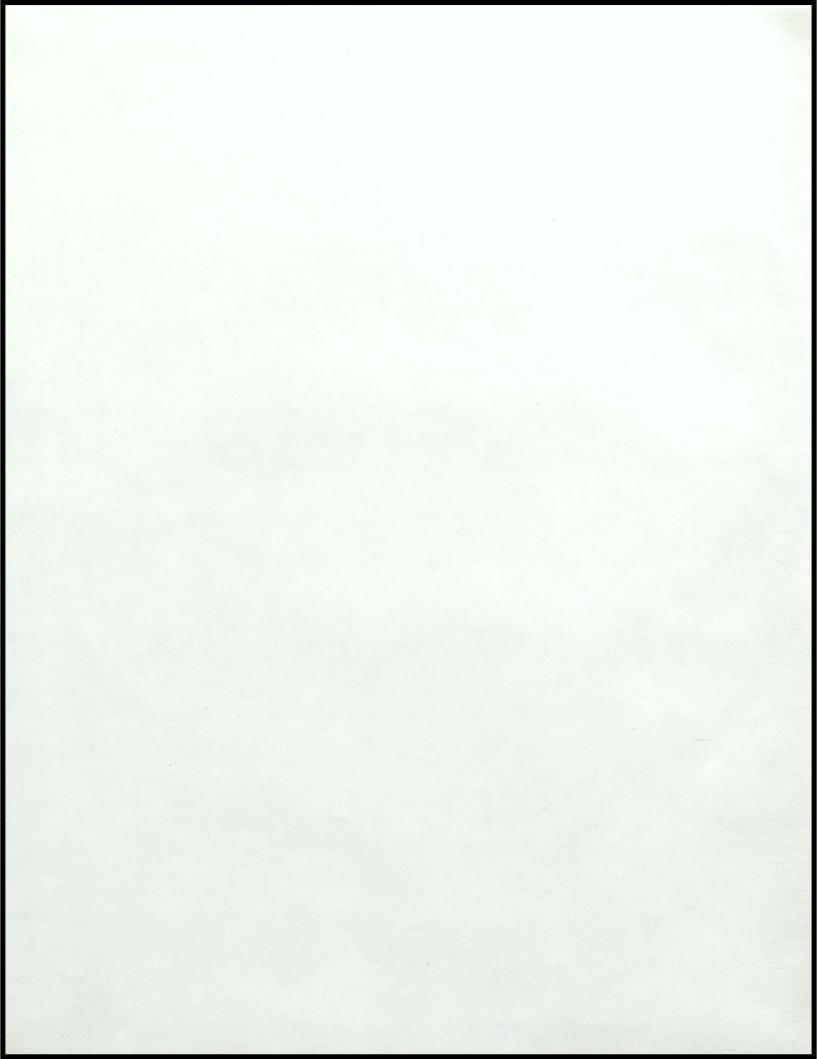
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Congratulations and Good Luck to the Class of '97. May your acomplishments be an inspiration to the class of '98.

### In Loving Memory of Bryan Pfeifer June 22, 1981 ~ July 5, 1995

As a boy went hiking
In a very beautiful place
He heard an old man speaking
And went to see His face
The man sounded familiar
In a peculiar kind of way
He then turned to the boy and said
"Will you come home with me today?"
The man was the boy's Father
From his home above
The one who lent us Bryan
To cherish and to love





The boy pondered for just a moment
But he replied without a doubt
"I'd love to go to heaven
That's what life is all about!"
The boy now watches us from heaven
As we laugh, and as we cry
And no matter what may happen
His memory will never die
May we all learn a lesson
Through this truly sad event
Bryan was a special angel
Back to his home is where he went
-Sara E. Naughtin
July 9, 1995

# OFF BEAT

A YEAR IN REVIEW

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WEEKEND OUTLOOK

The Seventeen Most Influential People of the Year

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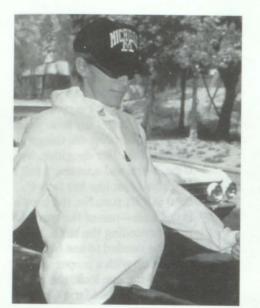
(left):Keri
S t r u g
c h a r g e d
down the
runway on a
s w o l l e n
ankle to
score a
9.712 at the
'96 Summer
Olympics in
Atlanta, GA.



(above): ValuJet crashed in the Everglades, killing over 100 people.

(right); JFK Jr. a n d Carolyn Bissette were married September 21, 1996 on Cumberland Island, GA.





(left): Madonna gave birth to a baby girl and named her Maria Ciccone Leon.

(below):
Clinton beat
Senator Bob
Dole in the
Presidential
elections to
become the
U.S. president for another four
years.



(above): College students Amy Grossberg and Brian Peterson Jr.

delivered their baby in a hotel room and later stuffed him in the trash dumpsters.



### NO MORE O.J. ('NUF SAID.)

Like the rest of the world, we too are sick of O.J. Simpson being the most popular man in the American media. Sorry, O.J. The "juice" has gone sour.





(left): Evander Holyfield knocks out "Iron" Mike Tyson.

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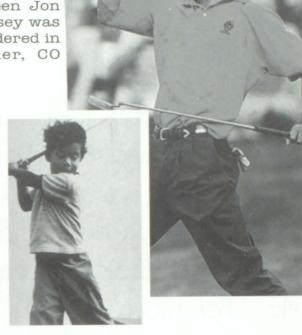
(left): Six year old beauty queen Jon Benet Ramsey was found murdered in her Boulder, CO home.



(above): George Lucas re-released The Star Wars Trilogy. The new scenes and special features caused frenzies at movie theaters everywhere.

(right):
Ennis Cosby,
son of comedy legend
Bill Cosby
was murdered on a
San Diego
freeway.





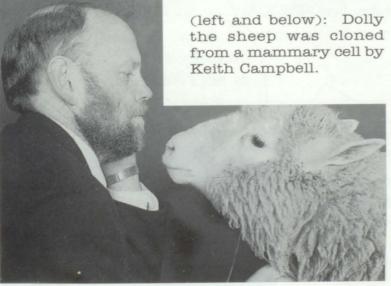
(below): This photo of the comet Hale-Bopp was taken by Amon Medinger. Hale-Bopp graced the night sky for over two months.



(left): Tiger Woods, at the age of 21, won the Masters Not only was he the first person of color to win but he was also the youngest. He has been a great influence on the vouth of America and is one of the greatest golfers in history. Even at a very young age, Tiger was known for his exceptional golfing ability.

(below): Superstar Michael Jackson is shown holding his new son, Prince.





(below): 35 members of The Heaven's Gate cult killed themselves in mass suicide style. They and their leader believed they were to journey to their next life with aliens that were going to meet them on the comet Hale-Bopp.



A Year (Aug. '96 - May '97) in Review \* 5

# Style Central

When you think of Scotus, fashion is not usually the first thing that comes to mind, considering that all students are required to wear some variation of the school uniform. About one day a month, however, students are allowed to dress in their own creative (though regulated) style. For these pictures, our magazine, OFF BEAT, sent a crew of photographers out to capture these unique styles on film.

"I like my over-alls, short shirt, and my pig-tails."

Abie Bator Scotus Central Catholic High School Columbus, NE 68601 Population: 465

Photographs by: Jami Birkel, Holly Hasselbalch, and Chip Kaup (Style quotes were taken from SENIORS),



Left: Justin
Karsk is
proud to
show us his
usual "brilliantly colored" self.

DrilTolThessing is a way of personal
Expression Frin Miles

"I'm pretty laid back. I don't brush my hair, I like my Princess Leia hair styles, and I love my Chuck Taylor's. I like bells (bell bottoms) and tie-dyes."

- Megan Zach



Left: Sara Kunneman displays that athletic wear is quite popular at &cotus

"I like shorts, soccer stuff, and always sandals." - Matt Nosal

"TOBA and an Olive-branch crown."

"Arizona jeans and a B.U.M. sweatshirt."

"I dress to kill." - Nick Mroczek "Anything that fits below the belly-button and funky shoes."

- Jeni Jackson

Right: Craig Hotovy uses "The Force" to display his fashion styles.

"I put it on and if it matches, I'm good to go." - Chad Zoucha



"If you don't like it, get over it. I'm not making you wear my cowboy boots or Wrangler shirts."

- Angela Zoucha



Left: Courtney Mimick Amanda Trofholz show off their alternative side.

tank-tops of shorts with light, tic-dyed

"Anything that is clean and is easy to get on and off." - Rachel Nosal

Style Central \* 7

### Senior's Top Picks

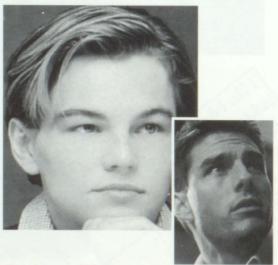
### Where is your favorite place to go on the weekend?

- 1. A party
- 2. A friend's house
- 3. Amigo's
- 4. Village Inn
- 5. Westbrook



What was the best movie you saw or rented this year?

- 1. Scream
- 2. Twister
  - 3. ID4
- 4. The Rock
- 5. National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation





What is your favorite band?

- 1. Smashing Pumpkins
- 2. Metallica
- 3. 311
- 4. Bush
- 5. No Doubt / NIN



Who is your favorite actor?

- 1. Tom Cruise
- 2. John Travolta
- 3. Chris Farley
- 4. Jim Carey
- 5. Leonardo DiCaprio

8 \* Senior's Top Picks

### What is your favorite class?

- 1. English 12
- 2. Leisure Activities
- 3. Study Hall
- 4. Psychology
- 5. Calculus / Art



What is your all-time favorite cartoon?

1. Transformers

2. Shirt- Tails

3. Scooby-Doo

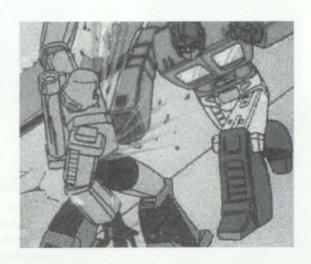
4. Smurfs

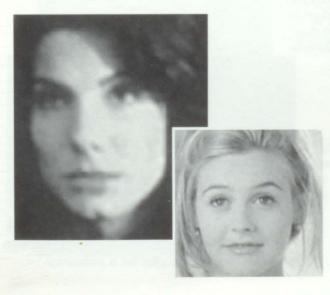
5. Looney Toons



### What is your favorite T. V. show?

- 1. Simpsons
- 2. Seinfeld
- 3. Mad About You
- 4. Beverly Hills 90210
- 5. Melrose Place





### Who is your favorite actress?

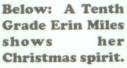
- 1. Sandra Bullock
- 2. Sharon Stone
- 3. Alicia Silverstone
- 4. Michelle Pfeifer
- 5. Drew Barrymore

Weekend

Then...



Above: Junior High girls (this year's seniors) celebrate the end of their Seventh Grade year.





Above: Jami, Rachel, Sarah, Crystal, and Erin help Nikki Thomas celebrate her birthday during their Freshmen year.



Above: An Eighth grade Joe Niedbalski smiles angelicly in anticipation of his Friday night.



Above: Julie Trouba spends hours making Nick Mroczek look beautiful by applying make-up and putting curlers in his hair during their Seventh Grade year.

Below: A Sophomore Laniece Micek still has some growing up to do and must learn to live without her stuffed friend and pacifier.



Below: Eighth Grade girls (this year's Seniors) stop at Jackie's after a football game to celebrate her birthday.



Above: An Eighth Grade Nick Larson thinks that he might be a monkey.

10 \* Weekend Outlook / Then...

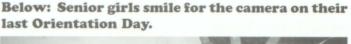
### Outlook ...and Now



Above: Mike Edison and Jared Beran relax at the Zadina's house after Homecoming.



Above: Jeni Jackson, Laniece Micek, and Jackie Bulkley gather for a picture at a football game.



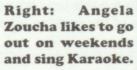


Below: Andra Drum and Abie Bator display their friendship while selling concessions at a home

football game.



Left: Chad Liebig is not afraid to Andrew Dierks a hug on one of their many weekend outings.





### Embarrassing or Memorable Seniors

"One morning when we were supposed to bring food to donate and Mr. Walding saw me bring in a pop and a bag of Doritos. He asked if I was donating that and I said 'yes'. Then after school I was happily eating away at my locker when everyone around me stopped talking and were just staring at or behind me. I looked back and Mr. Walding was standing there grinning."

- Michelle Gablenz

"The most memorable thing to me was when Dan Beller, Lenny Sliva, Chris Cielocha and myself were doing cookies on ice and snow by Oppy's Auto. Coming out of a fishtail, Lenny told me to plow through this snow pile. Well, it turned out to be a pile of white rock with snow on the top and I got high centered and had to be towed."

- Matt Nosal

"My most memorable moment was Sweetheart when I was crowned queen."

- Kathy Zegar

"My most embarrassing moment of the school year had to be the Homecoming pep rally. In front of the whole school, I had to make a love statue with Chris Cielocha. It was complete humiliation and I will never forget it."

- Jody Eikmeier

"I believe that the most memorable moment is the 1996 Homecoming pep rally because never again in the history of Scotus will there be a pep rally stopped right in the middle."

- Joe Niedbalski

"Winning two state championships in volleyball and basketball."

- Staci Rosche

"My most embarrassing day during my senior year was the second day. I was walking down the stairs when I tripped. A bunch of seventh graders started kicking me and laughed. Pretty embarrassing."

- Anonymous Senior

"My most memorable moment was the senior retreat. It was as if our class had always been the best of friends and anyone of us could tell the group anything. It was a unique experience."

- Jami Birkel

"My most memorable event was when I fell into a creek at our retreat. I smelled like puke all day."

- Dan Beller

"Shaving my head for football."

- Jared Beran

"Eating peanut butter sandwiches with fungus."

- Laniece Micek

"I would have to say that my most memorable time from this year would be "CHIP'S HOUSE EXTRAVAGANZA" for a whole week."

- Jesse Kuhlen

"The most embarrassing thing that has happened to me this year is one morning before school I parked my car and within two minutes my car rolled out in the middle of the parking lot and bumped into Jeff Pekny's yellow Eagle."

- Andra Drum

"Having cheeseburgers in the Memorial Hall girl's bathroom during QFC."

- Jeni Jackson

"Winning first place at the 1996 District Speech meet."

- Nick Zadina

### Moments of 1996-1997 Seventh through Eleventh

"Chris Chalaka (Cielocha) locked Shawn Starostka in the girl's locker room."

- Kenny Torczon, seventh grade

"When Ryan Jareki farted in English and Ms. George made him go into the bathroom so he could get his problem controlled."

- Matt Peterson, seventh grade

- Bob Soulliere, seventh grade

"I was walking up the stairs when I tripped and fell on my face. Everyone laughed."

- Zack Wolff, seventh grade

"My most memorable moment this year was when we were showering after P.E. and we looked at the wall and saw a pair of guy's underwear hanging there."

- Megan Chlopek, seventh grade

"My most memorable moment this year was when I got tackled in the hall by a really big senior."

- Stephen Ingemansen, seventh grade

"My favorite memory was when we were getting ready for basketball practice and we locked Wes Wemhoff in a locker. None of the coaches did anything and Wes just sat there."

- Shawn Starostka, eighth grade

"One of the most embarrassing moments was when we had a pep rally for volleyball and I had to leave early. I was walking on the court and one of the seniors drilled a ball at me, but just missed. I was embarrassed because everyone was laughing at me, saying 'Get out of here'."

- Jesse Benda, eighth grade

"Sara Peterson was at Westbrook one night with all her friends. She went to sit down and we heard a rip. She looked down and her pants had split."

- Lacey Wozny, freshman

"Dawn Beran was being her usual, hyper self. One night after a speech meet, the senior guys got very annoyed and drug her by her arms and legs into the bathroom while yelling 'Rape is illegal!'"

- Casey Birkel, freshman

"When I fell down all three flights of stairs."

"I am perfect. I never get embarrassed."

"When Mrs. Johnson fell off her chair."

- Tyson Owens, sophomore

- Roger Welsh, sophomore

"When Jeff Eikmeier scored a basket to give us 100 points and the coach was yelling at him not to shoot."

- Tom Rogers, sophomore

"Being late for Sweetheart and not getting in."

- Angie Laudenklos, junior

"Wearing a cheerleader's outfit for Spirit Day."

- Amon Medinger, junior

# A Day in the Life



7:30 a.m. / Whether you're there for activities or your own spiritual enlightenment, morning mass is always fun.

7:35 a.m. / Scott Zegar starts the day off right with a good healthy breakfast.





8:04 a.m. - 11:22 a.m. / The bell rings to start first period. Students sit through classes and listen to their stomachs rumble.



14 \* A Day in the Life of a Scotus Student

11:25 a.m. / Students wait for "Quality Family Connections" to save them from the pressures of Biology.

11:48 a.m. / Charlene Schmidt grabs some books so she can rush to fifth period and eat lunch.



# of a Scotus Student



1:45 p.m. / Josh Birkel takes time to make his shot during P.E.

12:45 p.m. / Jason Hughes discusses the quality of our school lunches with his AP English class.



2:30 p.m. / Jill and Frank take notes in Senior Religion.



