and encouraged student responsibility. St. Teresa's girls entered college with experience in time management and self-direction.



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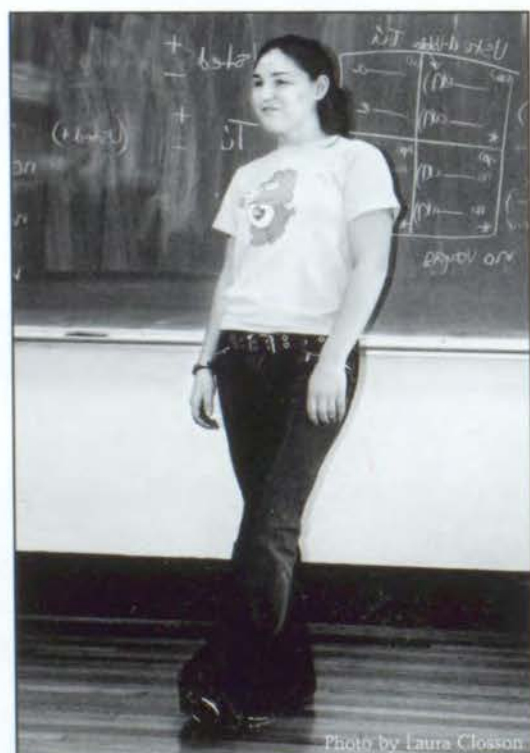


Photo by Laura Closson

Senior Kayleigh Gamble tap dances in her black tap shoes as she gives a presentation on "zapateado" in ACCP Spanish V.

In the classroom of an AP course the students were likely to be discussing anything from President William McKinley and thermodynamics to Fredric Douglas's life and chemistry equations.

"AP" stands for Advanced Placement, in which students are given the opportunity to take college level courses and can choose whether or not to take the AP exam at the end of the school year. By taking the exam and receiving a three or better on a nine point scale could earn a student college credit.

Although there are requirements for being in an AP course, the AP exam is offered to anyone, including those not enrolled in an AP course.

The classes containing approximately six to 40 students had been around for the past 20 years. Generally, the courses differed in a number of ways. For example, some teachers' main focus was on preparing the students for the AP exam while other teachers were concerned with mastering the skills students would use later in life.

"The reality is 20 years from now, you're going to forget [all the facts]," said History teacher Mr. Craig Whitney. "But the critical skills will just carry on throughout your life."

Physics teacher Ms. Jessie Thompson believed there was an upside and a downside to learning the skills in an AP high school course and receiving the college hours.

"Getting college credits out of the way would make things easier, but the downside is that college courses are taught differently and the professors have specific expectations," said Thompson.

The students' motivations and the teachers' philosophy on the class lied parallel to one another. Most students agreed that they took the class to be prepared for the AP exam, to gain the critical skills and to acquire a challenge. Most teachers prepared their students with actual



Photo by Laura Closson

Seniors, from left, Kelly Shuss, Jane Kaufman, and Sarah Kitts go over their ACCP College Composition papers together.

Senior Megan O'Donnell takes notes as she listens to a class lecture by Ms. Jessie Thompson in AP Physics.



Photo by Laura Closson

Mr. Craig Whitney observes and takes notes on a presidential playoff between juniors during an Honors American History class.

NG AP

Story by Laura Closson // Design by Kayleigh Gamble

AP test questions, in depth reading and high expectations.

"[The course] requires reading on a college level," said ACCP College Composition teacher Ms. Pat Dunlay. "Eight papers a semester, a great deal of research and we do everything at a college level. There's a certain expectation of skill level."

According to AP American Literature teacher Mr. Mark Fudenberg, the difference between an AP and a general course is that the type of discussion is "less superficial."

"A huge emphasis is on the attentiveness to language and on the depth and complexity of analysis to literature or what we're reading," said Fudenberg.

Students believed the atmosphere to be relaxed and discussion based.

"It's laid back, not too stressful, a lot of reading, but a lot of interactive 'stuff' to help learn the material," said Junior Andrea Dater of AP American Literature.

Some, on the other hand, believed AP courses were stressful.

"It's really serious," said Senior Emily King of College Composition. "We do a lot of discussion and a lot of in-class essays and quizzes."

The goals of the students and teachers were comparable.

"My main goal is for the students to feel that they're the leaders of their college course," said Chemistry teacher Ms. Kjersten Metzler.

Many of the students' goals consisted of retaining the skills and knowledge, scoring well on the AP exam and mastering the course they were taking.

"Being able to communicate effectively and eloquently," said King as one of her goals. "Basically finding a foundation for college because communication is necessary in every profession you pursue in life."

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-Junior Andrea Dater on AP Literature



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-Ms. Jessie Thompson, AP Physics



"Depending on the score from the AP exam, it can be cheaper to take an \$82 AP class in high school that's equivalent to a three hour college course."
-Ms. Steph Hart, College Counselor

ENGLISH

Philosophy remains despite new location



Story by Katie Alley // Design by Kayleigh Gamble

"Education is not the filling of a pail but the lighting of a fire" – William Butler Yeats

For many teachers in the English department, this quotation was their philosophy on teaching. They saw students and classrooms come and go but their philosophy remained consistent.

"I don't believe education should be where students are sponges just absorbing information," said Ms. Katie Dolan. "They should be provided with diverse ideas, thoughts and facts allowing them to chose various ways to process and apply what they already know and have learned."

The students agreed that teachers made this philosophy come true in their classrooms.

"[Literature] makes you think critically," said Junior Colleen VanBuskirk. "There is no set formula on how it should be done, so you have to analyze and think about every idea."

Literature, as well as writing, allowed the freedom to imagine, think and develop the meanings to every book or paper.

"Each student needs a different approach to

expressing themselves and there is no one way to teach that," said Mr. Eric Thomas.

This year, all English department teachers except for Thomas moved to the third floor of M&A.

The reconstruction of the third floor added more classrooms, thus creating smaller rooms.

Some teachers didn't notice the change in size while others did.

"The smaller room makes it a little tighter of a squeeze, but it hasn't effected my teaching," said Mr. Mark Fudemberg.

Beginning the previous year, Fudemberg started to show episodes of "American Dreams" during activity period. This tradition continued this year even with the change of classrooms.

"The new classroom has only made my Monday activity period 'American Dreams' parties more crowded," said Fudemberg.

The same teachers with the same philosophies ensured that this year would be a good year for the English department even if there was an extra set of stairs to climb.



Photo by Anna Beckett



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▲ Ms. Pat Dunlay educates the sophomores in her World Literature class.

◀ Juniors Katie Kelly, from left, Rose Dillon and Patsy O'Connor pretend to be the administration during a reenactment of the Salem Witch Trials in Ms. Katie Dolan's American Literature class.



Katie Dolan

Classes: American Literature, English I
Also Known As: Dolan, K-Dawg, K Dub, KD
Pet Peeves: Having a shopping cart hit my Achilles tendon
Best Chuckle: Emily Riesmeyer & Carrie Gahart in any free, "LongSlav," Annie Haden is tan



Mark Fudemberg

Classes: Honors American Literature, English I
Also Known As: Fud
Pet Peeves: Thoughtlessly rude people
Best Chuckle: Watching students watch American Dreams in my room every week during Activity



Pat Dunlay

Classes: British Literature, College Composition, Contemporary Literature, World Literature
Also Known As: Dunlay
Pet Peeves: Procrastinators, lateness
Best Chuckle: My daughter's dog as the ring bearer in her wedding in a full tux.



Eric Thomas

Classes: Newspaper, Journalism, Writing, Yearbook
Also Known As: Toe-mas, Enrique
Pet Peeves: Not stapling papers, passive voice
Best Chuckle: My desk getting T-Peed by seniors last year



Megan Filipowicz

Classes: Accelerated English I, American Literature, Writing
Also Known As: Flip
Pet Peeves: Close talkers and cheetos
Best Chuckle: Anything Will Ferrell says or does: see "Elf!"

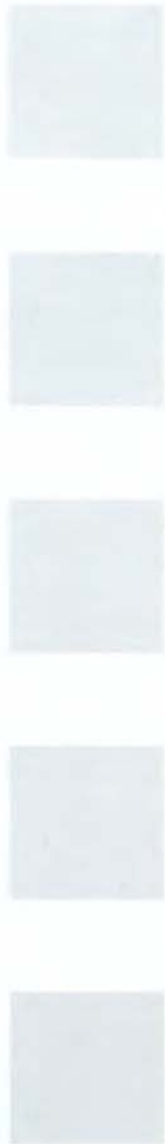


Wanda VanLeeuwen

Classes: Drama & Poetry, Honors World Literature, Shakespeare, World Literature
Also Known As: Ms. V, Lu
Pet Peeves: Apostrophe errors on billboards
Best Chuckle: Anytime I can relate the Beatles or a Star Trek episode to World Literature

MATH

Girls adapt to changes in curriculum



Story by Merritt Lee // Design by Annie Haden

From teaching styles to classroom atmosphere, the Math Department made several changes for the students and the teachers.

For more of a variety, some teachers exchanged classes. Mr. Rich Wilson handed Ms. Diana Blessen two of his Geometry classes. In return, Blessen gave him two Essentials of Algebra classes.

"I like the variety better," Wilson commented. "It was very hard to teach four of the same classes in a row."

Teachers found ways to help students be more prepared for college courses. Every Friday, Dr. Jo Weller used short schedules as a college day for her Trigonometry classes.

"Most of the students I have in Trigonometry are seniors," explained Weller. "They need to be aware of what the courses are like."

In the classes, she described the differences between high school and college math courses.

"We talk about what math professors expect in college and what classes they might enjoy," explained Weller.

The Math Department continued to utilize computers in the classroom. The program used by geometry students, The Geometer's Sketchpad, allowed students to measure angles, change the sides and angles of triangles and use it in place of a compass or protractor.

"I think The Geometer's Sketchpad is much more hands on," explained Wilson. "It is more powerful than a compass and a protractor."

Wilson's Geometry classes were expected to use this program to complete a yearlong project. The project was a way of connecting geometry to real life. Using the computer program, the students were to build their own facility such as a stadium or amphitheater.

"The computers helped me get a visual idea of the shapes we talked about in class," explained Sophomore Morgan Wiley.

St. Teresa's Academy is open to innovations; the Math Department is no exception. Teachers and students alike appreciate these changes and consider them to be beneficial to the school's curriculum and learning environment.



Photo by Kathleen Hudnall



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▲ Freshman Mary Kate Bird concentrates while working on her math assignment in Dr. Joe's room.

◀ Junior Claire Gude, center, and Junior Laura Brewer work together on a challenging math problem in the MSRC, while Junior Michaela McKenny takes notes for her homework assignment.



Diana Blessen

Classes: Algebra I, Geometry

Quote Me: "Did you get it?" "Ok girls"

10 Years Ago: I was staying at home taking care of all my kids.



Dr. Jo Weller

Classes: Accelerated Algebra I, Honors Algebra II, Trigonometry/Analysis

Quote Me: "Learning is a life-long process. Lucky for me, I still have a few years left."

10 Years Ago: I was in graduate school and teaching at UMKC



Dr. Joe Grantham

Classes: Accelerated Algebra I, Honors Geometry, Selected Algebra II Topics

Quote Me: "It is never too late to be what you might have been."

10 Years Ago: Same thing; still actually running



Rich Wilson

Classes: Algebra I, Essentials of Algebra, Geometry

Quote Me: "Not to know is bad, not to want to know is worse."

10 Years Ago: I was teaching in North Carolina



Arlene Herson

Classes: Algebra II, Pre-Calculus

Pet Peeves: People who don't hold the door for those behind them

10 Years Ago: I was teaching at STA

SCIENCE

Variety heightens student interest

Story by Kelly Connor // Design by Maureen Healy

"Science is an imaginative adventure of the mind seeking truth in a world of mystery," said 1956 Nobel Prize winner Sir Cyril Herman Hinshelwood. Some students shared Hinshelwood's feelings. With technology advances and creative teaching, teachers enhanced student interest in the scientific world.

Ms. Mary Montag has experimented with different teaching methods, but she found the best approach was a variety of tactics.

"No two days are ever the same in my science classes," said Montag.

Her curriculum included lectures, group work, lab work and projects. The students found projects more entertaining than just the basics, and Montag liked that her students were having fun with science.

"Visual learning in science helps me understand the ideas," said Freshman Alyson Russell.

Ms. Jessie Thompson also took the hands-on approach to teaching her Physics classes.

"I get positive feedback from the girls when we do hands-on activities," said Thompson.

One activity that Honors Physics students completed was the red rocket lab. Students took their learning outside where they launched rockets to see how close they could come to a calculated distance.

"It was fun to get outside," said Junior Rachel Cook. "The red rocket lab was a great way to learn about projectiles."

Among other advancements in the science department were the wireless laptop computers. Ms. Renee Blake's students used the computers to help them stay organized.

"Sometimes Ms. Blake let us use the laptops to take notes during her lecture," said Junior Michaela McKenny. "It was easy because my notes were so organized."

Some students realized how science could be related to their everyday life.

"Cooking is chemistry; it's yummy science," said Junior Catie Turney. "I never thought I would compare science to food, but when a cookie is in the oven, it's undergoing a chemical change."

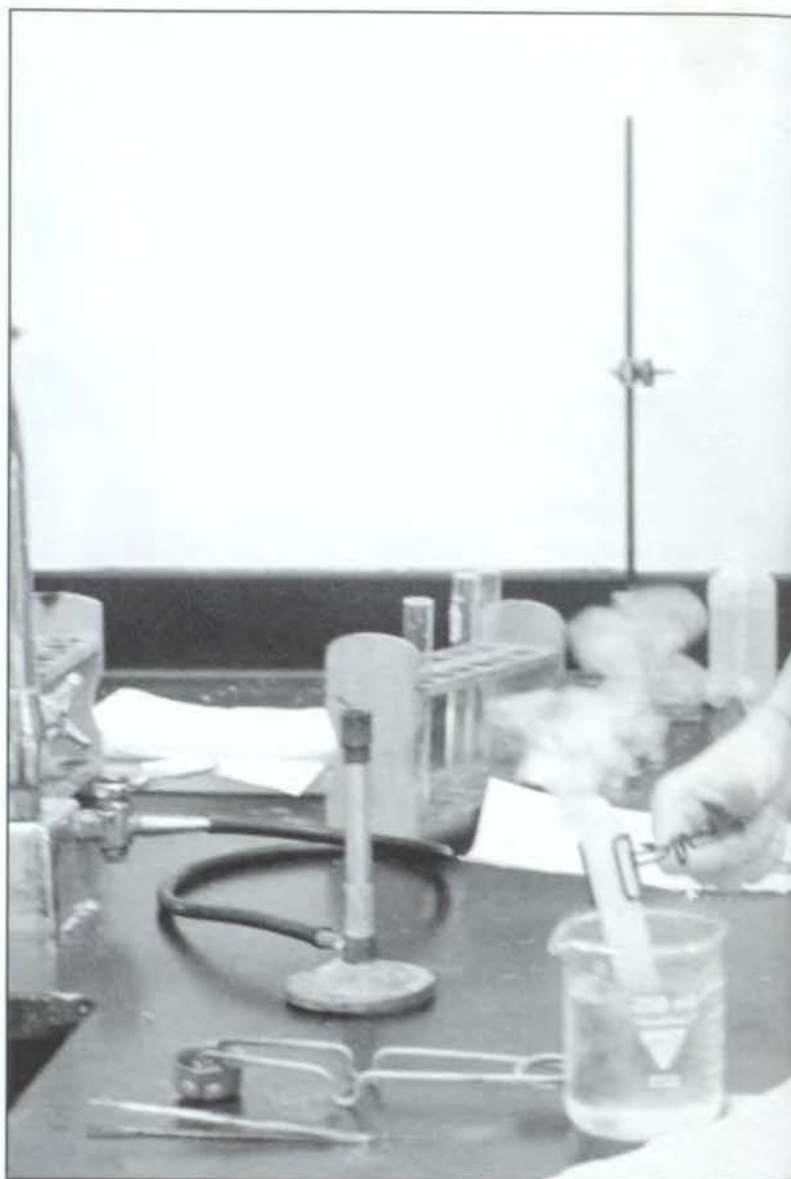




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▲ Sophomore Jessie Bukaty holds a match to a piece of popcorn in a lab for Honors Biology. Sophomore Mary Anna Henggeler types the results of the lab into the computer.

◀ Freshman Brigid Hohl's eyes get big as she steps back from the smokey results of an experiment she performed in her Physical Science class.



Renee Blake

Classes: Anatomy, Botany, Honors Biology
Pet Peeves: Sitting on lab tables, when students talk at the same time I talk
10 Years Ago: I was pregnant with Jennifer and coaching at STA



Michael Schroer

Classes: Biology, Ecology, Fundamentals of Chemistry
Pet Peeves: Students not working to the best of their ability
10 Years Ago: Teaching junior high in Raytown



Kjersten Metzler

Classes: AP Chemistry, General Chemistry, Honors Chemistry
Pet Peeves: Slow drivers, when students sleep during class
10 Years Ago: I was in college having fun



Jessie Thompson

Classes: AP Physics, General Physics, Honors Physics
Best Chuckle: I'm the only one who finds Physics jokes funny
10 Years Ago: I was starting my Master's in Science

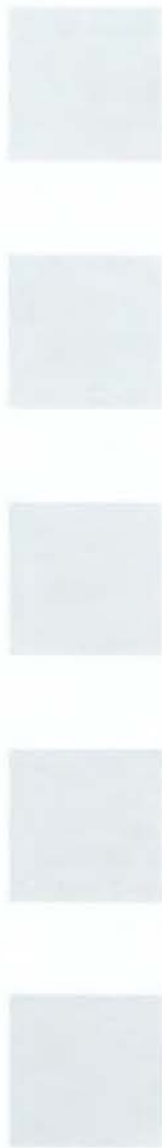


Mary Montag

Classes: Biology, Physical Science
Pet Peeves: Popping gum and writing on desks
10 Years Ago: I was living and working in San Francisco

HISTORY

Diverse teaching styles liven courses



Story by Chantele Heapy // Design by Maureen Healy

As you walk down the basement hallway of Donnelly you might hear the sporadic laughter coming from the Jeopardy! review game in Mrs. Denise Rueschhoff's room. Or you might catch a video clip in Mr. Pat Sirridge's class.

The school equipped the history department with new televisions, computer connections and overheads this year.

"We have a great Social Studies department," said Senior Emily Willets. "We make the most of our technology."

The Social Studies department allowed students to study many topics as they got older. The department offered 11 different classes to chose, ranging from Sociology to U.S. Government.

"It's good to have a variety," said Junior Mary Schless. "I think we offer more choices than most high schools."

The base of any department is the teachers.

"The teachers are very enthusiastic," said Junior Lauren Taylor.

Individual teachers are noted for their original, if not quirky behavior.

"Mr. Whitney danced in front of us during reviews saying, 'It's as easy as a dance!'" recalls Senior Ann Smith.

Ms. Sara Acton was well known for her group activities and her PowerPoint presentations.

"Her class is never the same," said Sophomore Marina Guerra. "I've never had a teacher like her before."

Teachers also tried their best to be on the same page as their students.

"I try to create some derivation in the way I run my class, for example splitting the class into groups for a project," said Sirridge. "I try to do a combination of different techniques to create a student related classroom."

A class hasn't been useful unless its lessons are retained and applied in some way to everyday life.

"I find that history repeats itself," said Willets. "So when I take a political office I'll know what not to do, because of history class." *

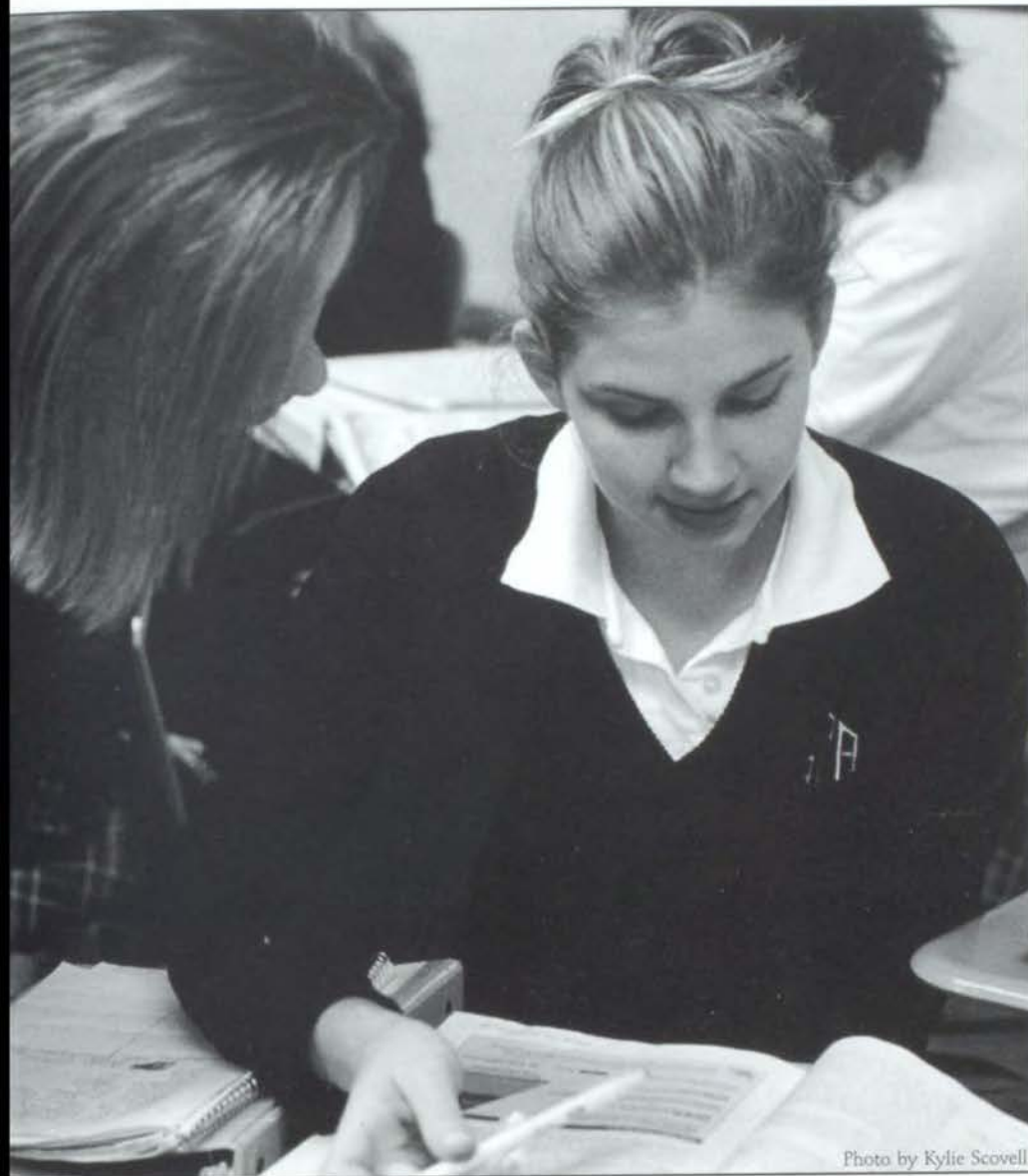


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▲ Freshmen Mary Beth Nulton, front, and Tracy Haden raise their hands in reply to Ms. Rueschhoff's question in Geography class.

◀ In World History class, Ms. Sara Acton uses her knowledge to explain the caste system practiced in India to Sophomore Abby Edsall.



Sara Acton

Classes: Honors World History, World History
Also Known As: Smackton, Smackdown
Quote Me: "Yeah buddy"
Best Chuckle: Coach Whitney's first day of coaching softball when he made two girls cry



Denise Rueschhoff

Classes: Geography, World History
Also Known As: Ruesch, Roo, Denise
Quote Me: "If you can't say anything nice, don't say anything at all."
Best Chuckle: When I mixed up a senior and a freshman who had the same name at conferences



Mike Egner

Classes: ACCP History
Also Known As: Coach
Quote Me: "It's not funny, haha. It's funny peculiar."
Best Chuckle: Watching Mr. Garvin body surf



Pat Sirridge

Classes: American History, Psychology, Sociology
Also Known As: Sear-dog
Quote Me: "It's never too late to start over."
Best Chuckle: I'm not a funny guy.



Jack Garvin

Classes: Economics, US Government
Also Known As: Garv, G-Funk, Mini-Me
Quote Me: "Friends, Romans, Countrymen..."
Best Chuckle: When I did my Arnold S. impersonation for Emily Bradford and she laughed so hard she couldn't breathe

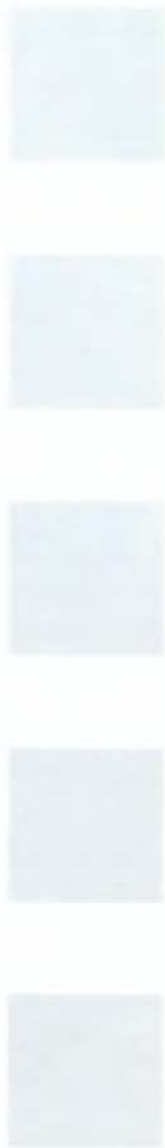


Craig Whitney

Classes: American History, Honors American History, America Since WWII, Current Events
Also Known As: Whitney, C-Dub, Craig
Quote Me: "Quiet, please."
Best Chuckle: Chasing two skateboarders out of the STA parking lot with one of my classes

LANGUAGES

Students capture other cultures



Story by Lauren Befort // Design by Annie Haden

On a typical day, Ms. Karen Moran and Ms. Lucila Bernal conversed in Spanish while students filed into class. The girls took their teacher's examples and applied them to everyday life.

Even though every girl at STA is required to take two years of a foreign language, many girls choose to exceed the minimum and took a language all four years.

"I like being able to communicate with my friends in a fun, new way," said Sophomore Clare Morris.

Foreign languages allowed students not only to learn how to speak and write in another language, but also taught them about the unique and different cultures of the countries speaking that language.

"I try to impart a love of the cultures that exist in the Spanish-speaking world," said Ms. Moran.

While many girls choose to take Spanish, others choose to go with French and Latin.

"Not many people take French so it's rare to find someone who speaks the language," said Sophomore Kelley Seitter.

Foreign language teachers tried to make learning a new language exciting and interesting by doing more than just using textbooks. Spanish I students created travel brochures for different Latin American countries while French students read children's stories and created restaurant menus.

A change to the foreign language department was the addition of the Spanish V class. While speaking Spanish the entire class, students learned how to salsa dance and prepared a typical dish from Argentina.

"With such a small class, it's easier to help the students learn," said Bernal.

An all-around goal of the foreign language department was to teach the students to orally communicate with another in their language.



▲ Ms. Lucila Bernal teaches her Spanish II class vocabulary while using the newspaper as a learning device.

◀ In Ms. Heather Macintosh's Spanish III class, Laura Muñoz, from left, Emily Welch and Tiger Connole read a children's spanish story about the mighty dragon.



Alice Amick

Classes: French IV

Pet Peeves: When Americans abroad fail to respect cultural differences

10 Years Ago: I was practicing law downtown

Best Chuckle: Detecting early signs of "senioritis" in my students



Heather Macintosh

Classes: Spanish I, III

Pet Peeves: When people are dishonest

10 Years Ago: I was in college at the University of Colorado

Best Chuckle: Riding the buses in foreign countries



Lucila Bernal

Classes: Spanish II, IV, V

Pet Peeves: People who are close-minded about new cultures and languages

10 Years Ago: I was in college in Mexico!

Best Chuckle: When students make up words in "Spanish" to communicate with me



Karen Moran

Classes: Spanish I, II

Pet Peeves: When people don't believe in themselves and people who are close-minded

10 Years Ago: I was a sophomore at STA

Best Chuckle: When people think I am still an STA student



Liliane Chagoyan

Classes: French I, III

Pet Peeves: When someone does something wrong and claims that it is never their fault

10 Years Ago: I was teaching

Best Chuckle: Anything funny and unexpected



Sandra Rowland

Classes: French II, Latin I, II, III

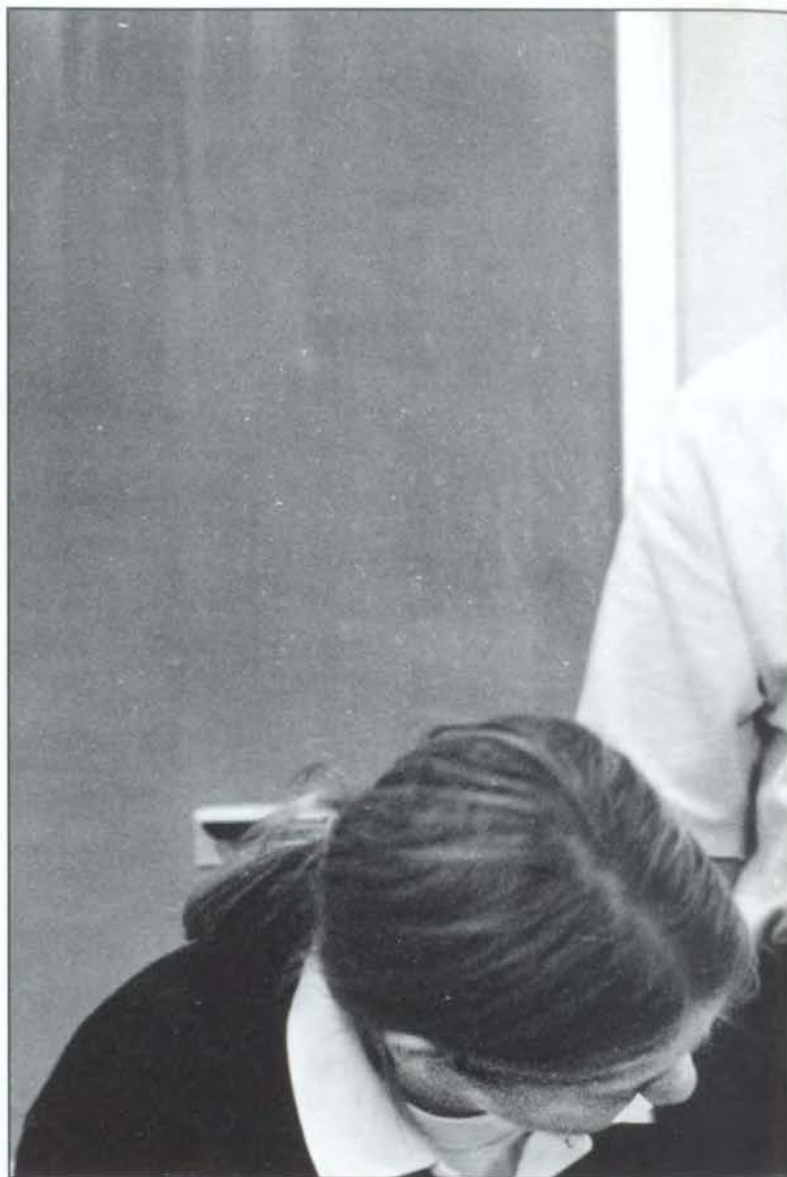
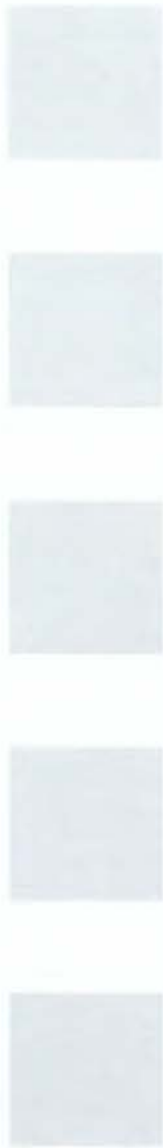
Pet Peeves: When girls come to class without their textbook

10 Years Ago: I was in school again

Best Chuckle: Jay-walking on The Jay Leno Show

THEOLOGY

New teachers bring new perspectives



Story by Molly Hough // Design by Maureen Healy

The presence of change began surfacing very early this year throughout the Theology department. The arrival of two new teachers, Ms. Mimi Harman and Ms. Betsy Hansbrough, brought forth new classes, new perspectives, and new teaching methods.

Many students dislike the fact that they learn only from the book. Students usually find interest in a class when teachers stray from the book and discuss personal experience and perform fun activities that relate to the subject. This usually helps students to understand the concepts being presented. Teaching only from the book definitely was not an issue in Harman's *Theology Through Film: Violence Unveiled* class.

The class is offered to juniors and seniors and consists of watching scenes from specific movies or sometimes even whole movies to provoke discussions about the different kinds of violence present throughout the world.

"I created this class about five years ago in response to the ongoing violence throughout

the world," said Harman. "I taught the class at O'Hara and decided to teach it here at STA."

Harman and Hansbrough are not the only theology teachers engaging their students in fun and interesting activities. Ms. Robin Good's *Spirituality* class held student-guided meditations once a week. The students also took part in daily discussions about their own personal spirituality and about how to be spiritual in their busy lives.

"This class gives me a chance to stop and reflect on my spirituality instead of worrying about the constant stresses of school," said Junior Rachel Wilson.

Change throughout the Theology department with the addition of new teachers, new courses, and new teaching styles was liked among students. Students became more open-minded about their Theology classes and began taking more interest in them because of the new approaches and teaching methods teachers had to offer.



