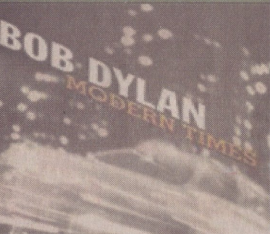


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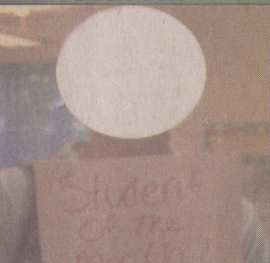
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Keeping an eye on school shootings

Katie Wozny
-Staff Reporter-

In a small town in Colorado, a drifter walks into a high school and murders a girl. A Wisconsin student in a small town brings a gun to school and kills his principal. In an Amish community in Pennsylvania, a man strolls into a one-room schoolhouse and shoots 10 children.

All of these recent shootings seem to have a pattern. They have all taken place in the schools of close-knit communities, communities very similar to Columbus. This pattern leads one to take a look at our own Scotus Central Catholic High School.

The thought of something of this magnitude happening at Scotus is in the minds of many students and teachers.

Teacher Mr. Pat Brockhaus believes it's easy to let your guard down. "Once in a while you start to think we are isolated from the rest of the schools," Brockhaus said, "but with recent improvements with the new security cameras, it seems safer than last year."

Since the beginning of this school year, 25 school shootings have happened at or near schools nationwide.

According to an October 3 www.abcnews.com article, "The overwhelming majority of schools in the United States do not have security cameras or metal detectors."

Scotus recently spent \$13,500 on a new security system to heighten school security. The improvements include three security cameras, electronic locks, and security display Televisions in Annette Hash's office and the Central Office.

Principal Mr. Wayne Morfeld felt this was a good and necessary step.

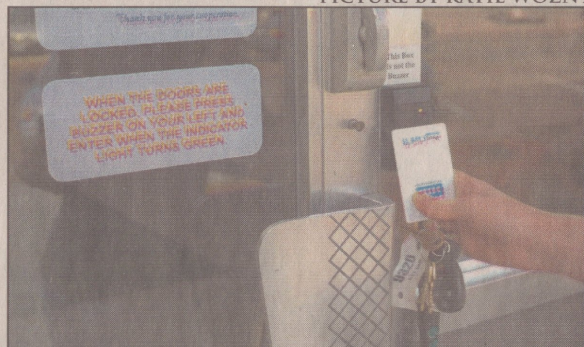
"Safety always comes first. We can pretend it only happens in other places, but that is simply not true. We can never be prepared for something of that magnitude, but you do the best to be prepared. We're not being naive about this or ignoring the issue," Morfeld said.

Morfeld believes that recent events help reminds us that it can happen anywhere.

"The recent school



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shootings are just one more red flag for all of us."

Students and teachers agree this was a good move for the school.

Senior Raven Ebner is one such concerned student.

"It can happen anywhere. No matter how much security you have it can happen. You can help prevent it, but that's all you can do."

Senior's day off

Meg Harrington
-Staff Reporter-

Each year, students get the opportunity to take a break from school and go on a class retreat.

There is one retreat, however, that always seems to stand out from the others- the senior retreat.

Why, you may ask, does this one stand out from all the others?

Senior Whitney Wemhoff enjoyed getting together with classmates and bonding with people outside her social group. "This is really our last

chance to be able to get together as a class and become closer as a group," Wemhoff stated.

Carly Kucera agreed. "I don't think that our class has ever been distant; I think we have always got along pretty well, but it just seems that we are always off doing our own things."

"It was just nice being able to get together knowing that it would probably be one of the last times we would be able to get together as a class."

Tanner Johnson definitely felt the unity. "I really felt I grew to know

and love my schoolmates, and I would love to see us take it to the next level."

The activities that took place at the senior retreat were mostly group activities. Some of the favorites were the scavenger hunt and the trust fall.

Even the activities that could have been individual turned into a group effort, such as swimming, which was Brittney Thompson's favorite because "everyone did it together."

Even the power pole turned into a group effort when classmates helped

one another conquer their biggest fears.

The cheering of classmates helped Paul Mlinar overcome his fear.

"Hearing my friends cheer for me gave me more confidence to keep going, and it made me feel like I could do it."

Quenten Birkel agreed. "I was able to overcome my fears all thanks to my wonderful classmates."

Not only did students overcome their fears, but they overcame their bad reputation.

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Homecoming for alumni

Katie Wozny
-Staff Reporter-

You watch a baseball game with seven players on the field. You open up a carton of eggs and find eight eggs. You start a car with three wheels.

Imagine a world with a few less than you're used to. This is what the 1946 football team, known as the 46ers, was used to. In 1946, St. Bonaventure Catholic High School, now known as Scotus, began playing 11-man football.

The former players were honored at the Scotus homecoming game. This year marks the 60th anniversary of the first 11-man football team.

Dan McNair was the quarterback of the 1946 football team and graduated in 1948.

"I was enthusiastic to lead the first 11 man football team," said McNair.



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8 OF THE FIRST 11 MAN FOOTBALL TEAM WERE HONORED AT THE HOMECOMING GAME.

He now uses a walker, but with his spirit and love of football, it has not slowed him down.

McNair's health has limited the number of games he has been able to see in the past few years.

"The school spirit here is as great as it was when I was there," McNair said.

He's lived in Columbus all his life, and enjoyed seeing his fellow classmates and former teammates on Friday.

Like McNair, Gene 'Geno' Kneifel was happy to be in the stands again. Kneifel was born and raised in Columbus, but with his health Kneifel prefers to sit

at home and watch games on TV.

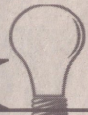
Dick Hayes, an end for St. Bonaventure, graduated in 1949. In a sense this was his homecoming too. It was his first game since the last one he played. His love for the game has not changed. Hayes believes there are more qualified and experienced coaches now to enhance the teams.

"I grew up in this park: baseball, track, swimming, and ice skating. We left some great memories there," Hayes said.

Jack Miller, who played halfback, also commented on how the game has changed due to class size.

"There were 13 boys and 13 girls. Now there are a lot more players to choose from. And the school spirit is still very much present today as it was back then," Miller said.

Welcome home, guys!



I'd like to give the world a hug



So recently I was browsing some random sites on the Internet, as I usually do when I'm bored (which, mind you, is most of the time) when I came across a video entitled "Free Hugs." So, being the fan of hugs that I am, I had to check it out.

The video started in black and white showing a man with long hair in a ponytail and a rather well trimmed beard, much like your common new-age indie hippie. He was

holding a sign that said, in big bold letters, "Free Hugs." At first, people were just walking by, staring at the man with curious looks. Then, some random passerby stopped, looked at the man, and hugged him.

From that point on, the color faded in from black and white, and it was a total hug-fest. At one point, the man gave other people signs resembling his, and they went out into the crowd and started hugging more and more people. You could see the love.

But then the cops came. They apparently banned the free hugs. I'm assuming that the man didn't have a license to dispense free

hugs. Now, you may be asking yourself, "Why would the police care?" Well, I certainly don't know. The fun didn't end there however.

The group started a petition to lift the ban on free hugs. They eventually reached the required 10,000 signatures, and spread the love once more. They even hugged the police officers who came back to stop them.

The whole video was set to a rather inspirational rock-tune, the chorus of which said, "and I'll take you for who you are, if you'll take me for everything." The effect was amazing. I was touched, to

say the very least.

Now why am I rambling on about some video that I saw on the Internet about free hugs?

Because I think that this is precisely what we need in this day and age. Everyone's so busy going on with their own business that the love for the common man walking down the street is lost. I'm assuming that most of the people in the video didn't know each other, yet they still put aside their differences, if only for a little while, and spread the love.

This idea of love for the common man not only applies in our own

community, but worldwide.

Imagine what would happen if the leaders of feuding countries just stopped fighting for a second, put aside whatever differences may be causing conflict, and just appreciated each other as human beings. It may be naive, but I think it could work.

We need more love in the world. I think it could solve problems all over the planet, or at least just make your day a little better.

So the next time you're having a bad day, just remember that you're loved, and if you need a hug, come find me. I'll be happy to spread the love.

A View From The



In the school I came from eighth graders were the top dogs. Now as a Freshman at

Scotus, I am back on the bottom. (7th and 8th graders don't count)

When you're a Freshman, you will learn that Seniority rules. Seniors get more choices for classes, lockers in the main hallway, and they can knock you down.

It's not such a bad thing being a Freshman; you just have to restart school all over again.

A Freshman's main worries are scrambling to get to class on time, and making sure you have the right homework when you get there.

Freshman also get to start fresh with their grades. Your GPA starts now, and a high one will help get you onto the honor roll, and eventually help with your college application.

If you mess around and flunk Mr. Petersen's geometry class this year, you might not get

into as good of a college as you want.

So Freshmen: Study hard and try to avoid the upperclassmen. Contact may result in injury.

(Note from the Senior Editor: this story has been cut because you're an underclassman. Love, Mark.)

Bottom

Merry Scooping Goop!



One day I carved out a pumpkin face, and a new idea...

There once was a pumpkin. (As in every good pumpkin story.) He was a very well-rounded pumpkin, and just had some dirt on him. He lived in a pumpkin patch called Patch o' Pumpkins, owned by an old lady named Betty.

Betty had many costumes, as Halloween was drawing near. She saw many pumpkins being picked and purchased but not this pumpkin. He just sat there.

Well, one day a mighty young fellow named -- uhhhh-- Alfred came to the

pumpkin patch. His mom and dad tried to tell him to buy a big clean pumpkin, but he insisted on the pumpkin with dirt.

His parents made a decision to let him have what one he picked out, and Betty finally waved goodbye to the pumpkin that she had planted. Betty was glad to see it go to such a nice boy.

On the way home from the Patch o' Pumpkins, Alfred's parents asked why he picked that one since it was all dirty.

Alfred replied, "all you have to do is give him a bath and it will be just like the others." His parents then asked if he planned on carving it. Alfred replied, "yes."

When they got home Alfred decided he would make his pumpkin pure and wash it clean. He then decided he needed to scoop

out all the "goop," as he liked to call it, from the pumpkin.

He had to take out all the yucky stuff that made the pumpkin not so pretty.

Then he decided he wanted to have a face on the pumpkin. His mom decided to supervise.

Alfred wanted to do a simple pattern. He had it all planned out - two triangle eyes, no nose, and a mouth with one tooth. It was going to be the best ever!

Alfred quickly scooped all the goop out and started carving out one eye, then the other. He got to the part of drawing its mouth and everything was going so well when - Oh no! His knife slipped!

It had messed up his WHOLE plan! Alfred was so sad! He felt like he let himself and the pumpkin down. His mom saw this and realized that a household

wooden object could make everything better. It was like a miracle for her and Alfred. A TOOTHPICK!

Alfred finished his pumpkin with pride! He lit the candle inside of it and admired it. His mom and dad said "Well done-you made it the best it could be."

Before you think that I have totally lost it, here are the facts.

The pumpkin symbolizes our lives. Betty symbolizes God, who helps us to grow. Alfred is like our parents, who give us a nice place to go home to.

Alfred's parents acted as people who try to tell us that we have to have the best of everything from the start, and nothing can go from worse to better.

Washing the dirt and scooping out the "goop" symbolizes all the bad stuff inside of us that keeps us

from God.

The carving of the face of the pumpkin symbolizes that sometimes in life all we can think about is making it the best.

The slip of the knife symbolizes how one little slip can end up ruining our plan, but with the help of God, a Mom, faith, and a TOOTHPICK, they can work to perform miracles.

The finished carved pumpkin-- when we die hopefully we can do this... Sit back look at our pumpkin-- I mean life-- and admire it!

NOTE: No pumpkins were harmed in the making of this story. I don't know anyone named Alfred. Katie Wozny is a Pumpkin and is still working on scooping the "goop" out! Ms. Reinert thinks that Fr. Loseke could use this as a homily because "he needs all the help he can get."



New and old-school Rock Bottom staff- (Left to right) Soph. Arturo Spindola, Senior Mark Siegel, Junior Mitch Beirbower, Senior Kevin Micek, Soph. Chelsea Bartholemew, Senior Meg Harrington, Senior Katie Wozny, and Freshman Derrick Dierman prepare to hit the streets on Ad-Sales Day. This year, the Rock Bottom will have the talents of returning writers Wozny and Bartholemew.