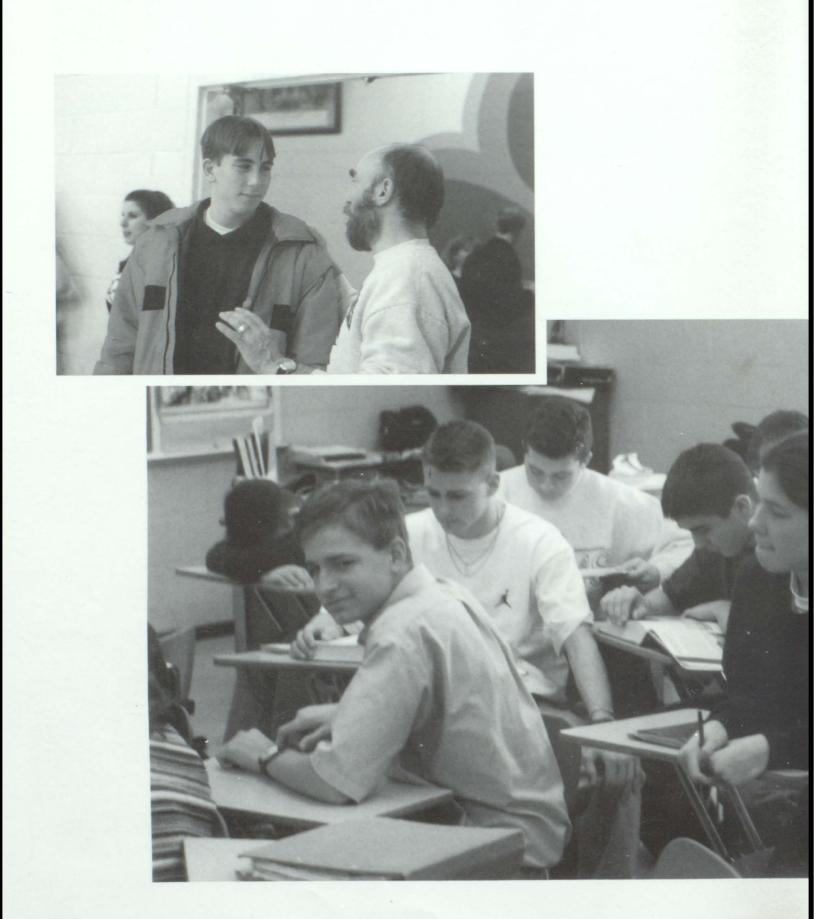
3:00 p.m. / Julie Trouba works diligently to finish her English paper that was due earlier that day.



3:30 p.m. / Mr. Powell tells his students that the day is almost done.



3:40 p.m. / Chad and Erin celebrate that the school day is over as they say good-bye.



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Faculty and Underclassmen

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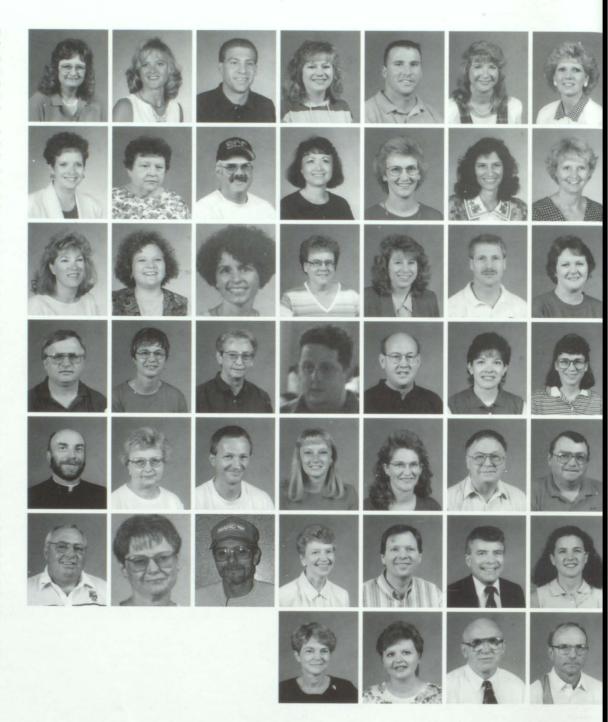
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# They're Like No Other!

This year was a year like no other because of the many faculty anniversaries. Pictured to the right is Mr. Jim Puetz & Mr. Vern Younger with who celebrated 30 years and Mr. Dan Mahoney & Mr. John Petersen who celebrated 20 years of being part of the Scotus family. Other faculty anniversaries included: Mrs. Kathy Kruse, Mr. Tom Salyard, Mrs. Janet Tooley ~ 10 years; and Mr. Pat Brockhaus, Ms. Jane Dusel, Mrs. Claudia Kiser, Mrs. Deb Larson, Mr. Daniel Schartz ~ 5 years. Thank you for all of your dedication and hard work.





Above Left: Mr. Jim Puetz and Mr. Vern Younger. Above Right: Mr. Dan Mahoney and Mr. John Petersen

Right: Nick Puetz and Craig Jones show how popular Mr. Powell is with the lunch crowd.

Below: The cafeteria staff worked hard to prepare our meals. The smell of homemade breakfasts and fresh-baked goodies always had the students coming back for more. A word of thanks is also owed to the cafeteria staff for the great job they did this year.





### Juniors...

Craig Arasmith Michael Arp Jonah Bargmann Travis Beiermann Jeremy Blahak Renee Boman Cassie Bonk

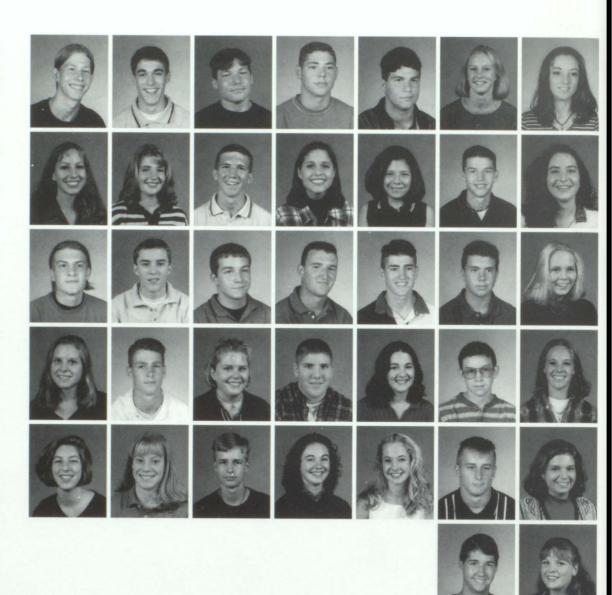
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Paul Liebentritt Carmen McKathnie



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Bryan Pekny Sarah Poltack Stenia Ramaekers Kimberly Rickert Travis Rief Christopher Riley Cory Robak

April Schaf Charlene Schmitt Kody Schochenmaier Melissa Shemek Karen Stachura Alan Swanson Kevin Sypal

Ryan Tooley Andrea Torczon Matthew Torczon Evan Trofholz Timothy Tworek Holly Van Ackeren Troy Van Dyke

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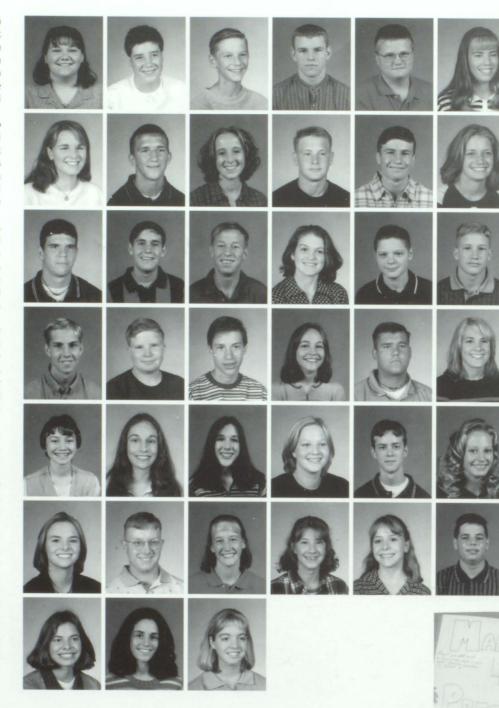
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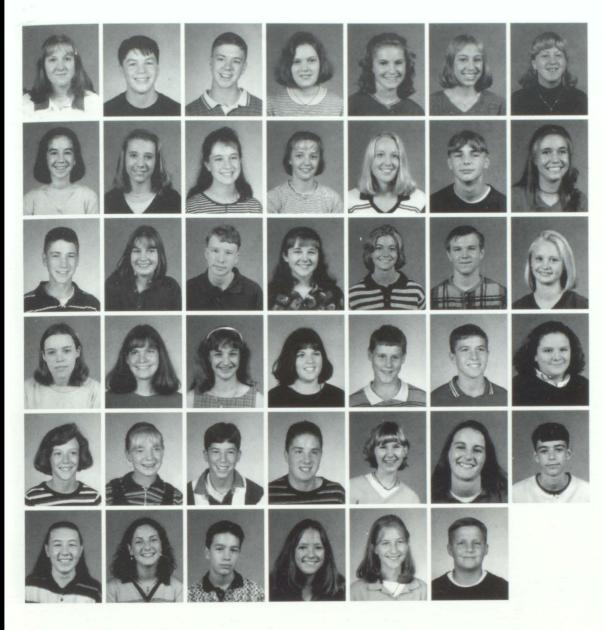
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Tina Soulliere Teresa Springer Ryan Tarnick Nathan Tenopir Amanda Trofholz Heather Van Ackeren Travis Van Dyke

Lynn Wemhoff Robin Whalen Troy Widhalm Lacey Wozny Kristin Zach Scott Zegar

The Freshman class enjoys time together while partying at Angie Shemek's house after the Homecoming Dance.

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Kathryn Cremers Kayla Dowd Molly Engel Sarah Engelbert Angela Foltz Amanda Fritz Travis Fry

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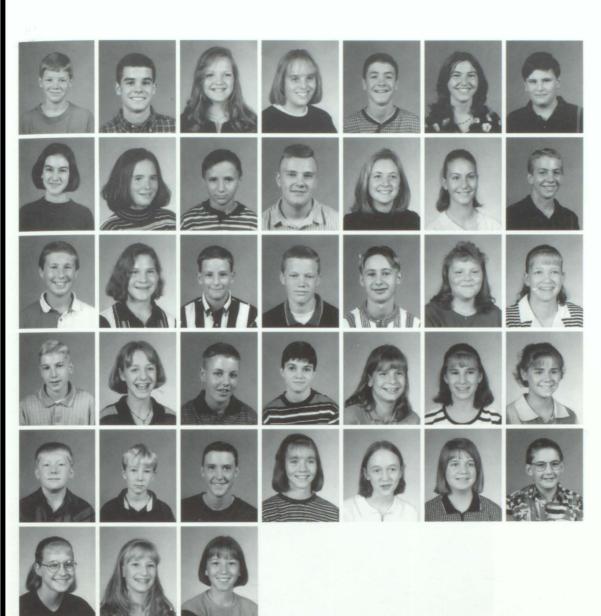
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Craig Pekny Matt Peterson Meghan Pile Christopher Rogers Lindsay Schmidt Riley Schochenmaier Abby Schornack

Ashley Schure Heather Scribner Sara Settje Tim Siegel Matthew Skarka Bob Soulliere Shawn Starostka

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## Junior



Junior high band members keep the beat for the pep band at a boys basketball game.

Junior high, a time of change and a time of growth. This year was a year like no other for the junior high because of the new activities available to them. They are now able to have dances and participate in the high school pep band. But along with all the new, there are still the old problems... the small lockers that won't open and the locks that won't unlock. From the "dollar or detention" for having gum, to forgetting your assignment book in your last class, to not knowing if the day was even or odd, the problems will never go away. Get used to it because there is more to come.



Mr. Lahm instructs his junior high P.E. students on the basics of weight training.



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# High



Amy Klug, Lori Swanson, John Ternus, and Jon Balak finally had enough of Nathan Malicky. Actually, they are just showing their theatrical abilities in Miss George's Speech and Drama class.

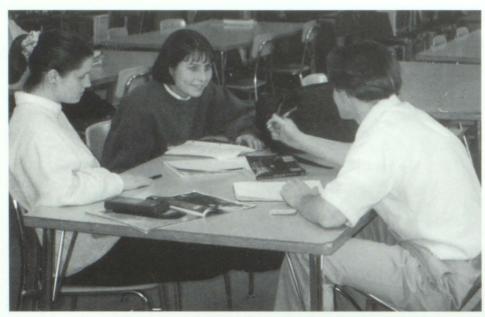


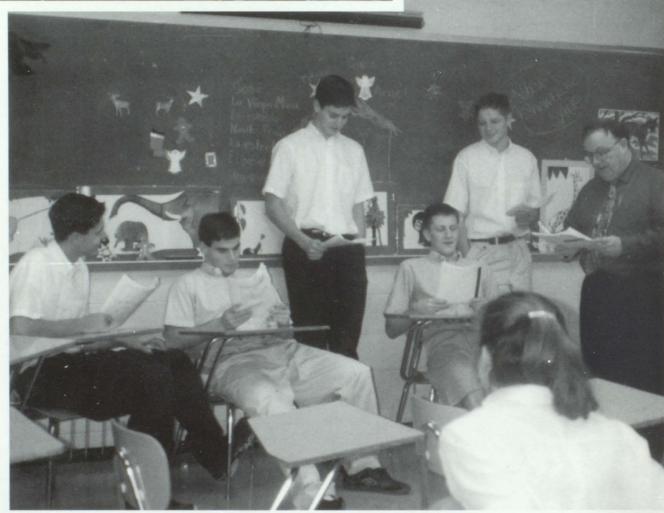
Adam Swierczek shows his enthusiasm for Shamrock Basketball by cheering at a home game.



Cade Kudron, Travis Fry, and Phillip Heimann work to complete their locker caddies.







# NINETERS Z

Academics

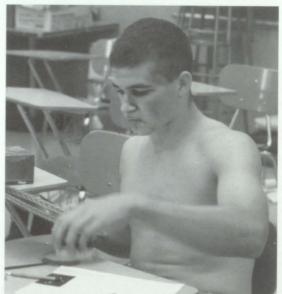
#### Basic Art students learn how to make relief pictures.

### Fine Arts

The Fine Arts department at Scotus includes art, music, band, speech, and drama classes. Mrs. Mlinar, the new art teacher, brought a fresh and new outlook to her class this year. Her art projects were different than those done in the past. Ms. Krance and Mrs. Cox provided us with hours of musical enjoyment by having their various music and band classes perform in bi-annual concerts held in the winter and spring. Mrs. Bernt once again was the high school speech and drama teacher. Many afternoons were filled with the yells and laughter of her classes rehearsing and performing. Her classes also provided entertainment by putting on plays in the little theater. Drama students also participate in One Act Plays. Ms. George is in charge of starting out the students with her 8th Grade speech and drama quarter class.







Middle Left: Molly Kroenke prepares her tile.

Middle Right: Matthew Buggi learns how to properly apply stage make-up in Drama II Class

Bottom: Junior High students rehearse to improve their acting abilities in Jr. High Drama class.

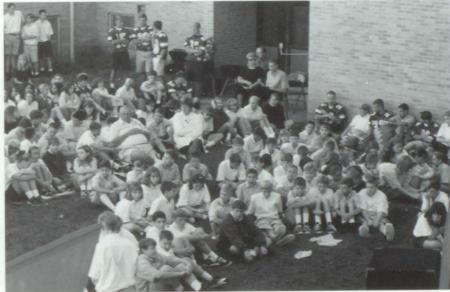


Nicholas Puetz proudly displays his dilly bar that was given out after an all school mass.



### Religion

As a Catholic school, Scotus requires all students to take Religion classes. The Religion teachers at Scotus are Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Riley, Mrs. Lahm, and Fr. Wayne. Seventh grade and eigth grade examined the Catholic faith and the gospels. Freshmen and Sophomores study from the Bible and the development of faith. Juniors focused on morality and the Church's view on social issues. The Seniors studied marraige by doing a marriage simulation.



Above: Scotus students actively participate in their Religion at the opening school mass.

Bottom Left: The 6th Period Senior Religion class helps carry food from the food drive.





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### Business

Business classes have become more available and popular at Scotus this year. The IBM lab has been very useful for students. This is the third year that the lab has been available for student use. Mrs. Salyard is in charge of Keyboarding I and II, Information Processing, and General Business. Accounting I and II is taught by Mrs. Matz. Mrs. Podliska helps students with their word processing skills in Computer Applications. Other business classes offered at Scotus consist of Entrepreneurship and Business Law.







Middle Left: Information Processing students proudly display their textbooks.

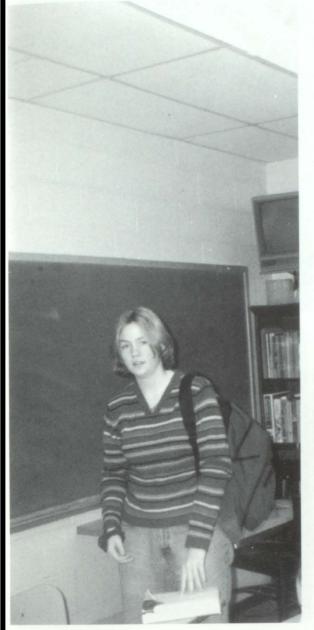
Middle Right: General Business students work intently on their banking skills.

Bottom: Nicole Mimick and Jewelia Grennan prepare themselves for Computer Applications.