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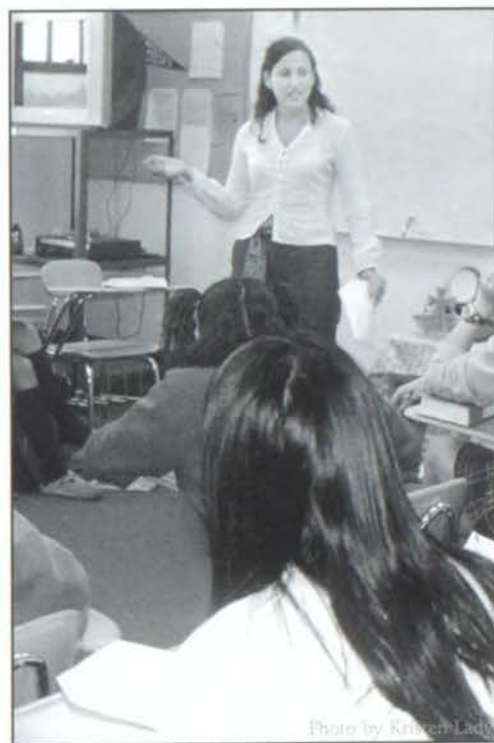


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▲ Ms. Mimi Harman teaches New Testament/Morality to sophomores. This was the first year of teaching at STA for Ms. Harman.

◀ Juniors Sara Jantsch, left, and Merritt Lee learn a lesson in the power of teamwork by arm wrestling in Mr. Matthew Bertalott's Social Concerns class.



Matthew Bertalott

Classes: Social Concerns, Theology I
Pet Peeves: Students talking while I'm talking and slow drivers
Best Chuckle: Name calling with Mrs. Wallerstedt



Mimi Harman

Classes: New Testament/Morality, Religion Through the Arts
Pet Peeves: When people say "JC"
Best Chuckle: Lauren Neal



Robin Good

Classes: Christian Lifestyles, Spirituality
Pet Peeves: Lack of respect and put downs
Best Chuckle: Everyday living; if you aren't laughing, you're crying



Jim LeCluyse

Classes: New Testament/Morality, Theology I
Pet Peeves: When students want me to do the work for them
Best Chuckle: Creative student excuses



Betsy Hansbrough

Classes: New Testament/Morality, Theology I
Pet Peeves: People who chatter, especially freshmen
Best Chuckle: How surprised everyone was when I gave my first detention



Anita Reznicek

Classes: Contemporary Theology, Women's Theology, World Faiths
Pet Peeves: Gum snapping
Best Chuckle: Goofs in the classroom when I talk faster than I can think and things come out sounding funny

COMPUTER McCarthy revamps technology labs

Story by Abigail Sosinski // Design by Annie Haden

When computer teacher Ms. Kathy McCarthy first arrived at STA twenty-six years ago, the computer lab consisted of rows of old, black typewriters on separate desks. Now, there are tables full of white computers with bright screens. Instead of pulling paper out of the carriage, students retrieve it from a printer. The computer lab even sounds different. The keys of the typewriter generated a noisy, clacking sound, unlike the quiet, clicky noises produced by keyboards today.

"While typing, I could hear the rhythm of the keyboard," said McCarthy. "With the computer, that element is missing."

It has been a long time since McCarthy last taught keyboarding on a typewriter. Computer technology is improving everyday. Teachers and students have learned to keep up with the fast pace.

"Technology continues to advance," stated Sophomore Katherine Schilling. "So our knowledge of computers should too."

Students are constantly needing the com-

puter for research projects, online resources, presentations and word processing. According to McCarthy, the administration has done a good job of acknowledging the fact that the equipment in the computer lab should be state of the art.

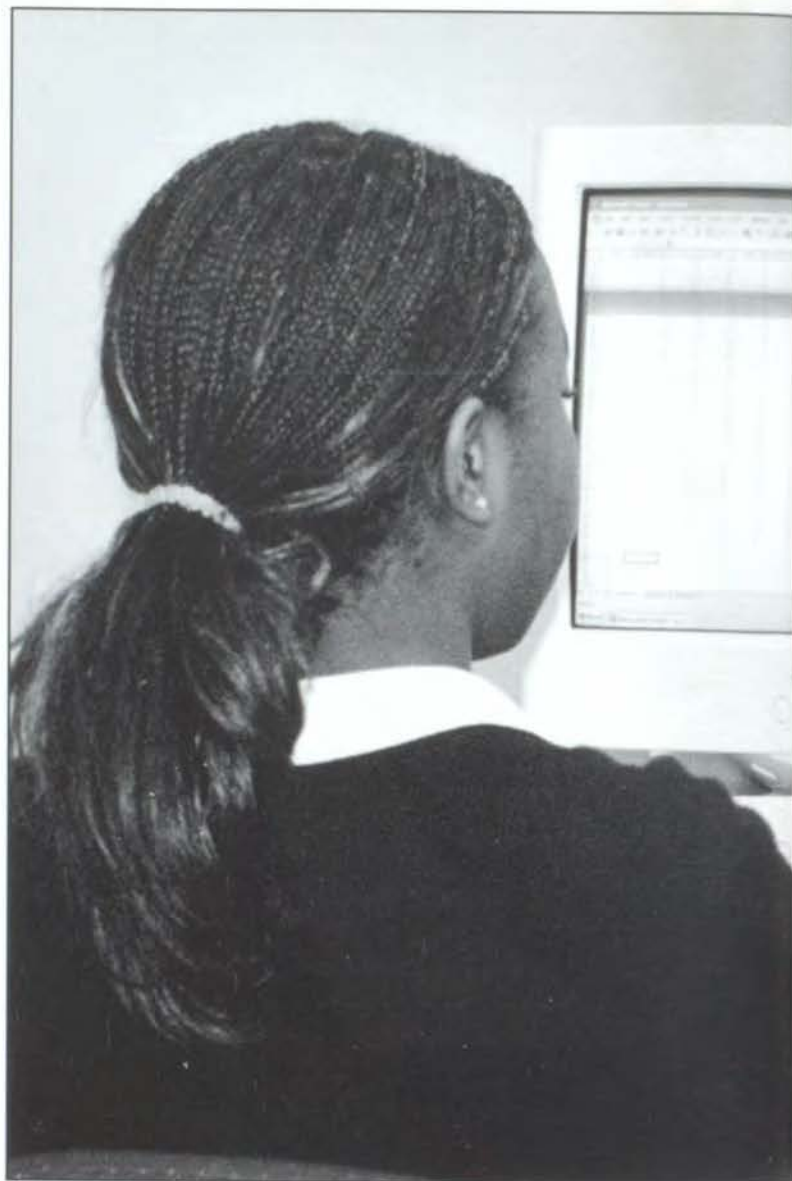
Students agreed that the time they spent on the computer for homework increased, but the amount of time they usually spent researching did not.

"You can do advanced searches and get more information that you need," said Sophomore Maggie Euston. "It can be faster than going to the library and looking through books."

Students are aware that their knowledge of the computer will not just be useful during their school days.

"I know it will be important for any job," stated Freshman Francessa Swalwell.

With the continuing growth of technology and instruction from teachers, students will be more prepared than ever for the future.*



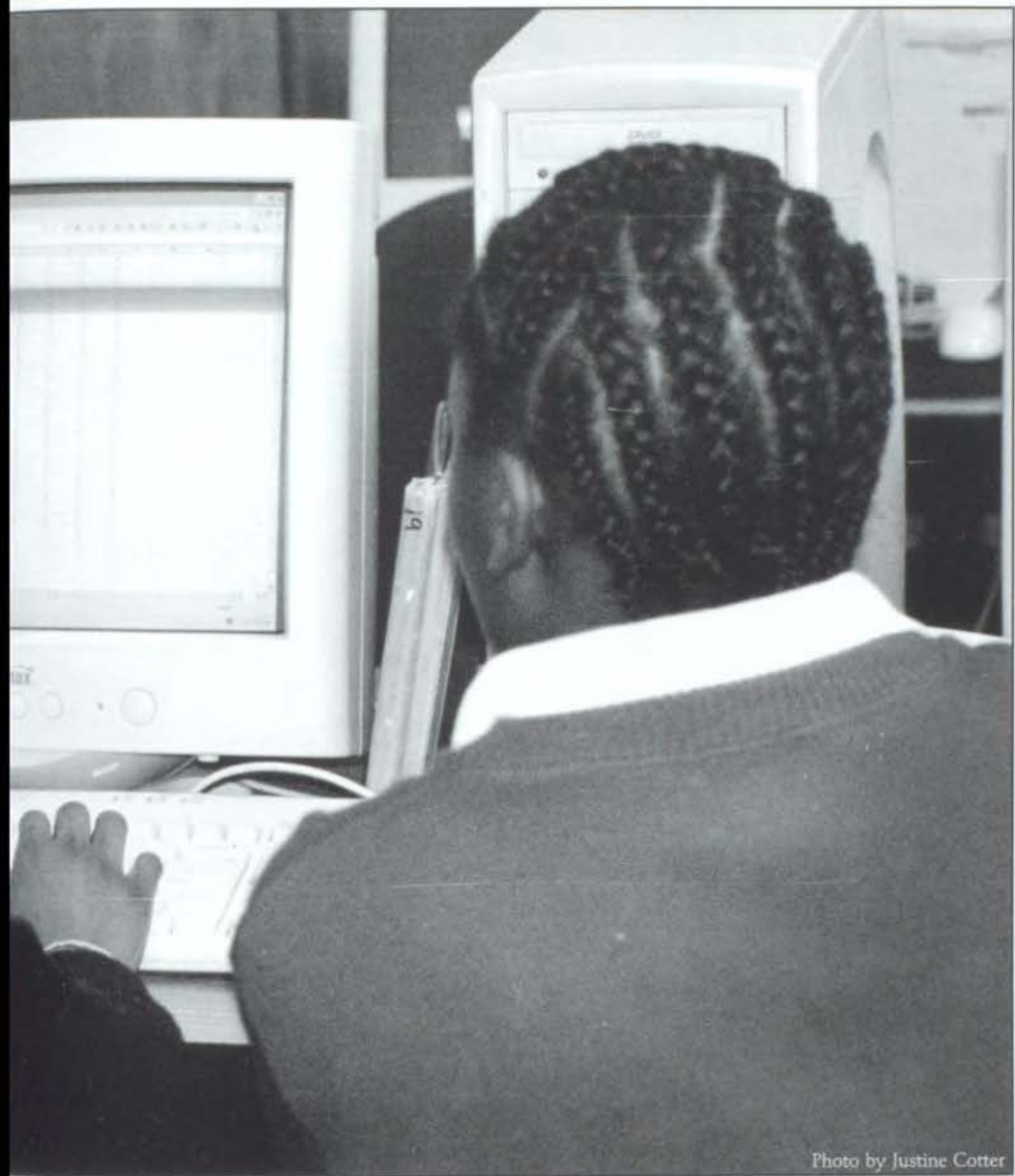


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▲ Junior Sarah Snyder uses her computer skills by participating in the Shepherd's Center program, which teaches senior citizens valuable lessons on the computers.

◀ Two freshmen computer students work diligently to complete a project using Microsoft Excel.

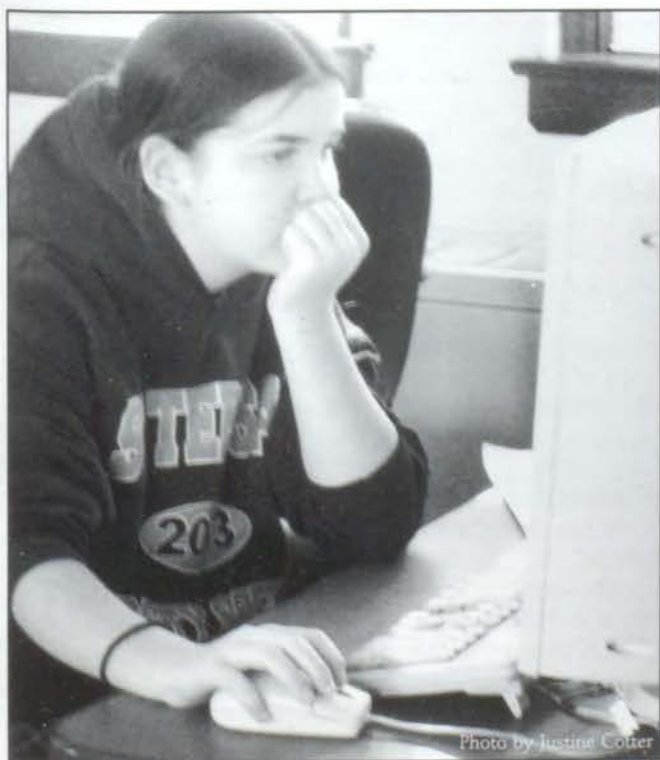


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Megan Schaefer

Classes: Computer Graphics
Also Known As: Miss Megan
Quote Me: "I hate this kind of stuff."
10 Years Ago: I graduated from Loyola University-New Orleans



Kathy McCarthy

Classes: Computer I, Homepage, Keyboarding, Personal Finance
Also Known As: Being mean, KJ
Quote Me: "I will learn something new from every person I meet."
10 Years Ago: Teaching here with Apple computers

◀ Junior Meghan Hohl utilizes the computer lab to browse the internet for help with homework.

FINE ARTS

Classes grant opportunity for expression



Story by Lauren Befort // Design by Maureen Healy

Anyone walking into an STA art room might be overwhelmed. Students from all grades can be found sitting at a table immersed in various projects.

One student could be painting a tile, another might be sewing beads onto a piece of fabric or sketching; the art room is never empty.

"The girls like to take art because we offer such a wide range of media in which to work," Ms. Theresa Wallerstedt explained.

One of the main goals in the Art Department is to provide the opportunity for students to express themselves and be creative.

"Everyone has the ability to be creative," Ms. Jennifer Martin explained. "They just need to find their voice."

Students find this voice while participating in one of the nine art electives offered at STA.

"Art is fun and it's not like my other classes because you really use your creativity and focus more on what you want to draw, not what the teacher wants you to draw," Sopho-

more Bridget Aylward said.

With many similar high school classes at STA, art classes help mix up a student's schedule and provide the opportunity to do something different during her school day.

"I think girls need a place to express themselves and it's a great stress reliever," Martin said. "Art helps them balance out their studies."

Although the Art Department received a new Macintosh computer and scanner the previous year, its future goals were to build a darkroom, have pottery demonstrations and get new equipment for the ceramic area.

Without the Art department, STA would not have been the same. It gave students a chance to express themselves through unique activities and taught them the technical skills of art: how to draw, paint and be a graphic designer.

Art gave students a chance to learn without books, and many girls enjoyed this variation during the day.



Photo by Abigail Sosinski



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▲ Ms. Jennifer Martin instructs Sophomore Susie Morado and the rest of the class on sketching self-portraits.

◀ Freshmen students work hard on developing their sketches.



Jennifer Benjamin

Classes: Acappella Choir, Concert Choir, Freshman Choir, Orchestra, Piano
Also Known As: Mrs. B, Benj
Pet Peeves: TV as background noise
Best Chuckle: My baby, Cameron, snorts like a little piglet when he eats.



Shana Prentiss

Classes: Acting/Directing, Drama I, II, Forensics, Speech
Also Known As: Prento, MPM, Big P
Pet Peeves: Water bottles left in my classroom
Best Chuckle: Everyday at STA creates laughter for me.



Jennifer Martin

Classes: Advanced Drawing, Calligraphy/Bookmaking, Fiber/Textile Design
Also Known As: Martin, Bills
Pet Peeves: Being late
Best Chuckle: Fitting in while wearing an STA uniform.

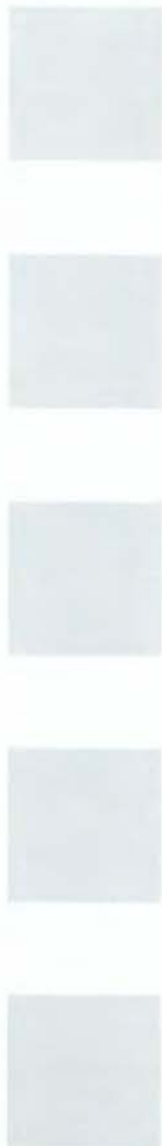


Theresa Wallerstedt

Classes: Drawing I, Graphic Design, Painting
Also Known As: Wally, T-Dub
Pet Peeves: Dogs licking my legs
Best Chuckle: Mrs. Neal and the can of plastic substance.

PHYS ED

Girls help teachers stay in shape



Story by Monica Welsh // Design by Kayleigh Gamble

Physical Education classes offered a great way to stay fit for teachers and students. The classes also provided an outlet from the normal day of studying in a classroom.

"Because I don't play a sport until the spring, participating in sports during gym class is a good way for me to stay active in the fall and winter," said Freshman Meredith Stoops.

Stoops was not the only girl who used P.E. to stay active. There were many girls who did not play any sports, and P.E. was a great way for them to stay in shape.

Students were not the only ones to benefit from the physical activity during classes such as Freshman P.E. and Sports and Fitness.

"I am able to stay in shape, especially during volleyball," said Ms. Ann Bode-Rodriguez. "I throw at least 100 balls a day."

Sports and Fitness provided an active class for upperclassmen where they were able to break from the stresses of a normal school day.

"I chose to take Sports and Fitness because it is a good way to exercise and not just sit in

a desk," said Senior Jane Kaufman.

The sports offered in the freshman class included volleyball, basketball and badminton.

"I choose the sports because they are 'lifetime sports,'" said Bode-Rodriguez.

A variety of sports, like weight lifting and ultimate frisbee, were offered in Sports and Fitness.

"I look forward to ultimate frisbee because it's not a normal sport," said Kaufman.

Both the teachers and students enjoyed the Physical Education classes, but for different reasons. The teachers enjoyed being able to participate in the activities with the students.

"I love teaching P.E., especially when I get to participate with the students," said Bode-Rodriguez.

Sports and Fitness was a class only offered to juniors and seniors, so some upperclassmen felt that it was something special that only they got to participate in and enjoy.

"It's nice that it's all upperclassmen so it's a privilege to be in the class," said Kaufman.

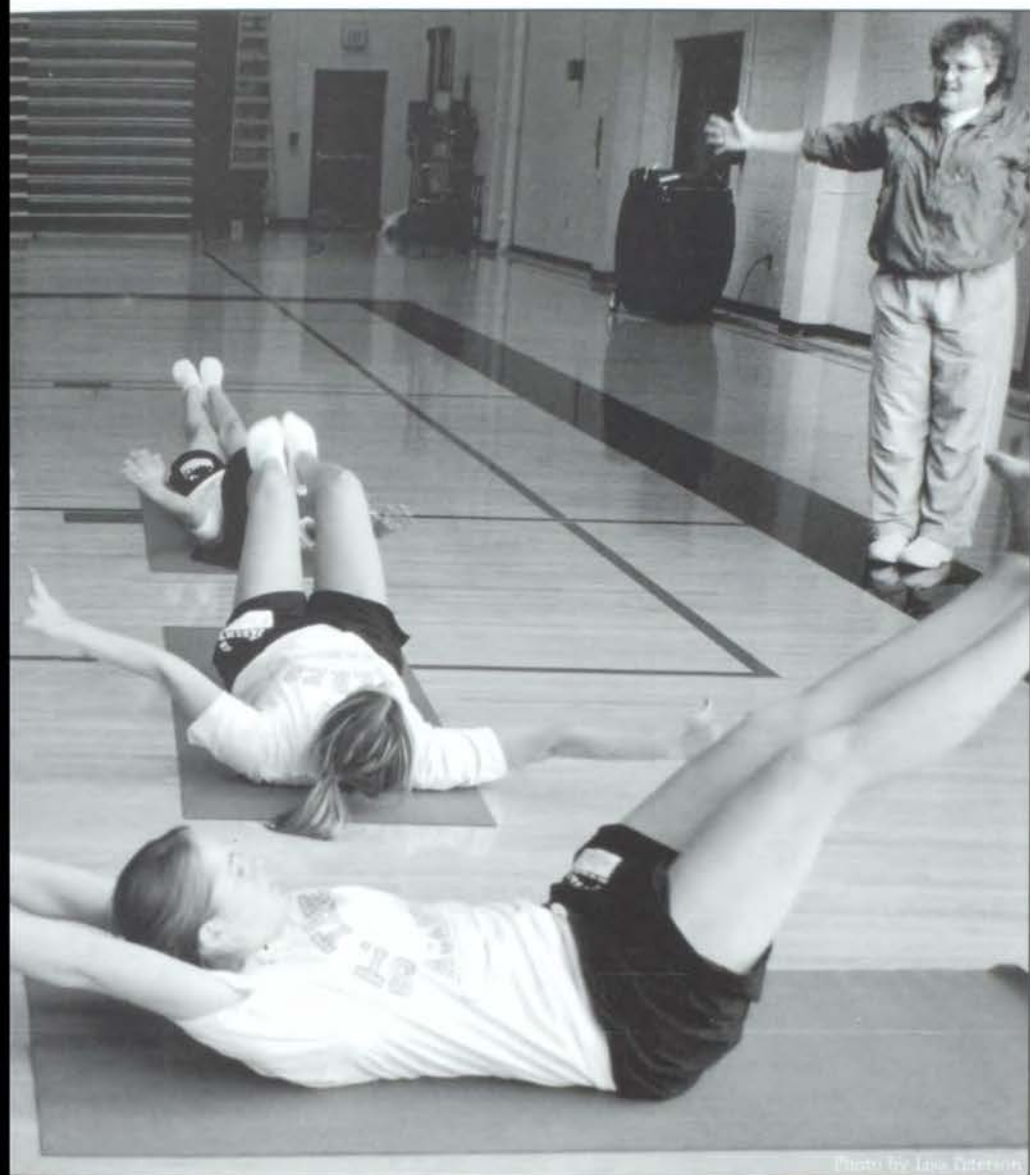


Photo by Lisa Peterson



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▲ Freshman Kelly Nelson shows off her passing skills during volleyball testing week in Freshman P.E.

◀ Ms. O'Rear demonstrates the proper position of the beginner Pilates roll to her Sports and Fitness class.

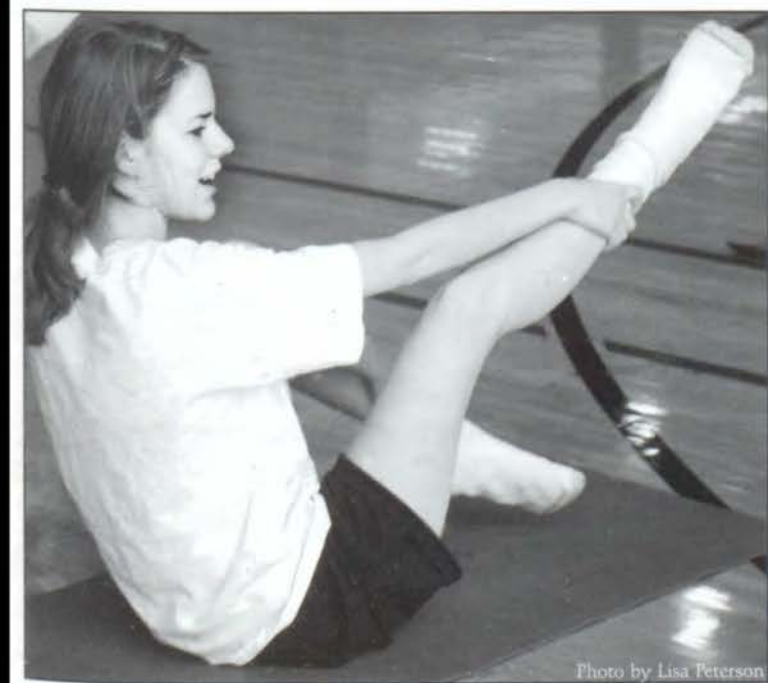


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▲ Senior Shannon McSorley stretches prior to the Yoga exercises performed in Sports and Fitness.



Ann Bode-Rodriguez

Classes: Physical Education/Health

Also Known As: Bode-licious

Pet Peeves: The use of words 'suck' and 'crap'

10 Years Ago: Teaching and coaching at STA



Liz Jeans

Classes: Introduction to Dance

Also Known As: Liz, Levi

Pet Peeves: When people think little

10 Years Ago: Teaching dance in the Visual & Performing Arts School



Stacie O'Rear

Classes: Sports & Fitness

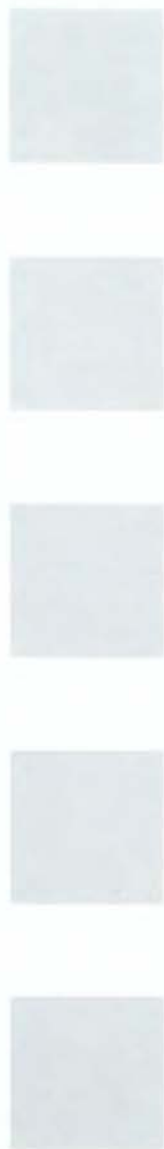
Also Known As: Mrs. O

Pet Peeves: Water left on public restroom counters

10 Years Ago: I was a stay-at-home crazy person

JOURNALISM

Publications showcase creativity



Story by Lora Swarts // Design by Annie Haden

Every year, St. Teresa's released The Teresian and Windmoor. The Teresian is the school yearbook and Windmoor is the school literary magazine.

The Windmoor staff met with new and returning members to discuss new ideas for Windmoor. The editors for the 2003-2004 magazine were Junior Megan Kelly and Senior Madeline Hill with Ms. Megan Filipowicz as moderator. The editors also discussed a theme for the magazine.

Windmoor was named after the St. Teresa's campus. It collects artwork, poetry, photographs and short stories.

"Windmoor is a great way for students to showcase their talents," said Filipowicz. "We receive a lot of great poetry and artwork. Windmoor is a place for students to publish and display their personal work."

A lot of work went into getting Windmoor published.

"The many meetings and deadlines are what is used to get the magazine published,"

said Filipowicz. "It's a lot of fun and I learn so much about the students at STA."

The Teresian is the STA yearbook. Every year, STA has its own Teresian yearbook filled with memories, photos and good times.

"What I like about the yearbook is the memories that it holds," said Junior Felicia Ramsey. "I also like to look back at my past yearbooks to see how much everyone has changed."

The yearbook could not have been created if not for the staff. The staff worked hard to meet their deadlines so the book could be published and so it could be distributed to each class.

"The new computers help with the yearbook because they make it easier to design and transfer template ideas," said Editor-in-Chief Kayleigh Gamble. "The three editors also make the workload easier because the work is divided equally."

Yearbooks have been a tradition that will continue for years to come.



Photo by Kathleen Hudnall

HIGHLIGHTS

Yearbook

- James
- "I'm sorry I got choked up!"
- The "I Liake You" wall/cabinet
- Newspaper rivalry
- Yay Emily!
- The editors-only food drawer
- "Do you not understand the concept of past tense?"
- "Get your negatives off the light table!"
- Roses at Teresian
- Late publication nights
- Winning Publications Olympics

Yearbook instructor, Mr. Eric Thomas, demonstrates to Junior Laura Closson how to use a digital camera.



The 2003-2004 Windmoor Staff: (bottom row, from left) J. Summers, R. Straughn, K. Schilling, C. Burke, M. Lee, C. Findlay (top row, from left) M. Kelly, K. Hudnall, K. Lady, C. Obioha, K. Farkas, E. Leonard, A. Horton, M. Hill



Photo submitted

The 2003-2004 Teresian Yearbook Staff: (bottom row, from left) M. Quinly, E. Mulloy, J. Cotter, A. Haden, M. Healy, K. Gamble, (second row, from left) C. Heaphy, L. Peterson, K. Heermann, A. Sosinski, K. Scovell, M. Lee, K. Hudnall, L. Hansen, L. Befort, K. Connor (third row, from left) E. Thomas, K. Gillis, J. Jantsch, A. Iyamu, M. Welsh, K. Alley, K. Boat, C. Burke, M. Hough

NEWSPAPER

Technology, fun improve publication



Story by Katie Alley // Design by Maureen Healy

Besides the location, the newspaper publication changed the way things were done with the help of many new computers, scanners and hard working staffers.

Though many things were new, the newspaper publication's main interest continued to be the same: to provide the STA community with the knowledge of what is going on, not just in the school but also in the community, nation and the world.

"[The newspaper] represents all different types of interest of the student body and the community as a whole, while providing newsworthy information that is entertaining," said Junior Chandler Domian.

The help of new computers allowed the staff to update the layouts, while making photo scanning and graphic creation easier.

"The computers made the layout of the pages easier," said Junior Ali Ryan, associate editor. "They also allowed us to do more to make the publication of *The Dart* simpler."

The newspaper staff made some changes to *The Dart*.

"The design was refined," said Junior Ann

Stacy, associate editor. "We improved little things like how we did captions. We tried to improve with each new issue."

Senior editors Brittany Cummings and Jen Vogel made sure everyone on *The Dart* was involved. The staff worked together, helping with many tasks like editing each other's stories. The editors set up activities and parties so that everyone became closer as a family. They organized themed parties with each new issue and during Christmas they had a gingerbread house-building contest.

"In the past, there has been somewhat of a line between editors and staff writers; last year there wasn't one. We were a team that helped each other," said Ali Ryan.

The new wave of technology in the publication room ensured improvements for *The Dart*. Also, returning staffers helped the new staffers to learn the ropes that go into the publication of *The Dart*.



Photo by Anna Beckett



Photo by Anna Beckett

▲ Junior Chandler Domian, a staffer on the Dart, reads through some of the stories in the fourth issue of the newspaper during class.

◀ Senior Editors Jen Vogel, left, and Brittany Cummings critique the fourth issue of the newspaper during class before they were distributed to advisories.

◀ Front row, from left: A. Sherman, M. Huber, K. Monaghan, M. Kelly. 2nd Row: J. Summers, M. Mullane, K. Hembree, K. Fitzsimmons, B. Cummings, A. Langworthy, A. Jaros, Mr. E. Thomas.



HIGHLIGHTS

- Pirates of the Carribean parties
- Jude Law
- Hot boys!
- Jen: Jack Sparrow
- Gingerbread Contest
- Calendar parties
- Kelly's week in charge
- Take those whites back down there



Photo by Molly Hough

All work, no



Photo by Molly Hough

Sophomore Katie Kennaley works on Geometry homework during an afternoon free.

Common sense says that work loads increase as students get older. After all, an eighth grader has more homework than a fifth grader, right? Well, then obviously a student would have more work their junior year than their freshman year, or at least so it seems.

Work load tended to be that way at STA for the majority of students this year. However, work load definitely depended on the kinds of classes students took, whether they were regular or honors. Depending on the level of challenge and difficulty of the classes and the number of those classes students decided to take, the work load was certainly more than that of regular classes.

Freshman year was an easy, transitional year consisting of mostly reviewing concepts learned in junior high. Freshmen typically had little homework.

"At the most I have an hour of homework a night which includes studying for tests," said Freshman Franki Triano.

Freshmen were seen talking with friends or lounging around during activity and free periods instead of working on homework.

"I usually spend my free periods talking with my friends," said Triano. "But, I occasionally will do some of my homework just to quickly get it done so I won't have to do it that night."

Although there was not an intensely strenuous work load for sophomores, it was a step up from freshman year. Classes became more challenging and more time was dedicated to homework.

"I have between two and three hours of regular homework a night and that doesn't even include studying for tests," said Sophomore Kristina Clayton. "Now that I have more homework, I spend most of my frees and activity periods working on all of it," said Clayton.

As rumor had it, juniors had the toughest year. With ACT's and



Photo by Molly Hough

▲ Freshmen Stephanie Shelby, from left, Michelle McGill, and Cierra Trejo leave homework for later and socialize in an afternoon free in Ms. Moran's room.



Photo by Molly Hough

Senior Rachel Jackson spreads her homework on a table in the Language Lab during one of her free periods.

◀ Junior Angela Garozzo is overwhelmed with the strenuous work load of junior year and struggles to complete homework daily.

play?

Story by Molly Hough // Design by Annie Haden

SAT's, college planning meetings, the beginning of college searches and enormous amounts of homework nightly, juniors knew that if they survived the year, next year would be a breeze. The science class for the majority of juniors was Chemistry, known by many as the hardest class at STA. It also tended to increase work load and stress levels.

"At the very least I have about two and half hours of homework a night, but lots of times it's up to about four or five hours," said Junior Katie Kelly.

She didn't waste any of her free time at school.

"I spend my frees and activity periods either in the Math/Science resource center or the English resource center, catching up or getting help on Chemistry, trying to finish my homework from the night before, or doing homework for that night," said Kelly.

Senior year was different from the others in two aspects. Depending on the classes a senior decided to take, they could breeze through the year or be just as bogged down as a junior, if not more.

"I think work load senior year depends on the classes you take," said Senior Mary Elizabeth Sherman. "If you take challenging courses, the work load will obviously be more demanding than if you take easier ones. Although there are some exceptions, for instance, if you think an Art class is easy, you will learn they tend to be very time consuming."

As students got older, they were able to be more involved and tended to participate in more activities in and outside of school. This resulted in an increased work load due to lost time for studies.

"I have soccer practice four nights a week and am often gone for out of town soccer tournaments," said Kelly. "That definitely starts to cut into my study time and time I would usually dedicate to school work."

"At the most, I have an hour of homework a night, which includes studying for tests."

-Franki Triano, Freshman



"Now that I have more homework, I spend most of my frees and activity periods working on all of it."

