

# ECHO ECHO ECHO ECHO ECHO

## Graduating senior looks back fondly on Mercy memories

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Our Lady of Mercy High School

What a year! In these last few days before graduation, I have been able to look back on senior year and remember many things I'll never forget.

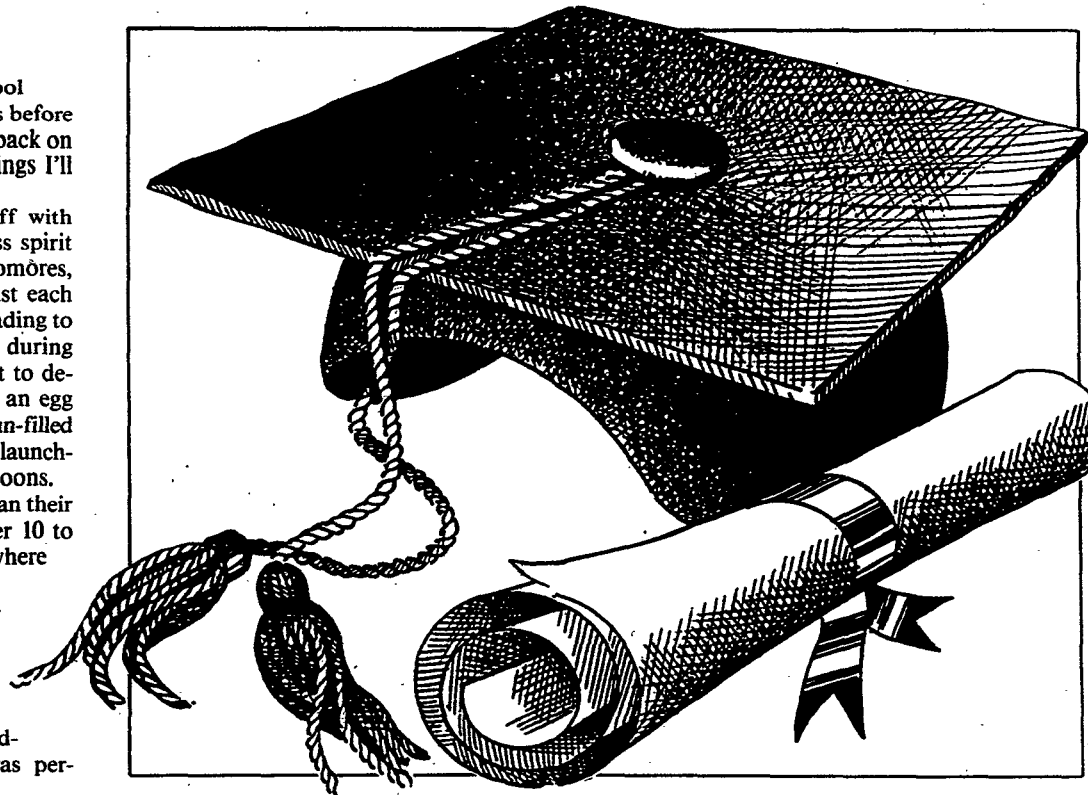
The school year really started off with "Field Day" on September 18. Class spirit and unity reigned. Freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors competed against each other in events ranging from cheerleading to softball games to "Mercy Madness," during which names are drawn out of a hat to decide who will do things like rolling an egg across the field with your nose. The fun-filled day was capped off by the traditional launching of about 800 multi-colored balloons.

After field day, seniors began to plan their senior trip. The weekend of October 10 to October 12 was spent in Toronto, where we went sightseeing and were lucky enough to be able to enjoy a front-row performance of the musical "Cats."

Then it was time to start working on Mercy's drama production of Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream," which was performed on November 14 and 15.

Even after the play, we worked on another project: Christmas baskets. As has been done every year, each homeroom was assigned a needy family and was responsible for collecting food and presents for them. On December 23 at the Golden Mass, these gifts were blessed and distributed to homes all over Rochester.

After two solid months of hard work, it was time to put on the dancing shoes and go to the New Year's Ball on January 2 at the



Burgundy Basin Inn. After all the fun and excitement was over, we started our work for the missions and preparations for the Mission Bazaar on March 27. Mercy students and faculty raised \$14,000 through various fund-raising ventures, to contribute to the support of 32 missions around the world.

Thanks for another kind of support were shared with our mothers on April 12, at the mother-daughter Mass, brunch and fashion

show. This year, Limited Express provided the clothes, so we were able to show Mom what "cool" college students were wearing.

