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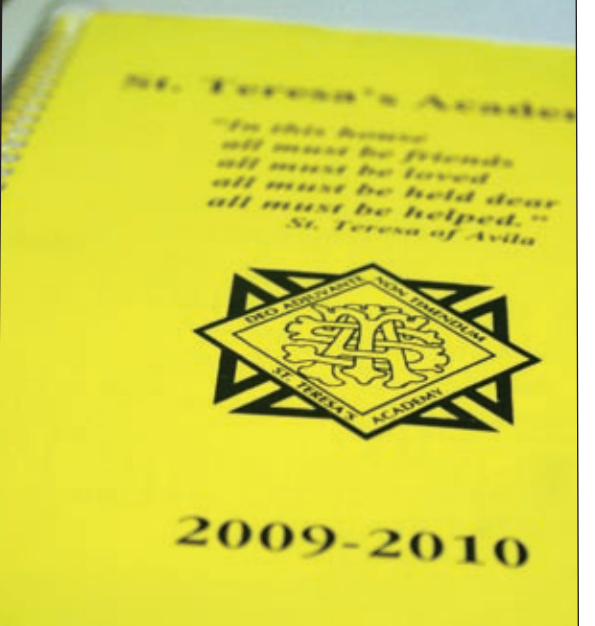
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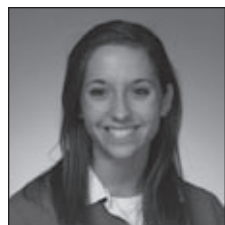
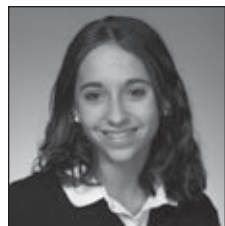
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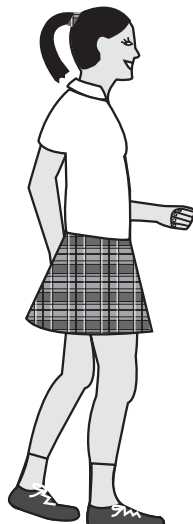
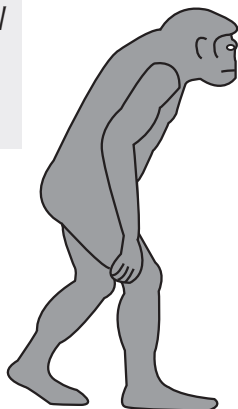
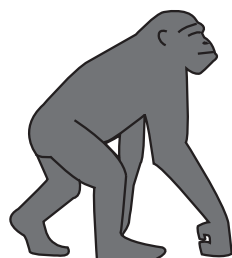
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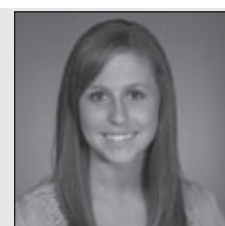
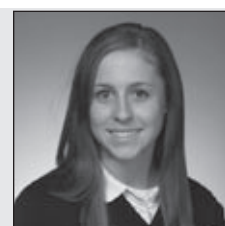
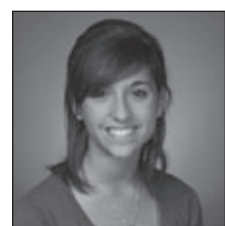
EVOLVE

Looking back on their high school years, seniors realize not only their intellectual growth but their physical growth as well.



graphic by CARA McCLAIN
Managing editor of web

Over the years X From left: Shelby Nace, Michelle Reichmeier, Sydney Deatherage. PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE TERESIAN



Life after STA

Louisa Blevins

For most seniors, this summer will consist of saying goodbye to high school friends and preparing for college. Senior Louisa Blevins, however, will spend the summer working full-time to raise enough money to travel to Canada in June 2011.

"Because I'm outgoing, I don't think I'll have problems making friends," Blevins said. "The reason I'm going by myself is if I went with people I knew, I wouldn't be forced to branch out."

After working at Best Buy for a year, Blevins will move into an apartment in Montreal, a French-speaking city in the Canadian province Quebec.

"I want to live close to the city," Blevins said. "It's much more diverse and much more active."

She hopes to eventually attend McGill University, ranked 18th on the Times Higher Education World University Rankings for 2009. Founded in 1821, the school boasts 300 programs of study and over 35,000 students.

"I'm looking forward to the change," Blevins said. "I have always been someone that really likes to go head-on into something new. I get bored easily, so throwing myself into something where I don't know anybody will expose me to new things and a new culture. It's just really exciting." X

Celeste Bremen

Valedictorian of the 2010 class Celeste Bremen, plans to attend the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania. There she will study to become an actuary, or a specialist in risk mathematics.

Despite her academic accomplishments, only 7 of the 14 schools to which she applied accepted her as an admitted student.

With a 4.7 cumulative grade point average, Bremen has not achieved lower than an A- in her four years at STA.