-Kristina Clayton, Sophomore

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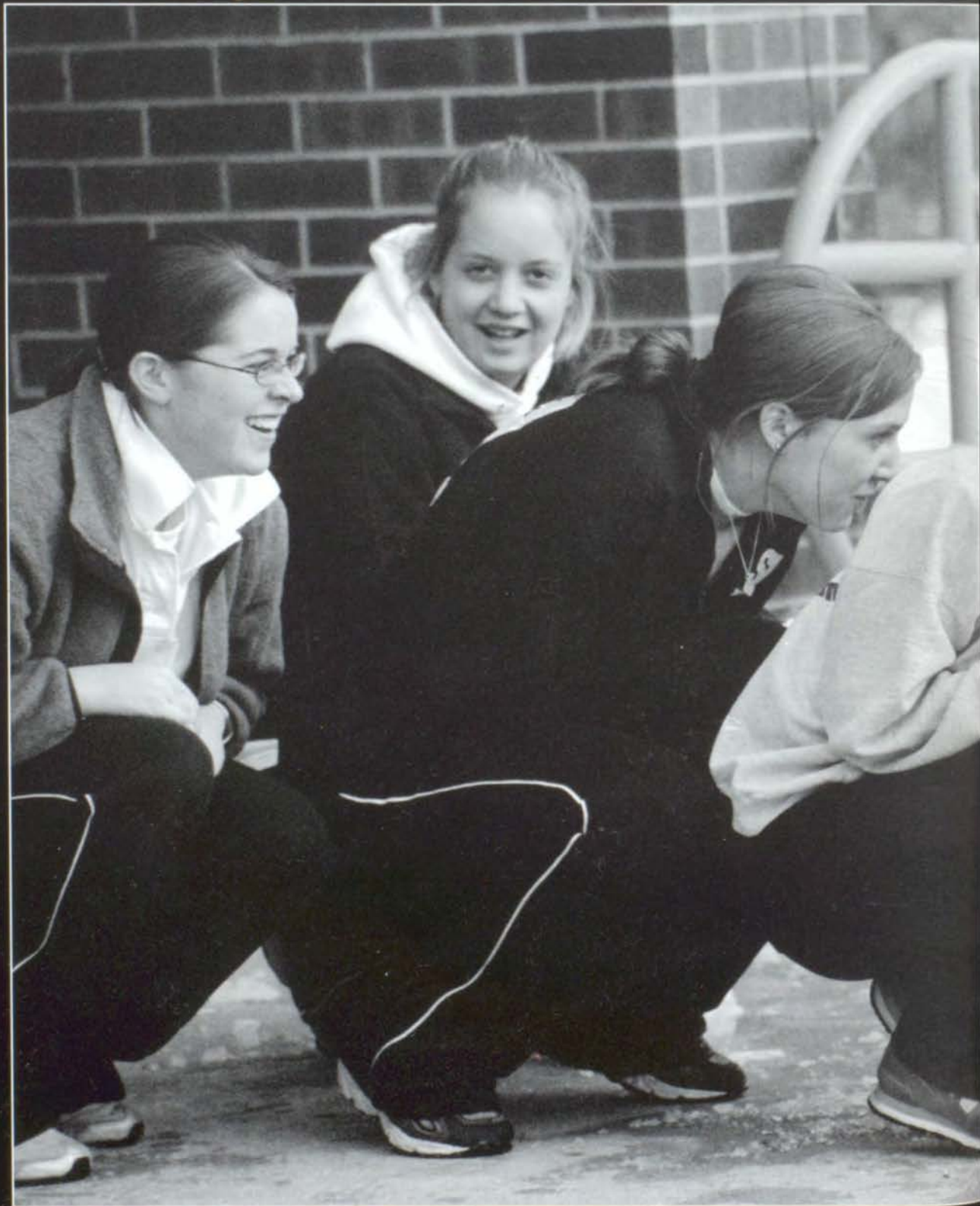




Photo by Eric Thomas

Seniors Jane Kaufman, from left, Jenna Jantsch, Justine Cotter, Caitlin Corcoran, Emily Mulloy, and Annie Haden prepare to ambush Social Studies teacher Mr. Craig Whitney during a free first semester on a snowy day. With icy snowballs in hand, the girls anxiously anticipated his arrival after another senior, Jen Vogel, lured him to the quad for a supposed "NHS Fabulous Faculty photo opportunity." The surprise attack was in response to an incident from a few weeks earlier when Whitney randomly pegged all six girls with snowballs while they were switching classes across the quad. Although other schools may have perceived these types of events as less academic, this atmosphere at St. Teresa's allowed girls to respect their teachers outside of the classroom. And the people of STA will always be what makes the school unique.



Rueschhoff Family Ad



The new Rueschhoff family poses at KCI airport after arriving home from Belarus and adopting Mary.

If you're sitting up in the middle of the night with a small glass of milk, and you've recently had to refinance the house to compensate for your enormous diaper expenditure, then you're probably the parent of a newborn. You're discovering the joys of 3 a.m. feedings, dirty diapers, and constant wailing. Many exhausted parents, armed only with their binkies and Enfamil, can attest to this.

Ms. Denise Rueschhoff, four-year geography teacher at St. Teresa's, and her husband Mr. Paul Rueschhoff, recently added a second daughter to their family. However, the Rueschhoffs haven't been experiencing the typical woes of the parents of a new baby because their daughter was adopted.

Mary Rueschhoff, who joined her family as an eleven-month-old in February 2004, was born in Belarus in 2003. She joined older sister Anna, who was adopted in November 1997 from Russia.

Upon deciding on adoption, the Rueschhoffs had to determine where they were going to try to adopt.

"We wanted kids who were closer to our heritage," said Ms. Rueschhoff.

The family ultimately settled on the countries of Russia and Belarus, both formerly of the Soviet Union and located in Northeastern Europe. Because the Rueschhoffs are of Eastern European descent, they felt that adopting their children from this region of the world would create a unifying link within their family.

The ensuing adoption processes were long and meticulous, but both were eventually successful for the Rueschhoffs.

Ms. Rueschhoff detailed the beginning of the procedure:

"First you have to find an agency that suits you, and then you have to apply and actually be accepted by that agency. Then the adoption



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▲ Mary Rueschhoff was all smiles during a break from traveling in Warsaw, Poland, on her way back to the United States.

▲ St. Isaac's Cathedral in St. Petersburg, Russia, exemplifies the ornate architecture of the city.



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Ms. Denise Rueschhoff holds Anna at the adoption agency in Russia. This is the first day that the Rueschhoff family met Anna, and also the day that they got to take her home.

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Story by Katy Boat // Design by Katy Boat

agency performs a home study and you have to be approved by a social worker."

Adoption agencies also require minutely detailed personal information, from financial status to criminal history. Police clearance must be issued for an adoption to take place, but this can only be done after fingerprints are taken of prospective parents. Finally, certain governmental requirements must be fulfilled, including paperwork for foreign countries, which have to be notarized and sent to the Secretary of State for the state in which the applicants live.

The Rueschhoffs' first adoption process took approximately one year, while their second adoption took one-and-a-half years.

"The adoptions were kind of like pregnancies in the general idea of how long they took," said Ms. Rueschhoff.

The Rueschhoffs named their daughters as soon as they welcomed them into their life, just as if they were newborns. Anna was a name that both Mr. and Ms. Rueschhoff liked from the beginning, and when they found out that their first daughter's original name was Oxana, they felt that Anna was a perfect fit. Mary's original name was Natalia.

As with all decisions, there are advantages and disadvantages involved with adoption.

"Both of my daughters were sleeping through the night when I got them, and they were easy-going babies...but [adoption] can also be a hindrance because sometimes the children have developmental delays," said Ms. Rueschhoff.

Now that the family includes two adopted daughters, the Rueschhoffs try to incorporate some of their daughters' native culture into their lives while maintaining their sense of being American. The family attends the Eastern Orthodox Church, where they have many friends

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—Mrs. Rueschhoff

with Russian and Ukrainian backgrounds. Also, they participate in an organization called Families of Russian and Ukrainian Adoptions, which sponsors cultural functions such as a Russian Christmas party.

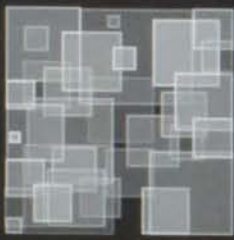
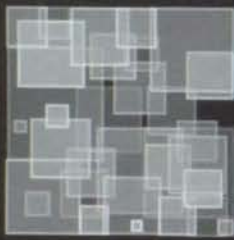
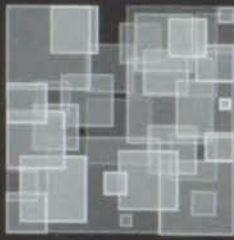
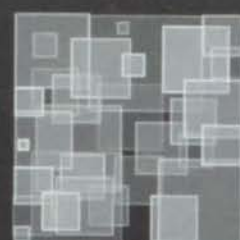
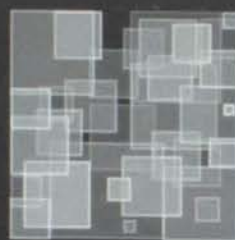
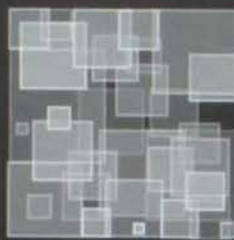
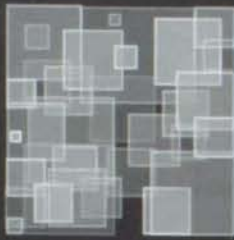
Ms. Rueschhoff describes their family philosophy:

"My girls have always known that they were adopted...We make it really clear where they are from and what their heritage is like, but we make sure that they know they're American now."

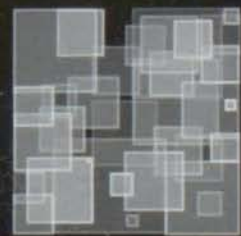
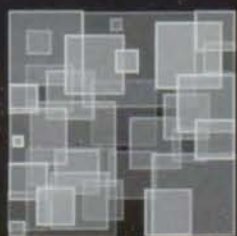
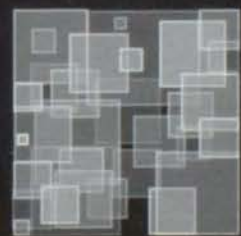
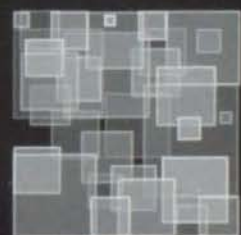
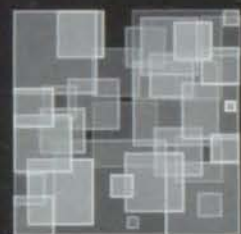


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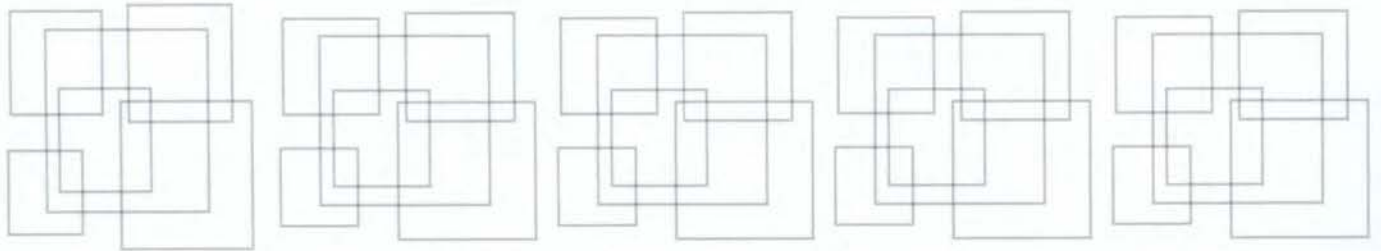
An outdoor market in the city of Gomel, Belarus, where the Rueschhoffs adopted their second daughter, Mary, in February 2004.



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Male Teachers Seen In Drag



Story by Lora Swarts // Design by Caitlin Burke

The auditorium was filled with students. The teachers felt the anticipation and pressure from the surroundings of the auditorium. The raffle skit began with teachers and faculty in a staff meeting. Then, a few students came in and interrupted with their complaints. Suddenly, the auditorium lights flickered and the teachers and students were never the same. The audience roared with laughter as Mr. Mark Fudemberg and the other male teachers were dressed in skirts, and Junior Allison Brown was now dressed like school president Dr. Faith Wilson. The teachers and students had switched identities. This sure was a "Freaky Friday".

The raffle skit happens once a year to kick off the raffle ticket sales for the annual auction. Last year's skit, "Austin Powers," set a high standard for future skits. "Freaky Friday" was this year's skit, co-created by Ms. Theresa Wallerstedt and Ms. Shana Prentiss.

"We were under a lot of pressure to create something that would be just as good as 'Austin Powers'," said Wallerstedt.

Preparing for a dramatic performance can be challenging for the creators because teachers, like students, can be tough to handle.

"It was very difficult because the faculty and students had only a week to rehearse for a 10-15 minute skit," said Prentiss. "The hardest part was trying to get the faculty focused, because, the truth is, teachers are bad at focusing and keeping

on track with the subject at hand."

Schedules also added to the list of obstacles that needed to be overcome.

"There are about 30 people who are in the skit, and trying to find days that work for everyone is extremely hard, because no one has the same schedule," said Wallerstedt.

This year, students were needed to fill the roles of students who switch bodies with teachers.

"It is always fun having students participate because the raffle sales and auction include both faculty and students," said Prentiss. "It is something that everyone can enjoy."

The skit was the first production of the year to use new equipment in the drama department.

"It was the first chance to use our new lights and body microphones," said Prentiss. "The reaction of the audience was great."

Teacher humiliation is also a reason for doing the skits.

"The whole point was to get the male teachers in drag," laughed Wallerstedt. "This year was extremely funny because we got to crowd-surf Mr. Garvin."

In the end, though, the skits are for the students.

"These productions are really to get the students motivated into selling the tickets and earning those pants," said Prentiss. "The students also get to see the sense of humor that teachers have, that they don't necessarily see in the classroom."

The ideas for the next raffle skit are still unknown.

"I look forward to doing it every year," said Prentiss. "It is always a unique experience."



Mr. Eric Thomas puts lotion on his hands while talking with fellow "STA students" during the raffle skit featuring many male teachers wearing STA plaid skirts.



Photo Submitted
 Ms. Katie Dolan, from left, Ms. Laura O'Brien and Ms. Heather Macintosh tell jokes while the cast of "Freaky Friday" changes scenes.



Photo Submitted
 Junior Allison Brown and Dr. Faith Wilson read their "fortunes," describing the key to switching back to their correct bodies during the skit.

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Senior Allison Garcia, left, watches as Mr. Eric Thomas whines about his problems while Sophomore Lyndsey Zapfen chats with Mr. Jack Carvin during the much-anticipated 2003 Raffle Skit.

Teachers honored for admirable qualities

Story by Kristen Lady // Design by Liz Hansen

This year, the National Honor Society furthered its involvement in the STA community by acknowledging faculty members who displayed its four valued characteristics of service, scholarship, leadership and character.

NHS is an organization that acknowledges those students who strive higher than the normal requirements, and also those who exhibit the aforementioned qualities.

Each month, NHS members selected a faculty member to honor. In addition to the usual Monday routine, the announcements on the first Monday of every month offered a clue as to whom the newest First Friday Fabulous Faculty Member was. Throughout the week, other descriptive clues were announced until, on Friday, the faculty member was finally revealed to the entire school.

NHS Fabulous Faculty Members were humbled by their recognition.

"I have no idea why I was chosen out of the entire faculty at St. Teresa's," said Mr. Craig Whitney. "It's exciting to be recognized by the students for what we teach in the classroom."

Whitney was chosen as December's Fabulous Faculty Member. Other honorees included Mr. Mark Fudemberg, Dr. Joe Grantham, Ms. Jessie Thompson, Ms. Heather Macintosh, Mr. Eric Thomas and Ms. Renee Blake. As a whole, this group exhibited the NHS core values both in and out of the classroom. Fabulous Faculty Members served as direct role models for the STA community and illustrated the true mission of NHS.

"I got a better understanding of the goal for NHS members because of the qualities I noticed in all of the teachers that were picked for Fabulous Faculty," said Sophomore Claire Foley.

Students benefited from seeing NHS behavior personally, as they were encouraged to develop these qualities within themselves.

"Through the publications I've tried to help the girls become leaders," said Thomas, October's Fabulous Faculty Member.

Thomas has taught Writing, Journalism, Yearbook and Newspaper for the past two years at STA (2002-2004). He took over the Writing class formerly taught by Fudemberg, September's Fabulous Faculty Member; the pair often met to discuss different methods of teaching over the 2003-2004 school year. Both Fudemberg and Thomas were recognized for their portrayals of leadership and character in the classroom, and for providing an example of these traits for their students.

"Being honored as an NHS Fabulous Faculty member is not a matter of having these traits, but of providing the students with examples in the classroom," said Thomas.

As students and teachers alike anticipated the announcement of the Fabulous Faculty Members each month, it was obvious that the program encouraged participation in the STA community. From Fudemberg's trademark socks to the harmonica tunes of Dr. Joe, NHS Fabulous Faculty members certainly provided STA with an example of character, as well as leadership, service and scholarship.



Photo by Lisa Peterson
Mr. Craig Whitney directs a class discussion with his Honors American History students.



Photo by Chantele Heaphy
Dr. Joe Grantham reviews geometric proofs with his Honors Geometry class.



Photo by Chantele Heaphy
Mr. Mark Fudemberg, September's Fabulous Faculty member, works with one of his freshman English students to revise a paper.



Photo by Chantele Heaphy
Mr. Eric Thomas reads over a journalism student's paper.



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 Mary Casey, *Director, Admissions/Marketing*
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 Theresa Egelhoff, *Development Office*
 Kevin Flattery, *Director, Institutional Advancement*
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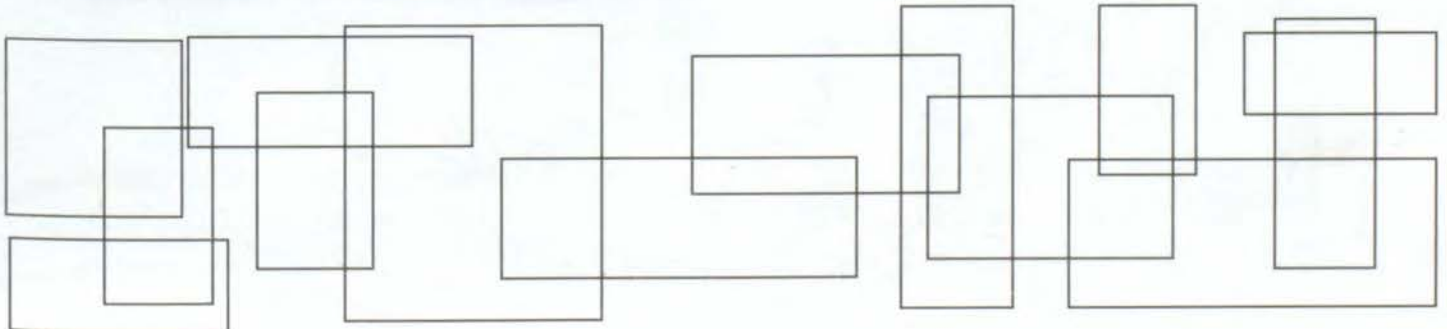
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Teachers Return Year After Year

Story by Kylie Scovell // Design by Caitlin Burke

Some teachers claimed they came back each year because they learned something new every day from a student. Or maybe they returned for the friendships that they had formed with each other. Either way, the school's diverse staff included two first-year teachers but an overwhelmingly larger number of teachers, faculty and staff who had been at STA for over twenty years. Amazingly, many of them were alumni as well.

According to the Development Office's Ms. Joan Jordan and Ms. Theresa Egelhoff, it's the relationships they have formed with the students and their families that have made each year so enjoyable.

Over the past 18 years the two have been behind the scenes at all of the major parent fundraisers which made it possible for STA to remain open to young women in Kansas City.

Many other teachers who have been a part of the school for years join Jordan and Egelhoff in returning to STA year after year.

"I just like the relationships that I get to have with students," said Mr. Mark Fudenberg who has been at STA for 22 years.

Some other returning teachers included Dr. Joe Grantham, a math teacher at STA for the last 21 years, Ms. Arlene Hernon, a teacher for well over 20 years, Ms. Judy Whalen, the testing center moderator and Ms. Kathy McCarthy, who has been teaching in the Computer department for the last 27 years.

"[STA] just seems like home," said Grantham on why he continues to teach. "I like old things, and STA is the oldest

school in Kansas City, so it works."

Administrators Dr. Faith Wilson, Ms. Mary Anne Hoecker and Ms. Nancy Hand, who have all been at STA for more than 20 years, have seen many changes occur since they first came.

"A lot has changed, but STA has always been committed to diversity," said Hand who loved working with young women year after year while seeing the camaraderie among students in the community.

Ms. Ann Bode-Rodriguez, who is not only an alumae but has been working in the Health and Fitness department for the past 25 years, claimed that she loved everything from the academic freedom to modular scheduling, everything from the students to her advisory.

As a coach of volleyball and track for over 20 years, Bode has coached hundreds of girls, yet the relationships she made with each of them have lasted over the years. Bode still has lunch with students she taught 27 years ago in her first year.

The staff has grown in many ways after so many years of teaching.

"I have learned how to better interact with students from all different backgrounds," said Egelhoff.

According to Jordan, the most rewarding and fulfilling part of staying for so long is when she can remember the students as they were when they were in school and then look at what successful women they have now become.

"I just like the relationships that I get to have with students," said Fudenberg.



From left, Sr. Harriet Koutsoumpas pictured in 1983 as a Chemistry teacher and now in 2004 as an English Resource Center moderator.



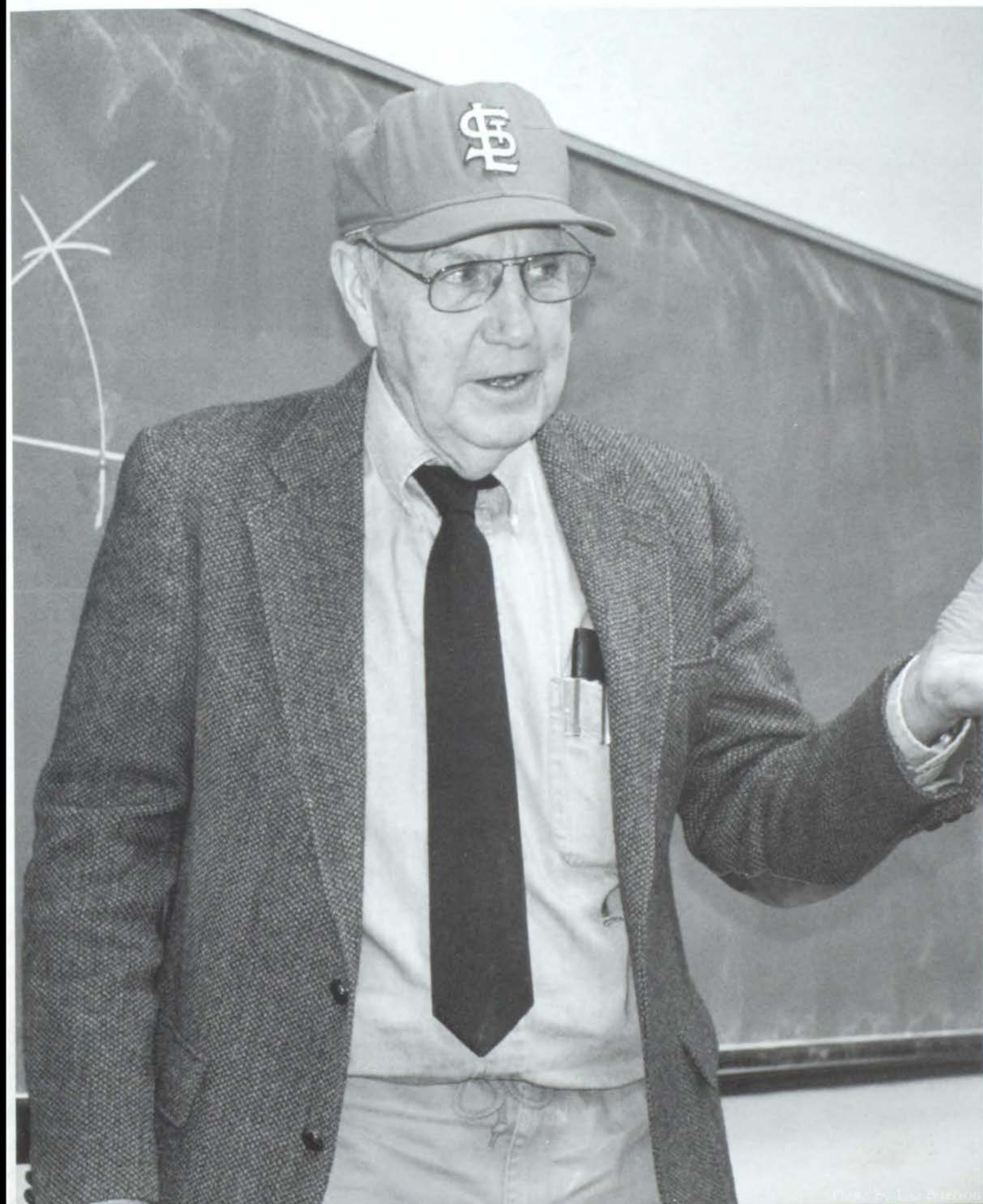
From left, Ms. Mary Anne Hoecker pictured in 1983 and now in 2004 as the Principal of Student Affairs.



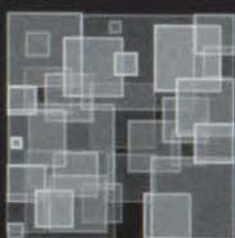
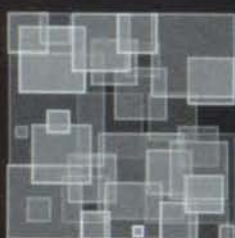
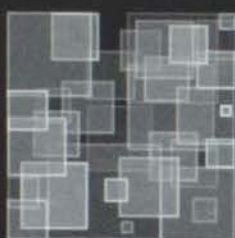
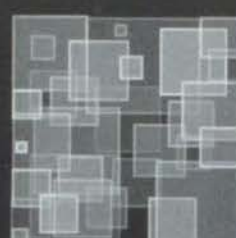
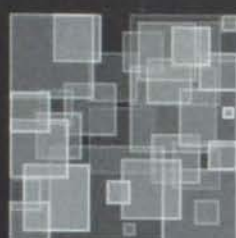
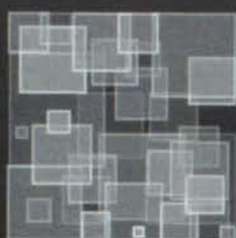
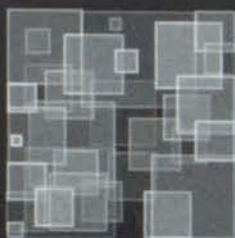
From left, Ms. Arlene Hernon pictured in 1983 and now in 2004 where Hernon continues to teach math at STA.



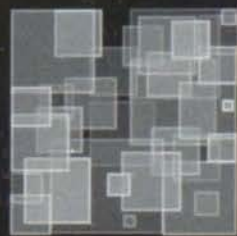
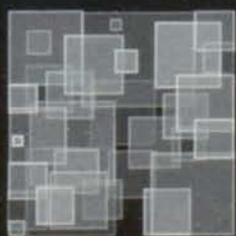
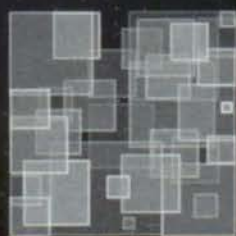
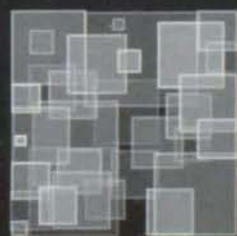
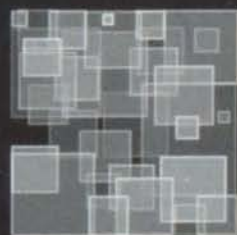
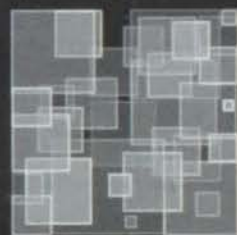
From left, Ms. Nancy Hand pictured in 1983 and now in 2004 as the Principal of Academic Affairs.



Dr. Joe Grantham explains geometric constructions to his Honors Geometry class. Grantham has been teaching at STA for over 20 years.



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 Katrina Abella
 Sydney Baker
 Christina Bartlett
 Erica Bartlett



Kelly Becker
 Franki Belfonte
 Mary Bird
 Jillian Blanck
 Alexandra Bojarski-Stauffer



Rachele Boyd-Paul
 Emily Bradford
 Margaret Burke
 Kathryn Burns-Yocum
 Chelsea Burton



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Antoinette Catalano
 Caitlin Clark
 Alice Collins
 Elizabeth Conwell
 Brittanie Cowing



Kayla Crandall
 Caitlyn Crawford
 Claire Cullen
 Leia Darden
 Krystle Davila



Bridget Dougherty
 Elizabeth Duff
 Megan Durst
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Freshmen Join Sisters At STA

Older Sisters Help Ease Transition

Story by Abigail Sosinski // Design by Caitlin Burke

Ever wonder if freshmen year might have been easier if you had someone to look up to? In the 2003-2004 school year, 21 freshmen had older sisters at St. Teresa's to act as their role model and to smooth the way.

"Having a sister makes it easier to have someone to look up to," said Freshman Lauren Fowlkes, whose sister, Ashley, was a senior.

Coming into high school was a huge change for most girls. The schedule was different, the people were new, homework was harder and teachers expected more. It was obvious that some of this pressure could be eased with the help of an older sister.

"School is less stressful," said Freshman Tracy Haden of her Senior sister Annie. "Knowing that Annie is at school is a lot easier."

Most freshmen knew they wanted to join their older sibling at St. Teresa's. Freshman Jessica Weston was able to feel more confident about her choice of high school than most. Her sister, Christine, a senior, attended school at both St. Teresa's and Notre Dame de Sion, before making the final decision of going to St. Teresa's. Christine was able to tell Jessica about school life at both places.

"If something's going on, I can just ask my sister, but other people just have to go with the flow," said Weston.

Incoming Stars got the heads up about teachers, rules and expectations before the first day of school.

"Caitlin told me which teachers to avoid," said freshman Devon Aaron whose sister, Caitlin, was a sophomore. "She helped out a lot!"



Photo by Anna Beckett
Junior Caitlin Burke, left, drives her freshman sister Maggie to school.



Photo by Anna Beckett
Junior Michaela McKenny, left, walks into school from the parking lot with her freshman sister Betsy.



Photo submitted
Freshman Brynne Lee, left, spends time with her junior sister Merritt.

With St. Teresa's modular schedule and the difference in age, the freshmen did not see their older sisters very often during the school day. When they did though, these siblings claimed to act the same around each other at school as they do at home.

"My relationship with my sister at school is pretty much the same when we're at home," said Freshman Kathleen Medina, of her junior sister, Eli. "We get along pretty well."

Aaron agrees.

"We act the same around each other," said Aaron of her relationship with her sister. "We usually act pretty crazy."

These freshmen also had the advantage of having someone at home who had recently taken the same class. Older sisters were able to help with homework assignments and give advice on how to do well in school. Many freshmen were instructed by their sisters to always maintain high grades by studying a little every night and keeping up on the homework.

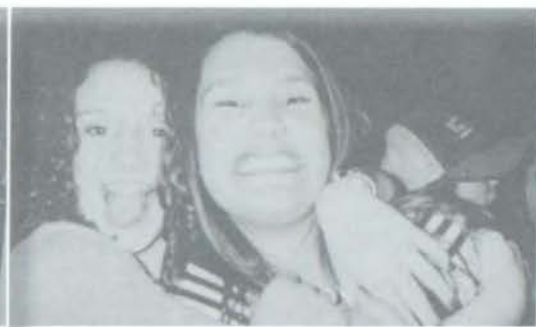
"It helps to have my sister around to ask question about homework," said Medina.

Another advantage of following a sister into St. Teresa's was that it was easier to meet more people.

"I know more people, like my sister's friends," said freshman Maggie Burke, sister to Caitlin, junior. "I know more upperclassmen."

Incoming freshmen at St. Teresa's explained some of the benefits of having an older sibling at school with them. Many received help with homework and advice on teachers and rules. Some even mentioned that their relationship with their sister became stronger.

"Ever since I started attending St. Teresa's, my sister and I have gotten so close," said Medina. "We're best friends now."



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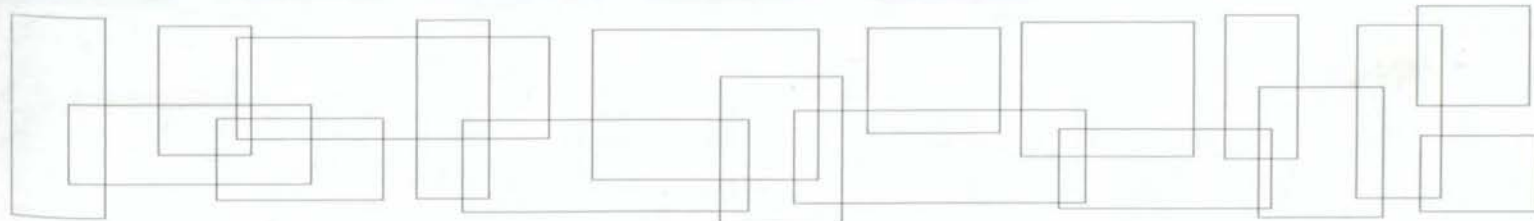
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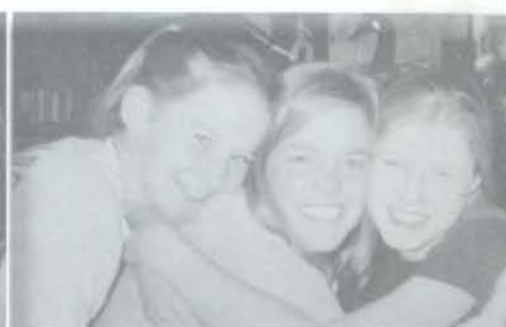


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 Carina Murphy
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New TV Has Strong Freshman Following

Story by Kristen Lady // Design by Caitlin Burke

Every fall season, new sitcoms are created for the public to enjoy. Last year's reality TV shows and teenage soaps gave the class of 2007 plenty to talk about at the lunch table.

