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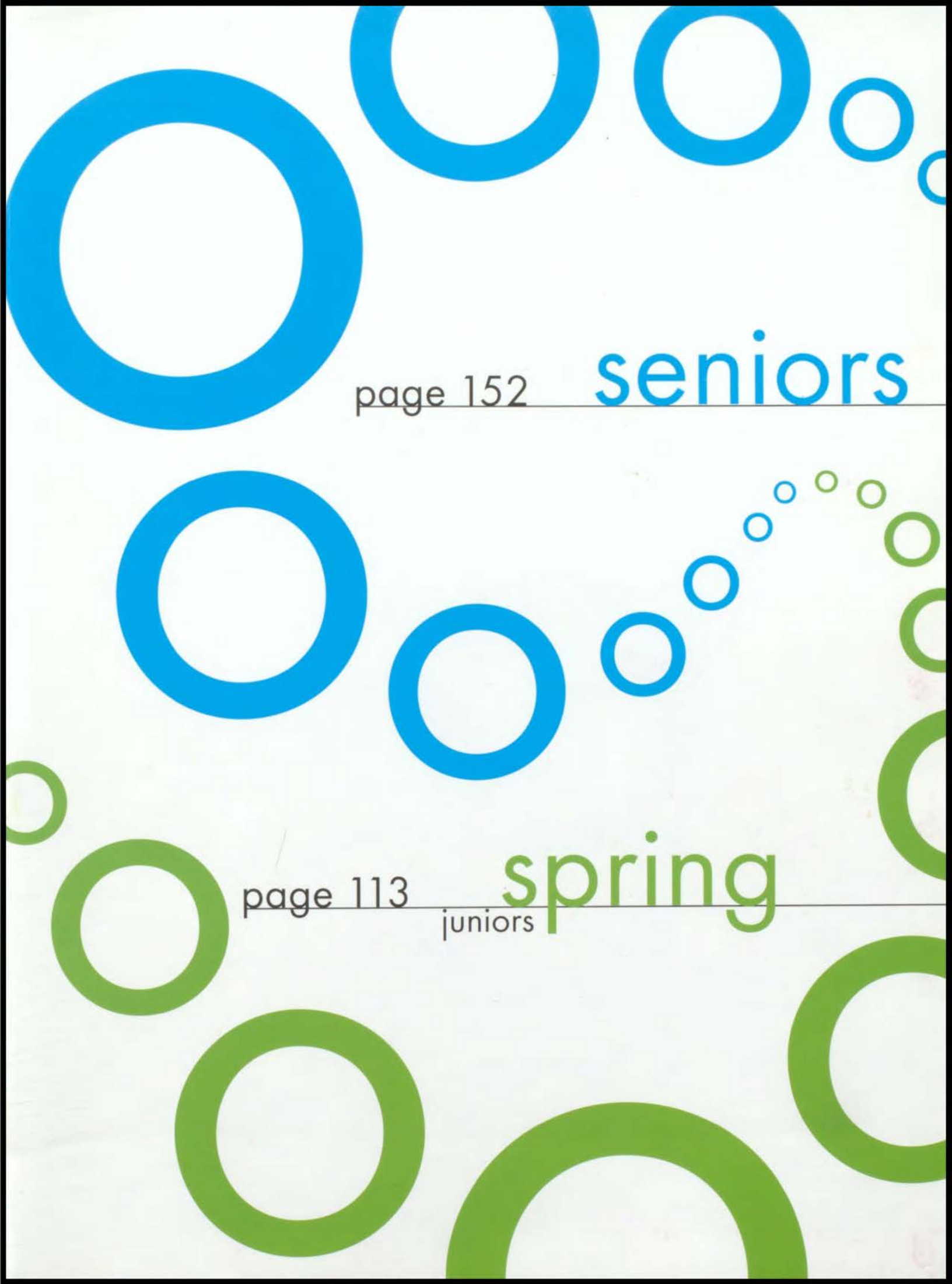
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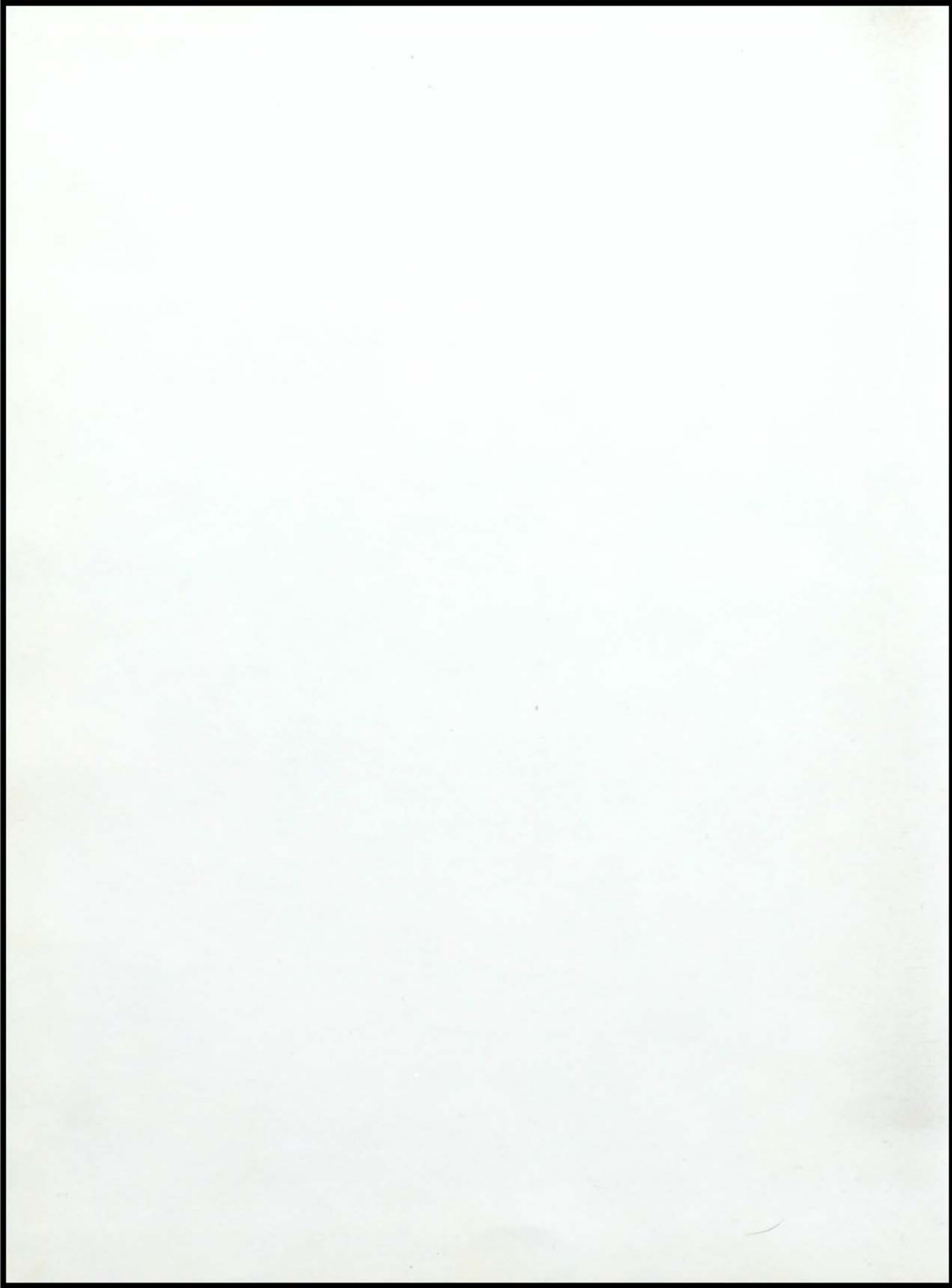
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One girl stood outside of Donnelly Hall on the steps facing the student parking lot. At the opposite end of Donnelly, another girl stood grasping the door handle. Both girls steadied themselves, waiting silently.

Rriiiiiiiiiingggggggg the dismissal bell sounded. In an instant, as if the bell had yelled "GO!" the two girls jumped off the stairs and pounded across the quad. The first sprinted across the grass and leaped over the seal. The second pushed off the bricks with her feet, trying to get to the stairs at the M&A Building. They were now within 3 feet of each other, racing as fast as they could. The only sound was the quick pounding of their feet. They were so close to the end, both eager to reach the stairs first. But, by one step, the first girl pulled ahead and slapped her hand on the glass M&A door.

"I win!" she shouted, letting out a huge breath.

"That... may be," the second responded in large gasps. "But... I won last time... We need to go again."

"Same time next week?"

"See you then."





photo illustration by lauren damico

theme



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We shouted it at the freshman with the overflowing backpack who could never walk up the stairs fast enough. We screamed it at our friends as our favorite teachers launched a bombardment of water balloons from the roof of the M&A Building. We growled it at our classmates who blocked the doorway as we tried to escape from the chemistry lab. We howled it as our exhausted, red-faced teammate neared the finish line at a cross-country meet. We shrieked it simultaneously as we stampeded across the quad to snatch a treasured star cookie before they were all gone.

It was an exclamation.
A complaint. An order.
An encouragement.

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1. Sophomores Paige Vondenkamp, left, and Samantha Scheuler waltz in the quad during Frosh Fest Sept. 2. 2. During her summer trip to Greece, junior Julia Barnett uses her hands as a perch and feeder for the pigeons. Barnett traveled to Europe with 11 girls from her Latin class from June 17-27. 3. The JV dance team captains, senior JoEllen Redlingshafer, left, sophomore Kathleen Hough, senior Sally Nulton and senior Jennifer McLiney, hold an after-school performance in the parking lot Aug. 19. 4. Paulina Wentworth, senior cross-country runner, finishes the last stretch of her two-mile race at the Liberty Invitational Oct. 6. photos by elle rauch, sydney deatherage, lauren damico and allie lueke

lucky number eight

story by *Jessica Ann* design by *Jessica Ann*

The Chinese people believe the number eight to bring luck and prosperity. Fittingly, the 2008 Beijing Summer Olympics began Aug. 8, at 8:08:08 p.m., with an opening ceremony exceeding expectation. Featuring over 15,000 performers, the ceremony aimed at uniting China's ancient and modern cultures. In this way, the Beijing Olympic Committee hoped to open China's doors to the world.

With their lucky number, the Chinese Olympic delegation dominated their competition with an overwhelming 51 gold medals. However, controversy regarding the young age of their women's gymnastics team at times overshadowed their gold medal victories.

Lucky number eight also appeared in the pool with Olympic swimmer Mr. Michael Phelps. Phelps won eight golds. With six other gold medals from the 2000 Sydney Olympics, Phelps became the most decorated Olympic gold medalist in history.

The Olympics ended as they began, with a spectacle of fireworks, technology and Chinese culture. The organizers of the 2012 London Olympics commented to *U.S. News and World Report* that they wouldn't even attempt to equal the "scale and stature" of the games in Beijing.



China's gold medal women's gymnastics



Michael Phelps



Olympic cauldron

MEDAL COUNT



COUNTRY	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
CHN	51	21	28	100
USA	36	38	36	110
GBR	23	21	28	72
GER	19	13	15	47
RUS	16	10	15	41



Senator John McCain



Senator Barack Obama

WHAT'S HAPPENIN'?



Fourth Generation iPod Nano

SHUFFLE'N'SHAKE

Apple released the fourth generation iPod Nano, the thinnest iPod yet. The new Nano has a longer shape, a larger screen, and can switch to landscape mode when turned sideways. It also allows the user to skip to the next song when shaken.

BARACK THE HOUSE, INSANE FOR MCCAIN

Senator Barack Obama secured the Democratic presidential nomination June 3, finally defeating Senator Hillary Clinton. The Republican Party elected Senator John McCain as their presidential candidate Sept. 1.

DARK KNIGHT CONQUERS THEATRES

The second installment of Mr. Christopher Nolan's Batman series, "The Dark Knight," made a record breaking \$158 million during its first weekend in the box office. The movie featured Mr. Christian Bale as Bruce Wayne and the late Mr. Heath Ledger as the Joker.

NADAL AND WILLIAMS TAKE ALL

Tennis player Mr. Rafael Nadal defeated Mr. Roger Federer in the Wimbledon Championships in a four-and-one-half hour match, ending Federer's five-year reign. Ms. Venus Williams won her fifth Wimbledon title, beating her sister, Ms. Serena Williams, in two sets.



Christian Bale



Venus Williams

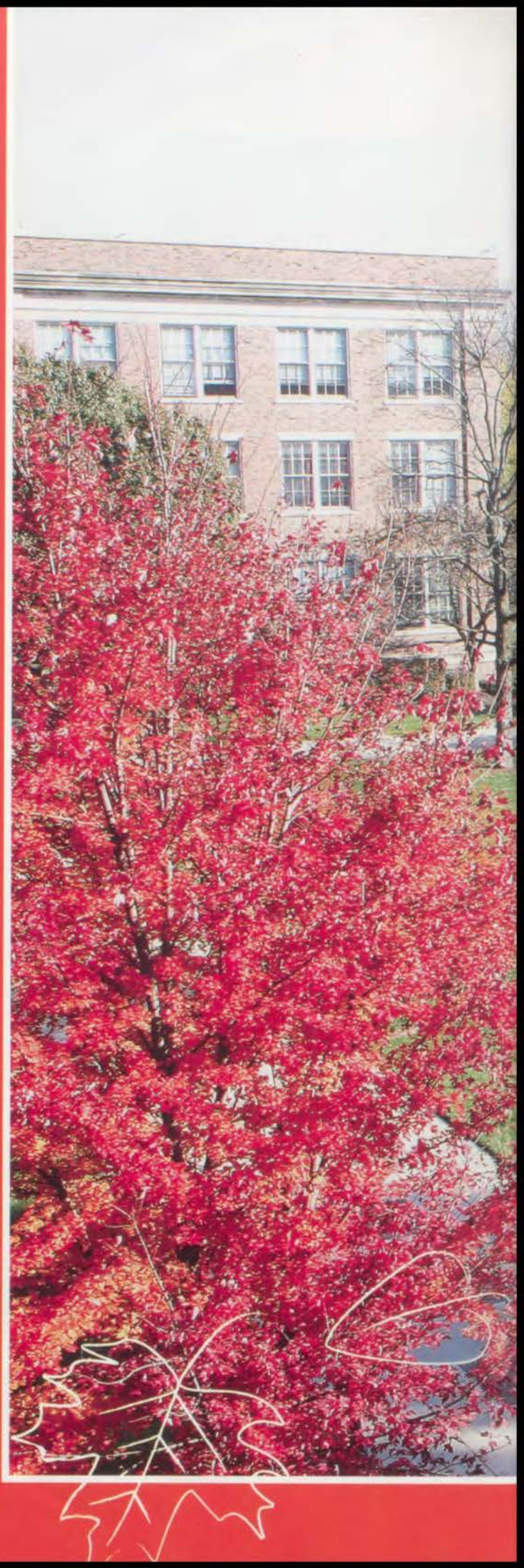
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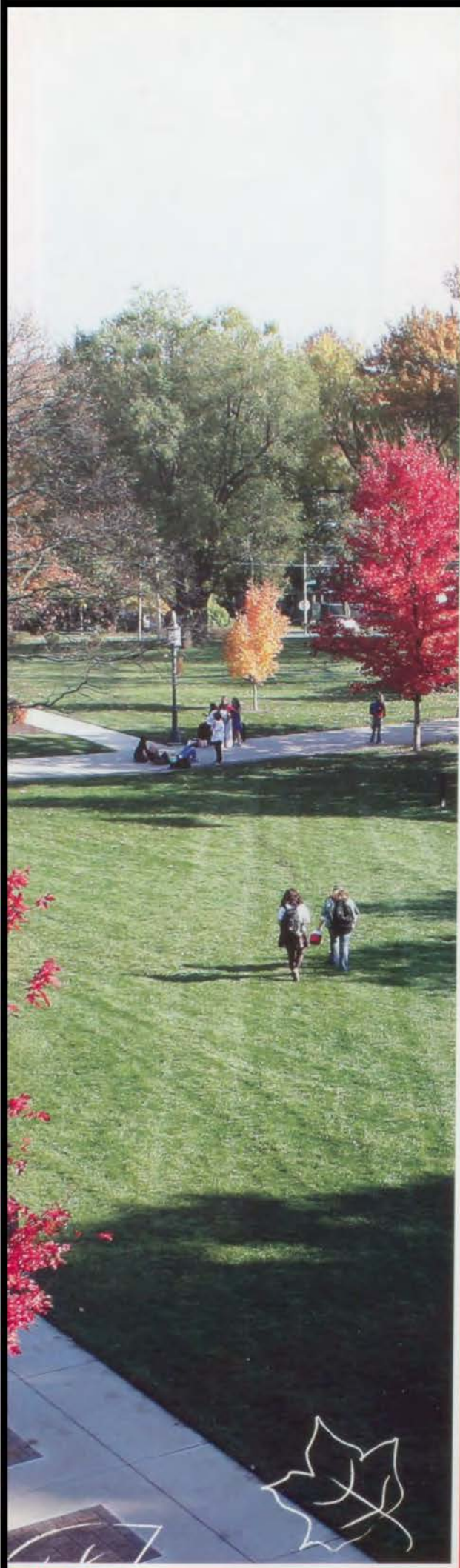
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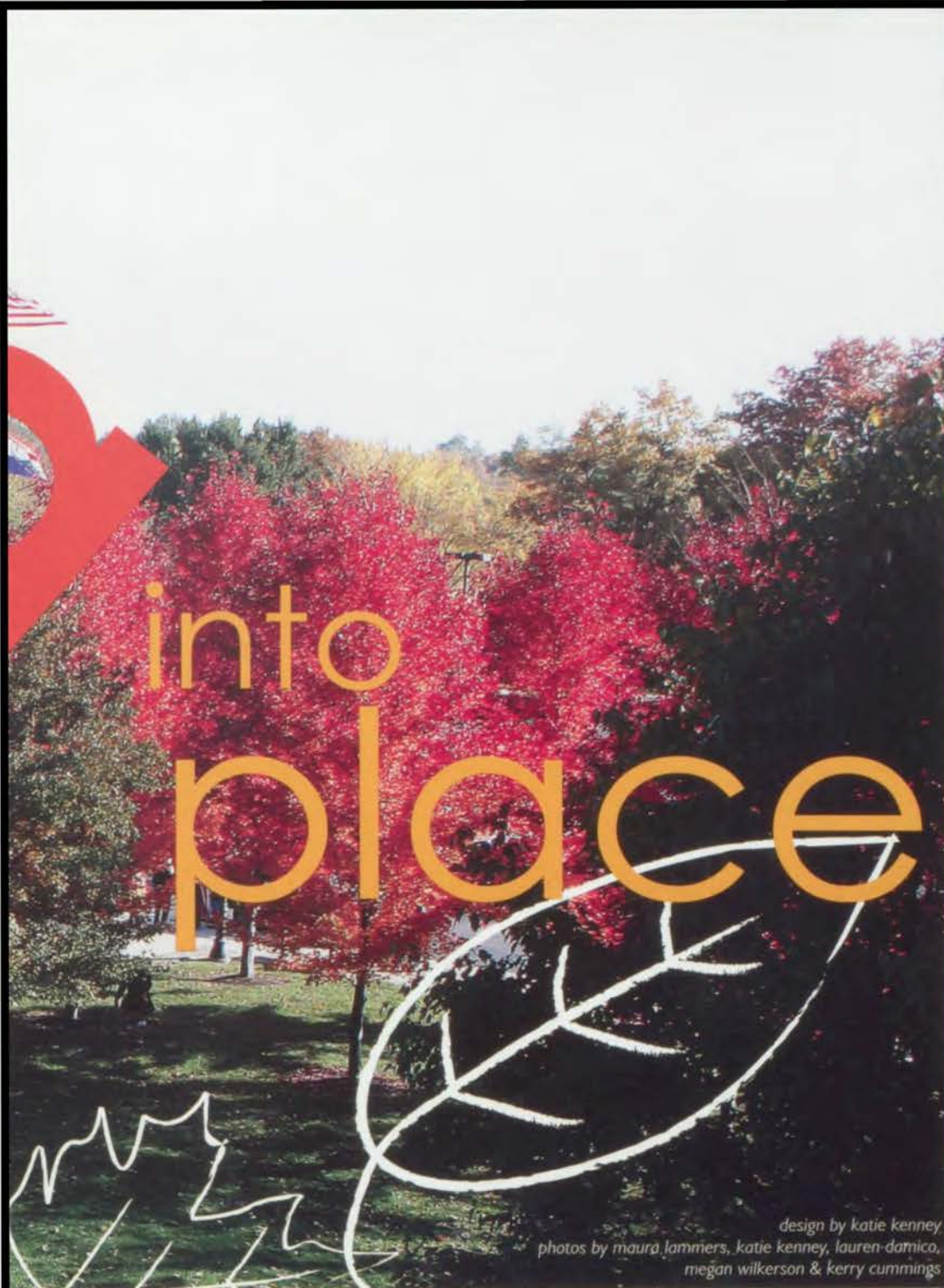


We climbed the three flights of stairs for the first time in months and tried to ignore our aching muscles. We sprinted across the quad after we went to the wrong class and swore we would memorize our new schedules. We read and re-read our history notes until the words on the page became blurry. We memorized dance steps for the fall musical until our feet throbbed. We dove to save the volleyball in a close game and jumped up again, even though we wanted to stay on the floor. We snuck through the high school parking lots of our potential dates and painted hopeful invitations to the Tere-sian dance on their car windows. We pulled on our black STA sweatpants for the first time and smirked at our friends who didn't have them yet. We stayed up late into the night to perfect an essay down to the last comma.



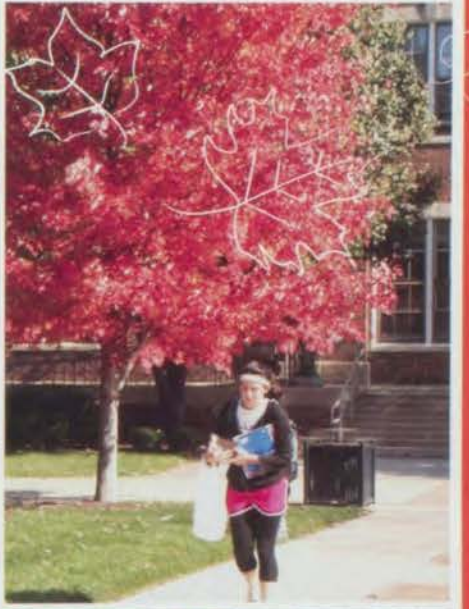
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into place

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megan wilkerson & kerry cummings



what's going on this fall



Meg Hart and Samantha Barker

Aug. 30, 2008

STA administration discovered that vandals had covered the quad, statues, and buildings in threatening graffiti during the night. The following day over 100 students, parents and faculty members came in to help successfully clean up the mess. Chipotle, the Board of Trade and the Kansas City Public Library were also vandalized in a similar way. *photo by lauren damico*



Sally Nulton and Anna Gillerist

Oct. 31, 2008

Nov. 7, 2008

The sophomore class officers, Mary Franke, Besty Tampke, Mary Frey and Laura Neenan, planned the first sophomore talent show in the Goppert Center during November class meetings. Many of the students sang or played original music. Other acts included interpretive dance, an Indian chant, and Kathleen Hough's musical rendition of the water glasses. The talent show was expected to become a tradition for the sophomore class.

photo by elle rauch



Kathleen Hough

On Halloween, seniors Sally Nulton and Anna Gillerist dressed up as Sonic workers and rollerbladed around the parking lot before school until Gillerist took a nasty fall. While Gillerist lay on the ground groaning that she might have broken her tailbone, senior Sally Nulton looked on without pity. *photo by maura lammers*

Sept. 11, 2008 Students dressed as firefighters and policemen to honor those who died during the 2001 terrorist attacks for the STA vs. Sion volleyball game held at Notre Dame de Sion High School. STA defeated Sion in two games. *photo by megan wilkerson*



Megan Caffrey and Kathleen McClain

Aug. 25, the night of the Democratic National Convention, sophomore Lindsay Girardeau and her family had a special visitor in their home: presidential candidate Barack Obama. After his wife, Ms. Michelle Obama, gave a speech, Obama addressed the DNC via satellite as he sat in the Girardeau's living room. Senior Molly Fakoury also had an encounter with the future president; in October, Obama personally called Fakoury and asked if he could count on her vote.

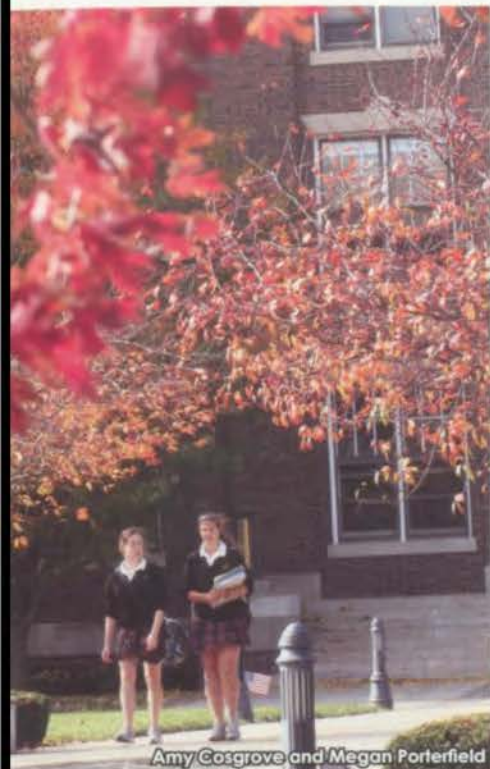
The National Scholastic Press Association announced **Sept. 16** that senior Jaime Henry-White and alumna Marian Nguyen won honorable mentions for feature photography in the 2008 Picture of the Year contest. Henry-White accepted her award when the Teresian and Dart staffs attended the NSPA Convention in St. Louis.

Unitown, a two-day retreat meant to promote diversity and understanding at STA, began **Oct. 3.** More than 30 girls from different classes were invited to participate. With the absence of former teacher Mark Fudenberg, Mr. Kelly Fast and Ms. Ann Ramsey helped Mr. Craig Whitney organize the retreat.

Junior Veronica Bacci Bonivento came to STA as a foreign exchange student through the American Field Service Intercultural Program. Bonivento, who was originally from Venice, Italy, was in Ms. Sue Marquis's advisory and was fluent in Italian, Spanish, French and English.

Ms. Mimi Harmon, who used to work in Campus Ministry, gave birth to twin girls Katherine Ann and Mary Agnes Harmon **Sept. 25.** Former teacher Ms. Karen Johnson successfully adopted Evelyn "Evie" Johnson **Oct. 27,** after a previous adoption fell through.

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as time GOES by...

In the annual advisory Halloween pumpkin competition **Oct. 31**, Ms. Amanda James's and Mr. Craig Whitney's advisories emerged victorious. The James's advisory won in the M&A Building; their pumpkin depicted The Joker from "The Dark Knight." The Donnelly winner was the Whitney advisory, who decorated their pumpkin as a Boca Burger meal.

After she was diagnosed with breast cancer in September, Ms. Kathy McCarthy went through a successful surgery **Oct. 3**. Despite the risky procedure, McCarthy was well enough to return home the following day and resumed teaching computer classes **Nov. 3**.

STA's varsity volleyball team lost to Notre Dame de Sion High School at home **Oct. 23** for the first time in six years. The team lost to Sion 25-21 and 25-23. Students came to the game dressed as bikers and motorcyclists and brought scooters, skateboards, and rollerblades for the theme "On Wheels."

In **November**, after being detained in Mexico because of an expired Visa, Ms. Lucila Bernal-Estudillo was finally allowed to return to the United States. However, Bernal was not able to resume her position as Spanish teacher because she hadn't received permanent residency or a permanent Visa.

Ms. Denise Rueschhoff announced in late **November** that due to very successful auction raffle ticket sales, students would be granted the privilege of wearing the auction sweatpants through the month of January.



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As tan lines faded and the pool closed, St. Teresa's filled with familiar laughter. After 87 days of summer, both seniors and freshmen traded in their lounge chairs for desks and found themselves...

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facing the first

On my first day at STA, I was scared out of my mind. I came from Sion (lower school) and I knew about twenty people from STA. The nerves of starting high school were completely ridiculous. A few accelerated classes, some nerves, a couple of friends, throw in some jitters, sleep deprivation, and cross country practice and you've got my first day! When I got to my locker, I was thinking, "How can I possibly do well in high school? Will I ever be as good as my sister? Will this experience be strange and life changing?" Then I went to my first class, Accelerated Algebra I, and the nerves almost vanished! But after my morning classes were over, I was jittery again. Lunch. What a nightmare! Who was I going to sit with? But it turned out fine, I sat with a few of my friends from volleyball camp and we had a good first lunch at STA. Then, the rest of the day was a breeze. So let's hope that the rest of my high school days go that smoothly...

Maddie Dang

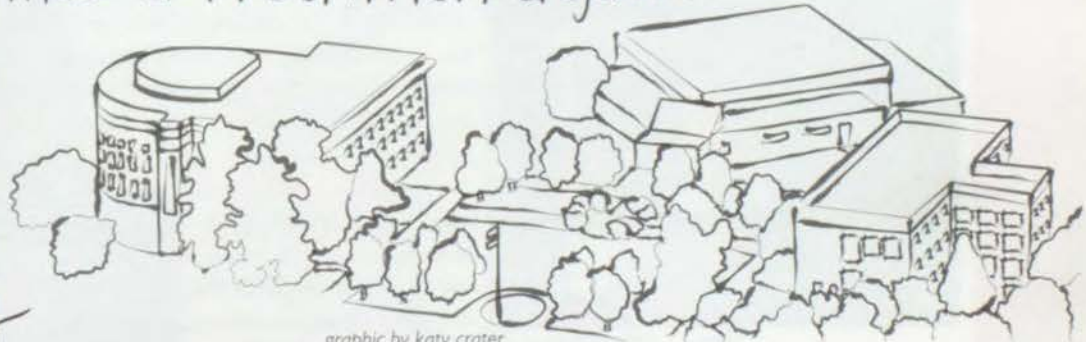
Maddie Dang



1. Freshman Maddie Dang's mother, Ms. Sean Costello, pulls Dang's collar out from under her sweater before her first day of high school Aug. 18. 2. Dang climbs into senior Megan Monsees's car along with older sister, senior Bianca Dang. Maddie carpooled with four seniors. 3. Dang eats lunch in The Commons with friends she met at an STA summer volleyball camp. 4. Dang walks for the first time to the Amick advisory with senior Anna Gillcrist. 5. Senior Molly Fakoury puts on running shoes in the morning in preparation for her after school cross-country practice. 6. Leaving her house at 7:25 a.m., Fakoury gets in the car to drive to school. On her dashboard was a note that read, "Full tank! I love you! Dad." 7. Fakoury compares her schedule with senior Mallory Sweatt in the parking lot on the way to advisory. 8. During activity two, Fakoury eats a nectarine. photos by lauren damico and megan monsees



I expected my first day of school to be just like any other. I was excited for it to be my first last day, but the realization never really sunk in. As I walked tiredly up the 3 flights of stairs to my advisory, I felt like I had never left. I still didn't feel like a senior, seeing all the new faces. I was early to my first class, nervous for it being calculus, and feeling like a freshmen again.



graphic by katy crater

Molly Fakoury

venturing overseas



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A group of 11 STA Latin students traveled across foreign seas to visit Italy and Greece

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The airplane was about to take off, headed for a country full of culture and history much different than her own.

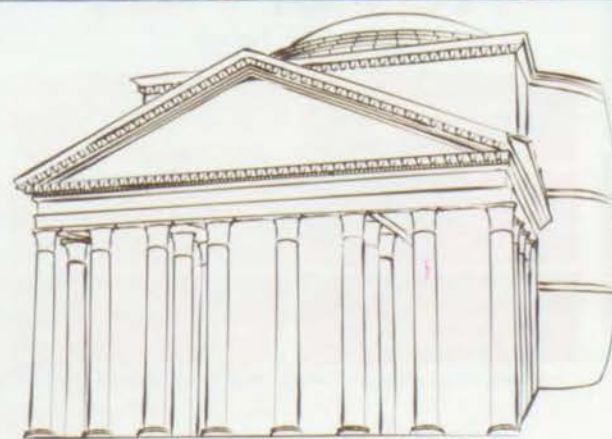
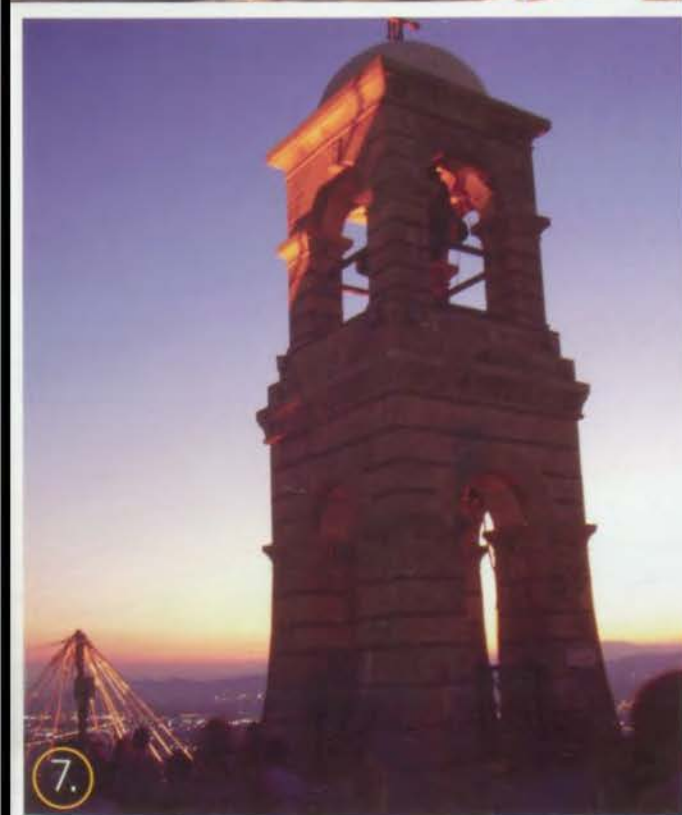
Senior Sarah Slaven made her way to her seat on the plane, preparing to rest before her trip to Italy with 11 fellow Latin students. Just as she closed her eyes, a baby's piercing scream blasted in her ears. Her chances at catching some sleep before she arrived were growing slim as the baby went from screaming to loud laughing. The eight-hour trip from Detroit to Amsterdam made her utterly exhausted, and when the air-conditioning was turned off, she felt a wave of sickness come over her. But when she stepped off the plane the beauty of Italy enveloped her.

The doors to the subway opened quickly, and senior Jessica Bales hopped on with three fellow seniors. None of them heard the shouts of warning from Ms. Sue Marquis as the doors closed and the subway zoomed off.

They immediately realized that the rest of the group wasn't going to follow when the subway stopped. Bales headed for street level, wandering around with her friends, eventually finding the group and heading back to the hotel. However, Marquis wasn't with them. She stayed back, spending over an hour frantically searching for the girls in the subways of Italy. When Marquis finally caught up with the girls, she wouldn't speak to them.

"I adore you," junior Sydney Deatherage said in Italian to guards standing outside of the Sistine Chapel. Instead of glaring at Deatherage for her bold statement, the guards simply laughed. She smiled back, and walked in to greet the magnificent frescos painted by Michelangelo. Although taking photos was not allowed, Deatherage managed to snap a few shots. Out on the streets again, she shouted in Italian, "Look, it's the cops!" as a few policemen strolled by. A few people in the crowd stared, but the group of friends she was with just giggled, moving along to their next destination.

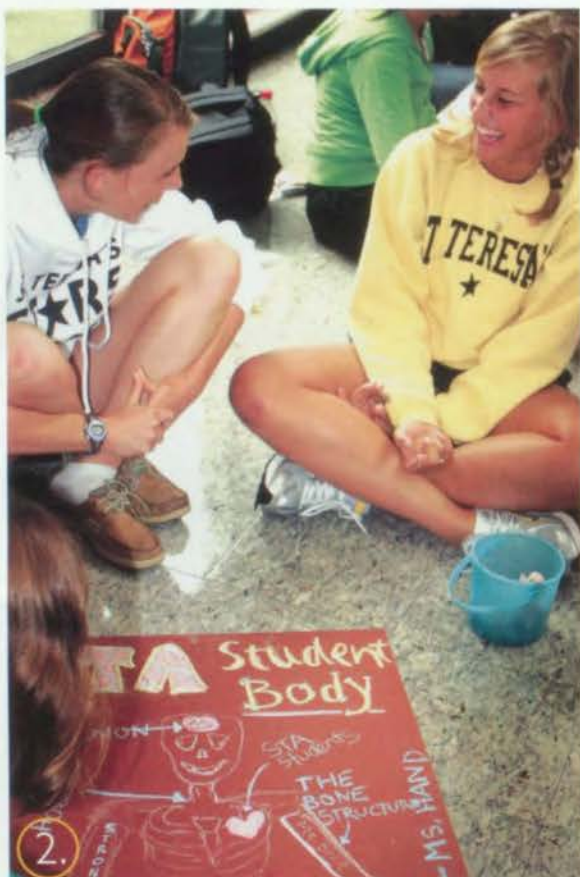
1. Junior Sydney Deatherage captures a photograph of a small group of students from California on a dock stretched over the Ionian Sea in Patras, Greece June 23. The California group traveled with the STA Latin students. 2. Walking off the beaten path June 19, junior Julia Barnett passes under an archway in the Colosseum. 3. While strolling through the streets of Rome, juniors Sydney Deatherage, left, and Julia Barnett pose for a picture with Roman soldiers June 18 outside of the Pantheon. 4. While taking a tour in Pompeii, Italy, senior Rachel Flattery fills her water bottle June 21. 5. Junior Hillary Johnson takes a bite of her pizza at a fast food stop after coming back from Florence with the STA students June 21. 6. Seniors Mary Lee Ptacek, Amanda Backer, Rachel Flattery and Caroline Campbell hold hands as they embrace the cold Ionian Sea June 23 in Patras, Greece. The Latin students woke up at 3 a.m. in order to reach the sea by 6 a.m. before starting their day in Greece. 7. The small Latin group of STA girls traveled up Lykavittos Hill in Athens at sunset June 24. On top of the hill, there was a church where the bell tower stood. photos submitted by sydney deatherage and sue marquis



graphic by Katie Crater

1. Sophomores Kathleen Hough, left, and Betsy Tampke discuss red rover strategy Sept. 2. Tampke was chosen out of the four freshmen in the Wallerstedt advisory to be the new sophomore Big Sister. 2. Hernon advisory sophomores Adelaide Thompson, left, and Samantha Scheuler laugh as their Little Sisters complete a sidewalk chalk design. The advisory won first place for their "Student Body" design. 3. Freshman Chelsea Birchmier, left, and senior Alexis Collins perform on stage Sept. 4. The Bertalott advisory chose to dress up in the themes of past STA vs. Sion games. 4. Freshman Molly Kaniger dances in a game of Little Sally Walker during Frosh Fest the first week of September. 5. Freshmen Nicole Kamradt, top left, Christie Fletcher, Miranda Johnson, Danielle Gatapia and Taylor Twellman form a pyramid in the quad during activity period. When the weather was nice at the beginning of the week, the freshmen and Big Sisters met outside to make plans for the contests held later that week.

photos by katelyn devine and elle rauch



HOT or NOT

frosh fest



RED ROVER AND RIDE THAT PONY GAMES



RAIN FORCING BOTH CONTESTS TO BE HELD INDOORS



BEACH THEMES FOR SIDEWALK CHALK AND COSTUME CONTESTS

PIZZA LUNCH FOR ONLY BIG AND LITTLE SISTERS



CONTEST WINNERS: AMICK, HERNON, DOLAN & RUESCHHOFF

SKITS NOT ALLOWED IN COSTUME CONTEST



pat on the back

frosh fest brings advisory closer together, especially after win

story by [colleen corcoran](#) design by [riley coving](#)

The girls from the Rueschhoff advisory stood beside the M&A auditorium's stage in baggy Hawaiian shirts, long khaki dress pants, and circular dark-rimmed glasses. Once the Big and Little Sisters arrived onto the stage, their disguise, social studies teacher Mr. Patrick Sirridge, was evident to the crowd. The audience of students and faculty replied with laughter and applause. The reaction helped free freshman Taylor Migliazzo of her nerves.

"I was kind of nervous, but it was good hearing everyone laughing," Migliazzo said.

Migliazzo, one of many anxious freshmen, participated in the annual costume competition of Frosh Fest. Some memorable costumes included Wallerstedt's deck of cards, Weller's "Harry Potter Puppet Pals," Dunlay's "Disciples of Christ" and the winning costume, Rueschhoff's "Patrick Sirridges."

Although Sirridge, co-advisor for the Rueschhoff advisory, missed the event, the girls from the advisory went over to his room in their floral shirts to report how well their costumes were received.

As the intercom crackled on during mods 13/14, students anxiously awaited the verdict. Freshmen crossed their fingers and seniors prayed that they would finally win the coveted pizza lunch for their final year at STA. The decision was made, and Rueschhoff's "Patrick Sirridges" had won the costume competition. Sirridge, along with the girls, was satisfied with the announcement.

"I was very excited and surprised because we usually don't win," Sirridge said. "I was happy for them and for the pizza party."

When the day was done, the success of the advisory's imitation didn't offend the man in the Hawaiian shirt himself but rather caused him to admit his fashionable choices.

"I do love my Hawaiian shirts," Sirridge said.



“I do love my Hawaiian shirts.”
-Patrick Sirridge,
Faculty

update in the technology department

Administration pushes for technological facelift

story by [claire vanasdale](#) design by [jessica ann](#)

According to president Nan Bone, STA was perfect in almost every way and her goal was to make it the best private school in Kansas City. However, there was one aspect that needed to be changed.

"Technology is the one thing we need to improve on," Bone said.

The technology committee discussed ways to improve the school's technology, especially concerning the students' computers.

The committee, founded by Bone, consisted of students, faculty, staff and parents whose goal was to discuss new ways of providing state of the art technology to the school within its means.

"We have been investigating all the possibilities," Bone said. "We just throw things around and talk about them."

The ideas included adding a new multimedia center to the school, updating the computer lab in Donnelly Hall, and using laptops in the classroom.

With a possible grant that would provide the school with \$25,000 toward new technology, Bone and her fellow committee members felt confident in their endeavor.

"I see an update happening in the near future," computer teacher Kathy McCarthy said.

"We have been investigating all the possibilities."

-Nan Bone, president



1. While making a presentation in AP American history class, junior Kelsey Wendland references material projected on Mr. Craig Whitney's Smart Board. Whitney and his students use the board to showcase and interact with class material. 2. In Ms. Renee Blake's accelerated biology class, freshman Kate Needham studies with online flashcards using a wireless laptop. The school equipped the upper levels of Donnelly Hall with a wireless network in the 2001. 3. Sophomores Emma Steck, left, and Meghan Harper research for their history projects in the math and science resource center. The computers are equipped with Microsoft and Adobe software to cater to students' computer needs. photos by [claire vanasdale](#) and [jessica ann](#)

publications jump to new generation



Sydney Deatherage

story by [Lindsay Bywaters](#) design by [Jessica Ann](#)

In the summer of 2008, the administration contributed \$30,000 to the publications' computer lab. This grant allowed the school to purchase 15 new 24-inch iMac computers. The investment benefited the publications because the old technology could not handle the amount of software needed to stay up-to-date. Plus, the computers were on the verge of a breakdown.

"The quantity of computers is the most important aspect of the new technology," publications advisor Eric Thomas said. "With seven more Macs than last year, the kids are allowed to have more contact time with the computers. Both the publications and computer graphics classes get a good crack at the computers with even access and even benefits."

Students agreed that the iMacs helped make the publications' computer lab a more convenient work place.

"Just the fact that the iMacs are newer than the old computers makes a big difference," junior Katy Crater said. "Last year's computers broke down a lot. The iMacs have proved themselves to be more dependable. Everyone can have their own computer...and the large screens help with viewing page designs."

The computers' new features allowed students to use more advanced computer programs than before. More importantly to the publications staffs, the iMacs helped them to improve the quality of their work.

voices in the crowd

How has the school's level of technology affected you?

Mia Hawkins,
junior



"I think we need to have more computers in more places. They should be more available to students, by having more places to work."

Stacie O'Rear,
faculty



"At this time we're good where we're at, but we need more. We need to continue to update, and another computer lab in M&A would be very beneficial."

Kathleen Devine,
freshman



"Our technology is bad because some of our computers crash and don't work. We need new systems so they don't crash."

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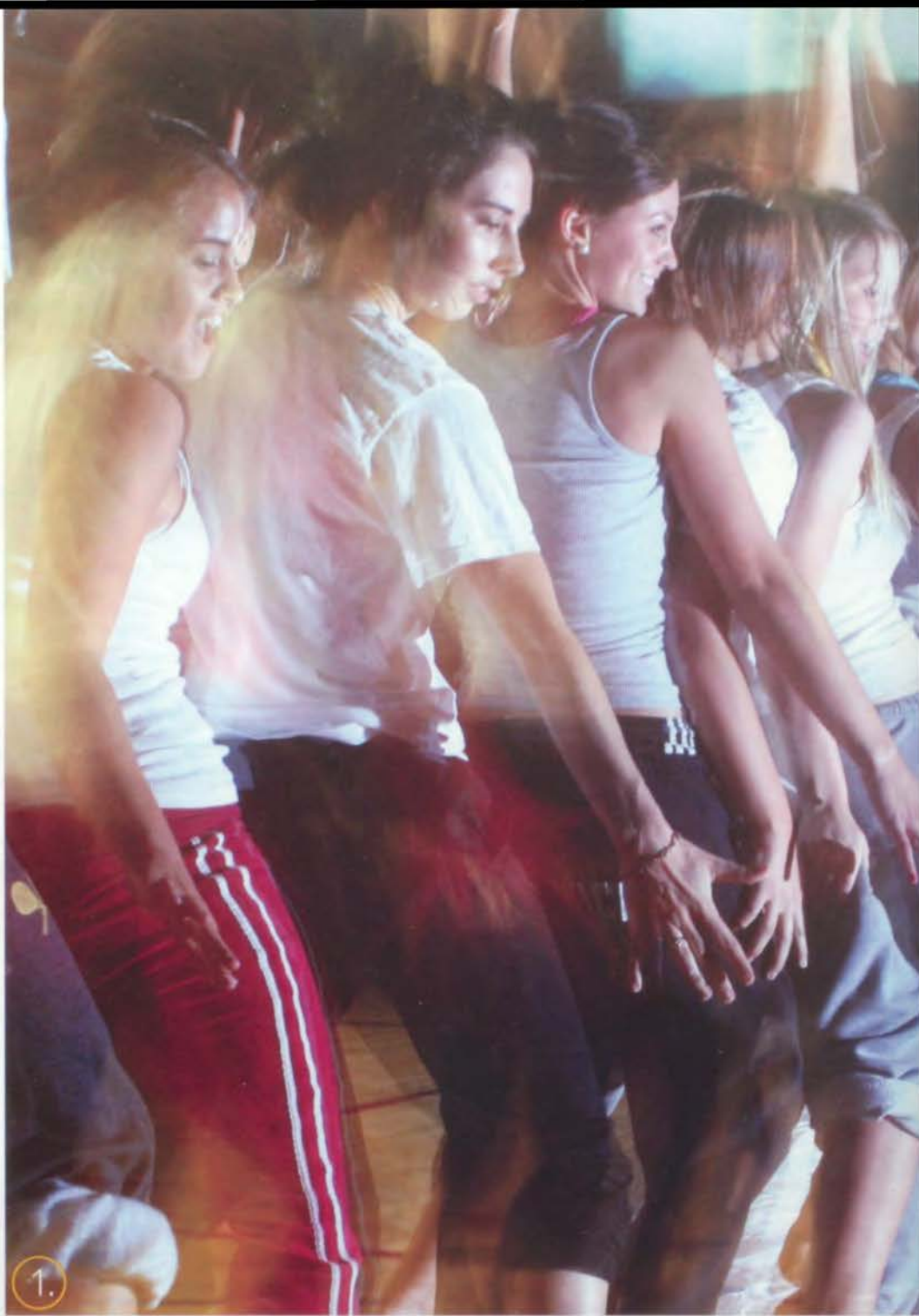
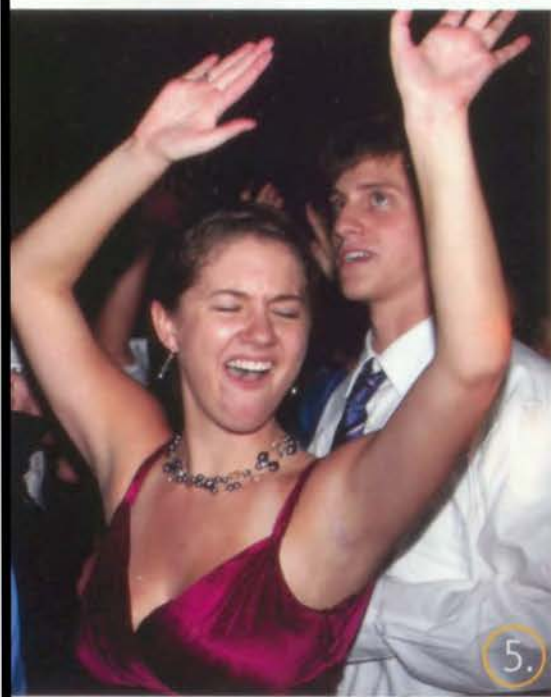
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08 / 09
Teresian 2008

- 1 taking pictures before the dance with your group at someone's house
- 2 the theme: "Under the Sea"
- 3 the balloon drop
- 4 "...dancing with all my girlfriends because all the guys were really awkward dancers," sophomore Victoria Godfrey said.
- 5 seeing the different dresses of friends and classmates
- 6 the JV dance team performance
- 7 "...dancing with all of the seniors to the senior song," senior Nicole Fisher said.
- 8 freshmen dressed up as sea creatures

compiled by colleen corcoran



1. Performing a new dance, JV dance team members junior Claire O'Neill, from left, senior Katie Kenney, juniors Mary Warwick, Ellen Gude, Julia Barnett and Megan Wilkerson smile for the crowd. The team rehearsed in Verheyen prior to their performance. 2. At her last Teresian dance, senior Kaitlin Zidar blows bubbles as part of the "Under the Sea" theme. 3. Juniors Mary Warwick, from left, Mollie Pointer, Ellen Gude and senior Sally Nulton huddle with the rest of the JV dance team before their performance. 4. On Oct. 18, junior Hope Stillwell, left, and Rockhurst High School junior Max McFarland dance the night away. The Teresian staff decorated the Goppert Center with fish, submarines and an ocean scene projected onto the wall to reflect the theme. 5. Senior Anna Gillcrist dances through the crowd with her date Shawnee Mission East senior Dillon Simmons. STA students had from 8:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. to dance with their friends and fellow classmates. 6. Seniors Samantha Barker, left, and Meg Hart shake their groove things at Teresian. Rather than dealing with "boy drama," Barker and Hart went as a couple and incorporated fish hats into their attire to correspond with the theme. photos by megan wilkerson, lauren damico and katelyn devine



dance dance revolution

unofficial JV dance team gave surprise performance at teresian

story by [katie sharp](#) design by [riley coving](#)

As 14 STA girls ran over to the bleachers, all wearing sweatpants and tank tops rather than their dresses for the Teresian dance, people began to circle. In moments, the 14 girls broke into a choreographed dance to Busta Rhyme's "Don't Touch Me Now." The instant the hip-hop beat echoed from the speakers, cheers for the JV dance team bellowed through the gym.

"Someone not on the team gave us the idea to dance at Teresian and it seemed fun because everyone else would be dancing too," senior JoEllen Redlingshafer said.

According to Redlingshafer, the JV dance team actually started last spring during lacrosse season with STA alumnae Lily Hough, sophomore Kathleen Hough, and seniors Sally Nulton, Jennifer McLiney and Redlingshafer. These girls started the team because Notre Dame De Sion High School had a dance team and a cheerleading squad, and they believed that STA needed another team. This new team was not sponsored by the school and was unofficial but recognized by many in the student body.

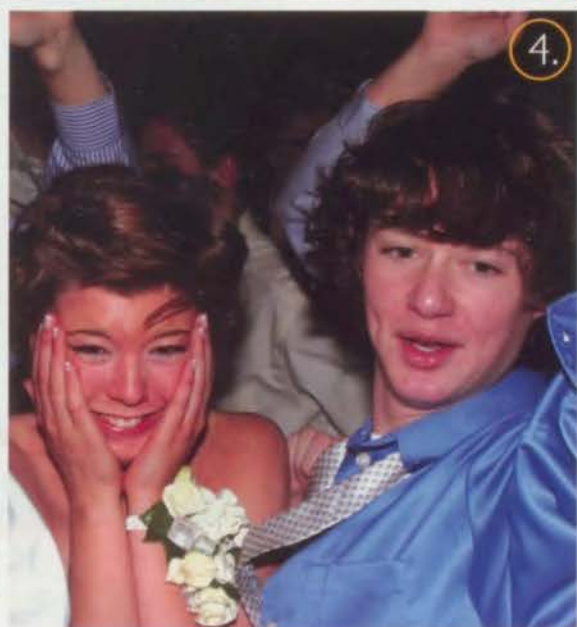
The tryouts for JV dance team were held at the Nulton's house. According to junior Mary Warwick, JV dance team seemed like a good opportunity to show off her dancing skills so she tried out.

"One day I came out after school and saw JoEllen, Sally, [Jennifer], and Kathleen dancing in the parking lot and I knew instantly that I wanted to join," Warwick said.

The team practiced once before their Teresian performance. Juniors Megan Wilkerson, Julia Barnett, Ellen Gude and Warwick choreographed the hip-hop dance the team performed at Teresian. Sophomore Catherine Arensberg attended the Teresian dance, and witnessed the team's performance.

"It was actually really good, I didn't expect it to be as good as it was," Arensberg said. "It's just something our school would do: make a JV dance team that's never existed and perform [at the dance]."

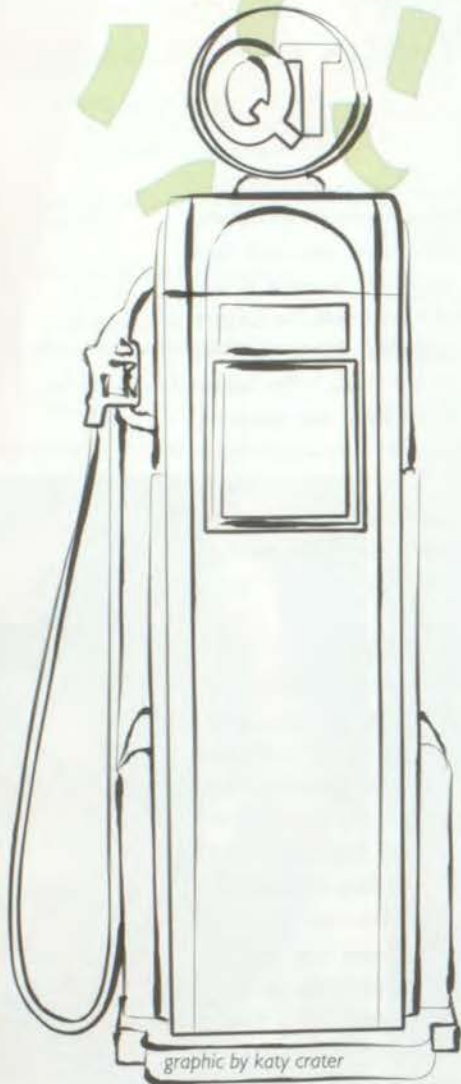
"It's just something our school would do."
-sophomore Catherine Arensberg



Running on Empty

STA students cruised around the metro, drained their wallets to high gas prices

story by [erin andres](#) design by [megan monsees](#)



The mid-1950s was a time when teens went out "cruising" on Friday nights. With gas at 27 cents per gallon and a minimum wage of 75 cents, coasting the streets was popular and somewhat affordable. In contrast, the summer of 2008 brought the highest gas prices Americans had ever seen, forcing teens to not only step off the gas, but to hang out closer to home.

According to the Federal Credit Union, the increase in prices forced the average household to pay about \$30 more for gas per week than in the summer of 2007, while prices of groceries and other necessities rose as well.

The dramatic spike in prices affected everyone, including STA students. Seniors Mandy Prather, Josephine Pace and Amanda Backer, who all live near the outside of the metropolitan area, were hit especially hard by the rising costs.

Prather recalled a time when she thought \$2.89, the cheapest she could find earlier last year, was expensive.

"But now it's a whole dollar more," Prather said. "I can't believe it. It just drives me nuts!"

Pace also expressed anger towards the outrageous prices.

"I almost had a heart attack when I found out that gas was over \$4 because I knew most of my money would be going toward that," Pace said.

Pace worked at Hy-Vee and tried to save the majority of her money, but this was a challenge when she spent almost \$100 a week for gas.

Prather worked as a swim instructor at two pools near her home, and taught private lessons. She estimated that she drove 250 miles per week just to work, leaving little gas for other trips.

"I got two jobs for gas and other stuff, not just entertainment," Prather said. "I started [teaching] private lessons so I could have extra gas during the [next] swim season."

Backer also planned for the next school year. She thought more about when it was important to travel.

"If I wanted to hang out with friends in Brookside [in the past] I would just go," Backer said. "But now I think about if I really need to go down there every weekend."

Pace said "no" to a few get-togethers when she realized how much one night could affect her wallet.

"And because St. Teresa's girls live so far away, it's really hard for me to come down just for a few hours and waste... well not waste... use up that gas," Pace said.

The increase in gas prices added to the list of teen pressures this summer as teens spent most of their money on gas, distressing those trying to save for the future and have fun with their friends.





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Pump	Gallons	Price
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Product	Amount
Unleaded	\$59.63

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Sales Tax: \$ 0.00
Total: \$ 59.63

Senior Mandy Prather's receipt shows that she paid \$59.63 for nearly 15 gallons of gas July 9. In the summer of 2008, gas prices exceeded \$4 a gallon. Missouri gas stations charged \$3.19 in May. In comparison, Hawaii gas stations charged an average of \$3.67 a gallon. New Jersey gas stations charged the lowest with \$3.07 a gallon.



1. Watching the numbers rise, senior Mandy Prather fills up her car with gas. 2. Unwinding her gas cap, senior Amanda Backer prepares to fill up her 2001 Saturn Oct. 16 after school. 3. Prather fills up her 2000 Toyota Camry at the QuikTrip on Roe Avenue Sunday Oct. 12. 4. Gas leaks from the pump as Backer places it back in its slot Oct. 16 at Phillips 66 in Brookside. 5. Students frequently stopped at the Quik Trip on Wornall Road and 72nd Street after school for snacks, drinks, and gas. 6. Oct. 16 Backer closes her wallet in Brookside at Phillips 66 after paying \$42.86 to fill her 15.7 gallon tank with the price per gallon at \$2.73. 7. At the QuikTrip on Roe Avenue Oct. 12 Prather swipes her debit card paying a total of \$39.75 to fill her 14-gallon tank at \$2.76 per gallon. photos by erin andres

activism in the social studies department

2008 Presidential Election Presidential Candidates

Democratic Party
Barack Obama
Joe Biden

Republican Party
John McCain
Sarah Palin

Independent Party
Ralph Nader
Matt Gonzalez

Libertarian Party
Bob Barr
Wayne Allyn Root

Constitution Party
Charles Baldwin
Darrell Castle

Significant Election Issues

Shall the U.S. Constitution be amended to include a statement that English shall be the official language of the United States?
Yes [] No []

Shall the United States government guarantee universal health care for all legal residents?
Yes [] No []



1. At the voting booth in the Goppert Center, sophomores Libby Kieffer, left, and Elise Ferron enter their votes for the school mock election. Reflecting the school's overall election results, 63 percent of the sophomore class voted for Mr. Barack Obama. **2.** Sophomores Mary Franke, left, and Adelaide Thompson place their votes during the mock election. Of the student body and faculty, 475 participated in the mock election, while 45 did not. photos by elle rauch

Election comes to classrooms

story by [katelyn devine](#) design by [jessica ann](#)

Each day a new item was sold or advertised in The Commons: a bake sale for the Dance Club, raffle tickets for a Vera Bradley bag or tickets to a dance. However, during the week of Oct. 20 the topic of discussion in The Commons went from food and tickets to registering to vote in the upcoming presidential election.

Leading up to the election, students in Mr. Patrick Sirridge's, Mr. Craig Whitney's and Mr. Richard Shrock's government and current events classes organized a school-wide mock election.

"[The mock election is] a way for the girls to get involved with something that they feel excluded from because of age," Shrock said. "They want to be a part of this process, so why not make it a learning experience for them as well?"

The students performed five main tasks for the election. They registered voters, created the ballots, publicized the election, manned the polls and counted the votes afterward. During class, students discussed any new developments that occurred in the election or opinions about the candidates.

The three teachers considered the mock election as a way for the student body and staff to get involved in the 2008 elections. They felt that a good way to accomplish that would be for the students to inform their peers and teachers about what they had discussed and learned.

"Even though we never discussed the predicted outcome of the elections in class, I overheard the girls talking about what they believed would happen," Sirridge said. "That is exactly what we, as teachers, wanted. We wanted them to get involved and feel like they were a part of something this significant."

seniors learn to do their duty



story by *Katie Slom* design by *Jessica Ann*

A nurse dressed in red scrubs led senior Mary Jantsch to a large, cushioned chair. In an instant, the nurse wiped Jantsch's forearm with alcohol, made a few more preparations and inserted a needle. Blood began flowing through a tube and into a bag marked "Community Blood Center." After 10 minutes, the nurse removed the needle and took Jantsch's donation, which measured a unit or two cups of blood.

"I gave blood because even though I love protesting, I feel like donating blood has more of an immediate and realistic impact," Jantsch said.

Seniors were required to take either the American government class or the AP government and politics class one semester during the year. Mr. Patrick Sirridge taught both class and required each senior to complete a civic act of duty project. Students could choose from a variety of activities such as attending a political event, going to court, donating blood or writing a letter to the newspaper, senator or congressman.

"This [project] gives the students an opportunity to see how citizens participate in activities which affect the country," Sirridge said.

Students completed four different civic duties during the semester. As a part of their project, the students reflected on the experience, explaining why they chose the activity and what they learned.

"I think it helps emphasize that there are rights and responsibilities of citizenship," Sirridge said.

take a second



with **PATRICK SIRRIDGE**

compiled by *calleen corcoran*

on activism...

What encourages you to promote activism?

"For me, it's not so much about activism as it is involvement in the world and in society."

Do you believe that civic activities help students become more aware?

"Definitely. They have experiences to see how government operates."

