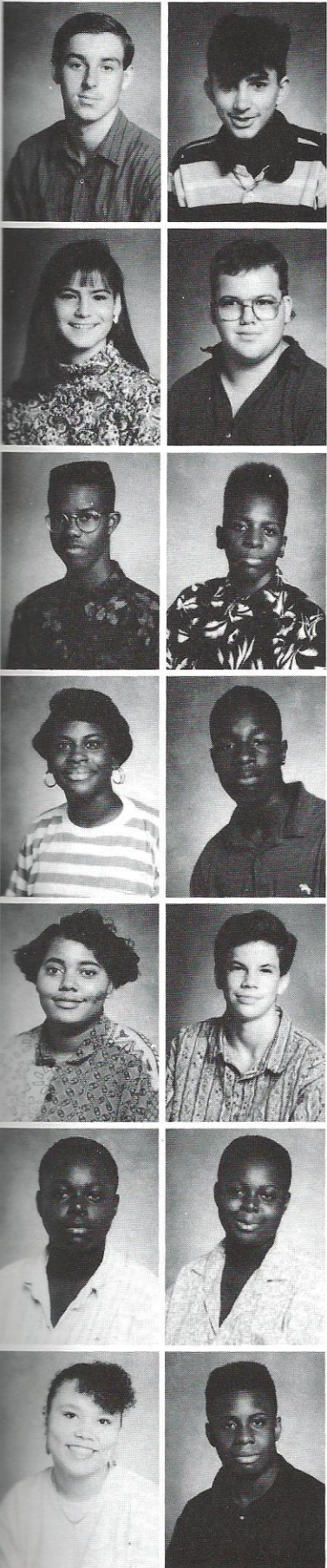


Just As I Am



Friend, was a word often used to refer to classmates. But a friend was not so easily found; however, if a true friend was found, one was set for life. People came and went, but friends were always there. Friends came in many shapes and sizes, but they were always worth far more than their weight in gold.

What made life and school more memorable were the friends one made; some students even had friends that remained "buddies" throughout the high school.

Andrea Addison and Benqueshya Milligan had been friends since living in New York. One could see the two of them together learning or "buggin" with each other. Andrea and "Ben" didn't know exactly why they were so compatible, but somehow they were naturally drawn to each other like sisters.

Some people were even more fortunate with having triplets as friends, so friendship was three times better for Amy Zielke and the Garrett triplets: Amy, Beth, and Dawn.

"Sometimes it is hard having triplets as best friends, because it is impossible to take sides; and when you have tickets to a concert and you do not have a third, it is impossible to decide who to take," stated Amy Zielke.

Although friendships have up and down moments, the strife and anger makes reconciliation all the better. Like the adage says: "A friend is someone who knows all about you and still cares."

— Marvin Tucker



Deborah Smith, Katrina Pinckney and Tamika Singleton wait for a program to begin in the mini-auditorium. Friends often spend times like these together.

Joy Cunningham and Shellee Morris show their spirit on Twin Day. The two friends were also on the varsity softball team.