"My friends and I always fight over who we think Seth Cohen will choose on the 'O.C.," said Freshman Bridget Dougherty.

The "O.C.," short for Orange County, proved to be one of the hottest TV topics among the freshmen. This popular drama featured a group of friends dealing with all the pressures of high school life.

Freshmen also enjoyed the enormous variety of reality TV shows.

"I loved 'Average Joe'! It's so funny and Phuck Le was my favorite of all the guys," said Freshman Abby Fagan. Phuck Le was one of the many so-called average men who competed for a date with former beauty queen and NFL cheerleader Melana Scantlin who was also a native of the Kansas City area.

Although balancing their new load of homework and extracurricular activities was difficult, freshmen were successful in reserving time to watch all of their favorite shows. Many freshmen would have parties at their houses and invite their friends over to watch the shows and discuss the episodes as they unfolded.

"Three of my friends and I always got together at each other's houses to watch Bob on the Bachelor," said Freshman Betsy McKenny.

Along with AOL, talking on the phone, and friends, TV brought excitement to the lives of many freshmen.

Popular TV Shows of 2003-2004

<i>Show</i>	<i>Network</i>
The O.C.	FOX
The Bachelor	ABC
Average Joe	NBC
The Real World	MTV
Will & Grace	NBC
One Tree Hill	WB
Newlyweds	MTV
Gilmore Girls	WB
American Idol	FOX
The West Wing	NBC
E.R.	NBC
Extreme Makeover	ABC
The Inferno	MTV
CSI	CBS
24	FOX
Trading Spaces	TLC
Friends	NBC



Freshmen Bring Talent to Varsity Sports

Story by Molly Hough // Design by Caitlin Burke



Photo submitted
Emily Tummons, left, Alexandra Kurth, Mary Beth Nulton, and Michelle Jantsch pose after cheering for Kurth during the Varsity Basketball game.

Many would think it would be hard enough to adjust to a brand new school with new people, a new atmosphere and practically a new life, but a certain few freshmen also had the opportunity to play on Varsity sports teams here at STA. Hard or not, playing on a Varsity team as a freshman was different from anything most of these girls had ever done.

"This was definitely a new experience for me," said Mary Kate Bird who played Varsity Golf. "I had never played golf on a team before let alone with older girls.

Being on a team with upperclassmen was one of the benefits for these freshmen. Many said they would never have known some of the older girls without being a part of their teams.

"One of my new best friends this year was an upperclassmen on Varsity Cross Country," said Alison Raybould. "I don't think I would have met her if I hadn't run Varsity."

Some freshmen loved playing with and getting to know upperclassmen, but others felt intimidated and scared at times to make a mistake.

"I was nervous to play with my sister, Jenny, because I didn't want to disappoint her and the other girls on the team," said Michelle Jantsch who played Varsity Volleyball. "I was always scared that Jenny would yell at me if I messed up, but she and the team were very supportive."

Not only were teammates and coaches encouraging of these freshmen girls, but friends, family and the student body all took part in showing their support.

"My friends made shirts with my name on them to wear to every home game," said Alexandra Kurth who played Varsity Basketball. "My parents came to every game too."

When asked if they ever felt pressure from coaches and teammates to step it up to the level of everyone else, these girls sounded like confident athletes and not like typical freshman.

"I just wanted to be a part of a team and everyone really accepted me even though I was a freshman and the only one," said Kurth. "I just wanted to be treated like everyone else, though."



Photo by Kristin Allen
Freshman Charmiane Willis practices at the Plaza Tennis Courts during the 2003 season.



Photo by Ann Beckert
Freshman Alexandra Kurth watches Sophomore teammate Caitlin Aaron shoot freethrows during Varsity Basketball practice.



Photo by Justine Cotten
New freshman drill team members Kelli Hansen, left, Allie Fiss, Abby Fagan and Laura Goede smile after a performance.



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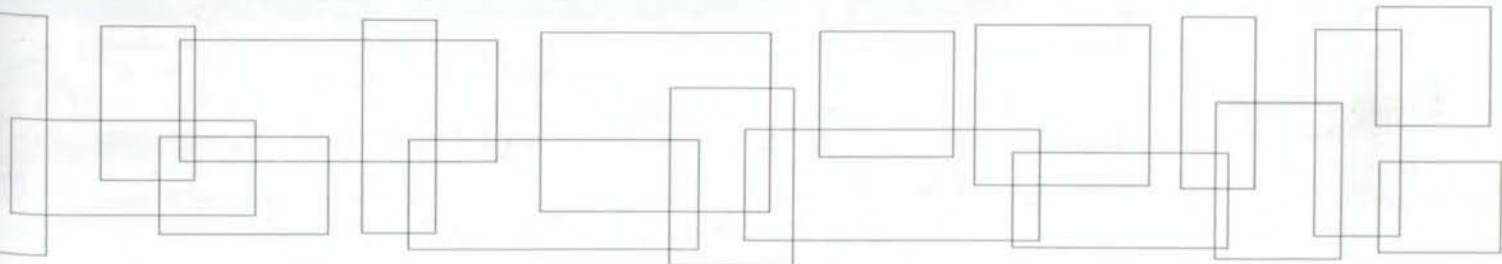
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 ShannaLee Sheffield
 Natalie Shepherd
 Ashton Smith
 Dae Smith





Freshmen Up To the Challenge

"Has everyone checked in?" Ms. Renee Blake asked her Honors Biology class. A few students scurried up to the front to scratch their names off of the attendance list. It was a combination of freshmen and sophomores who had forgotten to check in that day.

Story by Lauren Befort // Design by Caitlin Burke



Photo by Lauren Befort
Freshman Coco Owens studies a worksheet during her Honors Biology class.



Photo by Lauren Befort
Freshman Lizzy Duff reads her book while being surrounded by sophomores in her Spanish II class.

Many freshmen took part in advanced classes with students from other grades. In the Math, Science and Foreign Language departments, freshmen stood out among the other girls.

Eighth grade girls from surrounding grade schools could take the math class offered before school, taught by Dr. Joe Grantham. If these young ladies chose to attend STA for high school, they skipped Algebra I and Physical Science and moved directly into Honors Geometry and Honors Biology. These classes were generally intended for sophomore students.

People may not have always seen the girls from different grades interacting during class, but many freshmen were not afraid to talk with other students outside of their own class.

"Of course I was intimidated at the beginning of the year, but now that I've gotten to know some of them, it's fun," said Freshman Spanish II student Melissa Rhodes.

Some freshmen even forgot that the other students in class with them were not just freshmen and they interacted just the same.

"I like being with other students besides freshmen because it's a good way to meet upperclassmen and after all, that's part of the high school experience," said Freshman Alison Raybould who took Honors Biology, Honors Geometry and Journalism.

Freshmen who had upperclassmen with them during class thought that the other students were a quality asset to their learning.

"It gives you a chance to work with older students and learn from their experiences," said Freshman Honors Biology, Honors Geometry and Journalism student Amanda Morrall. "I ask them questions when I need help."

Other freshmen agree.

"I know it's good for me so I can challenge myself," said Freshman Coco Owens who took Honors Biology and Honors Geometry.

Typically during class, girls from the same grade sat with students their own age. Freshmen thought that it was a positive experience to be with a variety of girls from different classes.

"I normally sit with other freshmen, but I obviously talk to sophomores, especially those who do the same activities as me," said Raybould.

Freshmen could have been spotted in classes ranging from Biology to Geometry to Journalism to French, which may have had upperclassmen in the class with them. Most students of all grades that took a common class together got along and sparked enjoyable class moments. Without having freshmen among the student body, students would have never gotten to experience the same laughs and entertaining moments.



Photo by Lauren Befort
Freshmen Carolyn Wiedeman, left, and Mary Beth Nulton work together in Honors Biology, which is usually a sophomore class.



Mary Smith
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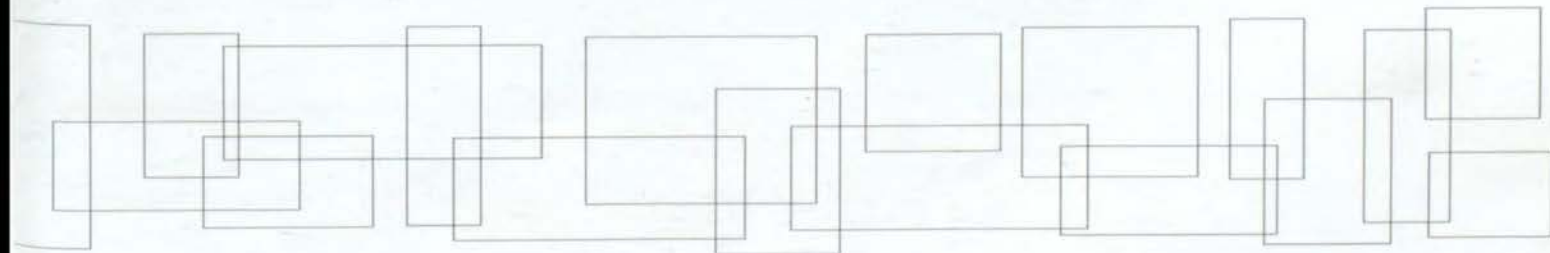
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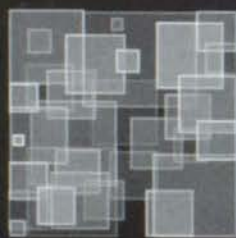
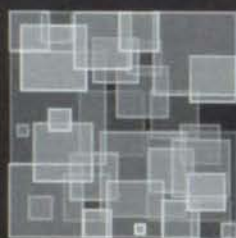
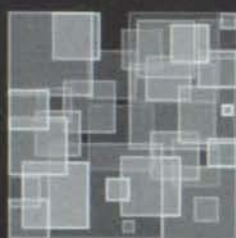
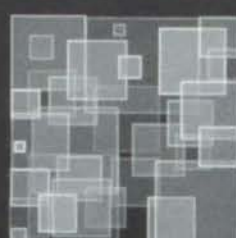
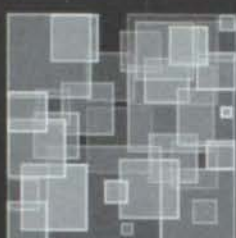
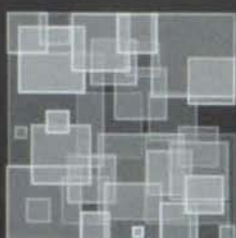
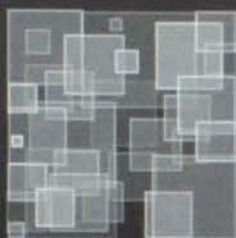


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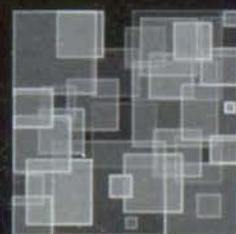
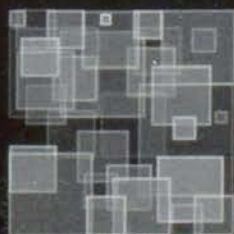
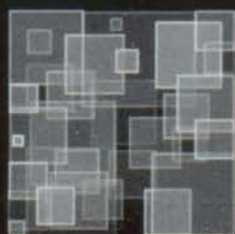
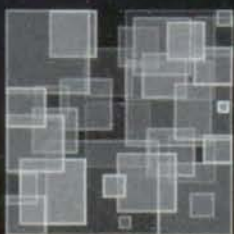
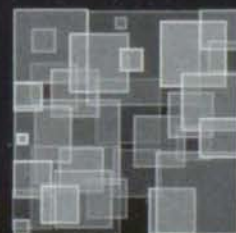
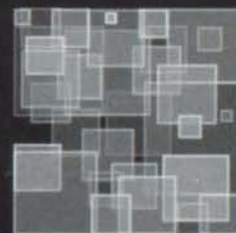
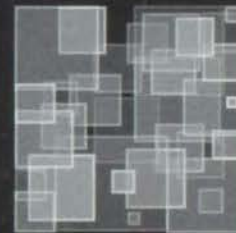


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Gillian Beier
 Ashley Bender
 Elyse Berardi
 Leah Blake
 Brittany Bolton



Sophomores



Alex Bowers
 Kayla Brooner
 Jessica Bukaty
 Katie Calhoun
 Margaret Cameron



Mallory Castro
 Amy Cirocco
 Kristina Clayton
 Jessica Closson
 Jessica Collins



Nicole Conradt
 Jillian Cousins
 Marianne Crooks
 Adrian Crumpton
 Clare Cummings

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Strong Bonds Formed

Girls Become Closer in Smaller Groups

Story by Kylie Scovell // Design by Liz Hansen

Making the transition from freshman to sophomore year is a hard one for almost all students. You have developed new friendships with girls from different neighborhoods, grade schools, and groups. After a while you get used to having fun times at school with these new girls, but then summer comes...How good of friends are you? Only summer break separation will tell.

As of May, you saw your friends everyday in class and were able to make weekend plans walking through the quad.

"I hardly ever hang out with kids that aren't in my classes," said Alex Horton.

During the summer, you have to go as far as picking up the phone to initiate something! Or maybe you go from summer camp to a family vacation and never have the chance to see your freshmen friends.

"I get lazier because I'm not in school and I have to put forth more of an effort to see people," said Kayla Brooner.

School was back in session, and the girls poured in with new hairstyles, summer tans and stories to tell. But whom did you run to first? You no longer had class with some of your old friends, and meetings with clubs, choir, musicals and sports crowded everyone's schedule. Your activity period shifted from second to first. The hassle of

twelve girls agreeing on a room to go for activity period became a burden, and you began to notice your group dwindle from twelve girls to two closer groups of six. Who knows, maybe you hardly ever ran into some of your earlier friends anymore.

"I still say 'Hi' to all of them in the hallways but we don't do things on the weekends anymore," said Laura Quaison.

Looking back, it's sad to see the photographs of your huge group at the plaza or at Father/Daughter Dance but you suddenly realized that the friendships you still had were stronger than any others you've ever been a part of.

"You develop stronger relationships sophomore year because now you

know people for two years so you can start to form a connection," said Rachel Somodi.

Sophomore year removed any mask you wore the year before and the true you shined. First impressions were forgotten and real personalities were made known. Seeing your freshmen friends in the hallway brought you nostalgia for all the fun memories that were made in the previous year. Fortunately, it will all be okay because even though you've developed deeper relationships with only a few, you knew that you always have your other friends to share old stories and make new memories.



Lauren Befort, from left, Alex Bowers, Sarah Tampke, Ashley Artigas, and Bridget Aylward hang out together outside of school.



Jessica Dahmer
 Catherine Daly
 Andrea Damico
 Ashley Devine
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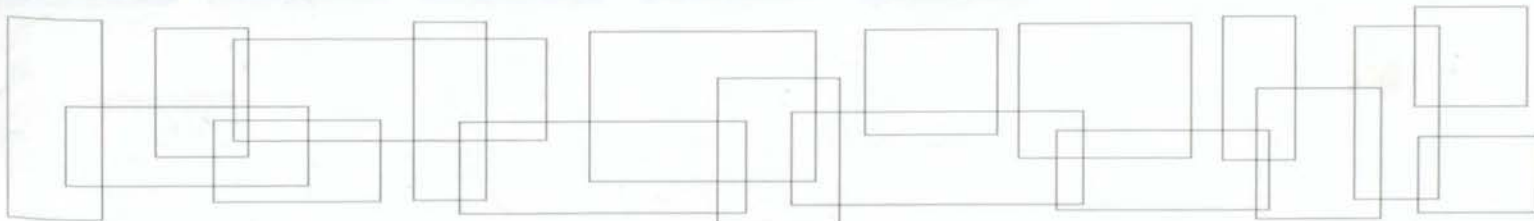
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 Michaela Marak
 Caitlyn McFarland
 Amanda McKee
 Julia McQueeney-Thorpe



Mary McShane
 Alexandria Medellin
 Katie Metzger
 Hannah Moore
 Suzie Morado





Can You Hear Me Now?

Story by Kelly Connor // Design by Liz Hansen

In seventh grade it was the Tamagotchi, eighth grade was the had-to-have Abercrombie attire. Freshman year it was new "STA" spirit wear and sophomore year it was the must-have accessory, the cell phone.

The age for owning a cell phone appeared to be falling by the second. However, most STA students had come to acquire a cell phone by their sophomore year.

"When I turned sixteen and was able to drive, my parents found it necessary that I had a cell phone," said Sophomore Mary Jean Schrader.

Not only did the cell phone serve the purpose of helping during emergency driving situations, but it also provided an easy way of communicating between both friends and family.

Sophomore Katie Kennaley said that she loved being able to keep in contact with her friends by use of a cell phone. On the contrary her parents were always able to track her down. Occasionally Kennaley found this irritating.

Other students found cell phones more practical.

"My cell phone has taken the place of my house phone," said sophomore Naomi Gannon. "I rarely ever

talk on my house phone any more because all of my friends call my cell phone."

Before one made a commitment to purchasing a cell phone, they must have made numerous decisions. Some of these options included which type of phone they desired and which phone plan they would have worked best for them. Plans varied from Cingular's roll-over family plan to sprints \$200.00 for unlimited minutes. The choices were endless.

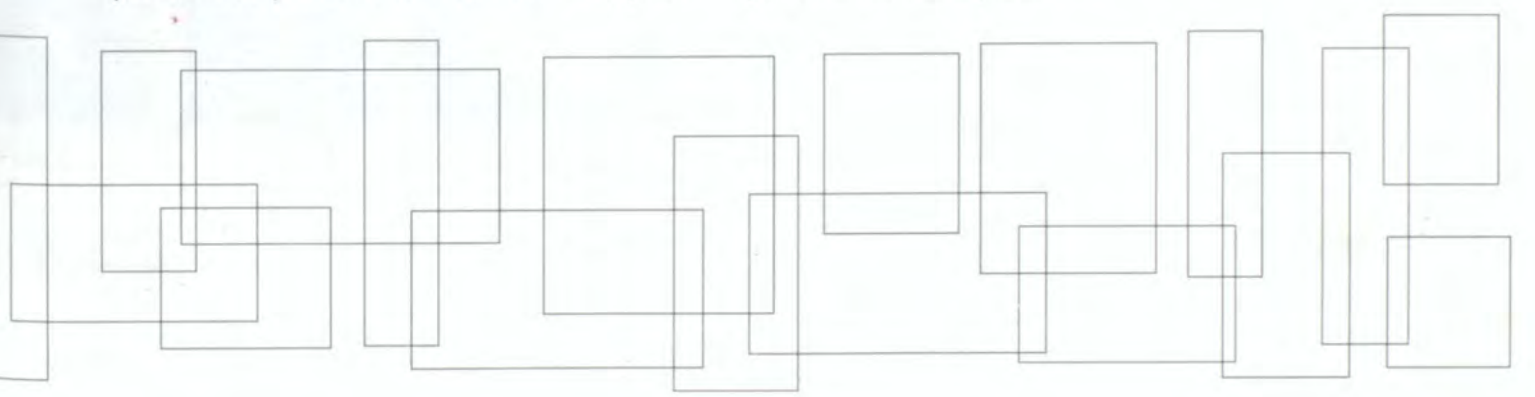
From picture phones to palm pilot phones, with the constant advancement in technology one never knew which kind of cell phone would be introduced next. Sophomores have learned to love the newly introduced camera phone, now sold by all cell phone companies.

Sophomore Naomi Gannon said she enjoyed her Sprint picture phone. Not only could she take pictures and display them on her camera, but she could also send pictures to email accounts and other cell phones.

Whenever one encountered an STA sophomore, chances are that in the cup-holder of that old, beat-up Honda or in the bottom of that fake Louis Vuitton purse you would find a cell phone.



Photo by Monica Welsh
Sophomore Maggie Euston makes a call on her cell phone.





Sophomores Gain Freedom on Road

Story by Merritt Lee // Design by Liz Hansen

While cruising around the streets of Kansas City, the radios of the sophomores' cars were tuned into various stations.

Most sophomores at STA had the freedom of driving their own car for the first time. With the responsibility of owning a car, the sophomores had the choice of what kind of music filled the air.

Sophomores Katie Kennaley and Caitlin Madden preferred to listen to Mix 93.3, while Sophomore Riki Allen tuned into 96.5 The Buzz.

"Mix 93.3 has such a good variety," commented Kennaley. "I can hear rap and hip-hop from the same station."

The music in sophomores' cars did change depending on who was accompanying them on the ride. Madden did not listen to any music when her mom was in the car with her.

"My mom is terrified of me driving," said Madden. "She spazzes out when I have the radio on while driving, so I turn it off."

Others sacrificed the music they would rather have listened to because a passenger did not enjoy it.

"When I have another person in my car I just let them control the radio," said Allen. "I will listen to almost anything."

Kennaley agreed with Allen, she allowed the people in her car to adjust the music to what they desired.

While the sophomores preferred loud music, the volume changed depending on their moods and time of day.

"I love loud music, it frees your mind," commented

Allen. "I do turn it down when I am mad or depressed."

Madden turned the volume down when she was trying to think or concentrate on the street signs. At 7:30 a.m., on the way to STA, quieter music was played in most cars.

"In the mornings I like to have my car pretty quiet," said Kennaley. "I do not like loud music after I just woke up."

When trying to read directions and signs to get to the right party, music was very distracting to many sophomores.

"My music is off if I am lost," explained Madden. "I need to concentrate and music makes it too hard."

Allen also found listening to music to be a disturbance when lost in neighborhoods.

Some sophomores did not have a preference to listen to a CD or the radio.

"It just depends on my mood, if I want just music I will put in a CD," explained Allen. "Sometimes I want to listen to talk in the mornings, so I keep the radio on."

On the other hand, some sophomores did prefer one or the other.

"I like the radio better," said Kennaley. "It has more of a variety, which I like."

"I enjoy a CD much more than the radio," stated Madden. "There are no commercials on a CD and I hate commercials."

While the sophomores may have had conflicting attitudes about the type or volume of music in their cars, there was one thing they all had agreed on: the freedom.



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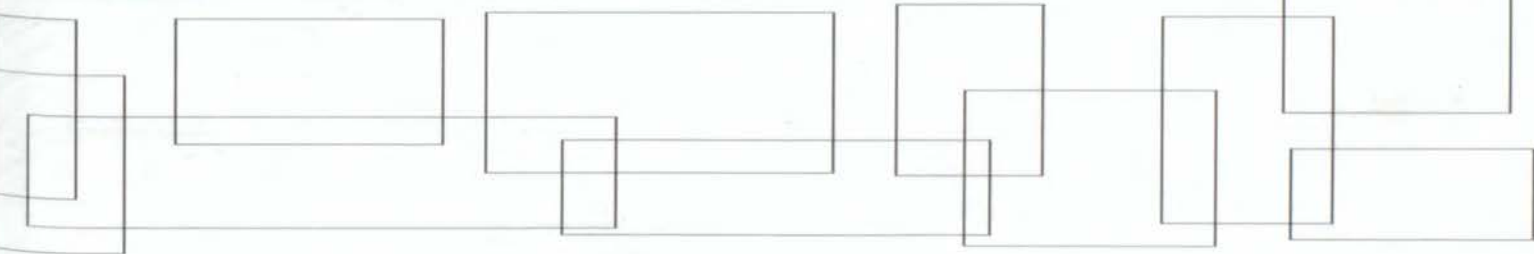
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Mary Jean Schrader
Jennifer Schuler
Lauren Sciara
Kylie Scovell





Planners Serve as Tool for Self-Expression

In a school full of uniforms, individuality was a top priority. Planners were often a great way for STA girls to express themselves. Planner decoration has been a trend continuing from year to year at STA.

Story by Lora Swartz// Design by Liz Hansen

"I have noticed magazine clip outs and stickers mostly on planners around school," said Sophomore Alex Farkas. "You can really tell who a person is through their planner."

The planner's cover wasn't always the only thing that was decorated. The inside pages also became a blank page waiting to be enhanced.

"My friends and I exchanged planners at lunch and then decorated the inside of each others," said Sophomore Melinda Krum. "It is always fun to see what your friends did to your planner because it is always a surprise."

Planners became part of STA students' lives. The loss of a planner would have disrupted their way of living.

"I don't know what I would do if I lost my planner," said Krum. "It is very personal and carries a lot of things at school that I care about."

Time consumption was one obstacle to overcome when designing

your planner.

"I have no time to decorate my planner," said Sophomore Nicole Conratt. "It is so tedious because you have to cut out pictures and glue them."

Organizing one's planner so it stayed neat and clean was another planner must in keeping your planner in its top shape.

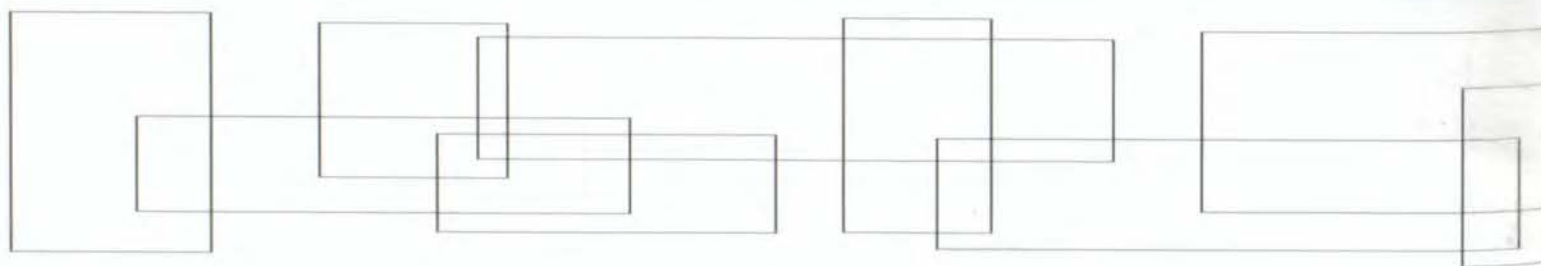
"I don't worry about how my planner looks, but it does help me get organized and it also helps me a lot in school," said Conratt.

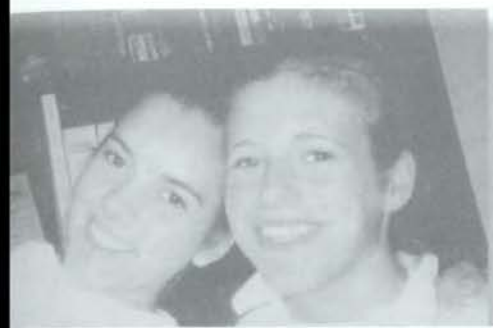
"I decorate because the planner itself is boring," said Krum. "I usually have time to work on it in my frees. I think that everyone's planner looks different from far away, but if you look up-close, there are a lot of commonalities."

Students showcased their artistic talents through their planners. They allowed everyone to display their own style and personality. The planner will continue being a canvas for the students' imagination for many years to come.



One STA student's planner serves well as a canvas for self-expression.





Kelley Seitter
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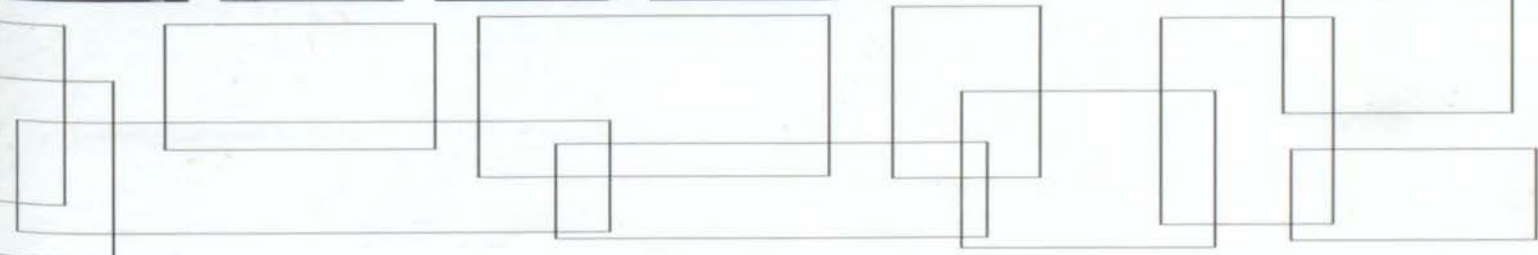
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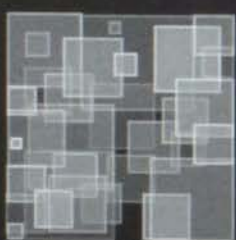
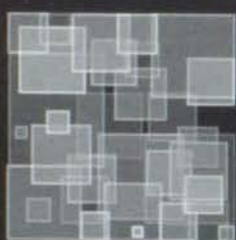
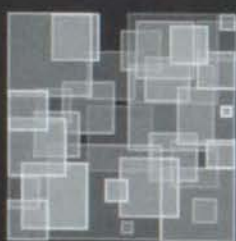
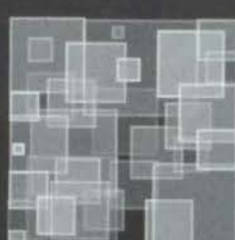
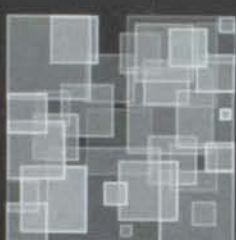
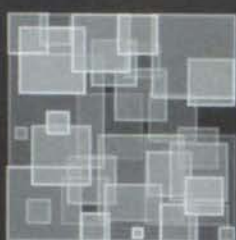


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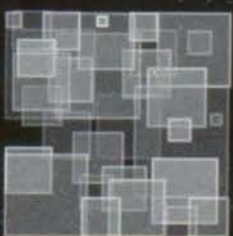
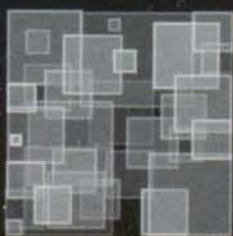
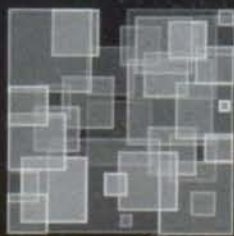
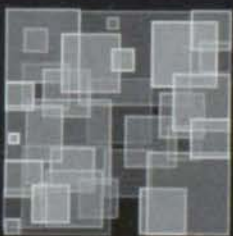
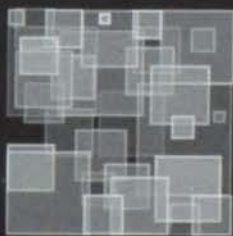
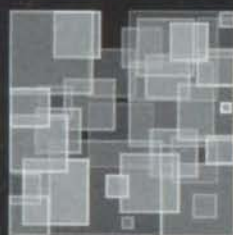


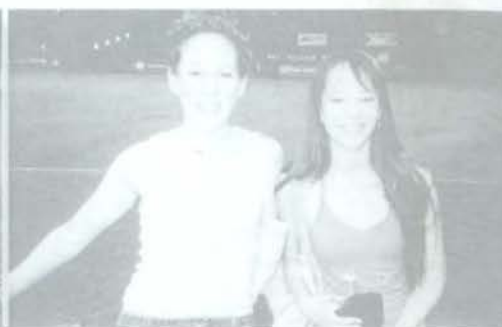
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 Katy Boat
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Allison Brown
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Heather Coakley
 Kate Cofran
 Michelle Collins
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Students Explore Their Faith

Houston, Texas was a gathering place for young Catholics in 2003. Around 25,000 Catholic youth from across the United States converged between November 13th and 16th for the biannual National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC).

Story by Chantele Heaphy // Design by Katy Boat



Photo by Chantele Heaphy
National Catholic Youth Conference participants assemble in Reliant Park Stadium in Houston, Texas, for a group mass.



Photo by Chantele Heaphy
Nearly 25,000 Catholic teens meditate during another group mass, also held at Reliant Park Stadium in Houston.

"I think it was to get young people to connect with God and see that you're not the only one," said Junior Katy Farkas when asked why the conference was held. "With the gathering of around 24,000 it made a huge impact when we all gathered in one room."

A total of 32 Saint Teresa's students attended NCYC in 2003, including many juniors.

"I thought it was important to meet other youth who are into the same thing," said Junior Rachel Cook. "It was cool to be with those who were having common experiences. I also went because I heard it would be fun."

NCYC taught its participants many things, especially about their personal views. The conference was intended to create an environment conducive to personal reflection and to help teens recognize their roles in the larger Catholic Church.

"It wasn't necessarily a spiritual revolution for me," said Junior Kathryn Fitzsimmons. "But I realized that even though there were so many people solid in their faiths, I can still have different views."

Not only did NCYC provide a path to further religious reflection, but also one to create new friendships.

"It was fun to meet other people," said Cook.

"I was there on my birthday, so one of my friends made me a sign that said, 'Hug me, it's my birthday,' and she wouldn't let me take it off my backpack. People came up to me and gave me hugs all that day."

NCYC was not an excused absence from school, however, and many of the STA girls had to take two tardies in order to attend the conference.