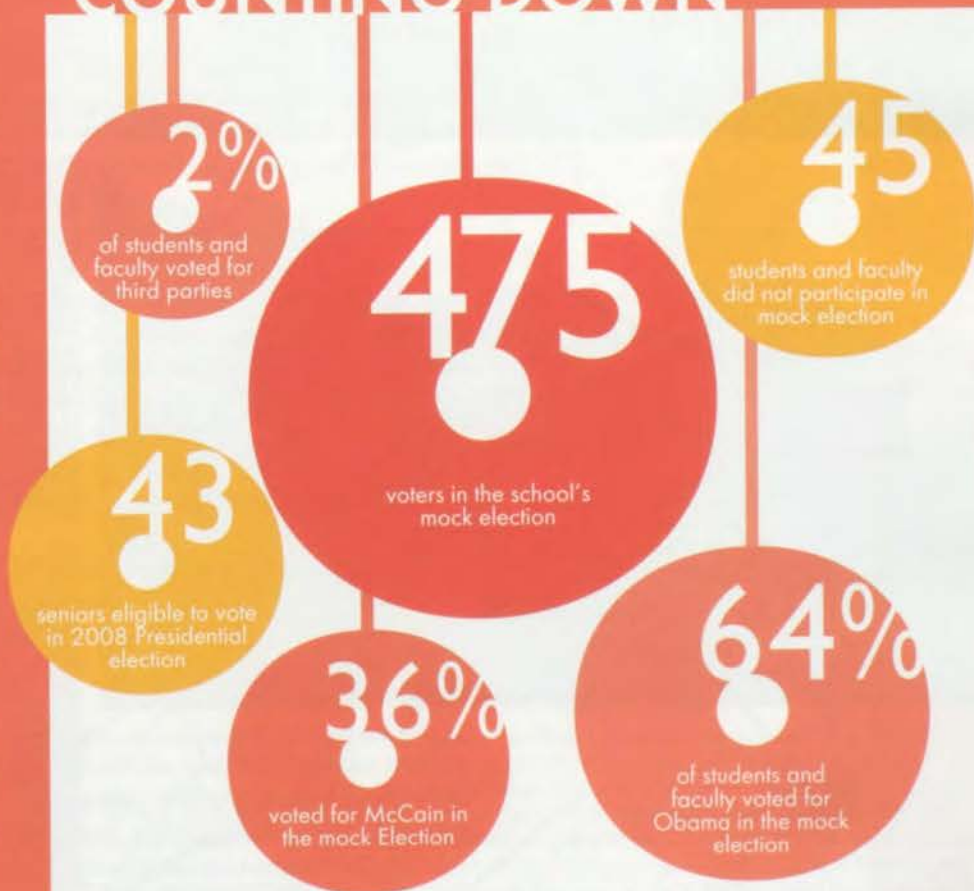
Did girls find it easier to become involved this year because of the presidential election?

"I think so. I think they had a more natural interest... it seemed to affect them more."

Which civic activities do you think are most important?

"No preference; if some students are good writers then it's good for them to write [letters to the editor]."

COUNTING DOWN



compiled by *calleen corcoran*

revolutionary race

Elected as the first black President, the forty-fourth commander-in-chief takes charge in memorable campaign

story by [lane livers](#) design by [mary jantsch](#)

The presidential election of 2008 was remembered as an election of firsts: it was the first election where an estimated 140 million voters lined the streets to determine the new president, the first election in which a woman ran for vice presidency and the first election in which a black man both ran for president and won.

"It's been a long time coming, but tonight, because of what we did on this date in this election at this defining moment, change has come to America," said then-President-elect of the United States Barack Obama Nov. 4.

Obama and Vice President Joe Biden won the 2008 election against Sen. John McCain of Arizona and his running candidate Gov. Sarah Palin of Alaska, in what was declared a "historical" race.

With the help of the record-breaking 140 million voters, Obama received 365 electoral votes, compared to McCain's 173. The desire for economic and racial change in the White House contributed to the large crowds of voters. Along with this racial change, the presidential office almost experienced a gender change for the country. Junior Emily Quatman felt that Palin's running for such high office was a large step for women.

"I would not be surprised at all if Sarah Palin ran in the 2012 elections," Quatman said. "Now that there's been a black man in the White House, I wouldn't be surprised to see a woman in the near future."

The day of Nov. 4 was also considered historical in the state of Missouri, with the outcome of the elections setting its near perfect prediction record. Since 1904 (excluding 1956), Missouri's popular vote had accurately predicted the winning presidential candidate, but in the 2008 election, the two candidates were considered to

be neck and neck in the polls. The outcome was undecided until days after the election when McCain was declared the winner of Missouri with 49.4% of the popular vote, and Obama trailed by 0.1%. Although CNN believed the nearly tied results of the elections disclaimed Missouri's title of the "Bellwether State," the close polls led presidential campaigners and candidates to Kansas City.

STA had many encounters with the presidential election and President Obama in 2008 because of the campaigning in Missouri.

On Aug. 25, Obama watched his wife, Ms. Michelle Obama, speak during the Democratic National Convention from sophomore Lindsay Girardeau's house. Girardeau's neighbor, who was head of Obama's Kansas City campaign, suggested the family for this event. After the Girardeau house was inspected and the commitment was made, Obama arrived.

"I was so excited when I found out [Obama] was coming," Girardeau said. "[My family and I] were just sitting there freaking out! I was so nervous and I couldn't concentrate in school."

The Girardeau family also accompanied the Obama family during inauguration festivities in January.

Obama's interactions with STA students did not stop there.

Senior Molly Fakoury received a personal phone call from Obama about two weeks before voting day.

Fakoury pulled into her driveway after school Oct. 21 and saw her mom running to the car with a phone in her hand. When she put the phone to her ear, she heard Obama's voice ask if he was speaking to Molly.

"At first I didn't believe it was him," Fakoury said, "I thought it was a recording."

Obama asked Fakoury for her vote, and she said she planned on voting for him. Along with voting for Obama, Fakoury also helped him throughout the elections by working on his campaign. She made phone calls asking citizens for their vote, and went door-to-door campaigning for the Democratic Party, which at the end of the day, captured the White House.

YES
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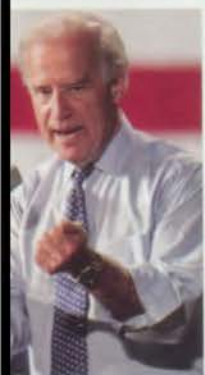
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1. Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Barack Obama spoke at a rally in Kansas City Oct. 18. (Mike Ransdell/Kansas City Star/MCT) 2. Democratic vice presidential candidate Sen. Joe Biden speaks at a campaign rally at William Jewell College, Oct. 9, in Liberty. (Keith Myers/Kansas City Star/MCT) 3. Political signs line the 57th street entrance of STA Nov. 4 as voters arrived to vote in the Goppert Center. 4. Republican vice presidential candidate Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin addresses a rally at the Walter F. Ehrnfelt Recreation and Senior Center in Strongsville, Ohio, Oct. 8. (Paul Tople/Akron Beacon Journal/MCT) 5. Republican presidential candidate Sen. John McCain greets supporters at a campaign rally in Belton Oct. 20. (Chris Oberholtz/Kansas City Star/MCT) *sta photo by lauren damico*

stillwell still sings

after being in chorus play after play, junior Hope Stillwell got her lead

story by caitlin sweeny design by riley coving

A crowd of students milled around the auditorium as junior Hope Stillwell sat nervously awaiting the auditions for the fall musical to begin. Stillwell looked around, listening to the sounds of friends laughing and voices singing. The competition seemed exceptional and she wondered, "Was there anyway I could get a part?"

"I didn't really know a lot of people so I was really nervous and really intimidated," Stillwell said. "Once I went in and saw Ms. [Shana] Prentiss and Ms. [Shauna] Westall, though, they were so nice that it made me feel better and when I started singing all of my nerves went away."

Stillwell transferred to STA after attending Shawnee Mission South High School and hoped that after years of performing in the chorus that she would get a lead role for the first time.

Not only did Stillwell get the part as Amy March in "Little Women," but she also made friends with the whole cast, including senior Anna Gillcrist. Stillwell and Gillcrist both agreed that there were great connections among cast members.

"I think what made the cast so special was there [were] no groups," Gillcrist said. "I can not describe the automatic bond that we had. [With this cast] especially, there was an immediate click."

The play wasn't always fun for Stillwell, though. On top of play rehearsals she had dance team and homework, which caused some scheduling conflicts.

Though there was some difficulty with scheduling and a lot of emotion, Prentiss was very pleased.

"I would try to imagine who would have the role as Amy if Hope hadn't been there and I can't because she was so perfect for that character," Prentiss said. "I just really thought that this show [was] as perfect as it could be."





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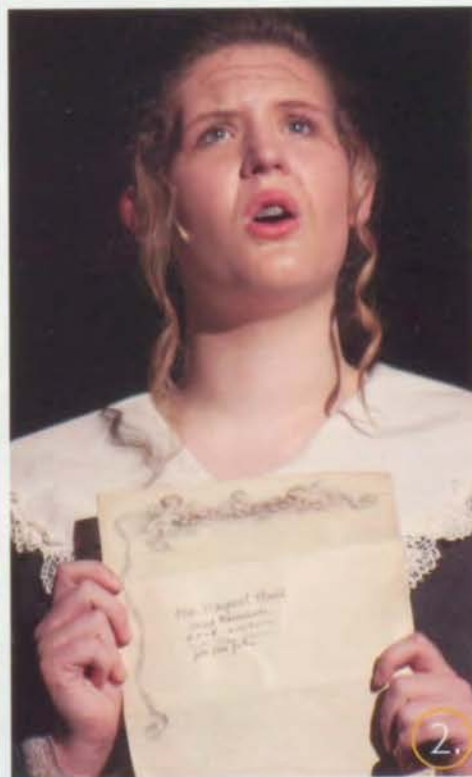
1. Junior Hope Stillwell, from left, senior Laura Nendick and junior Ellen Gude peer out into the audience during the first act of the fall musical. Stillwell, Nendick and Gude played the March sisters, along with senior Anna Gillcrist. 2. Singing her first solo of the show, sophomore Ryan Tucker holds a letter from her "husband" during dress rehearsal Nov. 5. The cast of "Little Women" starred seniors, juniors and sophomores. 3. Performing as Jo March, senior Anna Gillcrist recounts a story she wrote while Professor Bhaer, played by Rockhurst High School senior Dan Schrader, looks on. "Little Women" had a much smaller cast than normal STA productions. 4. Drama teacher Shana Prentiss puts last-minute touches on senior Anna Gillcrist's hair while Gillcrist warms up her vocals for the dress rehearsal of "Little Women." 5. Senior Laura Nendick, left, and Rockhurst High School junior Bradley Wiedeman sing a duet in a dress rehearsal of "Little Women" Nov. 5. Nendick and Wiedeman had lead roles in the fall musical as Meg March and John Brooke. photos by lauren damico and elle rauch



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flashBACK



TO CATCH A THIEF Senior Anna Gillcrist made her acting debut long before she was an STA star. She received her first large part in *Oliver*, a "Theater at Vis" production, during her seventh grade year and has starred in numerous shows and musicals since. "The Artful Dodger in 'Oliver' was the first major role I ever played," Gillcrist said. "It's funny because even then I still [had] stage fright! I didn't lose [my stage fright] until sophomore year!"
 compiled by lane livers
 photo submitted by Maria Gillcrist

sta OWNS

seniors united for first football game against sion

story by meghan penland design by meghan monsees

A mass of girls wearing long-sleeved white-and-gold shirts embellished with "STA Owns" followed a floating boom box down a muddy slope at Minor Park. Senior Nicolette Anderson grasped the square boom box over her head as music blasted and seniors discussed the powder puff football game. The STA supporters found seats on the grass and bleachers as players in the game began to warm up. Senior Anna Gillcrist jumped on the bleachers, facing the players with black marks on her cheeks, shouting chants about Notre Dame de Sion High School, the opposing team.

"I liked that there was music," senior Kaitlin Zidar said. "It pumped people up and was an intensity builder."

The STA team's coach, Pembroke Hill High School senior Caleb Wurth, gathered the players, and split up the offense and defense. Sion girls gathered in a cluster on the field, standing out with their hot pink, skull and crossbones t-shirts.

The referee centered himself in the middle of the field, calling both teams for the coin toss. Seniors Jennifer McLiney and Ceri Verble jogged across the field to greet their opponents. When the referee declared that Sion had won the coin toss, McLiney fell, writhing to the ground in mock defeat.

The referee blew his whistle. STA fans inched

closer, forming a long line, double that of the Sion fans. Students cheered on their peers, watching carefully as the white-and-gold shirts meshed with the pink.

As teams scored points their fans went wild, jumping up from where they were seated on the ground. Seniors Abigail Duethman and Megan Monsees scored for STA.

"I thought it was a good bonding mechanism," Zidar said of the game. "No one was excluded."

Senior Chelsea Beaven, who organized the game with Sion seniors Cate Zollicker and Kate McInerney, walked along the line of girls asking for donations for the Redemptorist Social Services Center.

"I want to bond not only with our class, but with the Sion class," Beaven said before the game.

There was a sudden gasp from the crowd as senior Paulina Wentworth was tackled to the ground. STA and Sion girls huddled around her as she moaned in pain. A few helped her off the field, where she sat, holding her shoulder. Eventually she was taken to the hospital, later learning she bruised her collarbone.

"I feel like they played dirty," Verble said of the Sion team.

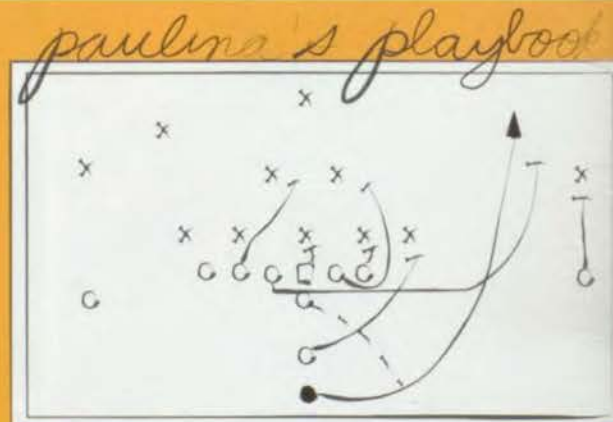
The referee blew his whistle one last time, ending the game. The final score was 4-2, in favor of Sion. The STA seniors trudged off the field, upset they had lost the game. Even so, they shook hands with their Sion opponents, satisfied that they had started a tradition.

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∞...make sure when you tackle them, they remember you.∞
- senior Paulina Wentworth

During the first powder puff practice, the coaches were looking for players to fill key positions. The position of quarterback was reserved quickly once the coaches saw Paulina Wentworth throw a perfect spiral to a receiver. Immediately, the coaches and Wentworth began strategizing and inventing plays. Wentworth surprised teammates and coaches when she passed out playbooks the Friday before the game in the quad that included all of the plays they had created at practice. Following a few sketches were key reminders on how to dominate Sion, including the suggestion to "make sure when you tackle them, they remember you!"



compiled by lauren damica and graphic by katy crater



1. Huddling during the STA vs. Sion powder puff game, seniors strategize against their opponents. Senior boys from Pembroke Hill High School and Rockhurst High School coached STA. 2. Senior Nicolette Anderson signs senior Paulina Wentworth's cast. Wentworth bruised her collarbone and separated her shoulder after a rough tackle. 3. STA seniors cheer for their classmates during the powder puff game Nov. 23 held at Minor Park. 4. Struggling to keep her opponent from the end zone, senior Lauren Damico tackles Sion senior Sarah Meyers. 5. Senior Jennifer McLiney catches the ball in a passing drill at practice Nov. 12, held at Loose Park. 6. Blocking her path, senior Ashley Zondca tackles Sion senior Molly Regan. 7. Senior Sally Nulton carries the football at Loose Park during a drill for cornerbacks. photos by katelyn devine, elle rauch and katie sharp

Tatiana Ambrose, senior

"...to Alaska so that I could dog sled back and forth from college, but I'm not applying to any schools [in Alaska] so I won't be able to do that."



Katie Patterson, freshman
"...to Australia. I don't know very much about Australia and I've always wanted to go there to see what it's like. It seems like this other country far away from the rest of the world. I think it would be a very fun adventure."



Jessica Luber, junior

"...to the bottom of the Bermuda triangle because I don't think anyone has ever survived that. I would like to live to tell the tale."



Cate Castleman, sophomore
"...to Morocco. I love the culture of it, and everyone dresses so cool. It's such a completely different world. Everything about it is different from the U.S. And I could get tan almost all year around."



Lauren Kenner, senior
"...to Kenya because that is where my dad grew up. I think it would be really interesting to visit the places from his scrapbook."





Stephen Himes, faculty
"...to Congo so I can look inside my own heart of darkness."



Jade Hernandez, sophomore
"...to the island Dubai. The amazing thing about it is that it's a man-made land and has the ocean surrounding the land. It would be nice to see a different culture and be out of the States."

"If I could go anywhere I would go..."

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Anna White, sophomore
"...to Antarctica because you could make the world's biggest snowman. Not many people have gone there before."



Nicole Twaddle, junior
"...to Africa because it has such a great culture and lots of animals and is really diverse. I like to see all the different tribes and experience all the different climates."



Kelly Younger, senior
"...to Mt. Everest because my dad and I have had a dream to go there forever since I was little. I would want to at least make it to base camp, but summit would be the ultimate."

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let me see your hips

SWING

after season of setbacks, hard work team placed eighth at state

story by [kerry cummings](#) design by [brady essmann](#)

After graduating two senior State competitors, the golf team faced a new obstacle. Even so, the golden banner hanging above the gym floor served as their motivation for the year. Focused on placing at State, their dream of obtaining a banner of their own was in sight.

"We definitely hoped for a banner this year," sophomore Madalyne Bird said. "We knew it was going to be difficult because we took a hard hit with the loss of our two seniors and Nina."

Top ranked juniors Casey O'Flaherty and Salazar gave the girls hope after the loss of their seniors. But when Salazar tore a ligament in her wrist one week before tryouts their dream seemed to slip away.

O'Flaherty, however, proved there was still a chance when she placed first at Districts, beat-

ing every Notre Dame de Sion High School player by two shots or more. After placing second at Districts, the team let loose and focused solely on the competition at State.

"Heading into State we knew we had a chance to place, so we figured just have fun," freshman Alexis Buford said. "Basically we tried to relax so we wouldn't get nervous."

Starting off strong, they finished the first day of State in sixth place with the title still in sight. However, their journey ended after the second day, when they took eighth place.

The girls settled for the placement, determined to do better next year and see their names hung above the gym.

"I really wanted it bad this year, and I will use this loss as motivation for next year," O'Flaherty said. "All I know is before I leave I want a State title."



Junior Casey O'Flaherty tees off at the Milburn Golf Course Oct. 9. O'Flaherty was the District champion and was one of five varsity golfers who continued onto State. O'Flaherty placed 22nd at the State tournament with a score of 85 on the first day and 86 on the second. Overall, the varsity team completed their season with a record of 6-7. The team bonded through several experiences throughout the year, one of which was cleaning the trophy cases. *compiled by becca sommerhauser*



in
action

check the scoreboard

W	Sedalia 171-201
L	Notre Dame de Sion 169-198
5th	Richmond Tournament
2nd	Truman Tournament
L	Warrensburg 173-182
L	Pembroke Hill 182-172
L	Blue Valley North 175-171
W	Blue Valley Northwest 175-190
L	Richmond 190-186
W	Pembroke Hill 190-213
W	Blue Springs 189-208
2nd	Districts 354
L	Notre Dame de Sion 203-178
W	Pembroke Hill 203-209
L	Notre Dame de Sion 185-169
W	Pembroke Hill 185-203
8th	State Tournament 364



Freeze Frame



junior varsity—On Oct. 25 freshman Emile Fallon chips her ball out of the sand on hole number nine. The JV team consisted of five golfers; four of them freshman. Golf coach Jack Garvin felt that the young team exceeded expectations. "They were mostly freshmen just starting off in golf so they developed well during the season," Garvin said. Garvin was impressed when JV received second place out of eight teams at the Sion JV tournament Sept. 4. *compiled by caitlin sweezy*

1. Junior Casey O'Flaherty concentrates on the ball as she extends the club during her backswing. **2.** Senior Erin Andres, left, and sophomore Colleen Corcoran compete in a Swope Park Memorial Golf Course tournament Sept. 18. **3.** Sophomore Madalyne Bird watches as her ball lands on the green. Bird was one of the five varsity golfers who qualified for State as a team. **4.** Head coach Jack Garvin walks up to the tee during an end of season intersquad match called the "Star Scramble." Garvin has been the assistant athletic director and golf coach since coming to STA in 1998. **5.** Coach Jack Garvin buckles over in shame as his shot veers from its intended course. **6.** Senior Erin Andres waits to tee off for her final golf match of the season. "I still can't believe I am never going to play STA golf again," Andres said. *photos by elle rauch*



doubles teams DOMINATE

team mixed things up with change in doubles partners before state

story by **allie lueke** design by **brady essmann**

As the two-girl team approached the end of their match, their determination intensified with a tied score. While the opposing team prepared to serve, STA varsity players, junior Kylie Hornbeck and senior JoEllen Redlingshafer anxiously waited on the other side of the net. As Redlingshafer leaped up for the final shot and slammed it down on the opposite side of the court, the roars and screams coming up from the stands were earsplitting.

Redlingshafer and Hornbeck competed individually on the STA varsity tennis team in the past. However, this year, the girls paired up as a doubles team during Districts and eventually placed 7th at the State tournament.

"It was kind of a last minute decision to make us a team," Redlingshafer said. "But I think that we played very well, especially considering that we didn't play together for the majority of

the season."

Hornbeck agreed that not having played together had its challenges, but overall felt they performed well. The girls both attributed their success to good communication on the court.

"Communication is as important as the person's ability to play," Redlingshafer said. "If you don't have good communication with your partner, the team falls apart. Being a good singles player means nothing in doubles because communicating with your partner is key."

Although the girls' personalities varied, together they believed that they were a solid team. Both felt they had qualities that added to the team's success.

"Our doubles team was a great balance because Kylie is a little more reserved so she kept us calm and focused, while I was loud and kept us pumped up," Redlingshafer said.



rising star

Cassie Redlingshafer



Grade: 10

Position: Both doubles and singles player

Years playing: Since she was 6 years old; played for STA during 2007-2008

Funniest sport moment: Jennifer McLiney accidentally hit her with a ball during a match

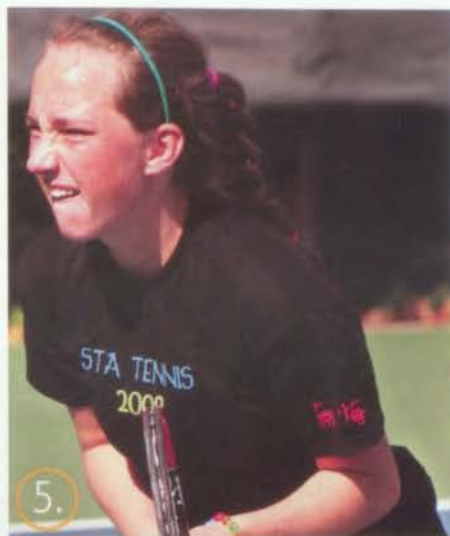
Favorite pump-up song: "Damaged" by Danity Kane

Game preparation: Run, stretch, exercise

"I always want to get my match over with so I can watch the other girls"

compiled by *claire vanasdale* and photo by *jessica ann*





check the scoreboard

Blue Springs **9-0**
 Park Hill **6-3**
 Pembroke Hill **6-3**
 Blue Springs South **8-1**
 Barstow School **4-5**
 Notre Dame de Sion **2-7**
 Guilfoil Tournament
 Pembroke Hill Tournament
 Central, St. Joseph **8-1**
 St. James Academy **8-1**
 Blue Valley West **8-1**
 Bishop Miege **8-1**
 Glendale **7-2**

1. Senior co-captain JoEllen Redlingshafer returns a backhand to a Park Hill High School opponent in the Districts tournament. The event was held Oct. 10 at the Plaza Tennis Center. **2.** Staring down her opponent, junior Caroline Farchmin prepares to serve during the individual quarterfinals at Districts Oct. 10. Farchmin lost the match and placed fourth overall. **3.** Senior Jennifer McLiney serves it up in her doubles match at Park Hill High School Oct. 18. The STA varsity tennis team finished their season with a record of 13-3. **4.** Senior JoEllen Redlingshafer talks strategy with head coach Meghan Parrot and co-captain Jennifer McLiney at the Plaza Tennis Center Sept. 30. Redlingshafer and McLiney played doubles matches throughout the season but were split up for Sectionals. **5.** Junior Kylie Hornbeck prepares herself to return a serve at the Districts event Oct. 10. **6.** At the District tournament, sophomore Cassie Redlingshafer serves for the doubles third place title. **7.** On the southwest court of the Plaza Tennis Courts, senior Jennifer McLiney braces herself for the serve. **8.** Warming up for a Districts match, senior Sydney Ragsdale backhands the ball to opponent. *photos by lindsay bowers, jessica ann, and megan wilkerson*

Freeze Frame



junior varsity - Sophomore Morgan Barrett concentrates on the ball during a match against Bishop Miege High School Sept. 29. STA defeated the Stags 12-0, adding another win to their undefeated season. Junior Mollie Pointer felt that the team's success was largely due to the coaching staff and team unity. "The coaches were great because they really had us working as a team even though it's more of an individual sport," Pointer said. *compiled by claire vanasdale*



Freeze Frame



junior varsity - Sophomore Keara Kinney winds up to pitch against an Archbishop O'Hara High School opponent Sept. 16. With Kinney on the mound, the Stars defeated the Celtics, 13-3. The JV team consisted of five freshmen and six sophomores and finished their season 6-6. *compiled by katelyn devine and photo by jessica ann*



1. The JV and varsity team huddle up for a pre-game cheer Oct. 7. The two teams joined together for their last home game against St. Mary's High School.
2. Junior Jessica Ann pitches to freshman Kristina Bryde during warm ups before a game against Smithville High School Sept. 27.
3. Sophomore Emma Steck makes a catch and prepares to throw it to home base in a game against Liberty High School Sept. 27 at Happy Rock Park. Liberty defeated the Stars, 12-0.
4. Junior Megan Bryde takes a quick moment to collect herself before heading out to the batter's box during a game against Smithville High School.
5. Freshman Kristina Bryde concentrates on the ball before swinging.
6. Junior Stacy Hymer reaches her glove out, preparing to catch the ball while playing catch in the outfield.
7. While the varsity softball team takes their turns at bat during senior night, junior Stacy Hymer, left, jokes with senior Ashley Zondca, right, as sophomore Leah Miller, freshman Abby Suholaski and freshman Sarah Bryant laugh along. *photos by lauren damico, katelyn devine and elle ranch*

two sisters share one GLOVE

siblings alternated same position on varsity team, bonded on and off field

story by **katie sharp** design by **brady essmann**

Rain drowned the field, quickly turning it into a swamp. Wind threw the ball off its intended course and mud weighed down the players' cleats. Yet this didn't stop the second batter in the line-up, junior Megan Bryde. As soon as Bryde hit the ball and realized it was over the fence, she was overwhelmed with delight; as was her sister and fellow teammate, freshman Kristina Bryde. When she reached homeplate, Kristina jumped on Megan in excitement.

"These two have not only a love for the game but a love for each other," varsity softball coach Don Lang said. "It is something I indeed observed over the course of the year."

Megan and Kristina have played softball since they were young. When Megan found out Kristina would be playing with her again, she encouraged her and tried to make her feel

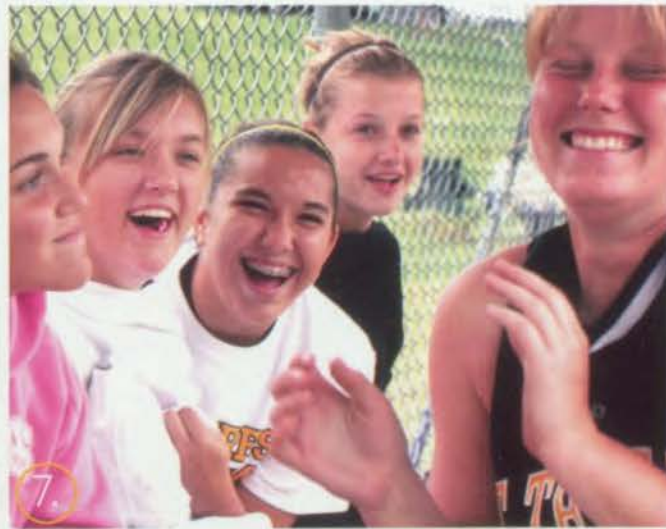
as comfortable as possible on the new team. Having Megan already on the varsity team made Kristina's adjustment easier.

"She's my best friend," Kristina said. "She knows more than I do [about softball] and teaches me, and we're close in age. It just clicks when we're together."

Kristina and Megan both played catcher for STA's varsity team. The girls would switch off each game and the other would play third. But according to Megan, the sisters were such good friends off the field there wasn't much competitiveness between them in games.

According to their father, Phil Bryde, Megan and Kristina are the closest of all five of his kids.

"They are sisters before they are ball players," Phil said.



check the scoreboard

13th	Adair Tournament
L	Hickman 1-7
L	Park Hill 5-7
L	Benton 1-3
L	Archbishop O'Hara 3-7
L	Smithville 0-8
7th	Winnetanka Tournament
W	St. Mary's 16-0
L	Notre Dame de Sion 1-9
Tie	Notre Dame de Sion 7-7
W	Truman 4-3
L	Rockbridge 0-9
4th	Hellas Tournament
W	Lafayette 4-3
W	St. Mary's 17-6
L	District Tournament: Central 2-6

in action



Junior Jessica Ann pitches in the varsity game against the St. Mary's High School Trojans. Ann has been a key player on the varsity team all three years she has played for STA. On senior night, Oct. 7, the Stars defeated the Trojans, 17-6. The varsity team ended the season with a 7-15-1 record. *compiled by katelyn devine*

enduring the PAIN

STA cross-country runners prevailed over health obstacles

story by **lindsay bowers** design by **brady essmann**

With two ambulance trips to the hospital, one surgery and countless doctors' appointments, the cross-country team and their coaches faced more than their share of problems.

An ambulance took sophomore Jessica Bullington, battling diabetes, from a meet at Liberty High School when her blood sugar level soared above 400. Bullington finished the last leg of the race, but collapsed after crossing the finish line.

"It was my first meet and I was still learning about my body's reaction to running," Bullington said. "My blood sugar was supposed to be between 80 and 140. I remember running well the first mile of the race and slowly getting passed up by 40 other runners soon after. All of a sudden, I could only see the grass and I blacked out."

Other athletes on the team encountered simi-

lar experiences. Junior Katie Sharp was forced to miss the remainder of the season after falling into a metal stake while crossing the finish line during the Miega Invitational Sept. 13. Sharp's injury required a surgery that ended her season. Freshman Hannah Wolf suffered from dehydration during a meet, while juniors Lane Livers and Elaina Brownlee sustained stress fractures that kept them on the sidelines at meets.

"Everything that has happened to the girls on our team has educated everyone else more," Bullington said. "Our coaches researched and did everything they could to help understand some of our circumstances."

Bullington believed the challenges motivated the team. Sending juniors Caroline Thompson and Grace Krause and freshman Kelly O'Byrne to the Sectionals event at Longview Community College, the team finished strong.



check the scoreboard	4th	Liberty Invitational
	3rd	Miega Invitational
	8th	Hazelwood Invitational
	13th	Rim Rock Invitational
	11th	Metro Invitational
	1st	Clinton Invitational
	6th	Richmond Invitational
	6th	District Meet



rising star

lane shulte



Grade: 9
 Position: Varsity and JV runner
 Years running: 3
 Funniest sport moment: Seniors picked up assistant coach Dave Hansen during last meet of the season
 Favorite pump-up song: "Wannabe" by Spice Girls
 Game preparation: Stretching and listening to music
 "The coach and all of the runners really made the season. I'm definitely running next year"
 compiled by allie lueke & photo by elle rauch



Freeze Frame



junior varsity - Sophomore Laura Neenan, left, and freshman Maddie Dang stretch at the starting line before their race at the Liberty Invitational Sept. 6. The JV team was composed of different girls for each meet, depending on injuries and girls moving up to run in the varsity race. Junior Anne Schwartz believed that overall the JV season was strong. "It was a big connecting and team building year with all the new runners," Schwartz said. *compiled by allie lueke and photo by brady essmann*

1. Sophomore Adelaide Thompson, left; junior Grace Krause, freshman Kelly O'Byrne, junior Caroline Thompson and sophomore Meghan Harper take off from the starting line in the district meet. Thompson, Krause and O'Byrne qualified for Sectionals. **2.** The STA JV team begins the Clinton Invitational race Oct. 11. The Stars took first place at the meet. **3.** Head coach Karen Moran-Redlich, left, and assistant coach Dave Hansen give a pep talk to a group of STA runners before the Clinton Invitational race. **4.** Freshman Kelly O'Byrne unties her shoes after qualifying for Sectionals in the District meet Oct. 25. O'Byrne covered herself in mud when she slipped and fell during the race. **5.** Sophomore Adelaide Thompson races to the finish of the Clinton Invitational race. Thompson took sixth place at the meet. **6.** Juniors Caroline Thompson, left, and Grace Krause warm-up for their Sectionals race Nov. 1. Thompson qualified for State where she finished in 33rd place. **7.** Senior Jaime Henry-White, left, supports junior Susie Ancona after their race Oct. 11. *photos by elle rauch & claire vanasdale*

young team proves NET WORTH

underclassmen assumed leadership
as team entered 'rebuilding year'

story by [katelyn devine](#) design by [brady essmann](#)

The score was 24-23 with Notre Dame de Sion High School in the lead. The once loud and cheering fans stood transfixed, gazing at the court, awaiting the outcome of the game. Taking their stances, the STA volleyball players prepared to receive the serve from the opposing player on the rival team. The ball crossed the net and the girls were able to return it with a bump, set and spike. The point caused an uproar in the stands.

The players, on the other hand, realized that victory was not yet theirs. The fate of the game lay in the hands of the line judge. Was the ball in bounds or was it out? Out.

Oct. 23, the Stars lost the match to Sion 25-2 and 25-23. This was the first game that STA had lost to Sion in six years.

"We should have won," junior Courtney Watkins said. "That was our game and our point and they took it away from us."

The Stars varsity volleyball team had no graduating seniors to assume leadership roles, so the responsibility fell to the underclassmen as the team began rebuilding, according to head coach Amy Carlson. The Stars' season record totaled 19 wins and 12 losses. Their loss against Blues Springs High School in the second round of the District tournament Oct. 29 brought an end to their season with no hope of reaching the State tournament.

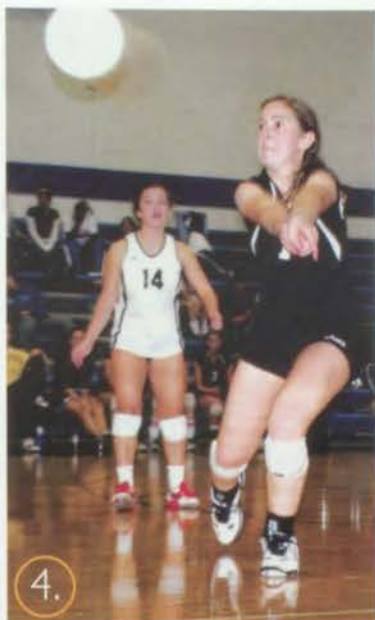
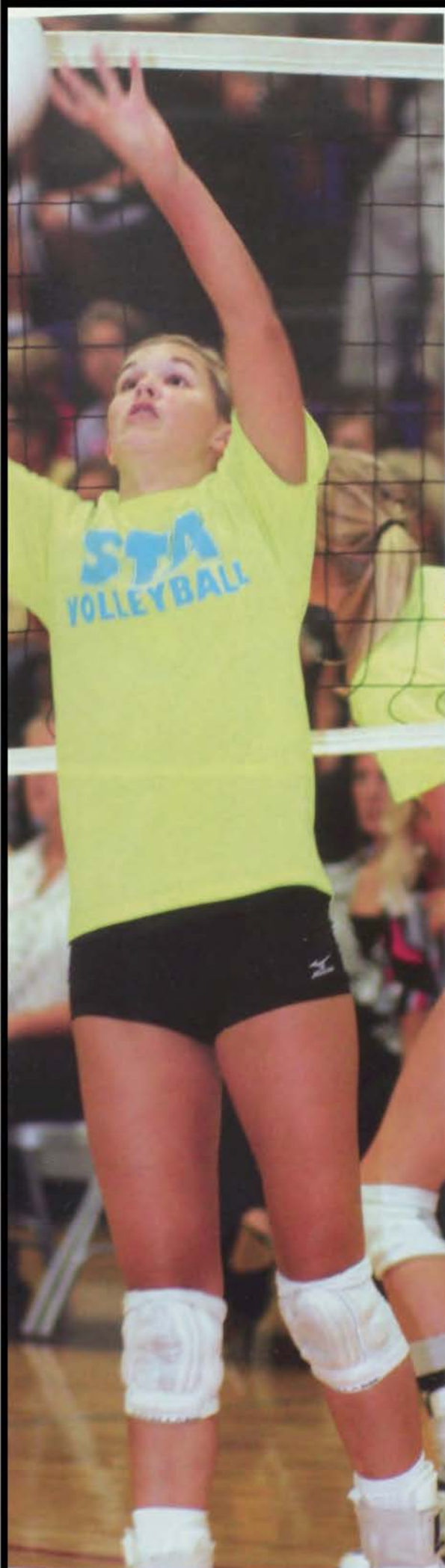
"[This year] was a down year when it came to wins," Carlson said. "But it was one of my most enjoyable years and I can't wait for next year with these girls."



1. Sophomore Liz Powell sets the ball during warm ups. Powell was the setter on STA's varsity team for two years. 2. Juniors Lindsay Bowers, left, and Shaughnessy Miller jump in unison to block their opponent's hit during a match versus Notre Dame de Sion High School Sept. 11. The Stars were victorious in two games against the Storm.

3. Sophomore Victoria Godfrey prepares to bump the volleyball in practice Oct. 22. 4. Varsity player freshman Taylor Migliazzo, left, looks on as freshman Kathleen Vogel lunges toward the volleyball during the District championship Oct. 29. 5. Freshman Kathleen Vogel, right, consults teammates junior Lindsay Bowers and sophomore Liz Powell during a huddle. 6. Junior Kelsie Fiss focuses her eyes on both the ball and the victory as she warms up for the Sion volleyball match Sept. 11. photos by *megan wilkerson, katie sharp and brady essmann*





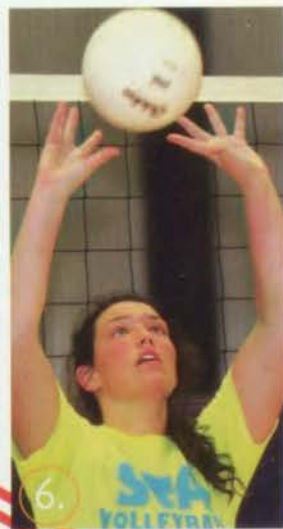
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check the scoreboard

- St. Thomas Aquinas 1-2
- Hayden 1-2
- Notre Dame de Sion 2-0
- MO-KAN Challenge 2-0
- Archbishop O'Hara 2-0
- Lee's Summit North Tournament 5-1
- Oak Park 2-0
- Cor Jesu Academy 1-2
- Incarnate Word 2-1
- Lee's Summit West 1-2
- St. Joseph Academy 0-2
- Visitation Academy 2-0
- Shawnee Mission Northwest 2-1
- St. Thomas Aquinas Tournament 2-2
- Sacred Heart 2-0
- Notre Dame de Sion 0-2
- District Tournament: Blue Springs South 2-0
- District Championship: Blue Springs 0-2



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Freeze Frame



junior varsity - Freshman Sarah Godfrey, left, receives the ball as sophomore Maddie Lueke watches during a match versus Notre Dame de Sion High School. Godfrey was the only freshman on JV throughout the season. The team's record was 11-4. "I think we had a successful season because we played well together and we were consistent throughout the whole season," sophomore Paige Vondenkamp said of the JV team.
compiled by colleen corcoran

freshmen - From left, freshmen Brie Sandridge, Emily Taylor, coach Katie Dolan and manager Jasmine Colhour all cheer prior to their game against Notre Dame de Sion High School Oct. 15. The freshman Stars defeated Sion 2-0. The team finished their season with a 12-3 record and consisted of 12 players and two managers.
compiled by colleen corcoran





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1. The O'Rear advisory toast their Thanksgiving feast Nov. 25. The advisory put multiple tables together to celebrate the holiday. 2. After eating the Dibble advisory's Thanksgiving meal, sophomores Laura Martin, left, and Anna Rayburn lay down in the testing center to let their stomachs settle. 3. Former STA world literature teacher Karen Johnson pays the third floor M&A advisories a visit with her new baby Evie. 4. Junior Maegan Kelly chooses from a variety of soups, Nov. 25, during her advisory Thanksgiving lunch. Instead of opting for the traditional turkey Thanksgiving feast, the third floor of Donnelly Hall set up a soup buffet. 5. After filling her stomach with a traditional Thanksgiving meal, senior Emily Orndoff goes back to the buffet line to fill her plate with a variety of desserts. Orndoff is a part of the James advisory, who celebrated the holiday on the M&A auditorium stage. 6. Junior Anna Blanck laughs as the James advisory shares their Thanksgiving meal together, Nov. 25. photos by katie kenney and megan wilkerson



graphic by katy crater

holiday cheers

Students in James advisory unite during unique lunch

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Everyone chatted away about their Thanksgiving plans for the upcoming holiday. Nearly empty plates covered the long wooden table that stretched across the stage in the M&A auditorium Nov. 25. Several girls moaned from eating their annual Thanksgiving feast. Despite the full stomachs, girls from counselor Amanda James's advisory continued to laugh and move around, having a good time.

James was the new counselor, taking Ms. Karen Sinco's position as well as her advisory. The advisory had their Thanksgiving lunch on the stage because their advisory room was a small office. All the students could not fit in the office, forcing them to spill out into the hallway, and use the stage for their advisory parties.

"It was really overwhelming with all the food and really weird to be on the stage," junior Kelly Fitzpatrick said.

Seniors sat close to each other at one end of the table, while freshmen huddled together at the opposite end. Conversations spread around the small group like wildfire, each igniting its own burst of laughter.

James discussed food with her advisees as they moved onto dessert.

"I couldn't live without chocolate," senior

Madilyn Roberts said, eyeing the chocolate brownies. "I would die."

A few heads nodded in agreement as senior Bianca Dang jumped up to grab more food. Dang hopped down the stairs to the table, situated conveniently on a smaller stage built for the earlier fall musical. The small stage acted as a food table. Plates of mashed potatoes, rolls and turkey were scattered out on the tiny stage just in front of the auditorium seats.

"I'm not eating until Thanksgiving," Fitzpatrick said, moaning. Voices echoed down from the second floor, as students peered down at the advisory, curious as to what the students were doing on the stage.

Counselor Ms. Bernice Colby and therapist Ms. Peg Marland also sat with the advisory, as they didn't have one of their own.

"Oh my, look at that," Marland said, smiling. "What appeared in front of my face: brownies."

Several seniors and juniors stared at the brownies before following Marland's lead, grabbing their own to eat. Even though they moaned with the pain of full stomachs, students from the advisory continued to eat more and more.

"I'm already drowsy, and I didn't have turkey," senior Bridget Shields said, laughing.

clubs

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Haley Yondenkamp

community service

Moderator: Ms. Betsy Hansbrough

Officers: Senior members

Activities: Food for Thought; penny drive for Operation Turnaround

As superheroes and princesses went door-to-door asking for candy, sophomore Jessica Bullington had another purpose.

"We're trick or treating for canned goods," she told one lady as the door opened.

The woman was surprised to see someone not asking for the usual candy, but went inside and soon returned with several cans of vegetables.

On Halloween, STA students participated in the annual Food for Thought event hosted by the Community Service Club.

"I thought it was a good way to spend my time," Bullington said. "I enjoyed being able to trick-or-treat again."

For four hours, students went door-to-door asking for canned goods throughout the Brookside area to donate to Bishop Sullivan Center's food pantry. The food drive was a success, bringing in enough food to fill an entire truck.

story by claire vanasdale and photo by mary jantsch



Hannah Haywood

cooking

Moderator: Mr. Craig Whitney

Officers: President Emily Cappo, senior; Vice President Kelly Younger, senior; Secretary Sarah Duff, junior; Treasurer Holly Haywood, junior

Activities: food-themed meetings

Bacon sizzling, eggs cracking, waffles browning and sticky hands everywhere were all part of the activities found at the Cooking Club's Nov. 7 meeting. The club had themed events and the plan for the fall gathering was breakfast food.

Junior Camellia Jahanshahi expressed her enjoyment for the club and specifically how much she liked this meeting.

"[The meeting] was hectic," Jahanshahi said. "It was like 'Hell's Kitchen.'"

This meeting was different from others because it gave the club members a chance to get into the kitchen and prepare their food together.

Club moderator, Mr. Craig Whitney, was happy with the way the meeting turned out and felt that the club should cook routinely. He believes that it is important to get the girls into the kitchen for hands-on experience.

story and photo by allie lueke



Becky Seese, Lauren Heermann and Rachel Knox

care

Moderator: Mr. Matthew Bertalott

Officers: President Nicolette Anderson, senior; Vice President Susie Ancona junior; Secretary Abigail Duethman, senior; Treasurer Brady Essmann, junior

Activities: freshman mixer; finals goodie bags for freshmen

Imagine walking the halls of STA for the first time. Searching for a classroom, you were hesitant to ask an unfamiliar face for help. Without a second thought a member of care club guided you to Ms. Mary Montag's room. Relieved, you thanked the upperclassman and headed on your way.

"Each CARE Club member has been through freshman year," junior Shelby Langtry said. "We want to help the freshmen feel welcome at STA and assist them in settling in."

To help freshmen feel embraced by the STA community, CARE Club put on the freshman mixer, which evolved into their biggest activity of the year.

"The freshmen enjoy the dance, CARE Club enjoys putting it on, and it is fun all around," club moderator Matthew Bertalott said.

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drama

Moderator: Ms. Shana Frenless

Officers: President Kate Bohnert, senior; Vice President Ellen Gude junior; Secretary Mary Frey, sophomore; Treasurer Bianca Dang, senior

Activities: members participate in one production per year

As the lights dimmed, sophomore Sarah Moran lurked backstage waiting for the curtain to close in order to bring a couch onto the set of "Little Women," STA's fall musical. While working on crew for the musical, Moran and fellow club members fulfilled part of their duties as Drama Club participants.

"All of our activities revolve around the theater," junior Ellen Gude said. "Each meeting is themed, we take part in improv[isational] games, and we raise money for FAB (STA's Fine Art Booster)."

According to Gude, the goal of meetings is to have fun, be silly and act crazy.

"I enjoy planning the meetings and getting involved," Gude said. "The meetings themselves are so much fun because we get to dress up and act silly. We also have a great group of girls."

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Ellen Gude and Julia Barnett



Caroline Connor

spanish

Moderator: Ms. Melissa Axton

Officers: President Mikaela Casey, senior; Vice President Allison Pericich, junior; Secretary Madilyn Roberts, senior; Treasurer Phyllis Cole, senior

Activities: cultural meetings

Instead of the traditional Spanish food many people think of such as tacos and burritos, Spanish Club planned something a little more creative for their meetings this year.

Before every meeting, moderator Melissa Axton chose a student to make a Spanish dish. For the November meeting, she chose sophomore Katie Passantino to make chocolate sweet bread from Argentina.

Passantino enjoyed making the sweet bread and said that it turned out well. The entire dish was devoured shortly after the meeting started.

"It was fun knowing that I was able to share with my classmates," Passantino said. "Bringing in food helped me better understand the culture."

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peer helpers

Moderator: Ms. Amanda James

Officers: seniors President Gabriella Garozzo; Vice President Molly O'Byrne; Secretary Megan Owara; Treasurer Kaitlin Zidar

Activities: sponsor MOCSA; provide treats during finals

"42 percent of murdered women are killed by their intimate partners," MOCSA instructor Ms. Lisa Martin said. "Where would you go if you were in this situation?"

The room went quiet as the statement sunk in for the sophomore girls.

Peer Helpers hosted MOCSA, the Metropolitan Organization Countering Sexual Assault, to educate students about healthy relationships.

Sophomore Shelby Kuhns participated in the program and agreed that it contained important information regarding relationships.

"[MOCSA] helps you realize when you're in a bad relationship," Kuhns said. "It'll help the students of STA stay out of bad relationships."

Kuhns along with other students believe that MOCSA heightened their awareness about sexual assault and abuse.

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Lindsay Girardeau

welcome to the ACADEMY

story by *lane livers* design by *allison pericich*

Walking to classes on the first day of school, students found themselves perplexed by the seven new names on the class schedules. Over the summer of 2008 principal of academic affairs Nancy Hand and principal of student affairs Mary Anne Hoecker were busy with interviews and applications to fill seven teaching jobs.

Although the need for teachers was much greater last year than in past years, both of the principals' job expectations were held to the same standards.

"I'm always looking for a good role model and mentor," Hand said. "I'm looking for someone who likes adolescents and is enthusiastic."

A recent addition to the staff, counselor Amanda James said that this was her first "actual job" as a counselor.

"I love [STA], because right from the start everyone was nice and welcoming," James said. Along with the friendly environment, James felt that the students played an important role in helping her to adjust to her new job.

"I feel like I get something out of [this job] that I didn't get in high school," James said. "You get to talk with the girls and be yourself."

Along with the new teachers, English teacher Katie Dolan felt the new ideas and different approaches to teaching were welcome from the beginning of the school year. Dolan worked one-on-one with fellow American literature teacher Kelly Fast who was one of the four newest additions to the English department.

"It's exciting and overwhelming at the same time," Dolan said. "It's exciting to hear fresh ideas, but it's overwhelming to make sure everyone's teaching the same curriculum."

ANN RAMSEY

foreign language department

Previous job: Bonner Springs High School

Alma mater: University of Kansas

Hardest part of adapting to STA: "The schedule. The first month I was here I felt like I was standing in the middle of I-35 with cars whizzing around me."

Debi Hudson

college counseling

Previous job: Director of College Placement at Rockhurst High School

Alma mater: University of Tulsa, UMKC, Worked at STA from 1990-2002

"[My first day] was really weird because it felt like I had never left."



Melissa Axton

foreign language department

Alma Mater: San Martin de Porres University in Lima Peru

"I really like the group of students. I like their enthusiasm for the language and their openness to learn and accept new ideas."



Amanda James

counseling

Previous job: worked at an advertising agency and student counselor

Alma mater: UMKC

"My grandma graduated from here and my cousins went here and I went to Visitation."



Becky Flores

testing center moderator

Previous job: stay-at-home mom

Alma mater: Kansas Newman College, Masters at the University of Kansas

Advantages of working at

STA: close to home, schedule works well with family

"I am most shocked about how well the girls seem to get along; it's not as 'cliquey' as I thought it would be."



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Stephen Himes

English department

Previous job: taught at Liberty High School

Alma mater: Drury College in Springfield, Mo. Graduate degree at University of Kansas School of Law

Hardest part of adapting to STA: the schedule, 40-minute classes



Dianne Hirner

English department

Previous job: Worked at St. Peter's Catholic School in the Early Child Learning Center

Alma mater: UMKC

"I had the typical new teacher first day; I was calling off names for attendance and it took me five minutes before I realized I was reading the Tuesday schedule."

Jeanella Clark

mathematics department

Previous job: geometry and pre-engineering teacher at Dothan Technical Center in Dothan, Alabama

Alma mater: Arizona State University

STA classes compared to other schools: "I think they're a lot harder than schools I have taught before; priorities are in different places. There's more emphasis placed on being successful."



Kathleen Barry

alumnae director

Alma mater: UMKC

Previous job: taught first grade at St. Peter's Grade School

"I love watching the girls cross campus, laughing and talking. They have been doing this for 140-plus years and they will still be doing this long after we are gone. I am always awed at the legacy of this school. Coming back was like coming home. I was back to a place I loved."

Carrie Jacquin

English department

Previous job: English teacher at Rangeview High School

Alma mater: University of Missouri, Rockhurst University

"I love the sense of community [at STA] and how much everyone serves. And the tradition; grandparents and parents are all involved. It's a great tradition."



John Swartz

mathematics department

Previous job: taught at Raytown High School for 33 years

Personal connection to STA: daughter and wife attended STA

"[Raytown] was very different. The two biggest differences were the single-sex environment and the large campus with smaller population."

KELLY FAST

English department

Previous job: English teacher at Shawnee Mission East High School

Alma mater: University of Kansas, Boston College

"STA is different from other places because since it is a private school students seem to be more motivated overall and they have a greater sense of professionalism."



Joe LaScala

theology department

Previous job: youth minister at Holy Spirit Catholic Church
"[STA] is just so welcoming. I thought being a guy in an all girl school would be a problem but it hasn't. Everyone has wanted to help out."

Holly Bentley

college counseling

Previous job: stay-at-home mom and substitute teacher

Alma mater: Southwest Missouri State

"[My favorite part about STA is] getting to know some of the girls. I love being able to see the world through new eyes."



faculty & staff

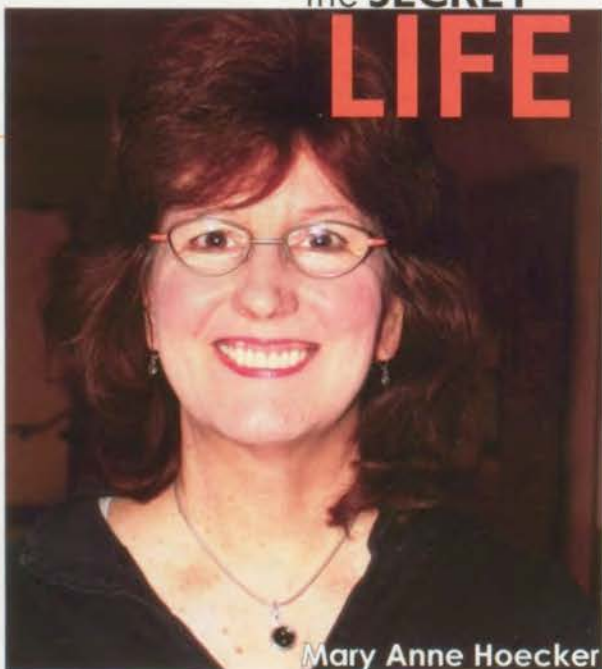
Alice Amick, french I, II, III, IV; french club; foreign language department head
Melissa Axton, spanish II & IV; spanish club
Kathleen Barry, alumnae director
Holly Bentley, college counseling assistant
Julia Berardi, receptionist
Matthew Bertaloff, theology I; social concerns; care club; theology department head
Renee Blake, botany; ecology; accelerated biology; ap biology; intramurals; science department head
Diana Blessen, algebra I; accelerated geometry
Ann Bode Rodriguez, pe/health; track & field; intramurals; physical education department head
Amy Carlson, anatomy; biology; ecology; sco; varsity volleyball
Greg Carlson, software coordinator
Marion Chartier, administrative assistant
Charlotte Chronister, admissions assistant
Jeanella Clark, geometry, selected algebra II topics; senior class moderator
Bernice Colby, counselor; sophomore class moderator
Terry Conner, general physics; honors physics; science club
Lisa Dibble, ceramics; fiber/textile design; art club
Katie Dolan, accelerated english I; american literature; spirit club



the SECRET

LIFE

of Mary Anne Hoecker



Mary Anne Hoecker



photos by elle rauch

story by **katie kenney** design by **allison perich**

Ms. Mary Anne Hoecker, principal of student affairs, inserted her last coin into the poker machine and waited. She hadn't been too lucky that night so she wasn't expecting much from this round. She could hardly believe her eyes, though, when she was dealt four aces, and instantaneously had piles of quarters in prize money flowing from the slot machine.

"I remember I was almost done for the night and I just threw my last coin in," Hoecker said. "I was so surprised when I got \$200! It was just hilarious."

Hoecker admitted that she wasn't a very good poker player and had only played a couple of times in her life. However, her amateur

staff



Kelly Drummond, administrative assistant
Pat Dunlay, world literature; british literature; shakespeare; college composition; psat prep
Theresa Egelhoff, development office



Mike Egner, college western civilization; athletic director
Kelly Fast, ap american literature; american literature; drama as literature; contemporary literature; unitown; diversity committee
Becky Flores, testing center



Julia Gargallo, spanish I & III; senior class moderator
Robin Good, christian lifestyles; spirituality; campus ministry; liturgy; junior class moderator
Nancy Hand, principal of academic affairs

love of poker is no bluff

status didn't stop her from watching professional poker tournaments on television and learning more about the game.

"Poker is just so fascinating to watch," Hoecker said. "It has to do with reading others and playing cards well. It isn't really a game where you just get lucky."

As a child, Hoecker's parents introduced her to card games such as gin, bridge and pinochle and she has loved cards ever since.

"I just love playing cards because every time you play it's always a new beginning," Hoecker said.

Hoecker said her passion for card games and fascination with poker led her to start watching it on television three to four years

ago. She turned on the television one day and was drawn in by matches between players such as Mr. Doyle Brunson, a "revered player," and Mr. Gus Hanson, "an unpredictable maverick," competing for up to \$3 million.

"I love watching professionals because they don't back down and can read the other players at the table," Hoecker said. "And they always seem to know when someone is bluffing!"

Hoecker said her favorite part of the game wasn't the money or the professional players, though.

"Poker is so fascinating to me because I love trying to figure out how people tick and why they act, feel and think the way that they do," Hoecker said.

revealing QUESTIONS

from Russia with love

Ms. Denise Rueschhoff discusses the ups and downs of adoption



compiled by catlin sweeny

WHAT ARE YOUR DAUGHTER'S NAMES?

☺☺ Anna (11) and Mary (5).☺☺

WHERE ARE YOUR DAUGHTERS FROM AND WHEN DID YOU ADOPT THEM?

☺☺ Anna came from St. Petersburg, Russia during November of 1997 and that [made] her eight-and-a-half months old and Mary came from Gomel, Belarus during February of 2004 and she was 11 months old.☺☺

WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO ADOPT OVERSEAS RATHER THAN IN AMERICA?

☺☺ Domestic, international ... that's a big question you have to ask yourself. One of the reasons why is there are so few children that are available in the U.S. because it is more socially acceptable to keep your baby or have an abortion. Not that many babies are available.☺☺

WHAT WERE SOME OF YOUR EXPERIENCES IN RUSSIA?

☺☺ St. Petersburg was beautiful, but we had to take the train from St. Petersburg to Moscow and once we got there we had to get physicals and then go to the Embassy where we got paperwork that allowed her to enter the United States. Mary's adoption was really more interesting in that we went to court and her birth mother was [there]. [Her mother] was very young; she was only 19. I told her that [Mary] was going to be cared for and loved.☺☺

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE PART ABOUT ADOPTING?

☺☺ [Laughing] Not having to give birth, but just having the whole excitement. Just being able to see what it's like there. [The girls] are such blessings to us.☺☺

WHAT WAS YOUR LEAST FAVORITE PART ABOUT ADOPTING?

☺☺ The cost, it's very very prohibitive. It makes you appreciate parenthood a lot.☺☺

WOULD YOU LIKE TO ADD ANYTHING ELSE?

☺☺ Here's what I've always said my goal was: not to become a mom just by giving birth. I don't think of my daughters any differently just because I didn't give birth to them.☺☺

that's what SHE said

Sept. 23

During a world history class, Mr. Richard Shrock started to orient the SmartBoard. "Oh, can I orient the SmartBoard?" sophomore Laura Neenan asked. "Are you kidding?" Shrock responded, "This is why I got into teaching."

Sept. 24

Mr. Kelly Fast addressed his Monday AP American literature class after handing back their vocab quizzes. "Is it illegal to have students grade each other's work? Is that like against the law at private schools?" Fast asked. "Yes, you will be arrested," junior Claire O'Neill replied. "I believe in the power of humiliation for motivation," Fast said.

Nov. 12

Dr. Jo Weller taught a new concept to her trigonometry class. "Well, you don't have to do it that way if it doesn't go along with your personal grooviness," Weller said.

Nov. 19

Ms. Pat Dunlay directed students to seats in the auditorium for silent study. "We have lots of space here people," Dunlay said. "Come down closer, and don't sit by another person. I mean you, right there in the middle. [points to freshman] Do you see the thing next to you? That's a person, another person. You need to move."

Nov. 11

Ms. Anita Reznicek's models of faith class discussed euthanasia. "The Church thinks that nature's will is God's will, so God will take you when he wants, not when the nurse trips over the ventilator cord," Reznicek told her class.

Nov. 24

During geometry class, Ms. Jeanella Clark discussed Wal-Mart with students. "Have you guys ever just sat at the front of Wal-Mart by the benches?" Clark asked. "That is entertainment."

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Betsy Hansbrough, new testament/morality; theology in film; community service club; campus ministry
Barbara Harris, algebra I; geometry; sophomore class moderator



Ann Heid, speech; debate; junior class moderator
Arlene Hernon, algebra II; pre-calculus; psat prep; mathematics department head



Jacquelyn Hershewe, librarian; book club
Stephen Himes, accelerated world literature; world literature; cinema club



help students find good books to read



Lindsay Macarthey



read countless books, including favorites such as "Anne of Green Gables" by Lucy Maud Montgomery, "Timeline" by Michael Crichton, and "Three Cups of Tea" by Greg Mortenson



Dianne Hirner, writing
Mary Anne Hoecker, principal of student affairs
Roseann Hudnall, director of admissions/marketing
Debi Hudson, college counselor; national honor society; guidance department head
Carrie Jacquin, english I; dead poets' society; windmoor

Amanda James, counselor; peer helpers; freshmen class moderator
Joan Jordan, development office
Elizabeth Lopez, english resource center
Sue Marquis, latin I, II, III, IV; junior classical league
Kathy McCarthy, computer applications; homepage; personal finance; computer science head; freshmen class moderator

Mary Montag, biology; physical science; science bowl
Stacie O'Rear, sports & fitness; foreign language lab; student community organization
Shana Prentiss, acting; drama I & II; forensics; technical theatre; drama club
Rafael Ramirez, custodian
Ann Ramsey, spanish I & II; diversity committee; unitown



MY LIST

Jackie Hershewe
 Ms. Jacquelyn Hershewe checks off what she has done during her time at STA

compiled and designed by allison perich



Jacquelyn Hershewe

"Finding stuff that isn't easily found is the greatest high for a librarian."

"We keep a low profile. I never have [had problems] and hope we never do."

- earn a masters in library science
- help students with projects in various classes, researching and choosing topics
- eat lunch with Ms. Anita Reznicek
- fill 2-3 requests per day for the Consortium STA belonged to with other Kansas City libraries
- see movies frequently
- decorate the ficus tree in the library for all major holidays including Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Valentine's Day, and St. Patrick's Day
- stop students from starting small fires and throwing books out windows

Denise Rueschhoff, world geography; accelerated world history; world cultures club
Nancy Shuss, development/ alumnae office
Patrick Sirridge, psychology; sociology; us government; ap us government; junior statesmen of america; social studies department head

Andrea Skowronek, intro to dance; intermediate dance; dance club
Matt Stewart, technology coordinator
John Swartz, accelerated algebra I, msc
Eric Thomas, journalism; newspaper; yearbook; writing; overexposed club; english department head
Sr. Joan Tolle, CJS, computer lab

Theresa Wallerstedt, drawing I; graphic design; advanced drawing; painting; ap portfolio; fine arts department head
Kathy Walters, registrar/academic scheduler

Jo Weller, honors algebra II; ap calculus; trigonometry; math team
Shauna Westall, acappella choir; concert choir; instrumental music; piano; sta singers
Diane Wilmot, marketing & public relations



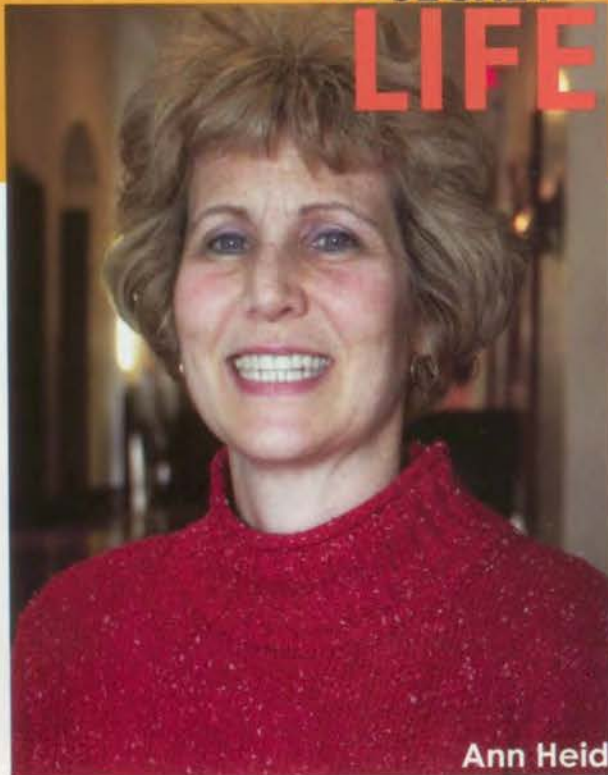
Not pictured

Nan Bone, president
Craig Whitney, ap american history; american history; current events; economics; cooking club; untown; interdisciplinary head
Mary Jo Coughlin, new testament/morality; theology I
Jack Garvin, american history, varsity golf
Anita Reznicek, contemporary theology; models of faith; world faiths
Richard Shrock, world history; us government; sadd club; model un
Mary Rielbrock, chemistry; honors chemistry; saga club
Joe LaScala, campus ministry
Megan Schaefer, computer graphics; windmoor

the SECRET

LIFE

of Ann Heid



Ann Heid



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"Ladies and gentlemen, we are about to fly into a rainstorm. Although there is nothing to worry about, this is the plane's first commercial flight and we would prefer everyone to be seated with their buckles fastened. If you need to move about the cabin, please do so now."