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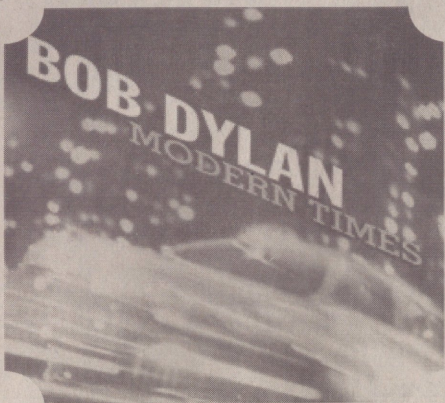
Bob Dylan still going strong

Mitch Beirbower
-Staff Reporter-

Bob or Bob. That is the question. Bob Marley and Bob Dylan are both exceptional artists. Bob Dylan, however, is arguably the best musician of this century. One thing is certain, for me: Mr. Dylan is the most talented poet of our time.

His latest CD, entitled "Modern Times" is another masterpiece. The eleven tracks are a different style than classic 1970s Folk

Rock. This latest album has a country flavor to it, but

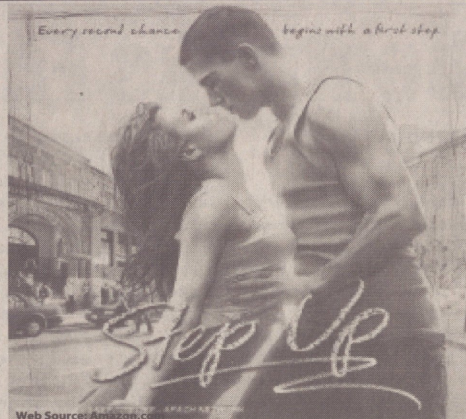


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does not lack his typical talent. You will not find as many of his political opinions, but there are

catchy, upbeat tunes. There is still no question that he will go down as a top artist in all categories. He will also always be a political force. Austin Kuta shares these thoughts.

Kuta exclaimed, "Bob Dylan is the all time greatest musician ever and I wish he was my dad." Bob has as many fans as he ever did and they are now more die hard and hardcore. He relates his music now to his younger fans, the true music lovers. I believe that he will be recorded in the history books as a magnificent artist and an even better person.



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Film fails to step up

Chelsea Bartholemew
-Staff Reporter-

Bad boy meets good girl. Good girl teaches bad boy about sugar, spice, and everything nice. Bad boy recants his former wickedness and lives happily ever after with good girl.

Sound familiar? If no, you have very possibly been living in a cave. If yes, it is certainly within your powers to guess every move that the film Step Up is going to make.

The story has been done to death before. The characters could almost all be renamed Cliché #1, Cliché #2, etc. and it wouldn't make much of a difference. The acting was certainly not terrible, but it didn't leave much of an impression. The only thing that really stood out about this movie was its well-choreographed dance scenes.

Yet, in spite of all those strikes against it, Step Up still manages to give its viewers an enjoyable time. The movie is about a kid from the wrong side of the tracks, Tyler Gage, who trashes a prep school for the arts and must perform community service at said school to rectify his misdeeds. There, he meets classical dancer Nora Clark, whose partner for "The Big Show" handily injures himself.

Shockingly, none of the other boys from the school who audition will do. But hey,

luckily enough, Tyler just happens to know how to bust a move! The audience at large appeared floored with shock at this revelation, of course.

From here on out, the movie follows Tyler and Nora as they prepare for "The Big Show" and fall in love along the way.

The chemistry of the two leads was somewhat wanting. However, Tyler's relationship with his younger sister (not actually related to him - they're both foster children living in a less than stellar home) is a small gift, cute and authentic. Too bad she didn't have a bigger role.

Still, other than that, none of the relationships in the movie really struck me. Part of this could be due to a script whose dialogue we shan't say more about, because that could get a bit more biting than need be.

As mentioned above, on the other hand, the dancing was wonderful to watch. The best thing about it was that the actors did it themselves; no fake feet here. The effects used by Nora and Tyler in "The Big Show" were pretty cool, too.

Overall, though, despite my list of gripes with Step Up, it was a fun movie and probably wasn't intended to be taken as anything more. If you have a bit of time and money that's anxious to be spent, it's not a bad choice.

YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU

CURTAINS OPEN ON FALL PRODUCTION

Chelsea Bartholemew
-Staff Reporter-

Drop and add. Sign-up for clubs. Auditions for the fall play. All three are hallmarks of the rise of a new school year. It is the lattermost that is of interest at the moment. You Can't Take It With You is the name of this year's production.

"A guy named Tony and a girl named Alice are in love and want to get married," said sophomore Nick Raimondo, who plays Ed Carmichael.

"But Alice doesn't think it'll work because her family is basically crazy and Tony's is really professional. The rest of the play is about seeing how it's going to work out."

A change or two has had to be made from the

original script. Senior Anna Boeding's former character (she is Mrs. Kirby, Tony's mother, now), Rheba the maid, was originally supposed to be black, but will be portrayed as white.

"She's pretty weird either way, though," Boeding mused.

Is it eccentric characters such as these that are the highlight of being in the fall play, is it one's fellow actors, or is it something entirely different?

"I'd say it's the whole experience," said sophomore Kris Fleeman, who plays a J-man named Kyle.

"We can have fun at practice, but we still have to be professional so that we can make the play a success."

Boeding's thoughts were

along a similar line.

"I like watching everything come together," she said.

You Can't Take It With You will be premiering at a Scotus stage near you on Friday, October 27 at 7:00 PM, and Saturday, October 28 at 7:00 PM.

Raimondo's final verdict was simple.

"You should go - it's going to be awesome," said Raimondo.

You Can't Take It With You

Show times: Friday,
October 27th, 7:00 PM
Saturday,
October 28th, 7:00 PM

Ticket cost: \$4 for adults,
\$3 for students

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Cassandra Kurtenbach remembers all the teachers thinking her class was always the bad class.

"Everyone thinks we are the bad class but we really aren't that bad. I think we did a lot of maturing over the years," Kurtenbach explains.

Many seniors would have to agree with that, when looking back to their

8th grade retreat. It seemed that their hormones temporarily took control of their actions on that retreat, and these actions left many students ashamed and bottomless.

The senior class has come a long way since then, and they truly believe they are ready to take their rightful place and step up as leaders.

The seniors really enjoyed their retreat this year and were sad to see the day

end. Quenten Birkel rated this retreat a 7.2 out of 10.

"The food was bad and food is a very important part of my day, but all in all I had a good day.

Scott Jarecke disagreed slightly with Quenten and wanted to rate the retreat a bit higher.


"I rate it a 8.26 because it was a great day and we all bonded."



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The Rocks Fall Short on Homecoming

Kevin Micek
-Staff Reporter-

It's safe to say that with the deep running rivalry that there was absolutely no love lost Homecoming week between Lakeview and Scotus. There was extreme anticipation for the match up, but did it meet, exceed, or fall short of the expectations of the Scotus faithful? Without any further ado, let's dive into the tackle football action.

Scotus struggled to get something going early on. A first quarter pick for Lakeview set up the first score of the game.

Later on, the Green came up huge and forces a fumble with Lakeview pinned in the shadow of their own goalpost. After two plays for a net of -3 yards, Lucas Backman took the 3rd and 13 snap, rolled out, and hit Scott Jarecke for a huge TD and a ginormous swing of momentum for the Rocks. Then Lakeview pounded

another one home to take a 14-7 lead.

On the ensuing kickoff, Jake Staroscik's electric return set up the fireworks.

After a few nice plays for the Rocks, Backman got picked again, but the return was fumbled right into the hands of Kyle Mroczek, who happens to be in the right place at the right time.

This time, the Shamrocks capitalized off the great field position.

Michael Novicki took the option toss from Backman and took it to the house with extreme prejudice. The stadium erupted as Rob Baer rang the victory bell with a vengeance before Lakeview tacked on a FG as the half expired, leaving a score of 17-14 at the break.

After the half, the Vikings took the opening kick and put together a nice-looking drive, until a huge "block below the waist" call killed it.

A few minutes into the fourth quarter, Backman delivered a perfect strike to

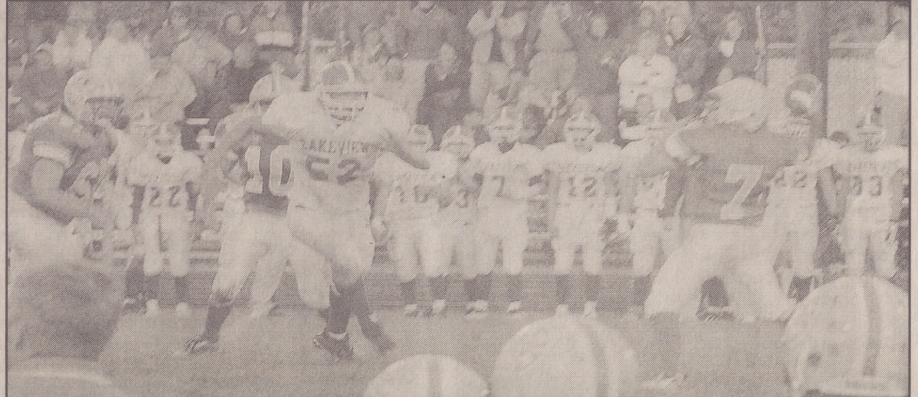


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Backman (7) prepares to launch off a pass as Lakeview defenders move in. Lakeview beat Scotus in a 17-14 heartbreaker. The Lady Shamrocks, led by Coach John Peterson, later retaliated by beating the Vikings on their home court.

Chase Beiermann, with the crowd going nuts. One problem, however--Beiermann forgot to take the ball with him on his downfield voyage.

The Rocks, deflated, were forced to relinquish possession back to the visitors. After that, Lakeview cruised to the Shamrock 14, where the

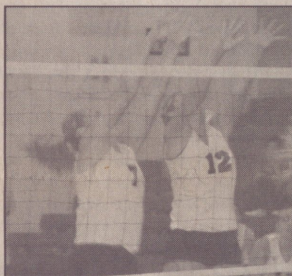
Rocks stood tall on a game-changing 4th and 1. With 5:27 left, the Rocks took the momentum as well as control of the ball. After failing to even get out of the driveway, the Rocks made a questionable call to punt it away with about 3:30 left.

Although the Rocks did get the ball back with about

a minute left, there was little hope of going almost the length of the field.

The Rocks suffered a 17-14 heartbreaker on Homecoming night. Perhaps what cuts the deepest is who handed Scotus the loss. School spirit is rising, but this was a devastating blow.

Hadland works the court



Arturo Spindola
-Staff Reporter-

Liz Hadland (7) and Whitney Wemhoff (12) block against Wahoo Neumann. Scotus beat Neumann in 4 games at home on Oct. 3.

Ah, volleyball season. What an exciting and work-driven time of the season. A time of victory, defeats, and countless hours of practice.

But what possesses these young players to go through this arduous process year after year? How has the team been doing so far in the season? What hopes does the team have this year? Senior Varsity Volleyball player Liz Hadland has the answers.

Scotus took on rival Lakeview on September 26th at Lakeview High School. They won in four sets. Though it counted as a victory, Hadland felt that the team could have done better.

"Our passing was flawed and it wasn't carried out as smoothly as we wanted," Hadland said. "Also, our serving could use some touching up. That's what killed us a few times. We need to improve on those points."

Even when down, though, the team came back with a vengeance.

"We were determined when we came back out in the 4th set. The whole team was upbeat and pumped. We played hard and fast," Hadland added.

Hadland was stoked about the work ethic of the team.

"Practices have been long. We're very optimistic about this season. We've been working really hard and we're all focused on our games."

Hadland says the whole team is confident that they'll do well this year, and that the only thing that they can do is improve.

"Our hardest game so far has been the Grand Island game. We did so well in the first set, but then lost by such a small margin. It was a shame."

What was the best part of the Lakeview game for Hadland?

"Definitely the end result. Ever since the football game, we've been looking forward to beating Lakeview, and it was fun to do."

"We've been working really hard and we're all focused on our games." -Liz Hadland

Marching On



Katie Wozny
-Staff Reporter-

5:55 A.M.- Droopy eyes half open, the marchers put on their plumed hats and adjust the chin strap, just hours until the marching performance in Hastings. The flag corp, with flags in hand, enter into the gym. One member asks if anyone brought an extra pair of black shoes.

6:00 A.M.- The whistle blows. The flag corp and marchers line up in their designated rows. Again, the whistle blows, and the marchers bow their heads. Drum Majors Lauren Schumacher and Lizzie Powers rhythmically clap their hands in unison.

The band knows what to do next from weeks of

practice, some in the early morning. Band Director Mrs. Cox is excited about the band's progress, and isn't nervous about their performance.

"I'm confident that all of the marchers are prepared. The morning practices were a big help. I am also confident in the Flag Corp girls. The girls have set high goals for themselves this year. I could actually sleep last night."

After three run-throughs, Cox is satisfied and instructs the marchers and flag corp to load the buses. "Seniors, juniors and flag corp, are in the first bus. Sophomore and Freshmen, you are in the second bus."

