Guide to

The Goretti School Collection
1958-2002

7.48 linear feet

Collection Number 209

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Historical Sketch

Goretti School started as St. Maria Goretti Elementary School in 1956. At that time, there were only four grades in the school, with a new grade added every year. The school doubled its physical size in 1960 with the addition of a new wing. In 1964, work began on a new gymnasium which tripled the physical size of the school. Enrollment also increased. In 1956 there were approximately 125 students. Nine years later there were 481. In 1965, Goretti became a fully accredited high school.

Scope and Content Note

The Collection consists of photographs, clothing, trophies, and other memorabilia of the school, donated by alumni.

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<td>the first graduating class, 1965; students and faculty, 1958-65; basketball team photo, n.d.; track and field javelin thrower, April, 1965; basketball player, Feb., 1965; class of 1965 reunion, Dec. 1990; class of 1965 reunion, Oct. / Nov. 1995</td>
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<td>Memorabilia: prayer card (St. Maria Goretti); report card (Bernadette Monlezun, senior year, 1964-65); newspaper clippings (3): first graduating class, 1965; graduation invitation name cards, 1965; pennant, Goretti High Knights; graduation cap tassel (blue and white cords, year '65 talisman); VHS video cassette (Goretti 1965 Alumni Reunion, 2002); diplomas (2): Bernadette Monlezun’s 8th grade graduation, May 28, 1961 and Bernadette Monlezun’s high school graduation, May, 1965 Invitation to 25th reunion for the Class of 1965 2 Napkins hand embroidered by a Goretti nun</td>
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<td>Clothing: Percy David’s dark blue sweater (Goretti Knights-Angels) and steel blue letterman jacket</td>
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## Donor List

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| Bernadette Monlezon-Ponton | Painting with frame:  
                          24x28, of Father Harry Pelous, 1964  
                          Photos:  
                          the first graduating class, 1965; students and faculty, 1958-65;  
                          basketball team photo; track and field javelin thrower, April, 1965;  
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                          2 Yearbooks (1965 and 1985, moved to the book collection)  
                          God's Gifts (moved to the book collection) |
| Vicki Thackston       | VHS video (Goretti 1965 Alumni Reunion, 2002)                                     |
| Burton and Juanita Dugas | Percy David’s dark blue sweater (Goretti Knights-Angels), steel blue letterman jacket |