After the pilot's announcement, a few passengers visited the lavatory. Current STA speech and debate teacher Ann Heid and her fellow flight attendants maneuvered down the aisle gathering soda cans and trash. As everyone settled into their seats, the flow of passengers to the bathroom thinned and the plane was still.

The storm began. The rain picked up. The windows rattled as the plane was thrown around in the wind. Some held their breath

matching

Outside of school some teachers have other jobs. Can you guess who works where?

HALLS CONTINGENT

- met new people everyday, including celebrities
- store located on the country club plaza

1.



a.

MATTHEW BERTALOTTI

- got to hold thousands of dollars in cash
- worked for the extra cash

SALES ASSOCIATE ANN TAYLOR LOFT

- received employee discount of 25% off sale items and 40% off full-priced items

2.



b.

STEPHEN HIMES

- no strict work schedule
- job made him a better writer and teacher

MOVIE REVIEWER

- wrote for online magazine Flak
- viewed 50 free movies a year
- worked with professional editors

3.



c.

ELIZABETH LOPEZ

- worked weekends and during the Christmas season
- had similar season jobs since college

CHIEFS PARKING

- gates generally opened 3.5 hours before game time
- prices ranged from \$22 per car \$60 for RVs and trucks

4.



d.

KATIE DOLAN

- worked 3-4 shifts a week except during volleyball season
- loved her work environment

compiled by kerry cummings

that's what SHE said

Sept. 30

In AP United States History class, a squirrel began climbing the screen outside the window of Mr. Craig Whitney's room. Amid class discussion, Whitney cried out and pumped his fist in the air. "Go baby, GO," Mr. Whitney exclaimed.

Oct. 14

Social studies teacher Patrick Siridge congratulated his 7/8 Sociology class on their performance on a test. "Spanked that test," Siridge said.

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please remain seated

and said prayers. Others tensely flipped through magazines.

Amid the turbulence, a large and boisterous woman in the back of the plane unbuckled her seatbelt and squeezed past the man sitting next to her.

"The pilot said not to get up anymore," he said.

"I know, but I really have to go to pee," she replied.

As she began down the aisle, Heid asked the woman to return to her seat. "Getting up is at your own risk," Heid cautioned.

The plane continued to rock back and forth as the woman switched the lavatory sign from "open" to "occupied." A large jolt caused the door to rattle off its hinges and swing open,

flinging the pant-less woman down the aisle, her pantyhoses streaming behind her. The entire plane watched in horror as she tumbled to the other end of the plane.

Shrieking, she picked herself up off the floor and pulled herself back down the aisle, gripping seats and passengers as she passed to keep her balance. Rather than returning to the lavatory, she sat down in her seat and remained buckled the rest of the flight.

The rest of the flight was free of incidents. Though the woman later filed a law suit against the airline, no one was hurt. The new plane continued to make commercial flights, though none as eventful as its initial. And at the end of the day, Heid had to admit that being a flight attendant was not a bad job.

Getting up is at your own risk, Heid said.

freshmen

Maddison Balachowski
Lauren Barrett
Christina Barton
Katie Beirne
Clancie Beisser



Chelsea Birchmier
Samantha Birdsell
Jennifer Blake
Emily Bresette
Sarah Bryant



Kristina Bryde
Alexis Buford
Sarah Burchett
Kennedy Burton
Rachel Caffrey



MY LIST

Freshman Brie Sandridge checks off what she has done during her time at STA

Brie Sandridge



ride the elevator without a pass
"One day I took the elevator to all of my classes and most of my classes were in M&A so no one noticed, but then I took it up to the third floor of Donnelly and Ms. Conner was waiting outside of it. I limped off and later that day Ms. Hoecker made the announcement that students must have an elevator pass."

- spend free periods in Ms. Dianne Hirner's room
- sleep in her uniform to save time in the morning
- buy a soda from the teacher's lounge
- fall in the quad on a rainy day or in the snow
- explore the fourth floor of M&A
- participate in SADD club



Brianna Casey
Kelsey Ceriotti
Jasmine Colhour



Danielle Comford
Caroline Connor
Lindsay Cook



Grace Crowe
Maggie Cussen
Maddie Dang

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eat SmartOnes pasta primavera for lunch

"Katie McCombs always saves me a seat but I never sit there. I usually just walk around."



Brie Sandridge

revealing QUESTIONS

shotgun fever



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Freshman Colleen McInerney reveals her underclassmen experiences within her carpool, and gives insight to the advantages it has brought her while attending STA

WHO WAS IN YOUR CARPOOL?

☝ Michelle Reichmeier [drove] and Mary LeRoy is [a passenger] but we only take her to school. ☝

WHAT TIME DID YOU GET PICKED UP IN THE MORNING?

☝ Normally between 7:10 a.m. to 7:15 a.m. ☝

WHAT TYPE OF MUSIC DID YOUR CARPOOL LISTEN TO?

☝ We listen to a little bit of everything but it depends on our mood. If we are in a good mood we listen to rap, but if we are tired we listen to more relaxing music. ☝

DID REICHMEIER HELP YOU OUT AND GIVE YOU POINTERS ABOUT STA?

☝ She didn't really give me pointers but if I ever have questions she always helps me out. When I had to be picked up early for the first time she was really helpful and told me what I had to do. ☝

DID YOUR CARPOOL HAVE A SHOTGUN REGULAR OR WAS IT FIRST COME FIRST SERVE?

☝ I am the shotgun regular because I am picked up first. ☝

DO YOU WANT TO HAVE A CARPOOL ONCE YOU CAN DRIVE?

☝ Yeah! I think it would be so much fun. I can't wait! ☝

DID YOUR CARPOOL HELP YOU AS A FRESHMAN TO MAKE FRIENDS?

☝ Yes, because before I went to STA Mary and I didn't know each other, but now we are really good friends. ☝

matching

Many underclassmen have sisters at STA.
Can you guess who is related to who?

JUNIOR QUINN & SENIOR MACKENZIE

• six children in family, three girls and three boys
• "I appreciate [my sister] because of her sense of humor," Quinn said.

1.



a.

HANNAH

• has one sister
• "We dance and sing and try to exercise together."

JUNIOR STEPHANIE

• Two children in family, sisters
• "I like to go shopping with [my sister] and do things like that."

2.



b.

CLANCIE

• has two sisters, three brothers
• "I like [going to school] because if I have questions, I ask them."

JUNIOR HOLLY

• two children in family, sisters
• "I like to chill with her and do crazy things, like dance or try to exercise."

3.



c.

MELISSA

• has one sister
• "When we went on a vacation to the Bahamas we just walked around a shopping center and swimming."

SOPHOMORE MORGAN

• three children in family, sisters
• "At first it was really different [having my sister at school]. Now I kind of like it because it's fun to see her around."

4.



d.

LAUREN

• has three sisters
• "[My sister and I] just kind of hang out, do whatever comes up."



Annie DeRuyter
Kathleen Devine



Maddie Doyle
Kate Dujakovich



Lucy Edmonds
Kerry Egan

ANSWERS: 1b The Bonnets, 2c The Lones, 3a The Bonnets, 4d The Bonnets
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the SECRET LIFE of Katie Patterson

story by lane livers design by allison perich

On the way home from school, freshman Katie Patterson hurriedly glanced out the car window, hoping to see him outside the yellow corner house before she pulled into her driveway. After about an hour of homework, Patterson looked outside her bedroom window, quickly grabbed her dog's leash, and rushed out of the house, dragging her dog behind. A smile, blush, and a quick "hello" to the young man raking outside the corner house, and her day was completed.

Why such interest in the man who lives in the corner house? One of the Kansas City Wizard's starting soccer players, Sasha Victorine, moved next door to Patterson and she has been "obsessed" ever since.

"Every time he talks to me I turn red and start freaking out," Patterson said about daily interactions with Victorine. She talked to him whenever he was outside and sometimes on the phone if he called her to baby-sit for his six-month-old daughter. Patterson can tell whether or not Victorine is home because "when his lights are on he's inside, and when they're not, he's at a game."

"My mom told me there was a major league soccer player moving next door," Patterson said. "I Googled him...so I guess that's when it all began."

Patterson admitted her obsession with Victorine had led her to do some "creepy things."

"It's awesome to say that you have a hot guy who lives next door," Patterson said.



Katelyn Ehrnman
Katie Evans
Mary Cate Feuerborn
Allison Fitts
Christie Fletcher
Amanda Florida



Shannen Freeman
Danielle Gatapia
Sarah Godfrey
Alexandra Greathouse
Miranda Green
Lauren Guminger



Emory Hall
Stephanie Hampel
Hannah Haywood
Megan Helt
Erica Henthorne
Hannah Hitt

watching the wizard next door

"I saw he was outside mowing his lawn, shirtless, so I took pictures of him from my bedroom window and sent them to my friends," said Patterson. She also liked to look through Victorine's things whenever she babysat, hoping to find "Wizard's things" or "hot pictures."

While watching a Wizard's game, Patterson realized Victorine was traded to the Chivas USA, and that he might be moving to California. She couldn't imagine life without him as a neighbor. Patterson stated that most of all, she would miss the "bragging rights" that would disappear with Victorine's absence.

"It's awesome to say that you have a hot guy who lives next door," said Patterson, "and by the way, he plays for the Wizards."



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Katie Patterson



revealing QUESTIONS



compiled by Kerry Cummings

vending machine munchies

Freshman Clarissa Seay, a vending machine regular, explains her weekly purchases, her \$28 monthly diet and the decision-making of her snacking ways

ON AVERAGE HOW MUCH DID YOU THINK YOU SPENT EACH WEEK?

“Probably around \$7.”

WHAT DO YOU BUY ON AN AVERAGE DAY?

“It depends on the day, but a lot of the time I get Skittles or mac’n cheese.”

DO YOU EVER BUY FOOD DURING FREES OR DO YOU ONLY BUY DURING LUNCH?

“It depends. I normally have something in my lunch but I will also buy something else.”

WHEN IS THE BEST TIME TO VISIT THE VENDING MACHINES?

“After school because no one is there.”

DO YOU LIMIT THE NUMBER OF TIMES YOU BUY AN ITEM?

“Yes, I will only get mac’n cheese two or three times a week. After a while it gets old so I get a frozen pizza.”

DID YOU ONLY EAT YOUR FOOD DURING LUNCH OR DURING CLASSES ALSO?

“If I get something like Skittles I normally save it for during class.”

HOW MANY ITEMS DID YOU GET A DAY?

“Normally one or two, never much more.”

DID YOU HAVE ANY OTHER VENDING MACHINE REGULAR COMPANIONS?

“Not really, I am pretty sure I am the only one.”

WHY DID YOU BUY SOMETHING FROM THE VENDING MACHINE EVERY DAY?

“I am always hungry and my lunches never fill me up.”

HAS THE MACHINE EVER EATEN YOUR MONEY?

“Never, the machine loves me.”

Megan Hodes
Emily Holt
Erin Hutchison



Katie Hyde
Elizabeth Imperiale
Maddy Ismert



Mary Kate Jenks
Miranda Johnson
Mackenzie Jones



Dec. 11

Freshman Melissa Lane discussed with fellow freshmen swim teammates different pranks to pull on people in the bus who fall asleep on their way to the meet.

“We should tie their legs together and yell fire,” Lane said. “I spent hours online looking for these and that is my favorite one!”

Dec. 8

While talking with her friends during a drama class, freshman Lucy McManess discussed finals. “I plan on falling like half of my finals,” McManess said.

Dec. 8

Freshman Katie Evans got in her car-pool’s car with a stack of books in hand. “Did you do some studying this weekend, Katie?” sophomore Molly Kenney said. “Well, not really,” Evans said. “It just makes me feel more accomplished when I bring home all my books.”



Ava Jurden
Nicole Kamradt
Molly Kaniger
Hanna Katz
Meka Kelly



Jacqueline Kerr
Mara Kerwin
Melissa Lane
Megan Lankford
Mary LeRoy



Megan Lewis
Margot Livers
Mayme Marshall
Lucia Maschler
Kaili McCamman

that's what

SHE said

compiled by caitlin sweeny, colleen corcoran, katie kenney, megan wilkerson, allie lueke and riley cowing

Oct. 5

As Ms. Stacie O'Rear's advisory discussed where to order food for lunch, freshman Martha Ramirez realized what restaurant Panera was.

"I don't want to go to Panera," Ramirez said.

"Why?" junior Caitlin Campbell asked. "I don't know," Ramirez said. "Oh wait...is that the place with the bread bowls?"

"Yes," replied O'Rear's advisory.

"Okay, we can go there," Ramirez said.

Dec. 11

At lunch freshmen Megan Hodes and Emily Taylor discussed the quality of their sandwiches.

"I like put effort into this sandwich," Hodes said. "It's going to be good."

"Cooooo," Taylor said.

"I'm telling you it's going to be good," Hodes said.

Dec. 9

In a discussion about the characters in the movie "Twilight," freshman Maddie Dang defended her opinions. "...remember guys, this is coming from the girl who thinks that Daniel Radcliffe is hot," Dang said.

Dec. 12

Freshmen Cassie Odneal and Liz Wiens talked before school while at their lockers.

"I didn't know we didn't have to wear our uniforms today," Odneal said.

"Yeah, they called everyone this morning," Wiens said.

"I have to call my dad and have him bring jeans up to me," Odneal said.

"It's not that big of a deal," Wiens said.

"I can't be seen in my uniform on a dress-down day," Odneal said.

Cara McClain
 Katie McCombs
 Rosemary McGraw
 Colleen McInerney
 Claire McKeon
 Lucy McManness



Alexandria Mediavilla
 Caroline Mendis
 Marianna Messeri
 Anna Meyers
 Taylor Migliazzo
 Erika Mikkelsen



Kelly Muraski
 Theresa Murphy
 Kate Needham
 Caitlin Nelson
 Meg Nulton
 Gigi O'Brien



class of '12





Rowan O'Brien-Williams
Kelly O'Byrne



Cecilia O'Flaherty
Mary O'Leary



McLaren O'Rear
Cassie Odneal

matching

Not a day at STA passes without looking at one's planner. Can you guess who each planner belongs to?

PLANNER 1
Number of frees a week: four
Favorite class: accelerated English



1.



a.

CARA MCCLAIN
Hardest class: journalism
Longest walk: English to Latin
Decorated planner with: markers and highlighters

PLANNER 2
Number of frees a week: eight
Number of times you have tripped up the stairs or in the quad: once



2.



b.

RACHEL CAFFREY
Hardest class: world geography
Longest walk: English to advisory (Blake)
Decorated planner with: stickers, scrapbook paper and pens

PLANNER 3
Number of frees a week: three
Number of times you had to ask for directions: 10



3.



c.

MEGAN HODES
Hardest class: biology
Longest walk: theology to biology
Decorated planner with: picture of Mr. Chan-ning Tatum, star beads, pink tag, stickers, pictures, ribbon, pens and markers

PLANNER 4
Number of frees a week: three
Number of times went to wrong class: three



4.



d.

MEGAN SCHILLING
Hardest class: accelerated English
Longest walk: English to biology
Decorated planner with: markers and colored pencils

ANSWERS: 1. c 2. b 3. a 4. d

compiled by becca sommerhauser



1. Freshmen Hannah Haywood, Sara Pence and Martha Ramirez talk during activity Oct. 15. The three girls are all in Ms. Stacie O'Rear's advisory. 2. Freshmen Danielle Gatapia, left, and Molly Kaniger pause to hug in the quad Nov. 18. 3. Freshmen McLaren O'Rear, left, and Lucy Edmonds joke with friends Feb. 2. O'Rear's lunch table competed in a saltine cracker eating contest during lunch. 4. During midday announcements in Ms. Ann Bode-Rodriguez's advisory, freshman Madison Phillips looks over her assignments for her afternoon classes. Phillips was one of six freshman in the Bode advisory. 5. Freshmen Martha Ramirez, left, and Clancie Beisser enjoy one of the first snows of winter in the quad Dec. 12.

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that's what SHE said

Dec. 11

At lunch freshman Libby Randolph made a statement about the smell of Ms. Denise Rueschhoff's room. "Ms. Rueschhoff's room smells like cheese, it really does smell cheesy," Randolph said.

Dec. 11

Freshman Brenna Scott and junior Chloe Watters discussed why Scott always felt sick after drinking QuikTrip coffee. "Can I try a sip of that?" Watters said. "Sure," Scott said. "Oh my gosh!" Watters said. "This tastes like pure cream. Does it even have coffee in it?" "No," Scott said. "I thought it was a french vanilla cappuccino." "Brenna!" Watters said. "No wonder you always feel sick after you drink this, there is supposed to be coffee in it! You can't just drink the cream!" "No way!" Scott said. "I always thought cream meant the same as cappuccino!"

Nov. 13

During a water break on the third day of basketball tryouts, freshman manager Cassie Odneal discussed the origins of her basketball knowledge with freshman companion Gigi O'Brien. "I have learned everything I know about basketball from watching 'One Tree Hill,'" Odneal said.

Dec. 8

Before mass, freshmen Hanna Katz and Katie Patterson talked about what freshmen need to know. "What does CSJ stand for?" Katz asked. "I'm not sure," Patterson said. "But it sounds like something I should know. But I don't."

Dec. 16

Ms. Ann Bode-Rodriguez's advisory met during activity period in the gym rather than their usual location, Verheyen Room. "I'm not going to do it... I can't do it," freshman Nicole Wemhoff said. "I refuse to carry my backpack up stairs. It's too heavy."

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Hannah Otto
Brenna Palmer



Katie Patterson
Sara Pence



Madison Phillips
Alex Radtke



the **SECRET**
LIFE





Martha Ramirez
Libby Randolph
Alexandra Reddis
Jackie Regan
Kelsey Rodriguez
Kate Rohr

Brie Sandridge
Lorraine Sands
Libby Sauder
Olivia Scheuler
Megan Schilling
Elizabeth Schorgl

Lane Schulte
Brenna Scott
Clarissa Seay
Erin Sellers
Rachel Shedd
Patricia Smith

Mackenzie Jones putting the pieces together

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A row of blankets and pillows lined the floor, making a bed for four girls. Three girls slept peacefully, after a long night of staying up late, talking and playing games. One girl was missing. At the table behind the couch, out of sight from the sleeping girls, freshman Mackenzie Jones was trying hard not to wake the others. Jones, full of energy early Saturday morning, was making use of her spare time by doing one of her favorite things. On the table in front of her, partially completed, was a 750-piece jigsaw puzzle.

Before the sun had risen, she had woken up and not been able to fall back to sleep. Instead of wasting time, Jones decided to start the day off with a puzzle. With school, sports, and other commitments, Jones rarely had time to do puzzles as much as she liked.

"Why not do one now?" she thought to herself.

She crept upstairs, careful to not make a sound, grabbed a puzzle from the closet and

returned to the basement. For over two hours, not making any noise and using only the light from the window, she concentrated on the puzzle, trying to fit the pieces together.

"I started doing puzzles two years ago when my aunt gave me one for my birthday," Jones said. "I like the strategy in it. I like figuring out where the pieces go and fitting everything together."

When the other girls woke, they were surprised at her unusual activity, unaware that Jones had a secret hobby.

"How long have you been up?" they all asked at once.

"Since about seven," she replied.

Her friends still couldn't believe she was up so early doing a puzzle, but they agreed it was neat.

When the girls left, Jones thought it was a successful slumber party, and was happy that she could share one of her favorite hobbies with her friends.

"I like the strategy in it... I like fitting everything together," Jones said.



photos by megan wilkerson

LET'S GO GLOBAL

let's go mainstream

Sept. 13

Ike Did Strike

Hurricane Ike, a storm stronger than Katrina, caused an estimated \$6 billion to \$18 billion of damage and may be the most costly hurricane in US history. Wind from the storm affected Kentucky and the rains reached New England. Approximately 4.5 million people lost power during and after the storm.

Sept. 29

Bailing Out

The House rejected the Bush administration's \$700-billion financial bailout plan. The plan needed 218 votes in order to pass, but came up 13 votes short. Pressured by the state of the economy, representatives tried to make modifications and submit a revised plan. The dismissal of the proposal resulted in a 700-point drop in the stock market.

October

Consumer Crisis

The American economy lost approximately 240,000 jobs in October, bringing the unemployment rate to 6 percent, the highest point since 1994. The Consumer Price Index dropped 1 percentage point in November, the steepest one-month drop since 1947.

Oct. 28

Captain Crook

Pirates seized control of a Saudi-owned oil tanker near Somalia. Eighty-four naval ships were attacked off the coast of Somalia. The pirates hijacked 33 of these ships and held 250 crew members hostage.

Nov. 28

Killer Black Friday

After a long night of waiting outside the Long Island Wal-Mart, 2,000 people crowded around the doors anxiously for the store to open on black Friday for holiday bargains. When a store employee, Mr. Jdirmytai Damour, 34, opened the door the crowd of excited customers rushed in, trampling him to death.

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Swiftly Sliding Up

Ms. Taylor Swift's most recent album, "Fearless" hit the top of the charts the first week it made its debut. "Fearless" was one-sixth of all the CDs bought in the US during the week of its release and brought in millions of dollars. Swift's single, "Love Story" was number one on the country charts for three weeks and grew in popularity for the STA student body.



Haley Winslow

SHE SAID:

"She sings about common teenage issues, she's pretty, she has a good voice and [teenagers] can look up to her."



Britney's Back

On Tuesday Nov. 4, Ms. Britney Spears released the list of songs on her comeback CD "Circus." Her hit single, "Womanizer" topped the charts in both the United States and Europe. "Circus" was Spears' sixth album. Spears toured through the United States, and planned a stop in Kansas City April 2.



Margot Livers

SHE SAID:

"I think it's an inspirational story. She went against the odds and did what other people wished... She's my idol - she can pull off the shaved head."



Big Screen Success

Disney's "High School Musical 3: Senior Year" broke the record for the largest opening weekend for a movie musical, taking in \$42 million in its first three days. The previous two "High School Musicals" premiered on Disney Channel, but the switch to theaters was a huge success.



Molly Kaniger

SHE SAID:

"I really liked it. I thought it was one of the best [High School Musical movies] and the ending was really cute."





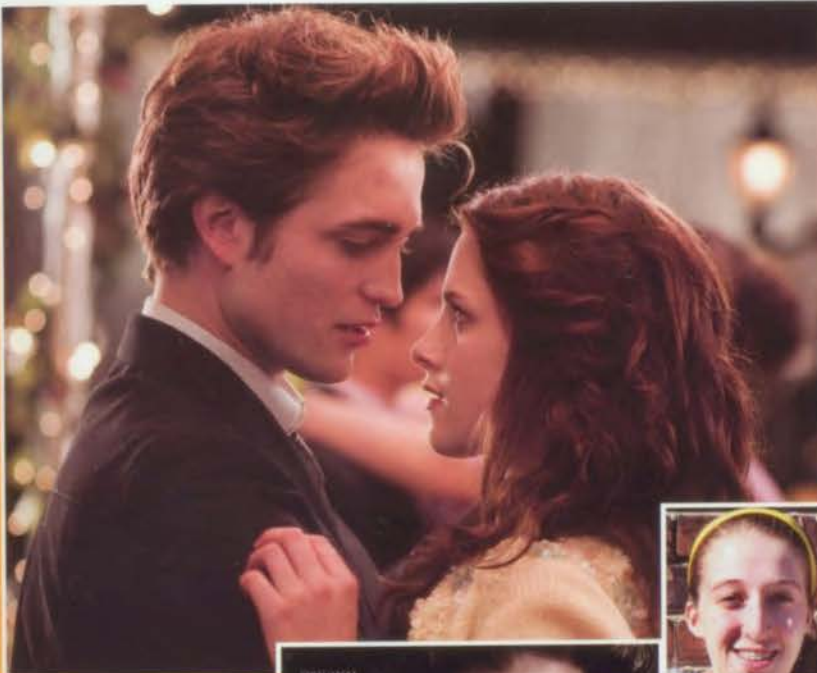
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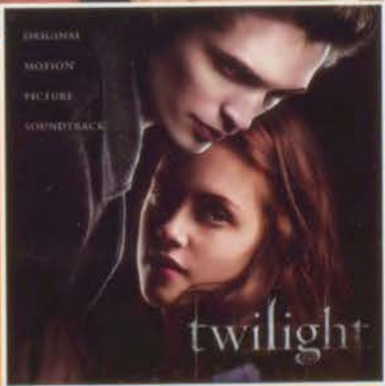
“Twilight” bites box offices

After a four-novel series, translations in 20 different languages and more than 18 million copies sold, Ms. Stephanie Meyer’s novel “Twilight” made its premiere in theaters. In its debut weekend, the movie earned \$70.6 million. The release earned director Catherine Hardwicke the record for the top debut for a film directed by a woman. Ms. Kristen Stewart and Mr. Robert Pattinson starred as Bella Swan and Edward Cullen. The movie and books center on Bella, who moves to a new town in Oregon and falls in love with Edward, a vampire. Meyer’s second novel in the “Twilight” series, “New Moon,” will transition to the big screen and premiere on Nov. 20, 2009.



SHE SAID:
“I liked it, but I thought it was a little cheesy. Edward and Bella’s relationship was forced.”

Chelsea Birchmier



FALL WRAP UP

how the mighty fall

story by *brady essmann* design by *jessica ann*

Over the years, the United States has upheld the power as the world's supreme economic power. Although it has been susceptible to collapse in the past, our nation's financial system has recovered and grown.

The stock market continued to thrive after the recession in 2000, in which large layoffs, outsourcing to third-party companies, jobless recovery, and salary cuts weakened

America's economy. Yet because of this "booming" economy that took place after 2000, many corporations, specifically those involved in mortgage lending, inevitably led Americans into what has been called the worst financial and economic collapse to occur in the United States in over 75 years.

Beginning Sept. 6, large financial organizations, such as Lehman Brothers Inc., failed and rapidly accelerated a global crisis, leading to the closure of banks across the country and a reduced value of stocks worldwide.

Due to stock market instability, unhindered



Alan Mulally, president and CEO of Ford Motor Company, testifies before members of Congress.



Protesting at the Bank of America.



President George Bush.



Economy brings holiday woes.

cheap housing credit and inflation that fueled our nation's current economic crisis, President Bush signed a \$700 billion nationwide bailout plan October 4. CNN described the plan as "one of the most far-reaching interventions in the economy since the Great Depression."



Jennifer Hudson



Cast members of "The Lion King"

WHAT'S HAPPENIN'?



Google G1

GOOGLE GOES MOBILE

Google released its first mobile phone—the Google G1—Nov. 13. It rivaled Apple's iPhone with its touch screen and add-on applications. The G1 could be found on T-Mobile's Network, and it aimed to expand the Google network services.

DEATH DID THEY PART

Singer Ms. Jennifer Hudson lost three family members Oct. 24. Her mother, Ms. Darnell Donerson, and her brother, Mr. Jason Hudson, were murdered in their home. Her nephew, Mr. Julian Hudson, was found dead in a vehicle several miles away.

RUSSIA AND GEORGIA AT WAR

War broke out Aug. 7, when Georgia launched an attack on South Ossetia, a Russian territory. The conflict between Russia and Georgia over the disputed territory continued until Aug. 26, after Russia recognized South Ossetia's independence.

WELCOME TO THE JUNGLE

The Broadway musical "The Lion King" opened in Kansas City Oct. 2 at the Music Hall. The show, known for its intricate animal costumes and popular Disney songs, ran through Nov. 16.

VIVA COLDPLAY

The British band, Coldplay, performed in Kansas City Nov. 13, at the Sprint Center. The group made the stop as a part of their "Viva La Vida" tour.



Russian military vehicle driving into western Georgia.



Chris Martin

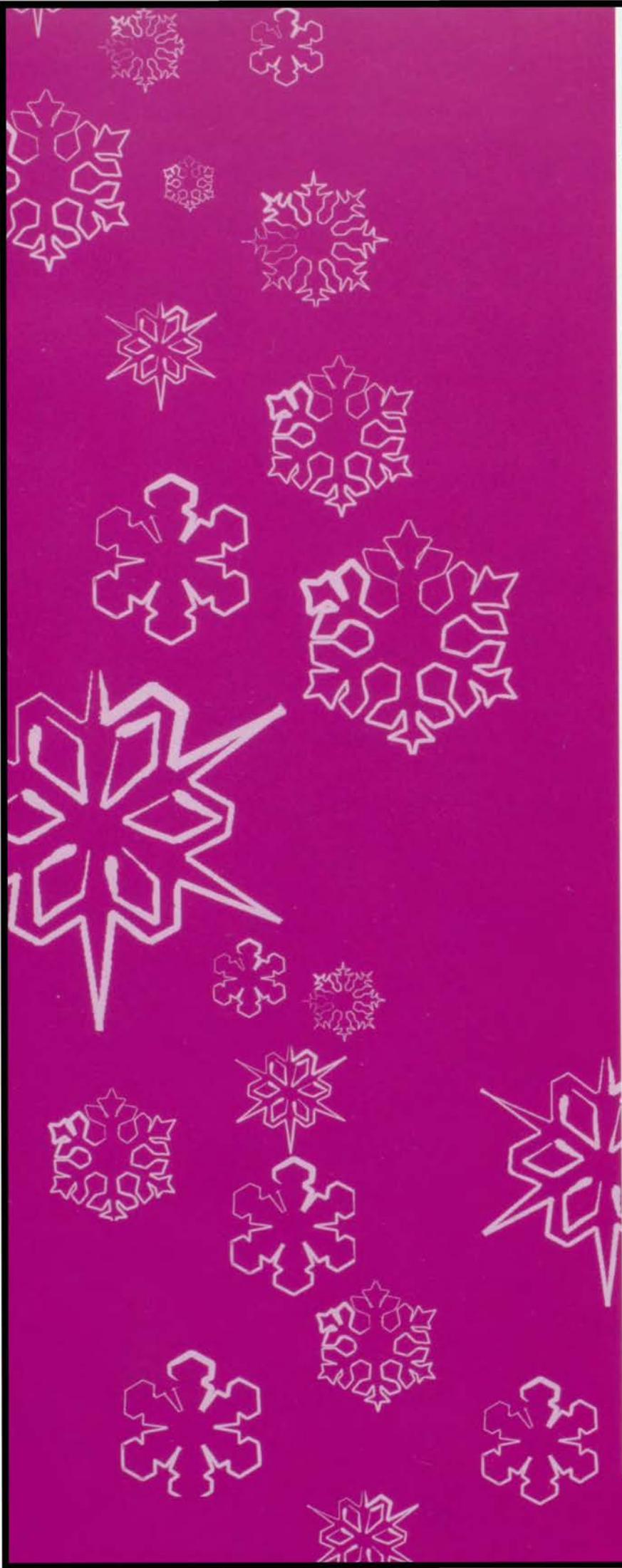
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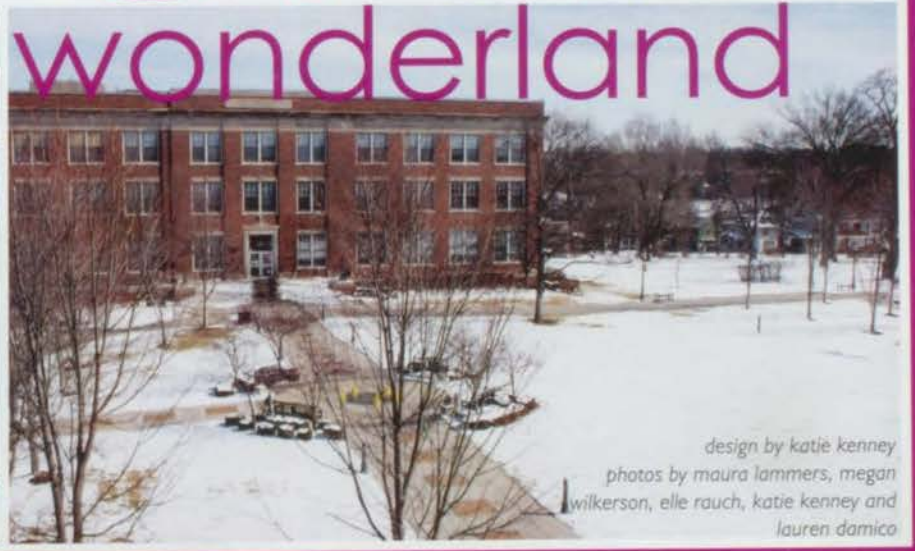
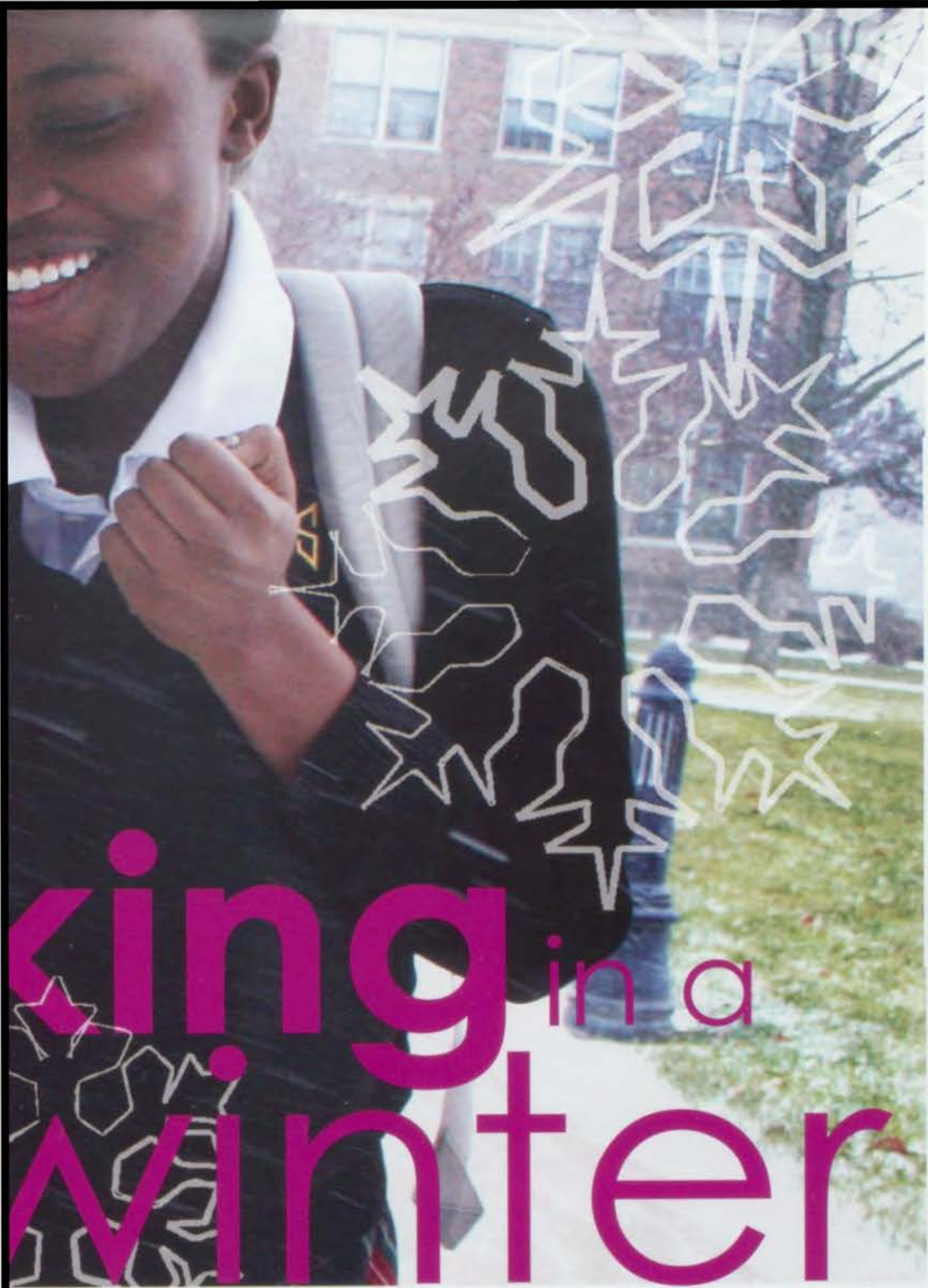
We pummeled our friends with snowballs as we walked between classes and helped them up when they slipped on the icy green seal. We moved to our spots on the risers at the winter concert, humming our notes under our breaths. We walked to the parking lot after swim practice, our wet hair freezing in the cold air. We pulled on neon-colored tights, piled our hair on top of our heads, and doused our faces in glitter before we went to the Whoville-themed Christmas dance. We ran across the cafeteria the first morning of finals to get a cup of watery cocoa. We rose from our warm beds and scraped ice off our windshields before we left for school, wishing for just one more day of Christmas break. We waited anxiously for a phone call from Ms. Nan Bone on snowy mornings, hoping for a day off from school, but the call never came.





walk





wonderland

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what's going on this winter



Jan. 30, 2009

Sherie Wallace, from left, Katie Kenney and Jaime Henry-White were announced as the Academy Woman nominees. The girls were nominated for the character award by the senior class and the faculty and staff. Wallace was named the Academy Woman for the class of 2009 March 26. This was the sixtieth anniversary of the Academy Woman award.

photo allison pointer



Jan. 7, 2009

Linny Kaufman

Senior Linny Kaufman traveled to Ciudad del Este, Paraguay for fall semester through the American Field Service. Kaufman spent 23 weeks going to school and serving the community in the South-American country. Kaufman is shown in this photo dancing with her host dad at a graduation ceremony. Kaufman returned to classes Jan. 7. *photo submitted by linny kaufman*

Jan. 10, 2009

A group of sophomores and juniors from STA participated in the Ali Kemp Foundation fashion show benefit. The girls each raised \$125 worth of tickets and walked the runway in fashions from Natalie M's in Overland Park.

photo submitted by cyndi morrow



Meredith Koch

Jan. 23, 2009

During sophomore class meetings in The Commons, the sophomores paid \$5 for pancakes, sausage and juice from Chris Cakes. They made a game of it, catching flying pancakes on their plates. *photo by megan wilkerson*



Victoria Godfrey, Samantha Casamano

In **January**, after finishing first semester, six total students left STA and transferred to different high schools. This was an unusually high number, according to academic president Nancy Hand. Students who transferred included junior Sadie McCue, sophomore Liz Powell and sophomore Grace Whitley.

English department teacher Ms. Pat Dunlay was diagnosed with breast cancer **Dec. 10** after visiting the doctor to remedy the chest pain she was experiencing. She returned to STA **Jan. 15** after undergoing surgery in December to remove cancerous cells from her chest cavity.

In early **February**, sophomore Caroline Gray verbally committed to play soccer for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, beginning in 2011. Gray started as a central mid-fielder for the Varsity soccer team this past year. Although she was unsure of when she would officially commit to the school, she was positive that she would attend the school.

In October, after lightning struck the school, the bell system broke, causing the bells to ring at irregular times or not at all. Ms. Becky Flores decided to start a contest with some students to guess when the bells would be fixed. Senior Emily Cappo won a \$10 gift card to Panera Bread when she correctly guessed that the bells would come back

November 13.

The Girardeau family traveled to Washington D.C. **Jan 16** to participate in the inauguration festivities. The family boarded the whistle stop tour train with President Obama and his family in Philadelphia. They also attended the Neighborhood Ball **Jan. 21.**

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as time GOES by...

In order to discourage teen drinking before the junior ring dance, the junior class moderators brought in two representatives from Think First to speak during class meetings **Feb. 13**. Mr. Jeff McCaffrey and Mr. Joe Rhea, who were both in car accidents that involved drunk drivers, told their stories to the junior class.

STA hosted 177 girls for the High School Placement Test Jan. 10. Ms. Roseann Hudnall, director of admissions, said the number of girls taking the test was a record high. One hundred and forty-three girls enrolled at STA for the 2009-2010 school year during registration night **Feb. 26**.

Sophomore Emily Strickland appeared in a feature story for *The Kansas City Star* **Jan. 21** that focused on her passion for cooking. Strickland enjoyed creating her own recipes and cooking meals for her family. *The Dart* also covered Strickland and her culinary hobby.

The Cooking Club sold Valentine cookie-grams for 25 and 50 cents that were sent to students and teachers through their mailbox advisories **Feb. 13**. Little notes and messages accompanied the cookies. The Cooking Club raised \$170 for Harvesters through this fundraiser.

From **Feb. 23 to 27**, juniors and seniors left school to volunteer at various service agencies during STA's annual service week. Students volunteered at places such as nursing homes, homeless shelters, hospitals, day care centers, schools and hospice care.

musical madness

Spirit club,
faculty
perform
skits in
hopes
to create
school
spirit,
sell raffle
tickets

story by [lane livers](#) design by [megan monsees](#)

"Kathleen, are you singing the 'Little Mermaid' solo or is Linny?"

"Does anybody have my Sion-girl costume?"

"Paulina, you make a great Mr. Fast!"

This was some of the chaotic conversation in the auditorium during activity one and two on the Friday of the winter pep assembly. Spirit Club was making last-minute changes to the program, with students practicing dance routines on the stage while others reviewed lines and ate lunch on the auditorium floor.

The club had decided on the theme of musicals and was working to apply songs to the winter sports and publications of STA. Senior Linny Kaufman represented the swim team as the Little Mermaid. Another group from the Spirit Club reenacted "High School Musical" as the basketball team.

Members of the club were especially proud of this pep rally for the rehearsed singing and choreography. Spirit Club did something new by representing the newspaper and yearbook staffs, while senior Sally Nulton wrote a song about Critter, the school cat.

Junior Caroline Thompson, a three-year mem-

ber of Spirit Club, agreed that this performance stood out from the rest.

"I think what made it memorable is that we included publications and inside jokes rather than just winter sports," Thompson said. "I hope in the future we can work to include more groups at STA and continue entertaining the school."

Junior Jessica Luber admitted that pep rallies take a lot of planning, but don't usually come together until the lunches before.

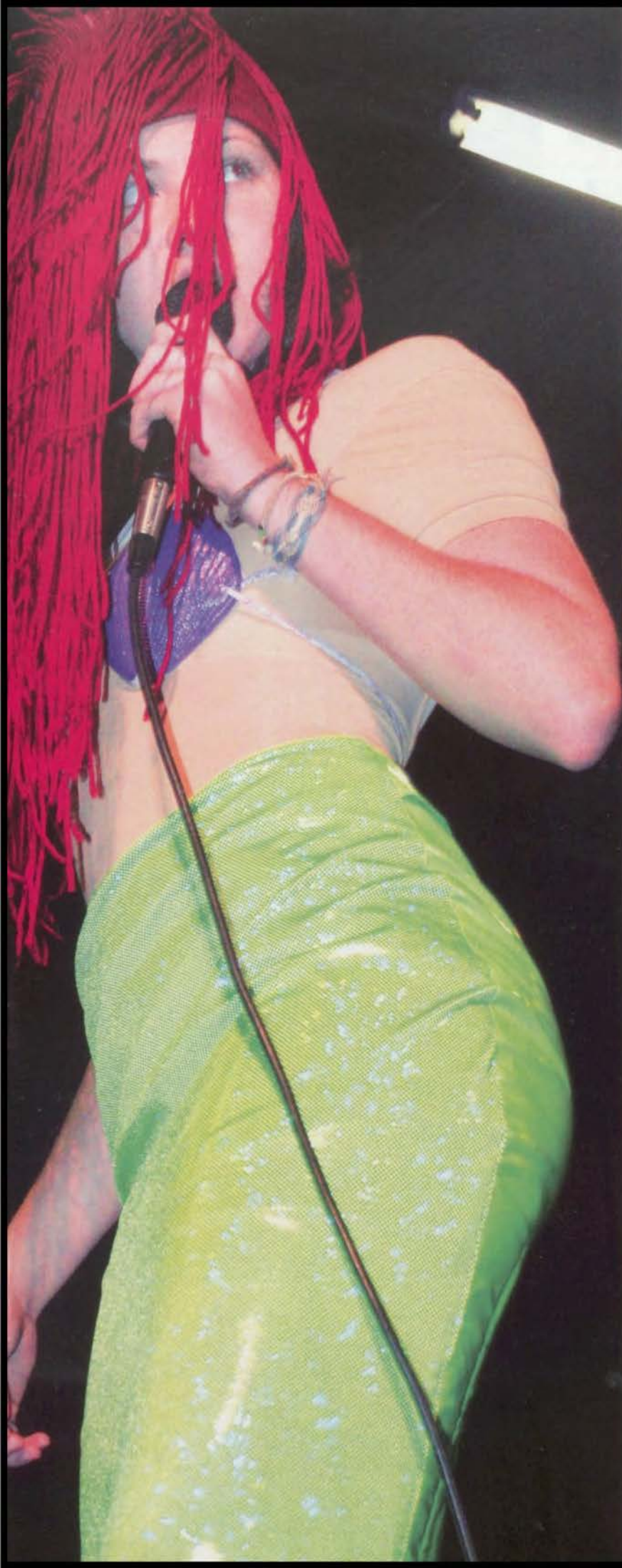
"The theme alone takes a couple of meetings to come up with, but ends up being a last-minute senior idea," Luber said. "I didn't get a script for the actual pep rally until the day before, and I hadn't practiced my lines until the activity before the school watched us!"

According to freshmen Cassie Odneal, the weeks of planning paid off with one of the only mistakes being when senior Anna Gillcrist lost her wig within the first few beats of the song "Getcha Head in the Game."

"Nothing else really happened, just funny things like girls switching up song lyrics or people losing their [basket] balls during the choreography of the 'High School Musical' scene," Odneal said. "The mistakes are what gave [the pep rally] personality."



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1. During the winter sports pep rally Feb. 19, spirit club member Linn Kaufman sings "Part of Your World." Spirit club did a skit to represent each of the winter teams; "The Little Mermaid" represented the STA swim team. 2. Custodian Rafael Ramirez dances as The Hulk during the auction pep rally Oct. 3. Members of the faculty and staff performed a skit to encourage girls to sell raffle tickets for the STA auction. 3. Juniors Sadie McCue and Megan Wilkerson entertain STA students during the fall sports pep rally Sept. 5. The two acted as announcers for the "Summer Olympics." 4. Seniors Linn Kaufman, Paulina Wentworth, Sally Nulton, Anna Gillcrist, and juniors Kristina Strader and Kerry Cummings sing during the finale of the winter sports pep rally Feb. 19. 5. Ms. Katie Dolan acts as an STA student during the auction pep rally Oct. 3. 6. Senior Anna Gillcrist sang the part of Troy, from the movie "High School Musical," for the song "Getcha Head in the Game" during the winter pep rally Feb. 19. 7. Sophomore Betsy Tampke and junior Caroline Thompson pretend to be racing during the fall sports pep rally Sept. 5. Thompson acted as Usain Bolt, the gold medal winner of the men's 100-meter dash. photos by lauren damico, katie kenney, elle rauch, and megan wilkerson

performing in the music department

Concert provides chance to step up

story by [katelyn devine](#) design by [riley cowing](#)

As students walked down the halls, the sound of teachers lecturing, lockers slamming and girls gossiping filled the air. Around the holiday season, one particular harmonious sound drowned all other noise. "Deck the halls with boughs of holly, fa, la, la, la," and caused anyone near to stop and listen.

The music heard throughout the M&A Building came from the a cappella choir, concert choir, and instrumental music classes. The three classes spent time around the holidays preparing themselves for the Winter Concert Dec. 4 in the auditorium. The girls, along with choir director Shauna Westall, began preparing for the concert towards the end of October.

"It was a chance for us to take on a new responsibility..."

-Kristina Strader, junior

"A lot of the time we spent rehearsing took place in our own homes," junior Kristina Strader said. "It was a chance

for us to take on a new responsibility and we were given the chance to determine how well the concert would go."

Though they spent time in class rehearsing their songs, they did not rehearse together outside of class. Strader and her classmates felt that this was because they were learning how to be professional and how to use their own free time to improve their work.

"We are an outgoing bunch of girls," junior McKenzie Miller said. "The holiday season is a perfect time for us to share our holiday cheer through our music and learn how to do it in a somewhat professional manner."



1. The a cappella choir rehearses their songs while Mr. Robert Battle conducts, a cappella, a UMKC student the song of "Jesus, What a Wonderful Child." 2. Senior Lauren Durie, from left, freshman Mackenzie Jones, and senior Mary Lee Ptacek all play their instruments during the Winter Concert. Under direction of Ms. Shauna Westall, they played pieces from "The Nutcracker." 3. Junior McKenzie Miller warms up before going on stage. Miller sang in the choir and played a violin solo during the a cappella choir's French song, "La Bonne Nouvelle." 4. President Nan Bone stands before the STA choirs to open the Winter Concert. Two choirs performed along with instrumentalists. photos by colleen corcoran

hard work leads to places in state choir



Kirsten Hyde

story by [colleen corcoran](#) design by [riley cowing](#)

Junior McKenzie Miller sat in Ms. Barbara Harris's room before her algebra II class. Senior Kirsten Hyde waited outside Ms. Katie Dolan's advisory before school started. Individually, Ms. Shauna Westall delivered each of the girls the news. Miller and Hyde sat, anxiously awaiting the verdict: they hadn't made it into the All-State Missouri choir, according to Westall.

Luckily, Westall was joking. After months of practice, nine different pieces to learn and a couple of tryouts, Miller and Hyde had received a part in the All-State Missouri choir.

For tryouts, Miller and Hyde learned "Exultate," a Latin piece, five new pieces for districts and four more pieces for state. Miller and Hyde were two of six singers chosen among juniors and seniors throughout the Metro area. The two were both sopranos and sang opera and classical music.

"I love being a part of [the All-State Choir,]" Miller said. "Everyone here is a music nerd... it's fun and everyone is really talented."

The girls both thought the experience would help their future in music.

"I wasn't expecting it to be this fun," Hyde said.

voices in the crowd

How do you use your talents in STA choir?

Kayla Loosen,
junior



Martha Ramirez,
freshman



Kristina Strader,
junior



"When we go into class, it's always a light atmosphere. It's a mod where everyone can just express a different type of talent for singing compared to an academic talent."

"I try to sing out loud so that I'm heard. I try to show emotion when I'm singing so that other people feel it. I try to put my personality into my singing."

"I've taken voice lessons for six years and I take everything I learn there and apply it to choir here at STA."

compiled by katie sharp

COUNTING DOWN



compiled by riley cowing



Star Cookies

the go-to food on student appreciation day and yard day

"I love star cookies because they are delicious," junior Molly Fox said. "Every time we get them at school I get excited."

photos by colleen corcoran

Donut Day

the go-to food before school every Thursday

"I don't eat breakfast at home, so it's nice to know that I can come to school and it will be supplied for me."

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Chipotle

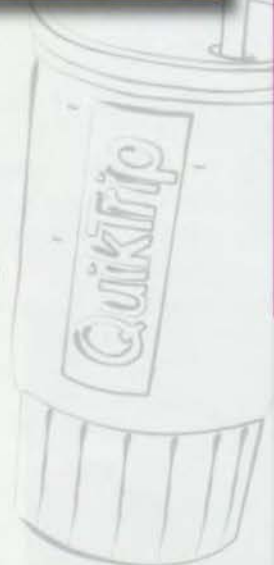
the go-to food for advisory parties and the auction ticket sales reward

"[I love Chipotle because] I like to watch the steam come up from my burrito," freshman Margot Livers said.

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Courtney Watkins

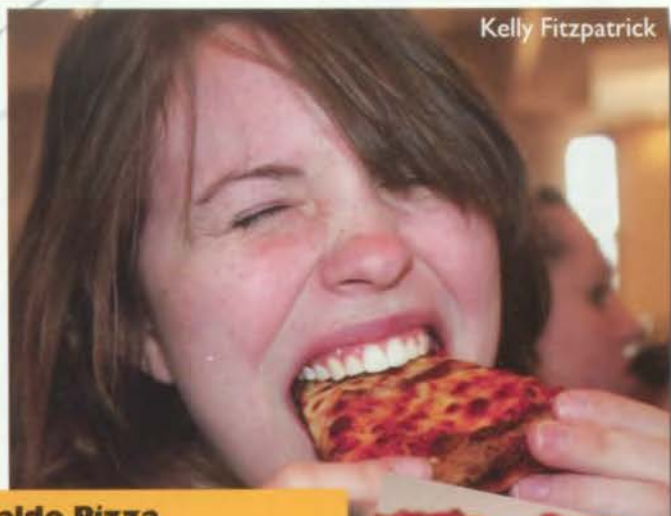


famous foods

Students dish about favorite cuisine found on campus



Demi Ribaste



Kelly Fitzpatrick

Waldo Pizza

the go-to food for advisory parties and lunches for shadows

"I'm happy we stick with Waldo Pizza because it's the best pizza," junior Kelly Fitzpatrick said. "I get really excited to eat it."

photos by katie sharp and katelyn devine



QuikTrip

the go-to food for before and after school snack attacks

"Everyone else says [QuikTrip] gives them energy, but I honestly just like the taste," junior Courtney Watkins said. "It's on my way home from school so I usually just stop. I actually gave it up this year for Lent because I drink it so much."

photos by colleen corcoran



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The sounds of lockers slamming and students shuffling echoed in the halls as girls hurried to arrive at their advisories on time. Announcements began with members of Spirit Club introducing the theme to an upcoming basketball game, followed by the list of colleges that were visiting in the college resource center during activity 1 and 2. Next came an announcement made about silent study's relocation and then a quick reminder about a fourth day meeting tomorrow during lunch.

As the clock ticked closer to 11 a.m., students anxiously awaited the last announcement: "Tomorrow morning donuts will be sold in the front halls of the M&A Building and the Donnelly Building. Bring a dollar, buy a donut and support FABI" Ms. Marion Chartier announced. There was universal sigh of relief throughout the STA campus.

"At St. Teresa's I would have to say that food

fits in perfectly with our every day routine," junior Jordan Miller said. "Half the time food is even penciled into my planner as its own assignment, 'Bring cookies for presentation tomorrow.'"

Food was most commonly found in The Commons, a favorite place of many STA girls due to the abundance of food. During lunch, girls huddled around a birthday cake and sang to their special friend. Granola bars were tossed across the table in exchange for a bag of chips. A plate of brownies set on the lunchtable was devoured in seconds. Food was a central part of the school day at STA. On club days the moderators would order pizza to reward girls for successful fundraisers. To win peers' approval, students would bring in cookies to pass around when presenting a project in class.

"At STA, food is too broad of a topic," junior Samantha Waeckerle said. "There is no way that you can narrow it down to one individual thing. It's everywhere at all times!"

inspiration^{in the} art department

Following in her sister's footsteps

story by [kerry cummings](#) design by [riley coving](#)

As she stepped into Ms. Lisa Dibble's room for her first art class, then a junior, senior Kylee Burke felt her nerves running high. Her sister, alumnae Maggie Burke, attended art school and epitomized the perfect art student brimming with talent. The bar for Kylee Burke had been set high. Despite to her fears, she discovered that the talent ran in the family.

"When my sister started [attending] art school, I was fascinated by everything she was doing and decided to try ceramics," Burke said. "After observing Maggie's projects I was interested and decided to try it myself. Soon enough, I fell in love."

"[Kylee] has the ability to envision what she wants to do and goes after it."

- Ms. Lisa Dibble, faculty

After a semester of ceramics, Burke continued exploring her artistic interests and took fibers and textiles. While excelling in ceramics and fibers, Burke proved to Dibble that she could compete with her sister's talent. Burke's commitment paid off when three of her pieces were submitted to the Scholastic Art Competition and two pieces to the K-12 Ceramics Exhibition.

"Kylee is a very adventurous and enthusiastic student," Dibble said. "[Kylee] has the ability to envision what she wants to do and goes after it. She is very tenacious about having her work done right and is willing to spend countless hours working on one assignment."

With an older sister who excelled in art, Burke was able to seek advice whenever needed and was able to look to her sister as an example.

"I know Maggie is always there ready to jump at the opportunity to help," Burke said. "She has been such a great role model for me and without her, I would have never pursued art classes."



1. Just for fun, senior Kylee Burke practices working on the ceramics wheel during activity II Feb. 1. Because she did not take a second art class second semester, Burke wanted to freshen up her molding skills. 2. Burke molds the clay on the wheel with her hands. Burke spent about two mods a day in Ms. Lisa Dibble's room. 3. This flower piece, which Burke submitted to the Scholastic Competition, took about a week to make. The Scholastic Art Competition was held in New York City (photo by Mr. Jim Walker). 4. Burke submitted this teapot to the K-12 Ceramics Exhibition, which was held in Phoenix, Arizona (photo by Mr. Jim Walker). photos by [kerry cummings](#)

man on display in old art gallery



Mr. Bill Maloney

story by [leann livers](#) design by [riley coving](#)

A student, late to class, rushed through the doors of Donnelly Hall and through the art gallery, hoping to cut a few seconds off her time with this "short cut." She stopped; something was not right. The paintings were there but in the place of the usual mannequins was a large desk and an unfamiliar man.

Throughout the year, Mr. Bill Maloney worked inside the old art gallery as the Senior Campaign Manager of the Steier Group, a corporation that helped to raise funds for the STA Capital Campaign. Maloney liked his office, although it lacked privacy with two glass-windowed doors.

"I like to look at the art, and it's interesting to see an open campus," Maloney said. "My only complaint is that it tends to get cold in here."

Before Maloney, the space at the front of Donnelly had been used to showcase artwork from the art classes. Rather than keeping the artwork in the new office, it was spread out throughout the hallways in glass cases.

Art students didn't particularly mind having their artwork displayed in new places, but it seemed unusual to visit the old gallery.

Junior Kelsie Fiss found it "slightly uncomfortable" to walk through Maloney's office and look at the few paintings left on the walls.

"I've found myself wanting to go in [the gallery] and look around, but every time I do I feel awkward because it's [Maloney's] office," Fiss said.

Despite the conversion of the gallery into an office, student's art was still showcased in the halls and during events such as the fine arts showcase at the end of the year.

take a second



with THERESA WALLERSTEDT

compiled by [caitlin sweeney](#)

on art...

What is your favorite class to teach and why?

"I like them all, but I like advanced drawing because it's smaller and all of my students are very accomplished and very motivated. They produce very fine work."

Are you impressed with your art students this year? Why or why not?

"I'm always impressed with my students. What I love is to have students more talented than I am."

Why do you like students more talented than yourself?

"Because I'm proud of them; when they make beautiful art I am thrilled for them and enjoy seeing [the art]."

Why do you like art?

"I just think that the world is beautiful, and I just love art."

COUNTING DOWN



compiled by [becca sommerhauser](#)

Lauren Alexandra



1. Senior Katie Kieffer organizes merchandise at Lauren Alexandra, a Brookside baby store after running a quick errand for her boss. "My favorite part [about my job] is helping customers find cute gifts for showers and stuff," Kieffer said. **2.** After school, senior Katie Kieffer folds clothes. Kieffer's job required her to keep the store organized and interact with customers to make sales. Due to the current state of the economy, store sales have decreased. *photos by lane livers*



Halls



3. Ms. Elizabeth Lopez writes an SBR in the ERC March 30. Lopez served her first year as ERC moderator while also holding a job at Halls, an upscale department store on the Country Club Plaza. **4.** Senior Katelyn Schleicher and Lopez look at the computer in the ERC March 30. Lopez worked fewer hours at Halls while continuing her hours at STA. *photos by lane livers*



Chevrolet



5. Kansas City Cable Dahmer Chevrolet did not have any customers Feb. 18. The current economy decreased sales for many businesses around the city. 6. Junior Hilary Johnson answers and then transfers a call from her receptionist desk. According to Johnson, 4 to 5:30 p.m. were the busiest hours, but after that her job was easygoing. photos by lane livers

exhausted economy

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As junior Hilary Johnson looked around she saw more and more sale signs, she saw more and more unsold cars and she saw more and more rising prices. However, she didn't see more customers.

"It's hard to not notice that phone calls come in less often and the customers come in less and less," Johnson said. "Everyday it gets worse and worse."

Johnson worked as a receptionist at Cable Dahmer of Kansas City, a Chevrolet car dealership. She realized as the economy slowly declined so did the customers.

"There are days where work is very slow and no customers come in, but it varies every day," Johnson said. "They just want to look at cars and then they change their mind because of price."

Many businesses, such as Cable Dahmer of Kansas City, tried to help out with customers by having sales and taking as much off of a price as they could.

"Currently we're doing a President's Day sale," Johnson said. "We're doing a lot of sales to show we're cutting prices. Every week there's a new sale."

Cable Dahmer of Kansas City wasn't the only company trying to help out. The clothing

store Lauren Alexandra in Brookside, where senior Katie Kieffer worked, lent a hand to buyers.

"Since the economy hasn't been great, people are spending not as much money as they used to there," Kieffer said. "[Sales] seem to be helping with a lot of the regular customers; they buy more knowing it is on sale."

But lowering prices on products can't help out the employees. Some employees saw their hours cut. For English resource center moderator Elizabeth Lopez, who also works at Halls, the change was more than expected.

"We all had jobs guaranteed [at Halls] and now we aren't going to be getting much hours until Christmas of '09," Lopez said.

Like Lopez, Kieffer experienced reduced hours.

"I used to work pretty regularly, but since the store has had some pretty slow days in the past few months, I haven't worked as much," Kieffer said. "[The economy] has affected my job, so I don't make as much as I did when I first started."

The failing economy crept into the lives of almost everyone, especially those in the retail business. About 2.6 million people had lost their jobs and needed to simplify their lives; this included scaling back on their own purchases. However, employees could only hope that the economy would become better in order for their salaries to rebound.

Shoppers see discounts, but employees earn less pay



Hilary Johnson



Katie Kieffer



Elizabeth Lopez

increasing awareness

diversity club expands cultural awareness week to a variety of optional events

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With movies in one room and crafts in the next, Diversity Club decided to try something new for Cultural Awareness Week. Instead of having the usual assembly, showcasing students' cultures, the club decided to organize more activities to increase cultural awareness. Each day during activity periods, club members held multiple events such as Native American beading or a tinikling dance lesson.

"I am really pleased with the attendance," Ms. Ann Ramsey said. "Everyone who's been has really seemed to enjoy the activities."

Ramsey was an adult sponsor of Diversity Club and had a major role in planning and organizing the two weeks.

Sophomore Emily Wilson attended several activities, including her favorite, Hispanic dance lessons taught by Ms. Melissa Axton.

"I think it's important we learn about other cultures," Wilson said. "Every culture has something interesting to learn. We can then try to incorporate it in our culture."

There was also an assembly that focused more on the awareness element of Cultural Awareness Week. It featured a guest speaker, Mr. Airick Leonard West, who created programs, such as Harmony, which attempted to create diversity and eliminate intolerance.

Some people enjoyed the assembly, while others felt the assembly should have stayed the same as previous years when individuals showcased their talents that reflected their heritage in an assembly.

"I think it's important to learn about other cultures, but I feel that at the assembly we should be able to showcase our cultures," Wilson said.

Although there were mixed feelings about the assembly, Ramsey didn't see this as a bad thing.

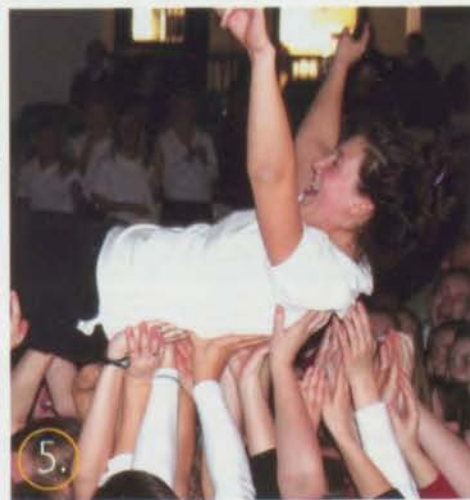
"The assembly caused controversy, but I see this as a positive because it got people talking," Ramsey said.