Bremen scored a perfect 2400 on the SAT. She has won a number of academic awards, including recognition as a National Merit Finalist and Missouri 100 Scholar and recognition in mathematics and science bowl competitions. However, Bremen is modest about her accomplishments.

"I think my strengths are, well..." Bremen said, trailing off with a laugh. "I guess I just try to be self-disciplined and get stuff done."

Friend of over ten years, senior Mia Hawkins, believes that much of Bremen's success has come because of her work ethic. According to Hawkins, Bremen is a not only an outstanding student, but an outstanding all-around individual.

"Obviously her brilliance 2400 on the SAT is awesome," Hawkins said. "But, also I think everyone sees how kind she is to everyone and how positive she is all the time." X

Continuing the legacy of the kilt

Class of 2010 passes down kilt tradition to class of 2011

by LAURA NEENAN
Entertainment editor

From students to teacher, the floor length tartan plaid kilt was placed on the waist of at least one-fourth of the STA student body this school year. The purpose of the skirt was successful, allowing the senior class to become closer, according to senior Anne Schwartz.

"I think my favorite part [about wearing the skirt] was just feeling included in the bond of the senior class," Schwartz said.

"It shows how funny and wacky our class really is. When I wear it, I feel like I am really embracing my class."

According to senior class vice president Brady Essmann, about every student in the class of 2010 has had the chance to wear the traveling skirt. STA also voted one teacher, Mr. Kelly Fast, to wear the kilt as a fundraiser for the theatre department's trip to Scotland.

"It would be cool to get [the skirt] passed down to [the class of 2011] as a tradition," junior Maddie Lueke said. "But it would also be good to start one of our own."

As the year ends, the legacy of the traveling skirt is in the hands of Essmann and class president

Caroline Thompson.

According to Essmann, Thompson and herself have written a poem about the skirt reflecting its first year in the hands of STA girls. On Class Day, Essmann and Thompson plan on reading the poem and passing the kilt down to the class of 2011, in hopes that they will continue the tradition.

"I really hope that [the junior class] passes [the skirt] on and keeps it going from class to class," Essmann said. "It would be really cool to possibly see the girls still wearing the skirt in ten years. Hopefully, each senior that walks the halls of STA will get a chance to wear the floor length kilt that began with the class of 2010." X



Traveling Kilt X The senior class took turns wearing the traveling kilt, as seen on the student on the left. The class of 2010 will pass it down to the class of 2011 so they can also wear the kilt. PHOTO BY TRACY BURNS-YOCUM

Five seniors' first and final Dart quotes

Rachael Winslow



"Look! I'm getting quoted in the Dart!"

Quinn Beisser



"This is so everyone will remember I went here. Love you, STA!"

Courtney Watkins



"Thanks for the last mmmzing four years STA, I will miss you next year... a lot."

Jessica Luber



"The other night I had a dream we shaved Critter as our senior prank."

Kelly Fitzpatrick

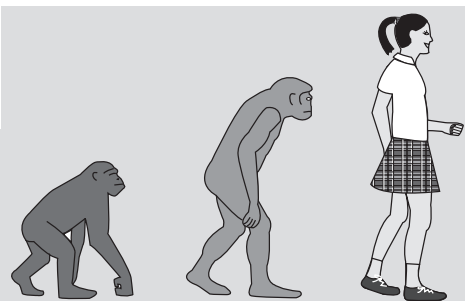


"Totes mcgot'es."

Six seniors to play sports in college

Six senior athletes commit to play at the collegiate level this upcoming school year

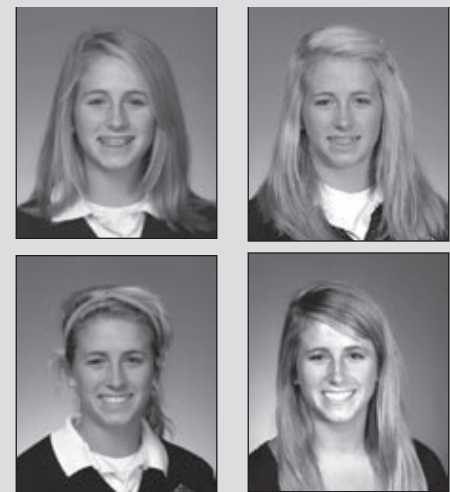
by CASSIE REDLINGSHAFFER
Sports Editor



EVOLVE

Looking back on their high school years, seniors realize not only their intellectual growth but their physical growth as well.

Katelyn Devine



Anna Gigliotti

Sport: Dance
STA: 3 years on varsity
College: The University of Kansas

Best high school sport's moment: "Probably either when I was made dance team captain or when we got second at State."

Did you always want to dance in college?: "No, I actually didn't even dance until STA. When I decided on KU, my coach said I

should consider trying out."

When did you commit?: Try-outs were April 30-May 2, 2010

What are you most excited about for college sports?: "Just the ability to perform in front of multitudes of people and the chance to further my abilities are exciting."