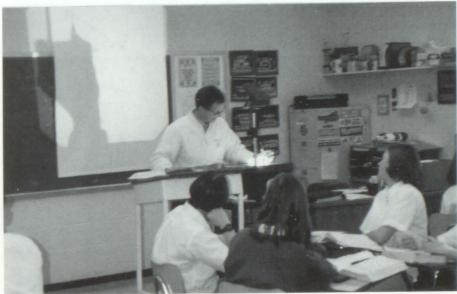


#### Jamie Puetz prepares for another intellectual Geometry class.



### Math

There are many math courses offered at Scotus. Seventh grade math focuses on improving their basic math skills and learning new concepts such as the metric system, geometry, and statistics. The eighth grade class is split into Math and Algebra I. The high school has a wide variety of courses. Pre-Algebra is offered for the freshmen. Algebra I and II deal with variables and problemsolving. Applied Math I and II also works with practical problem-solving. Geometry teaches about graphs and figures. Advanced Math combines algebra and geometry and looks at them more in-depth. Calculus teaches about differentiation and integraton, and the wonderful world of derivatives.



Above: Mr. Peterson uses his overhead to teach the finer points of Geometry.

Bottom Left: The Advanced Math class listens intently to a lecture.





### Social Studies

Social Studies classes study the world that was and the world that is yet to come. History classes are busy with studying about famous leaders from the past 500 years. This gives insight to how the United States developed.

Mr. Mahoney presents physical and cultural geography of "Third World" countries through daily lectures with his overhead projector and map exercises.

Modern problems classes devote their time to studying divorce rates, drug issues, while Psychology presents a better understanding of human behavior.







Middle Left: Mrs. Kosch's Junior History class is very content with reading their assignment.

Middle Right: Joe Niedbalski and Craig Jones take advantage of Mr. Brockhaus's resources to help make a decision on how to vote in the '96 election.

Bottom: Mr. Mahoney's Geography class is eager to learn about North America.



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Is Ms. Dusel just a little to enthusiastic about the Junior's next Chemistry project?



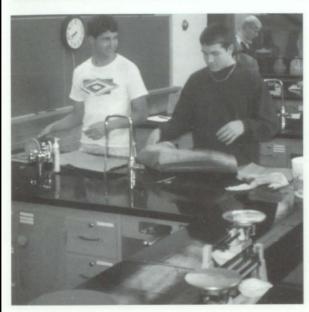
### Science

What do atoms, motion, and the human body all have in common? They are all a part of the Science department. You begin your high school years with Mrs. Lahm's Earth Science, where you have the opportunity to learn about our earth and the world around you.

Biology is the next step, where you experience the disection of small creatures. An environmental analysis of Pawnee Park and bug collection are also included.

Next, you move on to Chemistry where you experiment with chemicals, both safe and harmful. Numerous labs enable you to discover elements of science on your own.

To finsh off, during your Senior year, you have the option of taking Mr. Younger's Physiology class or Mr. Salyard's Physics class. These classes help if you plan to have a career in science.







Middle Left: Chemistry students Paul Liebentritt and Chris Evans can't wait to try out their experimental ice cream.

Middle Right: Jennifer Flint, Jessica Bolte, and Katie Geilenkirchen are busy taking Biology notes while Scott Beiermann takes a break to look at the camera.

Bottom: Physics students work intensely to complete one of many lab reports.

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### English

Improving your literary and composing skills is easy with the classes at Scotus. Starting off in the 7th and 8th grades, students learn how to improve writing skills with the help of Miss George. The 9th grade class has a chance to learn how to read Shakespeare with Romeo & Juliet and learn about Political Satire with Animal Farm. Sophomores learn about literature through various novels like a Separate Peace and Lord of the Flies. Juniors spent their time preparing a term paper with Mrs. Moore before Mr. McGill took over. Senior English had the opportunity to read classic novels and free-write almost everyday. During the first semester, the 15 Advanced Placement English students learned that appearance vs. reality is present in many novels. They spent second semester examining poetry styles and preparing for the optional AP







Middle Left: Mrs. Ewers shows Jeremy Loseke that AP English can be very exciting

Middle Right: Tyson Becher watches his classmates working intently in their 8th grade English class with Ms. George.

Bottom: Chad, Mike, Rachel, Jamie, and Craig show that "All they need to know about Greek Tragedy they learned at Stack 'n' Steak."



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Troy Van Dyke shows his pride in the Spanish culture.



### Foreign Language

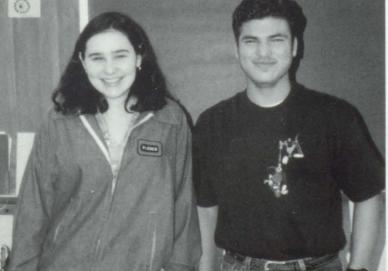
At Scotus, opportunities for learning a different language are offered through Spanish and German. The Spanish classes learned how to conjugate verbs and different verb tenses. They also took several field trips to local Hispanic stores. The stability of the Spanish department was a little shaken this year because of problems locating a permanent teacher.

German classes spent their time with Herr Powell learning about German culture and how to speak the language fluently. German students once again graced us with their voices this year by carolling throughout the halls during Christmas.





Bottom Left: Karina Ortega and Jose Delgado show their enthusiasm for studying as foreign exchange students at Scotus.





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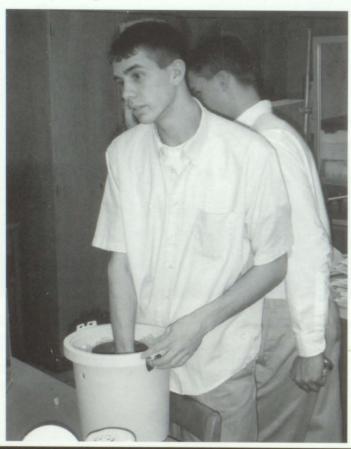
### Home Economics

The Home Economics department at Scotus offers a variety of courses to help students learn about living. Mrs. Riley's parenting class had the opportunity to care for "Baby Think It Over", a doll that is set to cry when programmed. Mrs. Malicky teaches Health where you can experience saving a person's life with CPR dummies. Mrs. Johnson's Foods classes were able to experiment with basic foods and develop good eating habits. In the Junior High, 7th and 8th graders made locker caddies and had cookie factories under the supervision of Mrs. Johnson.

(below): Lenny Sliva shows off his true domestic talent by making ice cream.











(above): Cory Boeding works hard trying to improve his locker caddy.

(right): Michelle Gablenz takes time to care for her "Think It Over" baby.



Mrs. Tooley prepares her students for another great workout.



### P.E.

Scotus students have the opportunity to improve their health through various physical education classes. Seventh grade, Eigth grade, Freshman, and Sophomore classes are required to take P.E. every other day throughout the year. In these classes, the students have the opportunity to work on their strength training in the weight room and to improve their cardiovascular fitness by running. Juniors and Seniors also have the option to take physical education classes. One option is Wellness. This class works on aerobic and strength training. Another option is Strength Training, in which the students have the opportunity to use the the weight room. In Leisure Activities, students get to play tennis, golf, volleyball, pool, and bowl, among other games. Health is the final option. This class teaches how to deal with health problems and gives students the chance to earn their CPR certification

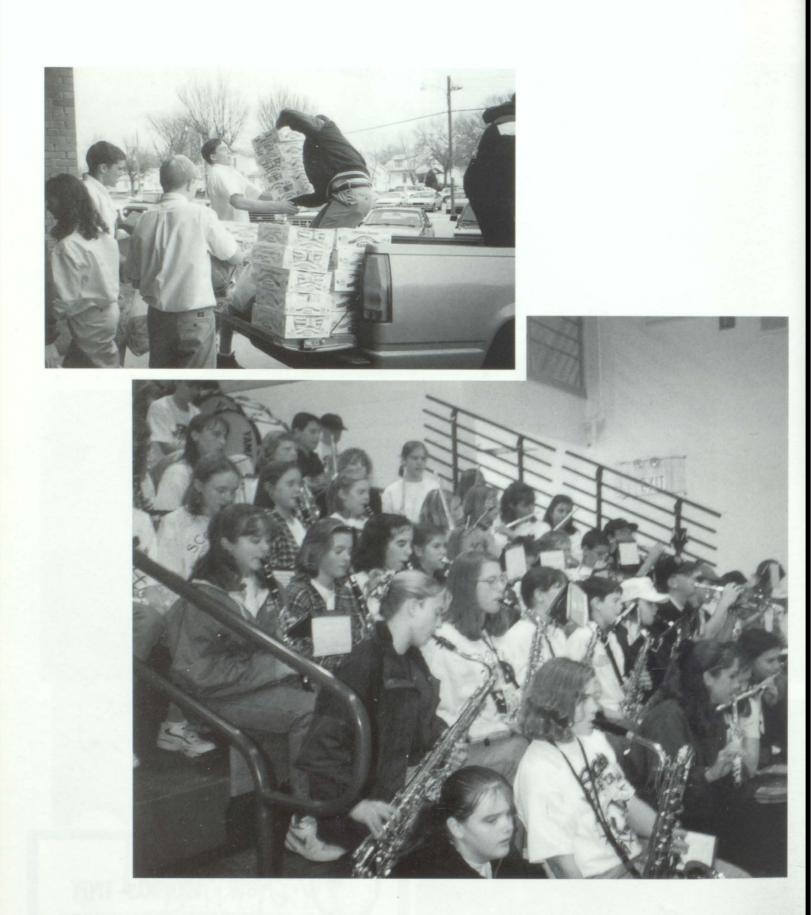


Above: The 7th grade boys test their strength in the weight room.

Bottom Left: Shaun Kryzcki shows off his excellent bowling form in Leisure Activities.







# NINETERN Z

Organizations

# Campus Ministry



Father Wayne Pavela consecrates the Eucharist at the school's opening mass.

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The 1996-1997 Campus Ministry Team worked together to collect cans of food, work concessions, and grow food to help the community. There was a change in the way that dues were collected this year. Father Wayne was able to make a deal with the Little King restaurant to sell sandwich tickets, two for five dollars, with half of the proceeds going to Campus Ministry. This new venture proved to be successful. Another change was in the chapel. Because of donations, updates in the chapel were possible.

To give the students a new taste of Campus Ministry, treats were a big part of the year. Root beer floats and banana splits brought in a hungry crowd of campus ministers to the games. For Lent, Campus Ministers helped raise money for area charities by sponsoring the "popcorn frenzy". Popcorn was available for 50 cents a bag during the last four Fridays of Lent with proceeds going to the food pantry, Simon House, etc. All of this made the 1996-1997 Campus Ministry year a year like no other.

#### Senior/Junior Campus Ministers

1st Row: (1-r) Chris Cielocha, Jesse Kuhlen, 2nd Row: (1-r) Miranda Gipfert, Staci Rosche, Jody Eikmeier, Nikki Jazwick, Julie Trouba, Laniece Micek, Jackie Bulkley, Erin Miles, Chip Kaup, Brad Podraza, Joseph Niedbalski, Craig Jones, Matt Buggi, Matt Walters, 3rd Row: (l-r) Angela Zoucha, Jeni Jackson, Craig Hotovy, Cathy Avery, Keri Sliva, Lenny Sliva, Rhea Wemhoff, Doug Bonczynski, Carmen Burbach, Jared Beran, Mike Edison, Chad Zoucha, 4th Row: (I-r) Amanda Levos, Jana Buelt, Charlene Schmidt, Melissa Shemek, Lisa Hegemann, Carrie Mustard, Jeff Pekny, Nick Puetz, Kurt Olmer, Jeremy Loseke, Matt Siemek, 5th Row: (1-r) Becky Kosch, Angie Laudenklos, Anne Moser, Kara Kudron, Jennifer Younger, Holly Van Ackeran, Amy Wemhoff, Reena Morris, Amanda Hilger, Matt Patocka, Katie Rogers, Holly Hasselbalch, Betsy Zadina, 6th Row: (1-r) April Schaf, Judy Wemhoff, Christina Brakenhoff, Mandy Hughes, Melanie Bonk, Kim Zegar, Megan Foust, Erin Duffy, Jamie Svatora,



Renee Boman, Andrea Torzon, Kristina Korth, 7th Row: (l-r) Kate DeTurk, Melissa Nosal, Jeremy Zach, Justin Fry, Troy Van Dyke, Cory Robak, Frank Mielak, 8th Row: (l-r) Alan Swanson, Chris Riley, Jon Brezenski, Sean Mohatt, Ryan Tooley, Travis Rief, 9th Row: (l-r) Andy Foltz, Bode Hill, Paul Liebentritt, Kevin Sypal, Bryan Pekny, Mike Arp, Ross Fuhr, Jeremy Blahak, 10th Row: Adam Ilgen, 11th Row: (l-r) Jonah Bargmann, Travis Beiermann, Jason Herdzina, Adam Cieloha, Amon Medinger



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Scotus Sohpomore/Freshman Campus Ministers 1st row: (1-r) Amy Hash, Michelle Rongisch, Becky Dierks, Katie Geilenkirchen, Stephanie Kruse, Jamie Puetz, Kari Kunneman, Jennifer Flint, Nicole Mimick, Jill Janicek, Sarah McPhillips, Sara Rief, Tiffany Ketter, 2nd row: (1-r) Jewelia Grennan, Jennifer Cimpl, Emily Wick, Tracy Sock, Keri Brichacek, Virginia Hall, Jessica Bolte, Brooke Rayman, Marika German, Beth Evans, Tricia Mahoney, 3rd row: (1-r) Ryan Schnieders, Adam Cremers, Scott Beiermann, Jason Cieloha, Matt Robak, Rodger Welsh, Jeff Eikmeier, Tom Rogers, Nicole McPhillips, Catherine Chaffee, Lynn Wemhoff, 4th row: (1-r) Jeff Swoboda, Brent Meliger, Joshua Euteneuer, Matt Bonczynski, Robert Diederich, Justin Johnson, Ryan Greiner, Luke Niedbalski, Dan Dvorak, Joseph Euteneuer, Justin Avery, Teresa Springer, 5th row: (1-r) Gregg Dohmen, Mike Niedbalski, Scott Schmidt, Aaron Dowd, Nick Cumberland, Scott Produpek, Travis Jarecki, Brad Balak, Matt Niedbalski, Molly Kroenke, Drew Brock, Craig Mustard, T. J. Bierman, Lacey Wozny, Lynn Dolezal, Dawn Beran, Kelly Bonk, Nathan Tenopir, Brian Janky, 6th

row: (l-r) Shanna Melliger, Melinda Henggeler, Maija German, Ceisha Kudron, Amanda Trofholz, Mandy Beiermann, Kendra Kessler, Robin Whalen, Catherine Chaffee, Casey Birkel, Katrina Landholm, Sara Peterson, 7th Row: (l-r) Kristin Bargmann, Kelly Bierman, Kristen Schumacher, Tina Soulliere, Jane Micek, Nicole Schumacher, Amy Pemberton, Tim Sleddens, Aaron Kobza, Sean O'Neill, Nick Ames, 8th row: (l-r) Kristin Zach, Angie Shemek, Sara Naughtin, Katie Sobota, Amanda Sackett, Heather Van Ackeran, Sara Edison, Jennifer Levos, Andrew Ingemansen, David Gubbels, 9th row: (l-r) Jeremiah Grell, Robb Burbach, Scott Zegar, Tim Fehringer, Travis Van Dyke, Eric Hinze, Kasey Bogus, Jeremy Cerny, Andrew Skarka

Left: Chad Zoucha and Doug Bonczynski help load food into Father Wayne's truck after the food drive. The goal set was 4500 items. The student body went above and beyond by collecting 4541 items and \$28.06. The *highlight* of the drive was the repeat performance of Mr. Dodson's Yearbook class. For the second consecutive year, the Yearbook class won the competition for a free lunch at Pizza Hut by bringing in 1,248 items which averaged out to be 78 items per person. Ms. Peterson's class came in second with 585 items/27.86 average and Mr. Brockhaus's class came in third with 603 items/25.12 average. Good job SCC!

#### E.M.E.'s

1st row: (l-r) Jody Eikmeier, Nikki Jazwick, Craig Hotovy, Angela Zoucha, Jared Beran, 2nd row: (l-r) Carmen Burbach, Lenny Sliva, Matt Patocka, Jeremy Loske



Seniors enjoy the chance to get outside during the all school mass held outside in the courtyard.



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Lisa Hegemann lights Robbie Diedrich's candle at the Induction

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Jamie Syatora tells the NHS members their responsibilities.



National Honor Society consisted of thirty-five members in the 96-97 school year. For the third year, Mr. Powell was the NHS advisor. The qualities that are looked for in a NHS member include scholarship, leadership, service, and character. The services around the school that are provided by the members are assisting at parentteacher conferences, heping with the Scotus gala, selling concessions at track meets, aned cleaning up the courtyard.



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#### Reflections Hair Studio

Suite 116 Columbus, NE 68601 (402) 564-1127 Jackie M. Peterson (below): Ryan Tooley and Abie Bator work on decorating the Christmas tree in the office.



### STUDENT COUNCIL

Student council members gather for yet another meeting.





(row 1): Jesse Kuhlen. (row 2): Staci Rosche, Lenny Sliva, Abie Bator, Joe Niedbalski. (row 3): Melissa Nosal, Jon Brezenski, Robbie Diederich, Evan Trofholz, Ryan Tooley, Sara Kunneman. (row 4): Justin Johnson, Stephanie Kruse, Sara Rief, Emily Wick. (row 5): Sara Naughtin, Sara Peterson, Shanna Melliger, Kristen Zach, Angie Shemek.