“I see [the assembly] as a positive because it got people talking.”
-Ms. Ann Ramsey, faculty



1. Junior Casey O'Flaherty laughs and showcases her finished Mardi Gras mask. Along with the mask activity, various arts and crafts activities were offered as well. **2.** In the auditorium, students extend their hands toward the stage during the Mikey Needleman Band concert. The Campus Ministry department brought the band to STA during Catholic Schools week. **3.** Working intently, junior Laura Havey places brightly colored feathers on her Mardi Gras mask. **4.** In the new dance studio, Spanish teacher Ms. Melissa Axton and dance teacher Ms. Andrea Skowronek stretch before their dance class. Learning different cultural dances was an opportunity offered during the week. **5.** During the Mikey Needleman concert, senior Sally Nulton's classmates lift her up to crowd surf. **6.** Freshmen Haley Winslow, from left, Maddie Dang, Erin Hutchison, and Lane Schulte practice the tinkling dance. Ms. Ann Bode-Rodriguez offered the activity, having performed it in past years for the cultural awareness assembly. *photos by lindsay bowers and maura lammers*



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challenge in the math department

Different paces for different folks

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Pace, level of abstraction and depth in which topics were covered made up the three elements that separated an honors or an accelerated class from its regular counterpart in the math department, according to math department chair Arlene Hernon.

A former grade school teacher encouraged freshman Lucy Edmonds to take accelerated algebra I. Although she liked the class, she initially found it challenging.

"At first it was difficult," Edmonds said, "[but] I've gotten used to it."

Edmonds, who had approximately 30 minutes of homework each night, said that her grade came only from tests.

"Homework is practice," Hernon said. "After you've practiced, then you take a test, that's when you're assessed."

Freshman Mara Kerwin, a student in Ms. Diana Blessen's algebra I class, also estimated that she had thirty minutes of homework each night.

"I knew it was on my level," Kerwin said of why she chose to take the regular class.

Junior Maddy Fox, who had taken both accelerated

and regular math classes, believed that there was less pressure associated with regular classes.

"In the class I'm in, I feel like I have a better grip," Fox said. "We go a little slower, but you don't notice you're going slower."

Fox also commented that the name of the class didn't reflect a difference in level, but pace.

"For me, numbers are numbers," Fox said. "There's not a deeper way of looking at it, just a faster or slower way."

"In the class I'm in, I feel like I have a better grip."

-Maddy Fox, junior



1. Freshman Lucy Edmonds barrels through math homework for accelerated algebra I during activity in Ms. Alice Amick's room.
2. As freshman Brenna Palmer raises her hand in algebra I, freshman Mara Kerwin takes notes on first degree equations. According to admissions director Roseann Hudnall, freshman are either placed in algebra I or accelerated algebra I based on various elements of their high school placement test.
3. Ms. Diana Blessen reviews the previous day's homework in her algebra I class. photos by [katy crater](#) and [lauren damico](#)

a new face, an old friend



Mr. John Swartz

story by [lauren demico](#) design by [jessica ann](#)

On his first day at STA, a typical part of life at school caught Mr. John Swartz off guard.

"The first thing I noticed about St. Teresa's and I still haven't gotten used to is that all the bathroom doors are left open," Swartz said.

Although the teacher's unisex bathrooms confused him at first, Swartz adjusted well.

Ms. Nancy Hand and her husband attended high school with Swartz, and remained friends throughout their adulthood. Hand contacted him after Dr. Joe Grantham retired last year. The school needed no introduction, though. Swartz's mother attended and taught at STA and his daughter attended also.

"I have a lot of connection with St. Teresa's," Swartz said.

Swartz taught the accelerated algebra I class to eighth graders before school and worked in the math and science resource center in the mornings all week to tutor struggling students. Many students contacted him outside of school to serve as a tutor. He also taught at University of Missouri-Kansas City to those interested in becoming math teachers. Before UMKC he taught in the Raytown school district for 34 years.

"At St. Teresa's, the girls are very motivated and focused on education," Swartz said. "That didn't exist in public school, except for maybe in the higher level classes."

Swartz noted that there weren't many other male teachers on campus. It didn't intimidate him though; he "[loved] STA" and its familiarity.

voices in the crowd

What elements of math challenge you?

Rachael Winslow,
junior



Danielle Gatapia,
freshman



Lee Fryer,
senior



"Having to remember everything in the past and having to build on it. I'd have to remember stuff from algebra I and II to keep up in precalculus."

"Getting the concepts and applying them is difficult, because you have this way of solving it, or this way of solving it."

"I know everything and then I make stupid mistakes on tests. I'll multiply wrong or make a fundamental mistake."

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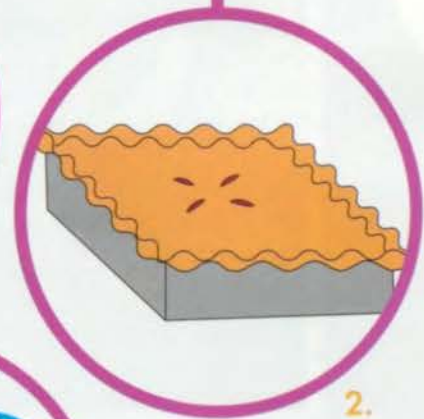
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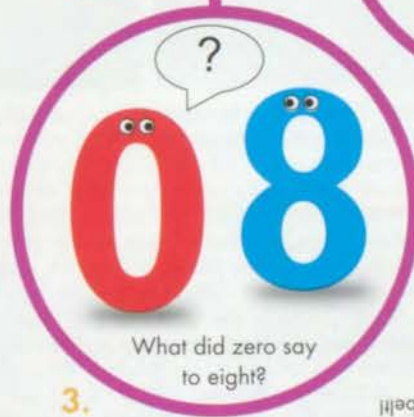
Go ahead and challenge yourself with these math jokes and plays on words.



1.



2.



3.

What did zero say to eight?

ANSWERS 1. Seven one (eight) nine
2. pie are square or π^2 3. Nice bell!

trading traditions

Daughters live as legacies, relive experiences with mothers at STA



1. After a soccer game sophomore Emma Steck embraces her mom Melissa Steck (formally Weatherman), an STA graduate of 1987. 2. Posing for a team photo, sophomore Emma Steck smiles with the freshman basketball team during her freshman year. Steck played point guard for the team. 3. Studying in the library, sophomore Emma Steck reads during activity period April 23. 4. Winding up to throw the ball, sophomore Emma Steck focuses on her teammate during a softball game. Emma's mother attended every game throughout the season. 5. Sophomore Emma Steck stands beside her new advisees dressed as Ms. Mary Montag's nerds during Frosh Fest week. Steck said this was her first bonding experience as a part of the Montag advisory. 6. After four years of high school, Melissa Weatherman Steck, center, celebrates her completion of four years at St. Teresa's Academy with her step father, left Neal Weatherman, and her mom, STA graduate, Mary Weatherman. 7. Melissa Weatherman Steck's senior picture from the class of 1987. 8. Showing off their class rings, Mary Weatherman, left, and Melissa Weatherman celebrate their time at STA. Mary's ring represented her class of 1967, while Melissa's was 1987. 9. Senior year, Melissa Weatherman hung out in the STA quad with her friends during a free. photos by colleen corcoran and submitted by emma steck



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Walking quickly across the quad, sophomore Taylor Kramer prayed she would get a coveted spot in the computer lab in Donnelly Hall. Seeing the shining blue screen of one computer left, she knew she would be able to print the paper she needed for her class just a few mods away. At times like these, Kramer was grateful for modern technology.

Flashback. Ms. Jaime Kramer, known then as Jaime Schroer, sat in the same computer lab. However, then it was a typewriter lab. It was 1982, and Jaime was a sophomore, typing her final draft of the paper she had been working on for weeks. The paper was not due for a few days, but Jaime wanted to make sure she got it done before the due date.

"It took a long time retyping," Jaime, Taylor's mother, said of her many different drafts of her paper. "I had to manually write it out first, and type [the paper] in advance."

Although Jaime attended St. Teresa's over twenty years ago, many aspects of the school still stayed the same, such as students coming to school casually without worrying about their appearances.

"Some people wouldn't shave for weeks," Jaime said. "One girl put baby powder in her hair to cover up the grease."

It's a common experience for daughters to follow in the footsteps of their mothers and attend their alma mater. Sixty percent of the incoming class of 2014 were legacy students.

Senior Emily Orndoff's mother also attended STA, as well as her great-grandmother and many other relatives. Orndoff was the fourth generation of her family to attend.

"All my cousins went here," Orndoff said. "So the family pressure was on if I didn't go here."

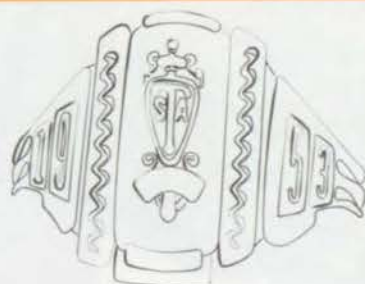
Before her junior ring ceremony, Orndoff realized her ring was far too big for her finger. Her great aunt, who also attended STA, offered Orndoff her ring to receive at the ceremony instead. Orndoff now wears the two rings—one from the class of 1953 and one from 2009.

Orndoff felt a close connection to her family and was grateful she had the opportunity to attend as well. She hoped she would be close to her friends in later years, just as her mother was.

"Laura [Peterson] and I will definitely grow old together," Orndoff said.

Taylor hoped to establish the same fundamentals her mother had, leaving the same community STA had for future generations.

"It will be somewhat the same," Kramer said of what STA would be like in 20 years. "There will be new teachers, new technology, but the feeling that everyone's accepted and the strong bond will still be there."



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connection in the religion department

LaScala lends hand to Ministry

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Students and faculty filed into the gymnasium, talking with one another and exchanging some laughs. Silence followed when senior Kirsten Hyde announced the song. Girls burst into "Come, Now is the Time to Worship," while senior Ashley Zondca scrolled through the lyrics on a laptop, which displayed words on a screen at the front of the gym. This technological and sing-along atmosphere was the new Campus Ministry.

With the help of Mr. Joe LaScala, a former youth ministry leader, Campus Ministry became more student-guided, in order to create a more teenage-friendly environment.

"Music is a great avenue as a form of prayer and communication."

-Joe LaScala, faculty

"With retreats, I'm trying to get them more student-led," LaScala said. "With prayer, I'm trying to incorporate more technology and be more open to what students want."

LaScala realized students were eager to help with retreats and prayer services and had new ideas for improving those events.

Campus Ministry also invited the Mikey Needleman Band, a Christian rock band, to perform during Catholic School's week, allowing the students to experience a different kind of prayer.

"By having the concert, I hope it will give [students] another avenue to connect with music," LaScala said. "Music's a great avenue as a form of prayer and communication."

Zondca, who was an active member of Campus Ministry, felt that the most important reason to be part of Campus Ministry was to get involved.

"By [students] involving themselves they not only get back self-satisfaction of helping out, but they also get to be a part of a caring community within the larger STA community," Zondca said.



1. During Catholic School's week, the Mikey Needleman Band performs in the auditorium, Jan. 30. The band played songs such as "Good Riddance" by Green Day and "Free Fallin'" by Tom Petty, in addition to their own songs.
 2. Mr. Joe LaScala presents the Mikey Needleman Band. LaScala invited the band as a way to incorporate more students into Campus Ministry.
 3. Ms. Betsy Hansbrough, Ms. Robin Good, sophomore Laura Neenan, and juniors Anne Marie Whitehead, Kayla Kratofil and Emily Quatman review the plans for the Christmas prayer service Dec. 11. Hansbrough, Good and LaScala organized the Campus Ministry events with the students. 4. After crowdsurfing during the concert, senior Sally Nulton received a free Mikey Needleman Band CD. The lead singer, Mr. Mickey Needleman autographed it: "To Sally, you rock. God Bless! Mikey Needleman." photos by caitlin sweeny and katie kenney

students find religious themes in modern movies



students watch "Sin Eater" in theology in film

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A boy in a laincloth darted across the screen and punched a chubby boy in the arm. Yelling escalated and the scene became chaotic. Then, a boulder was pushed off the edge of a cliff and crashed on the chubby boy's head. He was dead.

Theology teacher Betsy Hansbrough turned off the movie and students began their assignment. Looking at the worksheet, two questions stood out: "How are you human? Why are we here?" After watching "Lord of the Flies," Hansbrough asked students to consider questions like these during her theology in film class.

She taught the class with the hope that students could find faith in modern movies like "Spitfire Grill" and "The Godfather."

"I try to teach them that films are filled with our culture and symbols that we can break down," Hansbrough said.

Junior Tori Shaw was one student who took that message to heart. The small class sizes attracted Shaw to sign up, but it became a class that would change her worldview.

"I wasn't that religious," Shaw said. "It didn't surround me, but now I see that religion is everywhere."

Shaw began to draw connections between scripture and modern media after class ended. Junior Allé Scott noticed the change in Shaw.

"We would be watching a movie and she would dig deeper for the underlying meaning," Scott said. "It's so hard to watch a movie with her now."

voices in the crowd

How do you get involved with your religion?

Camellia Jahanshahi, junior



Meg Nulton, freshman



Jordan Miller, junior



"I go through my church, All Souls Unitarian Universalist, when I want to be involved. We have a really big youth group that gets together and does scavenger hunts and things like that."

"I get more involved at my parish than [at] St. Teresa's. I am active in the St. Peter's youth group and plan on going to Baltimore this summer for a mission trip."

"Sometimes I go to the cathedral downtown and work in the emergency help center. It is where volunteers go to pass out clothing or give food to homeless people."

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changes in the yearbook

Ball State camp brings staff closer

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As she walked through the doors of Ball State University, senior Maura Lammers was excited to spend a week with her fellow staffers while also having time to plan for the upcoming yearbook. Attending the Ball State journalism workshop was an important part for Lammers's summer plans because it allowed her to improve her leadership skills and to get

to know the majority of the staff she would soon be directing as co-editor-in-chief.

“[The book] has been the same for so long, so [the chronological book] shakes things up.”

-Maura Lammers, senior

“The second time I went to Ball State I had tons of time to sit down and brainstorm ideas for the yearbook,” Lammers said.

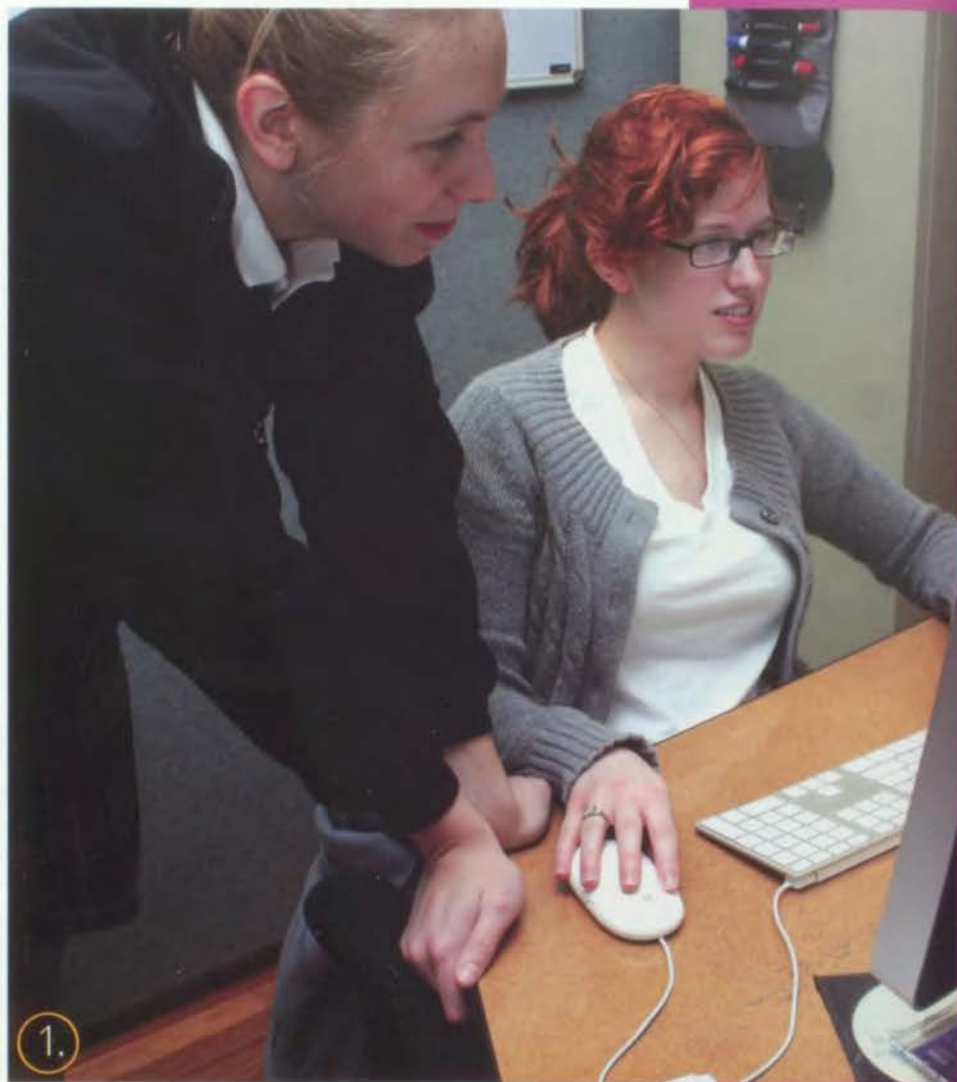
“I found myself in a yearbook cocoon with a melting pot of ideas about what to do.”

Inspired by the classes at Ball State, Lammers and co-editor-in-chief, senior Katie Kenney, decided to organize the book chronologically.

According to Kenney, a chronological book was assembled so that spreads appeared in the order that the events generally happened during the year.

“Katie and I really wanted to do something drastically different from the past,” Lammers said. “[The book] has been the same for so long, so [the chronological book] shakes things up,” Lammers said.

Following the current yearbook trends, the book provided the editors with a new sense of creativity and room to make changes.



1. Junior Brady Essmann and senior Maura Lammers look over a spread during a free. With only three classes a week, students came in during frees, activities and after school to have work time. 2. While toning a picture for a photo poll, junior Jessica Ann adjusts the levels of the photo. According to Ann, the Teresian chose to make a full-color book for the second year in a row, which forced staff members to pay more attention to photo quality. 3. Senior Erin Andres works intently on her senior ad pages. Andres's job involved retrieving baby pictures and notes from senior parents for their ads. 4. During class, junior Katy Crater places graphics of leaves on the fall gatefold. As graphics editor, Crater created graphics for feature spreads and division pages. photos by [becca sommerhauser](#) and [jessica ann](#)

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photographer learns to go with the flow

story by [becca sommerhauser](#) design by [riley cowing](#)

The assignment was straightforward. Take pictures of senior Mary Jantsch giving blood. All that needed to be done was point and shoot. However, what started out to be a simple task turned into a disaster for junior Katie Sharp.

Sharp covered the social studies department and decided to take pictures of a student performing a civic activity for a class.

"Everyone is required to do a civic duty for government class," said Jantsch. "So, I thought that Katie could just come along as I gave blood so she could take pictures."

They arrived at the blood center and while Jantsch filled out forms, Sharp got the camera ready. She began to take the pictures, but noticed that they were not turning out.

"I thought that I had fixed the problem, but I didn't," Sharp said.

When junior Jessica Ann, Sharp's managing editor, looked at the pictures she realized that every single picture had turned out blurry.

"I felt so bad for Katie because the pictures were really good and had good angles," Ann said.

Sharp thought she could go with Jantsch the next time she gave blood, but Jantsch could not donate again for another eight weeks.

Faced with a pressing deadline, Ann and Sharp quickly brainstormed and settled on a portrait to accompany the story.

"Luckily, the picture was really good and we made the deadline," Ann said.



Junior Katie Sharp took the above photos of senior Mary Jantsch giving blood. All of her photos turned out blurry because of an incorrect lens setting.



with KATIE KENNEY

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on the yearbook...

How have you changed the book since last year?

"We decided to go with a chronological book because it was a new trend that a lot of yearbooks have been trying and it made a lot of sense."

Why did you decide to run for editor-in-chief?

"I wanted to have more creative control over the book and I was really interested in developing the theme and managing the staff and I thought I could do a good job this year."

What's a memorable experience so far from this year on staff?

"...when Sally Nulton, Megan Monsees and I made a "Teresian" music video to 'Sandstorm.' We're now thinking that we want to make one to Beyonce's 'Single Ladies' because Mr. Thomas said he liked that song."

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innovation in the newspaper

Dart's design hits new bullseye

story by [colleen corcoran](#) design by [jessica ann](#)

Nameplate? Check. Folios? Check. New font? Check. More white space? Check. Increased amount of alternative coverage? Check. Graphics? Check.

Over the summer and throughout the school year, *The Dart* newspaper staff worked to modernize the newspaper's layout and overall design. Motivation for these changes could be traced back to the Ball State University workshop that the editors and other staff members attended during the summer.

Staff members took classes on a specific journalism topic at the camp in Muncie, Ind. Junior Sydney Deatherage, managing editor of news, took part in a design class while at Ball State and eventually contributed to *The Dart's* updated design. The outside perspectives she received at the camp and her passion for *The Dart* contributed to the change.

"*The Dart* is pretty much the main thing I spend my energy on at STA," Deatherage said. "Some girls are into sports or plays, but *The Dart* is what I'm into. It's what I'm passionate about. I felt I needed to be an agent of change."

Along with discussing the changes among the editors, editor-in-chief Caroline Quinn introduced the changes to the new *Dart* staffers and *The Dart* advisor Eric Thomas. Quinn felt the changes were beneficial.

"Our newspaper is always strong, but an update could only make it stronger," Quinn said.

Quinn wanted *The Dart* to be more similar to a magazine and felt the staff had achieved that new approach.

"I'm really happy with the changes," Quinn said. "The new designs reflect a lot of our different editors."

Both Deatherage and Quinn felt the update and the more modern changes were needed.

"[The change] was necessary," Quinn said. "While consistency is key for readers, you still need to surprise the readers."

New readers? Check.



1. On a publication day, senior Bianca Dang talks on the phone with staff writer junior Shaughnessy Miller about her story for an upcoming issue. Dang worked on staff as the features editor, designing pages and editing content. **2.** During class, advisor Eric Thomas edits sophomore Morgan Said's story. Thomas used class time to work one-on-one with staffers on their stories, photos and designs. **3.** Senior Allison Pointer, from left, junior Rosie Hodes, and senior Haley Vondemkamp look over the center spread. **4.** *The Dart's* October edition focused on the Catholic issues in the 2008 presidential election. Their new alternative coverage, as seen on pages 22 and 23, included Q&As, a crossword, quizzes and weird news.

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conventional learning: students explore new ideas



Junior Sydney Deatherage, left, and Caroline Quinn walking to their next session

story by [riley cowing](#) design by [jessica ann](#)

There was one convention, held annually, in one place, for one reason: innovation. In the fall of 2008, the National Scholastic Press Association held its annual national convention in St. Louis. The convention gave students the opportunity to attend seminars covering topics from advanced column writing to photojournalism 101. Publications adviser Mr. Eric Thomas opened the opportunity for both staffs to attend the fall convention. After three days of lectures and write-offs, the students came back with a new energy, awards and many ideas to improve the paper.

For junior Tracy Burns-Yocum, the seminars and competition provided not only new information and feedback but ways to go above and beyond on future assignments. She immediately put them into use when covering senior Mandy Prather on the STA swim team. Instead of her usual pool shots, Burns-Yocum used an underwater camera, which produced positive results.

"It was really fun and totally different," Burns-Yocum said. "I never would've thought of it before."

The *Dart* staff took advantage of the chance to learn and brought home many other ideas for improvement.

"It gave us all a new energy," sophomore Madalyne Bird said. "We all went to different things and came back with new ideas."

take a second



with CAROLINE QUINN

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on the newspaper

What goals did you set for you and your staff?

"All of the goals for this new staff were set as a group. I wanted our entire group to be involved in setting these goals so we set the majority of them at Ball State. We wanted the design to be more modern, clean and appealing. We decided to choose three words for our staff and those words were fresh, in-depth and provocative."

What are the biggest changes *The Dart* has gone through this year?

"One of the biggest things to me is the fact that we have new staffers that are willing to come in for an hour or so and just sit and learn about something new by watching one of the editors working."

What have you learned from the new staff or from being editor?

"I have learned that you don't know if you're going to like something until you try it. So many people on staff this year have taken on numerous jobs and stories about so many different things. I used to just take on the stories; I didn't do as much of the photography stuff. The staffers this year aren't afraid to do any of those things. They are willing to learn about it and try it out."

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Lauren Heermann, junior
 "...cereal for the rest of my life. I eat cereal all of the time. All of my friends make fun of me because I eat it a lot and I even got some for my birthday present as a joke."



Kate Bohnert, senior
 "...sushi because there is a variety. It makes you feel like you're eating something healthy even though I'm not exactly sure it is. And because you can say things like crazy roll, tiger roll, the 'Big O,' and Kamikaze roll. Oooh that's my favorite."



Amanda Florido, freshman
 "...ice cream because it's sugary. I don't care if it's bad for you."




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Sarah Moran, sophomore
 "...gnocchi, my mom's tomato sauce. I'm mostly Italian, so pasta is my all-time comfort food that I'd never get tired of eating. [The sauce] has been passed down through at least three generations, so it's about as perfect as you can get."




Mary Schmitt, junior
 "...pan. It's Japanese for bread. There are so many different varieties. There's cold and hot, and crunchy and soft. My favorite is sweet rolls."






Lauren Paszkiewicz, junior
"...pizza for the rest of my life. I could make a breakfast pizza in the morning, a regular pizza at lunch and a dessert pizza at night."




Maddison Balachowski, freshman
"...cheesy potatoes because they are cheesy and I like cheese because cheese is pretty good."

"If I could eat only one food for the rest of my life it would be..."

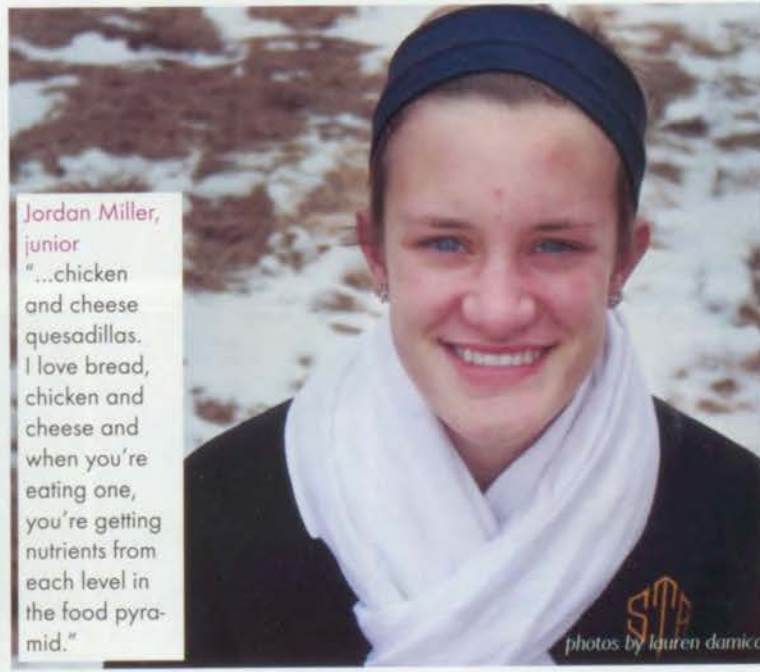
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Ally Franken, sophomore
"...Cookies & Creme Pop-Tarts because my dad used to make me cookies and cream milk shakes. I have loved cookies and cream ever since. Also the pop in Pop-Tarts really gets me going in the morning."



Sherie Wallace, senior
"...pineapple because the taste is exquisite and it's different than anything else. It's from the tropical islands and that is just heavenly."



Jordan Miller, junior
"...chicken and cheese quesadillas. I love bread, chicken and cheese and when you're eating one, you're getting nutrients from each level in the food pyramid."

photos by lauren damico

new coach makes

WAVES

STA alumna returns to instruct, takes team in different direction

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Although the swim team had new coaches, a new location and new freshmen, they swam with an old objective. Win.

This was a year for additions and change for the swim team. STA alumna Maureen Nash came back after coaching at St. Thomas Aquinas High School for two years and then taking a year off.

"I saw an advertisement in a magazine and I wanted to get back into the sport as a coach," Nash said.

Nash swam throughout high school and college. Though she participated in the sport for many years, she believed it was the same game.

"The quality of swimmers has not changed," Nash said. "They are dedicated and devote a lot of time to the sport."

Senior Erin Nelson also believed that the team showed dedication, but could have used

time to their advantage.

"The biggest loss this year was we should have worked harder at the beginning of the season and we didn't," Nelson said.

Throughout the season Nash made changes to the team's work ethic and practices to get the girls back on track.

"The team is more structured than last year," sophomore Sarah Wirtz said.

However, Nash wanted to do more for the swimmers than shave seconds off of their times.

"I want them to grow as a team," Nash said.

The team's small numbers and Nash's encouragement prompted the swimmers to support each other both in and out of the water.

"Even though there is one person swimming, she gets points for the whole team," Nelson said. "In the end, it is a team sport."



in action



Senior Emily Orndoff dives into the water to begin her race during a meet against Notre Dame de Sion Feb. 4 at the Red Bridge YMCA. "This year's swim and dive team has had the best chemistry since I have been at STA," varsity swim team captain Emily Orndoff said. "This year's team contains a lot of fun and upbeat girls making team spirit great." compiled by *kerry cummings*



Freeze Frame

junior varsity - Freshman Christina Barton works on her breast stroke during a practice at the University of Missouri in Kansas City. The Stars practiced at UMKC for a week, but were re-located to Grandview due to the over-crowded pool. Sophomore Mary Franke felt UMKC was a better fit for practices. "It was closer, bigger, cleaner and more convenient," Franke said. "Some girls would disagree because they thought [the View] had hotter lifeguards." *compiled by lane livers*

1. Freshman Rosemary McGraw practices her backstroke during practice Jan. 7. The STA swim team consisted of 23 swimmers. **2.** Junior Nicole Twaddle, left, flashes a smile at her assistant coach Janette Birdsell. **3.** Freshman Hannah Reinhart comes up for a breath of air as she swims the 50-meter butterfly Feb. 12 in the Tom Horn Invitational. **4.** Sophomore Rachel Edmonds swims the 50-meter breaststroke in the Tom Horn Invitational. The relay also consisted of seniors Erin Nelson, Laura Peterson and Mandy Prather. **5.** Head coach Maureen Nash talks to sophomore Mary Franke. Nash began as the head swim coach in 2008. **6.** Clockwise from bottom left, junior Nicole Twaddle, freshman Christina Barton, sophomore Leah Miller, junior Kylie Hornbeck, freshman Caitlin Nelson, freshman Erin Twaddle, and senior Emily Orndoff cheer on their teammates during the medley relay race. The team was 0.04 of a second from making the state cut. **7.** Junior Kylie Hornbeck secures her hair into her swim cap before her heat begins. *photos by megan wilkerson and caitlin sweeny*

check the scoreboard

18th	Independence Invitational
10th	Park Hill Invitational
2nd	Sedalia Invitational
4th	Raytown Invitational
14th	Springfield Invitational
3rd	Tom Horn Invitational

8th	Lee's Summit North Invitational
4th	Blue Springs Tournament
L	HyVee Shootout: Aquinas 22-58
L	Lee's Summit North 32-39
L	Shawnee Mission West 37-43
L	Jefferson City 43-52
W	Helias 58-46
W	Visitation Academy 56-50
L	Notre Dame de Sion 40-55
3rd	Basehor-Linwood Tournament
L	Benton 33-60
W	Lafayette 48-34
L	Archbishop O'Hara 49-63
W	Pembroke Hill 53-34
L	Raytown South 46-61
L	Blue Valley North 36-55
L	Spring Hill 40-57
L	Hickman 24-64
W	District tournament: Ray-Pec 58-57
L	District semi-finals: Raytown 20-54



Freeze Frame



junior varsity - Sophomore Ally Franken challenged her teammates during a warm-up Jan. 26. The JV team finished the season with a 13-10 record and consisted of ten players. Only two freshmen played on the team for the entire season, yet they bonded well with the older girls. "One of the best things about the season were the bus rides," freshman Mayme Marshall said. "That's where all the memories were made." *compiled by katelyn devine*

freshmen - Freshman Katie Beirne made a break for the basket in the freshmen team's game against the Benton High School Cardinals. Coach Jamie Cooper-Gubera assisted the Stars in their 29-26 win against the Cardinals. The freshmen team finished out the season with a 11-9 record. "I loved the team because it was just us freshmen," Beirne said. "It was a lot of fun getting to know the girls in my own grade better at practices everyday." *compiled by katelyn devine*



1. Junior Avery Adams looks for a teammate during warm-ups before the final home game against Pembroke Hill High School Feb. 5. 2. Senior Paige Kuhlmann defends a Pembroke Hill opponent while playing defense. The Stars defeated the Raiders on senior night, 53-34. 3. Protecting the ball from a Sion defender, junior Brady Essmann prepares to pass to a teammate. The Stars finished their season with a 7-19 record. 4. Junior Kelsie Fiss goes for the basket on Jan. 26 against a Benton High School opponent. The varsity team won their first game vs. Raymore Peculiar High School at Districts, but lost the second against Raytown High School. 5. Sophomore Caroline Gray brings the ball down the court Jan. 12 during the second face-off of the season between STA and rival, Notre Dame de Sion High school. 6. Battling off her Sion defender, senior Paige Kuhlmann dribbles to jumpstart the Stars offense as teammates watch from the bench. 7. Freshman coach Jamie Cooper-Gubera, left, jokes with senior Abby Duethman as she evaluates an ankle injury that occurred during the Sion game. Meanwhile, junior Avery Adams, far right, held her face after being poked in the eye. Duethman injured her navicular bone, ending her season and basketball career at STA. *photos by colleen carcoran and elle rauch*

star player takes

SEAT

Sion game leads to loss both on scoreboard, roster

story by colleen corcoran design by brady essmann

Before warming up, senior Abby Duethman pulled on her black ankle brace and adjusted its Velcro straps. She began to focus on the opposition, with the shouts of the crowd behind her. This would be her last face-off against STA's rival, Notre Dame de Sion High School. However, the four-year varsity starter had not anticipated that this would be the season-changing game.

With under a minute left to play before half-time, Duethman rebounded the ball, taking it down court. The crowd roared and the Stars had the momentum in their favor.

"In the first half, our morale had been really high," senior Stephanie Lankford said. "We were working really well together and everything just clicked."

Duethman dribbled past defenders, hearing the roar of the crowd. She also heard a pop.

"I immediately knew something was wrong," Duethman said. "I couldn't put any pressure on my foot and it was really painful. I thought it was just a really bad bruise."

When the buzzer sounded, head coach Ja-

mie Collins sent the Stars leading scorer to the trainer's office instead of the locker room.

Duethman never returned to the game and, consequently, the Stars not only lost the victory against the Storm, but also their strongest player, who lead in team statistics.

"Abby's the type of player that controls the tone of the game," Lankford said. "She's our team leader and we all look for her to pick us up."

However, Duethman, who signed to play with Maryville University, had to do her best leading from the sidelines as hopes of finishing the season vanished due to a cracked navicular bone in her right foot.

"[Sitting on the bench] sucked because I saw my team win and lose games, and I couldn't be out there to help them," Duethman said.

Duethman's absence from the court reflected the team's season record, 7-19, just at it reflected the result of the Sion game.

"I think if Abby had been playing during the rest of that game and the season it would have turned out differently," Lankford said. "We would have gone in with more confidence."



rising star

megan lankford

Grade: 9

Position: Point guard

Years playing: 11

Funniest sport moment: Re-winding the tapes of the games and watching all of the trips and falls

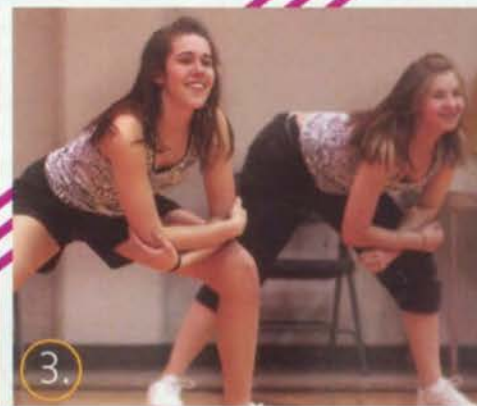
Favorite pump-up song: "Let It Rock" by Kevin Rudolf

Game preparation: Eat, listen to pump-up song

“Taber.” In reference to Taber Spani, who played for Metro Academy, was second team All-American and was “so ridiculously good,” according to the team.

compiled by katelyn devine





1. Junior Anna Gigliotti separates her eyelashes with a safety pin in preparation for her upcoming performance. The team usually spent half an hour applying make-up before each routine. 2. From left, freshman Alex Radtke, sophomore Taylor Kramer, junior Anna Gigliotti, and junior Rebecca Oylar strike a pose during a hip hop performance. 3. Junior Riley Cowing, left, and sophomore Lauren Laudan smile during the last practice on Feb. 25 before the State competition. 4. Junior Rachael Winslow stretches before performing during the fall pep rally Sept. 5. 5. From left, junior Riley Cowing, sophomore Michaela Knittel, sophomore Jade Hernandez, and junior Rachael Winslow perform at the halftime of a varsity basketball game January 2. 6. Junior Rachael Winslow retains her balance as she performs for the judges during dance team tryouts for the 2009-2010 squad. April 22. 7. Freshman Alex Radtke stands between two participants in the 13th Annual St. Teresa's Academy Junior Dance Clinic. 8. Sophomores Taylor Kramer, left, and Jade Hernandez joke with one another in the weight room prior to their performance. photos by lauren damico, allie lueke and claire vanasdale

dancers 'make up' for

LOSSES

team overcomes year of misfortune,
demolishes deadlocks for future

story by **lindsay bowers** design by **brady essmann**

Freshman Alex Radtke remembered her nervous jitters before performing in the halftime show for the Stars volleyball match against Archbishop O'Hara High School Sept. 17. Anxiously pacing back and forth in the weight room, she anticipated her coaches and captains to call a "circle-up" and send the team to their first all-school performance. Nothing could match Radtke's excitement for the upcoming dance season and the team's potential.

In hopes of becoming strong and well-rounded, the dance team strove for unity and strong technique. The team faced many difficulties that made for a rough season, but with the leadership of junior co-captains Rebecca Oyler and Riley Cowing, the group was able to pull together and perform to the best of their abilities during both practices and competitions.

"Well, we had difficulties losing two girls during the year and having yet another new coach," Oyler said. "The main struggle that we faced was getting everybody to come together. That way we could make the team, as a whole,

better through improvement."

During the season, attitude issues began to evolve that affected the team as a whole.

"The responsibility of a dance team member is to work hard every practice, have a positive attitude and always work towards improvement," junior Hope Stillwell said. "We tried to become more technically advanced, but it felt like some people didn't want to work as hard as they could. It was a little disappointing."

When things got rough, Cowing and Oyler made sure that the team maintained the original focus. The captains put emphasis on the amount of potential the team had, to try and spark energy from each and every member.

"The team realized that we needed to push as hard as we possibly could or we wouldn't reach the goals that we aspired to," Oyler said. "Pushing ourselves to work harder and to be devoted to the team is the main factor that brought us together in the end and made us a true team. We will even continue to prosper into next year."



check the scoreboard

Leadership Award
Blue Ribbon
Superior Rating

Universal Dance Camp

1st place Jazz
2nd place Hip Hop
1st place Novelty

Ozark Invitational

Judges Award Novelty
Judges Award Jazz

Kansas Spectacular

2nd place Novelty
2nd place Hip Hop
5th place Hip Hop

Lee's Summit North Invitational

Junior Hope Stillwell rehearses a jazz routine at practice Feb. 25. It was the team's last practice before the State competition. At State, they performed their jazz and hip-hop routines, earning fourth place in each. Although they had hoped to place higher, the team still had an enjoyable season. One of their main goals was to bond with each other and the two new coaches. "We were trying to focus more on relationships," sophomore Jade Hernandez said.
compiled by *claire vanasdale*



in
action

clubs

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student community



Nicolette Anderson and Samantha Barker

Moderators: Ms. Stacie O'Rear & Ms. Amy Carlson

Officers: President JoEllen Redlingshafer, senior; Vice President Alexis Collins, senior; Secretary Mollie Pointer, junior; Treasurer Sydney Deatherage, junior

Activities: plan Christmas dance, awareness day and teacher/student appreciation day

On the thirteenth day of December my SCO club gave to me: four cheerleaders, three senior air bands, two invitations, one greeting Grinch and a school-wide whoville theme...same old song, not quite the same old dance.

According to Student Community Organization moderator of eight years, Ms. Stacie O'Rear, the idea of incorporating a theme into the traditional Christmas dance began five years ago when she started noticing girls arriving to the dance dressed in spontaneous Christmas costumes. She, along with the SCO members of that time, decided to make it a yearly addition as a way to get the entire student body involved.

Among the hundreds that participated, some came with braided hair plastered to a water bottle, their noses held up by tape and attire which resembled Cindy Lou Who.

"The energy at this dance could have lit up a small town," SCO co-moderator Amy Carlson said.

story by megan wilkerson and photo by katie sharp



Libby O'Neil and Martha Tillmon

science knowledge

Moderator: Ms. Mary Montag

Officers: none

Activities: compete in the Rockhurst Univery Science Quiz Bowl and take practice quizzes every Wednesday during activity period

Science Knowledge Bowl members filed into Rockhurst University prepared to compete in the Science Quiz Bowl Jan. 31. As the teams of four separated to compete in the six different rounds, the nerves set in. Note-pads, pencils and red buzzers laid out on the table.

With the help of Ms. Mary Montag, the moderator of Science Knowledge Bowl, the teams had prepared for that day since school first started. Every Wednesday members would go to Montag's room for a jeopardy-like game, refreshing old subjects and learning new science principles. The competition began at 8 a.m. and ended around 2 p.m. St. Teresa's Academy brought four teams to the event and three coaches, none scoring in the top five.

story and photo by katelyn devine



Allé Scott,
Ann Juffa

french

Moderator: Ms. Alice Amick

Officers: President Micah Wilkins, junior; Vice President Eva Copeland, junior; Secretary Lauren Durie, senior; Treasurer Shayla Sigler, junior

Activities: crepe making and monthly meetings

Sliding her fresh crepe from the pan, sophomore Allé Scott received a helping hand from Ms. Ann Juffa, sister of french club moderator, Ms. Alice Amick. Juffa came in to teach the girls and help her sister show them how to make crepes. The crepes the girls created were made out of flour, eggs, milk, water, salt and butter. After everyone finished, the group put different toppings, such as Nutella, whipped cream and chocolate sauce, on their crepes.

"I wasn't expecting them to taste so good," said sophomore Brenna Scott. "They were like little French pancakes that I can have for dessert."

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world cultures

Moderator: Ms. Denise Rueschhoff

Officers: Co-Presidents Jaime Henry-White and Emma Spencer; Secretary Lauren McQuaid; Treasurer Maggie Steinert; Project Coordinator Mary Jantsch, seniors

Activities: fundraiser for people in need in foreign countries

As sophomore Katarina Fitzpatrick rushed to claim her grand prize, a Vera Bradley embroidered asper tote, other members of the STA community dwelled on the loss of those \$3 they had contributed to the World Cultures Club fundraising raffle. What some of these dwellers didn't realize was that the prize they won was worth so much more than those three flimsy dollars.

They won the comfort of knowing they helped young women receive a better education.

"I think [the students] were pretty taken with this particular project because it meant a lot to them to be helping another all girls school in need," moderator Ms. Denise Rueschhoff said.

The five hundred dollars raised by the raffle tickets sold to the students and administration of STA were donated to the Central Asia Institute to help pay for teachers educating young women in Pakistan and Afghanistan.

story by **megan wilkerson** and photo by **lauren damico**



Jaime Henry-White



Taylor Brown

junior statesmen

Moderator: Mr. Patrick Sirridge

Officers: President Caroline Quinn, senior; Vice President Katie Sanford, senior; Speaker of the House Taylor Brown, junior

Activities: debate current events, plan new school activities

Reaching into the weaved basket, junior Taylor Brown picked a crinkled piece of yellow paper. Slowly unfolding it, it revealed the side she would take in their debate. Whether she really supported the issue or not she would have to accept the view assigned to her that day.

Twice a month students of the Junior Statesmen of America gathered in Mr. Patrick Sirridge's classroom to debate current issues the country faced. Several issues discussed were the legalization of marijuana, firearm regulations and the presidential election of 2008.

"If you want to get involved with current events and discover more about how our government works JSA is the perfect club," junior Taylor Brown said. "I have really learned a lot in my three years in this club."

story and photo by **ellie rauch**

campus ministry

Moderators: Ms. Robin Good, Ms. Betsy Hansborough and Mr. Joe LaScala

Officers: none

Activities: plan mass, prayer services, Faith in Action, Catholic Schools Week

As senior Sally Nulton crowd surfed at the Mikey Needleman concert, the auditorium echoed with cheers. The concert was a new idea presented to the Campus Ministry organization by Mr. Joe LaScala.

As a new co-leader, LaScala provided fresh and new ideas for the school year. LaScala brought technology and a "teen approach" to the organization. Campus Ministry had over 50 volunteers throughout the entire school year for masses, the freshmen retreat and prayer services.

"We've gotten a lot of people involved in worship services," Hansborough said. "We have become more in tune with the Sisters of St. Joseph and our worship service was really thoughtful."

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clubs

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science



Ally Franken, Sue Seemani, Claire VanAsdale

Moderators: Ms. Terry Conner

Officers: President Maggie Dunn, junior; Vice President Marie Brancato, junior; Secretary Sarah Kindscher, junior; Treasurer Mary Warwick, junior

Activities: collect school recycling and experiment during meetings

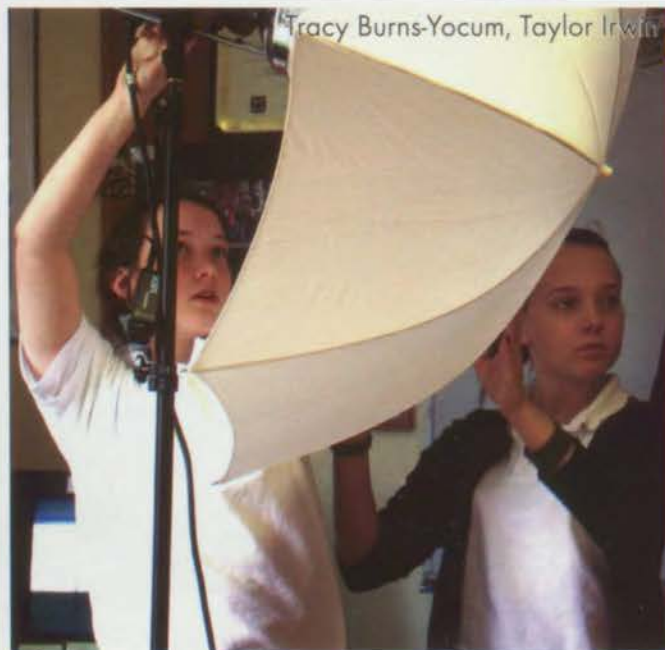
Science Club moderator Terry Conner unscrewed a capm, and steam began to creep out of the jug, spilling out onto the table. During the meeting March 27, members of Science Club watched and participated in several activities using liquid nitrogen. One member, freshman Allison Fitts, enjoyed watching science in a setting outside of class.

"It is actually fun when you get to do experiments and actually experience science," Fitts said.

Conner directed each meeting by demonstrating different scientific experiments for members to participate in.

"I try to find things that illustrate a science principle, but are still fun," Conner said.

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Tracy Burns-Yocum, Taylor Irwin

photo

Moderator: Mr. Eric Thomas

Officers: President Laura Peterson, senior; Vice President Maddy Fox, junior; Secretary Caitlin Sweeny, junior; Treasurer Tracy Burns-Yocum, junior

Activities: create photo magnets for lockers and have a bake sale fundraiser

Click. Flash. Click. Flash. During a Photography Club meeting Feb. 13 members got a chance to be in front of the camera instead of behind it. Usually, meetings consisted of discussing photos and receiving the next month's themed photography assignment. Sophomore Clare Magers enjoyed the monthly tasks.

"The assignments are fun, but I wish we could do more because it breaks the monotony of homework and school," Magers said.

Members chose the different themes by upcoming holidays or different methods they wanted to try. They would bring the photos in and receive feedback from other students. Senior Laura Peterson became president of Photography Club to help younger club members.

"I have learned so much and I wanted to share it with everyone else," Peterson said.

story and photo by caitlin sweeny





spirit

Moderator: Ms. Katie Dolan

Officers: President Anna Gillcrist, senior; Vice President Kaitlin Zidar, senior; Secretary Sally Nulton, senior; Treasurer Paulina Wentworth, senior; Co-Captains Lauren Medina and Linny Kaufman, seniors

Activities: pep rallies, sports game cheer sections

STA's finest packed the bleachers in a sea of black as they belted Good Charlotte songs at the goth-themed game, praised God as nuns reenacting "Sister Act" or raised the roof as firemen and police officers in honor of September 11th.

Spirit Club brought pep to the rallies, sports games and to campus.

Sophomore Alexa Fowlkes thought the club did their job well.

"I feel like this year we got more people to go to games and the spirit spread throughout the whole school," Fowlkes said. "Everyone had a spirited feeling."

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nhs

Moderator: Ms. Debi Hudson

Officers: seniors Lauren Damico, publicity chair, Mary Jantsch, finance chair; Margaret Schneider, leadership chair; Katie Komey, scholarship chair; Jaime Harry-White, service chair; Bianca Dang, character chair

Activities: book drive, Culver's night, Horizon dance, honors college speaker

On a Friday night most high school students would want to attend a party instead of a grade school dance. But the members of National Honors Society, NHS, had something different in mind.

This year and in years past STA students from NHS gave up free time to attend the "Horizon Dance" in order to help kids with disabilities feel accepted. They showed them how to have fun and express themselves comfortably and appropriately. Prior to the dance some NHS members went to Horizon Academy to prep them for the night to come.

According to junior Elizabeth Wilson, after dancing the night away, the majority of the girls left the night with a new perspective after seeing the smiles they brought to the kids' faces.

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Carlie Campbell



Hannah Wolf

saga

Moderator: Ms. Mary Rietbrock

Officers: President Molly O'Byrne, senior; Vice President Elizabeth Tilson, senior; Secretary Jennifer McLiney, senior; Treasurer Jane Schrader, senior

Activities: collect school recycling, promote environmentalism

Separating the Vitamin Water bottles from the homework, a SAGA club member sorted the STA recycling and made her impact on the environment, a weekly requirement for the club. Despite their small size of 14 members, SAGA club made a difference around the school throughout the year. SAGA, or Students Assembled for Global Awareness, met during the year to discuss alternative energy sources, to watch a movie about the human impact on the environment and to plan their recycling schedule. Each week, three or four girls from the club collected recyclable paper from the classrooms in the M&A Building. SAGA also planned on planting a tree in the quad in honor of Earth Day.

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cinema

Moderator: Mr. Stephen Himes

Officers: President Lauren Bly, senior; Vice President McKenzie Miller, junior; Secretary Alli Colio, junior; Treasurer Mackenzie Beisser, senior

Activities: view and discuss independent films

As the girls filed in to senior Mackenzie Beisser's home on Sunday night they were anxiously awaiting the beginning of a glamorous evening for an Oscars watching party. Cinema Club was not only a new addition to the large number of clubs at STA but it was also started by Mr. Stephen Himes, a new addition to the teaching staff at STA. In Cinema Club the students watched numerous movies and discussed actresses, actors and events that were popular in entertainment.

"I hope that Cinema Club will continue to grow without the help of some of the upperclassman who were involved in starting it," Beisser said.

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sophomo

Catherine Arensberg
 Anne Bachofer
 Emily Baker
 Morgan Barrett
 Alexandra Beineman



Madalyne Bird
 Grace Bisbee
 Maria Blando
 Maggie Bradford
 Dominique Brawner



Jordan Brown
 Kirby Buckley
 Olivia Bullard
 Jessica Bullington
 Zoe Busey



MY LIST

Sophomore Cydney Chibnall checks off her favorite things to do after school

Cydney Chibnall



play with her two dogs and one cat

"I really like Jasmine, [my cat]. She is very funny. She's always playing with these plastic ducks we have."



Cydney Chibnall

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Cate Castleman
Cydney Chibnall
Alexandria Christian



Claire Ciracco
Alison Clauss
Kelly Clay



Colleen Corcoran
Emily Cox
Samantha Cusumano



tutor middle school students

"It's easy to get frustrated because I know the answer and they don't. But I have to remember that's what I'm there for. I have learned to be more patient."



hang out with her friends when she has no homework

homework

run two miles around her neighborhood

on Wednesdays, volunteer at Pet Connection

take ballet classes

study at the library

"I usually get more done studying by myself."

revealing QUESTIONS



compiled by allie lueke

trip of a lifetime

Sophomore Evan Thompson traveled to many European countries during the summer before freshman year, leaving her with lasting memories

WHERE IS THE MOST INTERESTING PLACE YOU'VE BEEN?

“I've been to the top a mountain in Switzerland. It's the coolest place I've ever been.”

WHY WERE YOU IN SWITZERLAND?

“I went to Europe on a class trip the summer before freshman year with my middle school.”

WHAT'S THE WEIRDEST THING THAT HAPPENED TO YOU IN EUROPE?

“While we were getting our passports stamped when we were entering Germany, the creepy guy who was stamping my passport told me he liked my freckles. I was kind of freaked out.”

DID YOU HAVE ANY COMMUNICATION PROBLEMS?

“Yes! While we were on a train from France to London I went to the snack bar and asked for a bag of chips. Even though the man working spoke British English he didn't understand what I was talking about. It turns out in England they call chips “crisps.” They found our accents to be very funny.”

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE EUROPEAN CULTURE THAT YOU WERE EXPOSED TO?

“Italian culture because of the delicious food and because the people there were really friendly and easy to be around.”

WHAT DID YOU MISS MOST ABOUT THE U.S. WHILE IN EUROPE?

“English speaking people! Everyone was really nice but it was just so hard to communicate.”

WHAT WAS THE SCARIEST THING THAT HAPPENED TO YOU IN EUROPE?

“I got left behind by my tour group at a McDonald's in Italy. It was so scary because we were in a small town and I had no idea where I was or how to speak the language. Like no one in that small town understood English so I just sat on a bench and cried. Eventually, my teacher and my tour guide came back for me.”

matching

The privilege of going to the Teresian dance is granted to sophomores. Can you guess who wore which dress?

BETSEY JOHNSON

- dress is 95% silk and 5% lycra
- short dress that puffs out at the waist with a belt

1.



a.

MARY KATE DUFFY

- "I love how the back is low, yet not too revealing. I like the flow of the dress, it is easy to dance in."

FRANKI & JULES

- dress is 50% cotton and 50% polyester
- halter dress with embroidered flowers at the waist

2.



b.

PAIGE VONDEMKAMP

- "I enjoy my dress because it is comfortable and it was a great bargain."

Mary Kate Duffy
Ellie Edelman



CENTURY 21

- 100% polyester
- pencil dress with an empire waist line
- ties in back with a bow

3.



c.

CASEY MILLER

- "The dress is my absolute favorite color. I like that it has a higher neckline and isn't strapless."

Rachel Edmonds
Elise Ferron



JESSICA MCCLINTOCK

- dress is 93% polyester, 3% spandex and 4% acetate
- bubble skirt with bare shoulders

4.



d.

CELE FRYER

- "The dress I wore to Teresian this year is a good length, just above the knee."

Katarina Fitzpatrick
Alexa Fowlkes



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the SECRET LIFE Of Jessica Bullington

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“[Diabetes] made me want to do more. It can't control my life, I control it,” Bullington said.

As the finish line drew near, complete exhaustion and fear came over her body. Taking one last breath before crossing the finish line, she felt all of her body weight fall to the ground. After collapsing, her teammates and friends immediately swarmed her, wanting to help her in any possible way. Realizing that something was very wrong, she became afraid and nervous. Finally, the mass of people surrounding her thinned down to her parents, her sister and her cross-country coach.

From then on everything was a blur until she woke up and realized she was lying in a bed at Liberty Hospital.

Sophomore Jessica Bullington suffered from Type One Diabetes. It was a snow day during

Bullington's seventh grade year at St. Elizabeth's Grade School. Just as she was getting ready to go and hang out with her friends, she began to feel thirsty, hungry and tired. Bullington told her mom that she felt addicted to water and wasn't sure why. One short appointment with the doctor explained her symptoms.

"At first I didn't really believe it," Bullington said. "I honestly thought only overweight people could get [diabetes]. I thought diabetes would hold me back from things like eating sugar."

During her sophomore year, Bullington played soccer for Kansas City Football Club, played STA JV soccer and ran cross country for STA. Bullington said that diabetes was not a distraction to her during sports, school or every



Mary Franke
 Ally Franken
 Gina Franken
 Mary Frey
 Cele Fryer
 Hayden Fudemberg



Sophia Garozzo
 Sara Gassman
 Emilia Gatapia
 Lindsay Girardeau
 Victoria Godfrey
 Holly Grant



Caroline Gray
 Margaret Haake
 Meghan Harper
 Aubree Hawkins
 Dagny Heinsohn
 Jade Hernandez

beating diabetes

day life, but it was something that was always lingering in the back of her mind.

Her freshman year cross-country season allowed Bullington to learn about her diabetes. She discovered that her adrenaline rose during the races and that her blood sugar does the same thing. Bullington utilizes a "party pack" consisting of high-sugar snacks and instruments for monitoring her insulin intake, checking her blood-sugar levels and administering the insulin to her blood stream for all her activities, especially cross country.

"[Diabetes] made me want to do more," Bullington said. "It can't control my life, I control it."



photos by elle rauch



revealing QUESTIONS



compiled by allie lueke

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN SINGING?

“I’ve been singing for 12 years now.”

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN PERFORMING?

“I’ve been performing since about fifth grade. It’s really exciting to perform and I love to be in front of people who are excited to hear me too.”

WHAT IS YOUR INSPIRATION FOR YOUR SONGS?

“My inspiration for my songs comes from real life and everyday things like people, goals, dreams, and day-to-day living.”

HAVE YOU RECORDED ANY SONGS?

“Yes, I’ve recorded eight songs and I just released a CD on iTunes.”

WHAT WAS YOUR REACTION WHEN YOU FOUND OUT YOU WERE GOING TO BE ON ITUNES?

“I was really shocked. I didn’t think it was going to work. I was nervous and excited at the same time. It’s odd for me to make money doing something I love.”

WHO IS YOUR FAVORITE ARTIST?

“I really like Ingrid Michaelson because she sings and plays piano and I find all her songs interesting. She’s really witty and intelligent with her lyrics. They’re obvious to her as a person. I strive to be like her because I want to get my point across.”

WHAT’S THE BIGGEST AUDIENCE YOU’VE EVER PERFORMED IN FRONT OF?

“Probably just in front of the sophomore class. We’re a pretty big group. I mean, we do have 150 people!”

HOW DID YOU FEEL WHEN YOU PERFORMED IN FRONT OF YOUR CLASSMATES?

“At first I was really nervous and then everyone started chanting my name. It was really hard to get started at first but after I sang the first few notes I felt much better and just tried to feel the music.”

singing sensation at STA

Sophomore Hannah Longstreet discusses her musical talent, performances and her musical aspirations for a CD

Jennie Rose Heule
Maggie Holt
Kathleen Hough



Rebecca Hupp
Tessa Janas
Montaya Jones



Molly Kenney
Libby Kieffer
Keara Kinney



Oct. 7

During silent study sophomore Kara Pruitt admired how students were working hard and discussed with junior Chloe Watters about how she was going to do start her homework. “I’ll be progressive right now,” Pruitt said.

“Don’t you mean productive?” Watters said. “...Yeah that too,” Pruitt said.

Sept. 25

Sophomore Elle Rauch observed a golf match for the first time when she went to photograph it for the yearbook. “I don’t get this game. [She] just cheered for a [Sion player],” Rauch said.

Nov. 24

Sophomores Ellie Edelman and Maria Blando discussed an upcoming Spanish test during activity two.

“Did you study for la prueba de espanol?” Edelman asked.

“That depends... what is a prueba?” Blando said.



Michaela Knittel
Meredith Koch
Taylor Kramer
Lilly Kraus
Karson Kuhlmann



Shelby Kuhns
Lauren Laudan
Hannah Longstreet
Maddie Lueke
Maddie Lundgren



Lindsay Macartney
Clare Magers
Maria Maluenda
Laura Marlin
Beth McBee

that's what

SHE said

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Oct. 31

Sophomore Lindsay Girardeau described last year's Halloween with some friends during a Wallerstedt advisory party.

"There is no way I am going trick-or-treating again this year," Girardeau said. "Last year when I went all my friends ran away from me and I couldn't keep up because I was wearing a fat suit. Then I tripped and my suit ripped. I had to duct tape it and re-inflate the whole thing."

Dec. 15

Sophomore Evan Thompson recalled a funny incident to friends during accelerated biology class.

"Has anyone ever played that trick on you where they tell you if your hand is bigger than your face you have cancer?" Thompson asked. "My friend did that to me a while ago and hit me so hard it made my nose bleed!"

Jan. 5

Sophomore Cele Fryer played "Would You Rather" with friends during lunch activity.

"Would you rather compulsively mumble 'kibbles n' bits, kibbles n' bits, I've got to get me some kibbles n' bits,' or have a condition whereupon becoming increasingly irritated more and more popcorn starts to pop in your pants?" Fryer asked.

Dec. 1

In a journalism class, sophomores Emily Strickland, Kathleen Hough and Alexandra Beineman discussed an activity from Mr. Stephen Himes's class.

"Sue Seemani was struck the other day," Beineman said.

"What are you guys talking about?" Hough asked.

"We're talking about getting struck by lightning," Strickland said. "Duh."

"Oh, I've been struck before," Hough replied.

Katie McCalla
 Claire McDonald
 Kristen McEneaney
 Kirsty McGhie
 Alyson McNaghten
 Eilene McSorley



Anna McTyghe
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 Casey Miller
 Leah Miller
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 Sarah Moran



Alison Mundy
 Marissa Naggi
 Laura Neenan
 Molly O'Boyle
 Brittany O'Brien
 Libby O'Neil



class of 2011





Clare Odegard
Katie Passantino



Kaitlin Pautler
Elise Pavacic



Megan Porterfield
Liz Powell

matching

At 16, most STA students get their drivers license. Can you guess which car belongs to which sophomore?

JEEP CHEROKEE

- has many bumper stickers including "STA," "copeace," and "love is greater than fear"



1.



a.

MAZDA TRIBUTE

- has a sunroof and STA bumper sticker
- Kansas license plate



2.



b.

TOYOTA CAMRY

- has a Loch Lloyd visitor's pass in the front
- biking equipment can always be found in the trunk



3.



c.

TOYOTA RAV4

- has many bumper stickers including "The Kooks," "bone cancer," and "Mizzou"



4.



d.

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1. Sophomores Samantha Scheuler, left, and Sophia Garozzo sing along with sophomore Grace Whitley during the sophomore class talent show Nov. 7. 2. Sophomore Kristen McEneany applauds for sophomore Margaret Haake's bird calls during the talent show. 3. During the show, sophomore Grace Bisbee holds the microphone for sophomore Mary Franke. Franke chanted tribal noises during sophomores Jordan Brown and Maria Blando's dance performance. 4. The class listens as sophomore Grace Whitley sings a solo. Whitley's solo turned into multiple songs, including imitations, before being removed from the stage by the class representatives. 5. Sophomores Lindsay Girardeau, left, and Mary Franke sing to the sophomore class. Their dance resulted in laughter and applause. photos by elle rauch and colleen corcoran

that's what SHE said

Sept. 30

In Ms. Amy Carlson's biology class, the students worked on an invasive species project.