Elizabeth Wilson

Sport: Soccer
STA: 3 years on varsity
College: University of Notre Dame

Best high school sport's moment: "The most vivid moment was [April 26] against [Shawnee Mission East High School] when we came back from three to zero to only lose four to three. It's those moments when everyone is giving everything they have for the team that make me

love soccer."

Did you always want to play soccer in college?: "I went back and forth because I wanted to make sure it was a school I wanted to go to and that it fit academically."

When did you commit?: July 2009

What are you most excited about for college sports?: "Traveling with the team to other colleges."



Maegan Kelly

Sport: Soccer
STA: 4 years on varsity
College: Marquette University

Best high school sport's moment: "It would probably be last year in Burlington, Iowa when Cele got her finger stuck in the TV. That was one of the funniest moments at least."

Did you always want to play soccer in college?: Yes

When did you commit?: February 2009

What are you most excited about for college sports?: "I'm probably most excited to play and compete at the collegiate level. It's supposedly the highest level—higher than club and everything else. I'm also interested to just get to know the other girls on the team."



Kerry Cummings

Sport: Soccer
STA: 3 years on varsity
College: St. John's University

Best high school sport's moment: "I would definitely say the game where we lost to Incarnate Word at State two years ago. The game was so intense and it was just a battle between the two best teams in the state."

Did you always want to play soccer in college?: "Ever since I

can remember it's been my dream to play at a [division] one college."

When did you commit?: "I committed about a month ago."

What are you most excited about for college sports?: "I think I'm most excited about playing at such a high level and playing against people at the same level."



Kylie Hornbeck

Sport: Tennis
STA: 4 years on varsity
College: Trinity University

Best high school sport's moment: "Probably sectionals this year because it was the most exciting tennis experience I've been involved in. [Murphy Marx] and I were able to come back and win which helped the team make it to State."

Did you always want to play tennis in college?: "Coming into freshman year I was like, 'who

would ever play in college?' but as I got older I started playing a lot more and decided that I wanted to."

When did you commit?: Tuesday, April 29, 2010

What are you most excited about for college sports?: "I'm excited for a new experience. I really enjoyed [high school tennis] but hopefully college tennis will be even better and I can improve more."



Casey O'Flaherty

Sport: Golf
STA: 4 years on varsity
College: Rockhurst University

Best high school sport's moment: "Probably this year at State when I got runner up and when the team got fourth."

Did you always want to play golf in college?: "No, I actually started golf right before freshman year so I had never really thought about [playing in college]."

When did you commit?: "Well [Rockhurst University] con-

tacted me when I was a junior and basically told me I would get a scholarship and that sounded pretty good to me so I was pretty much set on it. But I didn't actually commit until last summer."

What are you most excited about for college sports?: "Being a part of a different team and just being a part of a college team. And it will be cool to be a college athlete cause I never thought I'd be one."



Long time friends may separate

After years of friendship, seniors Alle Scott, Tori Shaw may attend different schools

by MOLLY MEAGHER
Staff Writer

For their last yearbook, STA seniors can vote on special titles for their classmates that will be featured in the "Best Of's" in the Teresian yearbook. Seniors Tori Shaw and Alle Scott's dream for senior year was to be voted "best friends" by their classmates. Although today the two are inseparable, this was not always the case.

"We didn't like each other [in grade school] but we fake liked each other because we didn't want it to affect our friendship [with our grade school friend]," Shaw said.

Shaw and Scott said they used to be enemies in middle school, only tolerating each other for their mutual friend's sake. Only in high school were the two able to put their differences aside and become friends.

"There were several things that helped us

get closer like having our advisories across the hall and being northlanders because we had to carpool and we were so alienated from everyone else," Scott said.

Because they live north of the Missouri River, Shaw and Scott said they started hanging out more freshman year. As the years progressed, the duo grew closer and had Harry Potter movie marathon weekends, hung out at Wal-Mart and Barnes and Noble and obsessed over the Jonas Brothers.

"I definitely want to marry [Shaw's] brother just so I can be a part of her family," Scott said. "But he thinks I'm creepy."

Shaw pointed out that even though the two have many similarities, their personalities are extremely opposite. Shaw said she is responsible and on time, whereas Scott is laid back, easy-going and relaxed. Despite this, Shaw said she and Scott gravitate to each other in a weird way.

"We always know what we are talking about just by looking at each other," Scott said. "The weird thing is we will start talking in inside jokes and we totally understand what we are saying and everyone else is like 'what is going on?' We get each other in the



BFFs X Senior best friends Tori Shaw, left, and Alle Scott joke around in the Quad on Student Appreciation Day April 28. Shaw and Scott have grown especially close their senior year. PHOTO BY AVERY ADAMS

oddest way."

With the year coming to a close, the friends may be forced to go their separate way. Shaw has decided to attend Kansas State this fall and Scott remains undecided, with Kansas State

being one of her choices.