Student Council was a year like no other because of its new sponsor, Ms. Krance. To start off the school year the members attended a Fall Workshop at Columbus High where they teamed up with partners to learn about team work. In February they attended the Area Conference at Cedar Rapids, Iowa where they received information about leadership skills. The Spring Workshop in March (held at Fremont High) was attended to get new ideas for next year. The Student Council continued sweatshirt sales and handed out goodies for Catholic Schools Week.





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# FBLA

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Nosal, and Historian Julie Trouba
Sponsors (top row ~ left to right):
Mrs. Salyard and Mrs. Matz





Row 1: Cathy Avery, Miranda Gipfert, Jody Eikmeier, Jackie Bulkley, Mike Edison, Kurt Olmer, Reena Morris, Melissa Nosal, Julie Trouba, Keri Sliva, Nikki Jazwick, Mrs. Salyard, Mrs. Matz. Row 2: Abby Cheloha, Kim Rickert, Andrea Torczon, Amanda Levos, Lisa Hegemann, Amy Wemhoff, Holly Van Ackeran, Rhea Wemhoff, Staci Rosche, Carmen Burbach. Row 3: Kara Wolfgram, Carmen McKathnie, Judy Wemhoff, Chrissy Brackenhoff, Melanie Bonk, Jennifer Younger, Kara Kudron, Evan Trofholz, Lenny Sliva, Nick Puetz, Jon Brezenski. Row 4: Kate DeTurk, Charlene Schmitt, Anne Moser, Angie Laudenklos, Kevin Sypal, Justin Fry, Jeremy Zach, Megan Foust, Holly Hasselbalch. Row 5: Renee Boman, Kristie Korth, Melissa Shemek, Jana Buelt, Sean Mohatt, Bode Hill, Sara Kunnemann, Carrie Mustard, Stenia Raemakers, Amanda Hilger, Kim Zegar.



(left): Mike Edison receives Honorable Mention at the State Leadership Conference.

(right): Freshmen Katrina Landholm and Dawn Beran show their moves at their first FBLA Tape Dance.





(left): FBLA Members proudly display their food from the Scavernger Hunt. The food brought in was then taken to the Food Pantry.

(below): Tim Fehringer, Andrew Ingemensan, Angie Shemek, Sara Edison, and Amy Hash play Twister at the Saint Patrick's Day party.

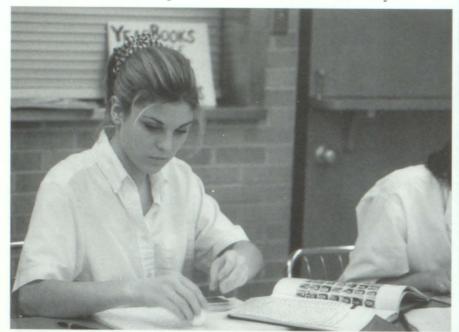


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# Yearbook

Jennifer Jackson labels pictures for the underclassmen layout.



Carmen Burbach puts the final touches on a completed layout.



This year the Yearbook staff thought long and hard about a suitable theme for the '96-'97 yearbook. Taking into consideration that the Senior class is pretty unique, a "Year Like No Other" seemed to be an appropriate theme. The class divided into groups to compose different parts of the yearbook. Our editor, Angela Zoucha, guided the staff as they prepared their designated layouts. To prepare themselves for the year, section editors went to a workshop held at the New World Inn. There they learned the basics of layout design and photography techniques.



(row 1): Megan Foust, Nick Puetz, Jami Birkel. (row 2): Lenny Sliva, Chad Zoucha, Holly Hasselbauch, Angela Zoucha, Cathy Avery, Jennifer Jackson, Nikki Jazwick, Chip Kaup, Chris Cieloha. (row 3): Jennifer Younger, Amy Wemhoff, Julie Trouba, Carmen Burbach, Andra Drum.



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(below): Craig and Holly prepare themselves before their first round of competition.

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Senior Mock Trial members (clockwise): Holly Hasselbalch, Craig Hotovy, Betsy Zadina, Jeremy Loseke, Jamie Svatora, Megan Foust, and Angela Zoucha



(right): Junior Trial Mock members (row 1): Karen Stachura, Judy Wemhoff, Katie DeTurk, Andrea Torczon. (row 2): Mike Arp, Ryan Tooley, Jana Buelt, Amy Wemhoff.

(right): Sophomore Mock Trial members (row 1): Katie Geilenkirchen, Amy Hash, Emily Wick, Robert Diederich, Sarah McPhillips. (row 2): Marika German, Jennifer

Dohmen.





Even though this year's mock trial teams were not as successful as they had hoped, all of the students ended the year with a positive out look for the future. The Juniors and Sophomores are ready for next vear while the Seniors look back fondly on their accomplishments over the past three years. Although the Senior group is not the original group that started out in the 10th grade, they bonded together and put up a great fight against opposing schools.



# S-Club

Fr. Wayne lays down a letter jacket that was used to represent S-Club at Graduation.



S-Club member Troy Van Dyke helps Mrs. Hash out in her office.



All the people that contributed to S-Club this year made it a year like no other. S-Club is an organization for high school students that have earned a letter in music and sports. For the first year ever, Flag Corp was able to letter. Making money for S-Club is done through selling Godfather's Pizza and the money brought in from ticket sales at the athletic banquet. This money goes towards providing new items for the athletic teams. Sponsors Jim and Gary Puetz help make S-Club a success.



(row 1): Matt Nosal, Matt Buggi, Matt Walters, Chad Liebig, Jesse Kuhlen, Nick Puetz, Lenny Sliva, Nick Mroczek, Doug Bonczynski, Chris Cieloha, Jeff Pekny, Kurt Olmer, Chad Zoucha, Audrey Pfeifer. (row 2): Sponsor Jim Puetz, Miranda Gipfert, Abie Bator, Nikki Jazwick, Andra Drum, Jackie Bulkley, Julie Trouba, Keri Sliva, Brad Podraza, Jared Beran, Angela Zoucha, Rachel Nosal, Staci Rosche, Carmen Burbach. (row 3): Ross Fuhr, Andrew Foltz, Lisa Hegemann, Justin Fry, Bryan Pekny, Adam Cielocha, Charlene Schmitt, Melissa Nosal, Amy Wemhoff, Aaron Legenza, Jonah Bargmann. (row 4): Abby Cheloha, Jennifer Younger, Andrea Torczon, Melanie Bonk, Kristie Korth, Jon Brezenski, Sara Kunneman, Anne Moser, Becky Kosch, Alan Swanson, Reena Morris, Jana Buelt, Angie Laudenklos. (row 5): Marika German, Becky Dierks, Kari Kunneman, Brooke Rayman, Betsy Kunneman, Michelle Rongish, Jennifer Cimpl, Amy Hash, Kimberly Rickert, Holly Van Ackeren, Renee Boman. (row 6): Beth Evans, Emily Wick, Bode Hill, Matt Kaspar, Scott Beiermann, Brent Melliger, Travis Rief, Ryan Tooley, Frank Mielak, Troy Van Dyke. (row 7): Nicole Mimick, Jennifer Flint, Sara Rief, Jeff Eikmeier, Jason Cielocha, Jason Herdzina, Sean Mohatt, Cory Robak, Mike Arp. (row 8): Sara Peterson, Shanna Melliger, Heather Van Ackeren, E.J. Brezenski, Tom Rogers, Stephanie Kruse, Sarah Pillen, Jewelia Grennan. (row 9): Sean O'Neill, Jennifer Levos, Mandy Beiermann.

(below): The Swing Choir transitions into the final pose of their Christmas show.

## Swing Choir

Members of the Swing Choir sing at the Homecoming mass.







(row 1): Jennifer Jackson, Abie Bator, Angela Zoucha, Laniece Micek. (row 2): Angie Laudenklos, Charlene Schmitt, Karen Stachura, Melissa Shemek, April Schaf. (row 3): Katie Chaffee, Kelli Hahn, Ms. Krance, Angie Shemek, Sara Peterson.

This year was a year like no other for swing choir because of their many achievements. Their biggest accomplishment was receiving a superior rating at district music. This entitled the entire group to letter, which was also a first this year.

Swing choir is not only a class but a service organization. They provide area institutions with entertainment. Some institutions they performed for were the Columbus Manor and Community Care of America. They also performed for local businesses Christmas parties.

### SYADA/REACH



Sarah McPhillips, Melissa Shemek, Sara Edison, Angie Shemek, Anne Moser gather for a group hug at the Summer Syada Retreat.



(row 1): Jennifer Flint, Katie Gonka, Ashley Van Dyke, Stephanie Kruse, Betsy Kunemann, Amy Hash, Beth Evans, Marika German. (row 2): Courteney Mimick, Sarah McPhillips, Sara Reif, Sarah Pillen, Jessica Bolte, Honey Cope, Luke Niedbalski.

REACH-This organization was set up to help educate children about the dangers of alcohol and drugs. A select group of sophomores that have pledged to remain drug and alcohol free are picked for this. For training, they went through a two day workshop at the YMCA. After this they went around to the local catholic grade schools and educated the 6th graders. SYADA-Scotus Youths Against Drugs and Alcohol is a nonprofitable organization that promotes being drug-free. A workshop in the summer helped them learn about being drugfree and helping others pick that choice.



(row 1): Jana Buelt, Kate DeTurk, Kristie Korth, Lisa Hegemann, Sara Kunneman, Charlene Schmitt, Adam Cieloha, Ryan Tooley, Melissa Shemek, Kim Rickert, Bode Hill, Andrea Torczon, Mrs. Kiser. (row 2): Jennifer Flint, Katie Gonka, Ashley Van Dyke, Sara Reif, Betsy Kunemann, Amy Hash, Evan Trofholz, Angie Laudenklos. (row 3): Courteney Mimick, Sarah McPhillips, Sarah Pillen, Kelly Stephan, Steph Kruse, Marika German, Beth Evans, Brent Melliger, Luke Niedbalski. (row 4): Honey Cope, Jessica Bolte, Aaron Kobza, Timothy Sleddens, Kristen Zach, Sara DeTurk, Sara Edison, Heather Van Ackeren. (row 5): Kendra Kessler, Sara Peterson, Shanna Melliger, Travis Van Dyke, Nate Tenopir, Scott Zegar, Matt Niedbalski, Jeremiah Grell, David Gubbels. (row 6): Lacey Wozny, Robin Whalen, Nick Ames, Amanda Sackett, Robb Burbach, Andrew Ingemensan, Angie Shemek, Dan Dvorak.

(Below): Amanda Hilger shows off her "Mind The Gap" shirt from London.

# Europe

Carmen McKathnie, Kara Wolfgam, Amanda Higer, Judy Wemhoff, and Stenia Raemakers pose in front of a European monument.







The Germany Tour Group

This year six students from Scotus went on a 10 day tour of Europe. These students were Sophomore Honey Cope and Juniors Carmen McKathnie, Judy Wemhoff, Stenia Raemakers, Kara Wolfgram, and Amanda Hilger. Their sponsor was Mrs. Kiser. The tour consisted of traveling to seven or eight different countries in 10 days. A trip to Italy is being lined up for next year for Scotus students.

# Band

The 1996 - 1997 Scotus Jazz Band



Jennifer Kryzcki and Megan Zach perform at a home basketball game.



The various Scotus band groups practiced hard this year to be able to perform at several events. These consisted of the Christmas and Spring concerts and sporting events. The band also kept themselves busy by preparing their annual dinner theater. This year's theme was "Lights, Camera, and Action". Not only did they entertain us with their exceptional playing ability but we were also entertained by the comedic excerpts about the different members favorite movies.



(row 1): Lisa Hegemann, Meghan Anderson, Kelly Gablenz, Melanie Bonk. (row 2): Eric Kosch, Nick Zywiec, Megan Zach, Katie Sobota, Shaun Kryzcki, Kim Rickert, Jennifer Krzycki, Anne Heiser, Michael Swantek, Steven Ingemensen, Matt Barr. (row 3): Jennifer Kresha, Sara Settje, Amanda Tworek, Nicole McPhillips, Amy Pemberton, Sara Swanson, Eric Cattau, Miriam Tworek-Hofstetter, Melissa Wangler, Mrs Cox. (row 4): Heather Scribner, Tammy Svatora, Carrie Bargmann, Amanda Levos,

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Amy Bergland, Lindsay Schmidt, Emily Kroenke, Jennifer Morrison, Nicholas Dobesh. (row 5): Zach Wolf, Kari Vanek, Matt Kasper, Josh Rickert, Rachel Czaplewski, Tim Siegel, Colleen McGuire, Rebecca Hadcock. (row 6): Lindsay Pritchard, Teresa Springer, Andrew Skarka, Jamie Svatora, Jennifer Levos, Megan Cimpl. NOT PICTURED: David Adelman, Jason Engquist, Andy McPhillips, Dan Hadland, Kari Gray, and Bob Soulliere.

(below): Julie Trouba struggles to hold onto all the flowers she is delivering on Valentine's Day.



# Flag Corp

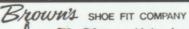
The girls show their "funk" during the Homecoming pep rally.





(row 1): Courtney Mimick, Jill Janicek, Tiffany Ketter, Lisa Hegemann, Stephanie Kruse. (row 2): Michelle Moser, Brooke Rayman, Keri Brichacek, Jennifer Cimpl. (row 3): Casey Birkel, Melanie Bonk, Julie Trouba, Jewelia Grennan, Staci Rosche.

There were several new elements that made being on flag corp this year different than the past. To raise a little extra money for new poles and flags, the flag corp had a car wash. Something else that was new this year is that the flag corps members can now letter. This year's captains were Seniors Julie Trouba and Staci Rosche. Steph Kruse was secretary. The flag corp is under the direction of Mrs. Cox.



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# Thespians

Senior Chris Cieloha wonders what Thespians is really about.



Tricia Mahoney and Angie Shemek pose outside of Mrs. Bernt's room during Initiation Week.



At the end of the year, the student body prepares for Thespian initiation; not so much for joining, but to be entertained by those who do decide to join. For the initiates, the week is filled with tasks that test the skills they will need to be part of the Theater. To join the Thespians, it is requires that you be on Speech team prior to joining the Thespians. The initiates' week is occupied by decorating current members lockers with obscure items requested by the members. Some of this year's items were blue tinsel, cherry pez, and a hand written poem from each initiate.



(row 1): Virginia Hall, Kelli Hahn, Melissa Nosal, Melissa Shemek. (row 2): Justin Karsk, Erin Duffy, Megan Zach, Nick Zadina. (row 3): Charlene Schmitt, Frank Tworek-Hofstetter, Tricia Mahoney, Kate DeTurk. (row 4): Natasha Karsk, Angie Shemek, Dawn Beran, Katie Chaffee, Jeremy Loseke.

Senior Speech Team (row 1): Francis Tworek-Hofstetter, Justin Karsk. (row 2): Jeremy Loseke, Mike Edison, Jason Hughes, Holly Hasselbach. (row 3): Megan Zach, Erin Duffy, Jamie Svatora, Mrs. Bernt, Betsy Zadina, Nick Zadina.



Junior Speech Team (row 1): Judy Wemhoff. (row 2): Melissa Shemek, Charlene Schmitt, Melissa Nosal, Jana Buelt. (row 3): Abby Cheloha, Kate DeTurk, Amanda Levos, Mrs. Bernt.



(above): Melissa Nosal accepts her award for Most Competitive Player at the Awards Banquet.

## Speech

Perhaps the most memorable part of Speech Team this year had to be "Bernie's Little Beasts". The Speech Team was divided into two separate groups. One headed by Nick Zadina and the other by Jamie Svatora. Each member was represented by a Mortal Combat character. Before each speech meet, a member of each team was randomly selected and posted at the top of their banner as being in "mortal combat" These people were not only competing against other schools, but themselves, for bragging rights Several of the Speech Team members made it to state and did quite well. Congratulations SCC Speakers and Good Luck in the



Sophomore Speech Team (row 1): Virginia Hall, Kelli Hahn. (row 2): Matt Kasper, Ryan Greiner, Mrs. Bernt, Tricia Mahoney.



Freshmen Speech Team (row 1): Amanda Trofholz, Kristen Schumacher. (row 2): Katie Chaffee, Casey Birkel, Natasha Karsk, Amy Pemberton. (row 3): Dawn Beran, Angie Shemek, Mrs. Bernt, Lynn Dolezal, Sara Naughtin, Nicole Schumacher.





# NINETER 2

**Sports** 

Lenny Sliva charges through the defence while Aaron Legenza and Tom Rogers anticipate the next move.





The Puetz Brothers look on and try to figure out what's going on.

Scoreboard			
	SCC	OPP	
St. Ceclia	14	0	
Lakeview	48	0	
Schuyler	61	8	
Aquinas	10	14	
Lincoln Xtian	60	6	
Neumann	21	28	
GICC	52	6	
Neumann	13	28	



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## ${f v}$ football

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A a r o n Legenza charges through Lakeview's defense. The Scotus Shamrock Football team finished the season ranked in the top ten. Although a 5-3 record sounds discouraging, the Shamrocks never lost the desire and enthusiasm to play the game. With a challenging district, the team unfortunately exited the playoffs early.

Many memories were formed throughout the season such as the team uniting to shave their heads and chase down those who didn't want to. The team was informed by coaches that "laughing cures depression." But the ultimate pep talk came during Coach Jim Puetz's halftime verbal boost at the Wahoo Neumann Homecoming game, which was DEFINITELy no laughing matter!