"It was defiantly worth going," said Fitzsimmons. "We drove 13-14 hours down and stayed for three days. We got back at 3 in the morning,

and I had to go to school at 8:30 that same day. But overall I only missed two days."

NCYC is held every other year, so most of this year's juniors won't make it back. But many expressed a desire to go again, if they had the opportunity.

"It was so much fun," said Farkas. "It was a new experience. It made being Catholic more realistic."



Photo by Chantele Heaphy
A sign in Houston welcomes NCYC participants to their upcoming retreat.



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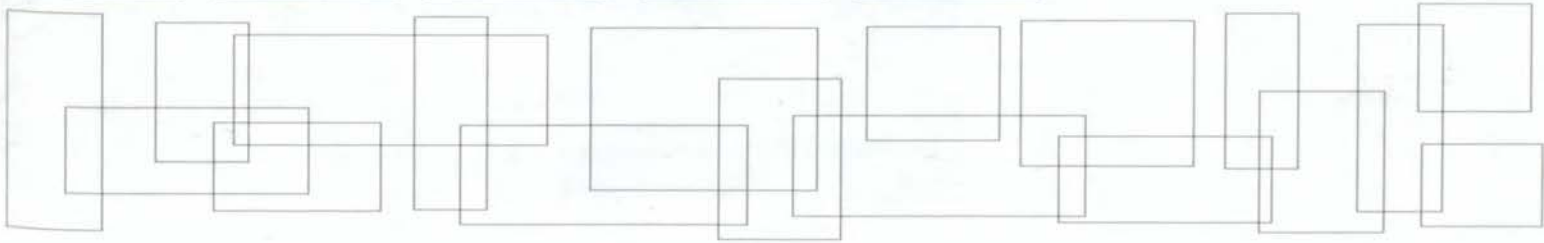
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Juniors' Work Leaves Little Time for Play, Rest

Story by Katie Alley // Design by Katy Boat

Walking down the halls, one often hears juniors discussing an upcoming chemistry lab or Algebra II test. In fact, it is often said that junior year is the most difficult. Besides chemistry, believed by many to be one of the toughest classes offered at STA, girls realize the importance of balancing everything they must do during their junior year.

Many might wonder how a 17-year-old girl could have so much stress, or have to balance so many tasks. But, most juniors know it is true. Besides school and homework, many girls have jobs and are involved in extracurricular activities like sports, drama, and community service, all of which require a significant time commitment.

"When you work long shifts, it is hard to finish your school work and get enough sleep," said Junior Meredith Gilmore, who is employed at The Cheezteak Company. "It makes me more stressed thinking of all I have to do."

By junior year, many girls have a relatively tight-knit group of friends, so not only are there school and extracurricular activities to worry about, but also keeping up social engagements.

"Junior year is definitely the hardest year, because you can't use the excuse that you're new, and you have your own group of

friends, so you are more sociable," said Junior Michelle Collins. Last year many juniors were feeling the pressure of maintaining good grades or improving their GPA's from previous years. This pressure came when the college counselors gave a talk during class meetings in which they warned juniors to keep their grades up, as colleges would not look at grades after the junior year.

"This is an especially hard year for grades because it is the last year they [colleges] look at your grades," said Junior Allie Brown.

Some girls predicted the stress of junior year, and thus cut back on classes or extracurricular activities during registration sophomore year. They hoped that this would provide time to study and sleep.

"Between working, soccer and sleep, there is very little time for social activities," said Junior Katie Kelly. "I've missed school dances and activities, and I've lost many hours of sleep over trying to get work done."

Though many girls feel like junior year will never end, they can find comfort in the fact that thousands of past STA girls have lived to tell the tale of their own junior years.



Junior Katie Hembree confers with Ms. Robin Good, one of the moderators of Campus Ministry, and Senior Gina Lauricella about a school mass. Photo by Kristen Lady



Junior Claire Galusha staples together scraps of paper for a project. Photo by [unreadable]



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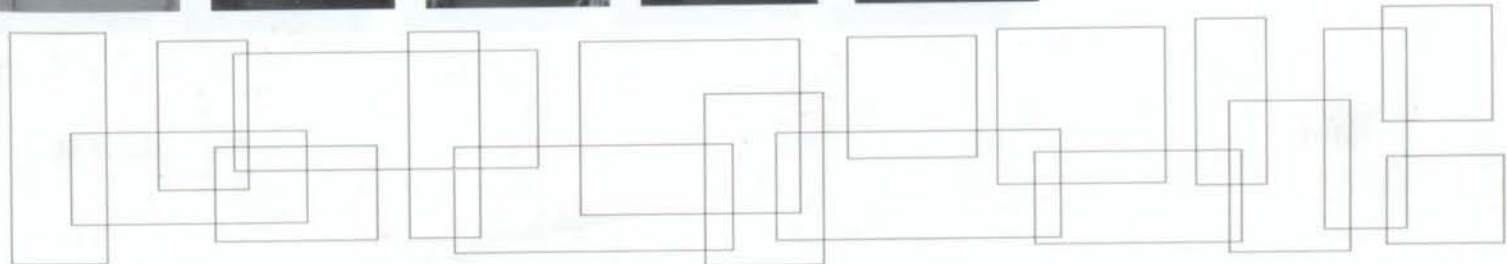
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Downloaders Beware

New laws brought an end to the free downloading of music in 2003, upsetting many in the STA community.

Story by Amen Iyamu // Design by Katy Boat

"I understand the backing of the new law; it is considered stealing. But the punishment is too harsh considering the songs are only worth 99 cents."

Junior Kate Cofran

New laws in 2003 restricted the entire nation, including the STA community, from downloading songs from the Internet. Last year, students and staff changed how they acquired new music in order to avoid a lawsuit.

The Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) began to use special copyright subpoenas to track and sue computer users who download songs off the Internet. Copyright subpoenas are civil lawsuits issued to people illegally downloading music. The RIAA believed that illegally distributing music online was stealing, and said that it would punish anyone regardless of age or financial status.

Recently, the RIAA issued 1,500 subpoena civil lawsuits against 261 people accused of downloading music, ranging from a 12-year old girl to a Yale University professor.

Despite the new laws, many downloaders disagreed with The RIAA, and saw no harm in continuing to download their music.

"I don't take it seriously," said Junior Claire Galusha. "Because I don't see how they could really enforce it on everyone."

When polled, eight out of ten juniors

didn't believe that they could be fined for downloading music, and said that they would continue to do so as long as they could.

If caught, downloaders could be fined anywhere from \$750 to \$150,000 for each song posted illegally on a personal computer.

The fines issued were often more than 50 times the price of the song, and many students found this difficult to understand.

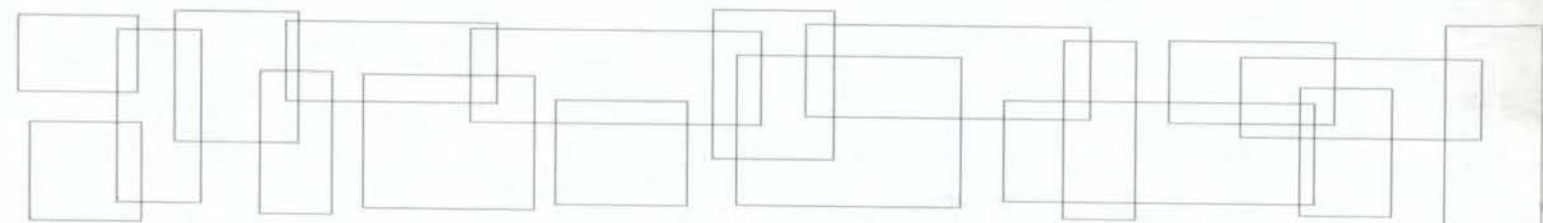
"I understand the backing of the new law; it is considered stealing," said Junior Kate Cofran. "But the punishment is too harsh considering the songs are only worth 99 cents."

The subpoenas were intentionally expensive to stop downloaders, and also to regain the money lost by illegal distribution of the music.

"I don't feel like they're losing any money," said Junior Delisa Harris, "To me, musicians have more than enough to survive."

However, the RIAA firmly maintains that downloading for free is stealing.

With such opposing views, the biggest battle will be compromise.





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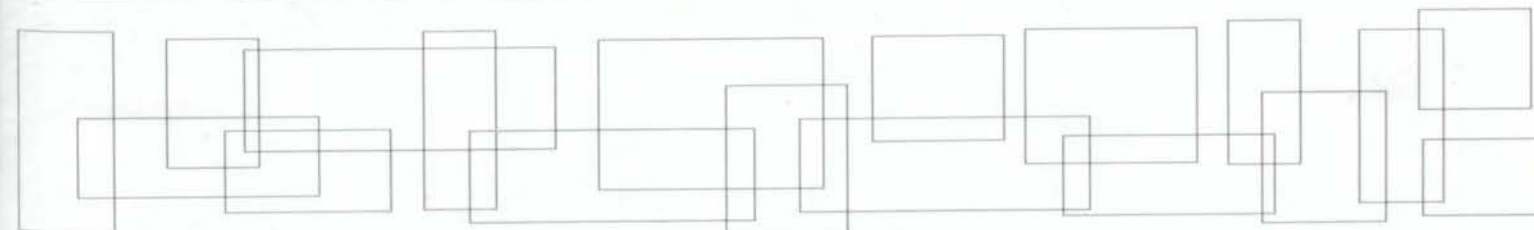
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Felicia Ramsey
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Margaret Rowzee
Suzanne Russell





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Taylor Salle
Mary Schless
Elisa Schmeltz
Marisa Shaw



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Sarah Snyder
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London Tatum
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Caitlin Turney
Colleen Vanbuskirk
Ann Waddy
Cara Wallingford



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Monica Welsh
Colleen Wilson
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Tyler Yarbrough





Desire to Fit in Spurs Trends

Knitting, Nalgene's, and Birkenstocks were among the most popular fads for juniors in 2003.

Story by Lisa Peterson // Design by Katy Boat

What do Nalgene water bottles, Birkenstocks, knitting, Joe Joe's and Sarah's Restaurant have in common? The answer is that all have become staples in the STA community without the use of flashy advertisements. But how do these trends spread?

"I think the main reason that there are so many trends is because everyone wants to be accepted by everyone else, and they think that the only way they will be accepted is if they wear the same shoes, have the same water bottle and look like everyone else," commented Junior Elizabeth Rogers.

Nalgene water bottles first became popular last school year. These "unbreakable" water bottles, which first started out as polyethylene laboratory equipment, come in a variety of color combinations and sizes. When asked, about 60 percent of STA students reported owning some type of Nalgene bottle. This year, the STA Star Shop bought into the trend, creating an official St. Teresa's Nalgene bottle.

With so many requirements for the uniform, many students opt to express themselves with their shoes. This year, Birkenstocks, which were first manufactured in Germany in 1897, became a popular choice among students.

"A lot of people have Birks, but I didn't get mine because everyone else has them," said Junior Maggie Mullane. "I got mine

because they're comfortable and I needed some shoes that I could wear with almost everything."

Other students chose to express themselves with a more personal and unique item by knitting their own scarves. The revival of knitting brought about a new knitting club led once a week in the art room by Ms. Jennifer Martin.

"I've only been knitting for a couple of months," said Junior Meredith Gilmore. "Knitting club is fun because you get to knit, talk to other students, and there is not a set lesson plan. There are students who have never knitted before and others who are really good at it."

The new school year also brought changes to the catered lunch program. This year, students were presented with new choices and more opportunities to buy food. Joe Joe's Catering served lunch on Mondays and Wednesdays and Sarah's restaurant brought food on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

"I thought it was a really good idea," said Rogers. "You get hot food right at school and you don't have to worry about making your lunch the night before."

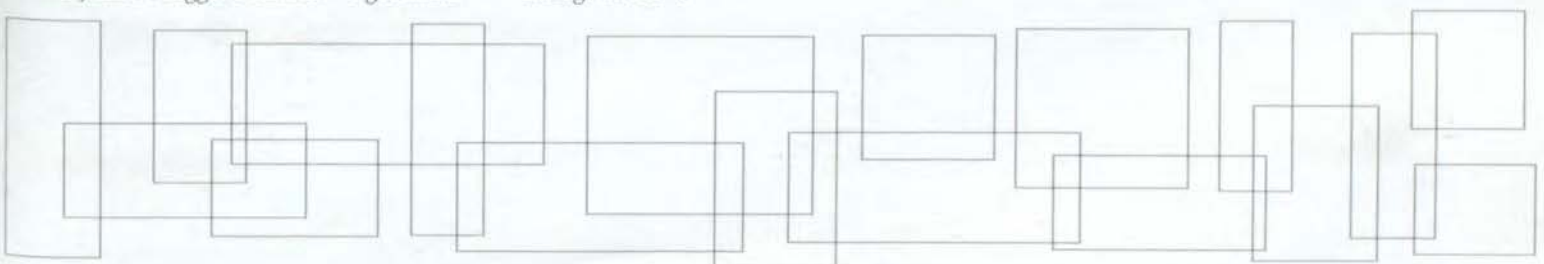
Some juniors may have jumped aboard the trends train, but with all the latest fads constantly changing, other students were left behind knowing that 2003's trends will change in 2004.

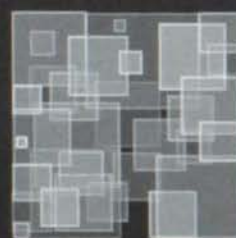
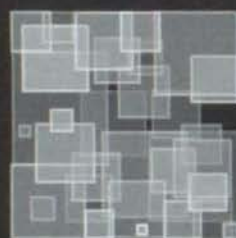
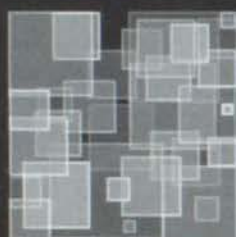
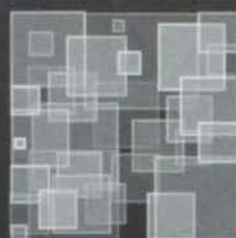
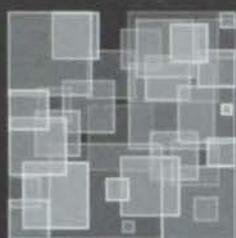
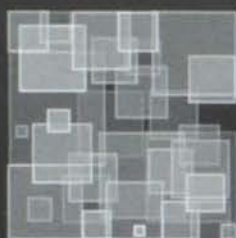
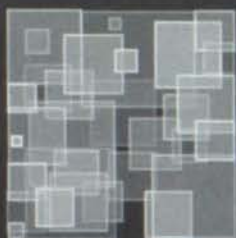


Junior Jessica Finley, left, and Ms. Laura O'Brien spend activities I and II in the art room for knitting club.

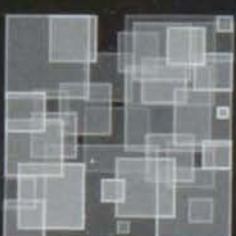
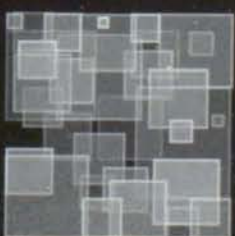
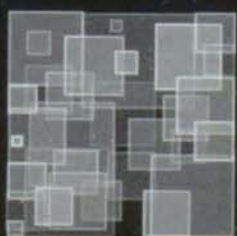
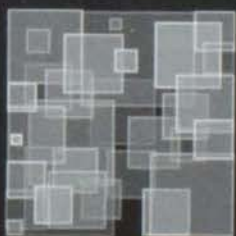
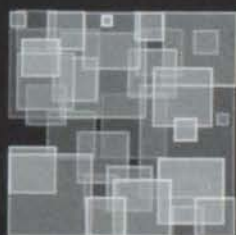
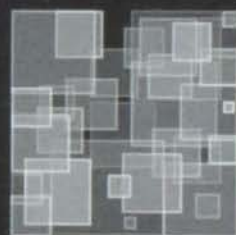


Sarah's Restaurant serves a warm lunch to eager students and faculty on a chilly February Thursday.





seniors



1992
kindergarten

1993
first grade

1994
second grade

1998
sixth grade

1999
seventh grade

2000
eighth grade



St. Teresa's

1995
third grade

1996
fourth grade

1997
fifth grade

2001
freshman year

2002
sophomore year

2003
junior year



Class of 2004



In our four years at St. Teresa's Academy, we have gone forgotten; others will remain with us, serving as a tie



As freshmen we experienced a *change of place*. We left the familiarity of our grade schools behind us and stepped into an unclear future. Together, we dealt with harassment from upperclassmen and intimidation from new teachers. We marveled in the beauty of the quad and scoffed at bathrooms in M&A. Trying to make sense of modular scheduling, we mistakenly went to the wrong classes and wondered why the teacher was talking about valence electrons instead of Australian geography. Some were afraid. Some were excited. But we were all beginners.

Our sophomore year we went through a *change of grace*. No longer the downtrodden freshman, we came back to school with a new confidence. We reveled in the respect shown to us and complained about the annoying freshman blocking the halls during passing period. We walked through the hallways with ease and strolled into Teresian as if we had never been denied the privilege. We fought off hunger waiting for second activity to come around and found our places in clubs, sports and plays. We had a loose grasp on our individuality and we desired more.

With a diploma held tightly in one hand, we women ready to conquer the





through many changes. Some were left behind and between the class of 2004 and our Alma Mater.

Nothing could have prepared us for the *change of pace* during our junior year. Our homework piled up and we struggled to find a balance between schoolwork and our social lives. We bid farewell to accountability sheets and welcomed the new responsibly with open arms. We learned what it meant to give service, what life was like in the 1920's and who dominated in arm wrestling matches refereed by Mr. Bertalott. We ventured westward with Lewis & Clark at the IMAX and marched forward with one another, ready to lead the school.



In our fourth and final year, our *change of face* was complete. With a matured appearance and a newly discovered sense of self, we continued to bond as a class and showed what it meant to cheer at a Sion game. We labored through college applications and planned visits to schools around our hectic schedules. We learned what it truly meant to have senioritis and counted down the days until graduation. We were anxious for the future and hesitant to leave the past. Only as seniors could we look back and see the full effect of St. Teresa's in our lives.

left as intelligent, strong-willed, independent world one step at a time.



The most likely to.....

- Get lost in her own neighborhood: Abigail Madden
- Write a best seller: Katy Corogenes
- Own a vintage store: Allison Garcia
- Marry her high school sweetheart: Stefania Hardacre
- Retire from her current job: Anne Mandl
- Own a tanning salon: Stephanie Martinat
- Never cut her hair: Kat Liljegren
- Be on Road Rules: Kelly Woodward
- Wear GAP Kids forever: Jessica Rosas
- Become president: Jen Vogel
- Join the Peace Corps: Alcyn Bucklew
- Save the world: Rachel Hogan
- Marry money: Kim Bui
- Play for the WNBA: Ashleigh Manlove
- Become an NFL cheerleader: Amber Hix
- Have her own talk show: Rachel Jackson
- Establish her own regime: Lindsee Acton
- Swim the English Channel: Ashley Fowlkes
- Become the next Dr. Wilson: Andrea Benben
- Organize the first class reunion: Caitlin Corcoran
- Start her own religion: Loren Jevons-Lee
- Become the next Bond Girl: Lynette Samborski
- Party with their kids: Tiffany Adams
- Die of a paper cut: Caitlin Dimond
- Forget your name: Lauren Spear
- Move out of the country: Shannon McSorley
- Become a fashion designer: Amy Aldrich
- Never return to her natural hair color: Allegra Perkins
- Remain perpetually five years old: Emily Riesmeyer
- Own a ranch: Casey Young
- Marry a rock star: Madison Garcia
- Become a mad scientist: Kristalynn Wells
- Live the life of a roadie: Kelly Bower
- Become a supermodel: Lauren Noonan
- Perform on Broadway: Caitlin Buerge
- Never age: Meaghan Quinly
- Own a bar: Christine Frechin
- Marry a cowboy: Ashley Cousins
- Be on "Survivor": Jenna Jantsch
- Join a band: Sarah Lombardo
- Divorce and marry 12 times: Megan McAnany
- Become a photojournalist: Justine Cotter
- Win the Nobel Prize: Jessica Yeager
- Die of school stress: Morgan Martin-West
- Die of hyperactivity: Lauren Neal
- Compete in the Olympics: Sarah Kitts





The most likely to....

- Find the AIDS cure: Janelle Bailey
- Be on "Sesame Street": Hilary Stanley
- Become a professional organizer: Ann Smith
- Come back to STA and teach: Lauren Higgins
- Be an American Gladiator: Annie Haden
- Run a marathon: Katharine Bush
- Be late for graduation: Hilary Bowker
- Be on the next "Clueless": Seabrin Stanley
- Have twelve kids: Anne Buchanan
- Become a doctor: Erica Rowe
- Become the next "American Idol": Andrea Minton
- Stalk Josh Hartnett: Mary Elizabeth Sherman
- Join the Army: GERALYN PEDICINO
- Be on "SNL": Amanda Doyon
- Become a rock star: Cindy Cameron
- Be a roadie: Mary Meiners
- Be on the next "Bachelorette": Erin Fitzgerald
- Never have a job: Ashley Price
- Travel around the world: Madeleine Hill
- Own a tattoo parlor: Becca Waechter
- Miss her wedding day getting ready: Jeni Anton
- Get arrested for stealing Diet Coke: Jane Kaufman



The Most.....

- Outgoing: Kelly O'Brien
- Willing to help: Kelly Harbison
- Sarcastic: Krystal Griffin
- Trustworthy: Kate Stueve
- Original: Emily King
- Oblivious: Rachel Hemkens
- Happy-go-lucky: Erinn Riley
- Blunt: Sarah Valdivia
- Intimidating: Danelle Tinoco
- Competitive: Maureen Healy
- School spirited: Carrie Gabhart
- Rad: Melissa Ann
- Changed since freshman year: Alison Shelby
- Honest: Stephanie Carr
- Boy Crazy: Brittany Cummings
- Friendly: Meagan Mabry
- Sassy: Lynette George
- Cute: Amanda Artigas
- Trendy: Gina Lauricella
- Quiet: Courtney Brawner
- Sweet: Diana Jantsch
- Class clown: Emily Willets
- All-American girl: Kelly Shuss





Smile
Rasheedat Yahaya



Athlete
Jenny Jantsch



Singer
Agie Sparks



Eyes
Allison Wilkerson



Nails
Andrea Horn



Hair
Andrea Martin



Slacker
Tonia Barksdale

The



Artist
Maggie Triano



Personality
Alex Persley



Lunches
Megan O'Donnell



Spaz
Cathy-Anne Mashburn



Nickname "Cash Money"
Stephanie Cashen



Wardrobe
Allie Palmer



Vocabulary
Sarah Fox



Voice
Liza Arroyo



Listener
Katie Gillis



Dimples
Erin Fitzpatrick



Car
Christen Poynter



Senior Power Trip
Cara Putthoff

Best



Complexion
Laura Muñoz



"Mom"
Emily Mulloy



Person for advice
Grace Livers



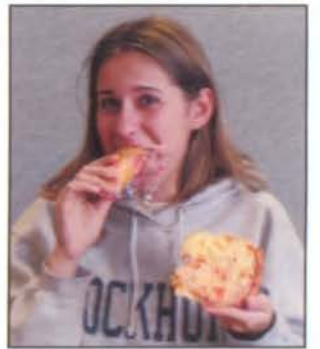
Giggle
Jeanene Moynihan



Sense of Humor
Kayleigh Gamble



Hiccups
Maddie Kramer



Eater
Jess Ponnath



Human Loudspeaker
Christine Weston



Dancer
Laura Prather



Person to have on
your side in a fight
Deirdre Goodwin



Friends
Katie Monaghan &
Amanda Weber



Lindsee Acton

*"May you live in interesting times."
- Chinese proverb*



Amy Aldrich

*"Amy I am so proud of you."
- Ted Aldrich*



Melissa Ann

*"I do not regret the things I've done,
but those that I do not do."
- Lucas, Empire Records*



Jennifer Marie Anton

*"I used to think I could sit and wait for
the times, but they won't come until I
meet them half way."
- Jason Mraz*



Elizabeth Jennifer Arroyo

"Everything happens for a reason."



Amanda Artigas

*"When you give up your dream,
you die."
- Flashdance*



Janelle Bailey

*"Worrying equals wrinkles, stress and
no life. Learning to live life without wor-
rying is learning to love every obstacle
thrown your way."
- Unknown*



Tonia Barksdale

*"Everyone's doing the best they can for
who they are at that time."
- Unknown*



Andrea Benben

*"A good friend is hard to find, harder to
lose, and impossible to forget."
- Unknown*



Kelly Bower

*"Life is only as good as the memories
you make."
- The Ataris*



Hilary Bowker

*"When love is your greatest weakness,
you will be the strongest person in
the world."
- Unknown*



Courtney Brawner

*"Now is no time to think of what you
have not done. Think of what you can
do with what is left."
- Ernest Hemingway*



Anne Buchanan

"Sometimes it's important to have a 13-year-old moment. To remember a simpler time when the best thing in life was just hanging out, listening to records, and having fun with your friends"
— Carrie Bradshaw, *Sex and the City*



Alcyon Bucklew

"Be excellent to each other, and party on, dudes!"
— Bill & Ted



Caitlin Buerge

"I don't want to live. I want to love, and live incidentally."
— Zelda Fitzgerald



Kim Thi Bui

"The meaning of life is to see."
— Hai-Neng

"Nothing is more important than the existence of what does not exist."
— John Hawkes



Katharine Bush

"Friends are treasures."
— Horace Bruns



Cynthia Cameron

"If you want it, you can have it, but you got to learn to reach out there and grab it!"
— Weezer



Stephanie Lanette Carr

"We're given this life for a reason, so make something positive of it."
— Unknown



Stephanie Cashen

"These are the times of our lives that we forget. These are the times we have no room for regret. Only time for drinking, laughing, fearing what's ahead."
— Lazy Daze



Caitlin Louise Corcoran

"The unfinished works of our heroes must truly be our own. The future can not become our past, if we are to change the world."
— Ben Harper



Catherine Corogenes

"I'm off making you proud so don't wait up. I'll be home soon."
— The Starting Line



Justine Cotter

"It's risky breathing, let alone needing, trusting, reaching out. Life is a leap of faith, the bold declaration of hope."
— Unknown



Ashley Cousins

"Dance like no one is watching, sing like no one is listening, work like you don't need money, love like you've never been hurt."



Brittany Cummings

*"If there ever comes a day when you can't be together, keep me in your heart and I'll stay there forever."
- Winnie the Pooh*



Caitlin Elizabeth Dimond

*"We are one, but not the same, we need to carry each other."
- U2*



Amanda Doyon

*"Music is well said to be the speech of angels."
- Thomas Carlyle*



Erin Fitzpatrick

*"Just relax, take it slow, and let the good times roll."
- Stifler*



Ashley Fowlkes

"Embrace them don't waste 'em, cause these are the days of our lives."



Sarah Fox

*"Life is too important to be taken seriously."
- Oscar Wilde*



Christine Frechin

*"Life is what happens while you're busy making other plans."
- John Lennon*



Caroline Gabhart

*"Beginnings are scary, endings are sad, but it's what's in the middle that counts. Sometimes you have to let hope float on up."
- Hope Floats*



Kayleigh Gamble

*"Wadawah."
- Pootie Tang*



Allison Garcia-Spait



Madison Garcia-Spait

*"There is no one in here of any earthly use to anyone tonight. Tomorrow is another day."
- Kurt Vonnegut, Jr.*



Lynnette George

*"The biggest devil is me. I'm either my best friend or my worst enemy."
- Whitney Houston*



Katie Gillis

*"You never really leave the people you love; you always take a piece of them with you and leave a part of you behind."
- Unknown*



Deirdre Goodwin

*"Life is like a game, you play it, then you die. So have a nice life!"
- Unknown*



Krystol Griffin

*"Life is a journey, it can take you anywhere you choose to go, follow a path that is your own."
- Christina Aguilera*



Annie Haden

*"It's all said and done; it's real and it's been fun"
- Green Day*



Kelly Harbison

*"As of today, I have no regrets. I take things in stride. I'm grateful for people in my past. They helped me get to where I am, but now I'm thinking for myself."
- Marilyn Monroe*



Stefanie Diane Hardacre

*"If you don't like someone, try walking a mile in their shoes. Because then you're a mile away from them, and you have their shoes."
- Jack Handy*



Maureen Healy

*"Some people regard discipline as a chore. For me, it's a kind of order that sets me free to fly."
- Julie Andrews*



Rachel Hemkens

*"You say it best when you say nothing at all."
- Unknown*



Lauren Higgins

*"Wealth is not Life, Life is Wealth. When Love fills your Heart and a smile has been made on your face then you have true wealth."
- Unknown*



Madeleine Hill

*"The art is in the walking, we are betrayed by the destination."
- Gwen Thomas*



Amber Hix

*"You must be the change you wish to see in the world."
- Ghandi*



Andrea Horn

*"I don't have any obstacles. I have hurdles, but I'm training so I can jump them."
- Melinda Williams*



Rachel Jackson

"Don't let your thirst for survival in the future make you incapable of living in the present."
- Unknown



Diana Jantsch

"A friend is someone who can see the truth and pain in you even when you are fooling everyone else."
- Unknown



Jenna Marie Jantsch

"You only live once, but if you go after it all, once is enough."
- Unknown



Jennifer Jantsch

"Do what you can, where you are, with what you have."
- Theodore Roosevelt



Loren Jevons-Lee

"Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it."
- Ferris Bueller



Jane Stark Kaufman

"The greatest weakness of most humans is their hesitancy to tell others how much they love them while they're still alive."
- O. A. Battista



Emily King

"Meet me in outer space. We could spend the night; watch the earth come up."
- Incubus



Sarah Kitts

"In a world of give and take, there are few who are willing to give what it takes."
- Unknown



Maddie Kramer

"Life is not tried it's merely survived if you're standing outside the fire."
- Tim McGraw



Gina Lauricella

"The only thing that matters is just following your heart and eventually you'll finally get it right."
- The Ataris



Katherine Liljegen

"Dream as if you'll live forever, live as if you'll die tomorrow."
- James Dean



Sarah Lombardo

"If you're robbing a bank and your pants fall down, I think it's okay to laugh and to let the hostages laugh too, because come on, life is funny."
- Jack Handy



Meagan Mabry

"A smile is a curve that sets everything straight."
- Unknown



Abigail Madden

"A kind deed is never wasted."
- Unknown



Annie Mandl

"Be a winner, be a star, be happy to be who you are. Gotta be yourself, gotta make a plan. Gotta go for it while you can."
- Shania Twain



Ashleigh Jade Manlove

"Keep it real. You don't get respect, you earn it."
- Unknown



Andrea Martin

"Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end."
- Semisonic



Morgan Martin-West

"I wish they would only take me as I am."
- Vincent Van Gogh



Stephanie Martinat

"Have no excuses for the things that we've done, we're brave, we're crazy, we're mostly . . . young."
- Kenny Chesney



Catherine-Anne Mashburn

"Be true to yourself because everyone changes and in the end you are only left with who you are."
- Unknown



Megan McAnany

"Sir! I can't pull over any farther! I'm already pulled over!"
- Super Troopers



Shannon McSorley

"Run away..."



Mary Frances Meiners

"Once you start worrying about what other people think you stop being yourself."



Andrea Minton

"God never abandons us, and with His love, anything is possible."



Katie Monaghan

"If you always do what interests you, at least one person is pleased."
— Katharine Hepburn



Jeanene Moynihan

"Stop searching forever, happiness is just next to you."
— Unknown



Emily Mulloy

"We're all a little bizarre, some of us are just better at hiding it."
— The Breakfast Club



Laura Muñoz

"Try looking at things from a different perspective."
— Unknown



Lauren Neal

"In good times and bad times I'll be on your side forever more, that's what friends are for."
— Unknown



Lauren Noonan

"Who knows where thoughts come from, they just appear."
— Empire Records



Kelly O'Brien

"When you get there, there's no there there."
— Gertrude Stien



Megan O'Donnell

"Doubt, Cry, Trust, Live."



Allie Palmer

"If you're gonna live, live it up. If you're gonna give, give it up. If you build a house, make it a home. If you're gonna pull some weight, pull your own."
— Ben Harper



Geri Pedicino

"Life is great. Without it you'd be dead."
— Gummo



Allegra Perkins

"Be happy for this moment. This moment is your life."
— Unknown



Alexandra Persley

"Smile."



Jess Ponnath

"Happiness is like peeing your pants; everyone can see it, but only you can feel its warmth."
— Unknown



Christen Poynter

"I don't pretend to have all of the answers. I don't pretend to even know what the questions are. Hey, where am I?"
— Jack Handy



Laura Elizabeth Prather

"All serious daring starts from within."
— Eudora Welty
"Live your life like a mullet; business in front, party in back!"
— Unknown



Ashley Price

"Don't be afraid to go on a limb. That's where the fruit is."
— Unknown



Cara Putthoff

"It'd be a whole lot cooler if you did."
— Dazed and Confused



Meaghan Quinly

"Life isn't measured by the breaths you take, but by the moments that take your breath away."
— Unknown



Emily Riesmeyer

"We are all worms, but I do believe I am a glowworm."
— Winston Churchill



Erinn Riley

"Don't count the days, make the days count."