"We will Skype 24/7 and bring our laptops to parties," Shaw said. "Well, maybe not that extreme, but we will definitely miss each other. We are practically family." X

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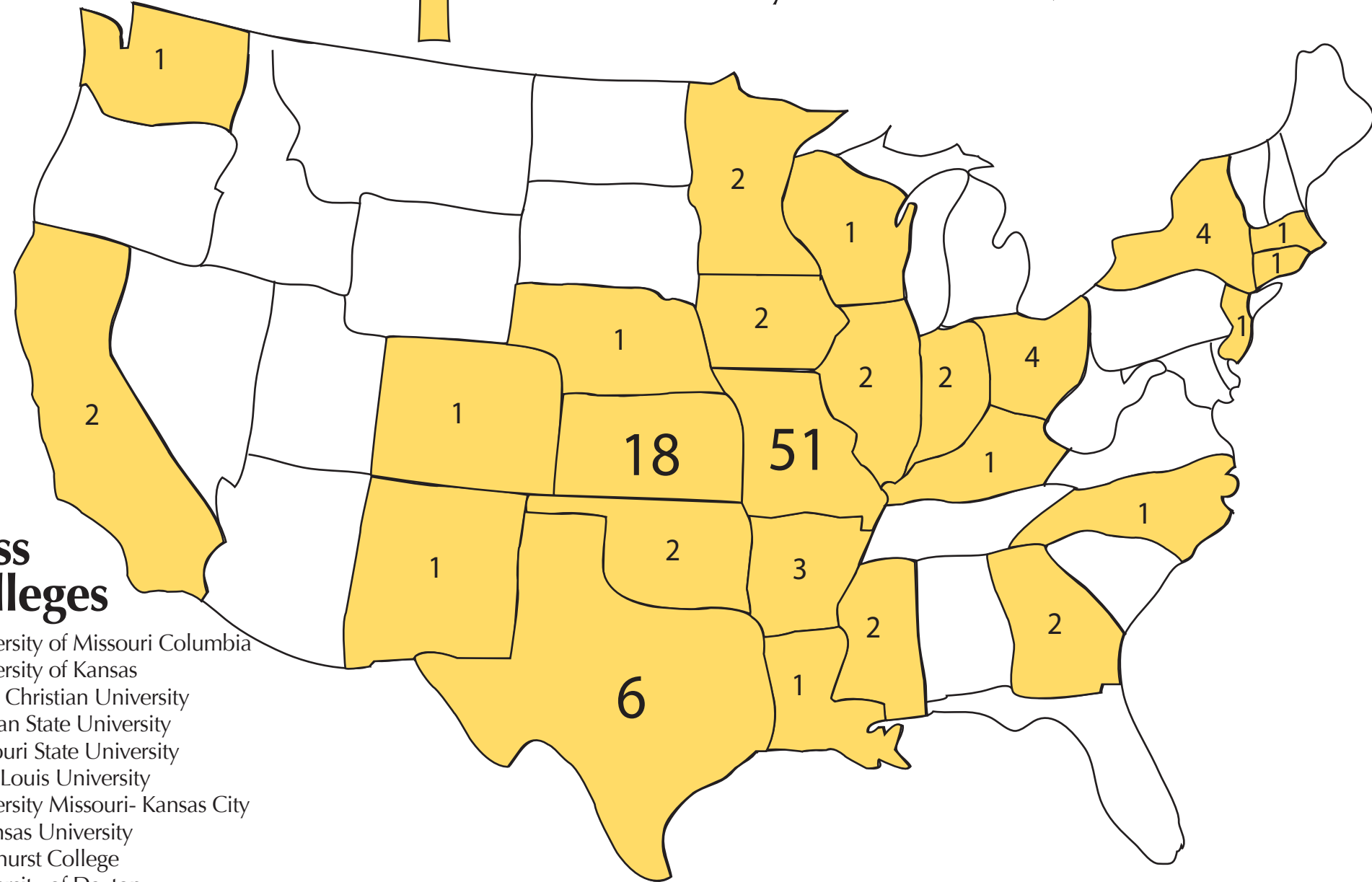
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off campus

together forever...never apart
maybe in distance, but not at heart



Senior class Top 10 colleges

- 20 students - University of Missouri Columbia
- 15 students - University of Kansas
- 5 students - Texas Christian University
- 5 students - Truman State University
- 5 students - Missouri State University
- 4 students - Saint Louis University
- 4 students - University Missouri- Kansas City
- 3 students - Arkansas University
- 3 students - Rockhurst College
- 3 students - University of Dayton

AN OPINION BY



ELIZABETH WILSON

I had the time of my life

We call him dad, and for a good reason.

He's the head of my second family: the Dart that consists of 14-senior-uplets, octuplets who are juniors and sophomore quintuplets.

I have had some of the best times of my life with this family and they have become some of my best friends. But through it all, I owe most of my experiences to my fellow seniors, my fellow sisters.

To Kylie who almost left the family, but then didn't because she realized she loves us too much.