All State Honors: Chris Cielocha and Nick Puetz

Honorable Mention: Matt Buggi and Aaron Legenza

Although the team never got to run the "Bloody Beran", this year was a year like no other!



Photo Courtesy: Columbus Telegram

Chris Cielocha dives for an extra yard while the Aquinas defense attempts to stop him.

The Shamrock Volleyball team celebrates yet another district win.





Coach Petersen explains to his team how "laid back" he is during a time out.

#### Scoreboard

Scotus Inv.	1st
GICC	15-0 15-5
N. Bend Inv.	1st
Aquinas	15-8 15-2
Schuyler	15-5 15-9
<b>GINW Tourney</b>	1st
Lakeview	15-5 15-0
Seward Inv.	1st
Newmann	15-3 15-4
Conference	1st
Lincoln Xtian	15-0 15-8
St. Cecilia	15-10 15-6
Skutt	15-5 15-0
Districts	1st
State	1st



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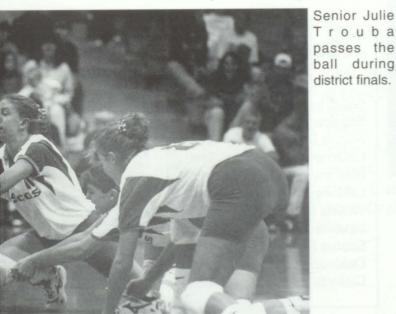


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The Scotus Shamrock Volleyball team finished the season with an undefeated record of 28-0 and another State Championship. This Shamrock Volleyball season might have seemed like all the others except for the fact that this year the team was led by seven seniors and two *Spartan Cheerleaders*. The Shamrocks not only finished #1 in Class C-1 but #1 in the State of Nebraska by defeating a talented GICC team in the Class C-1 State Championship.

All of this year's accomplishments came about through the team's hard work and determination. The Lady Shamrocks were led by the five All-State Seniors: Carmen Burbach, Audrey Pfeifer, Staci Rosche, Julie Trouba, and Rhea Wemhoff.

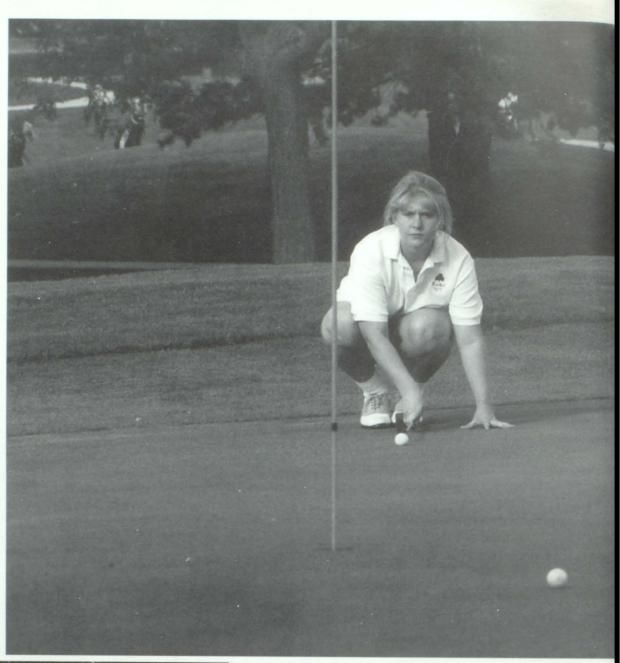
With back to back State Championships, this year's Shamrock Volleyball team *had* a year like no other!



Courtesy: Columbus Telegram

Senior Carmen Burbach finds room between two Lakeview blockers.

Senior Rachel Nosal lines up for her attempt on a short putt.





Mrs. Niedbalski gives her expert advice to Senior Erin Miles.



### Scoreboard

	Place
GICC Invite	2nd
Stanton Dual	1st
Aurora Invite	7th
Lakeview/Albion	2nd
Blair Invite	5th
Lakeview Dual	2nd
Wayne Invite	4th
Lakeview/Columbus	3rd
Scotus Invite	4th
Oaklnad-Craig Invite	2nd
Districts	5th



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The Scotus girls golf team had a year like no other. This year, at least one Scotus golfer medaled in every Invite. Senior Erin Miles was a 4 year qualifier for the State Girls Golf Tournament. She also was 1996 Class B-2 District Runner-up. There were many improvements of the year, most notable were Rachel Nosal, Amanda Hilger, Jennifer Cimpl and Nicole Schumacher. The girls weren't all business. They had their fun time wondering where their ball went and trying to get away from the "killer bugs". There were good performances by underclassmen who gained valuable experience playing at the varsity level, and that is why Scotus girls golf has a bright future.



Erin Miles persuades her golf ball to drop in the hole.

Members of the 1996 golf team proudly show off there accomplishments at the Oakland-Craig Invite.





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The Scotus Girls Cross Country team runs together showing team unity.





Senior Anna Beiermann makes sure her last year running is a fun one.

### Scoreboard

	Placed
Albion Invite	4th
Lakeview Quad	2nd
Scotus Invite	1st
North Bend Invite	5th
UNK Invite	5th
Aquinas Invite	4th
Conference Mee	t 2nd
District Meet	4th





# cross country

The girls cross country team had to run through a lot of pain this year. With their top runner out for most of the season, the rest of the team had to pull together and work harder than ever. Seniors Anna Beiermann and Betsy Zadina showed their true leadership and helped the team through the season. With strong showings at the Lakeview Quad, Scotus Invite, and Conference Meet they showed that they were a team to contend with even though they were edged out of a state showing by one place. Although the team didn't make it to the state meet, Junior Renee Boman individually finished 37th place in the meet. With great team unity, the girls cross country team had a year like no other.



Charlene Schmidt runs tough while being challenged by others.

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Renee Boman and Lisa Hegemann fight for the lead.

John Beiermann takes the lead with Matt Patocka and Chris Riley close behind.





The Boys Cross Country Team takes their position at the starting line.

### Scoreboard

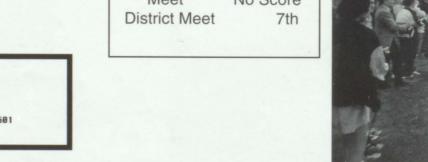
	Place
Albion Invite	9th
Lakeview Quad	4th
Wahoo	11th
Lakeview Dual	2nd
Scotus Invite	8th
N. Bend Invite	8th
UNK Invite	12th
Aquinas Invite	16th
Conference	
Meet No	Score
District Meet	7th



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# F cross country

The Scotus Shamrock Fellas Cross Country team had its ups and downs this year. From following the wrong path at the Conference Meet to placing 7th at Districts.

The Shamrocks had strong leadership from their two seniors, Kurt Olmer and Matt Patocka. The two "fellas" knew what it took to make it to make it through all the miles ran. Some of the upcoming runners to watch next year are Cory Robak, Ryan Tooley, and Brad Balak.



Kurt Olmer mentally prepares for the upcoming meet, as Scott Kuehler and Matt Patocka mock him.



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Junior Jana Buelt flashes her cheerleader attitude.





Senior Erin Duffy shows what a great jumper she is.



Junior Reena Morris and Sophomore Kelli Hahn urge the Shamrock crowd to stand up and cheer.



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# cheerleading

The 1996-1997 Varsity Cheerleading squad made this a year like no other because of their many accomplishments, one of which was fund raising. That was one of the main goals for the summer. The girls started out in June with a car wash at Hy-Vee. Although the day was cloudy and rainy. the cars kept coming. The cheerleaders also spent their free time working at the Behlen's company picnic and handing out KLIR balloons at the fair. The final fund raiser of the year was the cheer-clinic. This year's theme was SPACE

Another accomplishment was at the Cornhusker State games. Not only did the girls win gold for the second consecutive year in the cheering division, they also won silver in the dance competition.

If the girls were not raising money or competing, they were hard at work practicing cheers and other techniques learned at summer camp. Tip for next year: "Don't get carried away discussing your personal lives at practice."



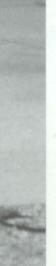
Sophomore Marika German shows how excited she was about winning gold at the Cornhusker State Games while celebrating at Erin's house.



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Members of the 1997 cheerleading squad listen to Mr. Puetz talk the school's opening pep rally.



The Lady Shamrocks celebrate their second consecutive State Basketball title by draping the cut net around Rhea Wemhoff and Kristie Korth.





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Coach Petersen and the Lady Shamrocks anticipate a final basket in the first round of state championship play.

### Scoreboard

	SCC	OPP	
Lincoln Pius X	32	35	
Hastings S.C.	60	22	
Central City	52	18	
Seward	40	35	
Ralston	53	19	
Lexington	47	30	
Elkorn	30	36	
Wahoo Neumann	45	30	
York	40	25	
Lincoln Xtian	40	21	
Wayne	59	21	
Fremond Bergan	58	23	
GICC	40	34	
Conference	1st Place		
Schuyler	36	37	
Aquinas	50	40	
Lakeview	47	31	
Raymond Central	49	19	
Districts			
David City High	39	20	
Aquinas	34	29	
North Bend	45	43	
State	1st Place		



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Junior Kim R i c k e r t struggles for an offensive position.

# girls basketball

Although the Scotus Girls Basketball team won the State Championship again, their season was still a year like no other. After losing the season opener and getting Runner-up at the Holiday Tournament, they fought back and made their way to Lincoln. With four returning starters and an experienced bench, the Shamrocks had an exciting season. From the GICC victory to the District Final when Kristie Korth sunk a last second winning shot to propel the Rocks back to State, the season was filled with excitement.

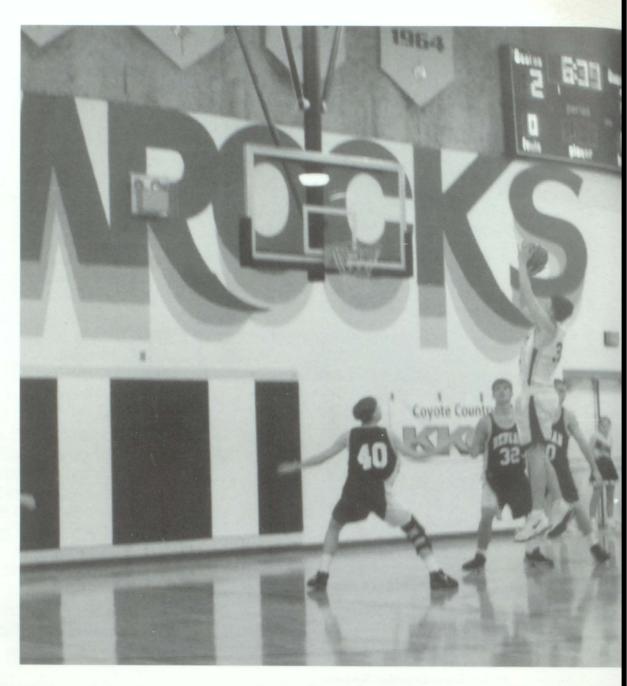
At State, the Shamrocks first victim was Falls City, where the Rocks won easily. Then the Lady Rocks bussed over to the Devaney Center on Friday to upset the #1 seed Battle Creek Bravettes. After coming off of the high of a sub-final win against an undefeated team, the Rocks were ready to defeat the Gothenburg Swedes (also undefeated) in the finals. This proved to be an emotional game, not only for the team, but for the fans. The Lady Rocks are looking forward to next year and a possible 3-peat.

All-State Honors: Carmen Burbach, Kristie Korth, Kim Rickert, and Rhea Wemhoff



Senior Rhea Wemhoff shows her teammates where to go.

Senior Nick "Mo" Mroczek goes up for two during the Bergan game.





Senior Doug Bonczynski pulls-up for a jumper in the earlier stages of the Bergan game.

### Scoreboard

	SCC	OPP
Hastings SC	73	45
GICC	59	68
Boystown	78	59
Pierce	58	76
York	52	49
Lexington	74	64
Elkorn	54	68
Wayne	75	38
David City Aquinas	70	86
Schuyler	65	72
LincolnXtrian	65	55
Norfolk Catholic	100	54
Fremont Bergan	75	74
David City Aquinas	55	67
Wahoo Neumann	57	61
Wahoo Neumann	54	57
Raymond Central	81	57
Lakeview	76	66
Central City	78	63
Districts	eliminated	
David City High	64	57
David City Aguina	as 69	81





## ${f v}$ boys basketball

Coming off of a State Tournament appearance last year and a record setting season, the Boys Basketball team had high expectations going into the '96-'97 season. With two returning starters and a slew of experienced players, the Shamrocks were a team to be reckoned with. The season was highlighted with capturing a tough Holiday Tournament championship. The season was also highlighted with a thrilling double over-time revenge win over David City Aquinas at the "Rock Quary". However, Aquinas got the last and most important victory in the Sub-District final.

Although the Rocks did not make it to State, they had great memories from the season like Dan Beller finally getting his dunk at the Lakeview game and four out of the five seniors receiving technicals.

All-State Honorable Mention: Dan Beller, Nick Mroczek, and Doug Bonczynski



Senior Nick M r o c z e k shows perfect form on his free throw attempt.

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The Scotus Basketball team looks on as Senior Dan Beller steps in and takes the charge.

# girl's soccer

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This year's girls soccer team was led by four Seniors; Jackie Bulkley, Jody Eikmeier, Nikki Jazwick, and Keri Sliva. The team decided that a theme word was needed for this year. All they could come up with is "Cha-Ching". This best describes the team's scoring ability with two leading scorers Kristie Korth and Sara Kunneman. Not only were they leading scorers for the Shamrocks but they were also leading scorers for the State. With a good showing from the underclassmen, next year's team will be one to be dealt with. Even with all of this talent, the 1997 Lady Shamrocks were once again snuffed out of the State Finals by Omaha Duschene. The Lady Rocks ended up 4th overall and 2nd in Class B.

Some of the honors given to this year's players are: 1) Nikki Jazwick and Jody Eikmeier: SHRINE BOWL 2) Jody Eikmeier, Kristie Korth, and Sara Kunneman: FIRST TEAM ALL STATE 3) Nikki Jazwick, Melanie Bonk, and Stephanie Kruse: HON-ORABLE MENTION ALL STATE 4) Kristie Korth: FIRST TEAM ALL NEBRASKA.



Top Right corner: Kristie Korth slips by a Schuyler defender on her way to the goal box.

Middle: Jody Eikmeier shows her tremendous kicking ability.

Bottom Left: Keri Sliva lunges to get to the ball first.

Bottom Right: Jackie Bulkley uses fancy footwork to the move the ball down the field.









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## v fellow's soccer

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The fellow's soccer team was also led by four Seniors; Craig Jones, Chip Kaup, Matt Nosal, and Lenny Sliva. The Shamrocks definitely had a <u>Year Like No Other</u>. For the first time in school history, the fellow's soccer team won the Class B State title. The team said they not only won the title for themselves but also for Fr. Wayne.

The fellows also had a theme for the year. However it was slightly different than the girls's. Their theme was "Bus Trip Entertainment". Back and forth from *all* of their games, they not only entertained themselves but the girls as well with their not-so-wonderful singing abilities. A most memorable time was had by all thanks to Robbie Diederich ('nuf said). Watch out for the 1998 team. They're out for another gold medal.

Some of the honors given to this year's players are: 1) Lenny Sliva: SHRINE BOWL 2) Lenny Sliva, Aaron Legenza: 1st TEAM ALL STATE 3) Jon Brezenski: 2nd TEAM ALL STATE 4) Jeff Eikmeier, Tom Rogers: HONORABLE MENTION ALL STATE.





Top Right Corner: Chip Kaup shields off the defender to get an edge on the ball at the State Tournament.

Middle: Tom Rogers clears his way to get at the ball.

Bottom Left: Jason Herdzina puts a move on a York opponent.

Bottom Right: Sean Mohatt traps the ball to keep it from a Lakeview player.





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# V girl's track

A The 1997 Girl's Track team was fortunate to have favorable weather conditions for most of their track meets. Perhaps this is what enabled the Shamrocks to send 7 girls to the State Meet held at Omaha Burke. The Lady Rocks finished well at state. The 2 mile relay ended with a 5th place medal. Julie Trouba finished her season with a 6th place medal in the high jump while Renee Boman received a 6th place medal in the 800m run. However, the underclassmen cannot be forgotten. Throughout the season, their contributions were strongly felt when Scotus finished the season with a second place at the Class B Districts.



Top Right Corner: Amy Hash grabs a little hang time as she prepares to land after tripple jumping.

Middle: Betsy Zadina gets an edge over her opponent to capture first place for the Shamrocks.

Bottom Left: Ceisha Kudron mentally prepares herself while Tracy Sock holds the starting block for her.

Bottom Right: Even on a chilly day, Senior Julie Trouba is able to glide over the high jump bar.





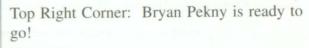
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With their new head coach, Mr. Kevin Dodson, the Shamrocks were ready to take on any obstacle. With Mr. Dodson's cheerful wit, constructively critical humor, and all around happy attitude, the Shamrocks were able to send two of their team members to the Class B State meet at Omaha Burke. Thadd Recek, only a Sophomore, threw several feet over his personal best at the Class B Districts to qualify for Shot Put competition. He also competed at the State level in Discus. Even though he did not place, the Rocks were very pleased with his performance and hope for bigger and better things during his 11th and 12th grade years. Bryan Pekny also made it to the State meet. Milt King, his hurdle coach, was pleased with Bryan's performance, even though it wasn't the "14 something" time they had hoped to achieve. The Scotus Boy's track team was led by Nick Puetz, the lone Senior. With the amazing abilities of the underclassmen, the Shamrocks Boy's track team should be quite successful in the future.