The band and Flag Corp went on that day to receive a superior rating at the Hastings parade.

One big bash for a truck

Arturo Spindola
-Staff Reporter-

It's a hot, sweaty day after practice. The football team staggers down to the school, hoping for a shower. Suddenly, the sound of glass breaking, metal pounding, and people laughing. What could it be?

Two words: Car bash

Students, coaches, teachers, and parents joined in the Homecoming week fun. The car, an old two-door pick-up donated by Cody Hellbusch's father, was decorated with Lakeview colors to symbolize the "pounding" Scotus hoped to give at the gridiron match-up.

The first bashers were

seniors, with Kyle Mroczek and Tanner Johnson leading the way. Soon, all the seniors were pounding away, spending their two free hits in an instant.

Junior Sam Wemhoff called the car bash "one of the most fun events in Scotus history."

Freshman Peter Heusinkvelt agreed. "It felt good. Taking a blow to the opponent gives you a sense of satisfaction."

Nathan Hotovy, the organizer of the car bash, said Mr. Cozad first came up with the idea two years ago. Mrs. Lahm said the Student Council suggested and organized this year's bash the whole way through.

Sam Wemhoff reportedly

took 47 hits at just the passenger door of the truck. At 50 cents per hit, that adds up to \$23.50 worth of fun. Money raised went to Student Council.

In addition to being extremely entertaining, the car bash was useful as well, according to teacher Mr. Wickham.

"This is a good way to take out [your] frustration for the day. There's nothing wrong with taking out your anger on a vehicle."

Though he chose not to exercise his right to "bash", Mr. Younger knew the great value of the activity. "Anytime you can do things to create student unity, it's a good thing."



Senior Paul Mlinar takes out his aggression at the Car Bash, held after football practice. (Paul- It may be time to hit the showers, as well!)

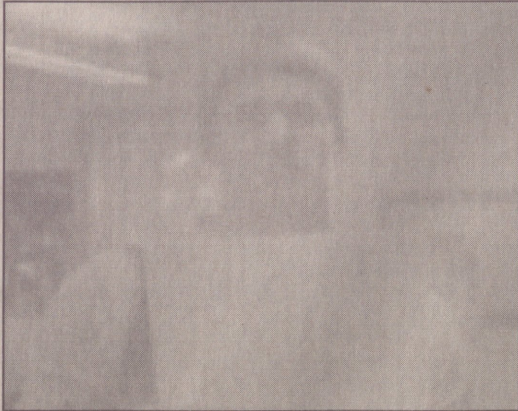


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Random Student of the Month

Taylor Suess



Random Questions for the Random Student of the Month

**What's up?
Not much, just chillin'**

**Are you a fan of broccoli?
Why or why not?
Not at all. It's green and gross, and I don't like it.**

**What's your opinion on Chuck Norris?
He's the man, he dominates all.**

**Michael Bolton?
...Who's that?**

**Is spandex the fat man's enemy?
I don't think so. I think it depends on the fat man.**

**Are you gellin'?
I'm gellin' like a felon. Want some melon?**

**What's the coolest thing that's happened to you in the past week?
Probably just hanging out in Ms. Reinert's class.**

**If you made your own pizza, what would be on it?
As much as possible. It would be a combination of a bunch of different pizzas.**

**Final Thoughts?
I'm proud to be the first Random Student of the Month. And Ashley Micek rocks.**

Real Shamrocks of Genius

Today, we salute you, Mr. Undersized 7th Grader.

(Undersized 7th Grader!)

Day in and day out, you trek the halls of Scotus, hauling a book bag half your own body weight, all the while managing to walk faster than everyone else.

(Get outta the way!)

Four minutes to get to class? Not in your mind. When that bell rings, you turn into an Olympic-class sprinter whose strides only cover about two feet apiece

(Gotta get to class!)

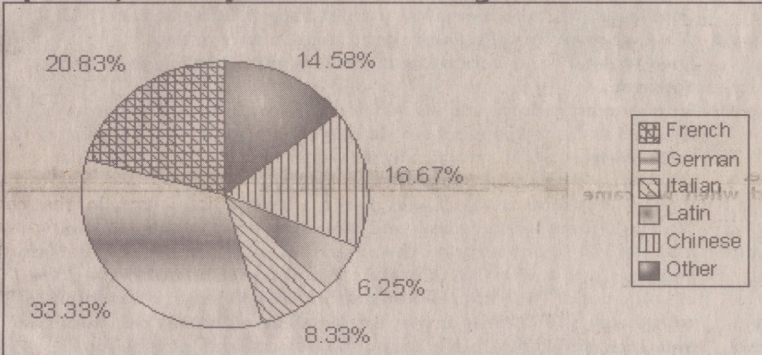
And it certainly makes it more difficult to move faster when you're carrying your books for all nine periods in the day on your back at all times.

(Who needs a locker?)

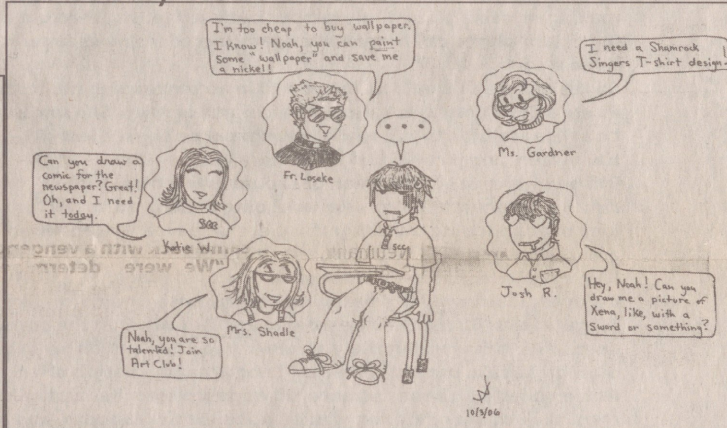
So drop your bag and take a load off, oh puny power lifter, because one thing's for sure, if you keep this up, you'll be ready to hike Everest in no time.

(Undersized 7th Grader!)

Rock Survey: what foreign language, other than Spanish, would you like to see taught at Scotus?



Cartoon by Noah Swartz



What's the best Halloween prank you've played on someone else, or that they've played on you?



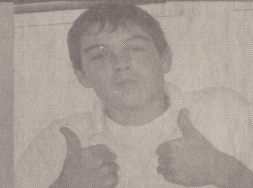
Nick Preister, grade 7:
I put a fake finger in my dad's spaghetti.



Levi McPhillips, grade 8:
My brother disguised himself as a scarecrow and jumped out at me.



Lexie Gutzmer, grade 9:
A neighbor chased my friends and I around the lake with a chainsaw.



Kirby Reardon, grade 10:
I tied Brad Cheloha to a pole.



Ben Jones, grade 11:
I can't tell you - it'd be inappropriate.



Ashley Micek, grade 12:
My brother was in my room, dressed in a clown costume and laughing like one.

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Sneak Peek



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Ticket booth at the corn maze

Kristin Wrubel and Ashley Micek, two seniors at Scotus, got lucky this month and won some sneak peek passes from radio station 94.1 to Shadow's Edge, a haunted house in Omaha. The haunted house was a maze that they had to find their way out by themselves. Throughout the house, there were themes of different scary movies. Some of the movies they recognized were "Hostile," "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre," and "Silent Hill". The house was nearly pitch black. Ashley kept running into walls and the people in front of her. Kristen was impressed with how realistic everything was, from the costumes to the noises. "It seemed so real-I kept hearing these little voices in my head all the way through. Even standing in line gave the girls a little fright. "Clowns kept coming up behind me and freaking me out. I hate clowns," Ashley stated.



The music that was playing was Christmas music, so it was pretty random and weird at the same time. Kristin was surprised how interactive the actors were with them. "They never touched you but they were always close to you and always talking to you," Kristin said. In their opinion, "Shadow's Edge" was a good and exciting time. They also recommend it to anyone looking for a fright this Halloween.

You know it's Nebraska when....

It all started on a Sunday afternoon around 3:00, as I was happily making myself a piece of my famous buttered toast. I then got a very important phone call from a fellow member of the newspaper staff, Katie Wozny. She asked me if I would be interested in accompanying her to the Pirate's Cove Corn Maze about a mile north of town. She said it would be a nice addition to the school newspaper on the subject of Halloween, and it could be kind of fun. But boy were we in for a treat, or should I say a trick. I'm a very honest person so I'm not going to lie...I wasn't all for the idea of abandoning my delightful piece of toast and wandering around in a maze made of corn all afternoon. I have bad allergies and I knew once I stepped foot in that dusty field, my eyes would swell like baseballs and my nose would flow like Niagara Falls. But I am a wise woman and I know when the newspaper needs me, -this was definitely a time of need. So I put all my other problems aside, put my life on hold and accepted Katie's offer. As we pulled up, to the entrance, all we saw were miles and miles of corn. We got out of the car, walked up to the ticket booth, and paid our fee. We were almost ready to start our corny journey, but first we had to get a map. We didn't want to get too lost! After we got our map we were off. We were thinking it was only going to take us a good 15 minutes, but then we looked at the map and boy were we confused. The map didn't make any sense. It was a black and white map-no numbers, no colors. It was useless.

We then decided we were bright, intellectual women who didn't need a stupid map to help us. Anyway we were doing pretty good at first, taking some left turns and then some right turns. We hadn't hit any dead ends yet when all of a sudden we ran into some checkpoints. Checkpoint #1...and then a few minutes later #2...then #3 and #4. Wow, we were flying! We were going to be out in no time. Then we hit #7 and were we lost. We were going in circles and getting nowhere. So, the smart girls we are, we decided to take a couple cuts through the corn stalks to speed up our journey. Not a good idea! This just made matters worse until finally we were saved..by two little girls! Still bigger than me of course. A girl named Madison Deal age 11, and her sister Kamiryn, who was 9. We asked them for some help and they proceeded to show us their map. WOW! To our surprise, their map had color and lots of it.....it had numbers, and a whole lot of useful information that could have done us some good. Their map looked nothing like our map. We chatted with the girls for a while as they explained to us the way out. About an hour later Katie and I finally found the way out and I think we were both overly excited to be out and on no condition wanted to look back. Because by this time my allergies were working on overtime and I was real sure I heard my mom calling me home for supper.

- Top ten safety tips:
- 1) Bring a gallon of water and a power bar
 - 2) Wear Comfortable shoes (hiking boots)
 - 3) Never go alone-bring a buddy
 - 4) Stay on the trail- don't cut through corn stalks
 - 5) Give yourself PLENTY of time (about 5 hours)
 - 6) Bring a trail marker, not bread, the spider that are katie will eat it
 - 7) Bring a compass
 - 8) Bring a flare gun
 - 9) Make sure your map has all the information on it
 - 10) Bring your camera-beautiful scenery



Photo taken by: Meggie Harrington
Entrance to the corn maze

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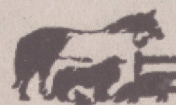
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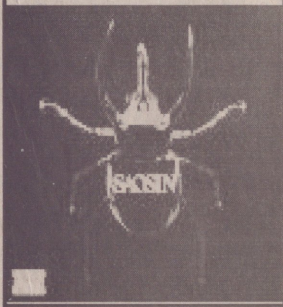
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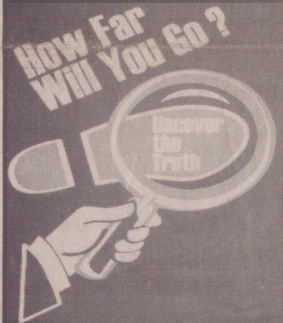
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The big bad three face off with their words of advice and wisdom.



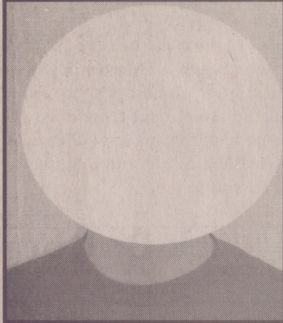
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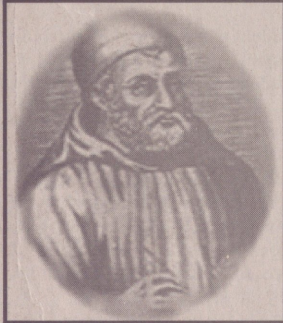
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History behind Scotus

Darfur: I didn't know

What thousands of Americans- including you- need to realize

Chelsea Bartholomew
-Staff Reporter-

"What's Darfur?"

Upon being asked their opinion on the situation in the western part of the African nation of Sudan, this is what many Scotus students replied.

A better question: How is it that in this day and age, the murders of over 400,000 people have slipped under the radar of so many?

And the murders aren't over. According to the website Save Darfur, (<http://www.savedarfur.org/>) an average of 10,000 to 15,000 more are dying every month. These killings have been going on for over three years.