Jessica Anne Rosas

"Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever."
— Ghandi



Erica Rowe

"If you can imagine it, you can achieve it. If you can dream it, you can become it."
— William Arthur Ward



Lynette Samborski

"It's been such a long time, I think I should be going. And time doesn't wait for me, it keeps on rollin'."
— Unknown



Alison Shelby

"We did not change as we grew older; we just became more clearly ourselves."
— Lynn Hall



Mary Elizabeth Sherman

*"If things are not as you wish, wish them as they are."
- Unknown*



Kelly Shuss

*"Love doesn't make the world go round. Love is what makes the ride worthwhile."
- Franklin P. Jones*



Ann Smith

*"Since we're only here for a while, you might as well show some style, give us a smile, isn't it a lovely ride?"
- James Taylor*



Agie-Lois Frances Sparks

*"Your reputation is your resumé."
- Madeleine Albright*



Lauren Spear

*"A dream is a wish your heart makes."
- Cinderella*



Hilary Elizabeth Stanley

*"What's livin' if you never pull down your shorts and slide on the ice?"
- Lewis Stevens*



Seabrin Lee Stanley

*Live isn't measured by how many breaths we take, but how many times our breath is taken away."
- Unknown*



Kate Stueve

*"In three words I can summarize everything I've learned about life: it goes on."
- Robert Frost*



Danelle Tinoco

*"Only I can decide my future and what I'll do with it."
- Unknown*



Maggie Triano

*"And you think you feel everything, but our hearts are just made out of strings to be pulled."
- Modest Mouse*



Sarah Valdivia

*"Every new beginning comes from some other beginnings end."
- Semisonic*



Jennifer Vogel

*"If you're going to be able to look back on something and laugh about it, you might as well laugh about it now."
- Unknown*



Rebecca Waechter

"Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away."
- Unknown



Amanda Weber

"Life may not be the party we hoped for, but while we are here we might as well dance."
- Unknown



Kristalynn Wells

"Normal people are boring."



Christine Elizabeth Weston

"The day you cease to change is the day you cease to live."
- Anthony de Mello SJ



Allison Wilkerson

"To the world you may just be one person, but to one person you just may be the world."
- Unknown



Emily L. Willets

"If a person isn't generally considered beautiful, they can still be considered a success if they have a few jokes in their pockets . . . and a lot of pockets."
- Andy Worhol



Kelly Woodward

"Today is the start of the rest of your life, so live it like it's the end."
- Unknown



Rasheedat Yahaya

"I came, I saw, I conquered."
- Julius Caesar



Jessica Yeager

"People seldom do what they believe in. They do what is convenient, then repent."
- Bob Dylan



Casey Young

Not Pictured:

Tiffany Adams

"Live life to the fullest, but don't get caught."
- Unknown

Erin Fitzgerald

"Great women compare themselves with no one and never, never, ever follow rules."
- E. Jean

Rachel Hogan

"If you're going through hell, keep going."
- Winston Churchill

Grace Livers

"Would you be my girlfriend, girlfriend?"

Hello, my name is....	also known as....	I groove to...	10 years from now....
Lindsee Acton	Ish, Ishness, Ishi, Lu, Double E, Miss Acton	Tiny Dancer, 2+gether, old stuff, new stuff and country, but let's keep that on the DL	I'll be discussing the calming nature of pudding with the Dalai Lama
Tiffany Adams	Tiff, Ta, T-dawg, Tiffany Rose, Adams-Apple	Anything and everything, except classical music- can't dance to that	I will be sitting on my butt, watching TV and complaining about something
Amy Aldrich	T, Grrr, Carrot Top, Pokey Puppy, Eva McLeava	Everything: Rock, Rap, Country, Alternative	I will be designing under a great name such as Gucci, Versace, Armani, or Valentino
Melissa Ann	Mel, Meli, Anne, Mulan, Hinduism	Steve Miller Band, Guns N'Roses, Everclear, Green Day, AC/DC, CCR, and Weezer	Married with 2.2 kids, a dog and a white picket fence
Jeni Anton	Jenay, Jentifer, Jen Bo Ben, the Demolisher, Jeni, Jen	Jason Mraz, Gavin DeGraw, Jack Johnson, and Maroon 5	I'll be living in Chicago, married with 3 kids, debuting my new line of purses
Liza Arroyo	Liza	Anything that sets the mood	I will be married, have 5 kids and a good job
Amanda Artigas	Manda, Amander, Porsha, Mandy, Mandita	Anything and everything, except country	Living on a hot beach with a hot guy
Janelle Bailey	Nelle	anything	Married, designing my own concert hall and giving piano performances
Tonia Barksdale	T, Toe, T-dawg, Tizzle	The question is what don't I grove to?	Hmmm...28¢
Andrea Benben	Ben, Benben, Ben2	Country, pop, rap, oldies, and I love Rascall Flatts!	I will be married with kids and a dog
Kelly Bower		Something Corporate, Maroon 5, Britney Spears, and The Ataris	I will know what it's like to say "Hey, I'm almost 30!"
Hilary Bowker	Lary, Hil	Maroon 5, Something Corporate, and Barenaked Ladies	I would like to be married with my first kid and a nice job in social work
Courtney Brawner	Court	Anything	Married, being successful in my career and having kids
Anne Buchanan	Crunk, Annie B.	Rap, Country, Billy, Elton...I love it all	I'll be married with 2 kids, decorating my house
Alcyn Bucklew	Bucknew	Shakira	
Caitlin Buerge	Beurge, Beurg, Buergs, Berjee, Sheila, Grace	Broadway showtunes, Oldies	I'll be living in NYC, planning weddings, being supported by Vince and starring in Will and Grace 2
Kim Bui	Kimmy and Kimberly		Be a doctor, married, and have 3 kids
Katharine Bush	Bushninski, Katho, dubya, gimp	country	
Cindy Cameron	C-dawg, Bammin Cindy, Out-of-Control	OKGO, Weezer, Postal Service, Everclear, Nirvana, Sublime, Beastie Boys, anything that's funky	I'll be 28, rich and have own my own resort in Mexico
Stephanie Carr	Stephie, Grandma, B., Steph-O	All type of music except country	Working at the best job in the world, maybe beginning to start a family and living my life to the fullest
Stephanie Cashen	Cashen, Cash money, Money, Big momma, Cash, Jiggs, \$\$	O.A.R., Rascal Flatts, Garth Brooks, John Mayer, Allie Palmer, Gavin DeGraw	Married, with money, lots of kids and a job as a CEO in a big corporation in NYC
Caitlin Corcoran	Cory, The Flare, Caiti-Lou, Corky Romano	Anything, DMB, Roots, Mozart, 80's, etc.	I'll still be telling the same jokes
Katy Corogenes	Corogenes, Thing 2, Chrissy, Tallulah	TSL, SoCo, Mae, Incubus, Postal Service, TBS, Saves the Day, 311	
Justine Cotter	JC, Just, Tine, eeeeA (as in schiz-o-phren-ia)	Gavin DeGraw, Garth Brooks, Britney, basically anything	I'll be a successful business woman who has been married for 2 years and just had my first of 3 children

I like....	pet peeves.....	best chuckle....	I wish I could forget....	quote me....
Cheese	The "R" Word	Dancing with Amanda, Brazilian Soccer Players	Petty Fights	But anyway..., I'm excited. I was about to say..., here's the thing..., do you wanna hug?
Anything that's fun and exciting	People stepping on the back of my shoes	Imitating "Old School" and seeing 'Bird' do her thing at Kairos, racing O'D home	The long nights of homework and studying	Nuh-huh I'll call you later
Big butts and I cannot lie, these other brothers can't deny	Abigail's random "yeahs", Rachel when she is abusive, Lauren and her bluntness	Ashley Fowlkes with her magical storytelling bra and Abigail's dancing	Rachel giving me a wedgie and Lauren comparing cat-tracks to cataracts to Cadillacs.	Are you going to eat that?
The 80's, the sandwich club, dance parties, the Broadway Cafe	Slow drivers, misuse of blinkers and country music	Softball, 80's Night and the O'Hara game	Honors Chemistry	Well shoot You crazy kids That's just hurtful
Purses, McDonald's, ice cream, ketchup, Mike Myers, laughing, my bed	People who don't know street names and people who "pluralize" singular words	Christmas Dance junior year, Tom, computer lab freshman year, Halloween '03	Christmas Dance junior year and that LATE night freshman year	I know I'm not gonna lie PET PEEVE, PET PEEVE
Parties and boys	Fake people	My 18 th Birthday Party	All the fake girls	Whatever Shut Up
Dance parties, Hello Kitty, the 80's, Paige Powell	When people think my little sister is older than me	"Do you not have a heart," the white stripes video with Gracie, Hilary Stanley	Gap dance, computer lab... Corky and Lee	One day I will meet Mary-Kate and Ashley You have to dance Jeanene!
My friends, boyfriend, easy classes, pizza, shopping	Smacking, ignorance, show-offs	Emily Willets	Sophomore year	Will school ever end?
Big butts, your mom, my music, mostly everyone that goes to STA	Stupid "smart people", getting caught, people who pee in the pool...Hilary!	Ann Stacy...Sexual Healing, Special Ed, Theatre camp, Every party I've tried to have	Christmas Dance and Teresian sophomore year, my party with the KCMO PD	'bout that, Sweet! Holla! Mos def, picture me rollin', Dance party! Dance party!
Coke, Red Hots, Chipotle, Dr Pepper, On The Border	Smoking, tapping fingers on desks, chomping gum	All the depantsing and butt slapping at Kairos! K-9's the best!	JT's house, broken friendships, KC Metro sophomore year	I really need a coke I hate this class!
Days off, rainy days, driving to random places for fun	Uncapped pens, people who ask for advice because they want you to agree with them	The community fork, Allegra's orange hair the day before Rockhurst Homecoming	Freshman year, Geometry, Spanish 2	I won't tell anyone...I promise
Winstead's, cheesecake, my friends	Narrow-minded and forceful opinions (especially ones involving religion)	Anytime my friends and I hang out really, but maybe water-spilling at Winstead's.	Lost friendships	Instead of saying 'It's Greek to me,' I'm gonna say 'It's Algebra to me.'
My friends, snow-days, sleeping, watching movies	Fake people, tailgaters, feet	Emily Willets pretending to be a cat in Advanced Drawing		
Shoes, singing, going out with my friends, 42oz Diet Cokes, laughing till it hurts, Ebay	People not using their car blinkers, messy couches	"La di dad: da, Todd!" "Don't worry, the bird's already dead," toilet in Chicago, Tom!	Summer of sophomore year	This one time on Sex and the City Let's have a luncheon
All things orange	Korey Levin	What's cooler than ice cold? Brittany knows!	The hot dog incident	This one time in Nicaragua...
Daisies, American Dreams Parties, theatre	Hangnails, Aaron Buerge, being ignored	Phone tag, my own laugh, Allegra	Falling down on stage during Broadway Bound	Um...I don't get it!
Spending time with my hunnie, shopping and spending time with my family	Ignorant fake people		Mr. Whitney's Honors American History class junior year	O my Gawd!
American Dream parties, Dumb and Dumber	Socks that don't fit	Erin falling by Whitney's room, going to the chapel, the Katharine burrito	Wiping out while on crutches	Keel em
Food, music, friends, parties, boys, the cooking network...I like a lot of stuff	Stupid drivers, ignorant people, girls who gossip, popping knuckles	Anytime I am with Emily and Cathy-Anne, "Coke-A-Kola", "Airhumper", ZING	STA and everything that came with it, that one hot coffee that burned my tongue	Bammin! Don't question it!
Pizza, talking on the phone, hanging out with friends and family, and good books	People who stop in the stairs or hallways to talk, people that have no sense	The time I saw Andrea Horn fall down the stairs, that was the best laugh I ever had	Freshman yearbook picture and Chemistry	Really? Hey gurl! I'll holla back
Balloons, animals	Lauren Neal taking food without asking	Trash bags, lake '03, Andrea and the stop sign	Sophomore Teresian and freshman year	Come on, feel the noise...
Bagels, Katie's dancing, KU basketball, NPR, Howard Dean, books	Bush	PhysiX, computer lab freshman year, C-Dub's room, chinanery, abg	Junior Christmas Dance	1 day, 1 night... I'll be in 'the office'
stuff	Squeaky shoes	That one time!	Social Concerns	Hey Loser Blah
QT, LaffyTaffy, Latte Land, shopping (esp. for shoes), Starbucks, my North Face	People who don't return phone calls, people who leave their trash in your car	MAPAP, Ice-cream fight, D.A.N Forever, Thank you, Dolan, my eye won't open!	Rockhurst #2 Sophomore year, both car accidents (yes there were 2)	Umm, what was I gonna say? Wait...what are we talking about?

Hello, my name is...	also known as...	I groove to...	10 years from now...
Ashley Cousins	Ash, Ashes	Rascal Flatts, Aaron Lines, Mandy Moore... anything I can sing to	Career, married and maybe kids
Brittany Cummings	Bitty, Brit, LiL'Red	Dashboard Confessional, Van Morrison, Ben Harper, John Mayer, Dean Martin, Norah Jones	Living my own "American Dream"
Caitlin Dimond	Gliddy, Cait, Caity, Gidster (only by Lauren Neal)	Dave Matthews, Josh Kelly, Gavin DeGraw, Jack Johnson and everything else	I will be married with a phat job as a business woman thinking about having kids
Amanda Doyon	Anaba, Doyab, Amanda Bear	Meatloaf, The Beauty and The Beast Song, Dave Matthews Band	Married with one child, one on the way, teaching music to high school kids
Erin Fitzgerald	Er-Bear, Ghetto B, Esmerelda	Gavin DeGraw, Sister Hazel, Goo Goo Dolls, Sugar Ray, Britney	I hope to be running SportsCenter, married to a former KU basketball player
Erin Fitzpatrick	FitzP, Jess and Kelly's dawg, Woosh	Acoustic rock and anything with piano	I'll be living in Southern California making weekly trips to Disneyland
Ashley Fowlkes	Ashes, Ashes40, Rumi, Big "A"	Led Zepplin (I love you, dad!), Garth Brooks, the Dixie Chicks	I will be married with at least two kids (and more on the way) and happily working as a nurse
Sarah Fox	Fox, Lil' Fox, Red, SB, Cindy Lou Who	311, Dave, BNL, N.E.R.D, Tracy Chapman	Married and traveling the world



Christine Frechin	C-Fresh	Pink Floyd, Radiohead, The Doors, Phish	Starting my own catering business
Carrie Gabhart	Carrie, Care Bear, Benny, Momma, Woosh, Shcottie, Dougie, Flasha	Country, John Mayer, Gavin DeGraw, Jason Mraz, Josh Kelley, Jennifer Love Hewit	I will be married, running my interior design business, with a baby boy and a little girl on the way
Kayleigh Gamble	I don't have a nickname, but if I did I think it would be Hottie McAwesome	EVERYTHING! Except for country, pop, rap, alternative, R&B, rock, oldies, and bluegrass... No wait, I like bluegrass	I think the more important question is what won't I be doing ten years from now. Think about it
Madison Garcia	Pez, Madz, Maddie	Everclear, Something Corporate, No Doubt	I will be wondering what I wanted to do ten years ago and trying to remember what I was like
Lynnette George	B.A., Smells, Nette	Monica, Jay-z, J-Lo, and Janet Jackson!	I am going to be a successful pharmacist with a family and many friends
Katie Gillis	Gillis, Gilly	Country, Rap, Disney	I will be married with two kids and happy with whatever I am doing
Deirdre Goodwin	Lizzy, Dee, Beatrice, Deidra, sis, Gump	Old R&B example: Boyz II Men, New Edition, Soul Food soundtrack	I'll be getting out of med school, married to an army man or pro sport player. Overall, roflin in da money!
Krystol Griffin	Krys, Kryssy, Krystol, Lite, Tursey, Reeseey	Hot 103 Jamz	I won't be in KC or anywhere near the Midwest
Annie Haden	Lynn, Ghetto, Trouble, Charlie, Annnnaay!	Jason Mraz, my K-9 mix, country, rap.....I groove to it all	I'll be married with kids and living in Brookside

I like...	pet peeves...	best chuckle...	I wish I could forget...	quote me...
Friends, shopping, food, Christmas, hooded sweatshirts, family gatherings	Gossip, fake people, lying and stealing	Katharine Bush and me singing "Chapel of Love" and Mrs. Good at Kairos	When I wrecked my car two weeks after I turned 16.	Whatever
Romantic movies, dance parties, American Dreams, baseball, showers & swimming	The silent treatment	Heathbaby.com, sophomore year swim team, 2 nd semester Chemistry Final, Yankees games	Why forget anything?!?	I love you!
Coffee at Latté Land, hanging out with my peeps, road trips	When people get their FINGERPRINTS on all of my pictures.	Lauren Neal leaning back in her chair in Whitney's class and falling	The time I fell up the marble stairs in M&A, gashing my knee and spilling my coffee.	No I don't have any gum. I don't share very well.
Bon Fire Parties, Sports and Fitness 15/16, Panera, my car, sleeping	Amy's animal feeding habits, Abigail's knowledge, Rachel's violence, Ashley's always cute	Tongs! It's a GOOSE! TOWN CENTA! "I'm still wearing socks!" Toilet in Chicago.	Jack, Junior year, Algebra I, twenties project, Teresian senior year, deliagh	Oh my Gaaaa! Whatcha gunna do? If we have time, we might go to Home Depot.
Hanging out with my friends, dancing, watching KU basketball, flamingos, sleeping	Spelling errors, when people don't listen to me, when people don't use their blinkers	Tom! I Love the 80's, Physics class, my 18 th birthday	Halloween '03, Christmas Dance after party '02	Bark like a dog? Scandalous!
Cross country meets, pasta parties, Quik Trip, advisory parties, October, my cat	When people talk along with movies, backseat drivers	Matteo, slow club, falling down the stairs, Petey, Hanson, Manheim	Sophomore year	Cool story Hansel. Heyyy, Big Gulps, alright! Well p, see ya later!
"My Prada backpack, but I LOVE my Sketchers"	Amy's animal chewing, Hil's fights, Rachel's bluntness, Abigail's "yeas," Amanda's ?'s	When Amy Aldrich whipped out her AMC Card at a Dickinson theater!!	4:00 a.m. yapping on about cat tracks, cataracts, Cadillacs, and the list goes on!	I still have socks on! Mandy Moore is my idol.
American Dreams, intelligent republicans, peanut butter	Power trips, people touching my face, left-wing hypocrites	The Box in SSERC, Daycare, Greg Robinson	Brutal Honesty Night, most of junior year, breaking Megan O'Donnell's foot freshman year	Are youuu going to be O.K?!



Long summer nights, Paris, food, concerts	When people eat with their mouth open, burping in public, cotton balls	What Megan said in front of Ms. Wallerstedt on accident	Spanish class Freshmen year	Hurry, grab my hand, we have to get to the chopper!
Playing homeless, Disney movies, jigs	Whistling, tapping of any kind, people who don't use their turn signal	Allison's birthday, "skiing" Officer Gayland, Chinese fire drill	3-10-02, The big "Uh-oh", Douglas county!!	Anyone want any donuts?!
Cakes, pies, tortes, cookies, ice-cream, brownies, tarts and liposuction	When people say "please" and "thank you." Wait, I think I answered that wrong.	I can't remember all the funny things I've done. There are so many, it's impossible.	Spilling yogurt on myself everyday at lunch	I'll sell it to you for 5 dollars Poop
Concerts, rainy days and doing what makes me happy, oh, Kurt Vonnegut, Jr.	When people only talk to me because they want something	Brazilian Soccer Players	All the things I've never done	Bampf!
Dancing and going out with friends on the weekend, the color pink	When someone begins to tell me something and then says "nevermind"	Having lunch with Carrie Gabhart	My freshmen yearbook picture	Oh, Really!
Sour Patch Kids, shopping, Diet Coke, sports, pink, Disney, movies, songs	Slow drivers and drunk drivers	"St. Louis," Rock State, Emily's house, Tping, Monkey-Lady House	Hitting a parked car, accidentally dialing parents	Hey babe
Being myself, speaking my mind, cheese, DUDES	People who talk stuff and can't back it up, "K," "Juvum," "Holla"	All freshmen year with my cousin Candace Jones, Ashleigh's fight	Chemistry, Junior year	Dude Whatever Anywayz
Chicago Bulls, Kansas Jayhawks, TV, hanging out with friends	When people use the word "like" incorrectly and when I get called Rachel or Ashleigh	Song game with Erica and trip back from Branson with Erica	Basketball Junior Year	Rock Chalk Jayhawk, Go KU!
My Kairos cross, American Dream parties, MU, frees in Thomas, Oprah, Daycare	When people lick their fingers after eating	Emily slipping on the seal, stop drop kaboom, Honors Biology study group	The mullet, Kelly O'Brien mooning my dad, Sarah with Swiss Miss	Right Thurr I'm so tired Sweet

Hello, my name is....	also known as....	I groove to...	10 years from now....
Kelly Harbison	K. Harb, Harbi, Kelly O, Smelly	Country, Oldies, Salt N' Pepa, just about anything	Graduated from college and dancing every night
Stefanie Hardacre	Stef, Hardacre, Hard-a-kelz, Jessica (only by Dara), Stephonie, Spazonie	Everything	Working a successful job and starting a family
Maureen Healy	Mo, Beenie, Momo, Oh Captain, My Captain	Everything, especially the 'Labor Day Weekend' song	I'll be a physical therapist coaching at some high school
Rachel Hemkens	El duque	Anything	I will still be partying
Lauren Higgins	Higgy, LoLo	96.5 The Buzz	Finishing college with my Doctorate in secondary music education
Madeleine Hill	Madness, Boones	Radiohead, Bob, Jimi, Outkast, The Roots, Ben Harper	
Amber Hix		Anything (not classical, jazz etc...) country, pop, R&B	Out of college, hopefully with a stable job
Rachel Hogan	Hulk Hogan	Weezer, Rolling Stones, Guster, Frank Sinatra, Get Up Kids, Travis, The Boss, Pink Floyd, Saves the Day	I hope I still have both feet
Andrea Horn	Drea, Andy, Monkey, Dre	Rap and R&B especially Fat Tone, Chingy, Murphy Lee, MacDre	I will be a successful child welfare social worker living in Los Angeles with four of my five kids
Rachel Jackson	Rach-Rach, Ray, Ray Ray, Ms. Jackson	Chingy, Og-Stakka Dollar, Raggae, anything with a nice beat that I can dance to	By the grace of God, I should be a news anchor on TV and producing my own talk show
Diana Jantsch	D, DJ, Di, Princess, Oh Captain My Captain	Simple Plan, Tim McGraw, NFG, Pink, Frank Sinatra	I will be running some race, somewhere and hopefully getting a PR!
Jenna Jantsch	Jantsch, JJ	country	I'm going to be living the life of my dreams
Jenny Jantsch	Jenny, Jen, J, JJ	K-9 mix, country (Tim McGraw and Kenny Chesney), rap	Married with kids and coaching a volleyball team
Loren Jevons-Lee	Lo, LoJo, Lo the Ho, Jevums	The voices in my head, and the sounds of Vroom-Vroom!	I'll still be falling up
Jane Kaufman	Jane Stark Kaufman	Sappy love songs, Faith, the Chicks, Rap, Calvary 88.5, Country	Living next door to Kelly, dressing our kids up in saddle shoes for mass where we make our husbands sing
Emily King	Em' Dog	Postal Service, MC Chris, Cake, Fiona Apple, TOOL, Jewel, Ok Go, John Coltrane, Chopin, Incubus	I'll be kickin' it in Cali, making big bucks, and married to a hot surfer
Sarah Kitts	Kitty, Kitts, Kitty-Kats, Skitso, Skittles, Beaver, Skitts, SK	K-9 mix, Sara Groves or Rascal Flatts	I wish I could tell you
Maddie Kramer	Mads, Maddog, Madge, Magile, Jimmy	Garth and about everything else	
Gina Lauricella	"G-Dawg", "G-Unit", "G-Huh"	O.A.R. DMB, Jack Johnson, Dashboard Confessional, GreenDay, Incubus, Something Corporate.	Elle Woods, attorney
Kat Liljgren	Meow Mix Kitty, gat, Baby Spice, "Mom"	Uh, music...alternative mostly but Veggie Tales are cool too	"I'll be OLD!"
Grace Livers	Shortie	Rap and Punk	I will be thinking of Amanda Artigas
Megan Mabry	Megs, MeAgan, Megra	Gavin DeGraw, Goo Goo Dolls, Sister Hazel	I'll be 27 years old
Abigail Madden	Abby, Abbers, Kiki	Incubus, Lincoln Park, Sister Hazel, Tom Petty, Tech N9ne	I plan to be a successful businesswoman
Anne Mandl	Anne, Anne Marie, Anne Banan, Annie Pearl	Anything rap (50 Cent, Snoop, Tech N9ne), Shania Twain, Tim McGraw	I will be married to Tony Gonzalez while living in San Antonio, Texas with our son

I like....	pet peeves.....	best chuckle....	I wish I could forget....	quote me....
My friends, pineapple, smoothies, cars, singing with windows down	Cell phones	Uno, dos, tres, I can kick as high as your head- Trickanery	Kelly U	Seriously...you know what I mean?
The heat pipe in Ms. Dolan's room	Bad drivers	Tom...and driving Meyer Circle	Driving Meyer Circle	Uhh...you guys!?!
Playing and coaching, not watching	Cold feet, not finishing a song	Emily & Pennie: The Field, I have no nose! Jenny: "I just started peeing!"	Absolutely nothing, well except for Vogue	You're crazy. That's hilarious. I'm hungry. Floppy ate it!
Friends and fun	No blinker, chewing with an open mouth	"Seven inches...around?"	Fester's Saturday Night	Whatcha doin? Hey you
Mountain Dew, puppies, kittens, pink, pillows, clouds, sharpened pencils, MUSIC	Hypocrites, blinkers when not needed, depressed people	Hilary's face, spilling water at Winstead's, writing "y" backwards, Billy...	January 1, 2003 - September 6, 2003	Clearly... I concur. She made me want to eat the car!
Food, sleep, hot showers, nuglet	Whistling, slow drivers, traffic, the po, dehydration	Dropping little Gracie, 'yes, officer Ma'am; high speed chase	April 20th freshman year	What can I do, it's all about a family and how we roll, Can we get a witness
Dancing, summer vacation, and food	Slow drivers in the fast lane		Sophomore Teresian, Freshman year	Oh my gosh! I'm soooo hungry
People who smile, people who try to smile, people who want to smile but just can't do it	Define peeves...	"I have no nose!", porky, the pride cleaner mascot, scaring D!	The futon fall or maybe the ball and being sort of small and jumping in the hall.	It's so big! I'm going to put you in a blender and drink you for breakfast!
Boys, laughing, Nestea (the one with the snowman), peanut m&m's	Sneezing or coughing without covering your mouth	Eating lunch with Carrie Gabhart	When I fell down the stairs sophomore year	Please...Have you seen me!, Oh No!
Good laughs, fun times with friends, making new friends	Loud gum chewing, dumb questions, biting nails and spitting them out	With my friends at the lunch table and on the weekends!	All of my many embarrassing moments and all the times I thought I was in love!	40 dollars!?! You like this girl? Cute! Silver Dolla!
Long walks to Chipotle, dance parties in Emily's driveway	Being Tickled!! People being hypocritical!	"I have no nose!" Scariest prank ever; next time I won't drop the phone.	Latin!	It's all about the Coke!
Adventures	When people say, "Oh, I see."	The monkey lady's house, 3 a.m. call to Emily's parents, SLU, RHS State 2002	The week after my party freshman year	See ya later dude... I've been so good.
American Dream parties, projects w/ Maddie, Jen and Sarah, frees in Thomas's room	Messy projects, bad drivers, people who don't try	The "Sam" car accident, Emily falling on the seal, Jen being in the SAME class as me	Arno Park w/ Jen, Sarah w/ Swiss Miss, sophomore year Hon. Biology study group	Right Thurr Good one Sweet
Your face!	People who refuse to dance	Brazilian Soccer Players!	Honors Algebra II	Moo! "Huggles" Hey Buddy!
Cuddle club, chapstick, sweatpants, Chipotle, American Dream parties	Hair in my brush, constant rhythmic noises, people who can't whisper, sticky hands	Chicanery, Mrs. Good's stop drop kaboom.	My head injury freshmen year at lunch	You worthless... step into my office Stop, drop, kaboom baby...
FOOD!! Music, friends, my lover a good time!	crazy drivers, girls that think they're too fat to eat.	Bucknew, hangin' w/ K-Dog & C-Dog, Whitney and The War of the Stamp!	Those cracked out times!	Are you gonna finish that? Cracked out!
PDM, winning state, talking on the phone	Imperfections in my planner, notebooks, or papers, chomping	Emily falling on the seal, stop drop kaboom, Honors Biology study guide, "Sam" car accident	Swiss-Miss; Sophomore year projects...enough said	Sleep well! Guess what time I went to bed last night?
Escapades, sweatshirts, Diet Coke, Chief's Parties	When I can't think of any... that's so annoying	Always OMAHA, Mickey-Mouse underwear, Hon. Biology study group	Jen's cell phone, regrets, Chemistry	I'm really not a bad person.
Anything pink	Homework on Fridays, Sophomores who park in the lot.	Famous Amos cookies, "Spring is here!" screendoors, minpin, hamburgers, Branson!	"How many states are in the U.S.?"	What's up homeslice?
Nothing, I hate everything and everyone... except you "Wink Wink"	Hypocrites and stupid people, stupid squirrels, Oh I don't like Teletubbies either.	The sand fight at Allegra's Park	Chemistry class	
My blue shirt	Farts, burps	Jeanene Monighan	Sophomore Teresian	Would you be my girlfriend, girlfriend?
Art, Jayhawks, m&m's, snow, food!	Chipped nail polish, MU fans, diets, B.O.	TOM!	Homecoming '03	Surely you jest
A girl who wears a short skirt and a long jacket	Farting, burping, being ignored	Washing my bowl, Lewis and Clark project	American Literature Junior year	Yeah Come on Lauren let's go
Watching football, Italian food, summer, Texas, the Lake of the Ozarks, movies, sleeping	bikers riding in the street when there is a sidewalk, pep rally's at the end of the school day	Christmas break Junior year	Tripping on the stairs Freshmen year when my backpack landed on top of my head	F.Y.S. sucka

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Ashleigh Manlove	Manlove, Manlover, Baby Gurl, Young one, Ashic	Aaliyah, Genuwine, old school R&B, underground Rap	I won't remember a lot of names and I'll be a doctor with my own physical therapy practice
Andrea Martin	Cutie, Ugly, Ugs, Sweet, Cankles, BB	Well of course country, but everything else except for smooth jazz, classical, talk radio	I'll be living with my incredible husband who cooks, cleans, and does laundry, while I'm at my dream job
Stephanie Martinat	Martinat, Cutie, Devil, Hombre, Pretty girl, Candy cane	Kenny Chesney, Rascal Flatts, Toby Keith... anything country and Hilary Duff	Have 3 kids and live in a large house with a hot husband!
Morgan Martin-West	Goober, Mo-gan, DubbaMDub	Wrath and fury's mix cds, Saves the Day, Weezer, Dashboard Confessional, the Get Up Kids, the Strokes	I will be living in my trailer with CMKIII and our herd of youngin's
Cathy-Anne Mashburn	Cathy-Anne, Cathy, K-dawg, Skitz	3 Doors Down, Tech N9ne, Jewel, Eminem, Sheryl Crowe, Weezer, Tom Petty (a little bit of everything)	I'll be a broadcaster on a news station, married to a guy who treats me well and possibly have a kid or two
Megan McAnany	Meg, Meggerz, Meggie, Beast, Fay	Radiohead, Incubus	I will be lost in Amsterdam
Shannon McSorley	Shey, Shan and other ridiculous creations	Hot Salsa	Living in a loft in a big city
Mary Meiners	Fudge Packer	Punk Rock music	I will be 27...thanks for asking



Katie Monaghan	Monaghan, Thing I, Little hands, Tex	Anything on the radio and any other good music	I will be ten years older, getting filthy rich and having a good time
Jeanene Moynihan	NéNé, Nener, Panene	Green Day, of course!	Married to a lumberjack in Minnesota holding two children in snow boots
Emily Mulloy	Em, Emmy, E-pop, E-pie, Harvey Larson, Delisa, Starr	Tim McGraw, Craig David, Celine Dion, Kairos Mixes, Songs 4 Worship	I will be driving around Brookside in my Land Rover Discovery series II with my children
Laura Muñoz	Hoochie, Muñoz	music	I'll be out of college and living on my own
Lauren Neal	Lokn2004, Lo, Lola, Neal, Lokn, Beast, DeLisa, Butch	Country, 50 Cent, Match Box 20, Josh Kelley, Tim McGraw, Blue Man Crew, Little Bow Wow	Married with my four kids
Lauren Noonan	Lo, Lolo, Larana, Noonan	OAR, Usher, Sheryl Crow	Married, have a kid, live in San Diego and own a monkey
Kelly O'Brien	Kell, Numero, Twin, Kiki, Kello, Devil, Applicator, Roger	Frank Sinatra, 311, Fleetwood mac, John Melloncamp, Craig David-ye, Boston	I'll be a graphic designer, living in NYC with my husband and three kids, driving a 98 green four runner
Megan O'Donnell	Meg, Megs, O'D, Blondie	Anything but jazz & hardcore rock	I'll be driving a brand new 2014 Range Rover
Allie Palmer	Duhgger, Ali Pali, P-Funk, Fatty, Heffer, Beautiful	Prince, Sister Hazel, Ben Harper, Gavin DeGraw, Cash-Money, Slim JG, Britney Spears	Start Britney Spears Cover Band and married to a southern boy

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Puppies, sleeping, boxing (working out)	Ignorant or stupid people, smacking with your mouth, scraping plates	At Gates with Deirdre and the Gold mouth Dude	My fight and all the stupid and unnecessary drama	Waz good Hey girl Head nod
Food, animals, Brad Pitt, Tim McGraw, Taco Bell	People not asking for stuff, split ends, the toilet seat and gross toothpaste	Lee's Summit, QT, Holy Ben, Spring Break freshman year, shopping, cruise with Steph	Noonan's lakehouse, my numerous screw-ups, animal T-shirts, Soph. homecoming	
Food, running, my friends, Ernie & Burt, troll	Slow drivers, when people are on the phone and they talk to people around them	Mrs. Good, Neal at lunch, boring weekends with Andrea, Lauren Noonan, K-9	#20, driving down Roe St., writing my name on papers	First of all...
Old movies, showers, dance parties, Harry Potter, friends, Chipotle's vegetarian burritos	Driving (my own and other people's), when people repeat thing numerous times	Unboob salute, Emily Willets falling, Kayleigh knocking me over at the 80's Dance Party	I don't remember...truly I don't	I'm going to bite you (the biting noise)
Chipotle fajita burritos, naps, hanging out with friends entertaining ourselves	People who don't use turn signals, loudness in the morning, pee on toilet seats	Falling down the stairs before Teresian at Cindy's house	My Sophomore year picture	Baha!!! I can't, I have to work
Ranch dressing	Driving, when people don't answer their phones	Any free with Lauren Neal	Every math class I ever took	All right, meow Littering and...littering and... max, earmuffs
Whipped cream, cheesecake, dead grass	Smacking lips, whistling	Hitting boys with my car	Victoria's Secret	Run away...
Going to concerts	When people don't know the obvious	LIFE...HA HA	Teresian of 2002	Fathead!