Middle: Thadd Recek shows what it takes to be a weightman as he hurls the shot put.

Bottom Left: Senior Nick Puetz was not only an asset to the Shamrocks as a weightman, but he also showed his stuff as a long jumper/triple jumper.

Bottom Right: Although not showing the most perfect form, Travis Rief none the less clears his hurdle.







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# Swimming

The cooped Columbus High/Scotus Swim Team started out with a new coach which made for a rough start. Neither the swimmers or the coach really knew how to handle each other. However, after a short mid season team meeting, conducted by captains Chip Kaup, Beth Davidson, and Tracy Williams, the team came together as a family and had a very successful season.

The Swim Team lacked captain Chip Kaup for a good portion

of the season due to a torn ACL (Anterior Cruciate Ligament). After three and a half months of rehabilitation, Kaup came back his first meet and qualified for State diving competition after one week of practice.

Other Scotus students on the team were David Walker, Jessica Chatman, Rachel Czaplewski, Keri Brichacek, and Katie Keller who all came through when the team really needed. Each one of them was a real asset to the team.



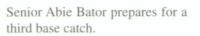
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Boys		Girls
W	Fremont	W
5	Hastings Inv.	3
L	Lincoln East	L
3	Columbus Relays	4
W	Beatrice	W
W	Lincoln High	L
L	Norfolk	L
-	Millard N.Inv.	17
W	Hastings	W
L	Lincoln N.E.	W
W	Grand Island	tie
11	Millard S Invite	-
2	Greater Ne.Invite	2
	STATE	
	Chip Kaup	
	18th Diving	



The 1996-1997 CHS/SCC swimmers and divers.



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### Softball

his was the first year in school history.

Sophomore Jessica Bolte.

Making it to State for softball at Scotus. We wasn't the easiest thing for cooped with Columbus the girls. They had to play High School and Scotus Beatrice twice in the district players proved to make a big tournament to qualify for difference. The team made State. After playing 3 games it to State for the first time at the State tournament, they finished 4th out of 8 teams. The Scotus mem- This was a year like no other, bers included Senior Abie being that it was the first year Bator, Juniors Melanie Bonk for softball and a trip to State & Amy Wemhoff, and for the team. Way to go Shamrocks / Discoverers!!!



The team celebrates their district win.

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****	Scoreboard	T
Win		Loss
1	Lincoln Tourney	2
1	Fremont	1
2	Lincoln N.E.	0
3	Fremont Tourney	0
2	Schuyler	0
2	Columbus Invite	2
2	Seward	0
1	Beatrice	1
1	Kearney	1
2	Holdredge	0
2	Grand Island	0
0	Norfolk	2
1	Fremont	0
4	Beatrice Tourney	0
2	Omaha Skutt	0
1	Districts	2
	STATE	
	4th	A Common



The Varsity team proudly poses at the State meet.





### Scoreboard

Scotus Invite Place
1st

Conference 1st

Districts 1st

State 10th

Individual Medal Winner
Bode Hill
4th
School Record Team
Score 311



### John Burns T's up hoping for a Birdie.

# B golf The Scotus other. This y

The Scotus boys golf team had a year like no other. This year, for the first time ever, the shamrocks scored in 1st place at the Class B Districts as an entire team. The boys golf team also broke a school record by shooting a combined team score of 311 at the Scotus Invite held at Quail Run Golf Course. This years team was led by Senior Brad Podraza who showed great poise and outstanding ability. The team was also led by Juniors Bode Hill and Ross Fuhr. There golfing abilities helped lead the team to the State Meet. There were good performance by the other underclassmen who gained valuable experience playing at the varsity level. Also, a coach who is not afraid to get in there and show the team how it's done is always beneficial.

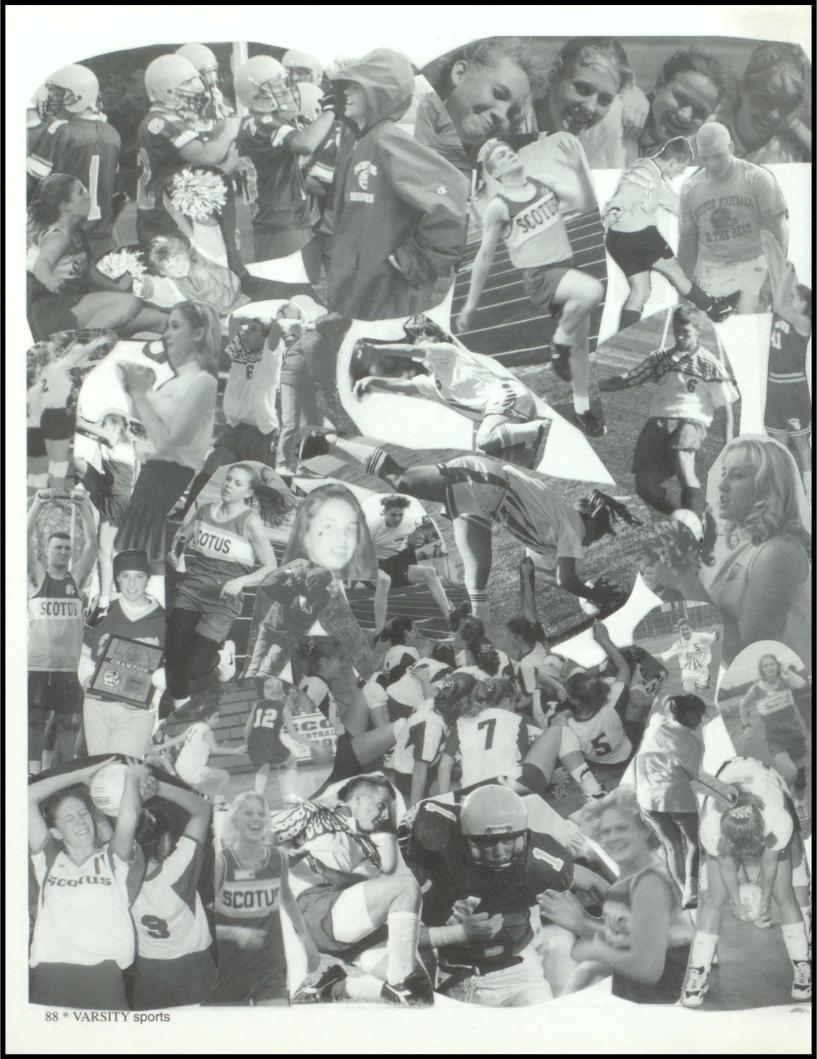


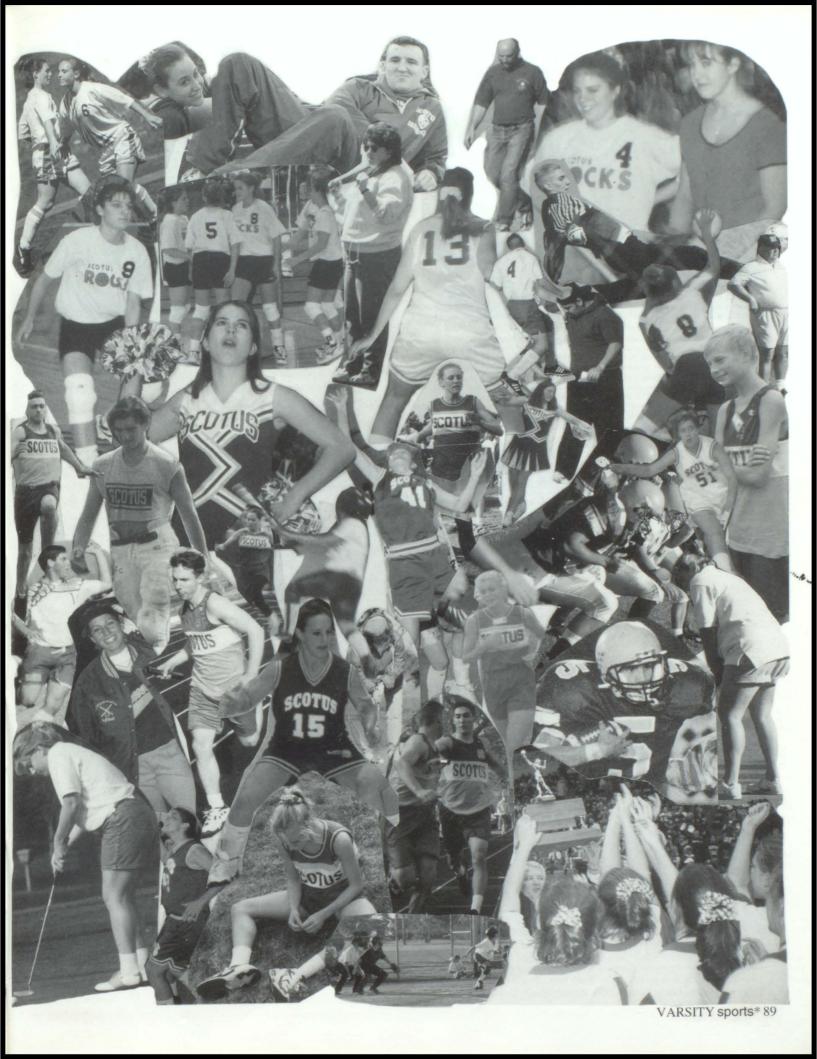
Above: Bode Hill completes a chip shot without being distracted by the many other player and spectators at State.

Below: Coach Jim Puetz shows the other coaches his picture perfect swing.











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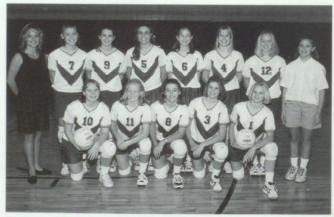
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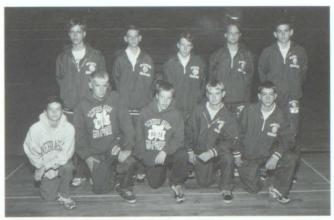
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Freshmen Volleyball: 1st Row: Sara DeTurk, Sara Edison, Shanna Melliger, Ceisha Kudron, Amanda Sackertt. 2nd Row: Julie Blaser, Melinda Henggeler, Heather Van Ackeren, Sara Naughtin, Kristen Zach, Casey Birkel, Michelle Moser, Lynn Dolezal.



Girls CC: 1st Row: Betsy Kunneman, Shannon Edwards, Kari Kunneman, Michelle Rongisch, Beth Evans. 2nd Row: Renee Boman, Amanda Levos, Reena Morris, Anna Beiermann, Betsy Zadina, Carrie Mustard, Lisa Hegemann, Becky Kosch. 3rd Row: Robin Whalen, Sara Peterson, Anne Moser, Charlene Schmidt, Katie Keller.



Boys CC: 1st Row: Tim Fehringer, Cory Robak, Ryan Tooley, Chris Riley, Sean Mohatt. 2nd Row: Scott Kuehler, Jon Beiermann, Sean O'Neill, Matt Patocka, Kurt Olmer.



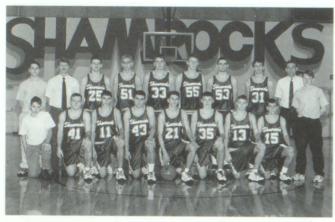
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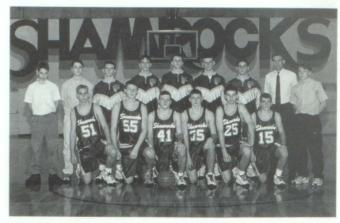
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Boys Golf: 1st Row: Luke Niedbalski, John Burns, Ross Fuhr, Brad Podraza, Bode Hill. 2nd Row: Nick Cumberland, Justin Johnson, Joe Euteneuer, Eric Hinze. 3rd Row: Clint Hamling, Tim Sleddens, Kasey Bogus, Jim Puetz.



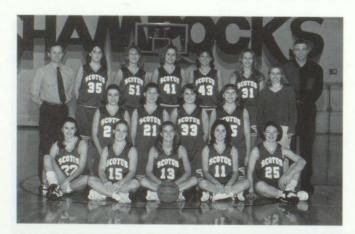
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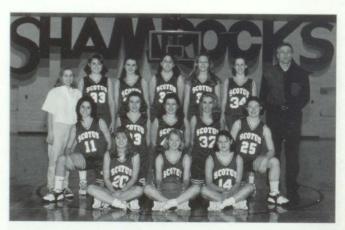
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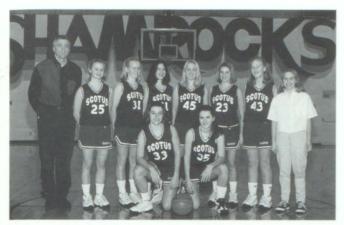
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Varsity Girls Basketball: 1st Row: Heather Van Ackeren, Kristie Korth, Keri Sliva, Stephanie Kruse, Sara Kunneman. 2nd Row: Shanna Melliger, Staci Rosche, Holly Van Ackeren, Andrea Torczon, Katrina Landholm. 3rd Row: John Petersen, Amy Wemhoff, Kim Rickert, Carmen Burbach, Rhea Wemhoff, Jewelia Grennan, Scott Miller.



JV Girls Basketball: 1st Row: Ashley Van Dyke, Kari Kunneman, Sara Rief. 2nd Row: Stephanie Kruse, Shanna Melliger, Sarah Pillen, Tracy Sock, Sara Kunneman. 3rd Row: Katrina Landholm, Holly Van Ackeren, Heather Van Ackeren, Amy Wemhoff, Jewelia Grennan, Amy Hash, Scott Miller.



Freshmen Girls Basketball: 1st Row: Shanna Melliger, Heather Van Ackeren. 2nd Row: Scott Miller, Amanda Sackett, Sara Edison, Nikki McPhillips, Michelle Moser, Ceisha Kudron, Jennifer Levos, Katrina Landholm.



Varsity Boys Soccer: 1st Row: Jason Cieloha, Joe Citta, Evan Trofholz. 2nd Row: Jon Brezenski, Aaron Legenza, E.J. Brezenski, Robbie Diederich. 3rd Row: Troy Van Dyke, Jason Herdzina, Adam Cieloha, Justin Fry, Tom Rogers. 4th Row: Matt Nosal, Lenny Sliva, Craig Jones, Jeff Eikmeier, Chip Kaup, Fr. Wayne Pavela.



Varsity Girls Soccer: 1st Row: Kristie Korth, Nikki Jazwick, Jody Eikmeier, Mandy Beiermann, Keri Sliva, Jackie Bulkley, Sara Kunneman. 2nd Row: Melinda Henggeler, Heather Van Ackeren, Melanie Bonk, Jewelia Grennan, Holly Van Ackeren. 3rd Row: Mary Beiermann, Jennifer Flint, Stephanie Kruse, Betsy Kunneman, Sara Rief, Tiffany Ketter, Kari Kunneman, Teri Schuller.



Varsity Boys Track: 1st Row: Travis Rief, Bryan Pekny, Alan Swanson, Andrew Dierks, Nick Puetz, Jesse Kuhlen, Andy Foltz. 2nd Row: Ryan Tarnick, Brad Balak, Brent Melliger, Ryan Tooley, Matt Kaspar, Josh Euteneuer. 3rd Row: Aaron Kobza, Adam Cremers, Scott Beiermann, Matt Bonczynski, Jerod Trouba, Jeff Swoboda, Nate Tenopir. 4th Row: Jeremy Cerny, Andy Skarka, Nick Korth, Aaron Krajicek, Scott Prokupek, Joe Euteneuer, Travis Van Dyke. 5th Row: Nick Ames, David Gubbels, Sean O'Neal, Jeremiah Grell, Travis Jarecki, Ben Foreman, Justin Avery.



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# JUNIOR HIGH sports



8th Grade Football: 1st Row: Luke Boeding, Mike Swantek, Josh Augustine, Tory Ketter, Jesse Benda, Nathan Bender, Derek Torczon, Nathan Malicky. 2nd Row: Greg Hergott, Jon Balak, Craig Kwapnioski, Philip Heimann, Andy Podraza, Mike Schure, Cade Kudron, Josh Rickert. 3rd Row: Zach Recek, Tom Gerhold, Joe Puetz, Brock Pillen, Matt Atchison, Justin Harsh, Travis Fry, Jeff Kosch, Jason Sobotka, Eric Spies.



8th Grade Boys Basketball: 1st Row: Nathan Malicky, Joe Puetz, Josh Rickert, Derek Torczon, Matt Atchison, Mike Schure, Eric Spies, Aaron Mielak. 2nd Row: Luke Boeding, Cory Boeding, Jon Balak, Jeff Kosch, Travis Fry, Zack Recek, Brock Pillen, Ed Goerlinger. 3rd Row: Joe Matteo, Anthony Beiermann, Jesse Benda, Nathan Bender, Tyson Becher, Jason Sobotka, Seth Labenz, Tom Gerhold, Luke Morris. 4th Row: Coach, Philip Heimann, Chris Wachal, Mike Swantek, Craig Kwapnioski, John Ternus, Justin Harsh, Tory Ketter.



8th Grade Boys Track: 1st Row: Philip Heimann, Cory Boeding, Nathan Bender, Travis Fry, Nathan Malicky. 2nd Row: Zach Recek, Andy Podraza, Derek Torczon, Seth Labenz, Mike Schure, Jesse Benda. 3rd Row: Joe Puetz, Matt Atchison, Cade Kudron, Josh Rickert.