"For my project, I tried to find a killer bee on eBay, but they didn't seem to have any left," sophomore Madalyne Bird said.

Sept. 29

After leaving class early for a game, the softball team was forced to wait another hour for a late bus. Sophomore Anna White decided to return to her last class of the day.

"The bus doesn't leave for another hour," White said as she walked in the door.

"You don't have anything to study with," Mr. Richard Shrock told her.

"I just want to sit here," White said.

Dec. 1

During lunch in The Commons, sophomores Samantha Scheuler, Emily Cox and Mary Franke discussed braces.

"I join the no-braces club in exactly one month," Cox said.

"So you get them off on New Year's Day?" Franke said.

"No, January 31," Cox said.

"That's two months," Scheuler said.

Dec. 15

During world history class, sophomore Maddie Lueke talked about animals.

"Birds aren't mammals, they're poultry," Lueke said.

Jan. 5

While the final results of the penny drive were being announced, sophomore Adelaide Thompson crossed her fingers hoping her class would win.

"Wait, what do we win again?" Thompson asked when she found out the sophomores won.

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Kara Pruitt
Nina Raimo



Elle Rauch
Anna Rayburn



Cassie Redlingshafer
Demi Ribaste

the SECRET LIFE





Maggy Roth
Morgan Said
Megan Schaff
Samantha Scheuler
Jenny Schorgl
Kiersten Schorgl

Megan Schrader
Sarah Schulte
Lauren Scott
Süe Seemani
Alexis Snyder
Emma Steck

Emily Strickland
Ali Stueve
Betsy Tampke
Adelaide Thompson
Evan Thompson
Ryan Tucker

of Maura Porter rock the garage

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"Summers on swing sets and winter nights full of fire/ Stuck in this town, we never knew how to fly higher," sophomore Hannah Longstreet sang.

It was Saturday morning in a cramped room and the sound of The Tenants echoed.

The room's walls had black egg shell foam and bright posters, along with numerous amps. The tight quarters forced the band to become close.

Sophomore Maura Porter stepped into the unfamiliar garage, her bass guitar wrapped around her and greeted her bandmates. In attendance were St. Mary's High School sophomore Marie Mader with guitar in hand, Cathedral of St. Peter's eighth-grader Ian VonFange behind the drums and Longstreet near a microphone, after a month without practice.

The band started with "If We're Not Living We're Dying," but their lack of practice produced tangled notes. Longstreet's hands went behind her head, and her eyes darted to her friends.

"Wow, we're out of shape," Longstreet said. As the composer, Longstreet listened for

rough patches in the music. Porter, as bass player and lyrics writer, discussed the problem with Longstreet.

After an hour of hard work on the song, and "This is Life, This is Purgatory," they sounded in sync and were ready for a break.

Mader continued to play her metallic blue guitar quietly, while the others joked outside.

"We will always be a garage-beginning band," Longstreet said.

"Except when at my house," Porter stated. "My mom thinks we will literally tear the house down. I think we'd get famous from that though."

"Breaking news: The Tenants die from practicing in one of their member's garages," VonFange said.

The group returned to their instruments, worked through "Skinny Boys in Love," "Flowers, Dandelions and Weeds, Oh My" and played "If We're Not Living, We're Dying" once more for a clean finish.

Practice came to a close, and their music dreams were put away until next Saturday.

"My mom thinks we will literally tear the house down. I think we'd get famous from that." Porter said.



photos by elle rauch

LET'S GO GLOBAL *let's go mainstream*

Dec. 9

A Close Call

After the FBI recorded several phone conversations between Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich and his advisors, Blagojevich was accused of attempting to sell President Barack Obama's seat in the Senate for personal financial gain. Numerous politicians advised Blagojevich to resign. The Illinois State legislature voted to begin his impeachment Dec. 15.

Dec. 14

President Becomes Target of Shoe Attack

During a press conference, an Iraqi journalist attempted to hit President George W. Bush with a thrown shoe. Although the Iraqi missed, he faced up to 15 years in prison as potential punishment.

December

Housing Market Frenzy

In 2008 the average house price in the US fell by 15.9 percent. The United Kingdom also experienced a dip of 2.5 percent. Researchers predicted another dramatic drop in 2009 when several buyers returned to the market. The failed real estate situation was one of the topics discussed when organizing plans for a bail out.

Dec. 31

Derailed Retail

Employees in the retail business were hit hard during the Christmas season. In an attempt to attract customers to their stores, retailers had huge discounted sales, longer hours and promotional giveaways. Despite their efforts, purchases were down 2 to 4 percent, causing many stores to close. This has led to a surplus of goods left in warehouses that created a much larger problem for the global economy.

Jan. 5

Wanted

The FBI posted job openings for 850 special agents this year, marking the largest number of job postings for the FBI since the 9/11 attacks. The increased employment opportunities were due to the amount of retiring agents leaving the service.

Fergalicious

Pop singer Fergie and Mr. Josh Duhamel were married at the Church Estates Vineyards in Malibu. Mr. Kid Rock and Mr. Alfonso Ribeiro provided entertainment for the 375 guests that attended both the ceremony and reception. The wedding was a secret; invitations weren't given out until after the ceremony to ensure the secrecy of the date and location.



Jade Hernandez

SHE SAID:

"I think it's sweet. I just think of her as a singer. It's fine if she wants to get married and be happy in life."



Trying Times for Travolta

Actor John Travolta's son, Jeff, was declared dead while in the Bahamas on Jan. 3. The boy had a history of seizures. An autopsy was performed to determine the cause of his death. The family held a traditional funeral. Jeff left behind his mother, father and younger sister.



Anna McTygue

SHE SAID:

"I think everyone should leave their family alone because it's a very tragic time for them and they don't need prying eyes."



Best in Show

During the Christmas break, many new movies opened in theaters, one of them being "Marley and Me." It starred Mr. Owen Wilson and Ms. Jennifer Aniston as a married couple who couldn't manage a troublesome pup. "Marley and Me" was the number one movie in America for two weeks.



Maddie Lundgren

SHE SAID:

"The movie really made me appreciate my dog Biscuit more. I realized the special bond between man and his best friend."



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Alysa Turner
 Riley Uecker
 Claire VanAsdale
 Elizabeth Vater
 Paige Vondenkamp
 Claire Wahrer



Sarah Waller
 Amy Wendland
 Anna White
 Grace Whitley
 Kristen Wieliczka
 Emily Wilson



Sarah Wirtz
 Taylor Woodruff
 Chloe Zinn
Not Pictured:
 Rebekah Austin
 Amy Cosgrove
 Mandi Morrow
 Maura Porter
 Alex Stucky



Palin's teenage daughter gives birth

Ms. Bristol Palin, daughter of former vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin, gave birth to a boy Dec. 27 in Palmer, Alaska. The new mother and father, Mr. Levi Johnston, named their son Tripp Easton Mitchell Johnston. Born at 5:30 a.m., Tripp weighed 7 lb. 7 oz. He took his surname from his father, a previous hockey player on Wasilla High School's team. There was speculation that the pregnancy would discredit Sarah as a religious conservative during the campaign, but instead, she used it to her advantage by rejecting abortion rather than trying to cover her daughter's pregnancy. Bristol and Levi plan to marry after Bristol finishes high school and raise the child together.



Jenny Schorgl

SHE SAID:

"I think [the pregnancy] affected Sarah Palin's candidacy because [Bristol's] 17. But in the defense of the daughter, it's better than having an abortion."

in case you missed it

WINTER WRAP UP

landing flight 1549

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From all of us at US Airways welcome aboard Flight 1549 to Charlotte, NC. Please take a moment to read the safety card in front of you. We hope you have a pleasurable flight.

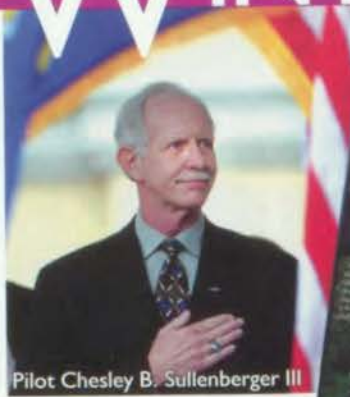
The 148 passengers aboard flight 1549 Jan. 15, heard this preflight safety speech but never imagined its information would be needed less than three minutes later. Their plane, flown by pilot Chesley B. Sullenberger III, later crashed in the Hudson River.

"You really don't practice water landings in commercial airplanes..."

-Denny Walsh, pilot

Shortly after take off, the plane began to glide when birds hit both engines. Sullenberger was told to land at an airport, but it was too late. He guided the plane into the water, just missing the George Washington Bridge.

"I think a lot of people started praying and just collecting themselves," passenger Fred Berretta told CNN. "It was quite stunning."



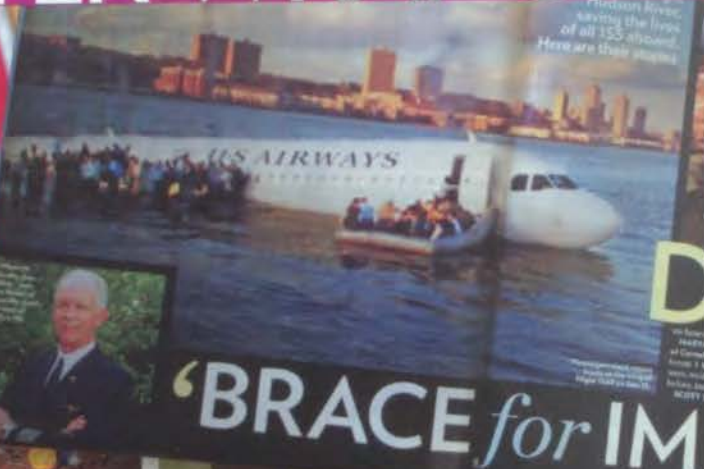
Pilot Chesley B. Sullenberger III



Flight 1549 in the Hudson River after the rescue

Many called Sullenberger a hero for the landing. All 155 aboard survived.

"I don't think there's enough praise to go around for someone who does something like this," former pilot Denny Walsh told CNN. "You really don't practice water landings in commercial airplanes. Just the sheer expertise he demonstrated is amazing."



Ms. Sandy List, left, and her husband Nelson List celebrate after Flight 1549's emergency landing. Sandy List had coworkers aboard the flight.



Zaidi's sister, protests his arrest



President Barack Obama swearing in

WHAT'S HAPPENIN'?

LUCKY LOTTO LADY

Charlotte Peters, a 78-year-old widow in Connecticut, won more than \$10 million, thanks to her late husband. He bought a lottery ticket Nov. 1 but died of a heart attack hours later. The woman didn't check the ticket until two months later and realized she was a millionaire.

ANGRY SHOES

During a press conference in Iraq, Muntathar al Zaidi, an Iraqi reporter, threw his shoes at President George W. Bush Dec. 14. Bush dodged both shoes, and calmly returned to answering questions. He told ABC that it was one of the weirdest things that had happened during his presidency.

A STICKY SITUATION

Across the country, the FDA recalled hundreds of peanut butter products due to an outbreak of salmonella poisoning. The outbreak left at least 550 sick and may have caused eight deaths.

STEELERS SUCCEEDED WITH SIX SUPER BOWL WINS

The Pittsburgh Steelers scored a touchdown in the last 35 seconds of the Super Bowl championship game to beat the Arizona Cardinals 27-23, setting a new record with their sixth title.

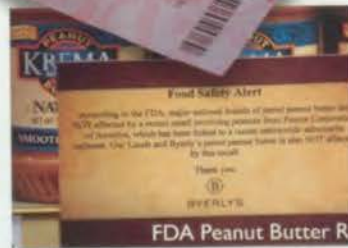
DOUBLE TAKE

On January 20, and on January 21, Chief Justice John Roberts swore in the 44th President Barack Obama. Roberts and Obama mixed up the words the first time, and Obama was sworn into office the following night at the White House.

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lotto ticket



FDA Peanut Butter R



Super Bowl XLIII MVP Antonio Ho

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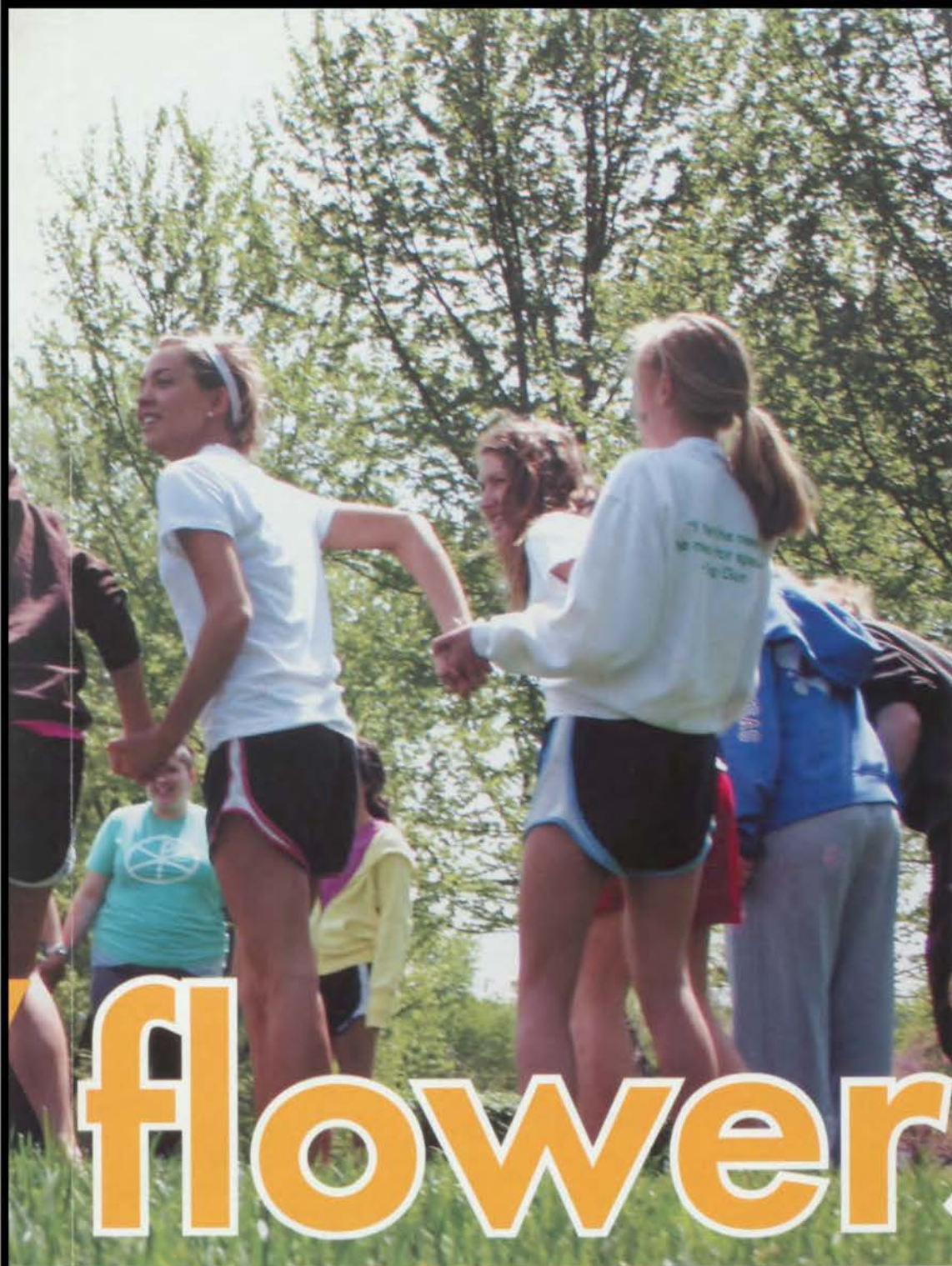
April showers...





We rushed past the trees outside of Donnelly Hall with our noses buried in our sleeves, as we whined about the mysterious fishy odor emanating from the white blossoms. We listened raptly as Ms. Mary Anne Hoecker incorrectly announced who won the penny drive...twice. We pulled on our galoshes and splashed through the puddles outside of the M&A building. We sat on the sidewalk on yard day, the grass still too wet from days of rain to use as a pillow. We shoved our way through the crowd at TNT, sifting through musty books and moth-eaten furniture until we found a treasure all our own in the form of a multi-functional cooler called "Old Style." We watched the final Kairos group pack up and leave on the bus, wondering if we would get to go someday. We donned our skirts beginning April 1 because we were prohibited from wearing "the pant" any longer. We stashed clocks in every spare crevice and high-fived our fellow seniors in triumph when a chorus of alarms went off at 9:09 a.m.





flowers

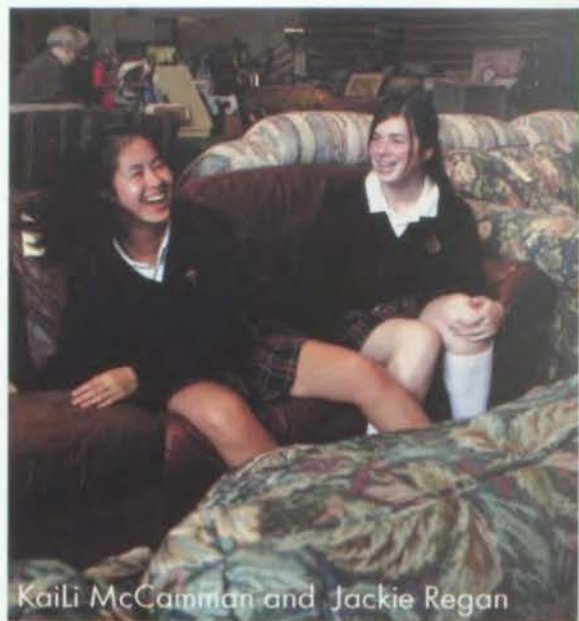


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what's going on this Spring

April 15, 2009

Teachers served students at Culver's on State Line from 5 to 8 p.m as part of an NHS fundraiser in partnership with the fast food chain. Ten percent of Culver's profit made during the 3-hour period, which totaled \$500, was given to STA's Take a Seat Campaign. The sophomore class was awarded free custard for the highest attendance. *photo submitted by debi hudson*



Kaili McCamman and Jackie Regan

April 3, 2009

April 16, 2009

The SADD club organized the annual Grim Reaper Day to raise awareness of drunk driving before the weekend of the prom and junior ring dances. Fifteen students were symbolically "killed" by the grim reaper and could not speak the rest of the day. The girls wore posters around their necks that told stories of drunk driving victims. They also laid out in front of tombstones in the quad after school to represent lives lost. *photo by lauren damico*



Emily Wilson

STA's PASTA organization put on the Trash and Treasure sale April 3 and April 4. The Goppert Center was filled with donated items during the two-day garage sale, also known as TNT. STA students were also treated to a yard day Friday, April 3. *photo by maura lammers*

April 1, 2009

The English department teachers played an April Fool's Day prank on their 15/16 classes. The teachers all posted notes on their doors telling students to go to Mr. Richard Shrock's room. As students crossed the quad the teachers threw water balloons at their students from the roofs of both buildings. *photo by lauren damico*



Mr Eric Thomas and his family welcomed a new baby boy **April 21**. Owen Monroe Thomas was born at approximately 3:21 p.m. at St. Luke's South Hospital. Owen joined Ella Thomas as the second child in the Thomas family. Mr. Thomas took a week off from school to spend with his wife, Ms. Polly Thomas, and their children.

Students enjoyed a yard day in celebration of student appreciation day **April 28**. Students were allowed to spend their frees and activity period outdoors. The event, organized by SCO, included face painting, balloons, popsicles and a game of red rover during activity period.

Seniors Abby Duethman and Kari Price signed letters of intent for college athletics **May 4**. Duethman signed to play basketball at the Maryville University in St. Louis. Price committed to play volleyball at the Loyola University in New Orleans.

Twenty-one members of STA's Model United Nations team competed in the biannual Kansas City Model United Nations tournament **April 22**. Sophomore Emily Strickland earned an honorable mention for performance in her committee, and junior Caroline Thompson was honored for her outstanding position paper.

The class of 2009 wore t-shirts and sweatshirts **April 29** from their college of choice to display where they were headed the next year. The senior class also organized a tailgate in the parking lot that morning before school which included bagels, a game of football and a dance party.

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as time GOES by...

The Dart announced **April 2** that it would publish issues online beginning the 2009-2010 school year. The online paper will be led by web editor-in-chief Sydney Deatherage. Deatherage and a small staff will include the same articles published in *The Dart* as well as additional photos, videos and blogs on the website.

The artwork of juniors Kelsie Fiss, Kathleen McClain and senior Nnedima Anya was recognized at the University of St. Mary 2009 Annual High School Art Invitational **March 29**. McClain was awarded a scholarship to the University for her painting while Anya and Fiss received cash prizes for their entries.

The STA math team competed in the annual KCATM math competition **Feb. 28**. The team placed third overall in the tournament. Senior Lauren Kenner placed first in the senior division while junior Celeste Bremen brought home a first place in the junior division.

Five STA art students were awarded Gold Keys by the Alliance for Young Artists and Writers at the Scholastic Art Awards in the first week of **March**. Seniors Nnedima Anya, Kathleen Gassman and Kelly Younger, junior Rebecca Oyler and sophomore Michaela Knittel were among the 30,000 awarded.

SCO organized awareness day **March 25** to give students more information about topics ranging from child soldiers to animal rights. Instead of going to class, students attended lectures by guest speakers regarding the issues and were dismissed early from school that day.

TOP

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Spring Play 2009

costumes

- 1 The Mummies
(Ellen Gude and Anna Gillcrist)
- 2 Man in Boat
(Ryan Tucker)
- 3 Spanish Singer
(Claire Cirocco)
- 4 Rick
(Julia Barnett)
- 5 The Tour Guide
(Rachel Flattery)
- 6 Lady With a Parrot
(Allie Lueke)
- 7 Socrates
(Julia Barnett)
- 8 Pat
(Sarah Moran)

compiled by caitlin sweeney



1.



1. Before showtime, senior Anna Gillcrist adjusts her wig. In the production of "Exhibit This!" cast members had to play a variety of roles with corresponding costumes and props. 2. Juniors Ellen Gude, left, and Julia Barnett laugh while playing Rick the Agent and the RA. The spring play showed Feb. 19 through Feb. 21. 3. Senior Rachel Flattery delivers a monologue during the Feb. 19 production. Flattery had a lead role as an emotionally unstable museum tour guide. 4. Sophomore Sarah Moran, left, and junior Fritz Hutchison perform Feb. 19. Moran had several roles in the play including a museum visitor and a painting. 5. Posing with musical instruments, junior Jessica Luber; from left, junior Allie Lueke, sophomore Claire Cirocco, senior Anna Gillcrist and junior Ellen Gude take on roles as different fertility gods during the "Fertility God Fugue" scene. 6. Senior Anna Gillcrist, left, and junior Julia Barnett perform the "Oh, Those Antiquities!" scene. Gude and Gillcrist played the roles of a mummified king and queen while Barnett played Rick, their agent. 7. Standing as still as statues, seniors Kate Bohnert, left, and Caroline Campbell take on the roles of Apollo and Daphne as junior Julia Barnett performs the "1-555-HELP-ART" scene.

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exhibiting hard work

understudies stepped up when needed creating cast unity, making progress

story by lane livers design by riley coving



2.

With the bright stage lights shining in her face, freshman Chelsea Birchmier made her first appearance on the STA stage, standing as still as she could. The four or five minutes of the scene passed slowly and her arms began to feel heavy as she balanced a basket on her head and posed as a statue in front of the audience.

The STA drama department performed the play "Exhibit This!" in which the students acted out famous works of art that were found in a museum. Three Rockhurst High School students and six STA students were cast in the play, along with six understudies. According to junior Jessica Luber, she had never been in a cast with so many understudies. Not only was it unusual for such a large number of understudies to be cast, but they were all on-stage during the performances.



3.

"In the past productions the understudies have been involved but not to this extent," Luber said. "For 'Shakespeare Abridged' they got to be on crew by moving sets and helping out, but this time they got to be in costume in front of the audience."

Ms. Shana Prentiss explained that if it was possible, understudies were given some sort of role in the final performances since they put their time and energy into the rehearsals.



4.

Cast member, junior Julia Barnett was forced to sit out almost a week of rehearsals due to Epstein-Barr virus, a disease similar to mononucleosis, and her understudy, Birchmier, began practicing and memorizing Barnett's lines. Senior Rachel Flattery said that although Barnett was missed during rehearsals, Birchmier stepped up and helped the progression of the show.

According to Prentiss, Birchmier adapted well with the cast and was not intimidated.

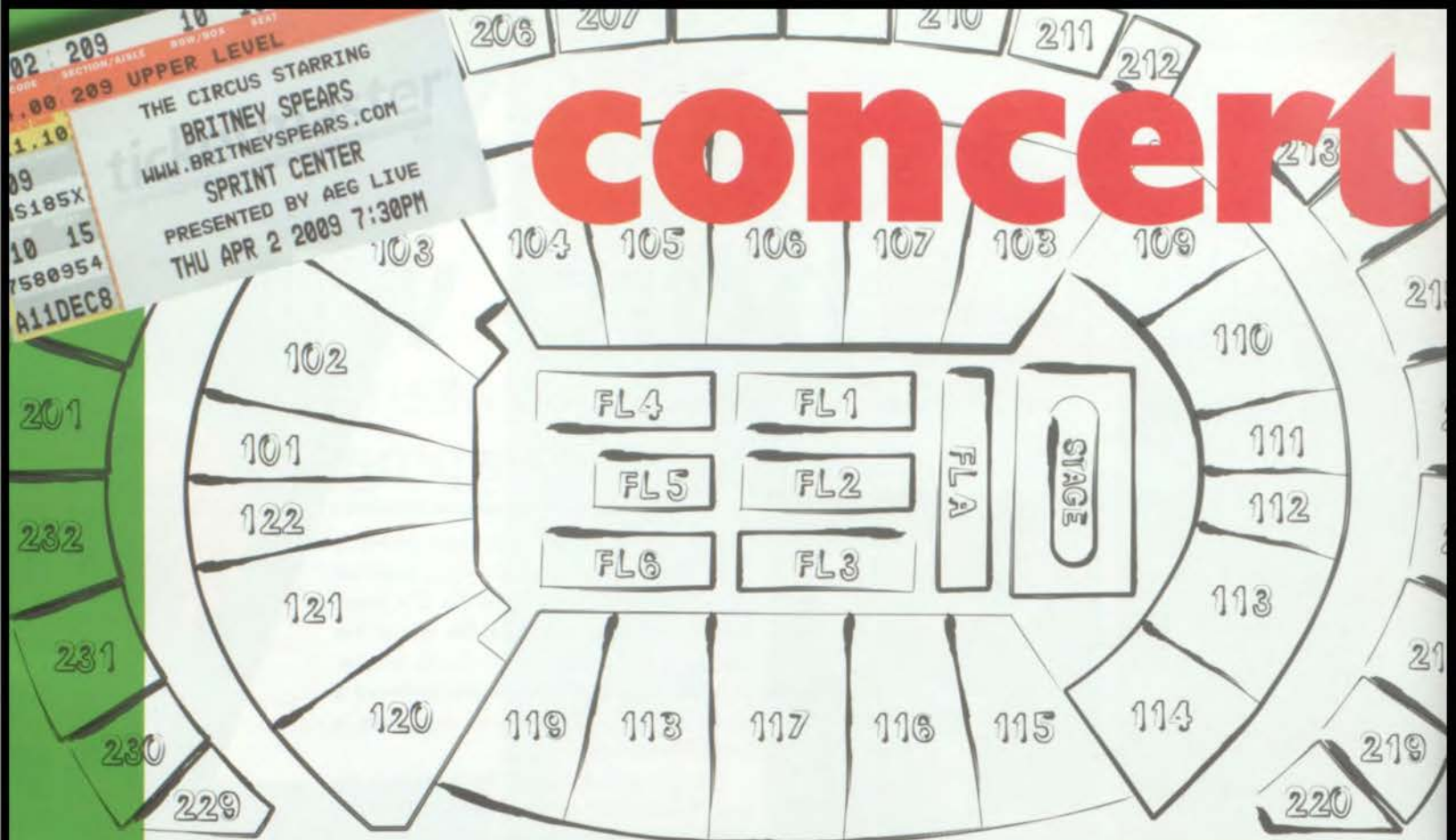
"I was impressed with how quickly she could jump in there," Prentiss said. "She had one day to memorize lines, dove right in and was a trooper."

"In the past productions the understudies have been involved, but not to this extent."

-junior, Jessica Luber



5.



Concert: Coldplay **Ticket Price:** \$60
Location: Sprint Center, Kansas City
Date: Nov. 13
Section: 212 Row: 5 *photo by katelyn devine*



Concert: Britney Spears **Ticket price:** \$150
Location: Sprint Center, Kansas City
Date: April 2
Section: VIP *photo by katelyn devine*

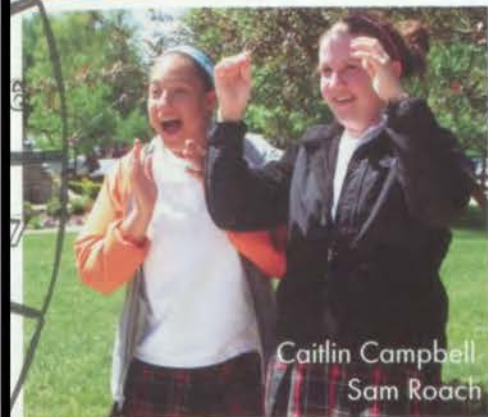
1. Ms. Britney Spears creates a circus atmosphere at the Honda Center, marking her first arena tour in five years April 19 in Anaheim, Calif. Spears toured in 27 cities in the US and performed in Europe as well (Mindy Schauer/Orange County Register/MCT). 2. Mr. Chris Martin, frontman for the rock band Coldplay, performs at the MTV Video Music Awards in Miami, Fla., in August 2005. Coldplay released their latest album, "Viva la Vida or Death and All His Friends" in June 2008 (Carl Juste/ MCT). 3. Lil Wayne performs during the "Lil Wayne: I Am Music Tour World Tour" at Time Warner Cable Arena in Charlotte, N.C. Jan. 2. T-Pain, Ms. Keri Hilson and the Gym Class Heroes were also part of his tour (Jeff Siner/Charlotte Observer/MCT).



Ceri Verble,
Katie Kieffer

craze

Concert: Lil Wayne **Ticket Price:** \$125
Location: Sprint Center, Kansas City
Date: Jan. 9
Section: 1 Row: 3 photo by katelyn devine



Caitlin Campbell
Sam Roach



Musical performances hit the stage at the Sprint Center

story by [caitlin sweeney](#) design by [megan monsees](#)

Senior Ceri Verble was at Sandstone supporting Ms. Britney Spears when the pop sensation visited Kansas City for the first time. Verble also bought each of Spears' CDs when they hit the shelves.

Although Spears hit a rough patch around the release of her album "Blackout," Verble still supported Spears.

But when Verble heard the news of Spears' return to Kansas City, laziness got the best of Verble. She put off buying the long-awaited concert tickets.

The day came. Verble was disappointed she couldn't attend the Spears concert. On the way to school, she played Britney tunes through her car's speakers, wishing that she could be a part of Spears' Circus that night.

After a lousy morning, Verble arrived to Ms. Robin Good's class for christian lifestyles class. While in class, Verble's mother tried to call. Verble panicked, wondering why her mom would be calling during school. After she rejected the call, she received the text: the text that said she would be attending the Britney Spears concert. Senior Katie Kieffer's father had gotten tickets for Verble, Kieffer, senior Ellie Mullane and senior Jaime Henry-White to attend the concert... in the VIP section.

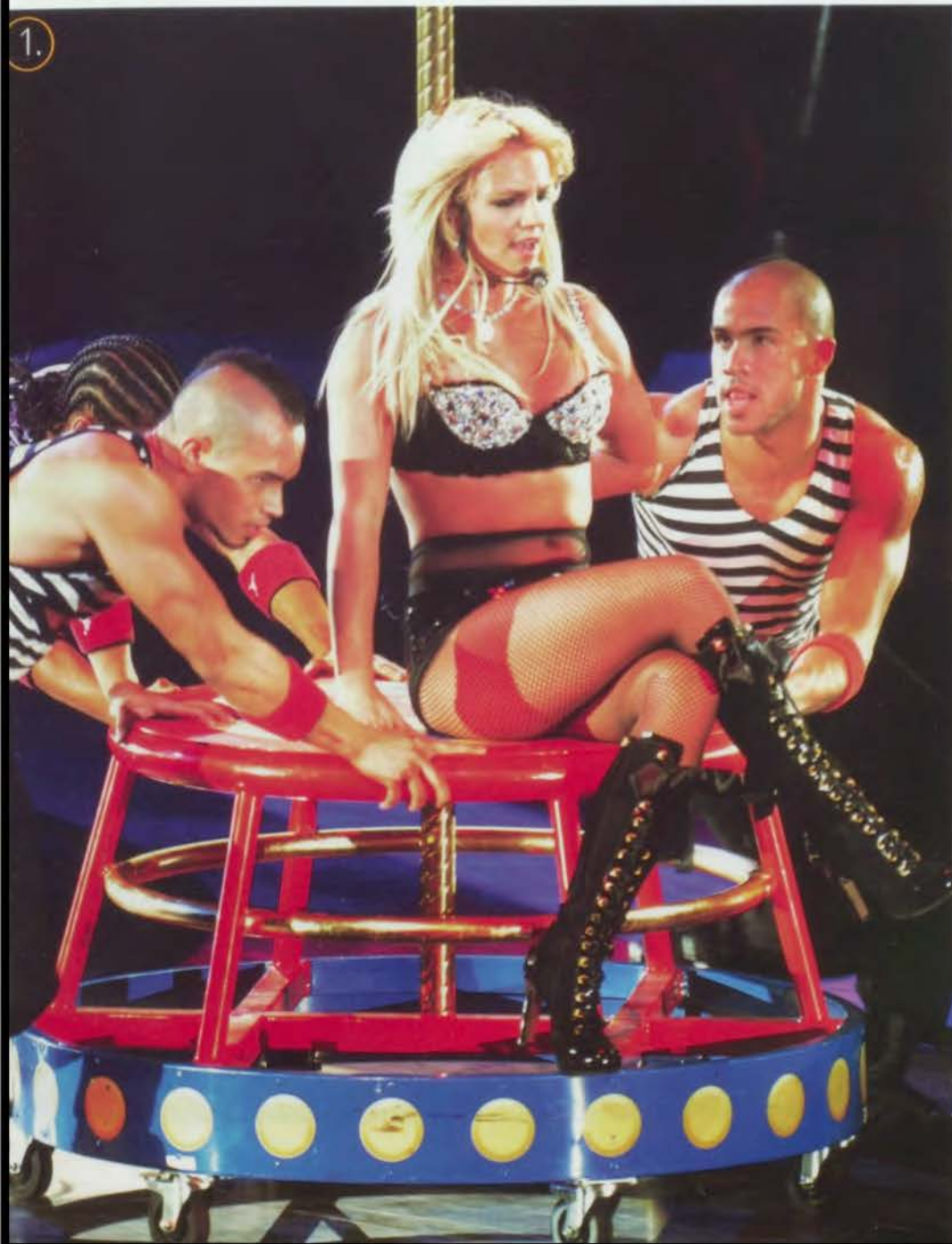
"I was literally bouncing off the wall at lunch," Verble said.

Verble was ecstatic that she could return to see Spears at the Sprint Center.

"I literally thought [Ceri] was going to shave her head she was so happy," senior Kate Duffey said.

Duffey, who was also in attendance at the concert, was happy to see Spears return to the former pop goddess she was years ago.

"It was funny to see her change from her little school girl outfit, to being a mother of two children, to little bald lady, and now to see her as a womanizer," Duffey said. "I'm extremely pumped. Britney's back."





the new K

Kansas City contributes money to make renovations at Kauffman

story by [kerry cummings](#) design by [megan monsees](#)

"LEMONADE LEMONADE LEMONADE!" a vendor yelled as he walked through the aisles of the Kauffman Stadium. It was a place of memories where anyone, no matter how young or how old, could go and have a good time. When the Royals Association decided to shell out \$250 million to renovate the Kauffman Stadium after the 2007 season ended, they relied 36 years of traditions and formed new ones.

"Obviously, the renovations are a really heavy burden for the city financially," junior Kayla Loosen said. "Kansas City's in a tough spot with money right now just like the rest of the country. But I don't know, these renovations are getting people stirred up and excited to see what the Royals are all about this year."

According to an article posted in *The Kansas City Star*, HOK Sport, a Jackson County construction crew, took 10 to 11-hour shifts from the end of the 2007 season through April 10 to complete the stadium for the season opener.

Jackson County agreed to help minimize the cost of renovations by increasing sales

tax 3/8ths of a cent beginning in 2006, raising \$25 million that contributed to the grand total of \$250 million. However, many Jackson County residents resented the burden of these funds, as they were not the only ones who enjoyed the new stadium.

"It's a little bit unfair for strictly Jackson County taxpayers to be the ones to pay for the renovations while a good portion of people in surrounding counties use the stadium just as much," Loosen said.

Despite the taxpayers' relative frustration that accompanied the new taxes, the renovations continued to be a hit big with Royals fans. Moreover, students said they would go to more games, just to see what changed about the Stadium. According to junior Jessica Luber, the stadium's upgrade could help spice up Royals games and attract thousands of more fans.

"I remember last year I went out to a game for the sole purpose of seeing that new 'world's biggest' high-definition JumboTron," Loosen said. "I was hoping to maybe land my face on the kiss cam, but that didn't happen. Anyway, if many [of my friends] and I went out just to see the new JumboTron, then I'm sure plenty more will head out to see the rest."





1. At the entrance of the stadium a banner spans the walkway to recognize the modifications of Kauffman Stadium. 2. Construction crews install the last of the four spheres atop the crown on the scoreboard at Kauffman Stadium March 31 (John Sleezer/Kansas City Star/MCT). 3. As an additional feature, Kauffman Stadium added a new Hall of Fame that displays three retired Royal's players numbers at the top. The Hall of Fame was placed at left field and was due to open in July. 4. Renovation on the outside of Kauffman Stadium includes a new ticket office underneath the offices that stand above. Additional entertainment included a merry-go-round, a jungle gym and a putt-putt golf course. 5. From the parking lot, fans can see the new renovations made to Kauffman Stadium. The project cost a total of \$250 million. photos by caitlin sweeney



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KANSAS CITY ROYALS
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initiative in the english department

Student now becomes teacher

story by [becca sommerhauser](#) design by [jessica ann](#)

The students sat in silence as Mr. Stephen Himes sat behind his desk. The bell rang and Himes stood up. The room became silent as each of the girls' eyes watched their teacher hesitantly. Himes looked around the classroom then called out a name. The girl sighed and shuffled from her desk to the front of the room. She turned, took a deep breath, and began to answer the rapid questions Himes rattled off.

Himes used "lightning strikes" as a teaching method throughout the year. He chose a student at random to lead the entire class in discussion over material that they had read.

"My reasons [for lightning strikes] were that most of my students are beyond having to read and have factual recall answers," Himes said. "That doesn't prove anything at this level."

At one point in the year a lightning strike hit each student. Sophomore Claire Cirocco found her experience of conducting class difficult.

"I wasn't a very good person to lead the class because I am awkward," Cirocco said.

Though Cirocco believed the lesson was uncomfortable, other students had a different impression of lightning strikes. Sophomore Ryan Tucker had her lightning strike over the novel "Things Fall Apart."

"I think it makes material more relatable because you get the point of view from people my own age," Tucker said.

Himes wanted to give each student the chance to improve public speaking skills, think on her feet and hear from students who did not usually speak up in class.

"This will benefit the girl who is really quiet and is terrified of speaking," Himes said.



1. In accelerated world literature class, Mr. Stephen Himes explains the meaning behind Hamlet's soliloquy. In order for the students to comprehend the speech, Himes had the students read the soliloquy line-by-line out loud analyzing each line. 2. Sophomore Sarah Wirtz copies down notes over Shakespeare's "Hamlet." 3. In class, sophomores Sue Seemani, left, and Mary Frey look for the meaning of a term before a class discussion. 4. As sophomore Betsy Tampke reads aloud from the text of "Hamlet," sophomores Libby O'Neil, left, and Leah Miller follow along with the reading. The students often took turns reading the texts or leading class discussion. photos by [becca sommerhauser](#) and [jessica ann](#)

windmoor staff takes the lead



story by [sassy summings](#) design by [jessica gill](#)

With one new moderator, four co-editor-in-chiefs, two junior editors and new staffers, the Windmoor publication appeared to have a chaotic year ahead of them. It began with the new moderator and staffers trying to figure out organization issues. Not long after that, co-editor-in-chiefs, seniors Paige Kuhlmann, Mollie Caffey, Bianca Dang and Lauren Damico collaborated to get everything under control.

"This year everything is much more laid back," junior editor Angelica DeSimio said. "Last year with Ms. Megan Filipowicz everything seemed much stricter but this year we appear to have more freedom with our ideas."

With Ms. Carrie Jacquin making the material selection and Ms. Megan Schaefer teaching them how to use InDesign, the staff had more flexibility with their pages.

"As a new teacher and taking on Windmoor I found myself a bit rusty with everything involving what I needed to do," Jacquin said. "This year I was blessed with four great senior editors who are extremely dedicated to the publication, which helped me a ton with things that I had to do."

With this change, the staff believed that this year was much more productive, especially because it was truly a student-run publication.

"This year Windmoor is so great because so many girls are involved," DeSimio said. "It is a great opportunity to be a part of something at our school and really feel like you get to do something because of the freedom Jacquin granted us."

voices in the crowd

What is your favorite book and why?

Carrie Jacquin,
faculty



Alli Calla
junior



Mari Kerwin,
freshman



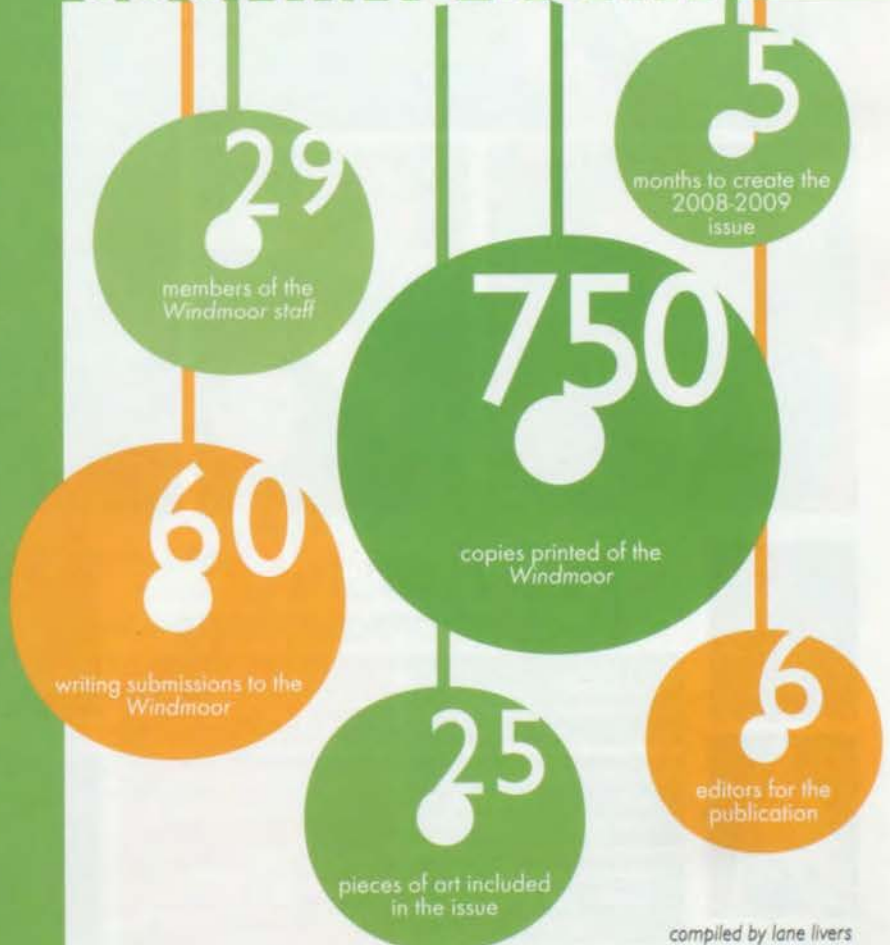
"The Sun Also Rises' by Ernest Hemingway. I love the setting and the character Lady Brett because I just think she's one of the most interesting characters in literature."

"The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants' because I seriously thought when I read the books that I was [the character] Carmen. I literally thought we were twins."

"I like the 'Nancy Drew' series a lot because I like mysteries. They make you think and makes you want to keep reading because of the crime."

compiled by caitlin sweeney

COUNTING DOWN



compiled by lane livers

1. Junior Julia Barnett plays a miniature keyboard while the "zoo" set is put up behind the curtain at the student productions rehearsal. Fellow cast member sophomore Lindsay Girardeau called Barnett's character "the creepiest and funniest thing I have ever seen." 2. While reading through their script at rehearsal, sophomore Grace Bisbee, left, and senior Meg Hart laugh at a line. Most practices held before tech week took place at cast members' or directors' houses. 3. Seniors Ahnna Nanoski, left, and Caroline Quinn perform a scene from "Shenanigans" at rehearsal April 22. 4. As Legolas from "The Lord of the Rings," junior Anne Marie Whitehead tries to get sophomore Anna Rayburn, playing Furby, off of her leg in their show, "Harry Potter and the Island of Pop Culture Rejects." 5. Reading her lines, freshman Martha Ramirez, left, and senior JoEllen Redlingshafer run through their production "Like a Cop Car." 6. Sophomore Emily Strickland, left, and freshman Martha Ramirez star in "Like a Cop Car" April 22. Strickland and Ramirez played two "Lea-hood" cops searching for the suspects of an armed robbery. 7. Crawling on the ground like a lion, sophomore Kathleen Hough, left, nuzzles senior Kylee Burke's cheek. In "Zoo Adventures," after being locked in the zoo, the tour guide, played by senior Haley Vondenkamp, finds the key and frees the tour group. 8. Before going backstage, senior Mollie Caffey perfects senior Rachel Flattery's hair for her role as Howie from 'N Sync. "Come Get It," under the direction of seniors Mollie Caffey and Bianca Dang, was inspired by Aaron Carter's song "Aaron's Party," photos by elle rauch and colleen corcoran



FRESHMAN MARTHA RAMIREZ'S IMPROV

CELL PHONE INTERFERENCES WITH MICROPHONES



SOPHOMORE MARY FRANKE AND SENIOR RACHEL FLATTERY'S DANCE OFF

ONLY TWO PRODUCTION NIGHTS



compiled by colleen corcoran and photos by elle rauch and jessica ann



from freshman to comic

freshman performs in student production to help seniors put on show to remember

story by [katelyn devine](#) design by [riley coving](#)



The lights around the outside of the auditorium went off and a spotlight shone on the stage. The tune of the song "Mrs. Officer" by Lil Wayne filled the room and caused many of the high school girls in the audience to whisper the lyrics and tap their feet to the beat. Flashing lights hit the back wall of the stage as the curtain opened. Gradually laughter drowned out the music as police officer Craig took the stage.

"Surprisingly I was not nervous at all," said freshman Martha Ramirez, who played Officer Craig. "More than anything I was excited and the vibe that came from the audience and the other cast members gave me a rush of energy."

Seniors Sally Nulton, Meg Hart and JoEllen Redlingshafer came up with the idea of the skit "Like a Cop Car" when they were hanging out at Redlingshafer's house. The first thing they did was create the character Craig, who they felt Ramirez played perfectly in the end. Craig was a character that could use a lot of improv to entertain the audience.

The skit was created and the girls did not initially have Ramirez in mind for the main character, but the directors said that the way she performed at the auditions made them to rethink who they wanted. After Ramirez was chosen to play Craig the rest of the cast fell into place. Each person was picked because of their ability to add to their character without the help of one of the directors.

"I wish I could just show everyone the original script, so that people could see how many lines and actions were thought of on the spot," said Nulton. "The best part for us as directors was the fact that we knew our own show was going to be different in some way each time we watched it."



∞...the vibe that came from the audience and the other cast members gave me a rush of energy∞
-freshman,
Martha Ramirez



resolution: debate is in

for the first time, the debate team puts on a live debate at STA's Fine Arts Showcase

story by lane livers design by riley coving

"The topic for this debate is 'this house believes the draft should be reinstated,'" speech and debate teacher Ann Heid said.

After Heid talked a few more moments and sat down, junior Marie Brancato stepped up to the podium, ready to defend her position. As Brancato began, juniors Allie Lueke and Kayla Kratofil whispered and jotted down notes, preparing for their turn to speak. This competition wasn't in front of a judge, though; it occurred in front of peers, friends and family.

Added to the music, art, acting and dancing in STA's Fine Arts Showcase was this live debate. The administration decided to include debate in the program to allow the STA community to have a better understanding of it.

"This year they added [debate] and speech [to the showcase] because they worked so hard and it's something like a sporting event," Heid said. "It's kind of a way for people to put their idea of debate all together."

Also, it seemed to many of the debate students that debate was stereotyped as "yelling back and forth at each other."

"Not a lot of people know the kind of debate we do," Kratofil said. "We want to clear up the misconceptions so people know what we're doing."

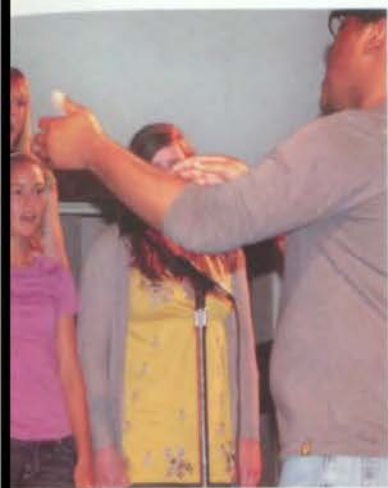
This year the debate class consisted of six students, all of whom went to numerous tournaments when they were only required to go to one.

"[I was impressed with their] enthusiasm," Heid said. "Them wanting to go the extra mile was awesome."

Many of the students had never been involved with debate before 2009, but throughout the season became more confident with both debating and speaking.

"I'm not so shy anymore," Brancato said. "I'm able to get up and state my opinion without being nervous. [Debate] is all about being confident even when you don't know what you're talking about."





1. Junior Kayla Kratofil listens to her opponents, juniors Claire Hansen and Marie Brancato, during the spring Fine Arts Showcase debate. 2. During the Fine Arts Showcase, the concert choir performs their pieces under the direction of Mr. Robert Battle, a UMKC student. 3. Junior McKenzie Miller presents music teacher Shauna Westall, left, a bouquet of flowers at the Fine Arts Showcase. The showcase was Westall's last concert at STA since she is not returning for the 2009-2010 school year. To show their appreciation, the music students pitched in money for flowers. 4. With the dyed pieces of fabric created in fibers and textiles, senior Mary Jantsch and junior Angelique Short pose on the auditorium stage. During the showcase, fibers and textiles students showed their completed work in a fashion show. 5. In the front hall of the M&A Building, juniors Caroline Farchmin, left, and Haley Mize look at artwork. Selected art from various art classes was displayed throughout both buildings. photos by becca sommerhauser and megan wilkerson



HOT or NOT

fine arts showcase



CHOIR PERFORMS SONGS WITH CHOREOGRAPHED MOVES



DANCE STUDENTS WEARING NEON ACCESSORIES

MODELING CLOTHES AND ACCESSORIES MADE IN FIBERS AND TEXTILES

MS. SHAUNA WESTALL DIRECTING HER LAST CONCERT

CURTAIN MISHAP EXPOSES A MODEL WHO WAS CHANGING

GIGGLES CAUSE CHOIR SINGERS TO STUMBLE OVER WORDS



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growth in the science department

Grant gets girls going green

story by *claire vanasdale* design by *jessica ann*

With scattered bins throughout the school, students often found it hard to find a place to recycle empty bottles or aluminum cans. Science teachers Terry Conner and Mary Rietbrock tried to fix that. They applied for a grant, entitled "Making the Black and Gold Green," to improve the school's recycling. The grant focused on providing additional recycling receptacles in more places, giving students more opportunities to recycle.

"Our ultimate game plan is trying to make it easier for the students to recycle," Conner said. "Right now lots of students just throw stuff away if they don't see a bin."

According to Conner, the grant would add two recycling bins to each classroom, one for paper products and one for plastic. In addition, there would be two containers at the end of each hallway to dump the classroom bins into.

Sophomore Katie Pautler agreed that if there were more ways to recycle, then more people would participate.

"I wish there were more bins because I don't like going to look for them," Pautler said.

Pautler recycled regularly, but she wished more people did too.

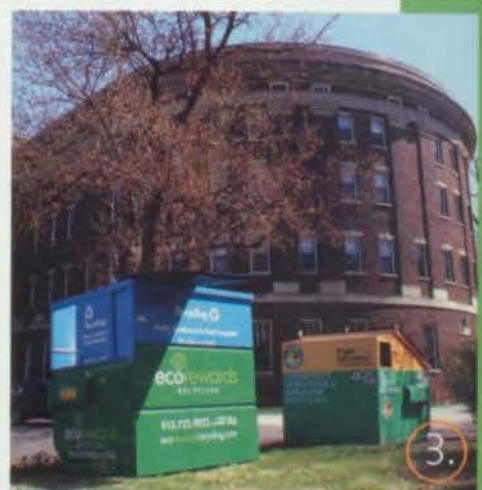
"I wish there were more bins because I don't like going to look for them."

-Katie Pautler, sophomore

"My parents have always recycled, so they taught me to," Pautler said. "Some people waste a lot, and if they had more opportunities to recycle then they wouldn't have to waste."

The push for recycling allowed Conner, Rietbrock and science teacher Mary Montag, to add a second large recycling bin behind the M&A Building. Plastic, cardboard, aluminum and phone books could be recycled with the addition of this second bin.

Conner hoped that by promoting recycling at school, students would lead "greener" lifestyles.



1. A view of the aluminum can and plastic bottle recycling bin in The Commons shows a sparsely filled container. 2. Science teacher Terry Conner discusses the various parts of the "Making the Black and Gold Green" plan. The project focused on providing more recycling bins in classrooms and halls. 3. An acquaintance of Ms. Mary Montag gave a new recycling bin to the school for free. This new bin sat alongside the old one behind the M&A Building. 4. During lunch, junior Katy Crater recycles a Coca-Cola can in The Commons. The recycling can was one of the few containers for aluminum cans and plastic bottles in the M&A Building. photos by *jessica ann*

take a second

big achievements, little recognition

story by *ella laska* design by *andre man*

The Science Quiz Bowl team competed on a citywide level during 2008-2009. In November, the team competed at the Avila University Science and Mathematics Challenge for Young Women and walked away with the overall third place title. They also held the first place position in mathematics and second place in physics.

Regardless of the team's success, few students knew about the program's existence. Sophomore Kirsty McGhie was one of many who knew very little about the Science Quiz Bowl team.

"We never hear about the team, what they are doing, or where they are," McGhie said. "They're sort of invisible."

Team member, junior Nicole Twaddle, agreed that the team did not receive appropriate recognition for their hard work and performance.

"It's annoying how we keep doing so well and no one knows about it," Twaddle said. "I wish people would pay a little bit more attention to us."

The team made efforts to publicize events, but generally team information traveled through word of mouth.

"We put up posters but it seems like no one even looks at them," junior Hillary Johnson said.

However, many team members had faith in the future of the program.

"We just have to keep motivated and practicing," Twaddle said. "It sometimes gets hard but we need to remember that in the long run we have the talent and potential to go someplace."



Freshman Erin Twaddle and Junior Mia Hawkins



with STACY HYMER

compiled by lindsay bowers

on being a science practicum...

What do you do in your biology practicum?

"I set up lab stations, read the lab that I am setting up, perform the lab in my chemistry class, wash the dishes and test tubes [and] fill up the bottles with distilled water and file papers."

What is your favorite part about the practicum?

"I absolutely love being in the lab environment. Whether it is setting up a lab or cleaning up after the lab was performed, it keeps me busy and involved with science. I truly get more work in the lab than any other student does, and I like it because I get more experience. I guess I'm just a nerd."

How will the science experience help you in the future?

"I will have absolutely no questions or doubts about performing a lab. In college, I hope to become a chemical engineer. Working in the lab environment will only help me be more comfortable when I get to challenging classes within the next few years."

COUNTING DOWN



compiled by lindsay bowers

Jasmine Colhour, freshman
 "...Jesus' time because it would be cool to see Jesus... I would like to wear the clothes too because the sandals are pretty awesome."



Jenny Gottsch, senior
 "...Egyptian times, if that's the correct terming, to pretty much just learn about the culture and the mysteries archaeologists are trying to figure out."



Mary Rietbrock, faculty
 "...right now. I am a very in-the-moment type of person. I love everything that I have lived through and wouldn't change it for a thing."



graphic by katy crater

Allison Brennan, senior
 "...the early 1800s. I'd want to go here because before we didn't have as big of problems with pollution."



Shelby Nace, junior
 "...the late 60s would be so cool. That's when my mom grew up and hearing all of her stories makes me so jealous. So many revolutionary things happened in the 60s and I think it would be so cool to have been a part of it."





Mary Frey, sophomore
"...the Civil War Era because my personality fits because people could say 'I feel faint' and leave the room and read a book."

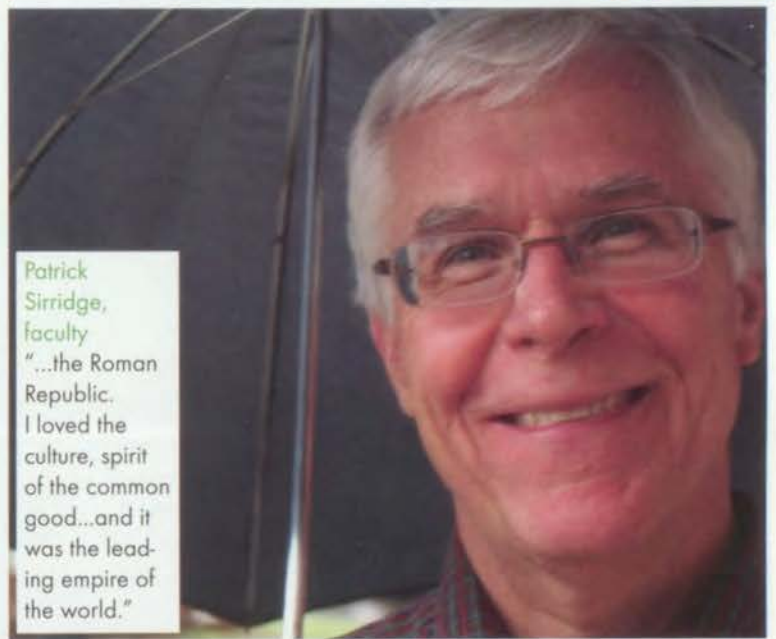


Shayla Sigler, junior
"...the 50s because I really like the music and I really like the culture that surrounded that era."

"If I could live during any era it would be..."

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Patrick Sirridge, faculty
"...the Roman Republic. I loved the culture, spirit of the common good...and it was the leading empire of the world."



Kara Pruitt, sophomore
"...as a cave woman. I think it would be so much fun to live in caves, hunt our food and wear animal skins as clothing. I like the drawings on the walls. I wish there was one of me."



Katie Evans, freshman
"...the Revolutionary War because basically all of our country's history comes from this time. I also like the brass buttons."

photos by [lauren damico](#)

check the schedule

- Grain Valley Relays
- Blue Springs South Invitational
- Turner Invitational
- Miege Invitational
- Belton Invitational
- Archbishop O'Hara Invitational
- Lee's Summit Invitational
- Piper Track and Field Invitational
- Thrower's Showcase Invitational
- Benton Varsity Invitational
- Blue Valley Invitational
- District Track and Field Meet



rising star

lauren scott



Grade: 10

Events: Middle distance runner, 400-meter and 800-meter

Achievements: At Archbishop O'Hara High School Meet: gold medal in 800-meter run, silver medal in 400-meter run; at Belton meet: bronze medal in 400-meter, bronze medal in 800-meter

Favorite pump-up song: "Stanky Leg" by GS Boyz

Game preparation: Ran two laps, stretched, listened to strategy and joke of the day, ran accelerations

“I love to do track. It gets me motivated, in shape, and I love the girls I run with.”

compiled by colleen corcoran



runners downsize to **UPGRADE** smaller track and field team allows for individual development

story by [allie lueke](#) design by [brady essmann](#)

As sophomore Lauren Scott waited at her designated spot on the track during the 800-meter relay, she could hear distant cheers coming from the stands. The second she saw her teammate approaching, Scott began to run. Right as she felt the cool baton slide into her hand, she took off as quickly as she could.

"Once I get the baton I can't think about anything except finishing the race," Scott said. "Holding the baton in my hand is like the best motivation I can have to complete the relay and pull through for my team."

Scott and her team won this race, adding to the track team's record. Freshman Abby Uche felt that the size of the team contributed to its success.

"Since we have such a small team we are able to really focus on individuals and what they can do at practices," Uche said. "This gives us an opportunity to have one-on-one coaching, which is really nice. Also by hav-

ing a smaller team there are fewer distractions while trying to practice which is helpful."

Freshman Jennifer Blake also felt that the size of the team contributed to their positive development.

"Since our team has only 32 people, we have a lot of time to work on PRs or personal records," Blake said. "No one is really concerned about winning medals, we all just try to improve ourselves, and I think by working hard to make ourselves better we are making the team better."

Freshman Alexandria Mediavilla agreed with Blake concerning the benefits of a smaller team.

"The fact that we have a little team may make some people think that we aren't as good and some people may even think that it holds us back," Mediavilla said. "But I think that our team size just makes us work harder and get to know each other better."



1. Coach Ann Bode-Rodriguez consoles sophomore Lauren Scott after she finished her relay race. **2.** Senior Jessica Bales stretches before the 800-meter run. **3.** Coach Amanda James, left, and Bode-Rodriguez, right, announce to freshman Lane Schulte that she beat her personal best time. Schulte was one of the only underclassman to compete in Districts with the varsity team. **4.** Freshman Abby Uche catches her breath after running the 1600-meter run. Uche ran at the Piper Invitational May 5. **5.** Running side by side, senior Jessica Bales, left, and freshman Lane Schulte take a jog around the track during warm-ups. **6.** Senior Leah Barthol waits for the gunshot to announce the start of her 400-meter run. **7.** Reaching back, freshman Lane Schulte gets ready to grab the baton from sophomore Lauren Scott during their relay. Scott's relay team consisted of one sophomore, two seniors and one freshman. photos by [katelyn devine](#) and [colleen corcoran](#)

cradling new TALENT

program adds team to increase opportunity for skill development

story by caitlin sweeney design by brady essmann

As the varsity and JV lacrosse teams traveled to a game at Blue Valley Northwest High School, another team stayed behind at Southwest High School to practice their skills. They started with selecting a partner and passing the ball back and forth, and ended with scrimmaging, which helped the girls learn the rules of lacrosse. The players of lacrosse's developmental team had one goal in mind: to play on varsity or JV next year.

Lacrosse coach Jesse Hanna created the development team in 2008, but 2009 was when the development team received its name.

"One of the reasons to have this team is that the sport is so new in the area, so most of the girls have never seen a game before, let alone ever held a lacrosse stick in their hands," Hanna said. "Also, the best way to learn and improve is to get lots of time playing and lots of instruction and time practicing."

For freshman Emory Hall, who had never played lacrosse before, the developmental team seemed less intimidating.

"I think that the developmental team was a good idea because it sounded less frightening than being on JV or varsity because we knew that we wouldn't be playing the best teams and losing really bad, so it was more fun," Hall said.

Overall, the developmental, JV and varsity teams improved their skills, stats and wins significantly in the 2009 lacrosse season. As a team, varsity beat their single game scoring record of last year with 12 goals against Wentzville. The team agreed their passing and basic skills improved the most.