To Shaughnessy who, to this day, doesn't understand the biweekly grid system. It's okay, Shaughnessy.

To Taylor B. who doesn't feel pain. She laughs every time Kayla cries and we once overheard a conversation between her and Kayla about how she wanted to be choked to death with her own eyeballs.

To Mollie who doesn't know who Robert Frost is, even though he wrote poetry in the bathroom stall at STA. Mollie's actually just bratty with me.

To Rosie, the big sister, who sneezes like a kitten. Well, she tries to act like the big sister because that's her job, but whether she really has that maturity is still a little questionable. She once asked me if I wanted to come over to her bed when my pillow fell in the middle of the night at journalism camp...I got weirded out.

To Kayla, the witty, hilarious one. She once cried because her computer screen went black and she thought her pages got deleted. Turns out, the computer was just asleep. (Refer to what Taylor B. does when Kayla cries for what happened next.)

To Michelle, the creative one who makes all the graphics for the web. She's awesome.

To Sydney who meows. She told dad she wanted to room with me in Washington, DC because I would "let [her] do anything." She terrified me, so we broke her monkey. She also made Taylor cry at journalism camp freshman year. Kayla probably laughed.

To Taylor I. who gets to spend the most time with dad because she's not only on the Dart, but she's in his advisory too. We all hate her.

To Micah, the efficient one. She writes a third of the stories that go into the Dart, and she's always the first one done with her pages. We hate her too.

To Avery, the mischievous one, who once threw a textbook at my shin in class, stole my worksheet (dad gave me a zero for it), and who spends all of her time writing weird things about Critter.

To Caroline who seems too nice for it to be true, but she really is that nice. She texted me one time to say thank you for showing her how to move a headline or something weird like that; I probably didn't even help. According to Sydney, she's the all American girl. She really is.

And, last, but certainly not least, to Tracy who has a fetish for cameras. We think it might be permanently stuck to her. We've never taken it from her in fear she'll retreat into severe separation anxiety. So, she takes all of our pictures (literally...all of them.)

I am whoever I am because of who all of these girls are and what they've meant to me. They've become so much a part of me that I can't imagine my life without them; no one will ever be able to take their place.

I love you all and thank you for some of the best, most hilarious times of my life. X

Leaving their hearts with the Dart



Dart Lovin' X The Dart seniors show off their personalities their last time behind the blue partition. Seniors (first row) Sydney Deatherage, Rosie Hodes, Caroline Thompson, Kayla Loosen (second row) Michelle Reichmeier, Taylor Irwin, Taylor Brown (third row) Avery Adams, Shaughnessy Miller, Micah Wilkins, Mollie Pointer, Kylie Hornbeck, Tracy Burns-Yocum, Elizabeth Wilson. PHOTO BY ERIC THOMAS

Senior Micah Wilkins Entertainment Editor



Q: What will you miss most about the Dart?

A: I will definitely miss all the assignments and the writing that I do while on the Dart. I loved learning while reporting, improving my writing skills and getting to know STA students through interviews

Q: If you could live by one motto when it comes to the Dart, what would it be?

A: One motto to live by when it comes to being on newspaper: "Keep your ears sharp, your eyes open, your interests broad and your passion high!"

Q: What are some final tips/advice for the returning Dart staffers?

A: Returning Dart staffers: You receive from the Dart as much as you give to the Dart. Work hard and don't take the class, your assignments or beloved Mr. Thomas for granted.

Senior Kylie Hornbeck Academics Editor



Q: What will you miss most about the Dart?

A: I'm going to miss all of the people and the weirdness—strange things have happened behind the partition.

Q: If you could live by one motto when it comes to the Dart, what would it be?

A: Hard work pays off. Hard work may seem hard at times, but that's just it: it's HARD! So, tough it out, and challenge yourself!

Q: What are some final tips/advice for underclassmen?

A: Get involved. It's so much more fun to branch out, try new things and meet new people.

Senior Mollie Pointer Sports Editor



Q: What will you miss most about the Dart?

A: I'm going to miss the teamwork and dedication the Dart requires. The Dart gave me a reason to care about a lot of issues within STA and the world.

Q: If you could live by one motto when it comes to STA, what would it be?

A: ...I'm as happy as can be, 'cause I'm a girl from THE ACADEMY!

Q: What are some final tips/advice for underclassmen?

A: Love STA while you are there! You won't believe how much you are going to miss it when you have to leave.

Q: What was your favorite part about STA?

A: The legacy. STA holds this incredible legacy that can never be replicated or explained, it just consumes you. STA's legacy forms all the fine women of the academy.

Senior Kayla Loosen Multimedia Editor



Q: What was your favorite part about STA?

A: Idk? My bff Jill!

Q: If you could live by one motto when it comes to the Dart, what would it be?

A: I don't know, but I've resolved that we should just rename Mr. Thomas as "Mac Daddy" or some other rapper-esque alias because when he be sitting at da Macs he know how to tear dem computas up fa SHO. Genius in da building.

