

# Marvin Drewrey --- Why and I Here with All These Girls?



Back: Kay Norvell, Marion Urso, Barb Morrison, Marvin Dewrey, Donna Stocker, Linda Zabala  
Front: Sandra Wall?, Bernadette Jestwrabek, Frances Braendle, Anna Laidlaw, Molly Conner

STA -- 1964

## Punishment?

To gain business experience, many girls at St. Teresa's Academy (STA) volunteered to answer the phones and take messages throughout the school year and during the summer. Sister Josphine Marie had Marvin answering phones

with the receptionists to keep him from cutting classes. He writes:

***"Josh put me at that desk (which I still have, here in my living room in Glens Ferry) because I was continually cutting class and failing school. Father Pep agreed to sign my diploma, in January, if I would study one semester under professor Hochstrasser, at Boise High School. I did and thereby became the official, "LAST graduating student of the first ever high school in Idaho."***

When the school closed the *Sisters of the Holy Cross* gave the receptionist's desk to Bob Hacker (STA '64), who helped with janitorial work at the school and Marvin had gotten it from him.

Marvin had a younger brother George "Kip" Drewrey (Class of '65) and a younger sister Marta (Class of '68); they lived across from Boise High School and Marvin's dad operated a donut shop there.



Desk in STA Outer Office

STA was established in 1890, the year Idaho became a state, and was the first high school there, either public or private. It was a girl's school with grades 1-12. A nearby boy's school (St. Joseph's) was built ten years later. In 1933, the high school at St. Joseph's was closed and St. Teresa's started accepting high school boys. Around 1955 the girl's grade school at Teresa's closed and STA became only a high school. It closed in 1964 because the *Sisters of the Holy Cross* could no longer afford to run the school. The Catholic Diocese of Boise built Bishop Kelly High School to fill this void. Many members of the first graduating class from Bishop Kelly had attended both the grade school and high school at St. Teresa's, including Kay Novell, Linda Zabala, and Molly Conner who are pictured with Marvin above. Below is a photo of the second graders at St. Teresa's in 1954.



St. Teresa's Second Graders 1954 – Boise, Idaho

First row

??, ??, Linda Zabala, Kathy Barrett, Sister Editha, Kay Novell, ??, Mary Jean Forman, ??

Second row

Barbara McBroom, Cecile Kaiser, ??, Katrina ?, Linda Edwards, Chris Ball, Eileen Dick ??, Kathy King, ???? , ????

Back row

Janet Fortin, Jeannie Spinharney, Eugenie ?, ??, Carole Lane, ??, ??, Patty Campbell