"We definitely could always find something to improve on," junior Caitlin Campbell said. "I think that... our team could become an extremely competitive team here in the KC area."



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in action



Sophomore Claire VanAsdale

juggles the ball before making a run up the field against the KC Girls in the championship JV game May 9. The team lost in overtime, 6-5. The STA lacrosse program was composed of three teams: development, JV and varsity. Girls on the development and JV squads periodically interchanged between games. The girls not playing for either of those teams permanently remained on the varsity squad. Varsity finished their season with a 5-5 record and ended up in third place out of the three teams participating in the Kansas City Girls Lacrosse Club. compiled by kerry cummings



check the scoreboard

Kansas City
 Wentzville **12-2**
 Columbia **15-4**
 Blue Valley Northwest **2-10**
 Omaha **5-3**
 Blue Valley Northwest
 Kansas City
 Columbia **12-4**
 Wentzville **9-4**
 District tournament:
 Blue Valley Northwest



1. Freshman Lucy Edmonds, center, and sophomore Molly Meagher rush a Blue Valley Northwest High School opponent May 9. **2.** Laughing during practice May 6, sophomore Kathleen Hough pokes her fingers through her mask. The lacrosse team practiced at Southwest High School. **3.** The JV lacrosse team gets fired up before playing in Omaha, Nebraska April 25. Both varsity and junior varsity beat the Omaha teams despite the cold and rainy weather. "[We huddle] as a team before games to pump us up," junior Ellen Gude said. "And sometimes we throw in random words like 'crumpet' and 'jai ho.'" **4.** Racing down the field cradling the ball in her lacrosse stick, senior Erin Nelson avoids her opponents during a game May 11. **5.** Freshman Brie Sandridge, left, talks with assistant varsity coach Holly Ambrose during practice April 9. **6.** Senior Emily Orndoff, right, participates in a draw during her lacrosse game May 9. A draw was a method of restarting play that consisted of both players pulling and turning their sticks during a 'face-off'. photos by megan wilkerson and lane livers

Freeze Frame



junior varsity - Freshman Brie Sandridge focuses on throwing to a teammate during practice April 6. Many girls, including Sandridge, played on both the development and JV teams throughout the season. "I really liked playing on both teams," freshman Christina Barton said. "I was able to get a lot out of the experience by seeing how the team worked." compiled by kerry cummings

development - Freshman Hannah Wolf catches the ball while doing the star drill during practice. Wolf, along with the other members of the development team, struggled at the beginning of the year because they played against all JV teams. "Everyone was just running around and didn't know what they were doing," freshman Cassie Odneal said. "But toward the end everything got better and we were in it together." The developmental team ended their season with a record of 0-3. compiled by kerry cummings



team misses season

GOAL

lack of experience, team dynamics lead to frustrations, losing record

story by [meghan penland](#) design by [brady essmann](#)

Starting down the long soccer field, junior Maegan Kelly faced what could be her final opponent of the season. Lee's Summit North stood in Kelly and STA's way of a District championship.

However, the soccer team eventually went on to lose 1-0 to Lee's Summit North. And throughout the year, the Stars compiled a record of 8-17.

"It was a rebuilding season," junior Mary Warwick said. "We had a lot of injuries, and lacked players with experience and team chemistry."

The 2009 soccer season began with senior Paige Kuhlmann tearing her meniscus, causing the team to lose one of two senior players. Later, the team lost its second senior, Caitlin Boger, after she received a concussion.

"I was prepared for whatever," Kelly said of the season. "We didn't have the same caliber

of players."

Because of senior injuries, freshman player Megan Lewis and sophomore Molly Kenney were bumped up to varsity, permanently replacing Boger and Kuhlmann. Freshman Megan Lankford also started most games.

"I definitely think they stepped up," Warwick said of the new players. "They met the challenge and even though their inexperience did not help, they played really well."

Due to fewer players, the team sometimes became frustrated with each other, according to Warwick.

"We yelled at each other," Warwick said. "It definitely did not reflect well on the team."

Although the players did not work with each other as well as they had in the past, Kelly felt the season was not a total waste.

"We did well for what we had this year," Kelly said.



2.

rising star

ava jurden



Grade: 9

Position: Midfielder, forward on varsity

Years playing: Since kindergarten

Funniest sports moment: Walking off the field after the conclusion of a game, sophomore Cele Fryer fell in front of a big crowd of people

Favorite pump-up song: Anything and everything

Game preparation: Listen to music, team warmups

"The team struggled but we started to play better. Next year we'll be a stronger team with more upperclassmen"

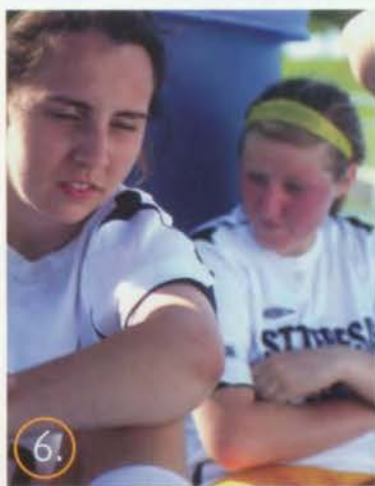
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check the scoreboard

4th Olathe Northwest Tournament **1-2 record**
 4th MO-KAN Classic Tournament **1-2 record**
 Blue Springs **1-0**
 St. James Academy **2-2**
 Lee's Summit West **3-5**
 Lee's Summit North **2-5**
 Smithville **0-1**
 St. Pius X **1-0**
 Shawnee Mission East **2-3**
 Burlington Tournament of Champions **1-2 record**
 Blue Valley Northwest **1-2**
 Notre Dame de Sion **1-0**
 Liberty **4-8**
 Aquinas **1-4**
 Blue Valley North **0-1**
 Blue Valley West **0-6**
 District Tournament: Blue Springs South **5-0**
 District Semifinals: Raytown **3-0**
 District Championship: Lee's Summit North **0-1**

Freeze Frame



junior varsity - Freshman Katelyn Ehrnman prepares to kick the ball during a soccer game vs. Shawnee Mission East High School April 27. The JV team finished the 2009 season with a 6-4-4 record, starting out strong yet falling short as the games wore on. "We played well as a unit until our last week, during which we tied or lost our last five games," Tracy Burns-Yocum said. "We were doing well before that though."
compiled by allie lueke

freshmen - Freshman Emily Holt, left, shields the ball from teammate Annie DeRuyter during a drill emphasizing footwork at practice. The freshman soccer team finished the season with a 10-3-2 record. Freshman McLaren O'Rear felt that the team had a successful season that reflected in their results. "I think we did an overall good job despite our few problems with injuries and stuff," O'Rear said. "I'm really proud of what we were able to do with the troubles we had."
compiled by allie lueke



1. As the ball bounces into the air, junior Katelyn Devine keeps a close eye on it in preparation for a header. 2. From left, freshman Megan Lankford, sophomore Emily Cox, freshman Katie Beirne, freshman Megan Lewis, sophomore Caroline Gray, sophomore Karson Kuhlmann, junior Katelyn Devine, sophomore Cele Fryer, and junior Taylor Brown wait for head coach Scott Siegel to give a halftime talk. The Stars, led by Siegel, finished the season with a 8-17 record. 3. Freshman Megan Lankford, left, and junior Elizabeth Wilson clear the ball from the Stars' end of the field while on defense. 4. Sophomore Sophia Garozzo prepares to put the ball into play May 8 against Notre Dame de Sion High School. 5. Keeping the ball in check, junior Maegan Kelly, left, and sophomore Caroline Gray face oncoming attackers as they head upfield May 18 in the first round of the District tournament. The Stars defeated Blue Springs South High School, advancing to the semifinal game against Raytown High School. 6. Up 3-0 as halftime begins in a game against Blue Springs South May 18, sophomore Molly Kenney, left, and junior Maegan Kelly take a break with a comfortable lead. 7. Head coach Scott Siegel, left, congratulates junior Taylor Brown on making a good play during the first half of the game May 18. photos by megan wilkerson, claire vanasdale and brady essmann

clubs

design by mary jantsch

sadd



Eva Copeland

Moderator: Mr. Richard Shrock

Officers: President Elizabeth Wilson, junior; Vice President Anne Marie Whitehead, junior; Secretary Megan Caffrey, junior; Treasurer Anne Schwartz, junior

Activities: Grim Reaper Day, promote smart decision-making

"Ba bom...ba bom..." The sound of heart beats echoed through the classroom as a figure dressed in black walked through the door to claim its victim.

This event, hosted by the Students Against Destructive Decisions, or SADD Club, was an annual occurrence before senior prom. The "Grim Reaper" chose a random student to "die" during each class period. The student spent the rest of the day in silence and wearing a sign that told the story of a real life victim of drunk driving. At the end of the day, the students laid in the middle of the quad covered in black sheets to symbolize their death.

According to junior and club member Lauren Paszkiewicz, "Reaper Day" served as a reminder for students to be smart in regards to illegal substances.

"It's a reminder for everyone to make smart decisions," Paszkiewicz said. "We want students to realize that their choices can impact others, not just themselves."

story and photo by *lane rivers*

dance



Meg Hart

Moderator: Ms. Andrea Skowronek

Officers: President Mallory McDonald, senior; Vice President Meg Hart, senior; Secretary Mallory Sweatt, senior; Treasurer Marisa Raimo, senior; Events Coordinator Samantha Barker, senior

Activities: sponsored City in Motion dance company

In years past the STA Dance Club performed during the Fine Arts Showcase in the spring. This year they decided to change their main focus to sponsor a performance by the City in Motion dance company.

For 30 minutes every other Thursday Dance Club met and discussed and planned the City in Motion performance. For the other half of activity they would discuss different dances, techniques and work on short combos.

City in Motion performed eight different dances each choreographed by one of the dancers April 8 during activity one and two.

story and photo by *kerry cummings*



Anna McTygue

model u.n.

Moderator: Mr. Richard Shrock

Officers: President Jessica Ann, junior; Vice President Allison Paricich, junior; Secretary Taylor Irwin, junior; Treasurer Maura Hinken, junior

Activities: fundraiser for people in need in foreign countries

Assigned country...check. Researched basic information on country...check. Placed on a committee...check. Typed paper...check. Go to Model UN tournament...check.

After hours of searching websites, writing papers and attending meetings, Model UN's diligent work payed off, not only when they attended the tournament but also in understanding international issues.

"I think one thing Model UN is trying to do is solve important global problems," Model UN moderator Richard Shrock said. "It's important to know about the world and get that global perspective. It's also a fun way to do it."

story and photo by **caitlin sweezy**

book club

Moderator: Ms. Jacquelyn Hershewe

Officers: Co-Presidents Veronica Miller and Sarah White, seniors

Activities: meet and discuss novels every month

For over 10 years Book Club was a place for students to gather who love to read. With only seven members it was one of the smallest clubs, but according to moderator Ms. Jacquelyn Hershewe, the small number of girls gave the club a more casual feel.

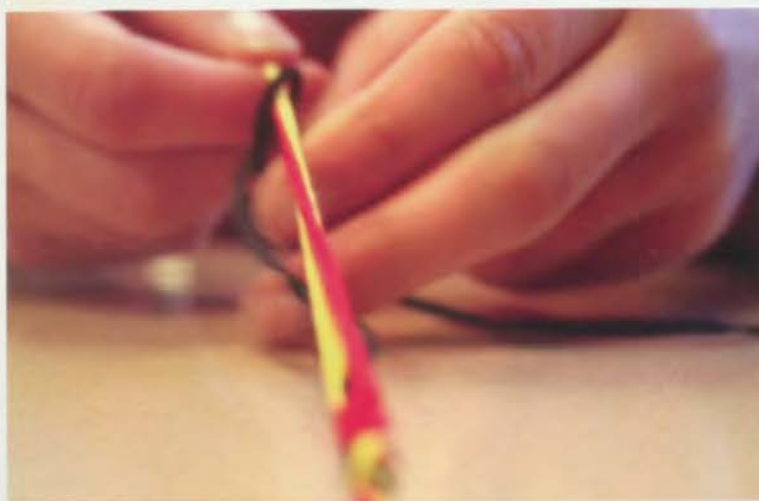
Book Club had been a part of STA even before Hershewe became the librarian 10 years ago. Club meetings occurred monthly in which students selected novels to read, and then discussed books designated in prior meetings. According to junior and first year member Abby Schleicher, one person usually led the discussion.

"I like being in a smaller club because you can be more active," Schleicher said. "If you want to have a role, you can, and you're allowed to have a say in more things."

story and photo by **lane livers**



Abby Schleicher, Molly Torrence, Rachel Turgeon, Sarah White, Veronica Miller, Veronica Bacc Bonivento



art club

Moderator: Ms. Lisa Dibble

Officers: President Crysta Henthorne, senior; Vice President Clare Odegard, sophomore; Secretary Anna Rayburn, sophomore; Treasurer Elise Pavicic, sophomore

Activities: accessory sale, host guest speakers, art shows, show documentaries

In the spring, STA's campus was known for the bright colors that popped up in the quad, but it had even more color this year with the bright headbands and earrings students were sporting.

One of Art Club's fundraisers was to hand-make headbands and earrings to sell to students.

The sale was such a success that the club wants to repeat it next year. Sophomore Clare Odegard thinks that activities such as this help mix art into the everyday STA community.

"We want to integrate more art into STA because we are mostly sports oriented," Odegard said.

story and photo by **becca sommariva**

jcl

Moderator: Ms. Sue Marquis

Officers: President Margaret Schneider, senior; Vice President Kylie Hambeck, senior; Secretary Sydney Deatherage, junior; Treasurer Sue Seemoni, sophomore

Activities: collect canned goods for Harvesters, attend conventions

Some may say "Latin is dead" but STA's Junior Classical League doesn't think so. JCL attended state and national conventions honoring Latin and Greek since Latin teacher Sue Marquis started the club in 2006.

"[The conventions] promote community, and I think it shows Latin is still alive," Marquis said. "It makes people want to join Latin."

The conventions include dressing up in costumes, certamen [jeopardy], tests and more. Senior Laura Peterson, a state officer, believed that there was more to the conventions than just the language though.

"I just like getting involved," Peterson said. "You get so much more out of it than Latin. You meet so many new people."

story by **caitlin sweezy** and photo submitted by **laura peterson**



Kate Bohnert

1. While junior Elizabeth Wilson, left, greets president Nan Bone and receives her ring, junior Micah Wilkins walks off stage with her new class ring and rose. The junior ring ceremony had to be rescheduled for April 5 due to a snow storm the weekend before. 2. Juniors Maggie Dunn, left, and Ellie Hart pause their dance moves to greet each other at the junior ring dance April 18. 3. Posing for a picture with their new class rings, juniors Tess Distefano, left, and Laura Yerardi smile for the camera. After the ceremony in the auditorium, friends and family of the junior class were invited to The Commons for refreshments. 4. Taking a break from dancing, juniors Kelly Fitzpatrick, from left, Katelyn Devine, Megan Wilkerson, Avery Adams, and Elizabeth Wilson sit on the steps in The Commons. The junior ring dance is the only dance held in the school cafeteria. 5. In The Commons, juniors Rosie Hodes, left, and Kelly Gude from Notre Dame de Sion High School dance the night away. For this dance, some girls opted to bring their girl friends from other schools. 6. Junior Madeline O'Rear, left, shows off her new class ring to junior Emily Quatman April 5. photos by elle rauch and katie kenney



flashBACK



RING REMINISCING President Nan Bone remembers feeling the excitement of ordering her class ring from Jostens and then walking across the stage to receive it. Unlike today where the president gives the juniors their ring at the ceremony, Bone's mother presented it to her. The presentation was more of a blessing than a ceremony, but it had the same effect.

"It was the same feeling our juniors have now," Bone said. "Everyone was getting their rings and sticking their hands out to show their friends." compiled by *claire vanasdale*

handing down legacies

junior learns meaning of tradition
through mother's high school ring

story by colleen corcoran design by riley coving

She arrived at the dinner table just like any other night. She found a rose accompanying her place setting as her family greeted her. Atop the red rose sat a ring. Junior Tess Distefano did not yet understand what the ring was there for, nor what it symbolized. Little did she know, the 28-year-old ring would soon teach her the meaning of tradition.

Distefano's mother, Ms. Laura Duchardt, decided to pass her STA junior ring on to Tess as part of her family tradition. Similarly, Duchardt's mother went to an all-girls school in Wichita and passed her ring on to her daughter.

"[Receiving her ring] meant so much to me," Duchardt said.

Duchardt, class of 1982, was one of ten children and one of six girls, all of whom attended STA.

"Being the youngest of ten children, we were responsible for paying our own education cost," Duchardt said. "The ring symbolizes for me a great accomplishment as well as pride in being an alum of such an outstanding academic institution."

It was natural for Duchardt to continue this tradition.

"When I had a daughter, I knew I wanted her to go to STA and have my ring," Duchardt said. "I believe it makes you feel special as the recipient and proud as the parent passing on the tradition."

When Distefano received the ring, it became a special symbol of tradition for the two.

Distefano was happy to receive her mother's class ring.

"I really like it, I feel like my mom would trust me with it and I know it means a lot to her," Distefano said.

Distefano was excited to have two gold STA rings adorning her fingers. Her mother's was decorated with cubic zirconium and hers with diamonds. The rings were marked with the two's initials: LJD and TED. Among these mere differences, the symbol of tradition stood out.

"When I had a daughter, I knew I wanted her to go to STA and have my ring."
-alumna,
Laura Duchardt



juniors

Avery Adams
Jessica Ann
Brittany Asta
Veronica Bacci-Bonivento
Alexis Banks



Julia Barnett
Quinn Beisser
Shanese Bell
Anna Blanck
Louisa Blevins



Lindsay Bowers
Marie Brancato
Celeste Bremen
Taylor Brown
Elaina Brownlee



MY LIST



Laura Yeradi

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Junior Laura Yeradi lists her favorite things about STA, from teachers to places on campus

Laura Yeradi

- STA auction sweatpants
- star cookies
- climbing the stairs
- teachers
- grading scale
- frees



"My teachers ...are really smart and helpful. They know a lot about the subjects they teach and are really fun and interesting."





Megan Bryde
Tracy Burns-Yocum
Megan Caffrey



Alli Calia
Caitlin Campbell
Lauren Christensen



Eva Copeland
Riley Cowing
Katy Crater

bathroom in the basement of M&A
"I think the basement of M&A bathroom is the worst because it leaks all the time and smells nasty."



"My friends are one of my favorite parts of STA because they can make me laugh and have a good time. Just being able to be around them is really nice."



Ms. Alice Amick's advisory
From left, front row: Alex Radtke, Emily Cox, Maddie Dang, Katie Beirne, Libby Kieffer. Middle row: Megan Lewis, Elizabeth Vater, Morgan Sold. Back row: Kari Price, Laura Yeradi, Brady Essmann, Ellie Edelman, Haley Mize, Sarah Schulte.

revealing QUESTIONS



compiled by colleen corcoran

taking pride in her work

Junior Marie Brancato worked the cash register at one of her father's Pride Cleaners during the school year twice a week

WHAT IS IT LIKE HAVING YOUR DAD AS A BOSS?

It's good and it's bad. It's good because I can go to him more and feel more comfortable. Bad because he's harder on me and expects more from me.

HOW MANY PRIDE CLEANERS DOES YOUR FAMILY OWN?

28.

WHAT DO YOU DO?

I work behind the counter, I get clothes off the rack and ring people up.

WHAT IS YOUR UNIFORM?

Nice black pants and a Pride Cleaners shirt.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN WORKING THERE?

Since the beginning of December.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT WORKING AT THE PRIDE CLEANERS?

I get to see all different kinds of clothes.

WHAT IS YOUR LEAST FAVORITE THING ABOUT WORKING AT THE PRIDE CLEANERS?

Tagging in all the clothes. It takes forever putting them in the computer.

HAVE YOU HAD ANY EMBARRASSING MOMENTS?

Yes, one guy kept asking me tons of questions and I didn't know one answer.

HAVE YOU EVER GOTTEN IN TROUBLE FOR SOMETHING YOU HAVE DONE AT WORK?

We are supposed to get email addresses [from clients] so we can send coupons, and I didn't get three of them so I got a warning notice.

DO YOU HAVE A HABIT THAT YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO DO?

We aren't supposed to play solitaire or anything, and I used to play it a lot, and now we can't play it. Or talking on the phone. We're not supposed to talk on the phone.

matching

Everyone writes a different way in their notebooks, planners and assignments. Can you match the handwriting?

JESSICA LUBER



1. Teresian

a.

ANNA GIGLIOTTI



2. Teresian

b.

COURTNEY WATKINS



3. Teresian

c.

MOLLY FOX



4. Teresian

d.

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the SECRET

LIFE

of Katie Schmitt

story by elle rauch design by allison pericich

From the moment she saw the detailed and exotic animations she was immediately hooked. Her eyes were glued to the television screen as she intensely watched her older brother's favorite show, growing more curious by the second. She quickly realized that what she was watching was no ordinary cartoon; it was called anime, a style of animation developed in Japan. For Junior Katie Schmitt, anime was nothing like she had ever experienced.

"I just thought anime was really awesome," Schmitt said. "It is so much better than American cartoons because of how much it varies. Anime ranges from all different age groups and all different perspectives."

The first time Schmitt saw an anime cartoon

was with her brother, Peter Schmitt, when she was 12 years old. Katie and Peter no longer watch anime together now that he is at college, but her interests have by no means faded.

"I mainly watch anime clips on the internet or check out manga from the library," Katie said. "I probably check out 20 to 25 manga volumes every month."

Katie's appreciation for anime developed into two similar hobbies—manga and fan-fiction. Manga is Japanese art in the form of a comic, and fan-fiction is when fans are able to write short stories for anime cartoons and manga comics.

"I like the creative freedom," Katie said. "With fan-fiction I write [the cartoon] as I

I hope to bring to STA a different outlook on the [Japanese] culture, Schmitt said.



Maggie Dunn
 Brady Essmann
 Caroline Farchmin
 Kelsie Fiss
 Maggie Fitzgerald
 Kelly Fitzpatrick

Maddy Fox
 Molly Fox
 Anna Gigliotti
 Ellen Gude
 Claire Hansen
 Ellie Hart

Mackenzie Hatfield
 Laura Havey
 Mia Hawkins
 Lauren Heermann
 Maura Hinken
 Rosie Hodes

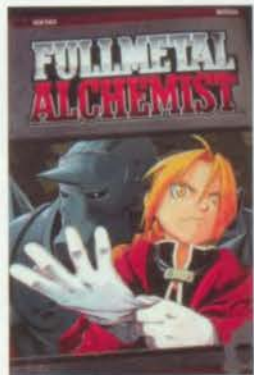
drawing up Japanese cartoon club

wanted it to be.”
 Katie considered these anime volumes and internet clips more complex than typical American cartoons.

“[Japanese] characters are much more defined,” Katie said. “There is a greater attention to detail and more specific personalities. You never see the same thing twice.”

Katie believed her hobbies were exciting ways to learn about Japanese art. She hoped to incorporate these ideas into the STA community by starting an Anime Club.

“I hope to bring to STA a different outlook on the [Japanese] culture,” Schmitt said. “I just want the club to have a lot of fun with it and enjoy the exoticness of a whole different culture.”



photos by megan wilkerson



Katie Schmitt



revealing QUESTIONS



compiled by colleen corcoran

laying down the law

Junior Kayla Kratofil defends teenagers from around Kansas City as a youth judge

WHAT IS KANSAS CITY YOUTH COURT?

“It’s a diversion from Jackson County that assists juveniles who have committed misdemeanors in the Kansas City area who are not likely to re-offend.”

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A PART OF KCYC?

“I became an attorney during the summer after my freshman year and prior to this school year, I became a judge.”

HAVE YOU DEALT WITH ANY UNUSUAL CASES?

“We deal with a wide range of cases from shoplifting to marijuana possession. I’ve had shoplifting cases ranging from \$700 worth of alcohol to 10 cents worth of candy.”

WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT BEING A PART OF THE YOUTH COURT?

“It offers a second chance for the kids and a second chance for a fresh start.”

WHAT ARE THE PUNISHMENTS FOR OFFENDERS?

“We can assign up to 50 hours of community service and refer them to classes.”

WHAT SORT OF TRAINING DID YOU HAVE TO BECOME A PART OF THIS COURT?

“I took part in two hour-long training courses, passed the bar exam and eventually I was sworn in.”

DO YOU PREDICT YOUR FUTURE WILL INVOLVE LAW?

“Law is one of my many options. I do like judging more than being an attorney.”

WHAT IS YOUR LEAST FAVORITE PART ABOUT THE KCYC?

“Dealing with the kids that have attitudes.”

Kayla Hogan
Kylie Hornbeck
Stacy Hymer



Taylor Irwin
Hillary Johnson
Samantha Johnson



Maegan Kelly
Sarah Kindscher
Rachel Knox



Dec. 12

Junior Samantha

Waeckerle described her dream from the night before in Mr. Craig Whitney’s 3/4 current events class to the girls sitting near her.

“I was singing the song ‘Big Butts’ in my dream all night last night and it was only one line over and over again: ‘little in the middle but you got much back.’” Waeckerle said. “Maybe it means something.”

Sept. 10

Junior Jessica

Luber, Ms. Katie Dolan and her American literature class discussed different types of underwear. “I can never find nude in my shade,” Luber said.

Dec. 11

In a debate class, juniors Kayla Kratofil and Claire Hansen discussed car seating arrangements. “I do not sit in the backseat,” Hansen said. “Why not?” Kratofil said. “I just don’t, okay, I just don’t,” Hansen said.



Margaret Koppen
 Kayla Kratofil
 Grace Krause
 Stephanie Lane
 Shelby Langtry



Lane Livers
 Kayla Loosen
 Jessica Luber
 Claire Mahoney
 Cierra Marzett



Kathleen McClain
 Sadie McCue
 Jordan Miller
 McKenzie Miller
 Shaughnessy Miller

that's what SHE said

*compiled by katelyn devine,
 allison perich, kerry
 cummings and brady essmann*

Oct. 20

While watching a Rockhurst High School soccer game juniors Brady Essmann and Elizabeth Wilson discussed headers. "Don't head butts hurt?" Essmann said. "I would assume but I have never done one," Wilson said. "What do you mean?" Essmann said. "You have to do them like every soccer game." "Oh! You mean a header!" Wilson said. "Oh! That's what they are called!" Essmann said.

Oct. 1

During 9/10, a group of juniors were sitting in Mr. Richard Shrock's room, watching Junior Courtney Watkins make a sign to ask her date to Teresian with a bag full of lifesavers. She said, "I'm making a sign to ask Bryan Jantsch tonight. The sign is going to say, 'Will you be my lifesaver and go to Teresian with me?' Does that sound like I'm desperate?"

Sept. 29

During activity II, junior Sarah Kindscher complained to friend Jordan Miller about how her advisor, Mr. Matthew Bertalott, always lets her advisory out late for lunch. "Sometimes in advisory, I'll pretend I'm Moses and say 'Mr. Bertalott, let my people go!'" Kindscher said.

Sept. 10

Juniors Allé Scott and Shayla Sigler recalled a past time during lunch. "Do you guys remember when Chloe [Watters] was choking on food last year during lunch and someone kept hitting her in the stomach?" Scott said. "Allé wasn't that you?" Sigler said. "Yeah well do you remember?" Scott said.

Haley Mize
 Ali Morgan
 Shelby Nace
 Casey O'Flaherty
 Claire O'Neill
 Madeline O'Rear



Rebecca Oyler
 Lauren Paszkewicz
 Allison Pericich
 Jennifer Platten
 Mollie Pointer
 Emily Quatman



Michelle Reichmeier
 Colleen Riley
 Sam Roach
 Nina Salazar
 Katie Schmitt
 Anne Schwartz



class of 10





Allé Scott
Becky Seese



Kara Sharp
Katie Sharp



Tori Shaw
Angelique Short

matching

The junior class loves to accessorize. Can you guess which piece of jewelry belongs to who?

<p>1. CROSS NECKLACE</p>	<p>a.</p>
<p>2. FIVE PIERCINGS</p>	<p>b.</p>
<p>3. WATCH</p>	<p>c.</p>
<p>4. CLADDAGH RING</p>	<p>d.</p>

KATHLEEN McCLAIN
"I literally haven't taken it off since I got it except for the time I had to change the band."

CLAIRE MAHONEY
"I got it from Browns downtown which is an Irish store. I really liked it because I'm 75 percent Irish and I wanted something that represented my heritage."

JORDAN MILLER
"I wear it almost every single day unless I have a game. My grandma gave my sister and I both [this piece of jewelry] along with earrings."

SHAYLA SIGLER
"I never go without an earring. [My ear] feels blank. The gold ones I wear were my great grandma's so I wear them everyday."

compiled by allison perich

2013 JUNIORS



1. In The Commons, juniors Michelle Reichmeier and Shelby Nace share a salad for lunch. 2. On Halloween, junior Madeline O'Rear surprises junior Tess Distefano at lunch. O'Rear was dressed as a flamingo. 3. Juniors Avery Adams and Brady Essmann laugh in The Commons after eating their lunches. 4. Juniors Claire O'Neill and Taylor Irwin snuggle in the College Resource Center after browsing through potential colleges. O'Neill plotted to surprise Irwin by tickling her, and Irwin was angry when O'Neill woke her up. 5. During an AP history class, juniors Anne Schwertz and Kelsie Fiss joke around. photos by kerry cummings, lane livers, becca sommerhauser and katie sharp

that's what SHE said

Oct. 29

During activity II, juniors Cierra Marzett and Shelby Nace discussed positions for their CYO basketball team.

"I want to be point guard, like Michael Jackson!" Marzett said. "You mean Michael Jordan?"

Nace said.

"Oh, yeah him!" Marzett said.

Oct. 8

In Ms. Alice Amick's room during midday advisory, junior Katie Sharp questioned freshman Alex Radtke concerning ways to freak out her upcoming eighth grade shadow.

"Alex do you have a shadow tomorrow?" Sharp asked.

"Yes, I do," Radtke replied.

"Then maybe I won't shower tonight..." Sharp concluded.

Sept. 20

Junior Claire O'Neill decorated a page in her assignment notebook.

"Sorry, I ate your mom. Love, I am a mimbal Bob."

Nov. 5

During a publication night, junior Kayla Loosen admitted her character flaws. "What is my life coming to?" Loosen asked herself. "I just typed in facebook to get to my email."

Dec. 9

While sitting at the lunch table, junior Jennifer Platten discussed her bottled-up contempt toward Ms. Britney Spears, after the singer's concert canceled due to rumors of a lopsided stage a few years back. "That concert was never refunded and it never got rescheduled," Platten complained. "I was so mad!" "She went insane," junior Lauren Thompson said. "Give her a break."

Oct. 24

During a discussion about students' own personal images of God in Mr. Matthew Bertalott's social concerns class, junior Claire Mahoney shared her own. "I think of God as a mix between Jesus and Dumbledore," Mahoney said.

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Shayla Sigler
Becca Sommerhauser



Hope Stillwell
Kristina Strader



Anna Svoboda-Stel
Caitlin Sweeny



the **SECRET**
LIFE



Anna Svoboda-Stel



Caroline Thompson
 Lauren Thompson
 Nicole Twaddle
 Samantha Waeckerle
 Mary Warwick
 Courtney Watkins



Chloe Watters
 Kelsey Wendland
 Anne Marie Whitehead
 Kat Wiens
 Megan Wilkerson
 Micah Wilkins



Elizabeth Wilson
 Gaby Wilson
 Rachael Winslow
 Laura Yeradi

of Anna Svoboda-Stel

a weary welcome

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It had been a full 24 hours since she had last slept. Walking off the airplane after a 15-hour flight, her face indicated motion sickness, fatigue swelled in her eyes and nerves pulsed through her body. She stepped away from the terminal and into the bustling airport entry, scanning the swarms of people hoping to catch a glimpse of the stranger she was to spend the next six weeks with.

The Sweden airport was unfamiliar to junior Anna Svoboda-Stel. After going through customs she stood in the middle of crossing traffic noticing the clean-cut wooden architecture and numerous windows that lined the airport hallway, features different from the one back in Kansas City. She waited among the crowds for her foreign exchange host family to come and find her. She searched the huddles of people hoping to find a family vaguely familiar from the pictures sent to her. After several minutes of waiting she knew they were not there.

Trying to suppress her anxiety, she acknowledged that she was going to have to go find them. Unable to speak more than two words

of Swedish, she was entirely on her own. With no cell phone or means of communication she went to the bathroom to regroup, hoping the trip would help her to relax. Exiting the bathroom she noticed other passengers walking towards the baggage claim; she followed.

She quickly retrieved her luggage and then once again waited timidly, hoping this was where she would be found. She stood alone, luggage beside her, thoughts mixing through her head.

"What if I don't like [my host family]?" Svoboda-Stel thought to herself. "What if they're annoying? What if they don't know English?"

After 20 minutes, she realized once again that they were not coming.

Picking up her bags she journeyed through a neighboring door once more to find her host family. As she walked through the door frame she finally felt relief. There she was, her host mom, the familiar stranger she had been emailing for months. The 45-minute panic was over and now she could focus on the fact that she was actually standing in Sweden.

What if I don't like [my host family]? What if they're annoying?
 Svoboda-Stel said.



photos by elle rauch

LET'S GO GLOBAL

let's go mainstream

Feb. 10

Stimulated Controversy

Both the House and the Senate passed President Barack Obama's stimulus plan. The plan included creating jobs, improving roads and bridges, helping schools and giving more money to states. This plan was controversial because many members of Congress thought there was unnecessary spending in the bill.



Feb. 27

Finally Leaving

At Camp Lejeune in North Carolina President Barack Obama announced that he planned to pull a large number of American soldiers out of Iraq by August 31, 2010. At least 50,000 soldiers will remain in the country to help train Iraqi troops and work on smaller missions.



March 2

Stocks in a Slump

Investors' hopelessness about finances and the recession brought the Dow Jones industrial average to another distressed milestone: its first drop below 7,000 since 1997. Although the market's slide wasn't the largest point drop or percentage decline since last fall, the tumble below 7,000 was nonetheless painful.



March 3

Korean Conflict

North Korea built a missile capable of shooting a warhead to Alaska. United States government officials closely monitored their actions and proceeded with caution. North Korea threatened to attack any country that stopped them from their research and development. No word was released on North Korea's plans for the missile.



March 15

T Minus 16

The Discovery space shuttle finally took off after a lengthy delay from Kennedy Space Center in Florida. The crew was in space for a 14-day mission to the International Space Station during which they installed software in laboratories and conducted four space walks. Nasa has eight more flights planned to finish the construction on the station.



Brown's Battery

Los Angeles police arrested R&B singer Chris Brown Feb. 9 for allegedly beating up a woman. The victim was later identified as pop star Robyn Rihanna Fenty. Sources said Brown beat Rihanna after they fought in his car following a pre-Grammys party. By March 2, the couple was back together after spending time apart.



Ellie Hart

SHE SAID:

"It makes me really sad and I know it's a really hard decision for her and she might still love him but she has the responsibility to set an example for all girls in abusive relationships."

Winslet Wins

Actress Kate Winslet won her first Oscar for best actress after five previous nominations. At the age of 33, she became the youngest actor of either gender to receive six Oscar nominations. Winslet received the award for her performance in "The Reader." She portrayed a survivor of a Nazi concentration camp.



Maura Hinken

SHE SAID:

"I think for such a young age, with all of the accomplishments she has, she'll be famous for a long time. And let me just say, I am obsessed with her accent!"

Remembering Richardson

British actress Natasha Richardson died March 18 after sustaining a head injury while skiing at the Mount Tremblant Resort in Quebec, Canada two days before. She appeared in films including "The Parent Trap" and "Widows' Peak" as well as Broadway shows like "Anna Christie."



Lauren Christensen

SHE SAID:

"I'm very, very, very upset. She was my favorite part of 'The Parent Trap' and I wanted her to be my mom! I feel bad for her family, it's just so sad."

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The class officers

KATY CRATER
president

"A lot of times we met in Ms. Good's office. We figured out who was going to be at the [Junior Ring] ceremony and what they were going to do. We thought it'd be interesting to have people sing so we're having some of our grade's singers sing. We really want to show people our class so we asked Laura Yeradi to play the piano."

JESSICA LUBER
secretary

"Sophomore year whenever they were telling us to run, I didn't really think I was going to run or anything but then I thought about how I hadn't really done anything for my school, but I'm good at taking notes and being attentive so I thought I'd be really good at it so I ran and I won surprisingly. I was really excited because I really wanted to do something for our class."



ANNE MARIE WHITEHEAD
vice president

"I think [being an officer] will help me remember my class and the people in it because it helps me feel more connected with my class. I feel like I can give back to them and be a bigger part of [the class], not necessarily to be in the spotlight or be important but just because I feel like people come up and talk to me more. They know I represent them."



KAYLA HOGAN
treasurer

"[I ran for treasurer] because I didn't really do anything last year and I just remembered that we were going to be electing people and I was like hey, I should run and I didn't think I was ready for president or vice president and I'm not really the secretary type person. I don't really like taking notes so I was like hey, I should be treasurer. I was like, what can I not do."

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From the Slums to Success

"Slumdog Millionaire," a movie based on the book "Q&A" by Vikas Swarup, premiered in the United States Nov. 12. The film's story centered on a young man from the slums of Mumbai who appeared on a version of the show "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?". His great success on the show aroused the suspicions of the game show host and law enforcement.

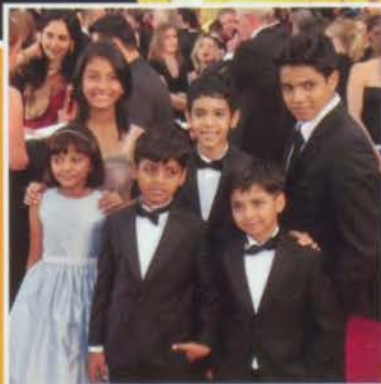
Co-directed by Danny Boyle and Loveleen Tandan, the movie won numerous awards including eight Academy Awards, five Critics' Choice Awards, four Golden Globes and seven BAFTA Awards. The film won the most Academy Awards, including Best Picture and Best Director, of any film in 2008.

SHE SAID:

"I liked how it showed the different social classes. It deserved to win a lot of awards because it was put together well."



Elaina Brownlee



Though we had a great deal of trouble spelling our names phonetically, we still made our mark on STA history. We defined our class with the quirkiest humor and were always up for a good laugh (or rave). So, should we still be considered the...



the dis-uh-p



1. JoEllen Redlingshafer, Sally Nulton and Jennifer McLiney founded the Junior Varsity Dance Team 2. Rachel Turgeon created a Harry Potter Club 3. Alexis Taylor-Butler and Casey O'Malley started the Anime Club 4. Kirsten Hyde won State for individual in choir 5. Mollie Caffey had artwork displayed at First Fridays 6. Kathleen Gassman received a Gold Key in the Scholastic Art Awards for printmaking 7. Lauren Kenner placed second out of over 1000 contestants at the KCATM math contest 8. Caroline Quinn was granted a full-ride academic scholarship to Smith College 9. Emily Orndoff and Mandy Prather won second place out of 110 teams at a debate tournament



10. Linny Kaufman was announced as a National Merit semi-finalist **11.** Ceri Verble and Marisa Raimo planned the grade-wide scavenger hunt around Kansas City **12.** Abigail Duethman and Caitlin Boger committed to play basketball and soccer at Maryville University and Indiana State University **13.** Jaime Henry-White received honorable mention from the NSPA for photography **14.** Anna Gillcrist was nominated for a Blue Star award for acting in 2008 **15.** Lauren Bly was accepted into the United States Military Academy at West Point **16.** Chelsea Beaven organized a Powderpuff game versus Notre Dame de Sion for the first time to benefit charity

The titles of valedictorian, salutatorian and Academy Woman are the highest honors students can receive at STA. The nominees represented the greatest minds, the strongest values and the most influential leadership in the senior class. These girls were honored at...

the academy awards



Paige Kuhlmann
Valedictorian



GPA: 4.638
College attending: John Hopkins, Vanderbilt or MU
Anticipated Major: Biochemistry or Biomedical Engineering
Favorite Classes: college composition and latin
Favorite Teacher: It's a four-way tie
Worst Grade: A-
Quote me: "Stretch yourself to the limit: study, do service, participate in extracurriculars, join clubs, party—do it all."



GPA: 4.626

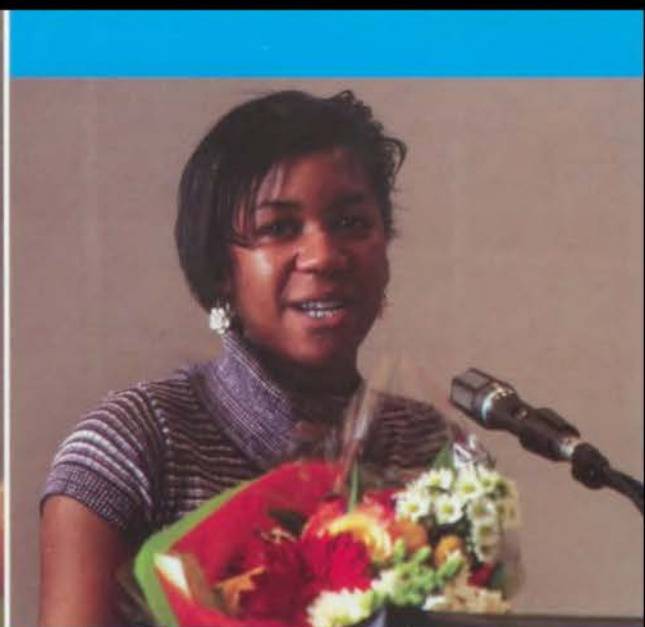
College attending: Oregon State University
Anticipated Major: Chemical Engineering
Favorite Class: AP Government
Favorite Teacher: Ms. Sue Marquis
Worst Grade: B+

Funniest moment in class: The first time Mr. Pat Sirridge called her "Marge" during AP Government. "The first time he called me Marge he made me feel so special," Schneider said.



Margaret Schneider
Salutatorian





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STA's spectacular 60

The Academy Woman award celebrated its 60th anniversary in 2009. Fourteen past recipients were invited to attend the assembly March 26, including the first winner, Ms. Martha Head. Viewpoints from the past and present mingled as the Academy Women shared favorite memories of STA.

Sherie Wallace class of 2009

"[In American Lit class last year] Ms. Dolan started making jokes about Mr. Thomas because he was using her classroom earlier. But all of a sudden we got a knock on the door and Mr. Thomas walked in... When he left it was like a blast of laughter [in the class]!"



Ms. Martha Head
class of 1949

"After school we would drink Cokes and eat double vanilla ice cream cones down in the cafetena, just laughing and talking about our day. We should've been big as blimp!"



Ms. Jane Growney Kieffer
class of 1980

"We actually had yard days everyday! One of the sisters would walk across the quad and yell, 'Right angles, girls!' because we would always be lying down on our backs trying to get some sun."



Ms. Claire Hickey
class of 2008

"One of my favorite memories was when I was on varsity crosscountry team junior year and we won the KC Metro meet... I just remember it being a really special day."



1. Seniors Jaime Henry-White, left, Sherie Wallace and Katie Kenney embrace after president Nan Bone announced that Wallace was the Academy Woman for the class of 2009. **2.** While president Nan Bone reads a passage from Jaime Henry-White's essay about what STA means to her, Henry-White smiles. **3.** Senior Katie Kenney grins as she, Henry-White and Wallace wait to hear who received the Academy Woman award during the all-school assembly March 26. *photos by elle rauch and maura lammers*

pro



menadin'

masked seniors come together for their last dance as students, class

story by allie lueke design by sally nulton and katie kenney

Prom Checklist: Dress, group, transportation, shoes, mask, cheesy smile, and a lot of energy. Check.

Corsage? Date? Not necessary.

The class of 2009 broke tradition with a new approach to a classic event.

The highly anticipated senior prom was held April 17 at the Little Theatre downtown. Attended by the majority of the senior class, the dance was the most innovative of the four STA dances students attended.

Senior Gabriella Garozzo was one of the girls who thought STA's 2009 Prom was different from any other dance she attended.

"No one in my group wanted to do flowers, like a boutonniere or a corsage," Garozzo said. "I love flowers and was insistent upon doing them...I got to [my date's] house, masks in hand, to find his hands wrapped around a corsage. I forgot mine...I soon realized it didn't matter. Flower or no flower we were going to prom and we were going to have the time of our lives—and we did."

Girls also mixed it up, choosing to go to prom without dates and vetoing traditional long prom dresses by wearing shorter styles. Senior Katelyn Schleicher felt that shorter dresses were a new twist to prom.

"Everyone always thinks about wearing over-the-top ball gowns to prom," said Schleicher. "But at STA we were really different in that a lot of the girls had shorter ones. They looked just as fabulous and were probably not as hot!"

The decorations committee also changed the

centerpieces by using Facebook pictures from the student's high school years and placing them on the tables at which they were seated.

"I don't think any other prom has used Facebook pictures before, and it was really fun to see pictures of yourself from like forever ago," senior Brittanie Cali said. "It made me really think about my time at STA and was really unique and cute."

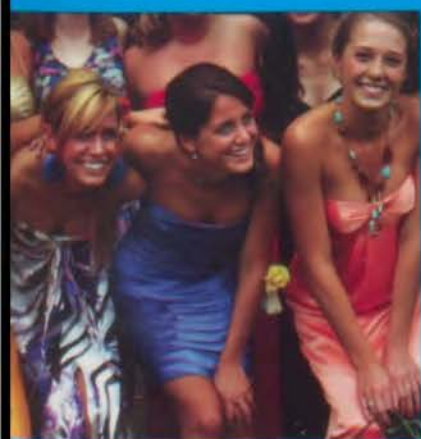
Despite the fact that the dance floor was noted to be slippery and that the music was dated, the majority of the class found the dancing to be the best part.

"The dancing was crazy at prom," senior Abby Duethman said. "It was by far the best dance at STA. I wanted it to be amazing, a final bonding experience with my class and it definitely was."

"The dancing was crazy at prom. It was by far the best dance at STA."
-senior,
Abby
Duethman



1. Senior Elizabeth McNamara follows the chosen "Masquerade" theme and shows off her mask at pre-prom April 17. 2. Seniors Gabriella Garozzo, from left, Katie Gaasman, Maggie Steinert and Jennifer McLiney smile for pictures outside of STA following pre-prom in the auditorium. 3. Bishop Mingie High School senior Sean Fleming, left, and senior Meg Hart, pose for a picture on stage in the auditorium after Mr. Pat Sirmidge announced their names. 4. Rockhurst High School senior John Hoefer, left, and his date senior Samantha Barker dance to "The Thizzle Dance" by Mac Dire. 5. Stealing photographer Megan Wilkerson's sunglasses, senior Mary Jantsch makes a statement while the pictures were being taken. "Smiling was getting old," Jantsch said. photos by megan wilkerson and ale rauch graphic by katy crater



seniors

Julia Amaya
Tatiana Ambrose
Nicolette Anderson
Erin Andres
Kaitlin Arnold
Amanda Backer



Mackenzie Beisser
JoEllen Belcher
Cristin Berardi
Marin Berardi
Lauren Bly
Caitlin Boger



Kylee Burke
Maggie Burke
Mollie Caffey
Brittanie Cali
Caroline Campbell
Emily Cappo



the SECRET LIFE of Haley Doyle

Haley Doyle



Haley Doyle



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Her arms shook with the sand and water beating down on her back. The moments passed by slowly, every second lasting for what seemed like a year. Despite her desperate attempt to hold the position, her arms sunk deeper and deeper into the beach that was now a pit of quick sand.

"I can't hold on much longer!" she shouted, her body on the verge of collapse.

This was no ordinary day at the beach for senior, Haley Doyle; this was sea trials at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md.

Only minutes before the trials began, Doyle stood dry on the banks of the Severn River.

class of 09



Samantha Barker
Leah Barthol



Kate Bohnert
Allison Brennan



Mikaela Casey
Jeannette Cieszykowski

Oct. 15

Seniors Abigail Duethman and Mary Jantsch sat in Ms. Katie Dolan's room eating their lunches during lunch activity.

"I think I am going to throw up," Duethman said.

"Why?" Dolan asked.

"There is a worm on my broccoli and I have eaten three broccolis already which means I have eaten three worms already!" Duethman said.

"It's protein!" Jantsch said.

Nov. 12

Senior Kate Bohnert discussed her family plans in models of faith class.

"I want an even number of kids so that way everyone has a partner to ride with at Worlds of Fun," Bohnert said.

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Sept. 26

Senior Clare Connealy posed a question to Ms. Anita Reznicek during world faiths class.

"How do you avoid diabetes?" Connealy asked.

"Diet and exercise," Reznicek said.

"Dang it..." Connealy mumbled.

Dec. 1

Senior Rachel Flattery talked with senior Meg Hart in a free. "Johnny Depp is hot!" Hart said.

"I saw him in Louisiana!" Flattery said.

"You did?" Hart asked.

"No it was a look-alike," Flattery said.

that's what
SHE
said

Dec. 1

"I don't care if it has to be my Christmas present, I want my mom to buy a full page ad in the yearbook," senior Bianca Dang said.

"I want everyone to see how cute I was when I was a baby. I was a child model!"

"Do you have a portfolio?" senior Caroline Quinn asked.

Sept. 26

"What cut Rome in half?" senior Mollie Caffey asked as she retold a joke from her Western Civilization class. "A pair of Caesars."

a link in the chain, bearing the strain

However, like the other USNA visitors, she dreaded the eight grueling hours of physical testing ahead of her. In a matter of seconds a whistle would sound, a commander would bark a command, and Doyle would complete a task that, by most standards, seemed humanly impossible. Although anxious, Doyle welcomed the challenge; success would bring her closer to accomplishing her dream of attending the Naval Academy.

But until the eight hours ended, she was still at the mercy of her commander.

A grimace stretched across her face, as her eyes welled up. She waited for her turn to crawl through the human tunnel, when she

would finally be able to relax her muscles. Until then she would have to hold her position on all fours. The tears about to overflow, she yelled again, "I can't do it much longer!" Every tendon, muscle and joint had reached its maximum level of exhaustion. Doyle had nothing left.

However, this time a response met her cry for help. Despite their own physical pain, the friends of Doyle's unit on either side of her leaned in to take the pressure off of her arms. The minutes passed by a little quicker as her turn drew nearer. Finally her time came, and she exited the tunnel finishing the challenge with her squadron beside her.

revealing QUESTIONS



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DO YOU HAVE ANY INTERESTING RITUALS IN THE MORNING?

WHAT'S THE WEIRDEST THING ANYONE HAS EVER SAID TO YOU?

IF YOU COULD HAVE ANY SUPERPOWER WHAT WOULD IT BE?

WHEN YOU WERE LITTLE WHAT JOB DID YOU WANT TO HAVE WHEN YOU GREW UP?

IF YOU COULD MARRY ANYONE DEAD OR ALIVE WHO WOULD IT BE?

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE SONG? WHY?

WHERE'S YOUR FAVORITE PLACE TO GO FOR FREES?

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT GOING TO STA?

Heart to Hart

Senior Meg Hart answers exposing questions and gives insight into her life

“I just get up, get dressed, and yell at my mom and say, ‘put the bagel in the toaster!’”

“A strange man/boy from Omaha once told me I was the mother of an illegitimate monkey child named, Chim Chim Whapadang.”

“I wish that behind my eyes there was a special laser that could allow me to change my food into different things. Every time I was eating meatloaf I could change it to Mickey D’s or if I was eating an apple I could change it into Chipotle. It’d be called ‘The Changing Power.’”

“I wanted to be a lifeguard because I loved the show ‘Baywatch.’”

“I am an official Claymate so this question requires me to make my answer Clay Aiken.”

“‘The Final Countdown’ by Europe. The introduction reminds me of JoEllen [Redlingshafer]’s afro shaking in the wind on Ward Parkway.”

“I go to the piano room on the third floor to improve on my ‘Chopsticks.’”

“Everyone at STA brings their own personalities and when we’re all together it’s always fun.”



Phyllis Cole
Alexis Collins
Clare Connealy



Lauren Durie
Maddie Effertz
Lauren Evrard



Kathleen Gassman
Anna Gillcrist
Jenny Gottsch

“I was walking through the quad and all the sudden [Jenny Gottsch] started to close her eyes. I led her to class like she was blind, laughing the entire way.”



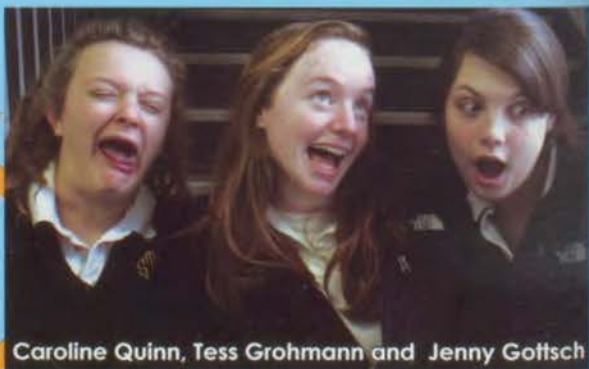
lead a blind friend through the quad

leave during activity to get lunch with friends



Kylee Burke, Tess Grohmann

make lifelong friends



Caroline Quinn, Tess Grohmann and Jenny Gottsch



Lauren Damico
Bianca Dang
Katya DiTirro
Haley Doyle
Abigail Duethman
Kate Duffey



Molly Fakoury
Nicole Fisher
Rachel Flattery
Anna Franke
Lee Fryer
Gabriella Garozzo



Lindsay Gray
Tess Grohmann
Meg Hart
Jaime Henry-White
Crysta Henthorne
Alexandra Heule

MY LIST

Tess Grohmann

Tess Grohmann checks off what she has done during her time at STA



- take the secret staircase behind the vending machines in The Commons to beat the madness in the crowded stairwells after lunch



- attend Star Seminar during freshman year

- hang out in Ms. Julia Berardi's office for frees

- get a nose peircing and hide it for an entire semester



- create a dress to be entered into a National Scholastic Art Contest for fibers

- sneak past Ms. Nancy Hand with an ice cold soda from the teacher's lounge

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Tess Grohmann

matching

Many seniors at STA have catch phrases. Can you guess who each catch phrase belongs to?



1.

KATYA DITIRRO



2.

ALEXIS COLLINS



3.

CASEY O'MALLEY



4.

ANNA KRUGH

a. phrase used: "NUH UHHHHH!"
how: increases in pitch as emotion rises

b. phrase used: "I was like 'Oh my gosh!'"
when: explaining her reaction

c. phrase used: "Just wondering..."
when: before asking any question

d. phrase used: "Hey girl!"
when: greeting any classmate with a smile

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Victoria Heule
Elizabeth Howard



Anna Krugh
Paige Kuhlmann



Kelsey McCormick
Erin McDonald



Sept. 24

During an algebra II class, senior Maura Lammers came in and took a seat without paying attention. "All right, girls," Ms. Barbara Harris said to the class. "Today we're checking homework with whoever's sitting next to us." Lammers looked to her right and saw an empty seat. Then she looked to her left and saw senior Casey O'Malley. "You can choose a different seat if you want," O'Malley said flatly.

Feb. 2

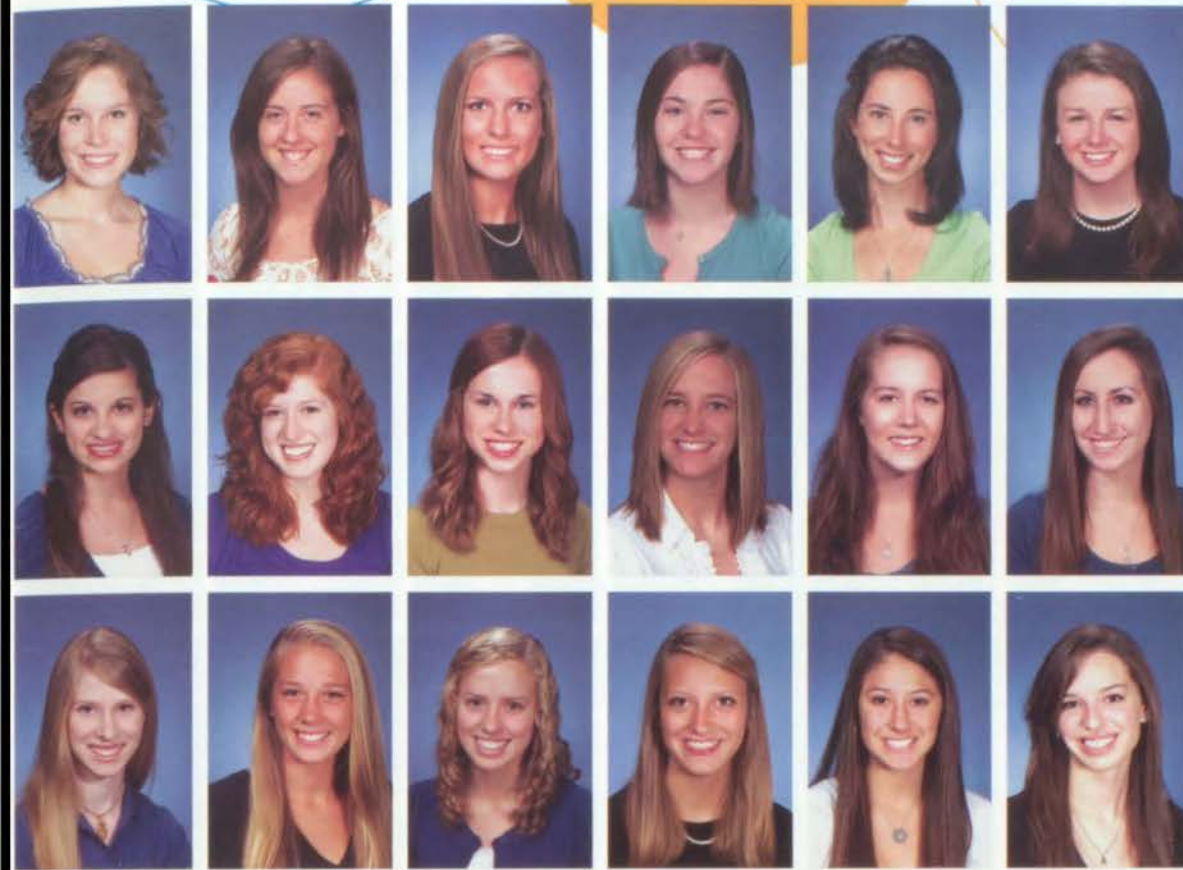
Seniors discussed their weekends before school on Monday. "I texted you and you were like 'I'm in a van, where I have been since 6 o'clock this morning in Amishville, Missouri.'" senior Amanda Backer said as she greeted senior Erin Nelson.

Dec. 15

Senior Josephine Pace discussed last night's dream with senior Emma Spencer in a free in the computer lab. "I seriously think I'm going to be the next Virgin Mary," Pace said. "I keep being pregnant in all my dreams."

Jan. 22

Senior Jennifer McLiney discussed the belief of the world ending in 2012 in Mr. Craig Whitney's current events class. "Lil' Wayne believes it," McLiney said. "Does anyone believe it now?" "Who is Lo Wen?" Whitney said. The class laughed. "That sounds Chinese Mr. Whitney," junior Julia Barnett said. "Lil' Wayne, Mr. Whitney, little Wayne," McLiney said. "Either you talk too fast or my ears listen to slow," Whitney said. "Back to Lo Wen."



Kirsten Hyde
Mary Jantsch
Lindsey Jones
Linny Kaufman
Katie Kenney
Katie Kieffer

Alissa LaManno
Maura Lammers
Kit Landwehr
Stephanie Lankford
Chloe Lundgren
Allison Mandl

Mallory McDonald
Jennifer McLiney
Elizabeth McNamara
Lauren McQuaid
Lauren Medina
Elizabeth Meyers

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sally nulton, and meghan penland*

Jan. 5

Senior Anna Gillcrisp told classmates about an embarrassing experience in her college algebra class.

"I walked into class and I noticed a farting noise coming from my backpack," Gillcrisp said. "I was so confused because it wouldn't stop. So I left my backpack outside in the hall and half-way through class I was informed that the obnoxious farting noise coming from my backpack every five seconds was a fart machine that Avery Adams put in there."

Dec. 5

Senior Laura Peterson blocked fellow senior Allison Brennan's way as she was trying to get to her seat in Latin IV class. "Move!" Brennan said to Peterson. "Bite me," Peterson replied, "But not literally because I know you're into that vampire stuff."

Dec. 3

Mr. Pat Sirridge passed out a worksheet to his sociology class. "You'll never guess the color of this worksheet," Sirridge said. "Yellow?" senior Jenny Gottsch asked. "No, limon Amarillo," Sirridge said. "Spanglish strikes again."

Megan Monsees
Shauna Muelbach
Ellie Mullane
Ahna Nanoski
Erin Nelson
Laura Nendick



Casey O'Malley
Emily Orndoff
Amanda Ottolini
Megan Owara
Josephine Pace
Maggie Pelter



Allison Pointer
Mandy Prather
Kari Price
Mary Lee Ptacek
Caroline Quinn
Sydney Ragsdale



the **SECRET** **LIFE**

of Alexis Taylor-Butler

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“Eventually [my parents] found out because I would come home wearing a different pair of pants,” Taylor-Butler said.

As a senior Alexis Taylor-Butler sat at her sixth grade desk in Brookside Charter, she peered into the hallway where the new handicapped bathroom had been built. Taylor-Butler’s parents had approached the school board to build a convenient restroom for students with disabilities, while keeping in mind their daughter. Taylor-Butler was diagnosed as a child with a condition where her brain and bladder were not connected, leaving her with moments notice as to when she needed to use the restroom. After being approved, the bathroom was placed next to principal Millie Krna’s office.

“[The students] thought this new bathroom was pretty cool but we were too afraid to use

it,” Taylor-Butler said. “We referred to it as ‘Ms. Krna’s bathroom.’”

Suddenly, Taylor-Butler felt she needed to use the restroom. After waiting for an appropriate time, which she usually did because she was embarrassed and did not want her classmates to know about the problem, she asked to be excused. She grabbed the hall pass, walked right past the handicapped bathroom, and ran toward the one at the other end of the hall.

As she entered the restroom, she found a dozen kindergarteners waiting in line. One habit she developed with this condition was that while waiting in a line, she would pretend her legs hurt and would sit down in a kneeling position, to help hold it. Luckily, this time she

matching

Many seniors at STA are infamous for their easy-to-spot bumper stickers. Can you match each senior with their sticker?



Sally Nulton
Molly O'Byrne



Meghan Penland
Laura Peterson



Marisa Raimo
JoEllen Redlingshafer



"One day I came home and my mom had put it on my car. It's magnetic because my dad is against real bumper stickers."



"I really like the saying and I like all the best things from that store."



"I got it when I did a walk for ovarian cancer to support the cause and because my grandma died from it."



"The Kooks are the best band for car music."

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gotta go, gotta go, gotta go

made it without an accident.

"Occurrences like these happened about everyday," Taylor-Butler said. "I never told my parents, I told myself it was a problem that would go away. Eventually they found out because I would come home wearing a different pair of pants."

After complaining to the school board, the Taylor-Butler family went to the state. They scheduled a court date with both parties present. Krna's argument was that Taylor-Butler's problem did not fit under the category of students who were able to use the handicapped bathroom. After explaining the mental anguish both Taylor-Butler and her parents had been through, they sued the principal and won.



Alexis Taylor-Butler

Kenzie Robbins
Madilyn Roberts
Katie Sanford
Katelyn Schleicher
Margaret Schneider
Jane Schrader



Emma Spencer
Maggie Steinert
Mallory Sweat
Martha Tillmon
Elizabeth Tilson
Molly Torrence



Haley Vondenkamp
Sherie Wallace
Jacqueline Wentworth
Paulina Wentworth
Sarah White
Kelly Younger



class of 09



1.