Q&As Compiled by: Madalynne Bird

AN OPINION BY



SYDNEY DEATHERAGE

An ode to a few teachers

I wouldn't be the person I have become at STA without the support, guidance, and understanding of a few select teachers I have had. This is an ode to those teachers who fostered, in the best way possible, my growth into an independent, educated, principled, and curious woman.

Mr. Eric Thomas

Dearest Mr. Thomas, you are like a second dad to me. All four years as your student, in every project I've undertaken, you have handed me the reins and only told me to stop when I speed or whip the horses too hard. You are the most principled individual I know, and the greatest teacher I've ever had. Hard working, caring, passionate, motivating and supportive--these are just a few of the list I could use to describe you. Thank you for all that you have done for me.

Ms. Sue Marquis

Magistra, you are like a second mom to me. In fact, sometimes you remind me of my mom. You may not quite realize the effect you've had on me because I act so perverse to your guidance--but it's only an act. You have taught me the value of diligence, of being a responsible person, and, yes, even of following rules. (I still think not all rules should be followed, though). Thank you for making me accountable to myself and others, for teaching me everything there is to know about Latin, for forgiving me when I kissed the Turkish boy on the ferry to Greece, and for understanding my space-case personality.

Mr. Pat Sirridge

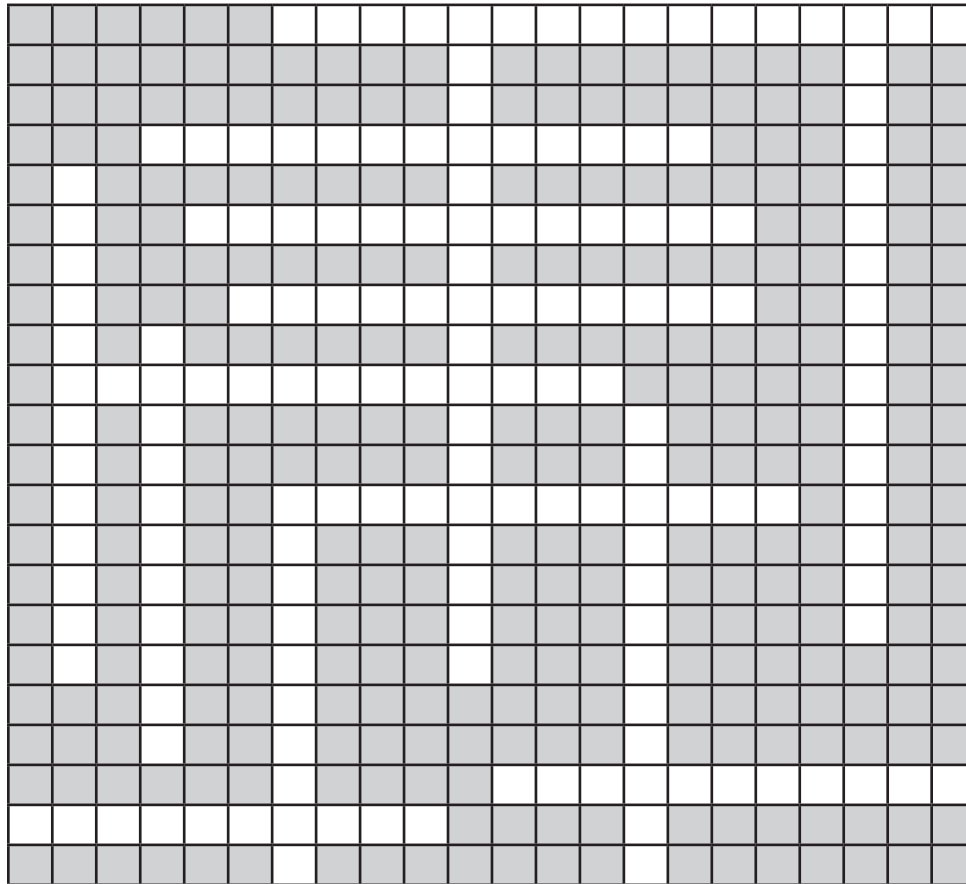
Good ole Mr. Sirridge, I will always be filled with warm, fuzzy feelings when I remember you. Your enthusiasm in and out of the classroom is infecting, so much that I regularly am inspired to email you with a link to an article or a poli-sci thought. You and your class are the reason I want to go into government and diplomacy, and I have never had a boring day in your classroom. If you change your mind about co-signing my student loans (ha!) let me know! Thank you for the jokes and the whacks on the head with your notes when I got bad grades on tests.

Ms. Pat Dunlay

Oh Mrs. Dunlay, I've missed you the past couple of months. I wanted to let you know that I don't think I can pick up a book anymore without seeing how it could relate to feminist ideals. More than any other teacher I've had, you have pushed me to be a writer. Not just a technical spurter of words, but a writer who thinks, feels, processes, and expresses. I think you are one of the strongest women I know, and your strength is something I want to emulate. Thank you for pushing me and inspiring me.