8th Grade Volleyball: 1st Row: Lori Swanson, Christa Buettner, Rhonda Marxson, Kristin Wondercheck, Kara Wessel, Angela Swantek, Megan Morris, Tami Laudenklos, Sara Swanson. 2nd Row: Jamie Paprocki, Leslie Maul, Lindsey Pitchard, Kristin Blair, Sarah Engelbert, Nikki Stachura, Kendra Schnieders, Molly Engel, Melinda Hanus. 3rd Row: Amber Wemhoff, Maggie Bolte, Lindsey Schademann, Amanda Fritz, Anne Heiser, Amanda Tworek.



8th Grade Girls Basketball: 1st Row: Molly Engel, Anne Heiser, Kristin Wondercheck, Kara Wessel, Kendra Liss. 2nd Row: Kendra Schneiders, Nikki Stachura, Kristin Blair, Megan Morris, Sarah Engelbert, Mandy McManus.



8th Grade Girls Track: 1st Row: Christa Buettner, Kendra Liss, Amanda Tworek, Kristin Wondercheck, Angela Schwank, Kara Wessel, Tami Laudenklos. 2nd Row: Maggie Bolte, Jamie Paprocki, Mandy McManus, Sara Swanson, Nikki Stachura, Megan Morris, Sarah Engelbert, Lori Swanson. 3rd Row: Kristin Blair, Anne Heiser, Laura Janicek, Melinda Hanus, Lindsey Schademann.

# JUNIOR HIGH sports



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7th Grade Volleyball: 1st Row: Karen Gubbels, Jill Micek, Brandi Olmer, Cheryl Bierman, Jenni Morrison, Natasha Bender, Meghan Pile, Nicole Weeder, Janelle Janicek, Riley Schochenmaier, Rachel Mimick, Abby Schornack. 2nd Row: Lindsey Schmidt, Lori Beller, Natalie Krings, Kathleen Ames, Kari Mroczek, Sarah Karges, Andrea Brezinski, Angela Fisher, Kayla Van Dyke, Makayla Micek, Katie Korth. 3rd Row: Kelly Gablenz, Carrie Bargmann, Amanda Cielocha, Melissa Wangler, Emily Kroenke, Kari Gray, Amy Bergland, Jennifer Kresha, Colleen McGuire, Meghan Bernt, Jenny Krzycki, Megan Chlopek.



7th Grade boys Basketball: 1st Row: Wes Wemhoff, Dana Torczon, Chris Rogers, Craig Pekny, Blake Birkel, Tim Mlinar, Colby Greiner, Greg Buelt. 2nd Row: Michael Adelman, Josh Johnson, Adam Swierczek, Matt Kudron, Dan Hadland, Pat Korger. 3rd Row: Zack Wolff, Andy McPhillips, Shawn Staroska, Blake Birkel, Drew Gutierrez, Colby Greiner, Eric Hall. 4th Row: Josh Birkel, Brian Held, Cale Beiermann, Bob Soulliere, Ryan Jarecki, Blake Aschoff. 5th Row: Jason Engquist, Kyle Kotrous, Rob Hotovy, Tony Michaelsen.



7th Grade Girls Basketball: 1st Row: Rachel Mimick, Lindsey Schmidt, Cheryl Bierman, Carrie Bargmann, Kelly Gablenz, Ashley Schure, Katie Korth, Jenni Morrison, Kathleen Ames, Abby Schornack. 2nd Row: Colleen McGuire, Jill Micek, Amanda Cielocha, Janelle Janicek, Meghan Pile, Sarah Karges, Andrea Brezenski, Natalie Krings, Angela Fisher. 3rd Row: Brandi Olmer, Heather Scribner, Melissa Wangler, Lori Beller, Makayla Micek, Jennifer Kresha, Jenny Krzycki, Natasha Bender.



# NINETEEN Z DANCES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

# FUNKY TOWN

Homecoming Week was a week like no other, from the Freshman-Senior ballway wars to the abrupt end of the pep rally. This year's Homecoming was done a little differently because the students had to add to their uniforms the first two days of the week instead of being completely out of uniform the whole week. Monday was Backwards Day; students wore their uniforms and added items backwards or inside-out. Tuesday was Husker Day; the students added Husker attire to their uniforms. On Wednesday, the students jumped out of their uniforms and into their camouflage fatigues for Vietnam Day. On Thursday, Travis Rief showed his true "Funkiness" for Funky Day by soing above and beyond the rest of the students. The Shamrocks showed their enthusiasm on Friday for Spirit Day by dressing up in green and gold. SCC showed us that this year's student body made Homecoming 1996 a Homecoming like no other.



Jesse and Craig show their support for the football team.

Jody Eikmeier prepares the Senior hallway for a week of Homecoming festivities. The students decorated their hallways in many different themes. They all made Homecoming a real success.

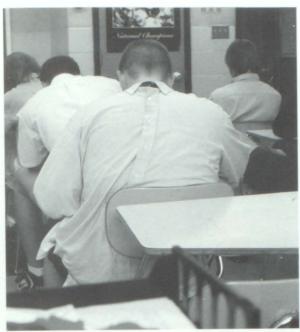


The football captains discuss their celebration dance at the Homecoming pep rally.

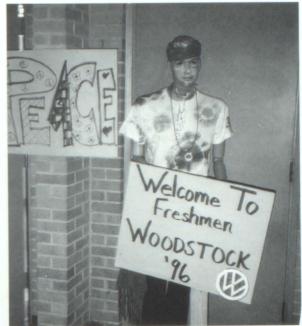


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Joe Niedbalski shows his school spirit for Backwards Day.



Is this who started the Senior-Freshman hall-way battle? By the way, the *Seniors* won!



The football players celebrate Homecoming week by taking out their frustrations on Joe's car.



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# FUNKY TOWN

This year's Homecoming Dance was a dance like no other. Bill Rombach and Tim Long of Entertainment Express provided the evening's music. For the first time ever at a school dance, the D.J.'s equipment blew a circuit breaker and we were without music for a short time.

Chip Kaup and Jody Eikmeier were crowned our King and Queen for 1996.

The highlight of the evening was Megan Zach and Holly Van Ackeran's unique outfits. They truly made Homecoming 1996 a dance like no other.



Scotus students and their dates show off their dance skills by performing the Macarena.

1996 Homecoming Royalty Chip Kaup and Jody Eikmeier celebrate their crownings by sharing a dance.



Entertainment Express shows the Scotus students how to get **FUNKY** while dancing to Y.M.C.A.



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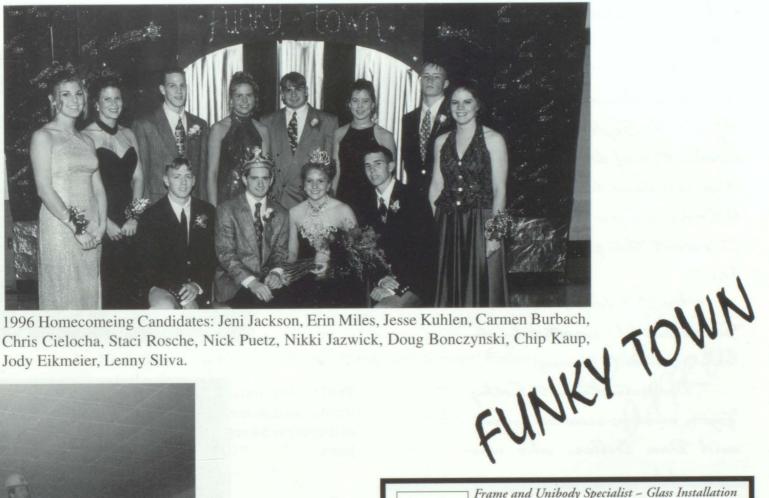
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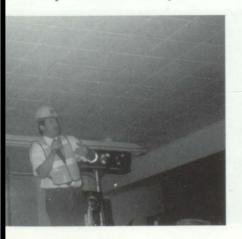
Holly VanAckren and Megan Zach made this years dance a dance like no other.



Jeremy Loseke and Chad Zoucha get down and dirty for the Homecomeing crowd.



1996 Homecomeing Candidates: Jeni Jackson, Erin Miles, Jesse Kuhlen, Carmen Burbach, Chris Cielocha, Staci Rosche, Nick Puetz, Nikki Jazwick, Doug Bonczynski, Chip Kaup, Jody Eikmeier, Lenny Sliva.





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The 1997 Sweetheart festrities were like no other, from Kendra Dallman limping up to the stage during coronation to Chip Kaup bearing it all and showing us how good he looks in a speedo at the pep rally.

The theme for the 1997 Sweetheart Dance was "Hearts afire". The Sophomores did an excellent job of decorating. The stage was decorated with many balloons and fire extinguishers to accent the giant flaming heart.

The D.J. helped make it a Sweetheart like no other by allowing students to sing.

Congratulations to Kathy Zegar, who was crowned queen, and Dan Beller, who was

Joe Niedbalski, Jesse Kuhlen, Craig Jones, and Nick Larson sing "'Chuck' and Diane", one of the more meaningful songs in life.

Jeff Wemhoff and E.J. Brezenski show that they do not need dates to have fun at Sweetheart.



Typical Freshman stand around instead of dancing at Sweetheart.



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The Sweetheart Candidates show their enthusiasm at the Sweetheart pep rally.



Scotus students' hearts were on fire at the Sweetheart dance.



1997 Sweetheart Canidates Nick Larson, Keri Sliva, Mike Edison, Kendra Dallman, Queen Kathy Zegar, King Dan Beller, Abie Bator, Chad Zoucha, Audrey Pfeifer, Craig Jones, Rhea Wemhoff, Joe Niedbalski. Crownbearers: Kaitlyn Robak, and "Scooter" Rodgers.



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# HOLD TO

This year's from was a year like no other. The seniors enjoyed a night full of fun, and excitment. They enjoyed a lackluster roast written by the juniors, and entertainment put on by Jesse and his date. Pictures and dancing completed the night at the Elk's before the action was moved to Boulevard lanes for post from. Everyone stayed till the end to see the juniors win the big prizes, and voyaged to their protected cars through the mow. The seniors will always "Hold on to the Night" in their own special way.



Anna Beiermann, Kathy Zegar, Cathy Avery, Andra Drum, take a timeout for a quick picture at Post Prom.



Nick Puetz, Chris Cielocha, and Craig Jones show they know how to shake their rumps.



Left: Seniors enjoy their Prom dinners served by Elks.



Senior girls show off their talents on the karaoke machine by singing "Grease".



Seniors display their excitment at their final prom.

THE NICHT Senior Prom \* 105

## HOLD TO

The theme that was chosen by the junior class for this year's Prom was "Hold on to the Night". The juniors spent countless hours on decorations to make this years from a year like no other. Elk's was transformed into a dance hall for the night. The night was started with dinner and the "Senior Roast" written by Mr. Walding with help from Evan Tropholy and Cory Robak. The dance, which followed the dinner, was started off quickly with Matt Torczon showing us his exotic dance moves. Over all Prom was a complete success.



Junior class President Sara Kunneman greats the student body at Prom.



Juniors enjoy an exciting dinner at their first Prom.



Left: Junior boys e n j o y moshing to 311 at Prom.



Juniors show their dancing moves at Prom.



Ryan Tooley, Troy VanDyke, and Sean Mohatt show their excitment for being at Prom.

THE NICHT Junior Prom \* 107

## Athletic Banquet

This years athletic banquet was held on May 6. The atheletes were reconginzed for their outstanding performances in sports during this school year. Once again the entertainment was put on by Mr. Jim Puetz and his commical review of his football players, and golfers. The master of ceremonies was Joel Andrews from the local radio station KKOT. The honor of athlete of the year was given to Carmen Burbach, and Nick Mroczek. The athletic banquet was one like no other because it would be the last Fr. Wayne would be a part of, with a few words Fr. helped us to remember all the talent that we should be thankful for.





Athletes of the Year Carmen Burbach and Nick Mroczek



Above: Award Winners, Nick Mroczek, Julie Trouba, Jon Brezenski, Chris Cielocha, Rhea Wemhoff, Nikki Jazwick, Lenny Sliva, Nick Puetz, Jeff Pekny, and Carmen Burbach.



## Awards Night

Awards Night is one of the last times students gather together as one to look back upon the year and be rewarded for the acomplishments they achieved during the year. This years Awards Night was held on May 13. One of the more prestiges awards, the teacher of the year award, was awarded to Fr. Wayne.

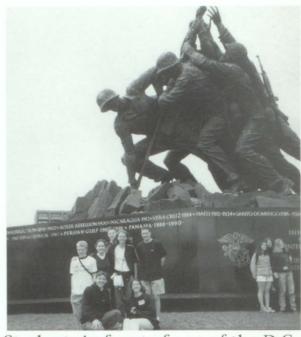


Above Left: Staci Rosche proudly accepts one of many scholarships.

Left: Nick Puetz and Julie Trouba recieve the Army Scholar Athlete Award for being all they can be.



Sarah Pillen, Jewelia Grennan, and Keri Brichacek pose in front of their hotel in D.C.



Students in front of one of the D.C. Memorials.

On April 20th, 1997, Mr.Brockhaus and a group of twelve students ventured their way towards Washington D.C. The students were very excited that they were going to go see the many sights of our nation's Capital: whether it be the White House, the Lincoln Memorial, or just some street vendor trying to sell them some really cheap "oakley's". The students that accompanied Mr. Brockhaus on this fantastic trip were, Keri Brichacek, Jenny Cimpl, Gregg Dohmen, Jewelia Grennan, Virginia Hall, Craig Hotovy, Reena Morris, Melissa Nosal, Sarah Pillen, Travis Reif, Ryan Tooley, and Jeff Wemhoff. The students agreed that Close-up was a very interesting and memorable time of their lives.

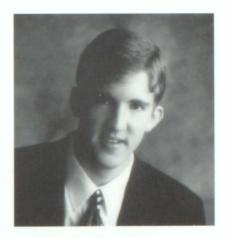


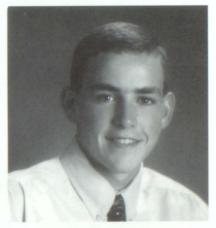
Right: s t u dents t h a t a t tended Closeup.

## Girl's & Boy's State



This year Jamie Svatora, Craig Hotovy, and Kurt Olmer represented Scotus at the American Legion and Auxiliary Boy's and Girl's State. The students toured the Legislative chambers and the Governor's Mansion. Some other activities included mock government and elections.





## Hugh O'Brien Youth

O B Y The Hugh O'Brien Youth Foundation (HOBY) Leadership Seminar was a four day workshop that was designed to help students think critically, enhance leadership skills, to learn more about democracy and the free enterprise system. The students attended sessions, panel discussions, and interacting with business, industries, education, science and government leaders. This year Tricia Mahoney was chosen to represent her class at the HOBY leadership seminar.



### **NSI**

Nebraska Scholars Institute is a two week long camp held in Lincoln during the summer. This year, Scotus was represented by three students; Nikki Jazwick, Staci Rosche, and Megan Foust. These students took classes and attended seminars which interested their career goals. All three students made new friends and agreed that it was a great experience that they will always remember.



Nikki Jazwick and Staci Rosche pose for a picture with their new friends.



Nikki Jazwick shows that NSI is a time of bonding and meetin new people.

## Greater Tuna



This year the Scotus Fine Arts department carried on their tradition of putting on a large scale production. This year's play, Greater Tuna, was a zany comedy about life in a small town. The cast and crew of <u>Greater Tuna</u>: Row 1: Megan Zach, Katie Chaffee, Ryan Greiner, Dawn Beran, Angie Shemek, Robin Whalen, Lacy Wozny, Sara DeTurk. Row 2: Melissa Shemek, Jeremy Loseke, Natasha Karsk, Kelli Hahn, Trica Mahoney, Nick Zadina, Charlene Schmitt, Jamie Svatora, Kate DeTurk, Erin Duffy, Dan Dvorak, Katrina Landholm, Lynn Dolezal, Justin Karsk.





# NINETEEN Z

Senior Section

## Senior Retreat

It was an unusually cold morning when the seniors headed out to Camp Luther on October 2, 1996 with no idea of what the day had in store. Some were optimistic while others were not, and some just wanted the day out of school. The day's activities were exciting and unfamiliar to the seniors; this experience will not soon be forgotten. From smiles and laughter when Dan Beller and Chad Liebig took a "dirty swim" in the pond and the llama infested

skits to tears of bonding being shed as the senior class took an important step to unite them in the upcoming year. The seniors also remember their hackie sack games, the desperately "craved" breaks, and the cuisine food that failed to meet the standards of school food. All and all, the seniors felt that it was a successful journey. Forever from that day, however, the seniors will be in debt to Fr. Wayne, for he financed the rebuilding of the bridge.



Above: Nick Larson and Jesse Kuhlen leave us wondering what the day meant to them.

Right: Some senior guys pile up on the hay stacks on one of their numerous breaks.



Right: Abie Bator comforts Craig Jones.

Below: Francis Tworek-Hofstetter intently reads his letter from a Scotus teacher.