Randomness, good people, good food, laughing at stupid stuff with crazy friends	Fake people, drivers who don't use their turn signal	Man boobs, creepy creeperson, mud ballet, ice skating, fresh lemonade	Soph. Christmas Dance, uno, dos, tres, double blind date, and James Brown Concert	Blah Watch your back!
Laughing until I cry	People who don't use their turn signals, school uniform	All four years at STA	All four years, especially tumbling down the bleachers freshman year	Surprise me, I can't decide.
Diet Coke, Sudys, Car rides with Kell-O, Oprah, Jalapeños, K-8 and K-9	Feet and rude people	Honk and Wave, PDM, Summer Nights, anytime with friends	Falling in the quad, Kitts and Swiss Miss	I Liake You! YEEEE!
Hanging out with friends, talking on the phone, shopping, traveling & dancing	Ashy people, ear wax, eating w/ your mouth open, people who speak Spanish to me	Ashley Price laughing Junior year in Algebra II/Selective Topics	Junior year	I don't know
Allison Claire Palmer, CCCC	People being rude	Senior dance off, times with friends, K-9, Allie peeing her pants at QT	Sarah Kitts and Swiss Miss-Halloween 2003, the red Volvo	Jakin it!
To eat, eat, eat, apples and bananas	Moochers!	Lake '03, Cashen and I both driving my car	Sophomore year Teresian	Hey dudes! Hey tutse!
Diet Coke, Sudys, music, driving with E-pop, crafting	People messing up my perfctions, continuous noise, people messing with the radio	CCC mooning, Lawrence, Buca, Honk and wave, night riders, Lewis and Clark video	Sophomore and Junior year New Years, Mr. C	Cool yeah cool Sweet Yee
Cheese pizza, the smell of a new car, warm clothes straight from the dryer	The sounds of chewing food, people who park so close you can't get out of your car!	Wrestling Sarah Fox, racing Tiffany home, the car chase with Seabrin	My speeding tickets...and anything else bad my sophomore year	Talk slowly but think quickly.
Lauren Kathleen Neal, CCCC, Jayhawk Basketball	Neal's bad moods, ANSWER YOUR CELL PHONE, MU Fans	Time with Neal in general, Kelly...Lawrence YEE, talking about EBO with Woody	New Years Eve, Klee, Spanish, Goodnight at QT	Whaaat? Really... 1980's called, they want their joke back

Hello, my name is....	also known as....	I groove to...	10 years from now....
Geri Pedicino	Geriatrics, lefty, G-Dawg, Geri Spice, Geri-bo berry lerry sherry carrie virgin Mary	Copeland, Steadman, Under Oath, The Strokes, Promise Lies Within, Pretty Girls Make Graves	I will be 32
Allegra Perkins	Pippy, Lola, Llegra, Aleger	The Ataris, Maroon 5, Something Corporate, Mandy Moore, Bowling for Soup, Dixie Chicks, NFG	I will be accomplished in some career or another and hopefully be starting a family. I want a white picket fence
Alex Persley	Smalex, APers	70's music AND dance parties!	I'll still be listening to Backstreet Boys
Jess Ponnath	It's just Jess, not Jessica, don't even think about Jesse. To Corky, I'm Google.	Ben Folds (my idol), acoustic rock, Tech N9ne, Hanson, country, Star 102 Christmas songs	I'll be happily married (once!) with a few kids and my fashion design company, and I'll have a chihuahua
Laura Prather	Laura Lou, LP, Wee, Mini	Jack Johnson, Dashboard, Chicago, Jimmy Fallon	Frolicking...because I can!
Ashley Price	Ashes, Pricey	Anything and everything	I want to be well off, married to the love of my life, have two kids, and live next to my best friend in L.A.
Cara Putthoff	Bear, Carebear, Scott	anything	I'll be 28
Meaghan Quinly	Meaghaleganius, Bigin, The Mighty Quinn	Wrath and Fury's Mix CD's	I will be writing my novel called "You're Reading the Title Already, Why Don't You Buy the Book?"
Emily Riesmeyer	Em, Emmy, Emba, McScmily, Pretty Girl, E, Mimi, Mimirs, Emmy Mismow	My 3 Men: Jason, Gavin and Garth	I will be the next Delilah on KUDL
Erinn Riley	Ebes, Ebers, EB, Ern, E-win, Pujal	Rap, R & B, pop, rock, Christmas music, techno... everything!	I will be living in Chicago with my husband, but will also have a house in the Caribbean
Jessica Rosas	J. Ro	Anything but country	I'll be owning my own business and maybe married
Erica Rowe	Ricki, Riquita, Ric, Row Row Row Your Boat, Errrca	Chingy, Ludacris, Nelly, Jagged Edge, Justin Timberlake, any kind of R & B and rap, some pop, basically anything	I'll be almost done with medical school, moving into my own Pediatric office with twin girls and a husband
Lynette Samborski	Lynol, Netly	Christina Aguilera, Boston, Michelle Branch, Evanescence	Traveling with my boyfriend/husband
Alison Shelby	Ali, Ali Pali, Shelbs, Shelby woo, Shiniqua	All music, rap, hip-hop, country, etc.	I will be married, working, and have a one-year-old son
Mary Sherman	Mary, E, eliz, M.E., Marrs	Anything but country	I'll be paying off student loans
Kelly Shuss	Kel, Pook, Kellaay!, Dawg, Delishuss, Keltown	Ben Folds, John Mayer, country, pop, pretty much everything	Happily married with a baby
Ann Smith	A, Annie, Annabelle, Smitty, Smithereens, Smythe, Smithers	BF5, Mraz, Beatles, Radiohead, Wilco, Kweeler, Wainwright, Buckley, Lovett, Simon & Gar, 90.9	I'll still think bodily functions are funny
Agie Sparks	Age, Ag, ALF, Peanut	Phantom of the Opera and Linkin Park	I'll be 27 and still younger than the rest of you!
Lauren Spear	Slick	Ashley and Rachel duets and "I'd been wishin' that I'd go fishin'"	We'll still be eating at Double Dragon
Hilary Stanley	Hil, Hill, Hills, Hillbilly, Hi-lary, one of the duo known as "Gemini's twin," Celery	John Mayer, Rascal Flatts, Tim McGraw, Steve Miller Band	I will hopefully be out of school and working in a nursing home or hospital as an occupational therapist
Seabrin Stanley	Sebe, Seeb, Sabrina, Seabreez, Stan the man	John Mayer, DMB, Kenny Chesney, Jack Johnson	I'll still be confused
Kate Stueve	Katiebell, Katie	everything	I will live in a lakefront apartment in Chicago with my gorgeous husband and my own interior design firm
Danelle Tinoco	Dani, Dani-chan, Nelle	System of a Down, Papa Roach, Disturbed, Avenged Sevenfold	I will be designing and creating new airplanes and jets for NASA
Maggie Triano	Magdoline, McDaggoly, Margret Raygon	Incubus, 30 Seconds to Mars, Nirvana, Modest Mouse	I'll be the next Sue Johanson

I like....	pet peeves.....	best chuckle....	I wish I could forget....	quote me....
Zebras, Zits, Zip (Amanda's cat), Zippers, Zen, Zappers, Erin Fitzpatrick	Midgets that run around and bite people's ankles, Y.I....	Albino squirrels, zebra pants, pork rinds, oompas over loompas squared, hug patrol	When I got up to get a tissue and my clothes fell off and I was naked	Hot! Ridiculous Rock on
Shopping, boys, show tunes, algebra, READING, spending money on dumb things	Feet, unsharpened pencils, people who fake dumb, greasy hair	The time other people broke the bench at Winstead's, it wasn't me; "Mount Carmel"	Chemistry class, geometry class, multiple car crashes, and a couple heartbreaks	Na-uh Mount Carmel?
Mary's basement, ribbon, people, AND Pepsi	Not being able to find things, disrespect, wide receiver screens	Exercise ball collision with Kayleigh	The B+ Mrs. Acton gave me because she doesn't round	I wasn't there, that happened after I left.
QuikTrip, Chipotle, shopping, XC meets, American Dream parties, pasta parties	Freshmen on the stairs, obvious highlights, people who work too hard at school	Managing XC, Teresian prison bus '03, heathbaby.com, QuikTrip, Simon and Russ	Junior year, but not September 5, 2002	Wanna go to QT?
Dance parties, American Dreams, spaghetti, albino squirrels	Bad drivers, pumping your breaks, stalkers	Chicanery, "Girls just wanna have fun," Julia Goulia	Christmas dance, wrecking my car, being a gimp	Are YOUUUU gonna be okay? Pas tellement!
Dogs, friends, family, swimming, auto-racing, horses, Harley motorcycles	Close-minded people	Erick gets stuck! Windows up, Min Pin at Hamburgers, Hilary on ice	Being made fun of for being short, stalkers with video cameras	Don't ruin my perfectly bad mood! Your face! Yeah ya do.
Anything that doesn't involve homework or tests	When people chew with their mouths open and when people smack their gum	When Lauren Neal got depantsed coming up from lunch	"There's a blue light special on being quiet"	I don't get it
Red cream soda, puppies, the Hooptee, dance parties, caramel frappacinos	Pets named peeves	Unboob salute, "Confusius say," Dramamine, dressing like pirates, Mary's 18 th b-day	That night at Brittany's house	That's a freaking bald eagle! Please don't
10-pack of Capri Suns, cheese, playing homeless, shiny things	Hearing those 2 words, when you're stuck behind slow drivers	Officer Gayland, Wilkerson's birthday, Dillards, bus bathroom on Teresian	Sophomore Teresian, 3-10-02, the big "Uh-Oh," Douglas County!	Git 'er dun! Don't worry about it. Hellooo
Summer clothes, coffee, tan lines, really good movies, trying to be punk	Cell phones going off during movies and people who drive with their blinker on	Kelly O'Brien mooning Mr. Haden, "spandex," Honk and Wave, throwing pennies	My mullet sophomore year, getting blamed for mooning Mr. Haden	Ya jerk! What? Huh? I got my middens on!
Naps, shopping, Chipotle burritos, Laffy Taffy jokes, being w/ friends and Chai tea	Bad drivers, smart people who have no common sense, freshmen, fake people	Costa Rica: Alberto and Mateo, Ms. Good: stop, drop, kaboom	Sophomore year altogether	Are you serious?
To sing & dance, eat Chinese food, hang out with my friends, smiling & laughing	Swearing, cheaters, slackers, when people call me by the wrong name, crazy drivers	Playing the song game with Krystal, the long trip back from Branson.	Honors American History	Hey. Hola. Guess what!?! Was the test hard?
Sudys, Cheez-Its	People who get too close to my face, getting in my car with dirty feet.	Boston concert and Nightriders	Freshmen year	
Big butts and I can't deny, you other brothers can't deny.	Excess complaining, people who act like someone they are not in front of guys.	Ashley with her tongs, Rachel chasing Amy in the quad and giving her a wedge	Driving home from Teresian, haha Amanda	That was extremely random.
Hanging with friends and dance parties	When people spill soda at sporting events so your feet stick to the floor.	Alex and Kayleigh with the exercise ball, apples to apples, twister game	That time when...uh... ummm.... I forget...	Confucius say "I put down the baked potato."
Quik Trip, American Dreams parties, trash-bag shorts, t-ping	Loud chewers, people who get good grades on tests that don't study	B.A.F., animal crackers, "We're being shot at!"	When the gator bit me	Sometimes...get excited! mmyess
Singing in the car, coffee, de pants-ing, John Cusak, reading, Conan O'Brien	Peeling oranges, making my bed, being splashed, fake nails, sauerkraut	The Lewis & Clark videos, blaring Manheim steamroller, American Dreams	raindrops on roses... the pool at Dale's Aquatic Center ABC, ABG, ABG what?	You MUST chill! Slap...Don't touch anything! There's no C in QuikTrip?
HGTV and whiskers on kittens	Odd numbers and cruelty	TAXIDERMYPY in Colorado (Hilary will know)	The day I sang a solo completely wrong in church	
radiators	When Rachel hits me, Amy writing my number on bathroom walls	Getting stuck on Amanda's door, chasing geese, BBQ tongs	Abigail at Winstead's, Junior year 20's project	cat tracks...cataracts...cadilacs... I can still see you
Spaghetti and meatballs, the Lake of the Ozarks, Shia la Beouf, watching the Bachelor	Bad breath, paper cuts, boogers	"It's a bad hobbit"	When I fainted at the Ben Folds concert before he even got on stage!	Interesante... What's up with this biz? Do I have a booger?
Shopping, shopping, shopping	Getting lost!	"Who pooped in Dolan's toilet?" "Are you gonna be okay?" "ducks!"	Freshman year bangs, braces, sweet clothes	I smile because I have no idea what's going on.
Having a good time, hanging out with friends, laughing, food	People reading over my shoulder, waiting in lines	"Spring is here!"	Chemistry	
To read and look at the stars	When people don't do things right	Brazilian soccer players	Walden	
Sweater vests	Biting popsicles, "whatever"	Dilliard's, blind stick, tramp nights, cucumber-melon	Junior volleyball year, Officer Gayland, Holand-Wempe	Don't worry about it; that's what my mom says, Why I oughta..., poo, em

Hello, my name is...	also known as...	I groove to...	10 years from now...
Jen Vogel	Marie	Garth Brooks	I will be living in New York, Chicago, or California
Becca Waechter	Becca, Bec, B, Beck-Ah	Everything, Teck N9ne (St.Teresa's, Bishop Hogan!)	Married, pregnant, happy, and filthy rich
Amanda Weber	Manda, Mandy, A-man-duh, A-dawg, Arkansas, Max, Amanda-man, Loser, Webster, Jessie	Tim McGraw, Toby Keith, Simple Plan, New Found Glory, Nelly, Sean Paul...anything	I'll be surrounded by good friends, be well educated, and have a job I look forward to going to everyday
Kristalynn Wells	Krisln		I'll be alive somewhere doing something
Christine Weston	Westy	Kid Rock with Andrea Martin	Married to NFL or NBA player and a well-known real-estate agent
Allison Wilkerson	A, AL, A-Dub, Wilks, Wilke (Not Ali!), Koala	country and rap	I will be married to the man of my dreams and have two kids
Emily Willets	Willets, Mimsy, The Weeze	I can't honestly say that I have ever really "grooved" in my life, but I like all types of music	In my parents basement, polishing and cataloging my prized collection of ceramic kitty-cats
Kelly Woodward	Kel, Woody, Goose, Pretty, Hootie	Country, Rascal Flatts, Tim McGraw	I will have my dark hair, blue-eyed husband, a good job, and a huge loft in New York



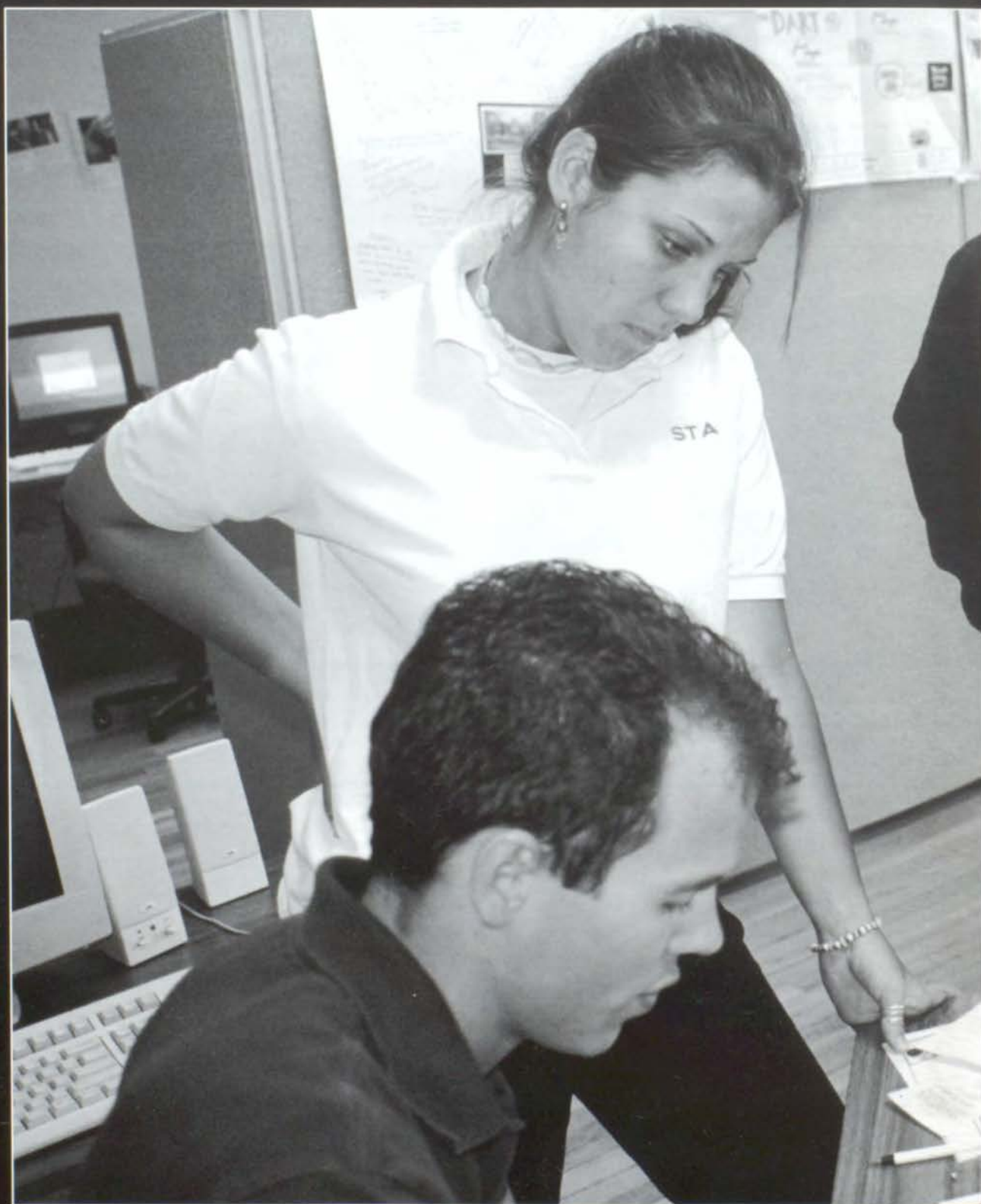
Rasheedat Yahaya	Sheeda, Doggie, "the next Apple Bottom model," ReRe	R.Kelly, DTP, Jagged Edge, 112, anything hip hop and R&B	I'll be a successful nurse with a gorgeous husband and triplets
Jessica Yeager	Chuck	80's dance party music	I'll be watching Kayleigh on SNL

I like...	pet peeves...	best chuckle...	I wish I could forget...	quote me...
Purses, Jack Sparrow, vegetables, Omaha, sweatshirts	People telling me what to do, tapping, people getting my order wrong, air-heads	Jenny's contribution to biology study groups, off-roading the Nissan, Teresian	Moose, Sarah's mental break down, envelope assembly lines, Valentine's Day jr. year	Tell me everything you know about American History...go! I'm cursed
Partying	Being late, liars, and smokers!	All the times at Gracie's lake house!	March 17, 2002	Well you know what they say!
Hanging out with friends, laughing so hard I can't breathe, eating	People who read over my shoulder, talking on the radio in the morning	getting dumped in the lake... twice, mud ballet, Corogenes chasing the "Hooligans"	Blind double date	Yeah, too bad... I almost peed! cripes!
Arguing, reading, fun people, climbing anything and everything	Repetitive beeping sounds, illogical debaters, people who don't listen, salads with meat		Bad grades, looking like a fool	The...thing. The thing with the thing with the thing and...stuff! Yeah, stuff!
The Chiefs, LA Lakers, orange juice	Tags hanging out of shirts, people who chew with their mouth open	Douglas County, Chinese fire drill		
Chiefs, parties, chocolate, dance parties, "lemonade"	slow drivers, constant dripping	Shane's house, Rock State, "St. Louis" road trip, 16th b-day party	Sophomore basketball season	"pause" so...ya! uh-huh
seeing my friends laugh, especially when they laugh at something I say	My sister leaving the showerhead on, people who keep their car turn signals on	Falling down in Ms. Dolan's silent study	The time my skirt broke and a shadow saw me with my pants down, Chemistry class	Sorry, I was just kidding
Rich Girls, The OC, Planet Sub, shopping, MU Tigers	Chomping food, selfish people, hypocrites, open doors, KU fans	Noonan, Spaeth's house after 311, driving with Allie (Elisa)	New Year's Eve Junior Year	Sweet Helloo



I love Pink, Pink and more Pink	When people ask dumb questions and actually expect an answer	Carrie Gabhart discussion of the future flavors of Oreos	Everything standardized test and final, especially Chemistry's	I'm a DIVA, I thought you knew...you didn't?...sounds like a personal problem!
Laughing at people: especially when they're falling into bushes	People who laugh really loudly during movies...just kidding	"William Penn- Penn's Wood-Pennsylvania"	Nothing. But I'll probably forget everything	Karma's a bitch! That's like on Friends that one time

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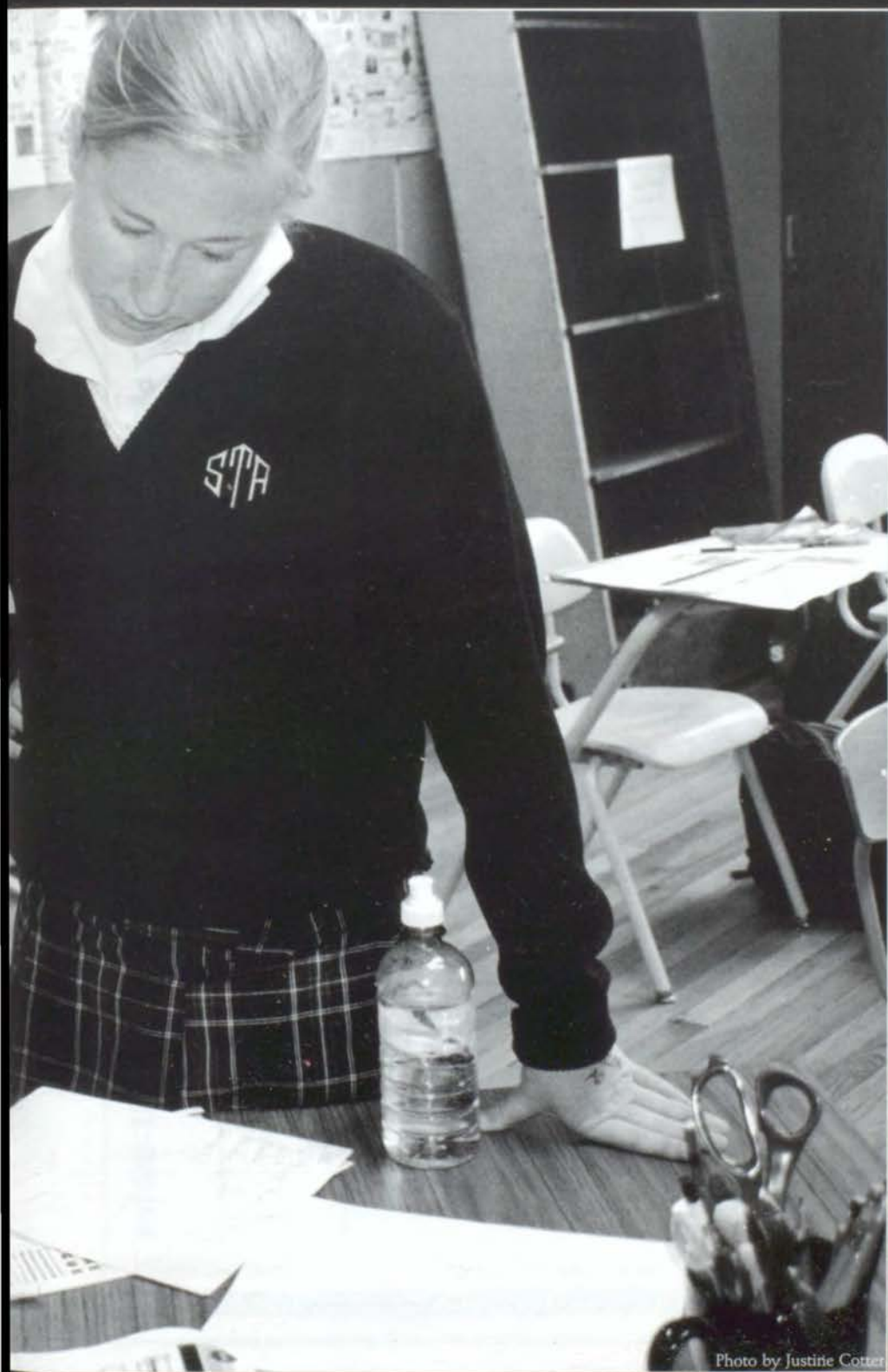


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☆ Good luck ☆
Denna & Dess

We'll miss you next year!

Kelly Woodward



Kelly Jean:

We are so proud of you. Keep smiling. Have fun. Be yourself. Turn off your alarm.

Love,

Mom, Dad & Andrew

Stefanie Diane Hardacre You are as Bright as the Sun and the Stars at Night. We are Very Proud of You.



Remember to Always Believe in Yourself. Love Always- Dad, Mom, Katie, and William.

Erinn Riley



Erinn,
Never B ♭
Never B ♭
Always B # !

Love,
Mom, Dad
Jason, Meghan
and Shannon

Alison Shelby

A bsolutely darling
L oving and sweet,
I ntelligent and knowing,
S ensitive and kind,
O utgoing and fun-
N ow,

Carry on your dreams.
I'm very proud of you!!!
All my love, MOM



Allison Wilkerson



allison



You Go Girl!

You are our first STARR!

Wilky



"A"

Oh, the places you will go!

We love you and are proud of you!
Mom, Dad, Molly, Megan, & Timmy



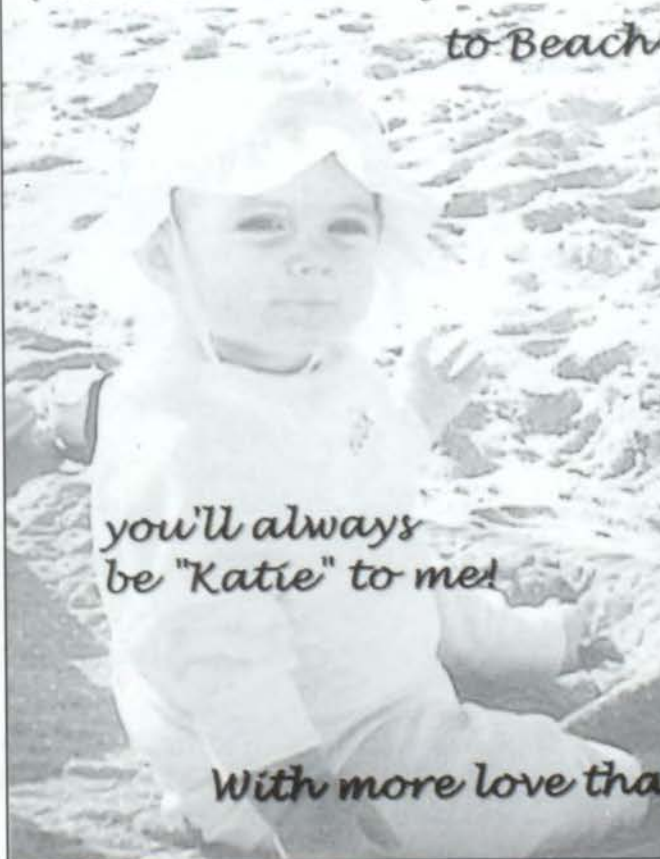
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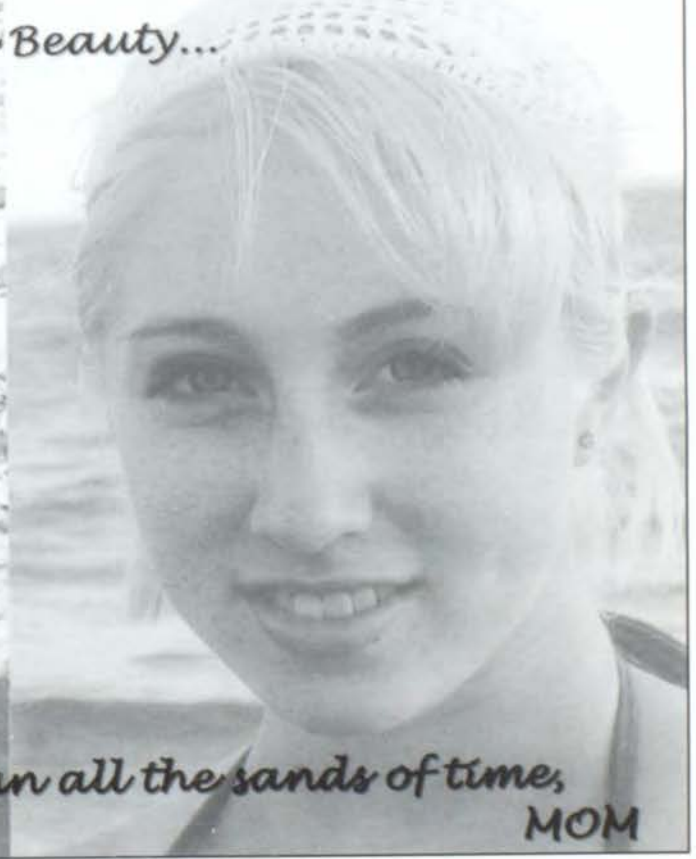
From Beach Baby...

to Beach Beauty...

Katherine Liljegen



you'll always
be "Katie" to me!

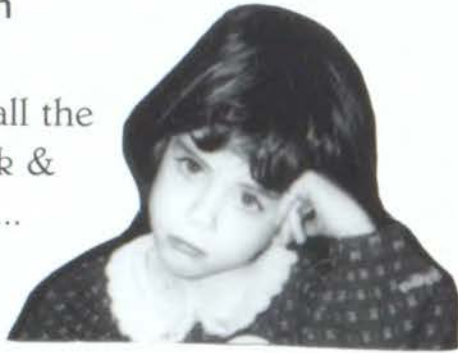


With more love than all the sands of time,

MOM

Ann Smith

Through all the homework & hardwork...



to graduation,
You did it!
We are so proud
of you.

Love,
Randy, Mom, Al
& Charlie

Stephanie Cashen



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I hope you still feel small when you stand by the ocean, Whenever one door closes I hope one more opens, Promise me that you'll give faith a fighting chance, And when you get the choice to sit it out or dance, I HOPE YOU DANCE!
Love, Mom, Dad, Lu, and Jen

To our dear Jessica,

May you achieve all your dreams and have a lifetime of happiness and love.



We love you very much!

*Mom & Dad
Gary & Joel
Elmo & Austin*

Jessica Rosas

THERE'S TWO THINGS I KNOW
FOR SURE, SHE WAS SENT FROM
HEAVEN...AND SHE'S DADDY'S
LITTLE GIRL.

AS I DROP TO MY KNEES BY
HER BED AT NIGHT, SHE TALKS TO
JESUS, AND I CLOSED MY EYES...
AND I THANK GOD FOR ALL THE JOY
IN MY LIFE.

BUT MOST OF ALL FOR...

BUTTERFLY KISSES AFTER BED-
TIME PRAYER. STICKING LITTLE
WHITE FLOWERS ALL UP IN HER
HAIR. "WALK BESIDE THE PONY,
DADDY, IT'S MY FIRST RIDE. I
KNOW THE CAKE LOOKS FUNNY,
DADDY BUT I'M SURE TIRED."

OH, WITH ALL THAT I'VE DONE
WRONG, I MUST HAVE DONE SOME-
THING RIGHT. TO DESERVE A HUG
EVERY MORNING AND BUTTERFLY
KISSES AT NIGHT.