It began in early 2003, when two rebel groups - the Justice and Equality Movement and the Sudan Liberation Movement - accused the government of oppressing the country's non-Arab population and attacked a government building.

In response, the government funded Islamic militias, known collectively as the 'Janjaweed' - Arab for 'Devils on Horseback.' These

militias regularly demolish whole villages and murder, rape, and torture their citizens. They also destroy food and water supplies in order to decrease the Darfurians' chances of survival.

Those who survive often seek shelter at various camps in Darfur, or in the eastern part of neighboring Chad. But these camps are usually overcrowded, lacking enough food and shelter for all the refugees. Health care is limited as well.

All of these factors combine to make conditions ripe for starvation and the spread of disease. This is especially hard on young children, who make up approximately 70% of camp deaths. To make matters worse, the Janjaweed patrol outside the camps. Men who venture out too far in search of water and firewood are castrated or killed, and women who do so are raped.

Some women and children are kidnapped and forced into slavery.

The international community has been slow to respond. The United Nations still is not calling the crisis by name: genocide. It has, though, passed two resolutions; neither of which has done much good.

The UN also attempted, in late August, to send in a peacekeeping force of 17,000 troops and 3,000 UN policemen, but Sudan not only voiced their objection, they showed it; the offensive on Darfur was intensified, killing over 20 and displacing upwards of 1,000 within several days.

The African Union has sent 7,000 troops, but due to the large size of the area, they are stretched much too thin, and they have not even been deployed to protect civilians, but rather to monitor a failed ceasefire.

The United States has so far donated several billion to Darfur, but it has barely put a dent in the con-

flict. More action, more involvement, more of everything is clearly needed if lives are to be saved. On the website Darfur Scorecard (<http://www.darfurscores.org>), members of the Senate and the House are rated based on their support of Darfur-related legislation. The state of Nebraska, overall, is graded a C. Individually, Sen. Ben Nelson received an A; Sen. Chuck Hagel, an F; Rep. Jeff Fortenberry, a C; and Rep. Lee Terry and former Rep. Tom Osborne, Ds.

With the crisis showing no signs of slowing, and innocent lives being lost every day, awareness and activism on the part of ordinary people appear to be what is needed most right now.

On the 60 Minutes program on the subject, "Searching for Jacob," Ashis Brahma, a camp doctor in Darfur, said, "I'm sorry to say I'm going to sit here with you in two years time and I'm gonna tell you the same sad story. People will say, 'Ich habe nicht gewusst,' which is German for 'I didn't know.'"

How is it that the murder of over 400,000 people have slipped under the radar so many times?

Scotus- are we prepared?

Crisis Folders are first line of defense

Katie Wozny
-Staff Reporter-

Three years ago colorful folders entered classrooms, and a six-letter word was emblazoned on each. These folders were placed next to telephones in each classroom. Students were instructed to not touch them.

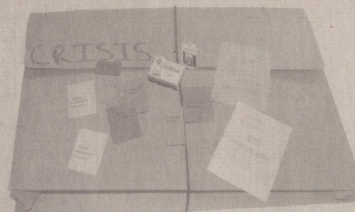
What are these strange mystery folders? What is inside them?

Senior Katie Michaelsen is among many students who do not know what these folders contain.

"These folders make no difference. What does it even have in it that will help us?" asked Michaelsen.

These folders are the Crisis folders. They are one safety feature Scotus has. Behind the black band that keeps the folder closed, there are several elements that make up these Crisis folders. There are orange colored papers listing the names and phone numbers of the Crisis Team

Members, the Crisis Flip Chart, CPR cards, a First Aid Kit, and finally, Green, Yellow, and Red Cards (2 of each color).



These folders are in the process of being updated for this year's school year. The current members are Mrs. Tooley, Fr. Loseke, Mrs. Weir, and Mr. Ohnutka, who will all be going to a refresher course to update themselves on crisis topics.

According to head Crisis team member and PE teacher Mrs. Janet Tooley, these folders are important because they raise awareness. These

folders help prepare Scotus for events like the recent school shootings across the US.

Crisis topics range from issues of intruder in the building, fire, and tornado warnings.

Guidance Counselor Mrs. Pam Weir, current member of the Crisis Team, believes we would be as prepared as possible.

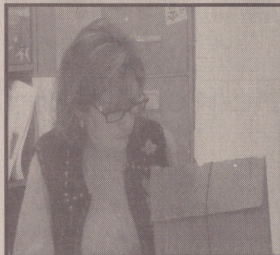
"We can't predict what's going to happen. The staff in this building are professional and take care of each other and the students. The students look out for each other, also," Weir said.

Principal Mr. Wayne Morfeld recently met with the other three parochial schools and Police Officers Maschmeier, Gumm, and Hefti.

"Scotus is doing everything they can to be safe. They are caught up with having the locked doors and checking into the office and the cameras, but they need to continue (to update)," Maschmeier said.

"Scotus is staying on top of things."

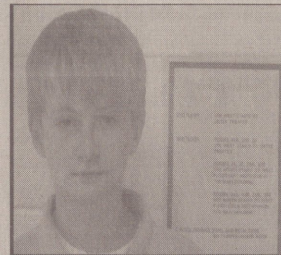
In an event of a crisis, would YOU know what to do?



"I'd grab my cell phone and shut the locked door. Then we would go up against the north wall. I would call on my cell phone and count the kids in my room." Mrs. Kathy Johnson



"Anything I could to help keep my friends safe and get out. Should we stay in the room or what?" Katie Michaelsen



"Get out and run." Devin Iwan



"The correct answer is to stay in your classroom with your teacher; do not run." Mr. Wayne Morfeld



Volleyball team is a crowd-pleaser!

Find out more on pg. 4 in Sports



Don't Judge A Meg By Her Stature

Meg Harrington
-Staff Reporter-

I would first like to start out by introducing myself. My name is Meggie Catherine Harrington. I was born in Grand Island Nebraska and raised here in Columbus by my two amazing parents, Amy and Tim Harrington.

As a child I was always getting into things. Cupboards, drawers, you name it, I was in it. I even got into the dog food once in a while. I thought, "Hey- if my dog eats it why cant I?"

I was always looking for some kind of adventure. I was a very small kid but that didn't get in the way of what I wanted to do because as a child, I truly believed I could do anything. I guess I always thought of myself as one of the big kids.

In my old neighbor there were a lot of older kids and usually older

kids scare the younger ones, but not me. I walked around my block like I was the biggest, baddest kid of them all. Yep, that was me- scared of nothing.

But behind that big bad 7-year-old was this sweet innocent child who loved to give hugs and kisses and try to make everybody's day just as good as her own. A child who looked forward to every Sunday morning mass, there she would sit quietly in her church pew waiting for collection time where she could run up to the front of church and place a dollar in the basket that her father gave her.

Oh yes, those were the good old days when going to Church was fun. Those are the days I wanted to be a nun and one day become a saint. That was my dream as a child. I never wanted to be a fireman, a superhero, a princess, or a cowboy

like all the rest of the kids. When the rest of the kids were playing house, cops and robbers, or even school, I was playing church

I always had to be the priest. If I didn't get to be the priest I would stomp over to the corner and pout until I got my way. My mother always taught me WWJD (what would Jesus do), and I always knew what Jesus would do; he would want me to play the priest.

As I grew up I became an altar server- one of the best, I may add. I was server of the year in 5th grade and boy, was I proud.

Now you might all be wondering why I'm telling you all this. Many of you could probably care less about what kind of kid I was. But the thing is a lot of you probably wouldn't have guessed that I wanted to be a nun when I was younger, or that I loved playing church for

hours, or even that going to Sunday mass was one of my favorite parts of the whole week.

Many of you may laugh at that because you don't see me as that child who loved giving hugs and kisses, or tried to make everyone's day just as good as her own.

To you, I'm the one who's always getting in trouble. The one who doesn't give a care about anything and could care less about what people think of me. You see me as breaking the law, partying too much, slacking in school... But do you really know me that well? You hear things and then you judge me by them.

What I'm trying to get at is- don't always judge people on what you hear of them, or what they look like.

Last month in English, the Senior class had to write a personal

poem. Some of the poems we heard were pretty surprising. People were expressing how they really felt about themselves and their classmates.

They wrote that they are sick of being judged by other people, sick of trying to become someone they really aren't, and sick of being treated badly.

I think what surprised everyone the most was that there were things that people said, that no one expected to hear from *that person*, because we see what we want to see on the outside and we don't pay enough attention to detail, or what's on the inside.

You may always see me as the short dumb blonde, but there's more to me than that.

People always say you can't judge a book by its cover, so what makes you think you can judge people that way?

The Sheer Joy of Playing God

Chelsea Bartholomew
-Staff Reporter-

We've all played it. We've all been fascinated by it. We're all mature young people here, we can face up to it. Say it with me: "Yes, I trapped a man in a pool without a ladder. Yes, I let some kids neglect their schoolwork and get taken away to military school. Yes, I neglected to install toilets in the house and giggled when bladder meters started going critical."

I speak, of course, of the addicting video game franchise, The Sims.

I've been obsessed with it

on-and-off since the tender age of eleven. Because the newest installment, The Sims 2 Pets Expansion Pack, has recently come to my attention and gotten me hooked again, you lucky readers get to peruse a column about it!

I have quite a few fond (and not-so-fond) memories relating to The Sims. The time when Sara Baer and I made a family by the name of 'Hygiene' and wouldn't buy them any showers, toilets, or garbage cans. The way I spent literally my whole Christmas Vacation in 6th grade fiddling around with The Sims Vacation and became enraged

beyond all reasonable belief when Mrs. Green called and told me to come to school to work on History Day - because, obviously, I just hadn't had enough time to play it yet. And most recently, when a social worker took three children away because *one* was failing school, and after the parents were done with their token ten- second wailing-fest, they decided to have a party.

Okay, so those memories are a little bit...twisted. Sue me.

What is it about these games that make them so addicting? The obvious answer, to my mind, would be 'everything.'

The customization of your characters, especially enhanced on The Sims 2, where you can choose everything from weight to nose length, is a strong point. Don't look over the fact that you've literally got control over everything in these people's lives (unless you're trying to make some stupid kid do his homework, apparently). To top it all off are the number of completely bizarre things that go on in Sim-land. Aliens making men pregnant + rabid wolves turning your Sims into werewolves + a creature called the Social Bunny coming to point and laugh at Sims with

reduced social meters = Never Having To Say You're Bored.

Of course, in retrospect, much of this time could have been spent on things a great deal more constructive than dysfunctional simulated personages. This article, for instance, is being written at an insanely late hour on the night before deadline because my Sims simply could not go without me for a night. Their house was in desperate need of a makeover.

Do I regret any of these wasted hours?

Nah.

A Stereotypical Editorial

Arturo Spindola
-Staff Reporter-

Stereotypes. We've all heard them, and all been around them. All of us have used them (subconsciously, even). Some of us may have even been subjected to them. I know I have.

Human beings can be horrible to each other, and one prime example of this is stereotypes.

Stereotypes can be based on many things. The most common are age, gender, appearance, and - most noticeably - race.

Most stereotypes are used in a negative or prejudicial manner,

and some are too explicit to appear in this newspaper.

So how do stereotypes apply to us at Scotus? You may be thinking "but Scotus is an almost all-white Catholic school! How can stereotypes possibly apply to us?"

That's exactly it! Scotus is an almost all-white Catholic school, and being exposed to that single group can make it dangerous for us when we go out into the real world.

When you graduate and enter "the world," you will be exposed to more diversity than

you can imagine. Many more races, religions, opinions, and fashion statements than you have ever seen in Columbus.

Hopefully, you've been taught all your life not to stereotype, not to judge others.

But what if you see a Hispanic person with a huge hoodie and very baggy pants walking out of Wal-mart, looking side to side suspiciously? The thought that he just *might* have been shoplifting won't even cross your mind? (He's actually looking before crossing the street.) We've all stereotyped,

even if we didn't know we were doing it.

Sure, some stereotypical jokes can seem funny, but think about how the person on the butt end of it may feel. Put yourself in their shoes. Those jokes can be hurtful and offensive. I know firsthand.

Can stereotyping others be prevented? Well, not really, but you can remember to keep an open mind, not to judge a book by its cover, and always keep a "What would Jesus do?" attitude.

What if you're being

stereotyped? What if someone decides to judge you unfairly? How do you respond to that?

That's where your true qualities come out. How you respond to being scrutinized, judged, and stereotyped is how you are as a person. Remember to keep an open mind and not judge in return.

So, those are my two cents on stereotypes. They're negative, and you should try to avoid using them. But remember, the true test lies not in whether you use them or not, but in how you respond to them.