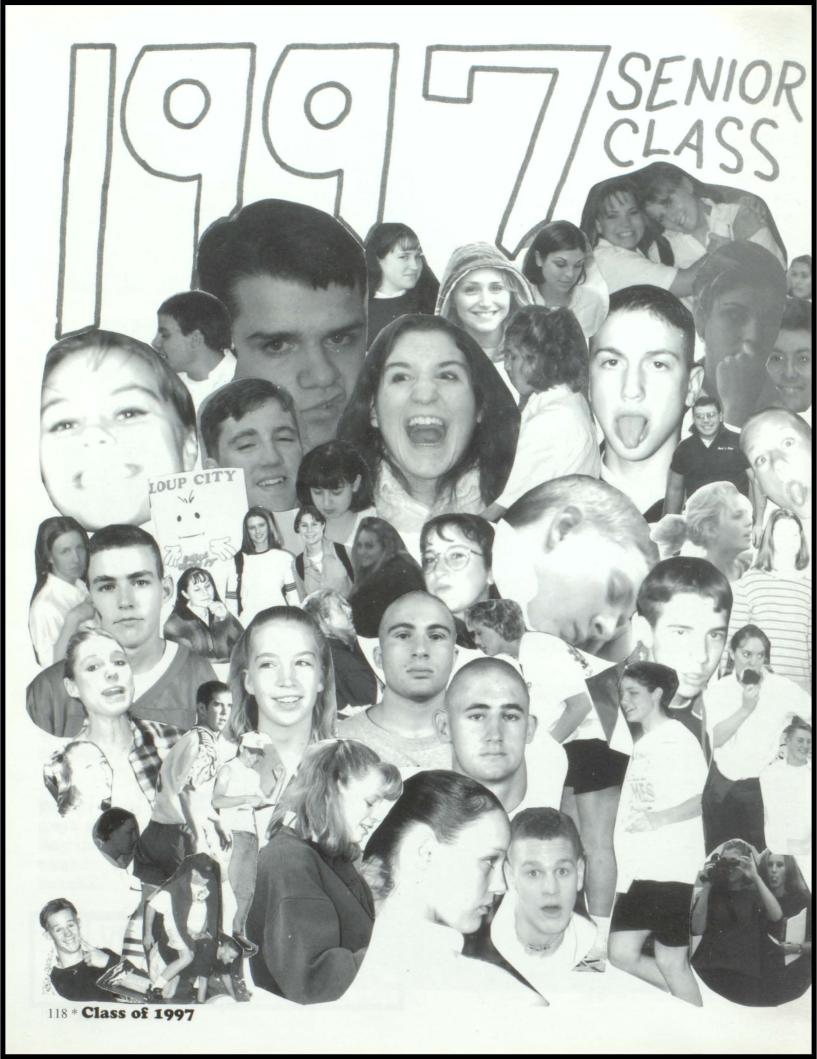


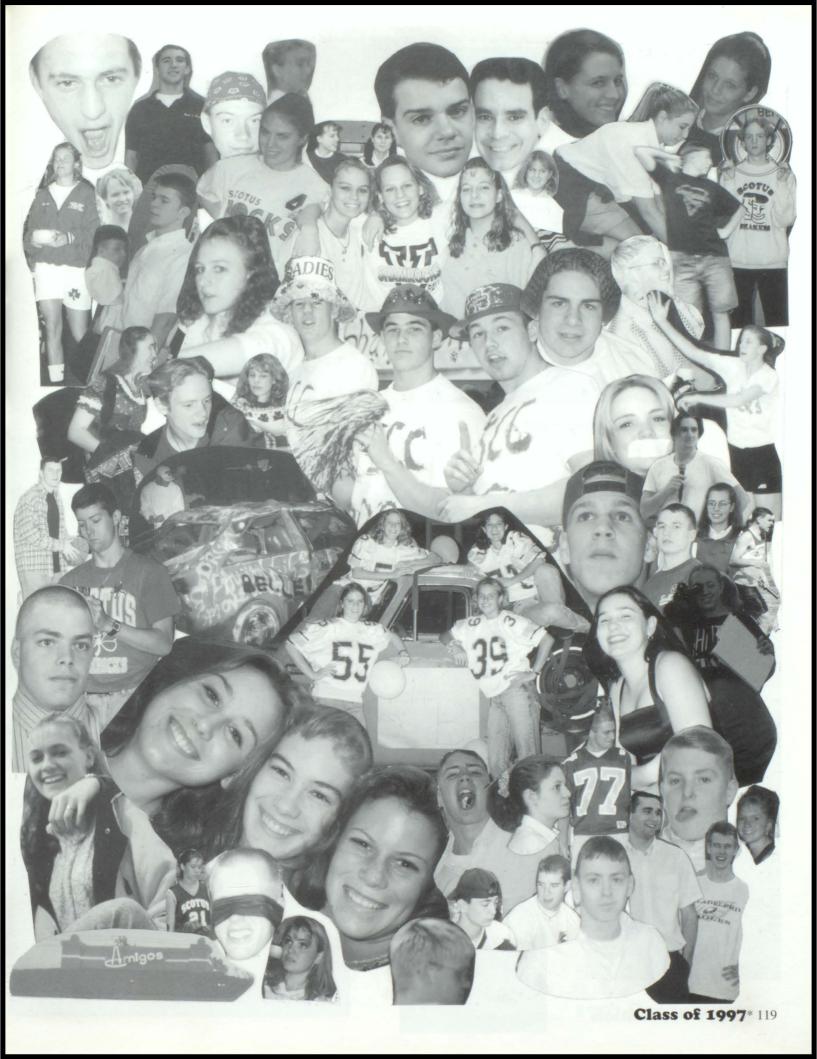
Above: Seniors work together to complete Fr. Wayne's Tinkertoy model.

Left: The seniors listen to the "Word of the Lord" as interpreted by Jeremy Loseke and Chad Zoucha.



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## GRADUATION



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#### The Class of 1997 OUR LAST GOOD-BYE

We laughed until we had to cry, Our last moment to say our last good-bye.

Our class has come together as one,

High School has never been this much fun.

Remember all the memories we have shared together,
Learn as though you will live forever.

We all have dreams that haven't been found, Parents always want us home safe and sound.
You and I will never end,
We will always be friends.
Though the tears will fall,
We will make it through it all.
We laughed until we had to cry,
Now it's time for us to say
goodbye.

- Miranda Gipfert -







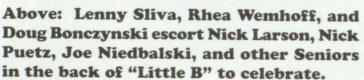
Top Left: Principal Tom Walding greets the assembly of family and friends before the ceremony.

Top Middle: Julie Trouba presents her father with a hug and a rose during the sign of peace.



Top Right: Fr. Dan Keller presents Carmen Burbach with the "Spirit of Scotus" award.





Right: Chad White, Megan Zach, Justin Karsk, and Craig Jones double check to make sure they flipped their tassels.



Left: Angela Zoucha and Trina Kuehler display their enthusiasm after commencement as they march out of the gym for the last time as Scotus students.







Top Left Corner: The Seniors prepare to take up special offetory gifts during mass.

Top Right Corner: E.M.E. **Matt Patacka distributes** communion.



Above: Shaun Kryzcki leaves us wondering if he is ready for all the festivities.

Right: Is Rachel Nosal really this happy about just receiving her diploma?



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Justin,

You have always strived to make a statement. As you go forward, strive to make a difference in life. We love you just the way you are.

Mom, Tasha, Jocelyn, Dad, and Ellen



Chipper,

Always keep your bright smile and friendly personality...

...and don't forget that we love you more than anything in the whole world!

Mom and Dad



Chad,

Your dedication and focus has served you well. In the future, these traits will bring you much happiness and success.

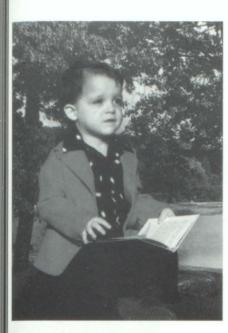
Love, Mom and Dad



Angela,

The world is a big and open place. If you keep your dreams big and your mind open, the world can be yours.

Love, Mom and Dad



N ever wreck it!

I dealism never hurt anybody.

C ashier training isn't everything.

K eep on "ROCK"ing.

Love, Mom and Dad



B e happy!

E at your vegetables.

T ake time to smell the roses.

S tudy for the tests.

You're someone special.

Love,

Mom and Dad

Pokey,
You've grown smarter and taller over the years...



...but you still have a Favorite toy you hold close to your ears. HAVE A GREAT LIFE!

Love,

Mom and Dad



Jami,

To see God in everything makes LIFE the greatest adventure there is!

All our love goes with you as you continue your great adventure!

Dad, Mom, Casey, and Joshua





Andi,

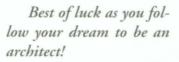
What ever path you choose, it will be the path to success. We love you and are proud of all your accomplishments.

Love, Mom and Dad



Jesse,

Congratulations! You've made us so very proud!



Love, Mom and Dad



Staci,

We're so proud of you and everything you've accomplished!

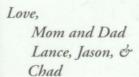


Keep setting your goals high - many more wonderful things in life await you!!!

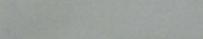
Love, Mom, Bruce, and Matt



We respect your individuality, creativity, and openness to others. Take these abilities and challenge the world. We are very proud of you. Good luck and God bless.







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Christopher,

Keep striving for your goals! We're behind you all the way 'cuz we love you and are very proud of you! Good Luck in your future!

Love, Mom, Dad, and Amanda



Nick,

Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the things you did do. So throw off the bowlines, sail away from the safe harbor, and catch the trade winds in your sails! Explore. Dream. Discover.

We send you off with our love and confidence that you will reach your goals!

Mom, Dad, and Joe



Jillyan,
While making all your future appointments, don't forget to pencil in God and your family!

Love, Mom, Dad, Robin, and Katie



Kurt,
We're proud of
you! Good Luck in
your future!

Love, Mom and Dad

Chip Kaup was a member of St. Isidore's Parish and graduated from Scotus Central Catholic High School on May 18, 1997 after 13 years of Catholic education in the Columbus Catholic Schools. Chip's plans for the future were to enroll at Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa, and major in Aerospace Engineering. He also had planned to enroll in the Naval Reserve Officers Training Program. Chip was a student who was very active in extracurricular activities like swimming/diving, soccer, football, track, Campus Ministry, and S-Club. Not to mention, he was also nominated Homecoming King for 1997. However, there was more to Chip than "objective facts about his life".

On graduation day, we were all celebrating together at our Eucharistic Commencement. We were finally Seniors! Some of us had been together since Kindergarten. Others

joined the Scotus Central Catholic Class of 1997 as the years went on.

However, even with all of the gatherings at our homes and the many words of "congrats" from friends, family, and faculty, this year was A Year Like No Other for the Senior Class because on May 22, 1997, we were no longer complete. Early that morning, we lost a part of ourselves, 18 year old Christopher Michael "Chip" Kaup.

Chip was a part of us all. Deep down in every person that encountered him, there lies a piece of him. All who knew and loved Chip will carry in their hearts a special place

for his memory until our final meeting in Heaven.

As a member of this yearbook's staff, Chip was very dedicated to his section (pgs. 2-15). But who could expect anything less. In everything that he did, Chip gave all he had. Chip didn't hope and dream; he planned and accomplished. He didn't know the meaning of the word "impossible". Because of this, Chip was able to give others the courage and strength they needed to carry on, no matter what.

Now as we, the 1997 Yearbook Staff, the Class of 1997, and Chip's family & friends say good-bye, we look to ourselves, Chip's spirit, and God above all for the courage

and strength to carry on.

Sometimes in our hectic lives, we forget what's important. However, if we continue to carry Chip with us, remembering to slow down and enjoy life may be a little bit easier to do.

We Love You & We'll Miss You!

Yearbook Editor and Staff

**Christopher Michael** "Chip" Kaup



August 31, 1978 May 22, 1997



Catherine Avery



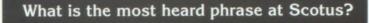
Abie Bator



Anna Beiermann



Daniel Beller



"Okay. The rest of the time is yours ."
- Cathy Avery

"Let's go have a cheeseburger."

- Abie Bator

"I don't know."

- Anna Beiermann

"You're a 'cheap skate'."

- Dan Beller

"That's a bad deal."

- Jared Beran

"I was in Mrs. Vrbka's office."

- Jami Birkel

"Hey dude!"

- Doug Bonczynski

(The following is dialog.)

Teacher: Okay. Who's gone today?

Students: Nick Kula, Bodi Anderson, and Clayton Heimann.

- Matt Buggi

"We're out of crackers."

- Jackie Bulkley



Jami Birkel



Matthew Buggi



Jared Beran



Douglas Bonczynski



Jacqueline Bulkley



Carmen Burbach



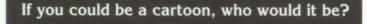
Christopher Cielocha



Kendra Dallman



Andra Drum



"Ariel, The Little Mermaid."

- Carmen Burbach

"Inspector Gadget."

- Chris Cielocha

"Taz."

- Kendra Dallman

"Yogi Bear."

- Andra Drum

"Belle, from Beatuy and the Beast because she can see the good in everyone."

- Erin Duffy

"Splinter."

- Matt Dvorak

"Dilbert."

- Mike Edison

"She-Ra."

- Jody Eikmeier

"Raphael, The Ninja Turtle."

- Doug Evans



Erin Duffy



Michael Edison



Matthew Dvorak

Jody Eikmeier



Douglas Evans



Megan Foust

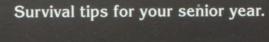


Michelle Gablenz



Miranda Gipfert





"Don't procrastinate. It will 'mess you up' for the rest of the year."

- Megan Foust

"Take the easiest classes."

- Michelle Gablenz

"Take an internship."

- Miranda Gipfert

"Don't take physics."

- Holly Hasselbalch

"Don't get into a fight with Jesse Kuhlen."

- Craig Hotovy

"Say 'no' to drugs."

- Jason Hughes

"Stay in Mrs. Vrbka's office."

- Jeni Jackson

"Get my class schedule."

- Nikki Jazwick

"Get a good friend."

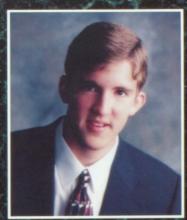
- Craig Jones



Jason Hughes



Nicole Jazwick



Craig Hotovy



Jennifer Jackson



Craig Jones



Justin Karsk



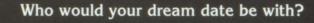
Chip Kaup



Jillyan Keller



Shaun Krzycki



"Gwen Stefani (No Doubt)."

- Justin Karsk

"I already had it."

- Chip Kaup

"Leonardo DiCaprio."

- Jillyan Keller

"Pamela Anderson."

- Shaun Kryzcki

"Tie between Christian Slater and Bruce Willis."

- Trina Kuehler

"Jenny McCarthy."

- Jesse Kuhlen

"Carmelo Johannes."

- Nick Larson

"Kathy Ireland."

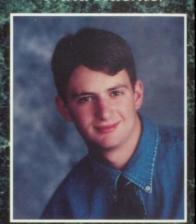
- Chad Liebig

"Princess Leia."

- Jeremy Loseke



Trina Kuehler



Nicholas Larson



Jeremy Loseke



Jesse Kuhlen



Chad Liebig



Laniece Micek



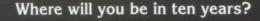
Erin Miles



NIcholas Mroczek



Joseph Niedbalski



"Probably 'working' in a rehab place."

- Laniece Micek

"Happy, with all my dreams fulfilled."

- Erin Miles

"In a ditch, dead."

- Nick Mroczek

"Still in a dorm room with Kuhlen."

- Joe Niedbalski

"An architect in Kansas City."

- Matt Nosal

"Still baby-sitting Angela on weekends."

- Rachel Nosal

"Performing surgery on animals (vet)."

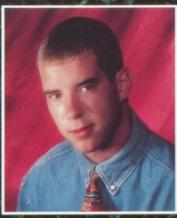
- Kurt Olmer

"Selling things."

- Karina Ortega

"Whatever happens, happens."

- Matt Patocka



Matthew Nosal



Kurt Olmer



Rachel Nosal

Karina Ortega



Matthew Patocka



Jeffrey Pekny



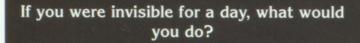
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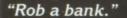


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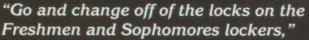


Nicholas Puetz





- Jeff Pekney



- Audrey Pfeifer



Staci Rosche

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- Brad Podraza

"Blow up the Lawn Surgeons."

- Nick Puetz

"Change my grades in all of my teachers' grade books."

- Staci Rosche

"I would rob a bank."

- Keri Sliva

"Sabotage J. Cerny's lawn service."

- Lenny Sliva



Kathryn Rogers



Matthew Siemek



Keri Sliva



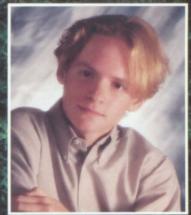
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Jamie Svatora



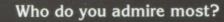
Julie Trouba



Frank Tworek-Hofstetter



Matthew Walters



"The Beatles."

- Jamie Svatora

"Brook Berringer."

- Julie Trouba

"Dr. Hunter S. Thompson."

- Frank Tworek-Hofstetter

"My Brother."

- Matt Walters

"Michael Jordan."

- Rhea Wemhoff

"Dennis Rodman."

- Chad White

"Strawberry Shortcake."

- Megan Zach

"My sister, Debbie."

- Betsy Zadina

"Apu from the Simpsons."

- Nick Zadina



Rhea Wemhoff



Megan Zach



Chad White

Betsy Zadina



Nicholas Zadina

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Katherine Zegar



Angela Zoucha



Chad Zoucha

If you could choose, who would you want as a brother or sister?

"Cathy Avery."

- Kathy Zegar

"Not Rachel Nosal!"

- Angela Zoucha

"Angela won't let me have another brother or sister."

- Chad Zoucha

## The Class of 1997



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