Thank you, teachers. You've made your mark. X

[Shaughnessy's final crossword]



down: 2. training with a New York ballet company in the fall! 3. likes to meow and create websites (check out dartnewsonline!) 5. don't ask her to stanky leg! 8. AKA Simon Cowell 10. has crazy hair and can stanky leg like nobody's business 11. obsessed with Mr. Himes (the secret's finally out!) **across:** 1. AKA Ryan Seacrest 4. is known to have panic attacks when she doesn't have the right answer 6. apparently is obsessed with sea animals 7. brought a rabbit to school last week 9. official class rapper 11. Anime Club founder 12. banana hands aaah! 13. Has the best stories (thought I'd give it to you now since you lost out in the yearbook!)

answers-down: 2. Lauren Christensen 3. Sydney Deatherage 5. Kayla Katoffi 8. Brady Eisman 10. Sam Waeckerle 11. Kayla Hogan **across:** 1. Caroline Thompson 4. Kylie Hornbeck 6. Caitlin Sweeney 7. Holly Haywood 9. Kerry Cummings 11. Kate Schmitt 12. Laura Yeradi 13. Katy Crater

Days of the *Dart*

Senior Taylor Irwin created a countdown to reflect on her time spent on the *Dart*

Approximately 112 hours were spent working on the *Dart* outside of class

16 dinners full of laughter and thought provoking questions, courtesy of Mr. Eric Thomas

Each issue I have wanted to pull my hair out exactly 4 times

I have fallen out of my chair 6 times while working on my pages

I have spent 6,720 minutes behind the partition with all my *Dart* sisters

And I have loved every second of it.



Critter's Corner
Compiled by Avery Adams

Dearest Critter,

Let me start by telling you how much I've enjoyed the time we've spent together these past years. We've been through so much. From me dressing up like you, to you clawing at my arms when I held you for too long...It's been a good run.

I can't believe I'm telling you this over Critter's Corner, but...it's time...for us...to go...our separate ways. It's not you, lovable feline, it's me. I'm the one scared of commitment. I'm the one running away. But, my furry friend, this dark day will soon be light again as I bequeath you to a shining beam of light, otherwise known as Kathleen Hough. I know we'll never be what we were when I attended the Academy, but I'm leaving you in good hands. Try not to claw those hands, although I know she does cross the line sometimes. Hopefully someday you'll find it in your heart to forgive me, but until then know I still think about your gleaming yellow eyes and fluffy coat from time to time. I hope we can remain friends after this storm blows over.

Your shnookims pumpykin,
Avery

NICE TO MEET YOU



ROSIE HODES

Goodbye old friend

Hi. For the last time. Thank you to the amazing girls I have met this year in my get-to-know-a-stranger experiment. There is one more "date" that I have to describe before I go. I have found my best friend, my rock, my inspiration, my soul mate. Her name is STA.

I remember nervously getting ready for my date, slipping on my tartan plaid for the first time as a freshman. I hadn't realized yet that she doesn't judge appearances.

I saw the seniors, who had already bonded so closely with STA, and wondered if I could ever make it there.

Well, here I am. I put on my plaid one final time last week (with a little less concern with how I looked) and felt so strongly how much I have changed over the past four years, thanks to STA. I had no idea how much I would come to know and love her, but this is what I have found that makes her perfect:

She is full of confidence. She is full of talent, compassion, independence and knowledge that makes this confidence well-earned. I feel more confident just knowing that I have walked her hallways.

She challenges everyone. In all of my disagreements with STA, she always encouraged me to speak my mind, but she usually ended up changing it. And for this, I am so grateful.

She respects everyone. Instead of responding to differences with, "that's stupid," or wrong, or weird, she meets every new idea with "Isn't that interesting?"

She is always up for a good time. My friend STA taught me that making memories is just as important as making grades. And what memories I've made...

She is loud, she is quiet, she is funny, she is serious, she is smart, she isn't, she smiles, she cries, she overwhelms, she comforts, she listens, she lectures, she loves. STA is whatever I need her to be, and this is why I love her.

I want to thank you, STA. I know you're technically only 3 brick buildings and a beautiful quad, but to me, you are the best friend a girl could ask for.

Mom and Dad, thank you for introducing me to the best four years of my life. It is the greatest gift I will ever receive.

To every girl at STA, thank you for making her what she is.

Although our friendship must end, I will never forget her. I will pack up everything she has taught me and bring it wherever I go in this life of mine.

St. Teresa's Academy, it was nice to meet you. X

AN OPINION BY



TAYLOR BROWN

See ya, Dart

If you were to look at my first and second semester schedules for the last three years,

you would find that I only had newspaper three times a week.