Letters to the editor

Dear Editor,

This is a letter of congratulations to the Scotus Student body. I felt our team and our student fans were the class of the tournament.

I am not the only one to think that. Many people commented to me about our team. It was obvious that the team rose to the occasion. It was obvious that our student fans also rose to the occasion.

After the Norfolk Catholic game, a lady approached me. She wanted to know if I was the A.D. in charge of the Scotus students. I said, "Yes..." expecting to get chewed out for something. She went on to say she is a longtime fan and that she had never seen a group as spirited and well-behaved at the tournament.

Mr. Morfeld always makes the point about being representatives of Scotus to the public. This last weekend, you were terrific reps for SCC. Keep up the good work!

Mr. Gary Puetz
Activities Director

PS- Would somebody tell me what "Easy Cheloha" means?

Senior's Day Off.

As I was reading this article from the first issue of the Rock Bottom, I was struck by the reference to this year's senior's as being the "bad" class. I personally consider that statement offensive and unfair to the Senior Class. This Senior Class does not deserve that label! Were there any students in this class who made a poor decision earlier in their Scotus career? Yes, but that can be said about every class. What about all the good decisions made by the vast majority of the students in this year's Senior Class during their six years at Scotus? I personally choose to judge each person on

their merits, and not assign a group a label because of a couple poor decision makers. Society will judge us as a whole, but we are small enough that internally that should not happen at Scotus.

Secondly, has anyone other than a member of this year's Senior Class ever made a mistake? I know I have made my share. How dare any of us call ourselves Catholic, or Christian, if we are going to hold against someone a mistake they made when they were an eighth grader. (Unless they are going to continue to display the same behavior.) From my position in this school, I have had the opportunity to watch this group of individuals mature over a six-year time frame. I am proud of them, and have high expectations of the students in this class-- this school year and in the future.

Mr. Morfeld

Scotus Central Rock Bottom

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Gleaming work earns five stars

Chelsea Bartholomew
-Staff Reporter-

White Teeth is an appropriate name for British author Zadie Smith's breakout novel. This book gleams, shines (even the cover is glossy), and gets you brownie points if you take it with you to your dentist appointment.

The book is about the lives of two families, the Joneses and the Iqbals, over several generations.

Its two main characters, Archie and Samad, served together in World War II (in what one of their fellow soldiers, um, affectionately named 'The Bugged Battalion' due to its slightly dysfunctional nature) and have been great friends ever since.

The novel opens later, on New Years day 1975, as Archie Jones attempts to kill himself by suffocating in his car. His crazy Italian wife recently divorced him, and things in general were going downhill from there.

But just before he was about to die, a nearby butcher, not quite taken with the thought of some stranger dying in front of his property, pulls down the window and

tells him to go commit suicide somewhere else.

This heartens Archie, who sees it as the first time life has ever said "yes" to him. He promptly leaves and goes to the first New Year's party he comes across.

There, the nearly 50-year-old Archie meets 19-year-old Clara Bowden. She has recently run away from her mother and boyfriend, both militant Jehovah's Witnesses who are angry about her rejection of their faith. She and Archie, both looking for a new life, make a hasty decision to get married barely a month later.

But he's not the only one marrying a much younger woman. Samad, too, has recently been married to the lively Alsana, whose family promised her to him before she was even born.

Before long, Clara and Alsana are both pregnant: Clara with a girl and Alsana with twin boys. These

three children carry on most of the second half of the story.

At the beginning, *White Teeth* is a little hard to get into, but it quickly picks up the pace and holds

you captive. The characters are, well, real characters, but they're also incredibly realistic. They do their fair share of stupid things, but Smith has you loving almost all of them by the end.

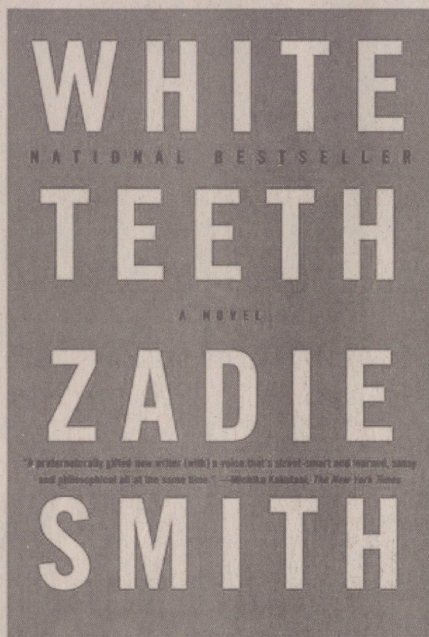
The language is colorful and wonderful, and even in its serious moments, the book is able to command a comic undertone, much as life does if we refuse to allow ourselves to take it too seriously.

Issues of race and immigration are handled better here than in the works of older, much more experienced authors. Smith, you see, was only 24 when *White Teeth* was published, and aside from some short stories for her university's yearly anthologies, does not appear to have written much beforehand.

The only places the novel falls down are in the ending (which seemed to me to be very rushed in the way that things will be when deadline is tomorrow and you've barely even

thought through some of what you have to write - trust me, I know), and in a subplot concerning another family, whose members irritated me beyond belief. It is due to the fact that I can't quite decide whether the author intended it or not that I list it as a flaw.

White Teeth is a great book, and not just for a certain type of person. I would recommend it heavily to anyone. Because what I think it's about, more than anything, is our common humanity.



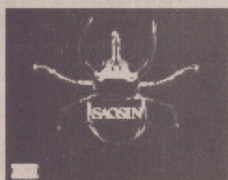
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White Teeth
By: Zadie Smith
Length: 464 pages
Score: 5 shamrocks out of 5

Saosin Self-Titled

Mitch Bierbower
-Staff Reporter-

The hardcore hits are back. Hardcore music has another inspiring band, which is Saosin. They are back with a vengeance and ready to make it big this time. The have acquired a new lead singer, along with an actual producer for their music.



The fans of their classic music, like "Bury Your Head" will find this new CD appealing. They have remade some of their original songs. This time the band left it all on the table; they are ready for the life of music tours.

If your head is splitting when you listen to screamo rock, be prepared for a headache. Their new singer sounds very similar to their previous one, which makes the CD similar to the old non-produced Saosin. You won't find any song like "Pretty for Baby". The CD

is no-holds-barred, so be ready. These screaming hits, the second time around, have been thoroughly prepared.

If you are a lyrics freak and care nothing about instrumentals, the breakdowns of the new music will electrify you. Their instrumentals are still next to none, but do occasionally lack their usual talented and meaningful lyrics, which are usually desired.

Modern fans of Saosin are advised to obtain this new CD. They will find it a beautiful piece of artwork. This is typical style of the band, however. These tracks will mesmerize you and are worth every second of your time.

Saosin
Genre: Hardcore
Length: 41:09
Label: Capitol Records

CLUB GAINS MOMENTUM

Mark Siegel
-Staff Reporter-

While it may not be the newest organization on the block, Art Club certainly appears to be gaining the most momentum. Its advisor, Art Teacher Mrs. Nancy Shadle, is optimistic about this year's members.

"The group seems to very enthusiastic about coming to Art Club this year. There's also a lot of unity in the group. It was great how everyone came together during the first meeting to come up with a shirt design. It's a really fun group."

According to Mrs. Shadle, the main goal of Art Club is "to provide a place where students can come to explore their creativity and enjoy art. It's also great for people who want to finish their

projects, or people who couldn't take an art class during the school day, but want to be creative."

One of the projects Mrs. Shadle has lined up for Art Club this year is to decorate the art room to make it more inviting. "It's kind of dull right now, I'd like to liven it up and make it more artsy."

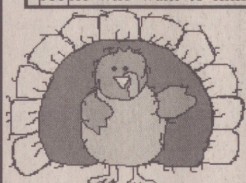
Art club member Kyle Mroczek is very passionate about Art Club. "Art club gives us a chance to freely express our souls and get in touch with our spiritual, psychedelic, groovy, and gnarly sides, all at once. It's like a Power Rangers transformer toy, first it's one thing, then it changes into something else even more spectacular. It's utterly amazing."

Austin Kuta echoed Mroczek's sentiments. "It's good."

Art Club currently has about 30 members. They meet every oth-

er Monday. Mrs. Shadle said new members are always welcome.

"We're really off to a great start this year, we've only had a few meetings and there have already been a lot of great pieces made. I'm excited to see what this group can come up with."



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Scotus Volleyball

THE PRESSURE OF PERFECTION

Ladies' volleyball team brings home 9th overall title

Kevin Micek
-Staff Reporter-

The next time you head down to lunch, glance up at the wall art decorating the long hallway to the gym. The walls are plastered with pictures of state champions. There's enough hardware there to put Ace's to shame. It's also fun to see how Coach Peterson has changed over the years. The pictures read like a yearly update on his wardrobe. Thank heavens he is a snappy dresser.

Scotus Central Catholic has a proud tradition of excellence when it comes to volleyball. Because of this, the Scotus faithful expect an annual appearance at State. Standards are high and there's a huge amount of pressure, but the girls here seem to meet and exceed them on a regular basis. The Lady Rocks have a habit of making quick work of opponents. In the process, they incur a large bull's eye on their backs when state V-ball hits. But why is it that they are there... every year?

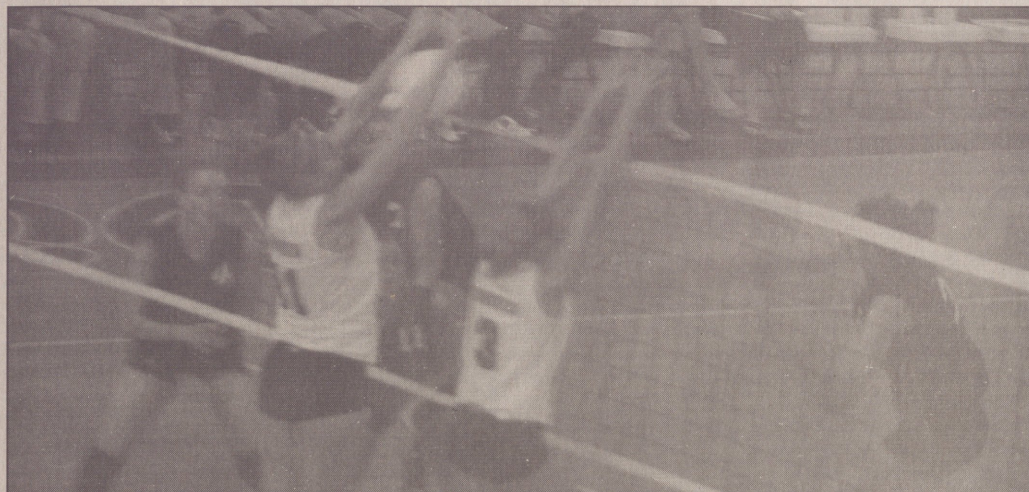
For one, the Scotus volleyball team's work ethic is second to none. The hours are long, but the girls stick it out.

"They put in hard hours and it really paid off," said Coach John Peterson, the driving force behind Scotus' volleyball success.

He is the main factor in putting the Shamrocks where they are now. This guy pushes the girls to their max and then pushes once more. As they say, no pain, no gain.

"They responded in a positive way. They used the pressure to improve and get better."

This work ethic would be needed going up against GICC for the third time this year. "You get to know their players' tendencies and how they work. But on the same token, they knew the same about us," said



Peterson.

These facts set up the stage for a clash for the most coveted prize of them all, the State title. What is the deciding factor, you ask? The fan support was a huge boost to the girls when they were going all out.

"It was a major factor in our success," said Peterson. "The student body, band, and cheerleaders were unbelievable, as good as it's been since I've been here, if not better." The students here packed gyms to the brim and yelled their guts out. When I was present, it is really an amazing feeling, a phenomenon that can only be described as the "7th Woman."

The competition was fierce this year, but our girls handled it well. They ate pressure for breakfast, among other things. But how did the girls respond when they are put in tough spots?

"We played well together. That helped us through the critical times," replied the highly successful volleyball coach.

So here's to you, girls, and you, coach. We can't wait to watch you next season...but no pressure!

Photo by: Meg Harrington
above: Jordan Grubaugh (11) and Sammi Spenner (3) prove to be a brick wall as they go up for a block.
below: Laura Blair shows everyone what's up and takes a mean hit at the state finals against Grande Island.