1. Senior Jennifer McLiney hugs teammate JoEllen Redlingshafer at the fall sports pep rally Sept. 5. McLiney and Redlingshafer were the varsity tennis team captains. 2. Seniors Nicolette Anderson and Jaime Henry-White strut their stuff on the runway at the Mother Daughter luncheon March 8. Anderson and Henry-White modeled dresses from Jessica McClintock. 3. Seniors Meg Hart and Samantha Barker enjoy the first snow of the winter while walking across the quad. 4. Senior Paulina Wentworth sports her cop costume at the Notre Dame de Sion volleyball game Sept. 11. At the game students dressed up as policemen and firefighters to show support for the men and women who risked their lives to save people from the World Trade Center. photos by elle rauch, megan wilkerson, katie kenney and lauren damico



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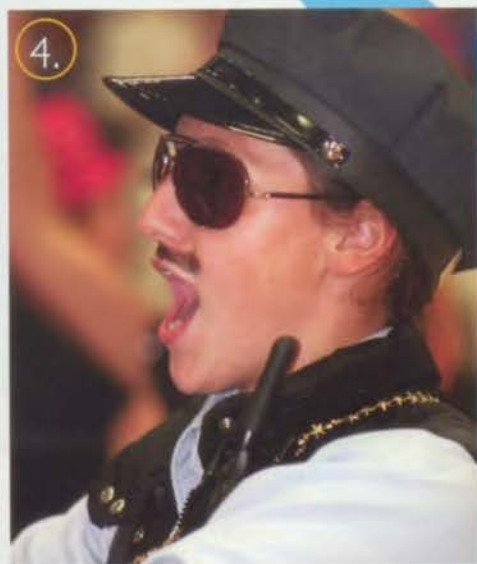
Bridget Shields
Sarah Slaven



Rachel Turgeon
Ceri Verble



Kaitlin Zidar
Ashley Zandca
Not Pictured:
Nnedima Anya
Lauren Kenner
Veronica Miller



the senior class of 2009 voted out of their 130 classmates who was

the most...

- unorganized: lindsey jones
- outgoing: joellen redlingshafer
- put together: mallory mcdonald
- competitive: megan monsees
- boy crazy: emma spencer
- honest: jeannette cieszykowski
- sarcastic: jessica bales
- changed since freshman year: ellie mullane
- similar to freshman year: kari price
- enthusiastic: mandy prather
- talkative: kaitlin zidar
- spiritual: sherie wallace
- trustworthy: amanda backer
- emotional: katelyn schleicher
- intimidating: mallory sweatt
- creative: kit landwehr
- opinionated: tatiana ambrose
- goofy: kate duffey
- blunt: lindsay gray
- trendy: marisa raimo
- quick to help: kenzie robbins
- high strung: lee fryer
- friendly: madilyn roberts
- original: tess grohmann
- humble: mary lee ptacek
- happy go lucky: maura lammers
- conservative: paige kuhlmann
- liberal: caroline quinn
- rebellious: allison mandl
- addicted to caffiene: maggie pelter
- genuine: josephine pace
- accepting: chloe lundgren
- driven: maggie burke
- involved: megan owara
- polite: alissa lamanno
- cute: marin berardi



the senior class of 2009 voted out of their 130 classmates who was

the most likely to...

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live in another country: linny kaufman
travel the world: erin nelson
come back to STA and teach: mackenzie beisser
never return to her natural hair color: kathleen gassman
still be serving detentions in ten years: lauren kenner
switch professions often: jacqueline wentworth
be on "the real world": katya ditirro
not show up for graduation: caitlin o'donnell
party with her kids: jennifer mciney
live until she's 100: victoria heule
die of school stress: jaime henry-white
become a doctor: kate bohnert
become a lawyer: erin andres
write a best seller: meghan penland
enlist in the army: lauren bly
coach a pee wee football league: paulina wentworth
answer her vocation of being a nun: veronica miller
crash the class of 2010 prom: anna krugh
own her own clothing boutique: erin mcdonald
win an academy award: anna gillcrist
compete in the summer olympics: sydney ragsdale
be a CEO of a fortune 500 company: martha tillmon
discover a cure for cancer: elizabeth mcnamara
own her own coffee shop: ahanna nanoski
climb mount everest: mary jantsch
join the peace corps: lauren mcquaid
organize the first class reunion: rachel flattery
book the party bus for the class reunion: katie sanford
write a novel: carlie campbell
die of hyperactivity: shauna muehlbach
start her own religion: bridget shields
fly to the moon: haley doyle
win the national hot dog eating contest: nmedima anya
run away with the circus: sarah white
always talk her way out of a speeding ticket: molly o'byrne
win the quidditch world cup: rachel turgeon
become a photojournalist: allison pointer
fly away to neverland: clare connealy
overdose on rooster boosters: alexandra heule
sing on broadway: laura nendick
marry a celebrity: emily bullington
never eat meat: molly torrence
create a \$1,000,000 invention: sarah slaven
become a saint: alexis collins
work at a paper company in scranton: katie kenney
get lost in her own neighborhood: lauren evrard
be a brown-noser to her boss: amanda ottolini



win the lottery: cristin berardi



still be hitching rides when she's 40: bianca dang



be a soccer mom: kaitlin armold



frame pages from her high school planners: jamie schrader



be on america's most wanted: elizabeth howard



run the boston marathon: lauren durie



get bitten by a vampire: allison brennan



become a rock star: crysta henthorne



america's next top model: abby deuthman



live in an igloo: leah barthol



hugs
chelsea beaven



school spirit
sally nulton



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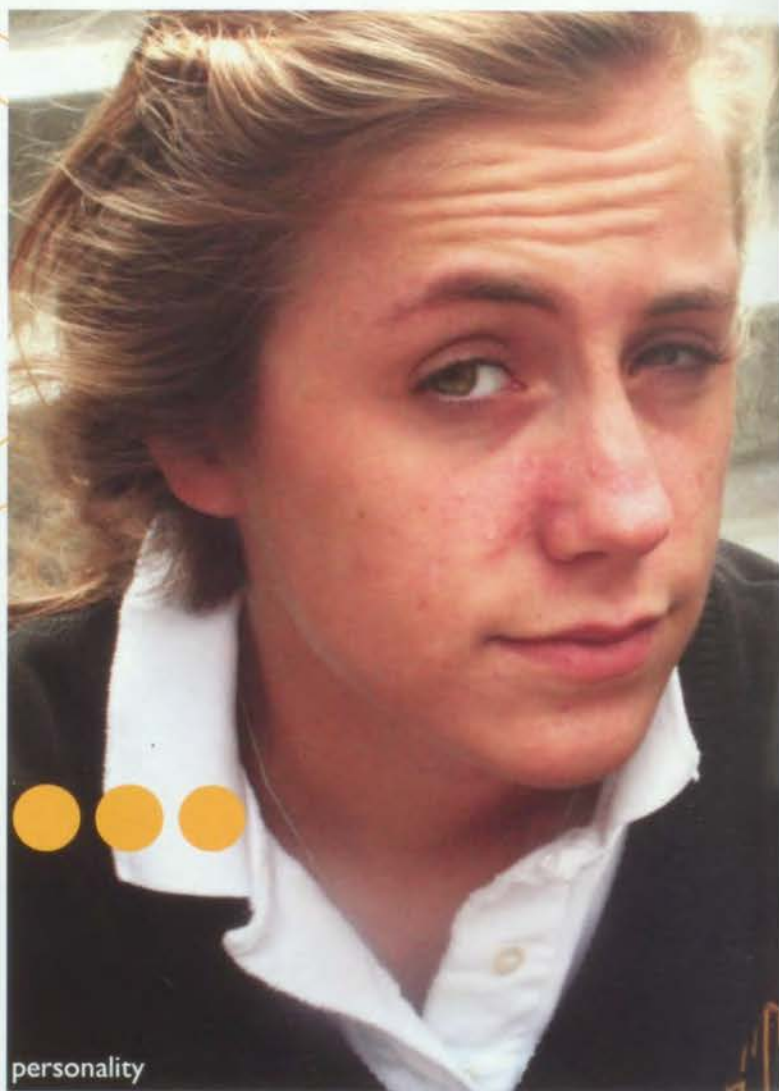
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mika casey



whin
haley vondemkamp

The senior class of 2009 has many personalities and talents. But as seniors went clicking and choosing on an online survey they realized only one person out of 130 girls could be

the best...



personality

nicolette anderson



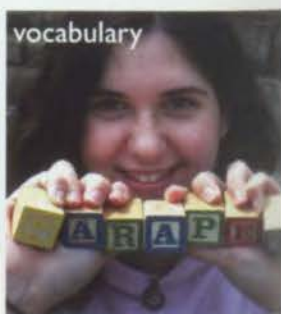
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katie kieffer



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ceri verble



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margaret schneider



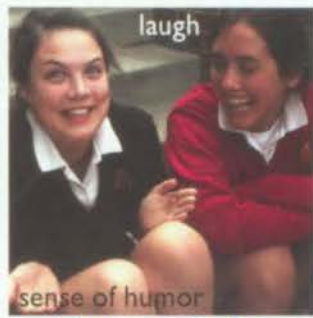
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stephanie lankford



comebacks

kylee burke



laugh

sense of humor

jenny gottsch
gabriella garozzo



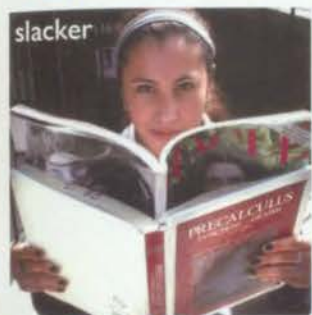
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elizabeth meyers



spaz

meg hart



slacker

nicole fisher



artist

mollie caffey



chef

emily cappo



lunches

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emily orndoff



eater

lauren medina



complexion

maddie effertz



hair

molly fakoury



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alexis taylor-butler



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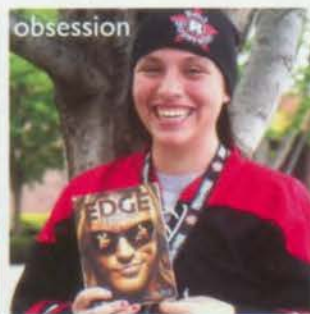
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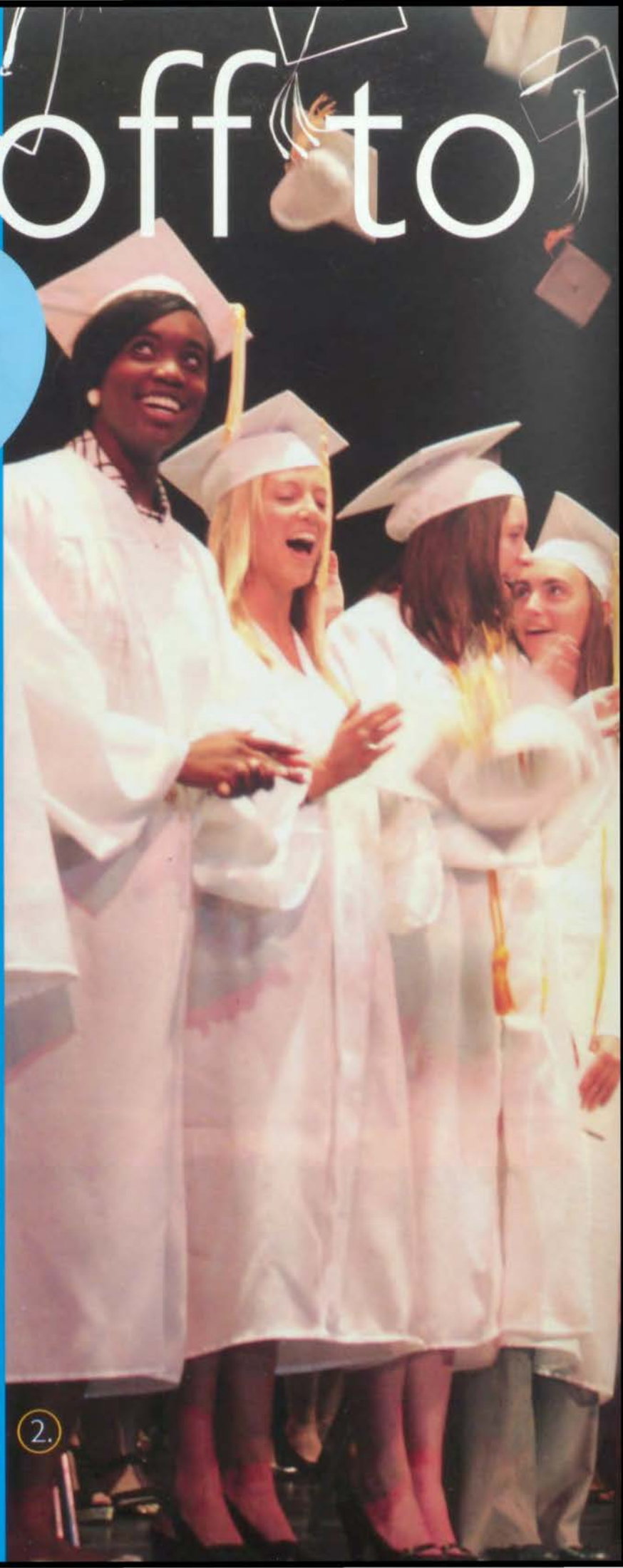
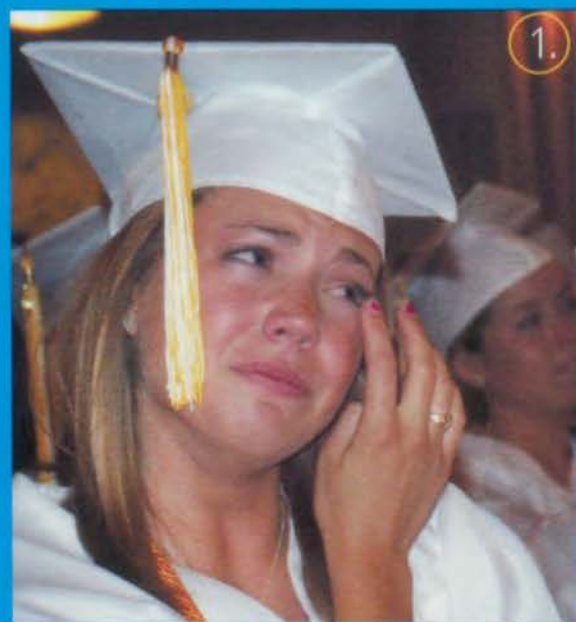
hats off to '09

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"Pomp and Circumstance" echoed through the auditorium as the senior class marched down the aisles on Class Day. Tears accumulated during senior Anna Gillcrist's singing of "Landslide" and Rachel Flattery and Kirsten Hyde's rendition of "For Good." But there was also something less sentimental: seniors Linny Kaufman and Sally Nulton took the microphone to sing their rap song, "I Love High School."

"We're going to try something different," Kaufman said. "Hit it Prentiss."

By working laughter into what was typically a nostalgic day, the seniors left their final mark on STA as the class known for their sense of humor.



"I Love High School"

Songwriters: Linny Kaufman and Sally Nulton



1. Senior Haley Vondenkamp wipes her tears away during her classmate Arina Gillerst's performance of "Landslide" by Fleetwood Mac at Class Day May 14. 2. After turning their tassels, the senior class threw their white caps in the air at their graduation ceremony May 17. 3. Seniors Caroline Quinn, Megan Monsees, and Mollie Caffey pose for a picture after their graduation ceremony at the Music Hall downtown. 4. Seniors waved their hands in the air and sang along to the original song "I Love High School," performed by classmates Linny Kaufman and Sally Nulton. 5. Senior Sally Nulton encourages her classmates to sing along to the song during her comedic rap performance on Class Day. photos by elle rouch, megan wikerson, becca somerhauer and caitlin sweetny graphic by katy crater

I'm nice right now, man
Yeah I feel good
If you're in the class of 2009
Would you please put your hands in the air?

That final last week was awfully crazy
I doubt I aced it
I studied my face off
and dreamed of Critter completely naked
Run through the quad but skip the seal,
our plaid skirts the Gap did steal
Pass out in frees, bell rings again,
all we do is eat then do it again
Man, I love high school

I wanna go to STA for the rest of my life
Nibble on JoJo's and be Sirridge's wife
Love Sweatshirt Wednesday and goth game fights
And I get Waldo Pizza a dollar a slice

So fill up my cup at the water fountain
Tardies from Berardi, I can't even count 'em
I am champion of The Commons
Nico Anderson, Abby Duethman

Critter ate a possum, Boys Day at lunch is awesome
Thomas, Whitney, Fast, Shrock;
Himes would make it more fun
They're all about the trivia, well here's a tough question:
What day of the week does Fast wear pink?

[chorus]
Man, I love S-T, ay!
And I love Nan Bone, ay!
I love Rueschhoff, g'day!
Man, I love high school

I can't tell you the French teacher's name but
I can tell you every day that he came, um
Girls were screaming, "I wish I spoke French!"
And Mr. Whitney's room always has a bad stench

I'll miss STA, I can't believe that we're done
But here's some advice so listen up son
When it comes to chemistry put your goggles on
And if your shirt's out in Bertalott you'll get detention

Run through the tunnel, nothing wrong with some fun
Hit up the teacher's lounge for a Coke with everyone
Make sure it's diet to keep Dolan quiet
And watch out for those Christian bands
They could start a riot

[chorus]
Seniors! Seniors!
Seniors! Seniors!
'09! '09!
'09! '09!

Do somethin' crazy! Do somethin' crazy!
Do somethin' crazy! Do somethin' crazy!
STA! STA!
STA! STA!

Name	One word to describe me	I groove to...	What I'll miss most about STA...
Julia Amaya	lively	anything with a beat	random conversations at lunch
Tatiana Ambrose	unique	Hellogoodbye, Qwote, Yung Berg, Machel Montano, Typical Hawaiians, B.O.B.	friends, warm environment, the three minute drive/20 minute walk from my house
Nicolette Anderson	rando-bizarre	Enrique Iglesias, Chris Brown, basically anything that makes me drop a beat down low... and Creed	the harses in Dolan's room but in reality the people are gonna be the ones that missin' me
Erin Andres	intense	"Jesse's Girl"	numerous inside jokes and moments to laugh about them
Nnedima Anya	eccentric	"Low" by Flo Rida, "Paper Planes" by M.I.A., "Thizzle Dance" by Mac Dre	the people, teachers, the campus and the food
Kaitlin Arnold	punk	Lady Gaga	it's a toss up between the bowling team and Mr. Whitney
Amanda Backer	indescribable	silence	heated debates at lunch
Jessica Bales	sarcastic	"Jesse's Girl"	freedom to talk about women problems
Samantha Barker	smooth	GirlTalk, 3Oh!3, Lil Wayne, Britney Spears	Ms. Bone's messages on my home answering machine
Leah Barthol	spaz	Snoop Dogg, M.I.A., Chris Brown, Rihanna, Carrie Underwood, Rascal Flatts, Taylor Swift	Fiser, not having to get ready in the mornings, free Waldo pizza, pep rallies
Chelsea Beaven	gregarious	Bone Thugz N Harmony, Bubba Sparxxx, The Samuridaz, The Glamuridaz, and Wham!	walking through the quad between classes, yelling crazy things to the underclassmen, the LL's, and Kylee Burke
Mackenzie Beisser	short	"Trusted" by Ben Folds	the girls
JoEllen Belcher	unpredictable	System of a Down	not worrying about what I wear
Cristin Berardi	quiet	my vinyl	Ms. Marquis in advisory
Marin Berardi	sarcastic	everything	the girls, my mom
Lauren Bly	disciplined	salsa	Critter
Caitlin Boger	ambitious	Queen	hearing all the girls laughing, singing, and having a blast between and during classes, Buca singing and dancing in current events
Allison Brennan	ambitious	heavy metal	the Science Department
Emily Bullington	easy-going	"September" by Earth Wind & Fire	Sion vs. STA volleyball games
Kylee Burke	awkward	Marvin Gaye, Earth Wind & Fire, Al Green	Garvdawg
Maggie Burke	dutch	Arcade Fire, Of Montreal, Hall and Oates, CSS, Ssion, Gnarley Zombies	Mr. Sirridge, 3rd floor Donnelly mornings, secret workroom, auditorium
Mollie Caffey	fresh	Of Montreal, Kings of Leon, Chris Brown, Cat Power, Laura Veirs, Lil Wayne, Cher	the art room, 3rd floor M&A thanksgiving, snow covering the quad, NHD, opting out of being in uniform for the last four years
Brittanie Cali	impatient	basically anything but slow jams, Daughtry, Evanescence	my advisory, student appreciation week, yard days, the people, the auction pep rally
Caroline Campbell	remarkable	my discombobulated iPod	the sisterhood
Emily Cappo	enthusiastic	Andrew McMahon	my crazy advisor and his use of the word "hoo-ha"
Mikaela Casey	genuine	"Too Close" by NEXT	the teachers, the quad changing with the seasons
Jeannette Cieszykowski	crispy-hexagons	Dragonforce, techno	tech nights, the creepy stairs in the auditorium
Phyllis Cole	unique	Lady Gaga	the randomness of our class
Alexis Collins	kind	Enrique Iglesias	my sistas and our quad
Clare Connealy	what?	The Kooks, Lil Wayne, Kanye, MGMT, Kings of Leon	the lunches
Lauren Damico	ally	Zeppelin, Radiohead, Weezer, Rage, GirlTalk, The Shins, Kings of Leon, M.I.A., Enya, Fleetwood Mac	Captain Planet's banner in the gym and sleeping in the elevator
Bianca Dang	mianca	"With Arms Outstretched"	Haley's whining and Linny's peanuts
Name	One word to describe me	I groove to...	What I'll miss most about STA...

I would never...	My dream destination	Senior Quote
not dance when listening to music	Spain	"Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in awhile, you could miss it." — "Ferris Buhler's Day Off"
NEVER EVER lick a toilet seat	visit Alaska, Hawaii and my homeland Russia	"True originality consists not in a new manner, but in a new vision." — Edith Wharton
forget anyone's licence plate number or phone number	Argentina with Mika to play soccer with Carlos Marinelli	"Bom bom be dum bom bom de dum dum." — doglover6609
lie, because I can't	Sonic on roller skates	"Did anyone ever tell you to picture the audience in their underwear? Don't do it. I did it and I had nightmares for a week. Bulgarians in Speedos." — Richard Gilmore
become a vegetarian	the Galapagos Islands	"Happiness can be found, even in the darkest of times, if one only remembers to turn on the light." — "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Askaban"
eat bleu cheese again without killing myself first	Ireland	"Don't take life too seriously. No one gets out alive anyways."
go skydiving on a Wednesday in a rain storm without a helmet	Sonic on roller skates	"It's not a unicorn; it's a horse with a sword on its head to guard my hopes and dreams!" — John Dorian
willingly sell raffle tickets	back to Patras, Greece before I found out about the water	"I love...cake!"
not finish a Chipotle burrito	inside the Harry Potter room	"This isn't the Riveria." — Uncle Stinky
take life for granted	an Amish town during Rumspringa	"We were brave, we were crazy, we were mostly young." — Kenny Chesney
go to Vagtown without Nico or willingly watch someone eat a bowl of cereal.	Dubai, India	"I've never been afraid to give SBRs because I used to take people your age to jail." — Betsy Hansbrough
eat an entire stack of Chris Cakes	Europe	"Be the change you want to see in the world." — Gandhi
stop being an Edge Head	the nearest WWE event	"Through the fire and the flames we will carry on." — Dragonforce
jump out of an airplane	back in time	"True love will never die." — Tommy Roe
be good at a sport	France	"The past is told by those who win." — Jimmy Eat World
be without a lime	Muddy's	"I am not afraid of tomorrow, for I have seen yesterday and I love today." — William Allen White
stand in front of a lot of people and sing, dance or even make a speech	Greece	"If you never lose, then you can never appreciate the victories." — Laura Twitchell
forget the friends I grew up with	Alaska	"If today was your last day and tomorrow was too late, would you live each moment like your last?"
be a cheerleader	Venice, Italy	"Grool. I meant to say cool and then I started to say great." — "Mean Girls"
park in an unreserved parking spot	the moon	"Okay, so you're probably going, 'Is this like a Noxzema commercial or what?' But seriously, I actually have a way normal life for a teenage girl." — Cher Horowitz
wear dirty socks, move to Kansas	French Polynesia, Ethiopia, Latvia	"I did not achieve this position in life by having some snot-nosed punk leave my cheese out in the wind." — Ed Rooney
shoot a gun, eat a hot dog, move to Florida, own a ferret, work in a cubical	the hanging gardens of Babylon or Schrute farms	"Consequences, schmonsequences." — Dogma
participate in a hot dog eating contest	Ello London, England	"True friends, true hearts. That's what counts in life." — "Uptown Girls"
say "never"	everywhere	"What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us." — Ralph Waldo Emerson
go hunting	Naviti Resort in Fiji	"I would drape myself in velvet if it were socially acceptable." — George Costanza
cheer for Sion	Santorini, Greece	"Live the life you love and love the life you live."
make out with ET	Maggie's house	"May the force be with you." — "Star Wars"
go streaking	Greece	"Bummer."
pass up a plate of French toast	The Vatican	"Life is a gift. Live it."
wear Uggs with my socks showing	London, England	"Love. Live life. Proceed. Progress." — Lil Wayne
drink milk as the President because I hate milk and love politics	Hogwarts or Middle Earth	"Only the good die young." — Billy Joel
leave everything behind	Gryffindor Commons	"Wait, guys... where's the computer?"
I would never...	My dream destination	Senior Quote

Name	One word to describe me:	I groove to...	What I'll miss most about STA is...
Katya DiTirro	wild	Lil Wayne	frees, advisory parties, Ms. Rueschhoff
Haley Doyle	hard-core	Moby, Rachmaninoff, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Chopin, Switchfoot, Cake	first hour Latin class, doughnut day, breakfast parties with Mr. Whitney
Abigail Duethman	anxious	"Wicked," "Legally Blonde the Musical," T-Pain, Lil Wayne	running through the quad with Anna Gillcrist singing "Defying Gravity," my advisory!
Kate Duffey	sassafras	Enrique, Madonna, Bach...you know the drill	running away from MAH, the advisory (3 to EVERGREEN), carpool, Ms. Dunlay's family, anime fan club, sNoEaR!!!
Lauren Durie	efficient	Coldplay, Fleet Foxes, Guster, Tom Petty, Taylor Swift, Matchbox Twenty	the comfort and the feeling that I get from all the people here
Maddie Effertz	genuine	Brad Paisley, Bob Marley, Lil Wayne, Earth Wind & Fire, Samuridaz, Tech N9ne	friends, Charlotte Chronister, pep rallies
Lauren Evrard	nucleus	Tech N9ne, Glamuridaz	Faith in Action
Molly Fakoury	weird	Bob Marley, Vampire Weekend, Chris Brown	the people, STA/Sion theme games, cagedous, Dwight
Nicole Fisher	random	Rascal Flatts	Maggie Pelter's lunches
Rachel Flattery	randomer	Ben Folds, Kings of Leon, Mika, Santagold, The Ting-Tings, anything with a good beat	my friends, the musicals, my senior class
Anna Franke	female	Kanye West	Dolan advisory, the library, my nook outside Dolan's room
Lee Fryer	shoesed	Britney	the library
Gabriella Garozzo	Italian	rock n' roll	lunch time
Kathleen Gassman	sunshine	90's singles (Britney) with malsweatt's lovely voice	friendly smiles and greetings from across the quad
Anna Gillcrist	baby-dinosaur	musicals	living in Ms. Prentiss's room, moshing to Christian rock bands
Jenny Gottsch	quirky	anybody who can lay down a good beat	harassing Ms. Berardi
Lindsay Gray	blunt	anything country	trying to walk fingers laced through the halls with Abby Duethman
Tess Grohmann	mellow	Lauryn Hill, The Notorious B.I.G.	the unique breed of girls you can't find anywhere else
Meg Hart	BWAdarse	Kanye, Britney, Weezy, any smooth beat (Nickleback, Papa Roach)	freezz wit ma girlzz
Jaime Henry-White	frantic	"The Bad Touch" by The Bloodhounds, Mika, Cher, The Kooks, elevator music, Molly Fakoury	Critter photo shoots, chemistry labs, Sion games, endless amounts of food, the partition, Christian rock bands
Crysta Henthorne	quiet	Avenged Sevenfold, Metallica and about 50 other bands that will impair your hearing	Peg's room and the Siriusly Super Duper Hardcore Harry Potter Club
Alexandra Heule	awesome	the good stuff	friends and memories I've made here
Victoria Heule	fun-loving	whatever is on	the blunt conversations
Elizabeth Howard	hard-working	the beat of life, anything on the radio	the random actions of the 2009 class during activity in The Commons
Kirsten Hyde	melodic	Coldplay	the hugs and smiles
Mary Jantsch	Kennedy-obsessed	my ukulele and Beyonce, sometimes at the same time	the pant and not combing my hair... ever
Lindsey Jones	homosapien	Coldplay, Enrique Inglesias, Michael Buble, Mika, Cascada, Basshunter, David Bisbal	Ms. Herson, advisory circle time
Linny Kaufman	zesty	Los Verduleros	pranks, avoiding Nardy, BE-PO-PI-POO, locker slamming, The Macarena
Lauren Kenner	unexpected	MTV is to music as KFC is to chicken	random conversations with Ms. Rez, Ms. Dunlay, Ms. Prentiss
Katie Kenney	bamboozled	"Sandstorm," Ryan Cabrera, Frank Sinatra...if there is music, I will be dancing	Teresian music videos, behind the partition, Pat SIRRIDGE, Dwight's extended fam, APUSH table, star cookies
Anna Krugh	supercalafragalisticexpialidocious	everything	the people
Paige Kuhlmann	ambitious	Tech N9ne, Britney Spears	Mother Evelyn O'Neil Day
Name	One word to describe me:	I groove to...	What I'll miss most about STA is...

I would never...	My dream destination	Senior Quote
become a president	India	"They say I'm at the top and I'm almost there and when I get there, I will sit, don't worry I brought a chair." — Lil Wayne
turn down a piece of chocolate	the moon, Mars and beyond	Life is not measured by the number of breaths you take, but by the number of moments that take your breath away."
go on a hot air balloon	Antarctica	"The earth is the Lord's, the world and those who dwell therein, for he has founded it upon the sea, and established it upon the rivers." — Psalm 24
4get mYboi HP, go to mass with the MeYeRz girls, reject food at the Ellie's	Bangalore, India to visit the humble staff at Microsoft	"Love me or hate me, it's still an obsession." — Nicolette Anderson
stop being who I am	where I am needed	"In the book of life, the answers aren't in the back." — Charlie Brown
wear itchy clothes	Ireland	"Time you enjoy wasting, was not wasted." — John Lennon
tear the piece of paper off that holds the silverware napkin together	if I could go anywhere, I would	"Thug life!" —Red, "Pineapple Express"
dye my hair blonde	India	"You just have to go after what you want and if it doesn't want you back then so be it. It doesn't deserve you anyway." — Nicole Ritchie
wear a real fur coat	space	"Dream as if you'll live forever. Live as if you'll die today." — James Dean
not not not laugh	Atlantis (not the hotel, but the real deal)	"One day Michael came in complaining of a speed bump on the highway. I wonder who he ran over then?" — "The Office"
ride the Mamba at Worlds of Fun... or any other ride except the Viking Voyager	backstage with Kanye	"For me giving up's way harder than trying." — Kanye West
go a day without coffee	Jamaica	"Never give up on the good times. Livin' it up is a state of mind." — Spice Girls
kill someone	back in time to meet my dad's parents	"Happy birthday, birthday-girl!"
cuddle...until i met Mary Jantsch	Australia; G'day mate!	"When you laugh, be sure to laugh out loud, 'cause it will carry all your cares away."
eat haggus	center of the Earth	"My family and I went on a safari in Africa and my cousin, Mufasa, was trampled by a herd of wildebeests." — Ryan, "The Office"
tell the waiter my food wasn't satisfying	New Zealand	"We've got a sprinter, 5'5", no pants, unkempt... portly." — "Orange Country"
eat human flesh even if I was stranded on a mountain and starving	Paris	"I always listen to 'N*SYNC's 'Tearin Up My Heart'. It reminds me to wear a bra" — Britney Spears
tan in a tanning bed	India	"Drama drama drama, save it fo yo momma and keep it straight with me."
turn down free food	the Ellen Degeneres Show	"Don't do it cuz it's cool, do it cuz you're cool." — T-Pain
have a normal sleeping pattern	Hogwarts, India, the 4th Floor	"Bleh." — Nicolette Anderson
do the Dinotopia Dance	my hometown, Bremerton, so I could be near the ocean	"If at first you don't succeed, destroy all evidence you tried."
touch a millipede	Greece or Italy	"Peace, Love and Applesauce."
go streaking	Greece	"When one door of happiness closes, another opens." — Hellen Keller
be afraid to admit my mistakes	Europe	"Life is a highway so don't be afraid to ride it."
fly a plane	Italy	"Just let the chips fall where they may." — "She's the Man"
eat meat; I'm a herbivore	Mount Everest base camp	"Never take anything too seriously, except dinosaurs; they'll kill ya."
work at a community blood center	Madagascar or Greece	"Happiness is not about being perfect, but seeing beyond the imperfections."
share a locker with Jenny Gottsch	Dwight and Chewbacca's house	"Bears. Beets. Battlestar Galactica." — Dwight Shrute
go to a Jonas Brothers concert	Egypt	"There was a fantastic universal sense that whatever we were doing was right, that we were winning." — "Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas"
eat a Big Mac, refuse the offer to work for Michael Scott	"Central Perk" with the "Friends", Summer Heights High	"Guys, guys, guess what, guess what?" "Hmm, I don't know...the fifth dentist caved and now they're all recommending Trident?" — Rachel & Chandler in "Friends"
go skydiving	Italy	"Be who you are and say what you feel because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind." — Dr. Seuss
say a disclaimer	Greece	"A girl should be two things: classy and fabulous." — Coco Chanel
I would never...	My dream destination	Senior Quote

Name	One word to describe me...	I groove to...	What I'll miss most about STA...
Alissa LaManno	daring	anything I can dance to	the spontaneous conversations at the lunch table
Maura Lammers	snuddly	Sufjan Stevens, Badly Drawn Boy, Elliott Smith, Nick Drake, Bright Eyes	the sisterhood, advisory inside jokes, yearbook, publication nights, girl talk in Peg's room, feminist tangents, Ms. Rez's bottomless pit of knowledge
Kit Landwehr	colorful	Pixies, Matisyahu, Radiohead, Grateful Dead, The Roots	the people, most definitely
Stephanie Lankford	perky	rock, alternative, dance and Disney songs	the acceptance of lack of hygiene and not getting ready ever
Chloe Lundgren	sincere	Radiohead, Animal Collective, Boo & Boo Too, Blonde Redhead, Daft Punk	the comfortable environment, the quad when it is snowing.
Allison Mandl	sarcastic	The Scene Aesthetic, Starting Line, techno	Mr. Whitney
Kelsey McCormick	giggly	"Disturbed"	the blunt open-ness
Erin McDonald	artsy	anything pumped to the highest volume	the contagious laughs that bounce off the walls of our hallways
Mallory McDonald	fantabulous	Matt White, The Spice Girls, Billy Joel	my advisory sisters, the pant, the carpet in room M304, Critter
Jennifer McLiney	Jenny	M.I.A., they are such a great group and their 2008 track "Paper Planes," so fresh	Mr. Bojangles
Elizabeth McNamara	goofy	Billy Joel, The Fratellis, Bruce Springsteen, The Shins, The Spice Girls	advisory jokes, yard days, auction pep rallies, the black pant
Lauren McQuaid	caring	Coldplay, Taylor Swift	Critter, yard days, friends
Lauren Medina	hungry	Keith Urban, Britney Spears, Techno, The Mikey Needleman Band	the weird, awkward, loud, funny girls, running through the quad singing about roast beef
Elizabeth Meyers	graceful	Coldplay, Lil Wayne, T.I.	auction pep rallies featuring male teachers dressed in drag, being greeted by STA's favorite meow in the quad
Veronica Miller	surprising	"I Swear" by Boys II Men, "Back to One" by Brian McKnight	the classes with everyone, teachers who are always here
Megan Monsees	cheesy	anything from the 90s	auction sweatpants, Critter, Mr. Sirridge, donut day, behind the partition
Shauna Muehlbach	hyper	Christina Aguilera outbursts mostly, but I like everything	pep rallies, the sisterhood and friendships with my classmates and teachers
Ellie Mullane	nutto	my girl Katy Perry, Andrea Bocelli, "Pocahontas" soundtrack...the usual	tardies, detention, my gurlz JB and NH, food, sneaking around during frees katellie, toning my calves in heels, anime fan club
Ahna Nanoski	alternative	The Shins, The Unicorns, Bright Eyes, the list goes on...	the oyster
Erin Nelson	funny	Anberlin, Vampire Weekend, Snow Patrol, Kings of Leon, We Are Scientists	activity with Ms. Coughlin
Laura Nendick	bubbly	Regina Spektor	taping Maura to the seal
Sally Nulton	obnoxious	Coldplay, Frank Sinatra, movie scores	getting close lined by Nico and Joellen everyday in the quad, hanging stuffed ferrets from windows, crowd surfing during activity
Molly O'Byrne	spontaneous	Britney	the girls, dance parties in the auditorium, yard days, Pat Sirridge's jokes
Casey O'Malley	gerd (geek + nerd)	Smashmouth, Fall Out Boy	yard days when it was sunny, advisory parties
Emily Orndoff	vivacious	Coldplay, Jack Johnson, Jason Mraz and many more	my uniform skirt that I have had since freshmen year!
Amanda Ottolini	crazy	Tha Carter III	SBRs
Megan Owara	easy-going	anything with a beat	Pat Sirridge, how Halloween isn't once a year
Josephine Pace	artistic	anything and everything	all of the crazy times I have had at STA and great friends to go along with
Maggie Pelter	creepsta	90s music	Ms. Berardi's office, knowing Lauren will come if I yell "hoolie hoo" across the quad
Meghan Penland	dynamic	Coldplay, Leona Lewis	shouting at people across the hallways
Laura Peterson	spunky	booty dancing Jams	waking up three minutes before I leave my house for school
Allison Pointer	poised	Ben Folds	The Dart
Mandy Prather	adventitious	bumpin' music and anything other than music where people scream loudly	all the random activities going on, random foods, people putting strange things on their heads, bracelet making
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drive in New York City	traveling throughout Europe	"Bears, beets, Battlestar Galactica." —The Office
spoon with Laura's prom date ... or run away during the fire drill with Drew	dig a hole in the quad and never come out	"Unsure of his exact destination, he ventured into the great unknown, guided only by the compass of his heart." — "Pushing Daisies"
grow a beard	Oslo in the summertime	"I can gather all the news I need on the weather report. Hey, I've got nothing to do today but smile." — Simon & Garfunkle
come up with something I would never do	Australia	"Love may not makes the world go round, but it makes the ride worthwhile."
eat an expired yogurt	Iceland	"Sadness is easier because it is surrender. I say make time to dance alone with one hand waving free." — "Elizabethtown"
work at Forever 21	Italy	"Laughter is the shortest distance between two people."
go streaking	Greece, Ireland	"Have the adventure that is life." — Ms. Rez
leave a piece of paper blank: I'd have to scribble and draw ALL over it!	New Zealand (LOVE the sound of the name!)	"Create your own style, live by your own inspiration, fashion your own path."
grow	Gladstone or Italy...I can't decide	"The more you like yourself, the less you are like anyone else, which makes you unique." — Walt Disney
stab myself in the thigh	Narnia	"Smile and wave, boys. Smile and wave." — Skipper
sing along to a Matt White song	Australia, Ireland, Gladstone	"Hi, my name is Maura, and I am the black sheep in my family." — Maura Lammers
pierce any body part besides my ears	Greece	"What is popular is not always right and what is right is not always popular." — Mrs. Rueschhoff's poster
get three shots at one time	England	"I'll love you forever, I'll like you for always, as long as we're living, the stars we'll be."
go to sleep without watching an episode of "The Office"	Austria to visit the Von Trapp Mansion	"Do what makes you happy; be with whoever makes you smile; laugh as much as you breathe; love as long as you live."
go to Antarctica	England	"Stretch things here and we can get somewhere."
listen to Christmas music before Thanksgiving, wear wet socks	Auschwitz	"You know you're friends when you're having way more fun than you should be." — Ben Monsees
kill someone	Germany to see the concentration camps	"Happiness is a journey, not a destination."
drive a minivan without KDuff, wear gauchos in public, creep by 72nd at night	Vegas, the moon, there's just so many options	"There might only be 26 letters in the alphabet but h and p will always be my favorite."
be cliché	Dinotoipia	"If it's far enough in sight and rhyme, I get to wear another dress, and count in time" — The Shins
eat something off the floor	India or Greece	"Gag me with a spoon."
eat the bottom of a muffin before the top	Italy	"Whoa! Dream big!" — "Juno"
wear a costume without a mustache	Schrute beet farms	"Yea, shake it! Shake it! Oh, I'm a lady. I'm a lady, everyone! I'm a lady...not really it's me, King Julian. Which of you is attracted to me? Hands up!" — King Julian
have another party when my Dad's out of town	Australia	"Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is a mystery. Today is a gift, that's why it's called da present." — Weezy
sky dive or bungee jump	Hogwarts lol j/k, it would be France	"What goes on in D.C. stays on YouTube!" — Walter, a ventriloquist puppet used by Jeff Dunham
be able to live without desert	back in time	"People become really quite remarkable when they start thinking that they can do things. When they believe in themselves they have the first secret of success."
eat frog legs or Thai food	Greece	"Just dance. It's gonna be okay." — Lady Gaga
shave my head or eyebrows	everywhere	"You're going to take away granny's little pistols that keep her away from all the thugs in the neighborhood." — Pat Surrige
become a Hy-Vee lifer	Italy	"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." — Eleanor Roosevelt
share diary products, especially with a spoon	an Amish party on Rumspringa with Leah Barthol, bird watching with Lauren	"If at first you don't succeed, pay someone else to do." — Blink 182
fly in a non-commercial airplane	Monaco, Liechtenstein	"I can resist everything except temptation." — Oscar Wilde
go on a diet	I would circle the world in a hot air balloon	"Seek any job; ask anyone out; pursue any goal. Don't take it personally when they say 'no' — they may not be smart enough to say 'yes!'" — Keith Olberman
want a pet bird	France	"Meow." — Sydney Deatherage
run naked in a public place	Greece	"You laugh because I'm different. I laugh because I farted."
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Kari Price	intrepid	Lil Wayne, Coldplay, OneRepublic, Katy Perry	advisory parties and running across the quad in a downpour
Mary Lee Ptacek	indecisive	MIKA!, The Wombats, The Arctic Monkeys, "Hotel California," the JCL song	my friends, frees, not having to think about what to wear in the morning
Caroline Quinn	visionary	Neil Young, Public Enemy, Van Morrison, Bob Marley, Alanis Morissette	photo shoots all over school
Sydney Ragsdale	bloated	the sound you get when you rub two pickles together	frolicking through the infinite rows of beautiful flowers in the garden
Marisa Raimo	saucy	The Mikey Needleman Band	random outbursts of singing in the cafeteria and the quad, not having to get ready in the mornings
JoEllen Redlingshafer	B.W.A./Dabombat-dabaselinegurl	Lil Wayne, Lil Kim, Lil Mama, Lil Bow Wow, Lil Romeo, Lil Jon, KANYE	Mr. Bo Jangelzz, the Clogzz
Kenzie Robbins	caring	"I Saw the Sign," Britney Spears, T.I, Lil' Wayne	free periods in the CRC and our 2009 class!
Madilyn Roberts	positive	Feist, Taylor Swift, Yael Naim, Coldplay, Madonna, Michael Buble, CHRISTMAS MUSIC	Teresian, frees, salsa dancing, yoga
Katie Sanford	nuts	rap, country, Sum 41	OLD advisory parties, JSA, Whitney, watching girls sprint from Donnelly to M&A in the rain
Katelyn Schleicher	sensitive	hip hop, rap, pop	frees and advisory parties
Margaret Schneider	brisk	Old Crow, Ben Folds	Pat Sirridge, Magistra
Jane Schrader	tenacious	anything	walking through the halls and seeing familiar faces
Bridget Shields	stubborn	M.I.A., Simon and Garfunkel, Conor Oberst, the Beatles	Celeste Bremen, Rez, Mr. Whitney, Mr. Shrock, Prentiss, Madame Amick
Sarah Slaven	unique	The Killers, The Beatles, Cake, classic rock, pretty much everything	my friends, my frees, the place I've called home for four years
Emma Spencer	dramatic	Taylor Swift, Tech N9ne, All American Rejects, Basshunter, Rihanna, Britney Spears, Blink 182	the laughter, the parties, the friendships
Maggie Steinert	magerian	"What I Got" by Sublime	not wearing make-up or shaving my legs during the week
Mallory Sweatt	bizarre	music in the car with Katayy	lunchtime in The Commons
Alexis Taylor-Butler	kooky	Nickelback, M-Flo, Katy Perry	student appreciation day
Martha Tillmon	crazyawesomeweirdodork	anything and everything you play for me	2nd floor Donnelly, Weller advisory, those groovy Calc problems
Elizabeth Tilson	Buh	Kanye West, Lil Wayne, Britney Spears, Maroon 5, Rascal Flatts	the comradery
Molly Torrence	whimsical	Rilo Kiley, The Shins, The Decemberists, The Arctic Monkeys, Conor Oberst, Lily Allen, The Beatles	the seal, Baby, the trees, discriminatory vending machines, my teachers
Rachel Turgeon	sarcastic	anything	yard days, dodging water balloons, "The Burning Matches," star cookies, auction pep rallies, clowns, 'The Oyster', Peg's Party!
Ceri Verble	loud	everything...	the girls, I have come to think of everyone as my sister the past four years and leaving everyone will be the hardest
Haley Vondemkamp	emotional	The Kooks, "Our Song" by Taylor Swift	random displays of weirdness in The Commons
Sherie Wallace	sincere	R&B, Rap, Ol'Skool, Crunk music, Alternative, "Stanky Leg," "Pirty Butty," "Rockin' That"	my sisters that I have gained, the food
Jacqueline Wentworth	outgoing	anything that has a beat	the girls
Paulina Wentworth	athletic	any music that has a beat	the people, our Class of '09
Sarah White	lucky	O.A.R., The Decemberists, Bright Eyes	my teachers
Kelly Younger	sarcastic	Andrea Bocelli	the laughter
Kaitlin Zidar	considerate	The Goo Goo Dolls, U2, Sister Hazel, Taylor Swift, Carrie Underwood, John Mayer	the plethora of free food, the students, teachers
Ashley Zondka	zondka	my Kairos CDs	softball, people screaming my name in the quad
Critter	divo	Pussycat Dolls	my girlfriend Ms. Chartier
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drive a SmartCar, go in a submarine	Greece, Italy, England, Ireland	"I used to think I was indecisive, but now I'm not so sure."
willingly take a math class, participate in athletics, give up sleep or chocolate.	I'd go everywhere, but to Paris first	"We work in the dark, we do what we can, we give what we have. Our doubt is our passion and our passion is our task. The rest is the madness of art." — Henry James
vote Republican	hitchhiking from Maine to CA	"Don't let it bring you down, it's only castles burning." — Neil Young
eat my own children (without the proper seasonings)	the circus, all eyes on me, center of the ring preferably	"There's nothing wrong with stretching the truth. We stretch taffy all the time and that just makes it more delicious." — Stephen Colbert
forget Willie E. Beafie	a safari in Africa	"Life is what happens to you while you're busy making other plans." — John Lennon
forget Willie E. Beafie	streaking through the quad and into the gymnasium	"Get rich or die tryin'." — BUH Tilson
try out for American Idol	anywhere in Europe	That's what she said.
live in the country	Capri	"For beautiful eyes look for the good in others; For beautiful lips speak only words of kindness; For poise, walk with the knowledge that you are never alone."
limit myself by saying "I would never..."	The Emerald City	"'Tis very strange men should be so fond of being thought wicked than they are." — Daniel Defoe
go skydiving	Hawaii	"We were strangers as freshman and came out as friends, ending as seniors."
shoot a gun or finish "The Scarlet Letter"	12 Grimmauld Place	"I was born to be a fiddler in an old time string band." — Old Crow Medicine Show
bungee jump	Europe	"You have to decide if you are a Tigger or an Eeyore" — Randy Pausch
vote Republican, drive a Hummer, live in Texas	New Zealand	"With our thought, we make the world." — Buddha
stay at the top of a mountain until I get frost bite	back to Sorrento	"I get by with a little help from my friends" — The Beatles
live in Kansas	Egypt	"'Tis better to have loved and lost, than never to have loved at all." — Tennyson
kick Ms. Verble in the face...again	Hungary to see my family, India	"People say that you're going the wrong way when it's simply a way of your own." — Angelina Jolie
be an MU fan	the Harry Potter theme park	"I'm boss."
stalk a celebrity	Tokyo, Japan	"If you ain't laughin', you ain't livin'!" — Carlos Mencia
be so obsessed as to start a Harry Potter club... oh wait	Forks, no question	"It's true that we don't know what we've got until we lose it, but it's also true that we don't know what we've been missing until it arrives."
hurt a panda	Italy	"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." — Eleanor Roosevelt
eat red meat, be dry-eyed when someone else is crying, set a mouse trap	into others' heads or Ireland	"We pinch at our skin/While we wonder how we escaped harm/We forget all our trials/While there in our baby's arms." — "After the Bombs," The Decemberists
trade these years and memories for anything	Ireland	"There's no point in hurryin' if we don't understand. That just gets us deeper into the swamp" — Dr. Joe
try to rave for prom	Greece	"Shoot for the moon, even if you miss it you will land among the stars." — Les Brown
spend more than an hour by myself	the Grecian coast	"Smile! It increases your face value." — Truvy, "Steel Magnolias"
go bungee jumping	everywhere	"I am a woman. Phenomonally. Phenominal Woman. That's me!" — Maya Angelou
back down	Australia	"No matter where life takes you, don't forget to have fun!" — Anonymous
stop dancing	Italy	"Things turn out best for those who make the best of the way things turn out." — Jake Buck
become a vegetarian	Paris and London	"Here's to the nights we felt alive. Here's to the tears you knew you'd cry." — Eve 6
say never	Nepal	"Impossible is not a fact. It is an opinion. Impossible is not a declaration. It's a dare. Impossible is potential. Impossible is temporary. Impossible is nothing." — Adidas
eat bugs, wear Linny's clogs	Florence	"Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined." — Thoreau
go by my first name	Africa	"Red robin. Yummm." — Father Robert
let an alarm keep me away from the ultimate bachelor pad	"Cats" on Broadway	"Do you know what it's called if you go looking for Critter? CAT SCAN!" — Mr. Thomas
I would never...	My dream destination	Senior Quote

SPRING WRAP UP

invasion of the swine

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The Centers For Disease Control made annual reports concerning the spread and severity of common influenza. However, in April scientists identified a new strain of the flu, known as the swine flu. The virus spread through multiple countries, causing experts to fear influenza pandemic.

Influenza A (H1N1), as it's scientifically referred to, was typically transferred from pig to pig. According to the CDC, past cases of human infection had only occurred in those whom had direct contact with infected pigs. However, the virus mutated, allowing it to spread from human to human and created an international health issue.

Many doctors and health officials suspected the virus originated in Mexico, with many of the cases reporting links to the country. By the end of May, Mexico had suffered the most, with over 42 deaths.

In the United States, densely populated cities such as New York and Chicago were hit



with the greatest number of cases. However, according to the Associated Press, the first deaths occurred in Texas: a Mexican toddler and a 33 year-old schoolteacher.

With over 590 school closings and 600 confirmed cases in the U.S., the CDC's recommendations consisted of increased hand washing, covering one's mouth while coughing and staying in as much as possible.



Carter Boyd, 2, who was possibly exposed to the swine flu at his day care center, is treated for flu-like symptoms.



A traveler wears a sanitary mask.



Pro-immigration marchers wear masks to prevent the flu.



Queen Elizabeth II



First Lady Michelle Obama

WHAT'S HAPPENIN'?



Dora the Explorer

DORA GROWS UP

Nickelodeon and Mattel unveiled the "tween" version of Dora the Explorer, a favorite cartoon character among preschoolers. The new Dora traded in outdoor exploring for shopping and fashion, appealing a 5-year-old and up audience.

POWER TO THE PUBLIC

It was reported by American Public Transportation Association that mass transportation, such as subways and buses, were used in past year more than any other year since 1956. It is suspected that the reason of this was because of gas prices reaching \$4.

FIRST LADY MEETS QUEEN

President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama met with Queen Elizabeth March 31. Controversy surrounded the visit, after the First Lady broke protocol by hugging the monarch.

LOVE IS IN THE AIR

Mr. John Hamburg's comedy "I Love You, Man," starring Mr. Paul Rudd, a Kansas City native, earned a second place rank at the box office during its opening weekend with \$17,810,270.

MARINE ON TRIAL

A marine faced trial after being accused of killing an unarmed captive in Iraq unknown to his officials. After a long trial, the court found the marine not guilty of voluntary manslaughter, discharging a weapon during a crime of violence and assault with a deadly weapon.



Fortworth, TX, T bus



Paul Rudd

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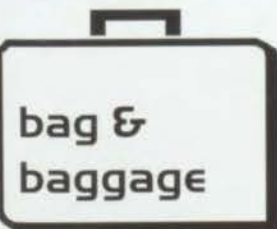
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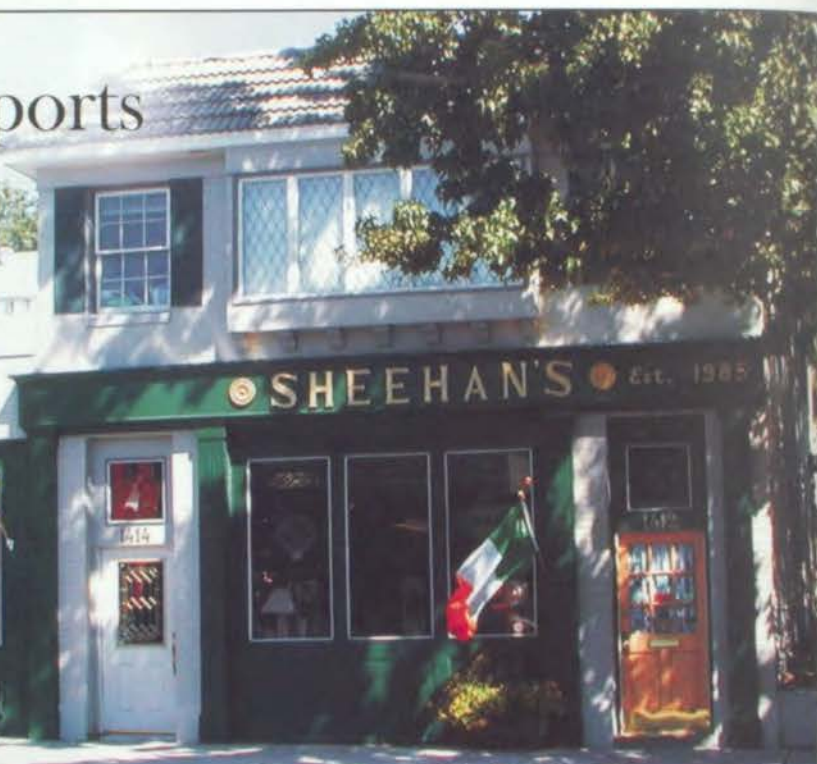
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Love you, Mom,
Dad, Chris &
Toby



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Anna Krugh

Remember, it is always better to stick together! -Your loving families



Katie Sanford
You're simply the best!
Love Mom and Kevin

Clare Connealy



Always a Star!
Shine, shine, shine on...
We love you forever,
Mom, Dad & Jack
(Colleen too)



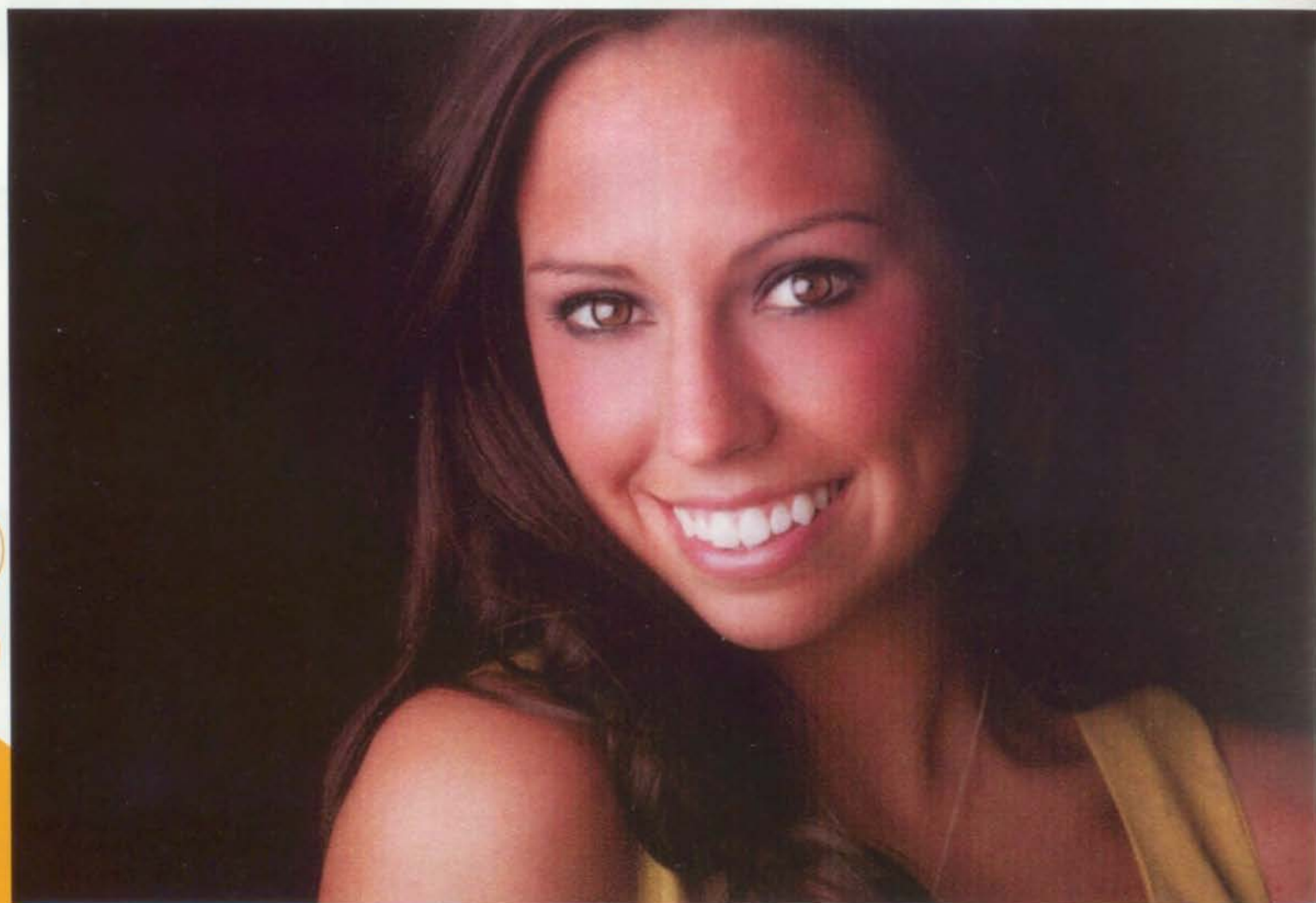
Alexis Collins



As this chapter of your life closes, may God open every door of tomorrow.
Love you,
Mom & Jessica

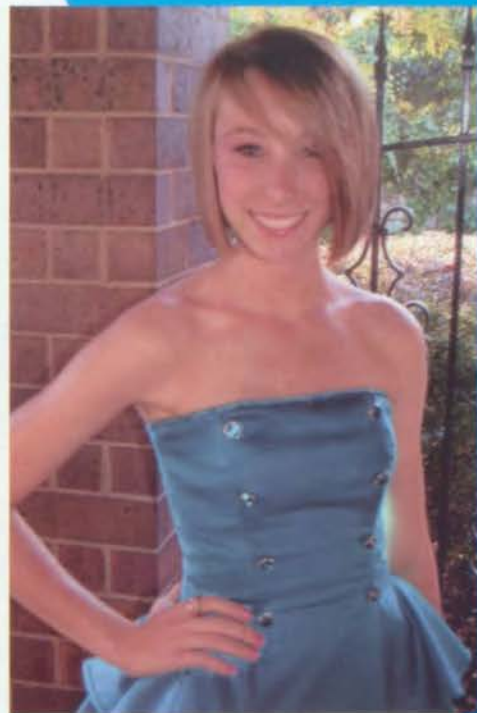
Brittanie Cali

Congratulations Britt! We are so proud of you. Go Mizzou!!
P.S. Have we told you lately that we love you?!!
Lots of Love, Dad, Mom & Joey



Abigail Duethman

Abby,
 Congratulations on a
 job WELL DONE. We
 love you and wish you
 much happiness.
 Love,
 Mom & Dad



Jaime Henry-White

Your curiosity will show you the
 world. Your smile will contact
 with the hearts of others. Always
 moving, dancing, laughing and
 taking on challenges. You bring
 sunshine to our lives.
 Love, Mom, Dad & Risie

Mallory Sweatt

"Pour it on em!"
 We love you,
 Mom, Dad,
 Nick & Ben





Kylee Burke

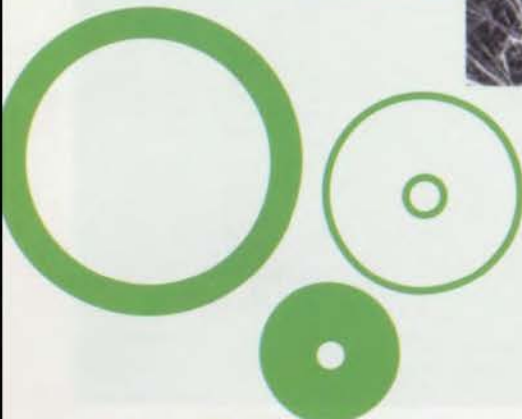


Tookie,
You have always been
our shining star! Shine
on! We love you with
all our hearts!
Mom & Dad



Elizabeth McNamara

Congratulations, Elizabeth!
We are very proud of you.
Keep reaching for the stars!
Love, Mom, Dad, Patrick and Kevin





Kit Landwehr

What a gift it's been to watch you grow into the lovely, confident young woman you are. We are so proud of you.
We love you,
Mom & Dad



Laura Peterson

Mischievous, onery, confident, outgoing and fashionable - that was Laura, that still is Laura.
We love you!
Dad, Mom, Lisa & Ransom



Mollie Caffey



Congratulations Mollie!
We are so proud of you!
Live, Laugh, Love!
We Love You,
Mom, Dad and Matt

Molly Torrence

Daughter. Sister. Friend. Creative. Giver. Thinker. Future Teacher of Wisdom and Truth. Source of Pride and Joy.
Congratulations!
Love, MDBJ&S

Megan Monsees

Good job, Megs!
Way to go!
Proud of you!
Love you,
Mom, Ben, Sam,
and Dad



Margaret Schneider

Margaret,
We love you and are
proud of you always.
Your family,
Mom, Dad, Martin and
Lydia



Megan Owara

Happy endings... New begin-
nings! "Every accomplishment
begins with the decision to try."
- Unknown
Love, Dad, Mom, Brian, and Katy

Lauren Damico

Born of love, born of joy, Sure do wish you'd been a boy! Not for long, once I knew, All the neat things you could do, Run and Jump, laugh and cry. I love you kid, wanna know why? You make me proud, you make me smile, And so much else you do with style. Thank you Lumpy, you made it easy, First at SPS & now at St. Tereasy. You're a State Champ & Madam Prez too, It's no wonder so many love you!
Daddy Man



Ashley Zondca

May your kind and giving spirit lead you to the bright future you deserve. Love, Dad, Diane, Ethan, Grandma, Papa, Aunt Mamie, Kristine, Ann, Jeff, Maddie, Peyton, and Paige



Victoria Heule

"What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us."