What you wouldn't see on my schedule are the countless amount of frees I spent interviewing students and faculty, designing pages in InDesign, and editing my story or the stories of other staff members. You also wouldn't see my hour-long interview sessions at people's offices and random coffee shops after school and the 30-minute phone interviews for follow-up questions. Nor would you see the time I spent slaving over the computer researching or editing, re-editing, and re-editing a story 20 minutes before it was due. My schedule wouldn't show the at least 15 hours a week spent in Mr. Thomas's room after school once every three weeks before the

wonderful Dart came out for all of the STA community to enjoy.

I have never dedicated as much time to one class at STA as I did to newspaper, and believe it or not, I loved every minute of it. The three newspaper classes I had a week definitely misrepresent how significant newspaper has been in my life. I would be a totally different person had I never taken advantage of the opportunity to work with Mr. Thomas and the other newspaper staffers on the Dart.

When I think of STA in future years, I won't think of my French class or social studies class that I had five times a week every year of high school. I will think of my amazing experience with STA's amazing newspaper, the Dart. X

Top 5 Memories of STA

1. Student Appreciation Day
2. 300 Theme volleyball game
3. Mikey Needleman Band
4. Cool School
5. Dancing with the Stars

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Full house X Senior Andrea Johnson, from left, freshmen Grace Krause, Molly Fox and Shayla Sigler perform the Filipowicz advisory's skit during Frosh Fest 2006. **PHOTO BY KATHLEEN POINTER**

Star Night, April 2006 X The incoming freshmen met their advisories and many of their future classmates for the first time.

Frosh Fest, August 2006 X Freshmen spent a week getting to know their Big Sisters by participating in events such as a sidewalk chalk competition and themed skits.

Freshman Mixer, October 2006 X The freshman class experienced their first dance as a class in Goppert Center at the freshman mixer, hosted by Care Club.



Jail bird X Freshman Madeline O'Rear, front, and sophomore Caroline Quinn participate in an advisory skit during Frosh Fest 2006. **PHOTO BY BAILEY LYNCH**

Remember when . . .



Ahh-woo X STA students dress up as Spartans from the movie "300" for a 2007 home volleyball game against Notre Dame de Sion. **PHOTO BY CLAIRE MCINERNEY**



Secrets, secrets X Sophomores Ellen Gude and Julia Barnett perform in the winter play "Our Town" Feb. 20, 2009. **PHOTO BY MEGAN MONSEES**

300, September 2007 X For the first home volleyball game against Notre Dame de Sion, STA students dressed up as Spartans and stormed Goppert Center. STA defeated the Storm.

Teresian, October 2007 X The sophomore class had the opportunity to attend their first formal dance at STA, Teresian.

Naiseret, February 2008 X After canceling the annual Christmas dance themed "Whoville," SCO rescheduled the snowed-out mixer with a "backwards" dance, in which students dressed wacky and wild.



Just dance X Sophomores Kristina Strader, left, and Sarah Kindscher dance at their first Teresian October 2007. **PHOTO BY LAUREN DAMICO**



Quick break X Juniors Kelly Fitzpatrick, from left, Katelyn Devine, Megan Wilkerson, Avery Adams and Elizabeth Wilson take a break from dancing at their Junior Ring dance April 18, 2009. **PHOTO COURTESY OF THE TERESIAN ARCHIVES**

MNB, February 2009 X Juniors welcomed the Mikey Needleman Band as they performed their first concert at STA during Catholic Schools Week. The MNB has become a fan frenzy and tradition at STA.

Service Projects, February 2009 X Juniors found an organization and performed the first phase of their service hours for graduation, taking their first steps toward dress down days and early dismissals.

Junior Ring Dance, April 2009 X To celebrate receiving their junior rings, students attended a class dance in the Commons.



Rock on X The Mikey Needleman Band performs in the STA auditorium during the 2009 Catholic Schools Week. The performance led to a Mikey Needleman Band craze within the STA student body. **PHOTO BY ELISE FERRON**



Tik tok X Seniors Maura Hinken, left, and Claire Mahoney belt out songs during prom at the Little Theatre April 16. Prom was the seniors' last STA dance. **PHOTO BY JENNY SCHORGL**



Get out da way X Seniors Caroline Thompson, left, and Jordan Miller prepare for their powderpuff football game against Notre Dame de Sion May 9. **PHOTO BY JENNY SCHORGL**

Mother-Daughter Fashion Show, March 7 X The seniors lunched with their mothers and then starred in the senior fashion show, modeling clothes from local stores.

Academy Woman, April 22 X STA President Nan Bone announced senior Jordan Miller as the class of 2010's Academy Woman.

Powder Puff, May 9 X Seniors battled Notre Dame de Sion in their annual powderpuff football match. The Stars lost the competitive and aggressive match.

Class Day, May 13 X Seniors bid their last farewell to STA in the M&A Building today. During the ceremony, awards are presented, several seniors give reflections, and juniors present roses.



Strut your stuff X Seniors Courtney Watkins, left, and Lane Livers strut their stuff on the runway at the Mother-Daughter Luncheon March 7. Watkins and Livers were modeling clothes from Forever 21. **PHOTO BY JENNY SCHORGL**