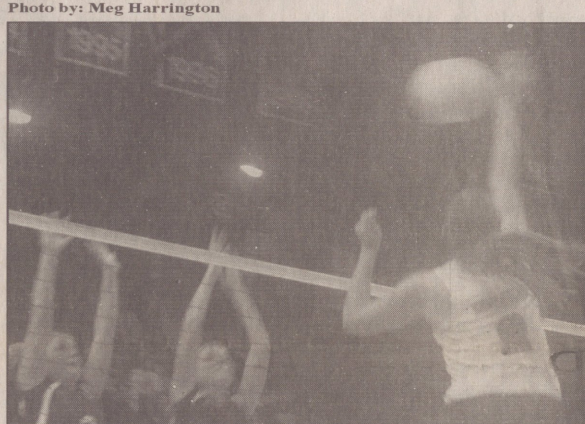


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The Secret Knife in Your Back

Meg Harrington
-Staff Reporter-

"Lifelong smoking can cut 18 years from a man's life. A 30 yr old man will live to be 64 if he smokes and to 82 if he is not a smoker," according to <http://www.takeheart.co.uk/refcoms2.htm>

Smoking is a major problem in our society today.

And what's even more of a problem is its not just harming the people who are making that choice to smoke. It's also harming those who are choosing to be tobacco free. According to <http://www.lungusa.org>, "Secondhand smoke causes approximately 3,400 lung cancer deaths and 22,700-69,600 heart disease deaths in adult nonsmokers in the United States each year."

But not to worry, because there is a group here at Scotus that's working to stop all this nonsense and knock some sense into people.

No Limits is a group to help fight against tobacco industries, as Raimondo explains. "No Limits is an anti-tobacco group that does research on the big tobacco companies and attempts to expose their lies and reveal the truth to the

public, especially our youth." Mrs. Joan Lahm is the No Limits sponsor. She says that the purpose of the group is to actually "do stuff to get the message out."

Each year the group has a Grim Reaper day. On this day, the members of No Limits wear their t-shirts to school and are not allowed to talk. This symbolizes how many students from Scotus would die prematurely from smok-

ing-related diseases. The No Limits group has been active for 2 years now. They recently went to a summit in Aurora. There they spent two days with other schools around the state, learning ways to speak out against tobacco industries. Tobacco industries are mainly targeted to young teens such as ourselves, and the No Limits group is here to tell us to defy the lie.

What I Learned Playing

● Football at Scotus

A Synopsis of the Scotus Season with Kevin Micek and

When you were little, how often did you aspire to play sports in front of a large audience?

What gear did you use to try and reach those goals? To be honest, almost every young gentleman wishes that one day it would be his face plastered all over ESPN. Well for some, the dream ends in high school.

Lessons learned, friends made, and endless hours of practice are only a few aspects of being a high school player.

I recently had the distinct honor of sitting down with such a man- a Mr. Scott Ackman, who happens to have suited up as a Shamrocks lineman. He gave me the lowdown on the Shamrocks' tackle football season as we rapped in this recent interview.

Some would view the year as a disappointment. But Scott had a different view on the subject.

"We played hard and had a good squad this year. There were just some crucial points where the ball didn't bounce the way we wanted it to."

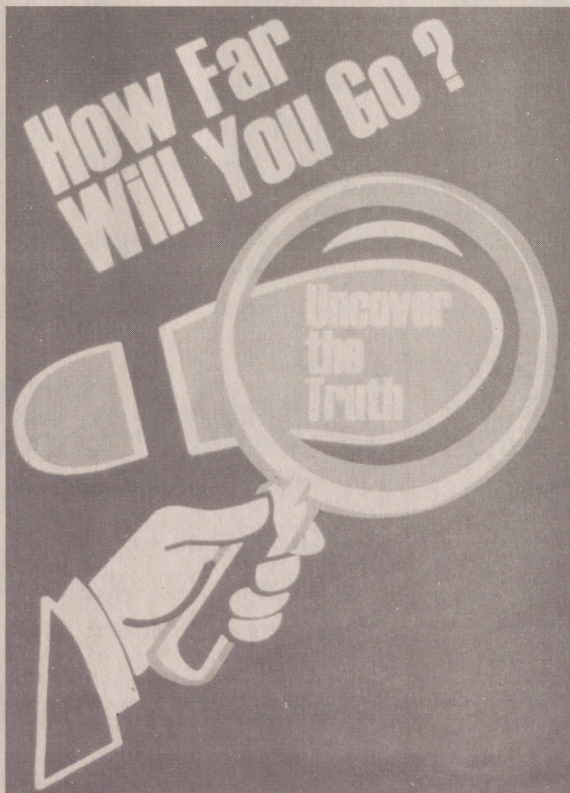
Mr. Ackman then broke down the team's overall strengths and weaknesses.

"Our passing attack stepped it up. But at times, we were inconsistent in our play. That really hurt us. The other side of the ball had a stout D line. We fought hard in the trenches to make stands, but the secondary had a few too many blown coverages."

It is this interviewer's opinion that Scott and various others played for the right reasons. He was very emotional and passionate about his experience here at Scotus.

"Although our season didn't go exactly like we wanted it to, I learned that Scotus pride is a great thing. You have to play with your heart and bring your "A" game. There is much to learn by playing for such a fine institution."

What matters most when team sports take place are the lessons learned. You can't let a few bad calls ruin your time on the field. Enjoy the time, because it goes all too fast. After all, that is what high school sports are all about... not the final score. Right?



Loungin' Around

Mitch Bierbower
--Staff Reporter--

A teacher's refuge, their safe haven. The place where they become hermits and hide from their problem pupils. A mysterious place to all the students.

Every kid has their favorite hangout; why would teachers be any different? Our mentors chill in *The Teacher's Lounge*.

For years it has been, in a word, rubbish. The Scotus lounge has gone from rags to riches. A few months ago, the lounge was simple and open. Not to say it is cramped now by any means. Back then it was furnished with a measly table and a few scattered metal chairs. It had the same bathroom as it does now, but didn't include snacks. The old lounge was the same size as the new one and was equipped with lockers for random people. The carpet was grotesquely dark with years of age.

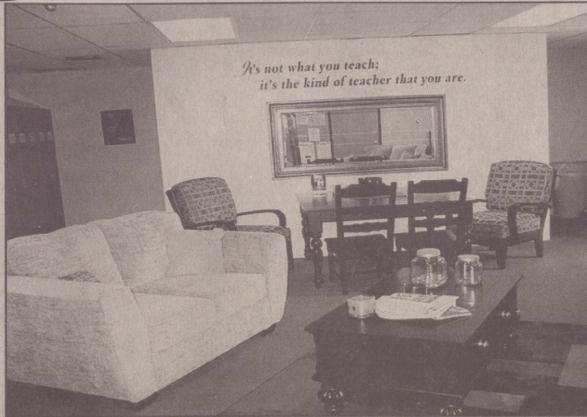
The isolated room hidden behind the senior hallway lockers has two cushiony couches with a coffee table. The teachers also have a grading table pushed against the wall, surrounded with chairs, so they can do their jobs in comfort. They have a regular single bathroom, but for some awkward reason the bathroom has two doors. What seemed weird to me—each teacher has his or her own locker with a nametag above. Unfairly. They have acquired two enormous barrels of popcorn; we the students, are forced to hide our snacks. The mailboxes have recently been mounted and they obtained a refrigerator and microwave combination. The lounge is jointly used as a conference room.

The Scotus' Mothers Club funded this remodeling, headed by Karen Mroczek. They received donations from local shops for this transformation. Every spring, they also hold the Bid-A-Bag Fundraiser.

English teacher Mrs. Kathy Johnson praised the new lounge. She said, "The lounge is very nice and is a perfect place to mingle."

The students do not seem too ecstatic about the whole lounge situation. However, they do not realize the lounge is not only for our teaching staff. This lounge benefits even the students. The new lounge is equipped with a warm blanket for the kids feeling "under the weather." When these kids lay down, they will be in comfort and hopefully be able to overcome their ailment.

The general opinion among the teachers was that the remodeling was shocking and surprising. The teachers deserve something nice from time to time. This has to be one of the best presents ever. Now, students, it is our turn. Hopefully, one day we will walk in and our hallways will be furnished with couches and lazyboys.



The redesigned teacher's lounge

Picture by Mitch Bierbower

Bringing the Green to Scotus Club shows love to Mother Earth and School

Mitch Bierbower
--Staff Reporter--

Green Club. The club is all about recycling and keeping our environment clean. The teachers for the organization are Mrs. Lahm and Mrs. Shadle. They are both passionate about our world and trying to save it.

When asked why the club was needed Mrs. Shadle responded, "Nobody ever recycles anything besides paper." She also believes the club is important to keep our world clean. This foundation is planning to make a different mentality on recycling.

The group sits at home games of all sports in order to collect bottles to advance the recycling program. When you donate these bottles and piece of candy is offered.

They will also be placing barrels in order for students and faculty to recycle their bottles. These bottles must be empty in order to be recycled. These new barrels were planned to arrive on November 14. "Hopefully this group can make less landfills and help students go on after school to continue recycling and to have a domino effect on people", quoted Mrs. Shadle.

This group of people hopes to have an extreme and snowballing effect. They help save our world. The stu-

dent leaders of this group are as passionate about this as anything. Raven Ebner emphasized, "The club is fun and interesting." She also said, "This club will affect our society by saving the earth." They give their time to make not just their world but also our world clean.

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(that is the question)**

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LEAVE HOME:

Glass, Plastic, Styrofoam, Metal, Magazines, Diapers, Aluminum

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These people are our tutors in keeping the world green and alive. Kelly Johnson is another officer of the Green Club. When asked how she expects to spread the club she responded, "By our recycling actions and by providing good examples."

Our world is being devastated by pollution and there is not enough recycling.

Green Club helps keep land prices down by keeping trash from going to landfills. They have already taken 266 pounds of tin cans and two truckloads of cardboard to be recycled.

Random Student of the Month: JOSH RYAN

Coke or Pepsi?
Mountain Dew

Do you pick your nose when no one's looking?
All the time.

Ever fake sick?
Yes (cough).

What talent do you wish you had?
I've already got all of them.

Blood type?
I don't know, red?

Favorite kind of milk?
The kind from cows.

Ever licked a 9 volt battery?
Yes (laughs), yesterday.

Which is your favorite Spice Girl?
Baby

What type of music do you dislike most?
The kind in Mr. Salyard's room

When you get a hamburger and fries, which do you eat first?
The burger.

Last thing you bought?
I can't say... fuzzy handcuffs...

Orange juice with pulp or no pulp?
No pulp, pulp's gross.

Latex or oil based paint?
Latex.

Jennifer or Angelina?
Jennifer

PB, J, or PB & J?
PB & J.

Real Shamrocks of Genius

Here's to you, Overzealous Volleyball Fans.

Home and away, you dawn your ridiculous costumes to cheer the girls to victory. Some show unity by clapping...You show unity by tie-dying!

(Dress up like a turkey!)

You push the line of decency to root on the team. The ultimate way to show your school spirit? *Stand up, sit down...Sing "Table of Plenty!"*

(I forgot the words!)

You step it up in tough times, emerging from the games more sweaty than the players. If you have a voice the next day, you weren't screaming loud enough.

(Where'd I leave my blowhorn?)

Who's got spirit? How about you? And your parents? You let the other team know that they've been hit in the face and they will never forget it.

(Let's do the wave!)

So slip into every green piece of clothing you own, and head on over to the gym. And when you see that State Championship trophy, you'll know...you've earned it!

(Overzealous Scotus Fans!)

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Scouting Out Scotus

**Katie Wozny
-Staff Reporter-**

Scotus, a six letter word. What does it mean? Perhaps it is named after the acronym for the Supreme Court of the United States. It is similar to Scottish... maybe it's a Scottish name.

The truth is, just because you attend Scotus Central Catholic High School does not mean that you are educated with the who's, when's, and why's of our school. Be ready to be schooled on the history of our school!

According to Head Development/Alumni Relations, Mr. John Schueth and the Saint Bonaventure's book, "Our Parish 100 years," Scotus has a history dating back to 1878.

In 1878, Franciscan sisters started a non-denominational Christian School.

In 1884, Saint Francis Academy opened its' doors to students through the 10th grade. Franciscan sisters ran the school.

In 1909, the school constructed a new 3-story building complete with girl's dormitories on the top floor.

In 1910, the school opened its doors for all 12 grades. The school offered all state requirements at the time. Music, piano and violin-harmony and technique art, china, painting, watercolor, oil painting and pastels were electives.

In 1915, all of the school's buildings burn in a fire caused by defective wiring. The fire caused the basement to flood, causing the walls to weaken.

In 1925, Saint Bonaventure Church bought Saint Francis Academy, and the school was renamed Saint Bonaventure's School. The school was free and five classrooms replaced the girl's dormitory.

**On September 28, 1936 the very first newspaper, the Bonaventure was printed and admitted into the "Quill and Scroll," an International Honorary Society for High School journalists.

In 1964, the school formed a corporation with nine other parishes. This corporation came together to support the school. They decided that since Saint Bonaventure's parish was no longer the only supporter, they needed to change the name.