Ralph Waldo Emerson



Alexandra Heule

"Some see things as they are and ask why. Others dream things that never were and ask why not..."

—George Bernard Shaw



Madelyn Effertz

Reach for the Stars!
We love you,
Dad & Mom, Paige,
Alex & Brent



Alissa LaManno

Alissa,
Good luck as you continue
with the next chapter of your
life Journey!
Love, Mom, Dad and Gian

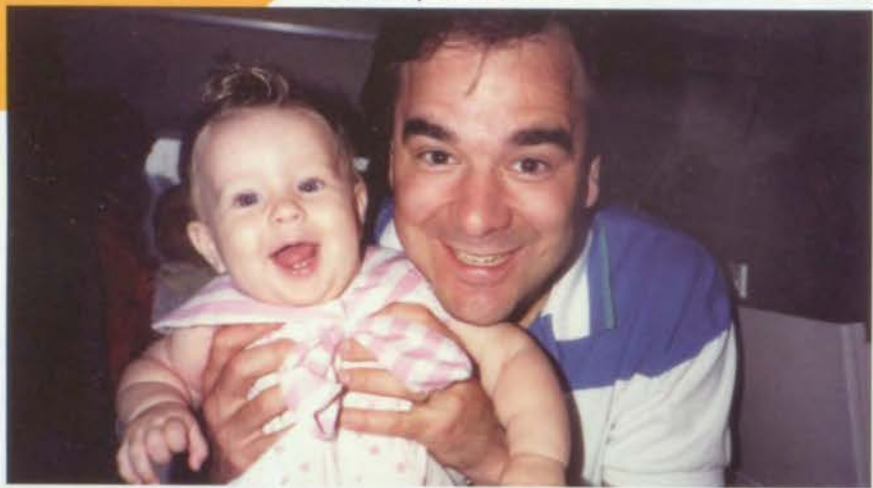
Elizabeth Howard

Congratulations. We
know your educa-
tion, hard work,
positive attitude and
determination will
take you anywhere
you want to go.
We Love You
Mom & Dad



Amanda Backer

You have accomplished so much. We are proud of you. You will always have our love and support. We love you Mandal! "Oh the places you will go!" —Mom, Dad, Danny, Christy and Winnie



Caroline Campbell

I'm Working On A Dream - We love you and are so proud!
-Dad, Mom, Anna



Merrily, merrily,
Mary Lee, Mary Lee,
life (with you) has been but a dream.
Love, Mom & Dad

Mary Lee Ptacek



Erin Andres



From zebras to state, congratulations! We love you and are proud of you Erin. Love, Mom, Dad and Emmie



Linny Kaufman

STA to Paraguay
Clogs, guampas, streets of
clay
Volleyball, classes, friends,
The Dart
Memories forever in your
heart!
Love, Mom & Dad



Maggie Steinert

Smiles, Eyes, Curly Hair, Creative, Cross Country, Pizza, Sonic, Soon Missing You. Love, Mom, Dad & Annie



Ellie Mullane

Ellie, you are our pride and joy. We love you! Congratulations! Love, Mom, Dad, Maggie & John



Meg Hart

We know you'll soar! Love, Mom, Dad, Ellie, Kip, Mimi and George



Sally Nulton

Congrats Sally We love you! Mom, Dad, Mary, Will, Meg, Charlie, Anne, Sam, Michael & Phog



Kelly Younger

We have loved every minute of watching you grow up. We are so proud of you and look forward to seeing what your next adventure brings.

Congratulations! Love, Mom & Dad
"This Much"



Emma Spencer

You are our precious child; travel life's
journey joyfully, with great wonder.
Love Dad, Mom, Grace and Winnie





Katie Kieffer

Wherever you go,
Whatever you do,
We'll always love you
And believe in you!



Lindsey Jones

Wherever you go, go with all
your heart. Congratulations!
We love you. Dad, Mom,
Spencer & Brian



Lauren McQuaid



We love you and are so
proud of you and your
accomplishments. Go
forward into the world and
fulfill all your dreams. Your
smile is contagious!! Love
Mom, Dad, Patrick & Sara
Jane



Lauren Bly

We are so proud of all you have accomplished at St. Teresa's. Your dedication and hard work have fulfilled your dreams. Beat Navy! Proverbs 3:5-6
With love, Mom & Dad



JoEllen Belcher

We love you very much and are very proud of the beautiful, intelligent young woman you have become. We hope all your dreams come true and happiness follows you wherever you go. Mom and Dad



Lauren Durie

May God's grace shine upon you always... Congratulations. We are so blessed and proud - Love Dad & Mom



Whether at the helm of a whale watching boat at age 5, or organizing a neighborhood game of Capture the Flag, you have always been an in-charge kind of girl! No matter how far away your future takes you, out to sea or up in space, you will always be close in our hearts. We love you Haley! Mom and Dad

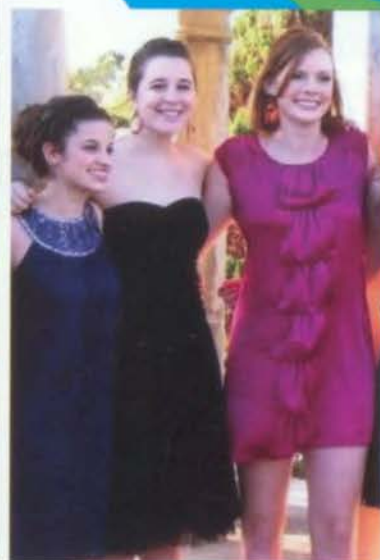
Haley Doyle



Erin Nelson

You can be the change you wish to see in the world... show up, listen, laugh, most importantly, enjoy the view!

Love, Mom, Dad, Cait



Emily Orndoff

Congratulations "Em-Em" we are so proud of you. Your drive and determination will take you great places! Our love and family support will follow you wherever you go - Love Mom, Dad, Andrew, Patrick & Michael



Meghan Penland

The future doesn't lie ahead of you, waiting to happen. It lies deep within you, waiting to be discovered. Congratulations Megs! We are so proud of you. Love Mom, Dad, and Spike



Katie Kenney

It's hard to tell you how proud we are in 20 words. We're very proud! Love, Mom, Dad, Molly, Maggie, Clare and Murphy

Haley Vondemkamp

We are all so proud of you! May all of your dreams come true! Love, Mom, Mike, Paige, Holden, and Liam





A journey always begins with the first step. Along one's journey, it's more important what one learns with each step, rather than the intended destination. STA has been a journey that I will always cherish.

Phyllis Cole

Paulina & Jacqueline Wentworth

Dream big, strive for greatness and never settle for anything but the best. You are both strong, beautiful, intelligent women who are destined for greatness. Believe in yourselves the way that we believe in you. We are so proud of you! LOVE ALWAYS- Dad, Brooke, Jaxson and Brett



Maura Lammers



Your accomplishments speak volumes, your abilities are not bound, follow your dreams and achieve fulfilling and meaningful success. We are proud to be your family. Love, Mom, Dad, Nick, Kaitlyn, and Toby



Leah Barthol

Congratulations, Leah!
We are so proud of you. Love Mom, Dad, Claire and Aimee



Madilyn Roberts

You are full of love, grace, wisdom, beauty, honor and cupcakes!
We love you, Mom, Dad, Jonathon, Sophie & Gracie XOXO



Kirsten Hyde

We are so proud of you Kirsten, and look forward to your future. Love Mom, Dad, Katie and Libby



Stephanie Lankford

Smiles, laughter, warmth, confidence, leadership, perseverance, strength, loyalty and friendship. What a beautiful young lady you have become! We are so proud and love you, Dad, Mom, Megan and Paige





Lee Fryer



Every year that passes you are more special than before. Through every stage and every age we love you even more. We are so proud of you. Congrats! Love Mom and Dad, John, Cele and Kim



Kari Price

You have blossomed into a wonderful young lady. Congratulations on your graduation, and be sure to grasp and enjoy what lies ahead. We love you, Mom, Dad and Errin



Thank you for all the great memories. We are so proud of you! Love you, Mom, Dad, Ryan and Megan

Allison Mandl

Allison Pointer

Congratulations Allison! We are so proud of the wonderful young woman you are.
Love, Mom, Dad, Kathleen and Mollie



Tess Grohmann

Congratulations Tess! We are all so proud of you!
Love Mom, Dad, Peggy, Bridie, and Jake



"You've made it this far, getting back will be therapeutic!" We love you and are so proud of your accomplishments. We cannot wait to see what you'll do with your talents.
Love Mom, Dad, Dan and Maggie

Caroline Quinn





Lauren Kenner

Congrats Lauren! Now - "what would you attempt if you knew you could not fail?" We cannot wait to see.

Love Mom, Dad, Victoria & Jack



Sarah Slaven

Sarah, I know that you will succeed in whatever you decide to do, you can count on your family for love, support and guidance. We love you.



Erin McDonald

Trust yourself. Love yourself. Enjoy the ride! We love our little Bo Bo. Mom, Dad and Claire (2011)



Mikaela Casey

Where have the years gone? We are so proud of the beautiful young lady that you are. Make the most of every day and make your dreams come true. Bendición y mucho amor! Dad, Mom & Brianna





Julia Amaya

Congratulations Julia! We are so proud of all you have accomplished. You are the light of our lives. We know you can achieve anything you set your mind to. We love you. Mom, Dad, and Adrian



Shauna Muehlbach

The changes, the choices, the characters, the paths are all up to you. Love Mom, Dad, Eric and Austin



Elizabeth Meyers

May the grace and peace of Christ be with you always.

Love Mom, Dad, Jim, Anna, John, Matthew and Mary



Lauren Evrard

Congratulations Lauren! We are so proud of you! May your new journey be filled with happiness and great success! You can do anything! We love and support you, Mom, Dad and Alex



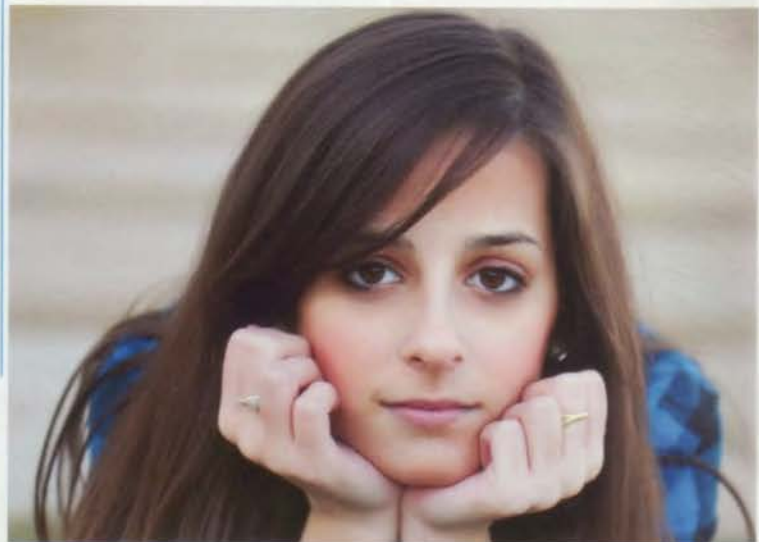
Marin Berardi

"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart."
—Helen Keller



Cristin Berardi

You have brought us joy and laughter for 18 years. We love you now, we always will.



Sarah White

Awesome, beautiful, caring, loving, patient, worrisome, hopeful, anxious, God-fearing, graceful, tender, logical, sensitive. Best Big Sister!
Love you. Mom, Lily, Vernon



Kaitlin Arnold

You will always be our shining star!
Congratulations!
We love you!
Dad and Mom



Sydney Ragsdale

Sydney, You are our sweet, sensitive, intelligent, funny, beautiful young woman. Go be all that you can be! We love you!
Mom and Dad



JoEllen Redlingshafer

We are so proud of you JoJo. We will miss your smiling face next year. Good luck on your new adventure. Love, Mom Dad, Rex, Cassie & Mickey



It's impossible to sum up your life in five pictures and 30 words! A picture is worth a thousand words, so here are five thousand words! We love you and you are the best!



Jennifer McLiney



Martha Tillmon

May your future be happy, and all your dreams come true. We love you! Mom, Dad and family



Katya DiTirro

You've come a long way and we're very proud of you. Remember... It gets better! Love, Mom and Dad



Thank you Nancy Hand!

To a dedicated teacher, principal and friend...

As you leave campus, the teachers, parents and students of STA look back on your 37 years of service and realize how lucky we have been to know you, work with you and laugh with you. We promise to show our gratitude by continuing your tradition of excellent education for young Catholic women.

Sincerely,

Everyone at STA



As senior yearbook staffers designed their final spreads, CMYK'd their last photos, and prepared for one more deadline, they bid their beloved book a

fond farewell

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coeditor-in-chief: 3 years on staff



Dearest Yearbookies,

As I currently sit at my favorite computer (which I still decide to sit at despite the fact that I know Mr. T is going to come back here any minute and kick me off yet again), I can confidently say that some of my fondest memories at STA have taken place

behind this partition and with the girls who live/hibernate back here. I've cleaned the computer screens with the help of a pug ("is there a...dog back there?"), changed desktop pictures to flattering pictures of friends, made new friends/ "spouses" (and kept the old) and watched Mr. G illustrate the importance of fire drill safety at Summer Heights High. Though I am very proud of this book and the work that has gone into it, I'd have to admit that one of the most solid pieces of work produced behind the partition is the Teresian "Sandstorm" music video. And finally to "my staff," thank you for agreeing (sort of) to listen to "my" music, especially Celine Dion, and taking me seriously when I dressed up as Michael Scott. It goes without saying we couldn't have done it without you...You are the "future journalists of America!"

Maura Lammers

coeditor-in-chief: 3 years on staff



It's a little dorky to admit, but I did most of my growing up at STA behind the partition in Mr. Thomas's room. The last three years have taught me so much about responsibility, leadership and my own voice. Every moment on yearbook is locked inside my heart.

I have so many people to thank for making my experience so spectacular, from Meredith Pavicic (whose footsteps I was afraid to follow at first), to Katie Kenney (who's more wonderful and brilliant than I can ever put into words), to Mr. Thomas (who always managed to steer me in the right direction during my "freakouts," both yearbook-related, school-related and college-related).

Until recently, I thought journalism was the career for me. Now I doubt if I'll have the chance to create something as beautiful as this book again. But if this book is the peak of my creative pursuits, I am overjoyed that it should end this way, with such a talented staff working alongside me and inspiring me every day. Thank you all for a great year. And as for Allison and Jessica, good luck with next year's book. I have complete confidence in you both.

The staff of the *Teresian* yearbook gets goofy. Front row from left: seniors Mary Jantsch, Sally Nulton and Maura Lammers.

Second row: Seniors Megan Monsees and Katie Kenney, juniors Allison Pericich and Caitlin Sweeny. Third row: juniors Megan Wilkerson, Brady Essmann, Riley Cowing, Jessica Ann, Becca Sommerhauser, and senior Meghan Penland; Fifth row: yearbook advisor Eric Thomas, junior Kerry Cummings, sophomores Elle Rauch and Colleen Corcoran, juniors Lindsay Bowers and Katy Crater. photo by Morgan Said.



Lauren Damico

photography editor: 3 years on staff



The competitiveness of the Teresian staff is broader than the rivalry between the newspaper and the yearbook. Our desire to be the best has inspired dedication exceeding that of some of our classes. It has pushed us to create perfect spreads, and therefore, a flawless book. Although we all feel lighter once the book is complete, I've always enjoyed the compiling more than the outcome. We show the secret lives, the behind-the-scenes and the raw emotion that are everything an academy girl is. This yearbook entices its readers to become involved so they, too, might get their own story covered next year. For all its readers, this yearbook says, "go."

Sally Nulton

senior pages designer: 2 years on staff



I have to be honest and explain that I feel completely out of place as a member of this publication. Anyone who knows me would be able to describe my lack of responsibility.

Once I even had to reassure Mr. Thomas that I would not be "acting like a squirrel" at publication night. I was confused at first by this request but then I realized I have a furry tail and protruding fangs.

But for the record I never bit anyone and I love yearbook even though I told everyone I hated it.

Mary Jantsch

feature editor: 3 years on staff



Dwight K. Schrute here, ready to do my job...or at least take a nap behind the partition. The real reason for the yearbook (and the newspaper too) is to compile all the weirdest people in the school and keep them separate from harming the normal people of this fine academy. When you think about it, the partition is like a gate to keep us from endangering society and Mr. Thomas is the zoo keeper. We've produced and performed our own musical, perfected our stalking skills, and learned gravity-defying break dance moves (which I pull out daily). Wherever I GO the stalking, posting embarrassing pictures of Haley, and "The Office" quotes will GO too.

Megan Monsees

features designer: 2 years on staff



Teresian music videos, hidden faces on Jessica's spreads, and a yellow submarine made out of Christmas lights. My time on the Teresian staff has been captured in memories rather than page numbers.

It may seem idiotic to admit that my time behind the partition has been spent more towards laughs, reenactments and reminiscing rather than deadlines, captioning and export check lists, but that is simply the truth. I will soon forget about headline worksheets and fine tune drafts, but the memories and friends behind the partition will follow me forever.

Erin Andres

senior ads designer: 2 years on staff



So seriously I need to write about my time on yearbook... I will miss it I promise. I will miss toning overexposed baby pictures to the sound of endless chatter. I will miss the Ball State workshop and NSPA convention and just being behind the partition everyday. If I ever use InDesign again I'll always use the grids. How someone could design a spread without them? Okay, so I thought I was done with this, but no, I was attacked by our co-editor-in-chief, Maura Lammers, during my 11/12 writing class on the second-to-last day of school because she learned my schedule so she could tell me to write more. I'm convinced it was just an evil ploy to get her name mentioned in my reflection.

Meghan Penland

features writer: 2 years on staff



The Teresian has been a huge part of my life for the past two years. I have constantly worried about deadlines, interviews, photos and mostly stories. With great, overwhelming stress comes an awesome reward,

someone amazing once said. This is true for me. I am extremely grateful for what I have learned on staff, and I will carry that wonderful wisdom to college next year. I am so glad for the friendships I have made from the yearbook staff and I am truly going to miss everyone's crazy personalities next year. Oh, and the Thomas dollar.

colophon

The Teresian 2009

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art club

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row 1: Kennedy Burton, Meg Nulton, Lauren Barrett, Paige Wendland, Katie Beirne, Jennifer Blake, Molly Kaniger; row 2: coach Jamie Gubera-Cooper, Shannen Freeman, Mary LeRoy, Brenna Scott, Katelyn Ehrman, Emily Holt, Mary Cate Feuerborn, Megan Helt; not pictured: Gigi O'Brien



JV basketball

row 1: Emma Steck, Ally Franken, Lauren Scott, Maddie Lueke, Megan Lankford; row 2: Clarissa Seay, Alexandria Christian, Katie Pautler, Megan Lewis, Mayme Marshall. photo by elle rauch



varsity basketball

row 1: Paulina Wentworth, Stephanie Lankford, Paige Kulmann, Abby Duethman, Jacqueline Wentworth; row 2: Emily Wilson, Caroline Gray, Avery Adams, Kelsie Fiss, Brady Eggman. photo by elle rauch



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row 1: Riley Uecker, Brady Essmann, Laura Neenan, Caitlin Boger, Katie Kieffer, Allison Pointer, Avery Adams, Abby Duethman, Molly Fakoury, Ceri Verble, Kari Price, Kelsey McCormick; **row 2:** Jenny Platten, Caitlin Campbell, Sam Roach, Molly Meagher, Allison Mundy, Jennie Heule, Alex Stucky, Morgan Barrett, Jordan Miller, Lane Livers, Colleen Riley, Lauren Heermann, Rachel Knox, Becky Seese, Stephanie Lankford; **row 3:** Meghan Harper, Elaina Brownlee, Quinn Beisser, Lauren Scott, Colleen Corcoran, Caroline Gray, Victoria Godfrey, Claire O'Neill, Shelby Langtry, Sarah Slaven, Kirsten Hyde, Emily Bullington, Megan Monsees, Mr. Matthew Bertalot; **row 4:** Maddie Lueke, Lauren Laudan, Mandi Morrow, Emily Wilson, Alexis Banks, Laura Yerardi, Susie Ancona, Shanese Bell, Riley Cowing, Claire Mahoney, Kate Duffey, Megan Owara. *photo by lindsay bowers*



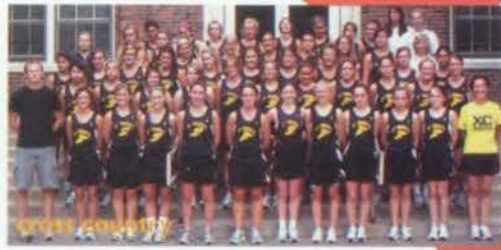
community service club

row 1: McLaren O'Rear, Mary Kate Jenks, Lane Schulte, Olivia Scheuler, Maddie Lundgren; **row 2:** Katarina Fitzpatrick, Katie McCalla, Jenny Schorgl, Grace Bisbee, Claire McDonald, Megan Schrader, Alexandria Christian, Claire Wahrer, Ms. Betsy Hansbrough; **row 3:** Shelby Nace, Michelle Reichmeier, Lauren Thompson, Ali Morgan, Brittany Asta, Kayla Hogan, Kelsey Wendland, Kylie Hornbeck, Sara Gassman, Shaughnessy Miller; **row 4:** Cierra Marzett, Victoria Heule, Katelyn Schleicher, Allison Brennan, Caroline Campbell, Haley Vondemkamp, Mallie Coffey, Tatiana Ambrose, Sherie Wallace, Lindsey Jones, Chloe Lundgren; **row 5:** Jessica Bales, Rachel Flattery, Maggie Burke, Brittanie Cali, Kenzie Robbins, Leah Barthol. *photo by claire vanasdale*



cooking club

row 1: Hannah Haywood, Logan Kembel, Casey O'Malley, Haley Winslow, Erin Hutchison, Maggie Cussen, Sam Johnson; **row 2:** Mr. Craig Whitney, Sarah Duff, Holly Haywood, Lydia Thomsen, Lindsay Bowers, Kerry Egan, Rachel Shedd. *photo by allie lueke*



cross country

row 1: coach Dave Hansen, Clancie Beisser, Caroline Thompson, Rosie Hodes, Lauren Thompson, Katie Sharp, Laura Neenan, Jessica Bullington, Kate Rohr, Mary Kate Jenks, Lane Schulte, coach Karen Moran-Redlich; **row 2:** Maddie Dang, Susie Ancona, Becky Seese, Lauren Heermann, Sara Gassman, Samantha Barker, Lee Fryer, Anne Schwartz, Paulina Wentworth, Grace Krause, Addie Thompson; **row 3:** Kelly O'Byrne, Stephanie Hampel, Jordan Miller, Lane Livers, Maggie Dunn, Samantha Waeckerle, Claire O'Neill, Sally Nulton, Megan Schrader, Sophia Garozzo; **row 4:** coach Sarah Fox, Nicolette Anderson, Molly O'Byrne, Hannah Wolf, Lauren Durie, Gabriella Garozzo, Elaina Brownlee, Jacqueline Kerr, Cate Castleman, Jenny Platten; **row 5:** Molly Fakoury, Jaime Henry-White, Katie McCombs, Emily Bullington, Lauren Medina, Maggie Steinert, Meghan Harper, Molly Meagher, Claire Hansen, Brady Essmann; **not pictured:** Madeline O'Rear, Lindsay Gray. *photo by elle rauch*



campus ministry

row 1: Kiersten Schorgl, Taylor Irwin, Emily Quatman, Chloe Watters; **row 2:** Laura Yerardi, Susie Ancona, Anne Schwartz, Jordan Miller, Lucy Edmonds, Rosie Hodes; **row 3:** Ashley Zondca, Anne Marie Whitehead, Kirsten Hyde, Shanese Bell, Shaughnessy Miller, Megan Schilling, Mary Kate Jenks, Marianna Messerli. *photo by colleen corcoran*

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row 1: Mary LeRoy, Libby Randolph, Ms. Andrea Skowronek, Mary Cate Feuerborn, Mallory McDonald; **row 2:** Caitlin White, Clarissa Seay, Kiersten Schorgl, Leah Miller, Kara Sharp, Mallory Sweatt. *photo by kerry cummings*



dance team

row 1: Anna Gigliotti, Jade Hernandez; **row 2:** Theresa Murphy, Alexandra Radtke, Betsy Tampke, Rebecca Oylar; **row 3:** Lindsay Cook, Hope Stillwell, Taylor Kramer, Lauren Laudan; **row 4:** Rachel Winslow, Marissa Naggi, Michaela Knittel, Riley Cowing.



dead poet society

row 1: Maura Porter, Stacy Hymer, Ashley Zondca; **row 2:** Megan Bryde, Evan Thompson, Molly O'Boyle; **row 3:** Hannah Hitt, Angelica DeSimio, Mary Lee Ptacek, Meghan Penland, Ms. Carrie Jacquin. *photo by megan wilkerson*

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row 1: Cecilia O'Flaherty, Mary Frey, Kate Bohner, Bianca Dang, Alexis Taylor-Butler, Mary Schmitt, Kate Needham, Mara Kerwin; **row 2:** Elizabeth Imperiale, Alexandria Mediavilla, Kirby Buckley, Laura Martin, Danielle Gotapia, Katarina Waller, Jenny Gottsch, Shelby Kuhns; **row 3:** Claire Cirocco, Emily Bresette, Abby Uche, Amanda Florida, Hannah Otto, Lucy McManess, Jackie Regan, Stephanie Hampel, Emily Holt, Ryan Tucker, Sarah Moran, Kristen Wieliczka. *photo by lindsay bowers*

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 row 1: Hannah Haywood, Stephanie Hampel, Cara McClain, Meredith Koch, Megan Schaff, Molly Meagher, Emilee Fallon, Logan Kembel, Ali Morgan; row 2: Ms. Sue Marquis, Emory Hall, Holly Haywood, Danielle Gatapia, Sue Seemani, Mary Frey, Veronica Miller, Kat Wiens, Alexandra Greathouse, Casey Miller, Elise Ferron; row 3: Kate Bohnert, Kylie Hornbeck, Caroline Campbell, Mary Lee Ptacek, Paige Kuhlmann, Margaret Schneider, Alexandra Reddis, Annie DeRuyter, Hillary Johnson, Kate Needham, Rosemary McGraw. photo by becca sommerhauser



junior statesmen of america
 row 1: Caroline Mandus, Anna McTygue, Libby O'Neil
 row 2: Caroline Quinn, Taylor Brown, Gaby Wilson, Julia Stopinski, Mr. Pat Stridger; row 3: Tess Grohmann, Margaret Schneider, Katie Sanford. photo by katie sharp

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 row 1: Mia Hawkins, Nicole Twaddle; row 2: Libby O'Neil, Sue Seemani, Casey O'Malley, Celeste Bremen, Haley Doyle; row 3: Maddie Dang, Hillary Johnson, Martha Tilmann, Stacy Hymer, Ms. Mary Montag. photo by katelyn devince



math team
 row 1: Paige Kuhlmann, Sue Seemani, Molly Kenney, Bianca Dang, Kylie Hornbeck, Rachael Winslow; row 2: Colleen Riley, Rebecca Oylar, Celeste Bremen, Stacy Hymer, Margaret Schneider, Shaughnessy Miller, Ms. Jo Weller. photo by elle rauch



model united nations
 row 1: Angelique Short, Taylor Irwin, Christina Barton, Kylie Hornbeck; row 2: Rebecca Oylar, Lorraine Sands, Holly Haywood, Megan Schilling, Maddie Lundgren; row 3: Mr. Richard Shrock, Shaughnessy Miller, Kara Sharp, Allison Parkich, Katy Crater. photo by caitlin sweeney

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national honors society

row 1: Caroline Thompson, Rosie Hodes, Claire O'Neil, Lauren Thompson, Lauren Heermann, Katie Kieffer, Chloe Lundgren; row 2: Margaret Schneider, Megan Monsees, Anne Schwartz, Becca Sommerhauser, Ali Morgan, Allison Pericich, Kylie Hornbeck; row 3: Shaughnessy Miller, Anne Marie Whitehead, Kelsie Fiss, Mary Jantsch, Elizabeth Wilson, Brady Essmann, Riley Cowing, Celeste Bremen. photo by kerry cummings



overexposed club

row 1: Jacqueline Kerr, Maddison Balachowski, Kelly Clay, Kit Landwehr, Laura Peterson; row 2: Elise Ferron, Alexandra Beineman, Meredith Koch, Alyson McNaghten, Maura Lammers; row 3: Caitlin Sweeney, Maddy Fox, Tracy Burns-Yocum, Dominique Brawner, Mr. Eric Thomas. photo by megan wilkerson

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junior soccer
 row 1: Alex Stucky, Katie McCombs, Ally Franken, Emma Steck, Molly Kenney; row 2: Megan Porterfield, Tracy Burns-Yocum, Kate Passantino, Megan Lewis, Jessica Bullington, Lauren Barrett; row 3: Cassie Redlingshafer, Katie Beirne, Alex Beineman, Megan Lankford, Katelyn Ehrman; row 4: coach Jennifer Whiteley, Liz Wiens, Beth McBee, Anna White. photo courtesy of jack garvin



varsity soccer
 row 1: Emily Cox, Taylor Brown, Karson Kuhlmann, Elizabeth Wilson, Kerry Cummings, Maegan Kelly; row 2: Katie Beirne, Katelyn Devine, Avery Adams, Mary Warwick, Cole Fryer, Caitlin Boger, Paige Kuhlmann, Sophia Garozzo; row 3: Katelyn Ehrman, Anna White, Ava Jurden, Megan Wilkerson, Caroline Gray, Megan Lankford; row 4: coach Jeremy McElduff, coach Scott Siegel, manager Abbigail Duethman. photo courtesy of jack garvin



softball
 row 1: Amanda Florido, Zoe Busey, Martha Tillmon, Ally Franken, Anna White, Ashley Zondca, Allison Fitts, Abby Suholaski, Mackenzie Jones; row 2: Shelby Langtry, Kristina Bryde, Jessica Ann, Emma Steck, Claire VanAsdale, Megan Bryde, Sarah Bryant, Sara Pence, manager Chloe Zinn; row 3: coach Dave Turney, Stacy Hymer, Sarah Schulte, Eilene McSorley, Katie Pautler, Leah Miller, Keara Kinney, Demi Ribaste, coach Robert Albert, coach Don Lang. photo by jack garvin



spirit club
 row 1: Sally Nulton, Catherine Arensberg, Mackenzie Hatfield, Sophia Garozzo, Kathleen Hough, Paulina Wentworth, Lauren Medina, Kaitlin Zidar; row 2: Alex Radtke, Cassie Odneal, Becca Sommerhauser, Kerry Cummings, Katelyn Devine, Megan Wilkerson, Lucy Edmonds, Kathleen Devine; row 3: Meka Kelly, Kelsey Ceriotti, Maegan Kelly, Amy Cosgrove, Elizabeth Vater, Molly Kenney, Mary O'Leary, Kelly O'Byrne; row 4: Christina Barton, Margot Livers, Kristina Strader, Betsy Tampke, Jessica Lubet, Samantha Waeckerle, Kayla Kratofil, Taylor Kramer, Kathleen Vogel. photo by colleen carcoran



spanish club
 row 1: Julia Amaya, Phyllis Cole, Mikaela Casey, Madilyn Roberts, JoEllen Belcher; row 2: Martha Ramirez, Anna Meyers, Lindsay Cook, Caroline Connor, Brianna Casey, Karson Kuhlmann, Molly Pericich; row 3: Sarah Bryant, Caitlin Nelson, Allison Nanger, Ms. Melissa Axton, Claire McKeon, Kristen McEneaney, Katie Passantino, Nina Raimo, Molly Fox. photo by claire vanasdale



student community organization
 row 1: Clancie Beisser, Theresa Murphy, Sydney Deatherage, Rosie Hodes, Emily Quatman, Cassie Redlingshafer; row 2: Morgan Said, Courtney Watkins, Kayla Loosen, JoEllen Redlingshafer, Gabriella Garozzo, Katie Kenney; row 3: Katie Evans, Marianna Messerli, Megan Schilling, Alexis Collins, Ms. Stacie O'Rear, Ms. Amy Carlson. photo by katie sharp



students assembled for global awareness
 row 1: Taylor Migliazzo, Lorraine Sands, Molly O'Byrne, Elizabeth Tilson, Anna Franke; row 2: Hannah Wolf, Cara McClain, Elizabeth Meyers, Clara Connealy, Anna Krugh, Lee Fryer, Hillary Johnson. photo by colleen carcoran



science club
 row 1: Abby Suholaski, Süe Seemani, Ally Franken, Claire VanAsdale, Erin Twaddle, Marie Brancato; row 2: Ava Jurden, Meg Nulton, Nicole Wamhoff, Ellie Edelman, Maria Blando, Emily Cox, Maggie Dunn; row 3: Maggie Fitzgerald, Sarah Kindscher, Allison Fitts, Emma Steck, Holly Grant, Anne Bachofer, Grace Crowe, Emily Wunder, Ms. Terry Conner. photo by becca sommerhauser



swirl team
 row 1: manager Joellen Belcher, Mandy Prather, Emily Orndoff, Laura Peterson, Erin Nelson, Kylie Hornbeck; row 2: Nicole Twaddle, Melissa Lane, Rosemary McGraw, Meka Kelly, Leah Miller, Hayden Fudemberg; row 3: Jacqueline Kerr, Erin Twaddle, Kelly Clay, Christina Barton, Margot Livers, Lucy Edmonds; row 4: manager Emily Brette, manager Mara Kerwin, Rachel Edmonds, Mary Franke, Sarah Wirtz, Dominique Brawner; not pictured: Mary Kate Duffy, Elizabeth Schorgl. photo by elle rauch

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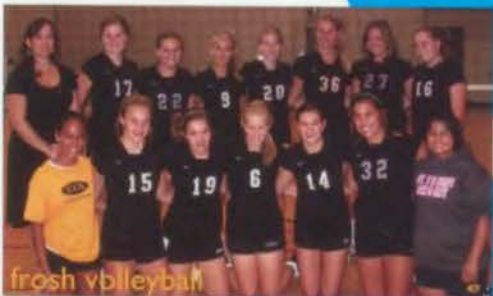


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track
 row 1: Allé Scott, Leah Barthol, Lauren Scott, Catherine Arensberg, Brenna Scott, Lane Schulte, Kathleen Devine; row 2: Libby Randolph, Stephanie Lyford, Abbey Uche, Maddie Dang, Rowan O'Brian-Williams, Sara Gassman, Cate Castleman; row 3: Jasmine Colhour, Erika Mikkelsen, Cat Wiens, Meredith Koch, Jennifer Blake, Shannen Freeman; row 4: Taylor Twellman, Mara Kerwin, Alexandria Medayilla, Nicole Wemhoff, Megan Helt; row 5: Joellen Belcher, Ashley Zondca, Jessica Bales, Clarissa Seay, Ann Bode-Rodriguez; row 6: Hannah Longstreet, Laura Martin, Katie McCalla, Mark Yulich, Amanda James; not pictured: Shay Bell, Paulina Wenworth, Nicole Kamradt, Christie Fletcher. photo courtesy of jack garvin

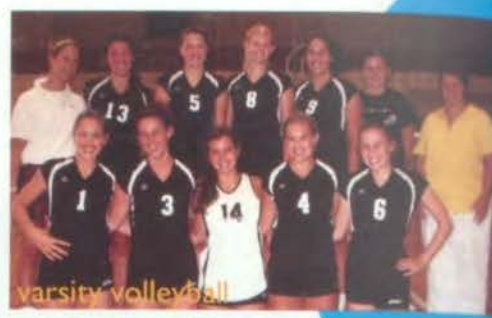
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JV volleyball
 row 1: Casey Miller, Jenny Schorgl, Victoria Godfrey, Maddie Lueke; row 2: Kathleen Hough, Emily Wilson, Samantha Scheuler, Paige Vondenkamp, Sarah Godfrey, Alexa Fowlkes, coach Jenny Engelken. photo courtesy of jack garvin



varsity volleyball
 row 1: Kathleen Vogel, Courtney Watkins, Taylor Mighlazzan, Liz Powell, Nicole Wemhoff; row 2: manager Mauna Hinlani, Kelsie Fiss, Shaughnessy Miller, Lindsay Bowers, Grace Whitley, Claire Mahoney, coach Amy Carlson. photo courtesy of jack garvin

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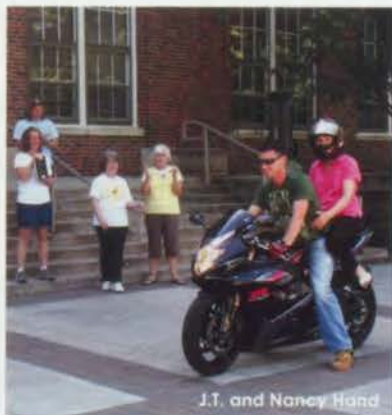
May 4, 2009



The fall musical cast of Little Women was nominated for the Blue Star Awards in Outstanding Scenic Design, Outstanding Group Ensemble, and Operatic Tragedy Cast. The award ceremony was held on May 21 at Starlight. The Blue Star awards were sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield and Starlight. *photo by becca sommerhauser*

May 29, 2009

President of academic affairs Nancy Hand celebrated her last day at STA May 29 by riding away with her son, Mr. J.T. Hand, on his motorcycle. Hand had worked as a teacher and administrator for 37 years and was also an alumna. *photo by maura lammers*



J.T. and Nancy Hand

what's going on this summer

May 15, 2008



One of St. Teresa's productions will be showcased not only on the stage of STA, but in Scotland at the Fringe Festival. This festival has over 1,800 performances of dance, music, theatre and comedy. St. Teresa's was selected by the AHSTF Board of Advisors to represent the United States. *photo courtesy of mct campus*

May 23, 2009

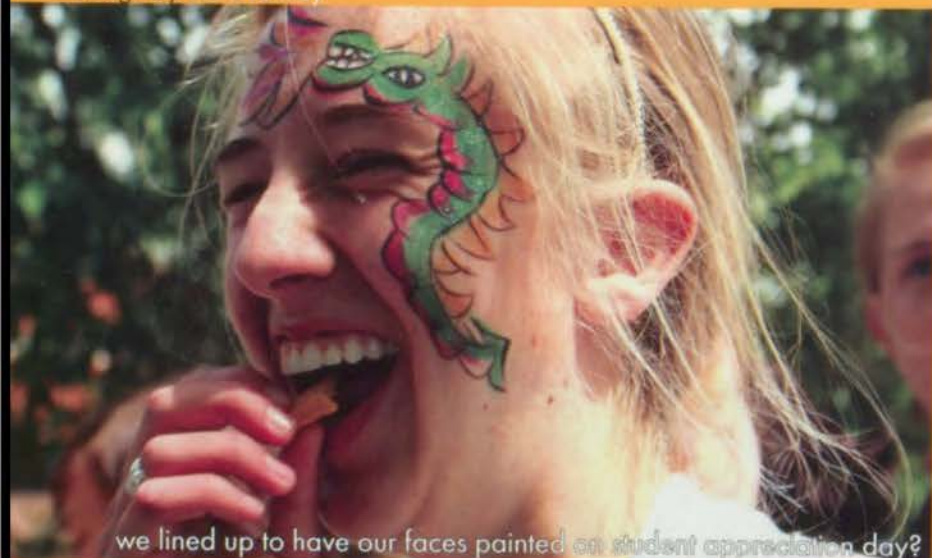


Lauren Fowlkes

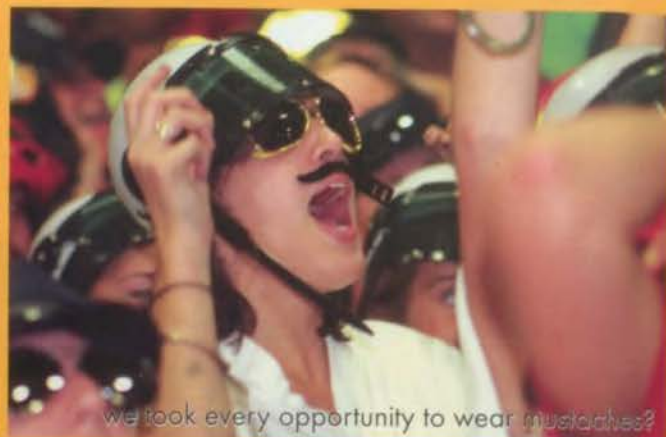
During the halftime show at the Kansas City Wizards game against Chivas USA, the Wizards honored STA alumna Lauren Fowlkes for playing on the US National Under-20 Women's Soccer Team. The US National Under-20 Women's Soccer Team won the World Cup championship Dec. 7 in Santiago, Chile after defeating Korea. In keeping with the STA theme, a few members from the STA singers sang "The Star-Spangled Banner."

Stop. Look back. Remember w

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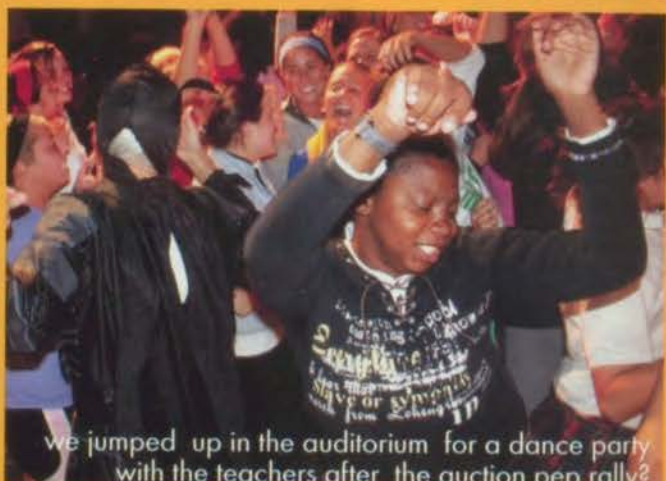
we lined up to have our faces painted on student appreciation day?



we took every opportunity to wear mustaches?



we adopted a cat and named him Critter?



we jumped up in the auditorium for a dance party with the teachers after the auction pep rally?



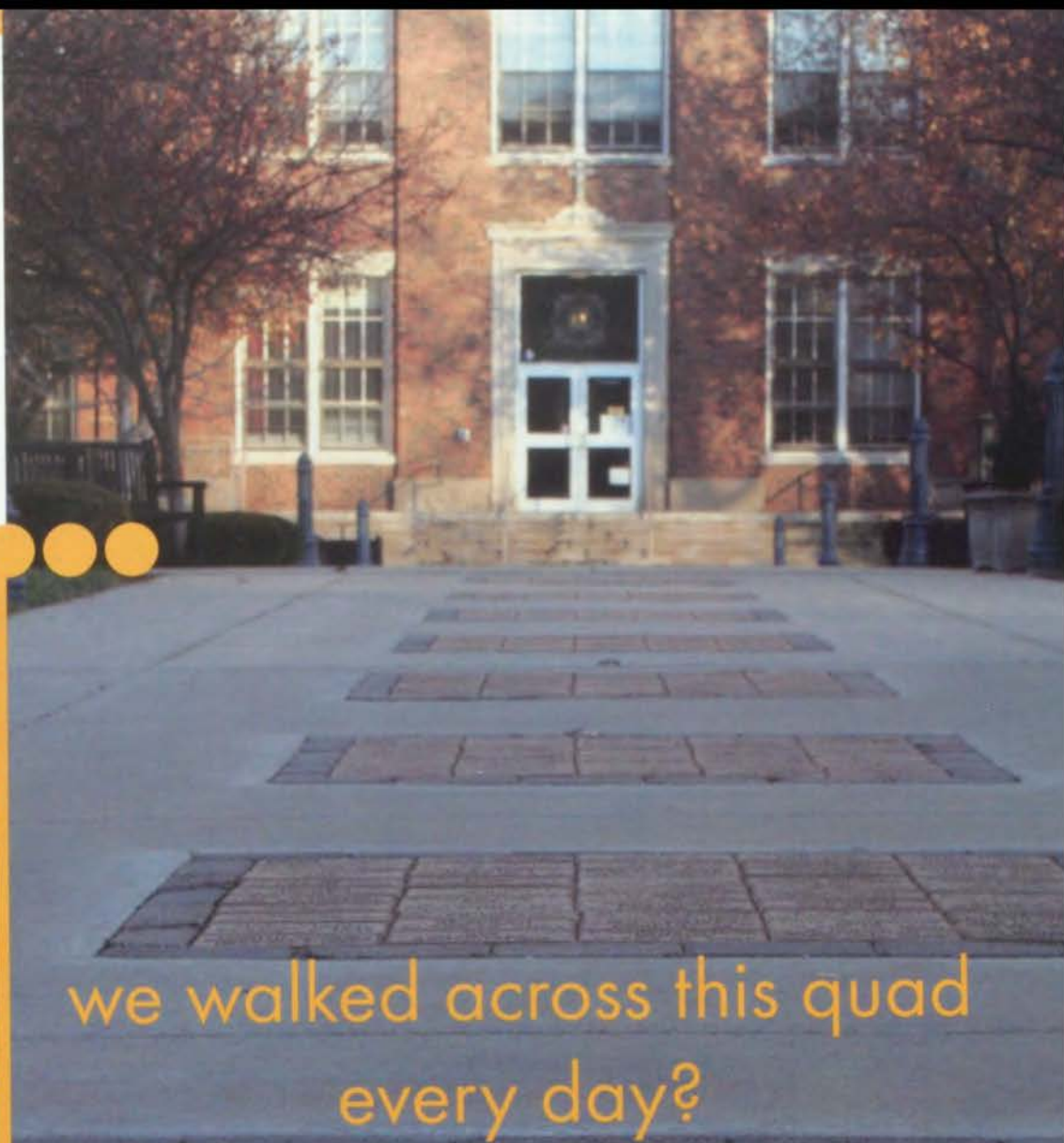
we did our homework in frees?

we waited to hear the winner of the father daughter dance contest?

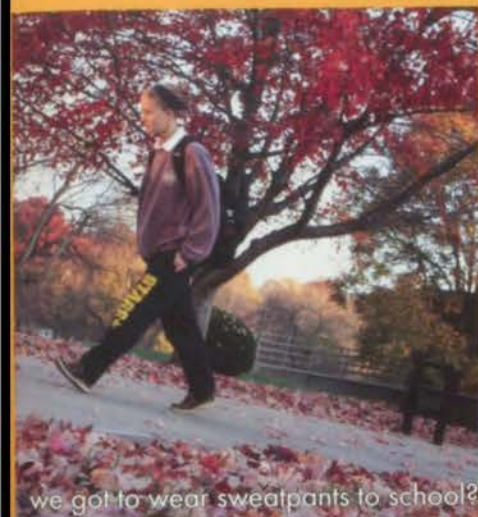


we ran through the quad during yard days?

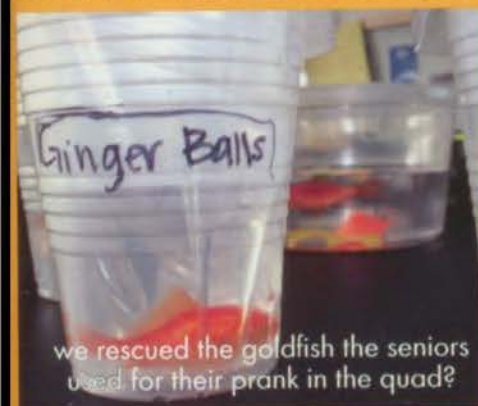
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we walked across this quad every day?



we got to wear sweatpants to school?



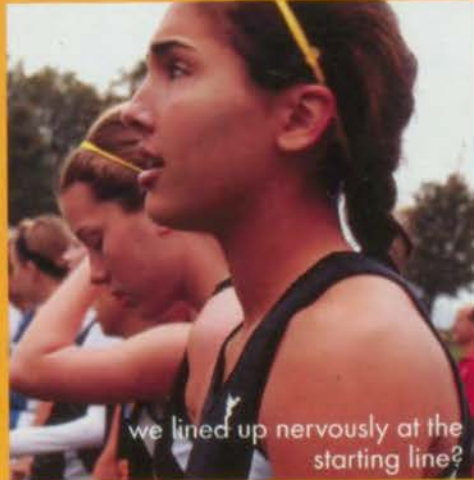
we rescued the goldfish the seniors used for their prank in the quad?



we modeled the latest fashions at the mother-daughter fashion show?



we cheered on our Stars until we lost our voices?



we lined up nervously at the starting line?



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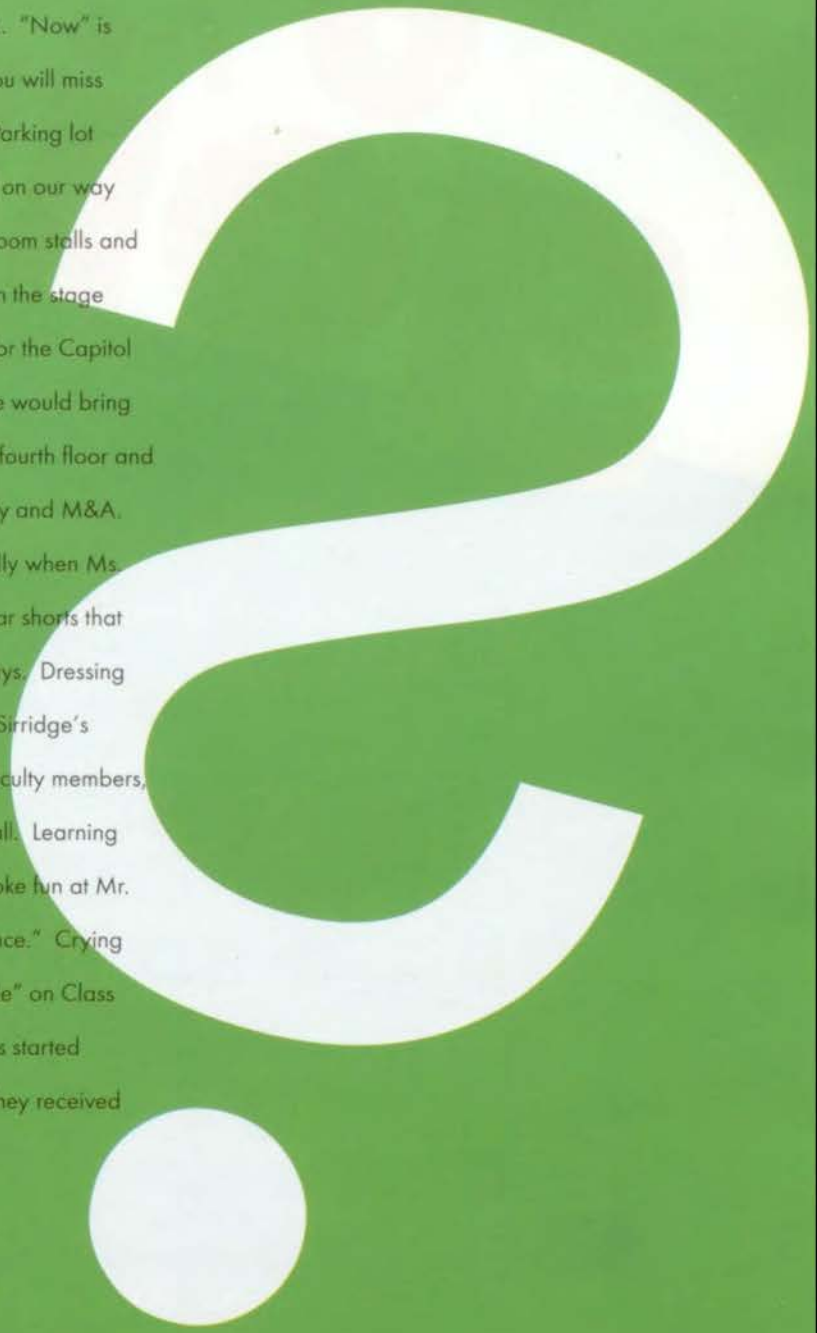


where are you now

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"Now" is what could happen only at STA. "Now" is what defined this year. "Now" is what you will miss most. Playing Red Rover on yard days. Parking lot dance parties. Skipping across the quad on our way to class. Reading the rhymes in the bathroom stalls and the writing on the secret passage between the stage and The Commons. Scanning the plans for the Capitol Campaign and wondering what the future would bring to STA. Making plans to sneak up to the fourth floor and into the tunnel that went between Donnelly and M&A. Giggling during announcements, especially when Ms. Mary Anne Hoecker asked us to not "wear shorts that look like underwear" on out-of-uniform days. Dressing up in Hawaiian shirts in honor of Mr. Pat Sirridge's birthday. Saying goodbye to beloved faculty members, Ms. Nancy Hand and Ms. Shauna Westall. Learning "The Parent Trap" handshake dance to poke fun at Mr. Eric Thomas and Mr. Kelly Fast's "bromance." Crying when senior Anna Gillcrist sang "Landslide" on Class Day. Laughing when the Wentworth twins started dancing onstage at the Music Hall after they received their diplomas.

This is where we are now.



where are YOU going?

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"I'm going to STA. There are only two other girls from my school going there..."

"I'm going to physical science. I was up until midnight studying for that test..."

"I'm going to my advisory for lunch. I ordered fried rice from Kin Lin, yum..."

"I'm going on a mission trip to Peru for spring break. I can't believe I'm going there..."

"I'm going to track practice. We're going to run around Loose Park today..."

"I'm going to Mr. Himes's class to watch 'Man on Wire.' I love being in Cinema Club..."

"I'm going to meet with my CCC group. We're making the poster today..."

"I'm going to The Killers concert this weekend. It's going to be so awesome..."

"I'm going shopping for a dress for the junior ring dance. I think I'll try the Plaza first..."

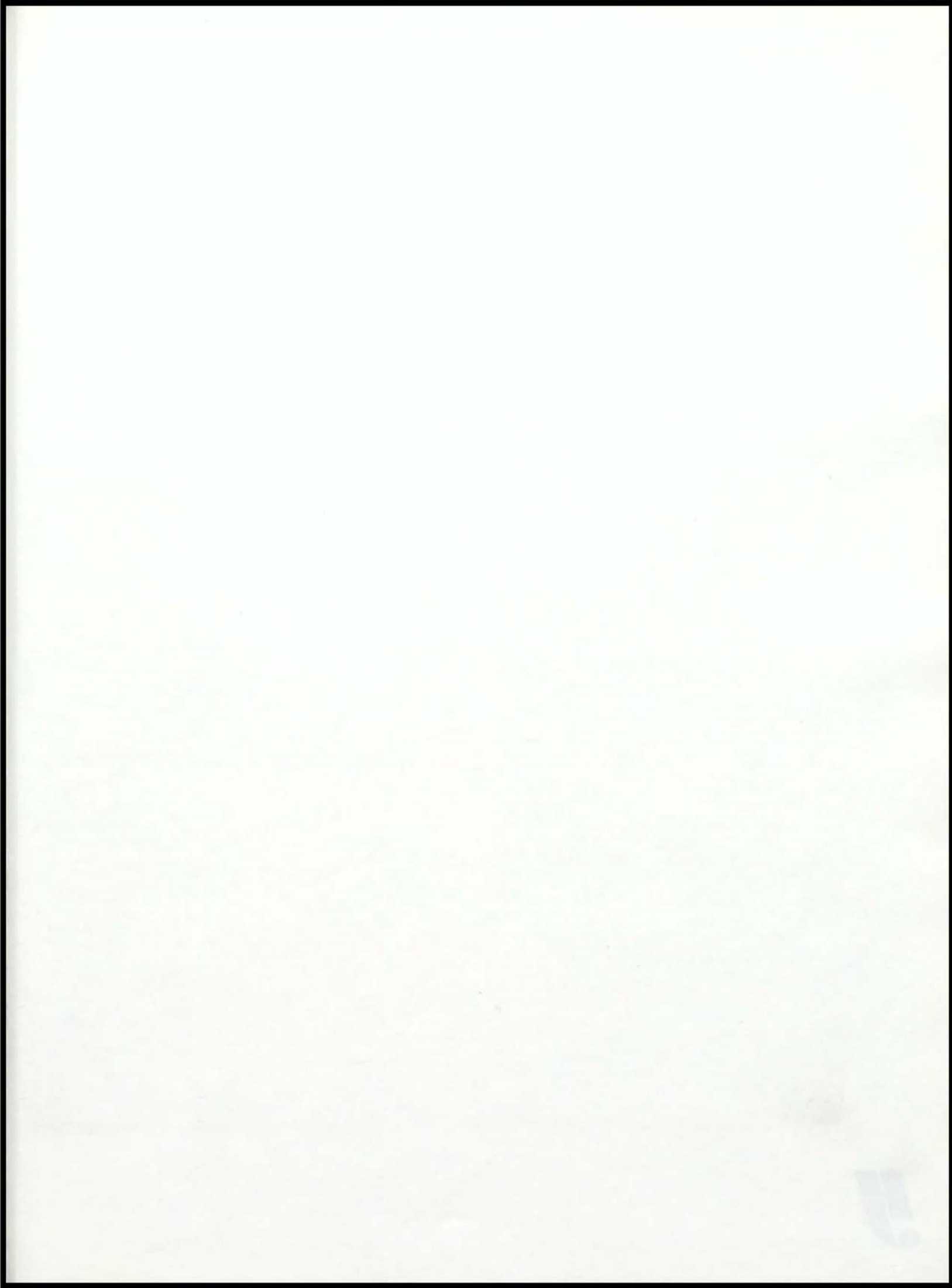
"I'm going to Muddy's. I really need my coffee fix today..."

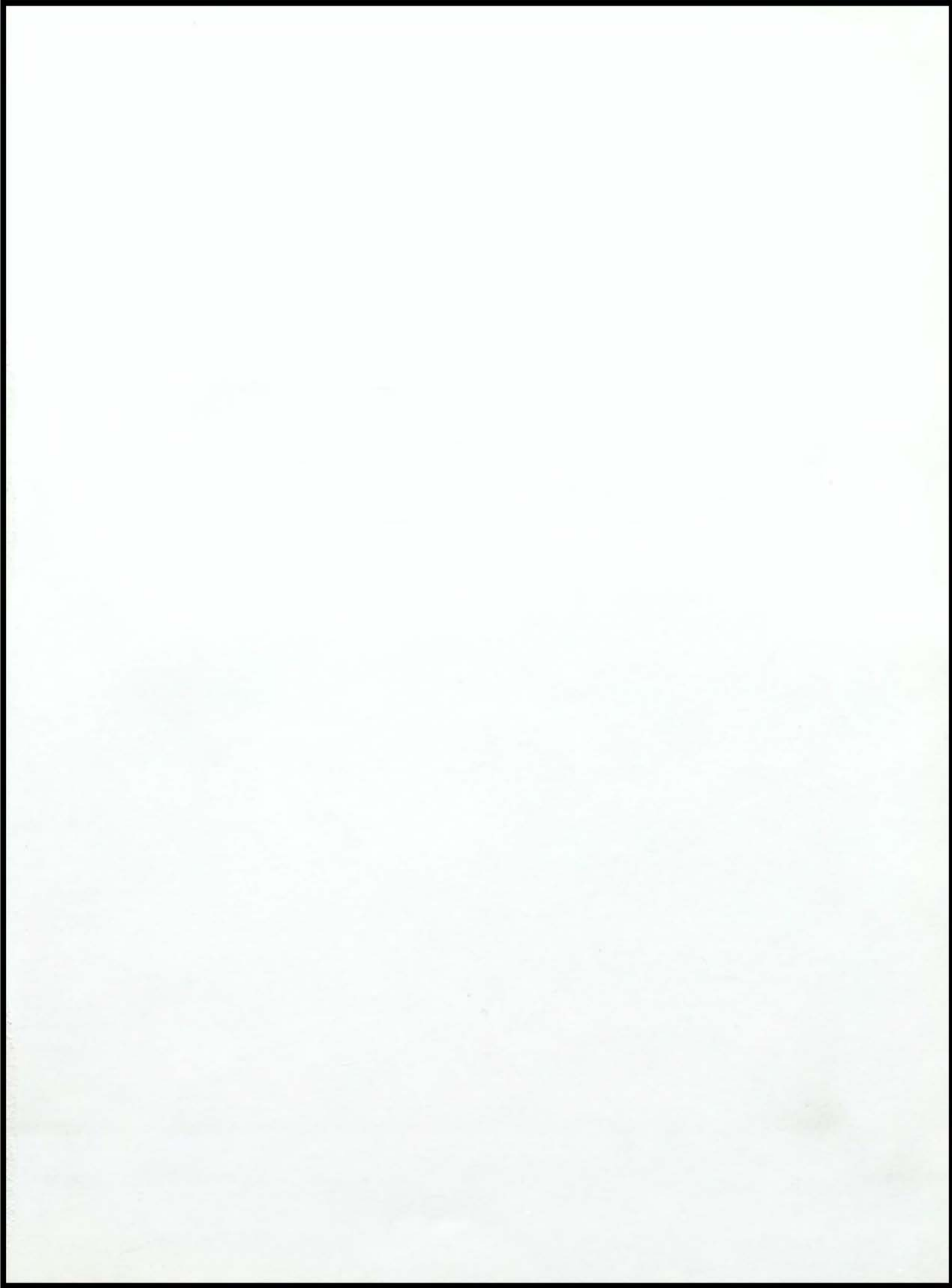
"I'm going to visit KU tomorrow. I need to make my college decision soon..."

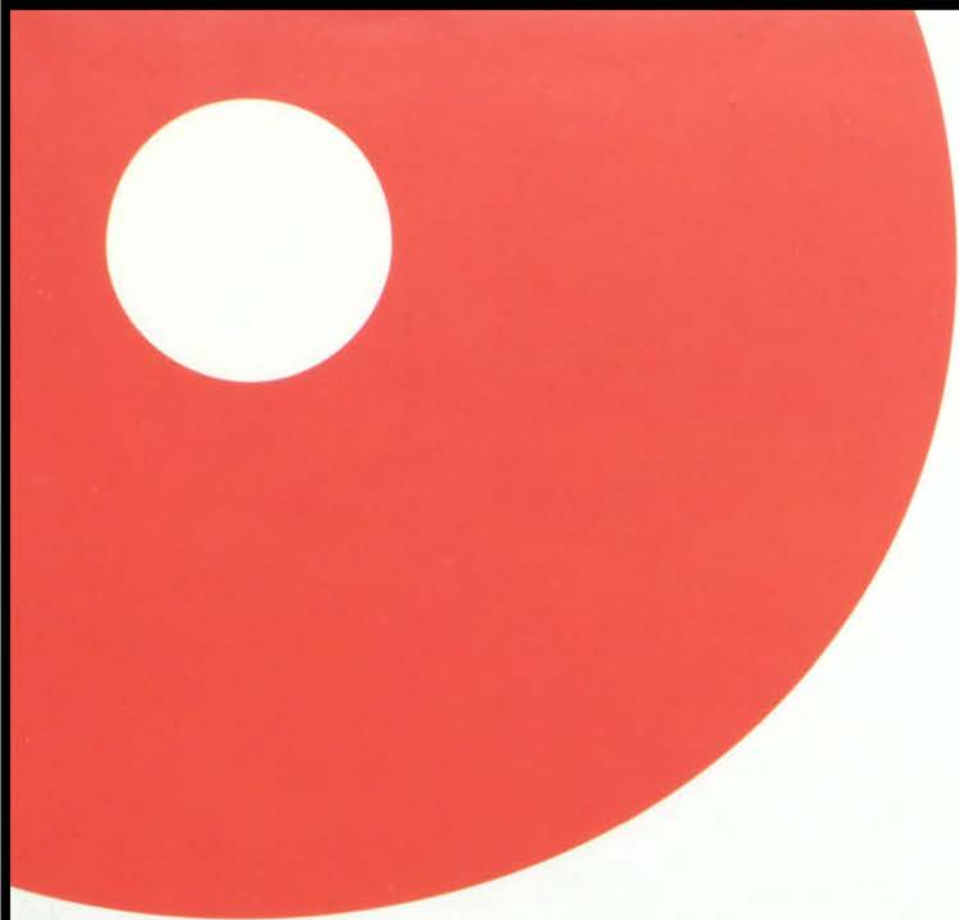
"I don't know where I'm going right now. I'm just along for the ride..."











going.



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