ALL THE PRECIOUS TIME, LIKE
THE WIND, THE YEARS GO BY, PRE-
CIOUS BUTTERFLY, SPREAD YOUR
WINGS AND FLY. OFF TO MU NEXT
YEAR, YOU'VE GROWN SO FAST
I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG THE
PAIN IN MY HEART WILL LAST.
SHE ASKED ME WHAT I'M THINK-
ING, AND I SAID "I'M NOT SURE, I
JUST FEEL LIKE I'M LOOSING MY
BABY GIRL." THEN SHE LOOKED
OVER...AND GAVE ME...

BUTTERFLY KISSES AFTER BED-
TIME PRAYER. STICKING LITTLE
WHITE FLOWER ALL UP IN HER
HAIR. "I'LL CALL YOU EVERYDAY
DADDY... DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME
I'M GROWING UP, CAN'T YOU SEE...

I COULDN'T ASK GOD FOR MORE,
THIS IS WHAT LOVE IS I KNOW
I'VE GOT TO LET HER GO, BUT I'LL
ALWAYS REMEBER...

BUTTERFLY KISSES AFTER BED-
TIME PRAYER. STICKING LITTLE
WHITE FLOWERS ALL UP IN HER
HAIR. WITH ALL THAT I'VE DONE
WRONG, I MUST HAE DONE SOME-
THING RIGHT...

TO DESERVE HER LOVE EVERY
MORNING AND BUTTERFLY KISSES
EVERY NIGHT.

CONGRATULATIONS
ASHLEY...CLASS OF '04...YOU CAN
DO IT!

LOVE- DAD, MOM, NICOLE,
GRANDMA, AUNTIE N., DAISY MAE,
POOH, AND BELLA...



Ashley Price



congratulations brittany!!!



k-10 turtle power



you chose the path less taken,
and that has made all the difference!



you make everything...groovy!!



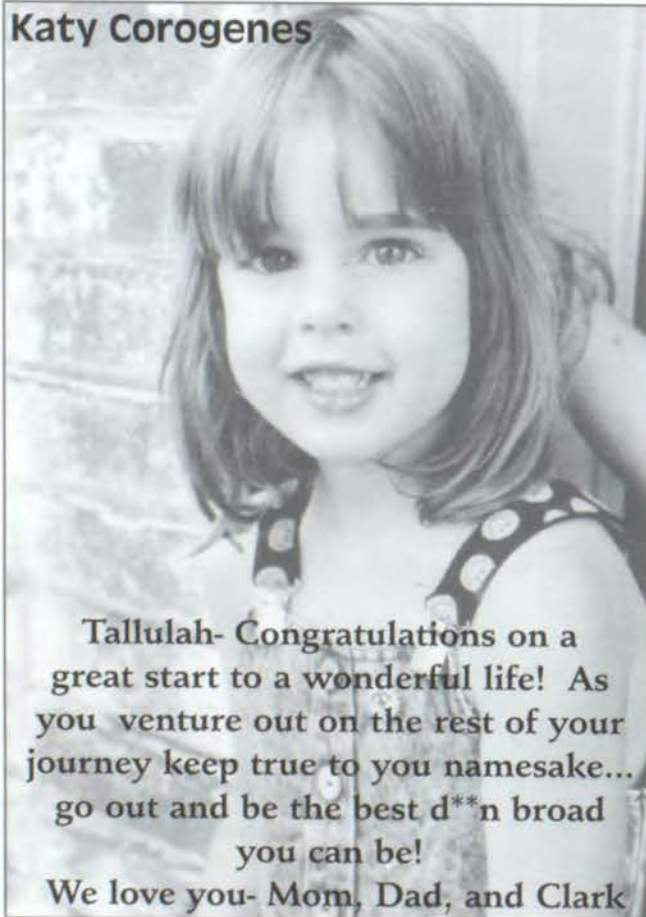
Brittany Cummings

all our love,

mom, dad, marty, casey and kerry



Katy Corogenes



Tallulah- Congratulations on a great start to a wonderful life! As you venture out on the rest of your journey keep true to you namesake... go out and be the best d**n broad you can be!
We love you- Mom, Dad, and Clark

Amber Hix

(Fred) Amber-

You've come a long way from not wanting to dance to never wanting to stop dancing.



Never stop...
Reaching for your dreams.

Love,
Mom Dad, & Patrick

Kelly Shuss

Congratulations Kelly!



We are so proud of you,
and we love you very much!
Dad, Mom, Julie and Jack

Lindsee Acton

CONGRATULATIONS
LYNNY DELL GIRL
WE LOVE YOU!!!
MOM, DAD & MATT

Kayleigh Gamble



Dearest Kayleigh,

You have conquered
our hearts and now it
is time to conquer the
world!

We are with you
every step of the way-

Love,
Dad & Mom

Megan McAnany

Megan-

You'll always
be our

Meggie go---full of laughter, full of adventure!
We Love You...

Mom, Papa, Dad, Tammy & Chase, Kristen & Morgan



Maddie Kramer



Jen Vogel



In a friend
you find
a second self
-Isabelle Norton



Congratulations Jen!
We will always be proud of you.
All our love,
Mom, Dad, Eric, Erin & Kathleen

We love you dearly.
We are so proud of you.
Mom, Dad, Jessie, Michael, & Andrew



Kathleen Marie Stueve



© You are gifted in many ways. ©

We are so proud of you!
Work hard and the luck of the
Irish will follow. We Love you,
Mom, Dad, Ben, Gabe and Ollie

Emily Riesmeyer



Will you succeed?
Yes! You will,
indeed!
(98 and 3/4 percent
guaranteed.)
Kid, You'll move
mountains!
Dr. Seuss

Congratulations,
Emily!
We love you
Mom and Dad
Wes, Mark, Danny,
Gracie, Gus, and
Mia



Loren Jevons-Lee

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From our dreams to yours,
every day you have filled our lives
with wonder and joy.

We are so very proud of you!
Love! Mom, Dad, Nanny, Papa,
Erin, Kevin

Jenny Jantsch



Jenny,
 You have made us so very proud. It has been fun watching you "grow up" at STA. You have accomplished so much. Words can never express how much we love you. Keep being "special"!

Love,

Mom and Dad

Michelle, Bryan, and Kevin

Meagan Lynne Mabry



Meagan,

You are the gift that made our family complete. We are all proud of you.

Love you always,

Mom, Dad and Nick

Kelly O'Brien

Dance as if no one were watching,
 Sing as if no one were listening,
 And live every day as if it were your last.

Irish Proverb



Every step I take, every move I make
 Every single day, every time I pray
 I'll be missing you.

Puff Daddy

Our love Always, Dad, Mom and Kathleen

Stephanie Martinat



*Looks like she made it...
Look how far she's come...*



*"she's not just a
pretty face..."*

-Shania Twain

**We love you,
Stephie!**

Dad, Mom, Stevie, Guy, Chris & Joe

Emily Mulloy



Emily-

*We love and admire the woman you
have become.*

Love,

*Mom, Dad, Molly, Ryan,
Kevin, Tom, and Keith*

Hey, Buckethead!



Growing...

Jane Kaufman

*Jane,
With your zest for life,
the proverbial bucket is
always half full. You bring
happiness and joy to your
friends and family.*

*We Love You!
Mom, Dad,
David and Linny*



Growing...



Growing...



Gone!

STA Softball
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Diana Jantsch

Diana,
 What a joy it has been to watch you grow into a wonderful, loving, caring and confident person. You have worked hard to accomplish so much. Remember to stay true to yourself, work hard, but also enjoy the journey. You always have our love and support. We look forward to what the future will bring for you.

With love,
 Mom, Dad and Alex



Andrea Martin



...don't waste 'em...
 embrace 'em..
 these are the days of your life.
 Love, Mom, Dad & Geoff

Agie-Lois Frances Sparks



Agie, You've been going places since the day you and kitty climbed out of your crib...

*Godspeed and Love,
 Mom*



Katie Monaghan

*All the dreams I prayed you'd be
Are all the things you are.
You were once my little girl
And now my shining star.*



*We are proud of you!
Love, Nancy and Dad*



Laura Muñoz

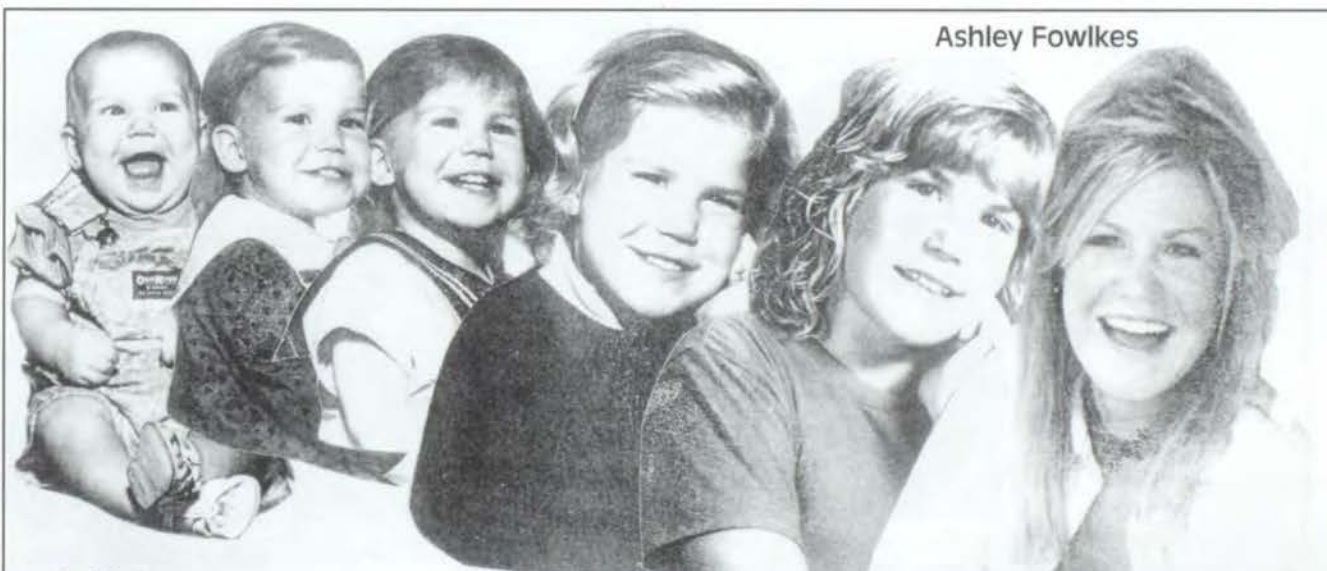


Laura,

Our most precious "surprise". We
are proud of you and we love you!

Mom, Dad,

John, Raymond, and Lisa



Ashley Fowlkes

Ashley,

We look at you today and see the same beautiful
eyes that looked at us with love when you were a
baby. Every day is exciting as we continue to watch
you grow and we want you to always know that in good and bad times we will
love you and no matter what you do or how you think or what you see, you can
depend on our support, guidance, friendship and love every minute of every day.

We love being your parents and family

Dad, Mom Lauree and Alexa

To
Caitlin



*The world's a stage . . .
it awaits you!*

Caitlin Buerge



*With love,
Dad, Mom, Suzanna, Bitz & Baker*

Janelle Bailey



Congratulations! We are very proud of "Janelle the graduate" but more proud of "Janelle the person". Your perseverance, talent, dedication, and intelligence have brought you to this juncture. Continue striving towards your dreams.

Our gift to you is the gift of faith, the blessing of hope, and the everlasting peace of knowing that God loves you and we all love you too.

Mom, Dad, and Jocelyn

Melissa Ann



**Congratulations
Mel
You can be
so proud
of yourself.
Love,
Mom, Dad,
Jen & Jessica**

TIFFANY ♥ TIFF ♥ SIS ♥ TIFFANY ROSE ♥ TIFFY

WE WILL MISS YOU!

GOOD LUCK AT LOYOLA!



FIRST TO.....

- Our family
- School
- Drive
- Date
- Graduate
- Leave for College



You have set a great example. We are all very proud of you.

MOM ♥ DAD ♥ CAMERON ♥ SAMANTHA ♥ JACQUELYN



Amy Aldrich

Your journey from Kindergarten through 12th grade has been amazing!

God bless you as you head to K-State! The future is yours!

*Love,
Mom*



Diana, Jenny and Jenna Jantsch

The three of you have grown up together in school and in activities. Although you will go in different directions and grow stronger with new experiences, never forget the love of family and how proud we are of you today... and always.

Love,
Your Moms and Dads



Amanda Weber



Have the time of your life!



*We are so proud of what you have become!
-Love Forever, Mom, Dad & Matt*

Erica Rowe

Ricki,

As you embark on the next phase of your life, face challenges head on with confidence and determination - you are destined for greatness.

*Love Always and Forever
Mom and Dad*



Train up the child in the way they should go and they shall never depart from it.

Proverbs 22:6

Megan O'Donnell



Megan,
 Live every day of your
 life to it's fullest.
 Look forward to the
 opportunities in your
 future.
 Enjoy all the memories
 from our past.
 But most of all know
 that you are loved.
 Mom & Dad

Jess Ponnath

*Wonder
Woman*



*Jess,
 Continue to be
 the Wonder-ful
 Woman you are
 and you will
 succeed at
 whatever you do.*

*We Love You,
 Dad, Mom,
 & Geoff*

Justine Cotter



*"Carry me in your heart, your mind,
 your memories, your hopes, dreams,
 and even your set backs. Be true to
 yourself and walk with God. I will be
 the angel looking over your shoulder."*

-Mom

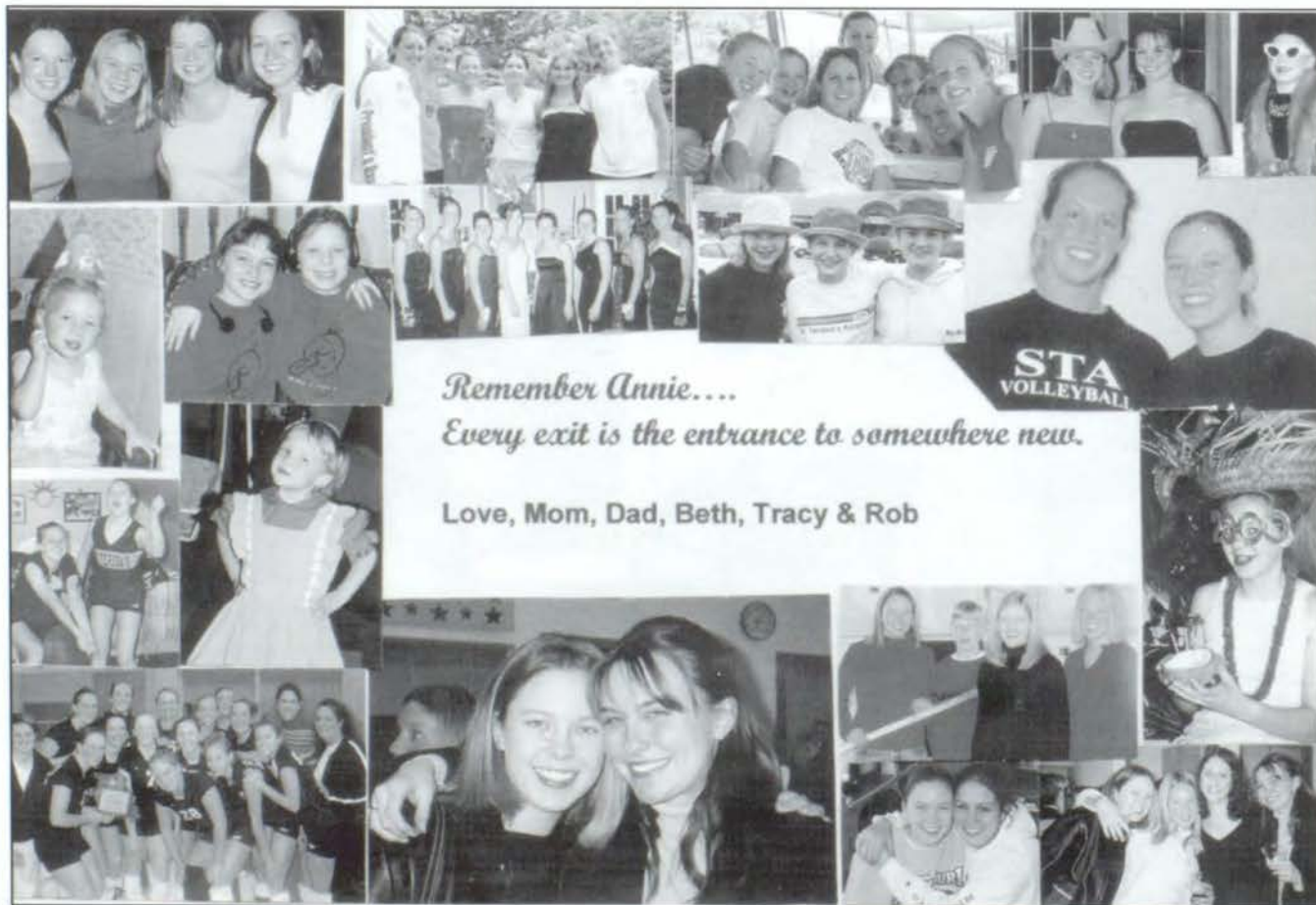
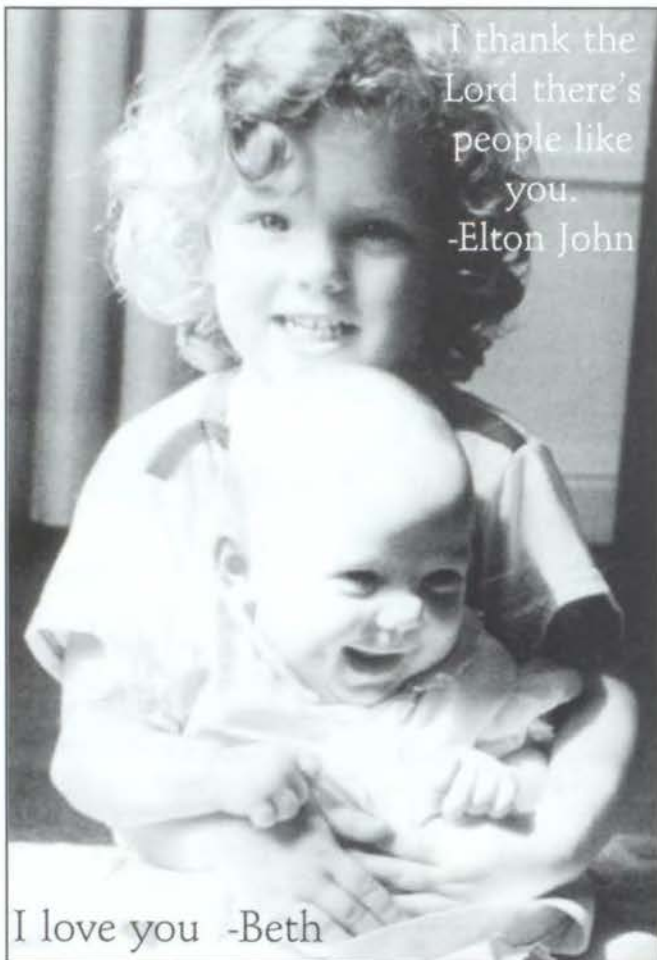


Annie Haden-



"A sister knows what you're really thinking, especially when you can't say it."

Love Always, Tracy



Remember Annie....
Every exit is the entrance to somewhere new.

Love, Mom, Dad, Beth, Tracy & Rob

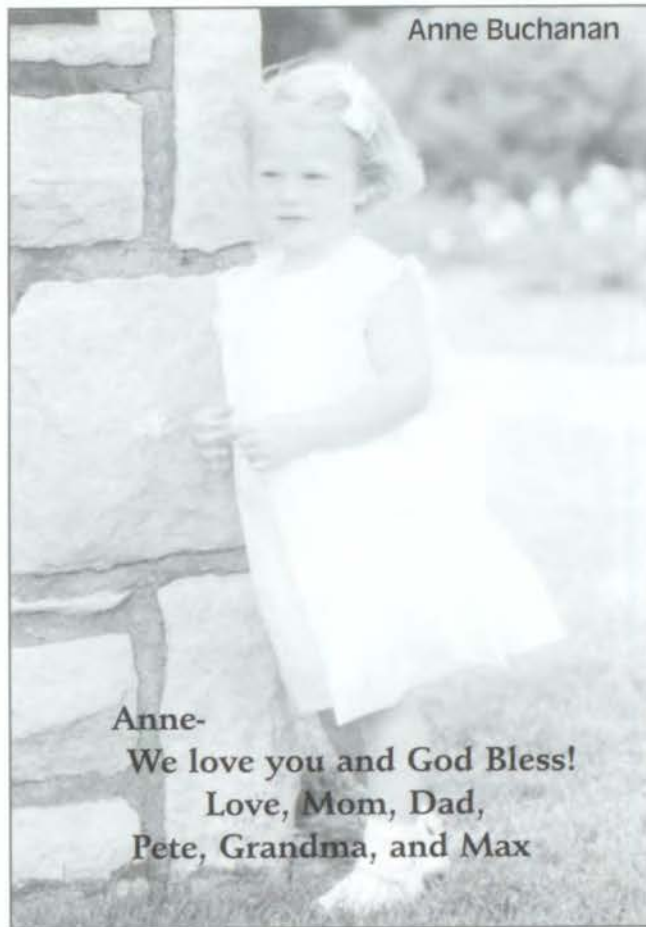
Jeanene Moynihan



Our Wish for You

We wish you a long, happy, healthy, productive, and prosperous life. We wish you a good husband to love you as much as we do. We wish you children to fill your life with joy and love and pride as you have done for us. We wish you a strong, loving relationship with God. We wish you success in all you do throughout your life. We are very proud of our little girl/young woman. Thank you for being the wonderful daughter and sister you are!
Love always!, Mom, Dad, and J.C.

Anne Buchanan



Anne-
We love you and God Bless!
Love, Mom, Dad,
Pete, Grandma, and Max

Ashley Cousins



Your high school years have been enormously successful. You have developed personal character beyond comparison. Your gifts have been an example to all.

I anxiously await what life has to offer you and what you have to offer. Remember:
Dance like no one is watching, sing like no one is listening!

With all our love, Mom, Dane, and Jill



*Allison and Madison,
As you make your way in this world, seek that
which brings you joy, happiness and fulfillment.
We are so proud of all you've accomplished and
the outstanding young women you've become.
With all our love and support, Mom and Gerald.*

*Allison,
Your smile, creativity, and
insightfulness are your
unique gifts. Rely on your
instincts and trust your
heart on your journey to
self discovery in becoming
the passionate and caring
young woman within you.*

Allison Garcia



*Madison,
Follow your heart on the road
less traveled, for it will make
all the difference for you.
You are a uniquely wonder-
ful and special young woman
with a world of possibilities
ahead of you.*

Madison Garcia

Annie Mandl



Happy Graduation, Annie. As your high school years come to an end, your future holds many beginnings.

Be Strong,

Be Proud,

Be Caring, and

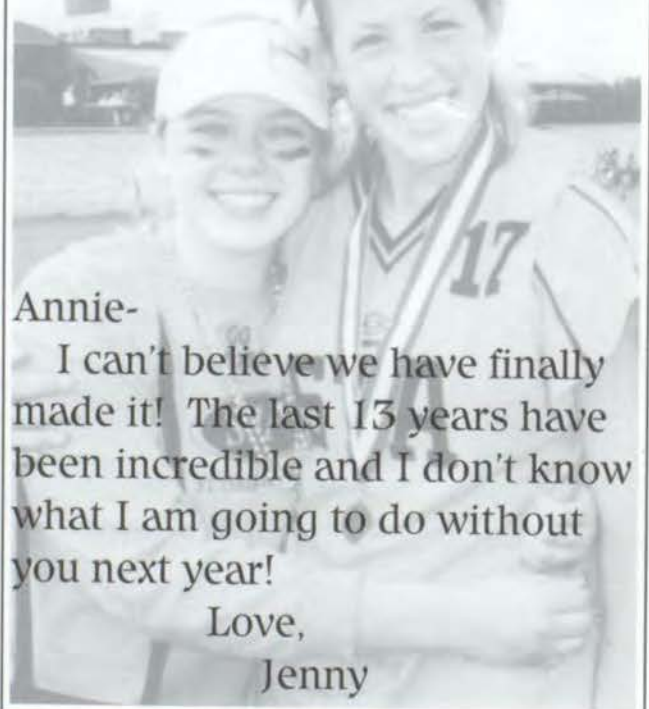
Be-lieve in yourself

Congratulations from all of us.

Mom, Dad, Michael, Mark, and TJ

"Many people will walk in and out of your life, but only true friends will leave footprints in your heart."

-Anon



Annie-

I can't believe we have finally made it! The last 13 years have been incredible and I don't know what I am going to do without you next year!

Love,

Jenny

Courtney Brawner

Dream what you want to dream

Go where you want to go

*Be what you want to be because you one have one life
and one chance to do all the things you want to do.*



May you have enough happiness to make you sweet.

Enough trials to make you strong

Enough sorrow to keep you human and

Enough hope to make you happy.

Congratulations Courtney!

We love, you and we are so proud of you.

Mom, Dad, Tyler and Dominique

Erin Fitzpatrick



ERIN,

MAY YOU HAVE ALL THE HAPPINESS AND LUCK THAT
LIFE CAN HOLD-AND AT THE END OF ALL YOUR
RAINBOWS. MAY YOU FIND A POT OF GOLD!

WE LOVE YOU!

MOM, DAD, TIM, JOHN & KELLY

SARAH KITTS



LIVE WELL...



LOVE MUCH...



LAUGH OFTEN...

BE YOURSELF! We Love You, Mom, Dad, Sean, Grace & Stephen

Meaghan Quinly



MEAGHAN

Through all the faces and phases the journey has been one-derful. Thank you for being you! We love you, Mom and Dad and everyone else whose life you've enhanced, enriched, and touched.



CONGRATULATIONS



Krystol,

Truly, you are the apple of our collective eye, the sugar in our coffee. The world is your oyster!

Your intelligence, your determination to excel at everything you do, your wit, and your concern for others are extraordinary qualities that God has given you. These are the qualities that will help you achieve success in life, and we wish you only the very best! We have been absolutely delighted and blessed to observe your progress through the years, and we're certain you will launch the next chapter of your life with confidence and poise.

We love you very much. Good luck !!

Dad and Mom



Krystol Griffin



Jenny,
Thanks for all the support and encouragement over the years at SPS and STA, especially the memories we have had together. I will miss you next year. Good luck at K-State! Love Michelle



Lauren Neal



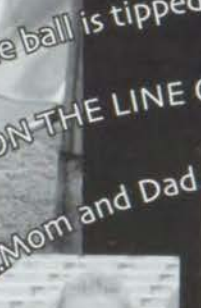
**Congratulations
Lauren!
We love you!
-Dad, Mom,
Liz, Andy**

Katie Gillis

Good luck next year at MU Katie! We will miss you.
Love, Mom and Dad



Maureen Healy



The ball is tipped and there you are. You're running for your life, you're a shooting star. And all the years no one knows just how hard you worked but now it shows. (D) ONE SHINING MOMENT, IT'S ALL ON THE LINE ONE SHINING MOMENT, THERE FROZEN IN TIME. Well done Maureen! We're very proud of you! Here's to many more shining moments... Mom and Dad

Abigail Madden

We will be right by your side, come hell or water high, down any road you choose to roam. We will sit with you all night, to make everything right when you need the power to believe. We don't need anyone to tell us about heaven. We look at you and believe. We don't need any proof when it comes to God and truth. We look at you and believe. Abigail, you are our heaven on earth.

Love, Mom and Dad



Carrie Gabhart

*"Oh, watch me go,
I'm a happy girl,
Everybody knows,
That the sweetest
thing you'll ever see,
In the whole wide
world,*

Is a happy girl"
-Martina McBride,
"Happy Girl"



Carrie,

Our Bear, you have always been the sweetest thing we've ever seen. We couldn't be prouder of you. You've been a shining star at STA. Always reach for the highest and brightest one in the sky.

Love,

Mom, Dad, Teresa and Christopher

Morgan Martin-West



INTELLIGENT
LOYAL
HONORABLE
BEAUTIFUL
TREASURED DAUGHTER
LIFE WILL CHALLENGE,
CHALLENGE BACK.
BE BRAVE,
BE YOURSELF.
WE LOVE YOU,
PIE PIG AND PAPA

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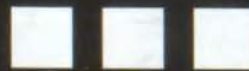
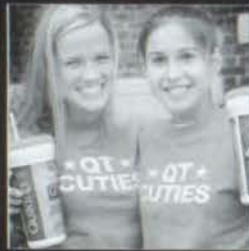
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You know that it has been an odd year on the *Teresian* staff when one of the highlights is this: three markers being thrown out the window of the publications room. But those dry erase markers hurtling through the air were greeted by screams of joy. The Teresian staff had won the first Publications Olympics.

The three-day event that pitted the *Dart* newspaper staff against the *Teresian* yearbook staff involved trivia questions, a scavenger hunt and finally a relay race around the campus. Rivalry between the staffs was extreme before the competition began. But by the time it ended with celebratory cheers and victory laps, the publications room bordered on pandemonium.

As much as the girls will remember that week, another memory should remain poignant for the editors. Many nights, when daunting 69-page deadlines loomed, a core group of editors—juniors and seniors, jocks and dancers—met late into the darkness.

There was Planet Sub, country music singalongs and IM to get everyone through the hours of work. We laughed at Emily's jokes and Erin's falls. We didn't feel quite right about laughing at Maureen's latest injury.

I've told them already, but everyone should know: this group of seniors was a gift. From their humor to hard work, I was privileged to have known them. And this book is a privilege to hold in our hands.



Co-editor Annie Haden works with Teresian advisor Mr. Eric Thomas on one of the spreads in the yearbook.



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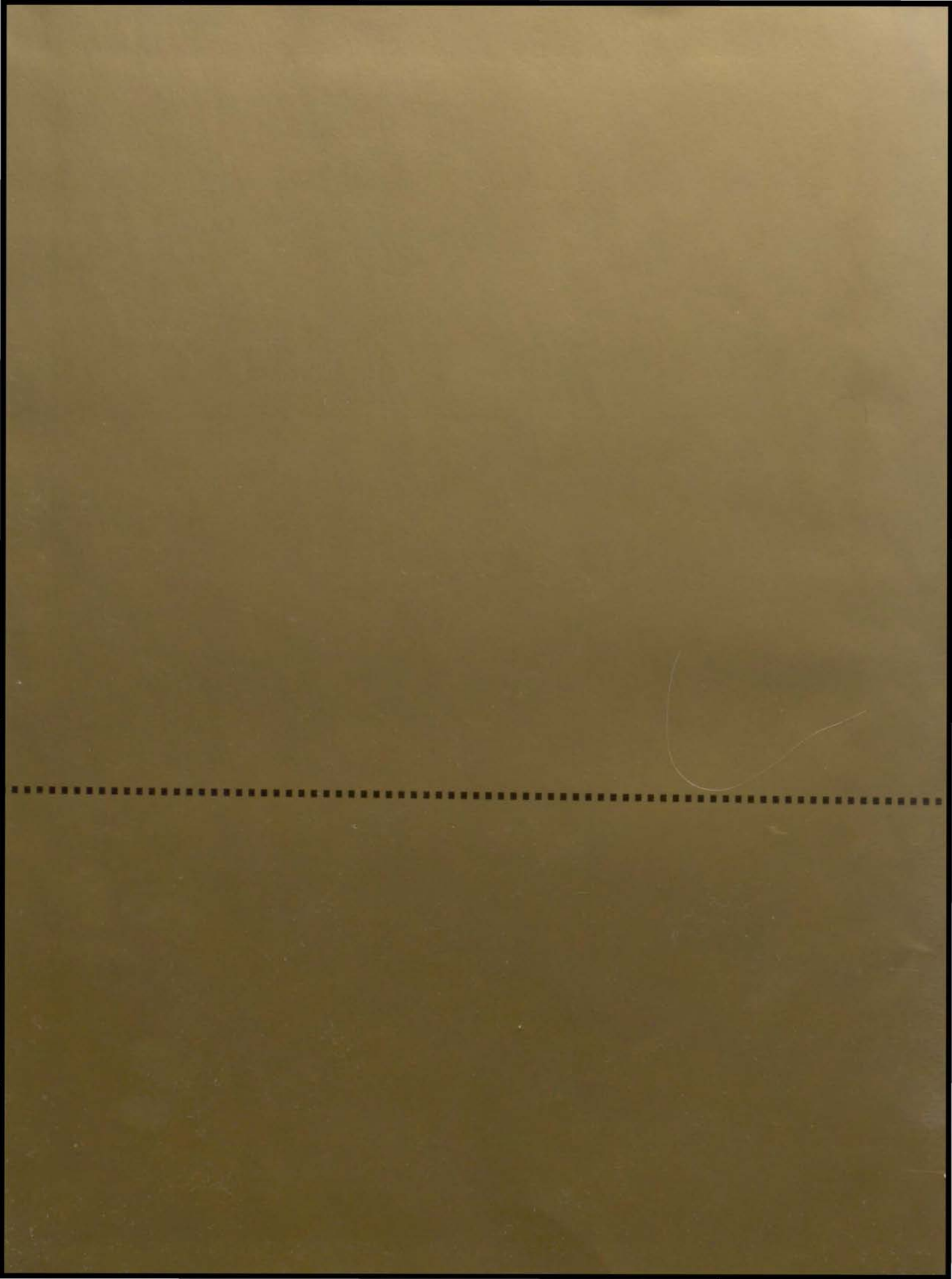






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