Above the sisters of Saint Francis Academy stand in 1909. Photo courtesy of Saint Bonaventure's book, "Our Parish 100 years,"

In 1965, they decided on Scotus Central Catholic High School after the great Franciscan scholar John Dunn. Saint Bonaventure's parish originally built Memorial Hall for their Parish Hall and later donated the building to Scotus.

**Derrick Dierman
-Staff Reporter-**

There are a lot of holy people involved with Scotus that are important. From Father Loskie to John Dun Scotus.

John Dun is probably one of the most important people for our school (just before Father Loskie), because he is the namesake of our school. Well, he was such a good man that he even was called "Blessed" John Dun Scotus after he died.

John Scotus was born around 1265 in Berwickshire, Scotland. Scotus was born, and was immediately baptized and was named after St. John the Evangelist. According to www.cwtn.com, "John grew up a good boy, healthy and pure like a "little angel."

But when John was a little boy, he thought he was smarter than he actually was. All he wanted to do was read and write, and to speak the truths of faith. But he couldn't, so he decided to pray to Mary, who is called "the seat of wisdom", asking her to heal him of his dullness. Mary appeared to him and answered his prayer, so John came back to school, and astonished his

teachers and the students at how smart he had become.

Scotus was a very smart man. He even made it through college, ending up with a Bachelor's degree in Theology. So if you are looking for a role model, then John Dun Scotus is your man. In fact, if you're looking to be a teacher, his first job after college was a Theology teacher at the University of Paris. John was such a smart man that students heard from other students that his lectures were amazing, so random students ended up

coming in to listen to his lectures on Theology.

John Scotus was a very smart and kind friend to everyone, and everyone knows that you can't live forever, but you should live to the fullest and as long as you can. John didn't have that chance to live that long because he died on November 8th, 1308, at the age of 43. Right after John's death, he was immediately called "Blessed" because he was a mastermind in Theology, and had the heart of a true Saint.



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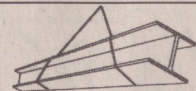
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Blinding us with science

Scotus students have opportunity to watch science in action and get out of school with new lab-based class

**MITCH
BIERBOWER**

How does science affect your daily life? This is one simple question that the class Sci-Comm, or Science in the Community, can answer.

Scotus requirements to graduate include 20 credit hours of science. That must include two of the following: biology, chemistry, physics, and earth sciences. One of these courses must include laboratory instruction.

Science in the community is the newest class to come to Scotus. This is the first year it has been offered. Mrs. Lahm is the teacher of this exciting class. She is able to tell the students how science affects their everyday lives, which kids normally do not realize.

According to Mrs. Wier, "It is a good class to take because you will be exposed to things our facilities do not have and it will be a good experience because you will be able to go to different areas out of the Scotus normal science." "It is a great opportunity for students to come in contact with businesses and labs that are not in our building."

The class also takes field trips to various destinations throughout the semester. Each of the field trips is to a different place where the

students are instructed how that certain places' job connects with science. They will study electricity, electronics, mechatronics, pneumatics, forensics, plastics, and fructose production. This class opens a variety of experiences to students that they will not be able to occur anywhere else or be able to experience ever again.

The field trips have already toured Behlen's, and will also visit BD and ADM. The class will take a trip to Central Community College for a mechatronics workshop dealing with pneumatics and electricity.

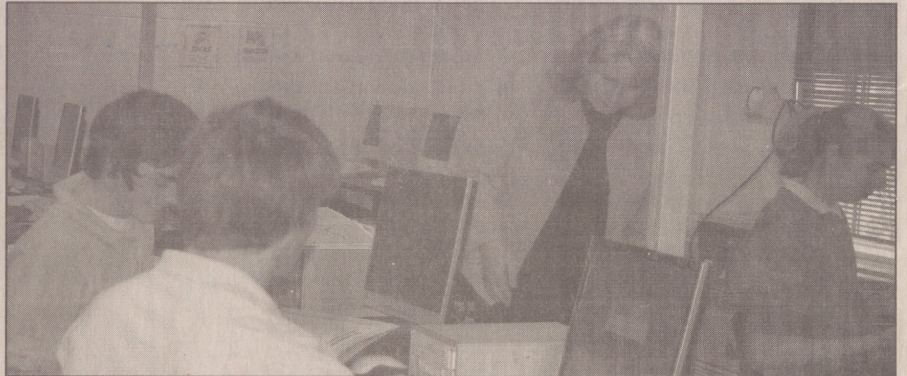
Mrs. Lahm said, "We prepare students and figure out what is done at industries in the community.

The general opinion is that the class is well liked. Senior Carly Kucera enjoys the class. "I took the class because I thought it would be fun." She also stated, "The class is made fun by the field trips the class takes and Mrs. Lahm."

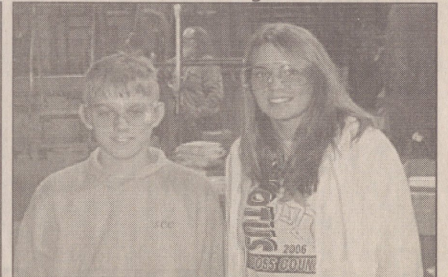
"I am most looking forward to learning about our community and being Derrick Deirman's partner."

This class is an effort to make our community a better place through educating the youth about how things work in the "real world."

It is an opportunity to make yourself a better citizen of your community.



Thinking outside the box...and classroom- Mrs. Laum shares new information in the Media Center computer lab. "Sci-Comm" students can be found in desks, behind computers, on fieldtrips, and in the Columbus High science lab.



Behlen's fashion trends- Safety is the trend this season. (left) A Behlen's worker wears protective gear. (above) Freshman Derrick Deirman and Senior Carly Kucera are ready to hit the beach, or weld something, in their killer safety goggles.

Getting jiggy with it

Student council members create rules to keep dances safe and students from dancing "dirty"

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What students see as innocent fun teachers find inappropriate and disrespectful. The students at Scotus had to learn the hard way when students were found doing the bump and grind at school dances, which is provocative and a little too sexual for some people's taste. Because of the student's sexy dance moves, teachers had no choice but to take charge of this mini-crisis and set some ground rules so the bump and grind would be no more.

The student council was a big help in making the actually rules.

Kelsey Beierman, a member of student council, explained how teachers were very upset and offended about the way students were behaving at the school dances.

"Teachers were complaining about the way students were dancing so we had to make the rules up. If we didn't there would be no more dances."

One slip-up from the student body could result in everyone getting kicked out of the dance and no more dances in the future-even prom.

That means no kissing, no moshing, no grinding, and guys have to keep their shirts on.

Some students were very upset with the new rules. They thought the rules were unnecessary, unfair, and blown way out of proportion. Senior Quentin Birkel, thought students should dance as they please.

"I think people are blowing this way out of proportion because people should be able to dance how they want to dance and show some love."

Birkel was defiantly not the only one who disagreed with having rules. Sophomore Moe Jackson stated, "I think the dances are to have fun and we shouldn't have to worry about rules." But she also commented that some of the rules are necessary, such as the moshing.

"The biggest problem was the moshing because the girls are all dressed up and when people mosh, your hair and everything gets messed up," Jackson complained. Tylour Kumpf, a member of student council, also agrees with Jackson. "When boys mosh they are always bumping into the girls and stepping on our feet and that needs to be enforced." But Junior Ben Jones disagrees with Jackson and Kumpf. He thinks that a dance isn't a dance without the moshing.

"All we want to do is mosh, and deep down, the girls like being bumped by our sweaty bodies," Jones said.

Sweaty they are! During the dances boys are dripping in sweat from head to toe almost as if they just climbed out of a pool, or as Ben Jones says, "We get steamy." many of them like to take off their nice

"All we want to do is mosh, and deep down, the girls like being bumped by our sweaty bodies."

-Junior Ben Jones

shirt and air out for a while. But not this year. There is now a rule that enforces that the guys must keep their shirts on at all times. Sorry boys!

Many of the guys don't exactly like not being able to take their shirts off. Many, including senior Kayla Duffy, agree that it gets hot in the building. "I think that the shirt rule is a little stupid because it does get overly hot and honestly who really gets turned on by Scotus

guys with no shirts on."

Although some of the guys were not happy about the no shirt rule. Jones decided to try to make a compromise. "If they provide a mist machine or something like that to cool us off, then we will leave our shirts on."

The only problem is the boys will have to leave their shirts on with or without a mist machine. If students are found breaking any of the new rules, all the students will be kicked out of the dance. This is one issue that all students found unjust. Students believe that not everyone should be punished for a couple of students bad and immature actions.

Some students, like Tylour Kumpf, believe that theses rules will only make the situation worse.

"I think that having rules may make things worse because people are just going to be jerks about it and dance bad to push the limit and make teachers mad."

Students also believe that dances are an awesome and fun way to keep kids out of trouble. "I disagree with kicking everyone out of the dance because one person messed up. I think that if everyone gets kicked out students are just going to go out and do something stupid. Dances are a good way to keep kids out of trouble for a night." Jackson also added, "Wouldn't the teachers

rather see the students dancing a little dirty than going out and getting wasted?"

It doesn't look like any of the rules are going to change any time soon because teachers and students council members feel strongly about the new changes.

Student Council President, Kristen Ostdiek says, "I think it is an issue that needs to be taken care of if we want to have dances at Scotus." "I think when people are kissing on the dance floor it makes people around them feel uncomfortable and its just not the right place to be doing that."

Students need to be taking these rules seriously weather or not they agree with them or not explains Kristen.

"It was hard to fix the issue because we knew people wouldn't take it serious and just laugh, but it is an issue and it needs to be fixed."

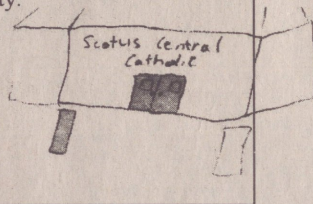


Valentines Uppers and Downers

Valentine's day. For those who are not someone it can be one of the loneliest times of the year. To tell you the truth though whose fault is that? However, for couples February 14th can be one of the most romantic times of their year. It is an excuse to buy each other gifts. That is where it goes wrong though. This year I will probably get my girlfriend some flowers or a box of chocolate. Do you know what she will get me? I don't either but my guess is nothing. The males always get the short end of the stick on Valentines Day. They buy their woman gifts and what do they receive in return? Absolutely nothing. The girls never seem to buy their man even

a simple gift. Men you will have to put up with this for the rest of your life. The girls always want to be pampered and waited on hand and foot. Valentine's is the epitome of this though, because we get nothing. However, the way I see it if you can find the right person then you will actually be willing to do this for them. To love them till death do you part? So, remember to celebrate with your loved one because either way man or woman we all need each other and Valentine's is the day of all the year to show your affection. Don't miss your opportunity.

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From: Mitch



Uses of the brand new 2nd floor water fountain



Scotus goes to Washington

Junior Anne Price reports on the trip that she and Senior Katie Wozny took to the National Walk for Life

Washington D.C. - I'd been there before, but not on a religious pilgrimage. While it does hold the highest crime rate in the country, D.C. may not seem very religious, however, the trip was quite an eye-opener.

The first stop we made was in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania on Saturday the 20th. We stopped there to think about what the Union soldiers were fighting for- the slaves, who had no voice. We later related what happened at Gettysburg so many years ago to what we were doing, we were going to be a voice for the voiceless as well, the unborn.

Mount St. Mary's Seminary and College was where the director of our trip, Fr. Cook, attended seminary, so we paid a visit to the grounds. There were statues of saints everywhere, and even though it was winter the plants and grass on the hills was still green. Mass for that day was in the Basilica of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, who was an advocate for children. Her body is there in a marble

epitaph. The next stop was on the tourist side of things. We stopped for a look at the monuments and memorials, though what I remember doing in three days on my last trip there, we covered in about six hours. The Holocaust Museum was next on the itinerary for that Sunday 21st. I'm not sure what the rest of group really got out of it, but this visit made me realize something. Abortion is the American Holocaust; it is the mass killing that has killed nearly one-third of our generation. I'd heard of abortion being called the American Holocaust before, but it wasn't until after the museum that it hit me just how big the prob-

lem was. Later that same day we attended mass at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. The church itself was beautiful. It featured art of Mary from around the world, depicting her as that nationality. After mass we toured the John Paul II Cultural Center (Sunday was the fullest day). The lower level showcased different works of religious art and explanations of different religions. The upper levels had some of his belongings on display, a showcase of nativities from around the world, and a special exhibit on Arabic Christians.

Monday the 22nd was the day of the march. The Rally for Live and Youth Mass

was at the Verizon center; there were 20,000 people there. Cardinals from around the country and a cardinal sent by Pope Benedict XVI were all in attendance. A variety of Christian bands and speakers preceded mass. Then we marched to the mall to listen to more speakers, mostly pro-life congressmen.