Don't forget Dad! Another special tradition at Mercy was the father-daughter dinner and dance on May 15 at the Burgundy Basin Inn. This time, though it was a switch; dads taught us real dancing.

As we began to end our year, tradition dictated that we choose a May Queen from the

senior class for May Day on May 22. This year, we chose Amy Diehl as the person who most exemplified the qualities of Mary.

After a beautiful ceremony and a day with friends, the seniors once again put on their dancing shoes, this time for the long-awaited senior ball. This elegant evening was reserved for us at the University Club, where we literally "danced 'til dawn."

The festivities continued through June 9 for Class Bash and the traditional "Moving Up" ceremony, at which seniors are honored on stage while the underclassmen take their seats in the auditorium, where the class ahead of them previously sat. This year, the memories came back as I heard freshmen yell, "Hey, I can see —!"

As for the rest of the year, on June 16, the night before graduation, we celebrated our Rose Mass. This is one of the most-loved of all senior traditions at Mercy. We seniors had all planned the Mass by ourselves, and participated while wearing our caps and gowns for the first time. After this, the faculty had a reception for us, and we were able to talk with all of our classmates for the last time until graduation! On June 17, 163 Mercy seniors graduated at the Eastman Theater.

Reflecting on all the good times that I have shared with my family and friends during this last of my years in high school, and looking toward the future for all the good things ahead, I have come to realize the importance and great feeling of belonging to a community and sharing in its traditions. I hope I'll remember this next fall, when I am reluctant to join in the traditions of a new community.

Thank you, Mercy High! And good luck to all the seniors in the Class of '87.

### Equal Time Nazareth Academy What is the most important thing you have gained during your four years of high school?

SARA YOUNG, senior

The most important thing I have gotten out of my four years at Nazareth is a realization of my responsibility to my family, school, community and church. I feel this insight has come to me through my being encouraged to reflect on my unique self and my relationship to the world around me. Through classes such as "Person, Lifestyles, Morality, and Death," as well as experiences like our Social Justice Week, I have been helped in this process.



LORA WISE, senior

Nazareth has taught me that no problem is totally insurmountable and no goal is too insignificant, as long as you put all you are capable of into achieving it. The community of Nazareth has given me the opportunity to express my (humanity) to its fullest extent. I am especially glad for all the lasting friendships I have made at Nazareth.



SARAH BIRD, senior

Throughout my four years of high school, I have learned to get along with people and their varied personalities while in a happy, comfortable atmosphere. This atmosphere makes getting along with people a great deal easier. I believe this is a very important aspect of life that high school has helped me with.



BARB REYNOLDS, senior

The most important thing I have gotten out of my four years of high school are my friendships. Not only have I made friendships with my classmates that will last a lifetime, but I have also made friendships with my teachers. All of my friends have shared great times with me, and they are what I will never forget about high school.



Many, many thanks to all the students who participated in creating the Echo page each week.

### Speaking Out

By Kathleen Morgan DeSales High School

Many times people find it very hard to reflect on what they learned in high school. Too often, we associate education only with the facts we acquire in the classroom. We often forget that a more important kind of education goes on in high school, a kind that goes beyond facts and figures.

When we seniors think back to when we were freshmen, few of us fully see how much we have changed in both physical appearance and character. We've learned a lot during our years in high school, though not necessarily from textbooks and lectures.

While we may never need to use the knowledge we gain from many of our classes, we develop a sense of responsibility in learning the material. We learn how to study and express ourselves, and work with our teachers and friends in a community

situation. What we study now also helps us to make career choices in the future.

To me, however, what we learn when the books are closed is much more important. Because we are in the company of so many others from day to day, we must learn to be considerate of others and remain open to their ideas. We must learn to balance our efforts so that we do as well as we can in our studies, and at the same time remain wholeheartedly dedicated to any activity we undertake. We must learn to present ourselves well, and make good, honest impressions on others.

I feel that the most important lesson we learn in high school is how to work hard to gain our rewards, and strive to attain the goals we have set for ourselves. In this respect, and in many others, a high school education prepares us for our future lives and careers. This in my opinion, is true education.

### HOUSE OF GUITARS

We received 44 correct entries identifying Michael Jackson as the singer who topped the charts in 1972 with his song, "Ben."



The winner was Angela C. Davis of Our Lady of Mercy High School

### MUSIC TRIVIA

This week's question:

Who recorded the following number 1 song "Touch Me In The Morning"?

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

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