The real march began around 1 in the afternoon. At one point we were on top of a hill and Fr. Cook told us to look behind us. There were people as far as I could see, even after we arrived at the end there were still people coming. I was later informed that around one million people showed up for the march. Our last stop before boarding the buses was a talk with the pro-life congressmen of Nebraska.

Seeing so many people who felt so strongly about the right to life as I do was a new way to experience Washington D.C.; it was eye-opening both literally and figuratively.

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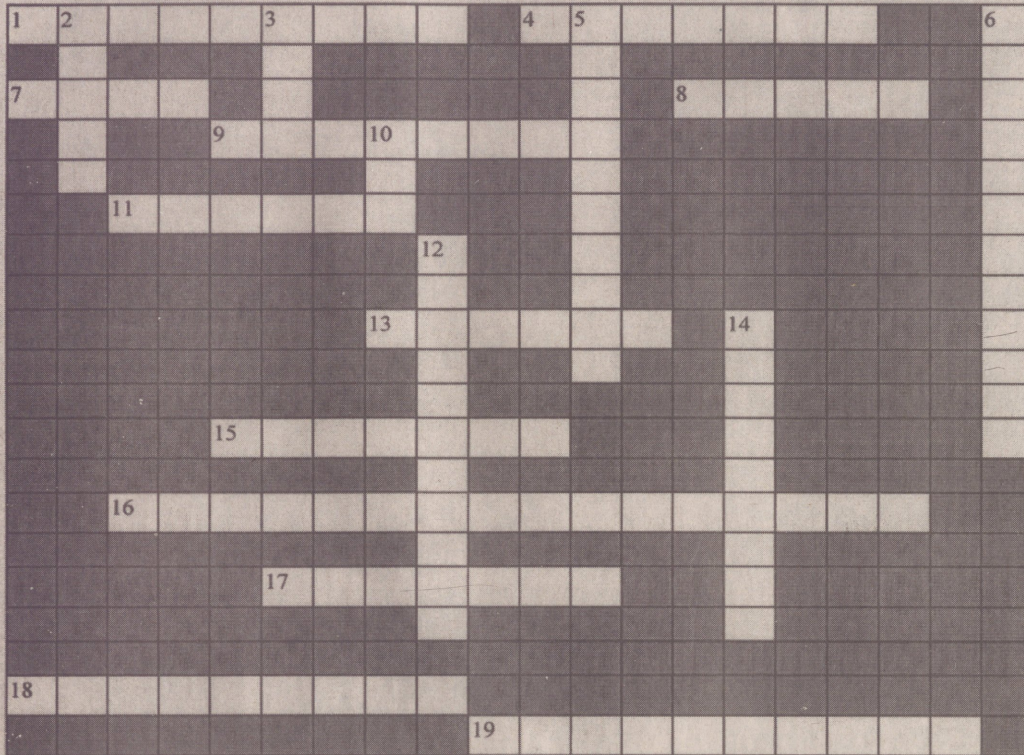
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Love is in the Air!



ACROSS

1. Life is like a box of ____.
4. "____ Love" by Soft Cell (as heard in the movie *The Coneheads*)
7. A thing that's on a calendar, or someone you take to the dance
8. The matchmaker with a bow and arrow
9. Valentine's Day is in this month
11. You may have a boy or girl ____.
13. "Love ____" by J. Geils Band (from the movie *The Wedding Singer*)
15. "____, I Love It" by Tim McGraw
16. "____ Called Love" by Queen
17. "You've Lost That Lovin' ____" by the Righteous Brothers (from the movie *Top Gun*)
18. Saint of Wednesday the 14th
19. When in doubt, buy her a ____ (think flowers)

DOWN

2. The major symbol of love
3. I ____ you!
5. "Don't Break My Heart, My ____ - ____ Heart" by Billy Ray Cyrus
6. "I Had the ____", song from *Dirty Dancing*
10. The color associated with love
12. "Love is a ____" by Pat Benatar
14. "____ Falling in Love With You" by Elvis Presley

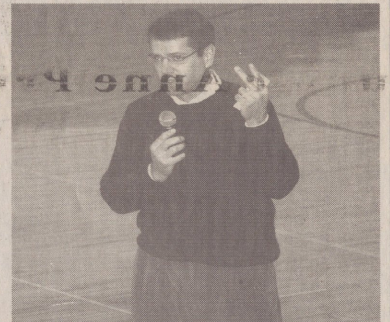


SNIFFING FOR TROUBLE- A DRUG DOG IS CAPTURED THROUGH A WINDOW, IN SEARCH FOR ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES. NONE WERE FOUND.

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Dear Nicholas,
I would like to wish you a Happy Valentine's Day. You are the sweetest person I've ever met. Thanks for always being there for me. Happy Valentine's Day.
Love, Jennifer
In addition, I would like to thank Father Jeff for casting me as Essie in the Fall Play!

Jennifer,
It's amazing how happy you make me. It's like a dream I never want to wake up from. Every day I thank God for making you a part of my life. Thank you!
Love, Nicholas
In addition, I would like to thank Father Jeff for casting me as Ed in the Fall Play!

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To Steph-
Writing this poem was not easy, I know it is sort of cheesy, Hopefully, I will hit it off the tee...
Will you go to Prom with me?
-From you know who

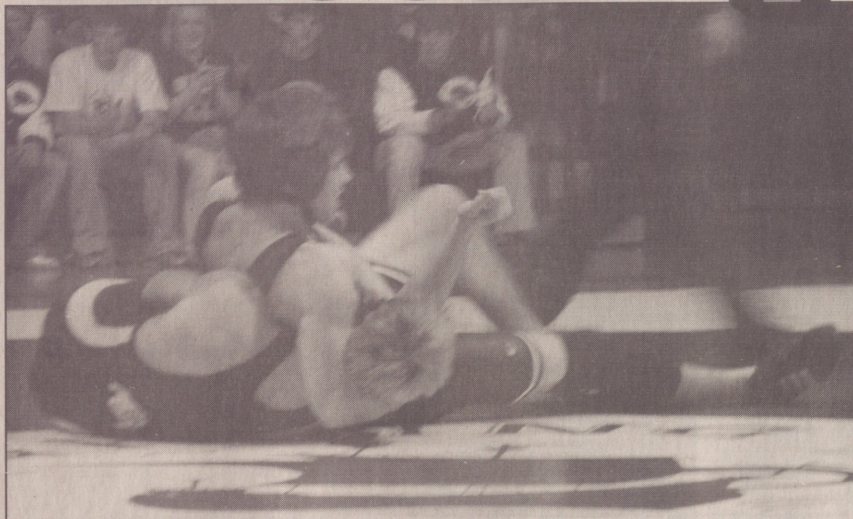
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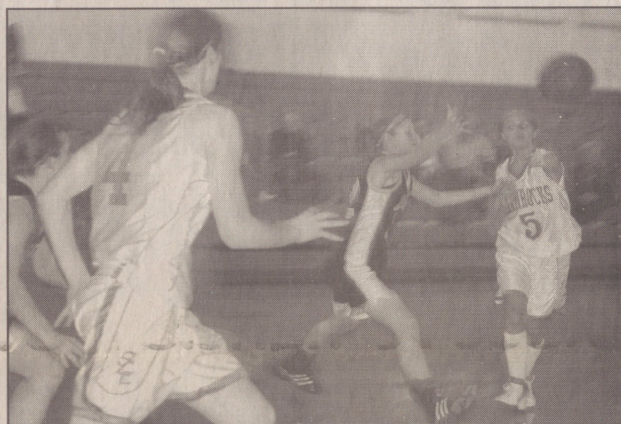
Brent Albracht earns a pin during a recent match at CHS

*A tribute
to the Scotus
athletes and
teammates of the
Winter season*

Basketball



Kellie Korth and the Lady Shamrocks during a home win against David City Aquinas



Jaia Gutierrez (5) makes a pass during a win at home against David City Aquinas on Feb. 1st.

SWIMMING

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LUCAS BACKMAN GOES UP FOR A 2-POINTER IN A HOME WIN AGAINST MOUNT MICHAEL.



Go talk SPEECH to a wall

(Right) Elizabeth Suess receives 10th place at the Lincoln Northeast Speech Invite. Lauren Wright and Katelyn Sonderman find their southern selves before a duet.

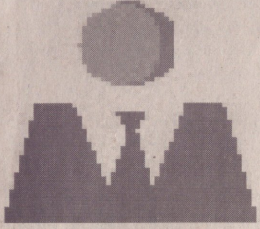


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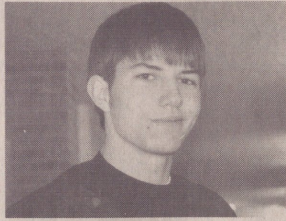
Pick the single most charming person ever...

Name the worst thing you did to someone emotionally...



Kip Kudron

"Joe because he's so smooth with the ladies"



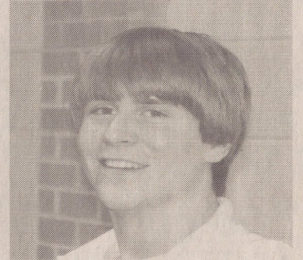
Brent Albracht

"Rob because hes a smooth talker"



Kayla Duffy

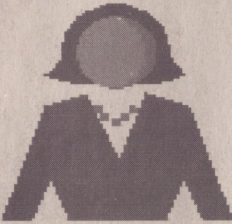
"Wanted to break up with Jake because he wore whity-tightys"



Scott Jarecke

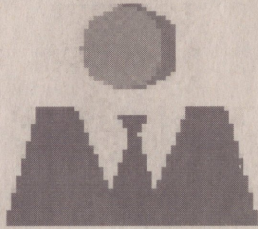
"Hit Liz in the face with a swinging door then made her walk home after our date"

Giving up for lent.....



Kelsey Newman

"Biting my fingernails"



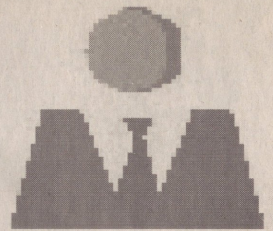
Kip Kudron

"Nothing, no need to"



Jacy Gasper

"Broke up with my boyfriend on msn"



Kip Kudron

"Made fun of Joe for being so juicy"

Most romantic movie....



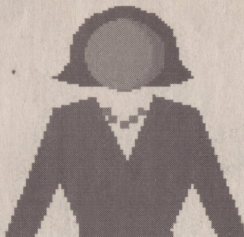
Shelby Johnson

"Dirty dancing because the guy in it would do anything for the girl without a cost"



Alex Kuta

"Notebook, it made me tear up"



Lexie Gutzmer

"moulinrouge because its a romantic movie in certain ways"

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Make A Joyful Noise!

Shamrock Singers take the stage



Name a famous athlete. Now, name a famous singer. You probably were able to think of both. Good. Now, name a Scotus athlete. Lastly, name a member of the Shamrock singers...yeah- you are probably still thinking.

Scotus sometimes seems dominated by sports and stats. You are bound to be popular if you are the star jock. However, if you are standing in the real spotlights during song or dance you will probably not be as famous.

While the posters, attention, and fans are all focused on sports, the Shamrock Singers grace us with music at Church, compete at meets, and travel to various places to perform.

Being a Shamrock Singer includes taking Ms. Gardener's class. The Shamrock Singers hold tryouts every year. You must first pass her test and be accepted into the class. Once in the class you will perform the typical music scene.

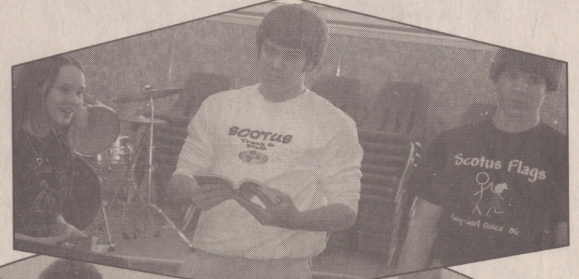
You will sing songs, learn notes, try tongue twisters, and do the stretches that help your diaphragm to expand. You will have the opportunity to sing to your classmates. You might also be able to perform duos or even a solo- if you're good! You will be able to compete in other concerts including the District music contest. You'll be hired by local companies to sing at parties, and even get to take a trip to Florida. Being a Shamrock singer is a full year task.

Senior Scott Ackman takes the class. Scott is a singer, but he also participates in sports such as football. He said, "The class is crazy-I'm the only sports person."

With responses like this it is needless to say that singers are under-publicized compared to the athletes. Scott also said, "The reason I took the class is for art credit hours. Then I found out I can't even get them, so now I take the class for fun."

Splitting time between two things is not easy. Scott splits his time between sports and music. "Sports actually get the bulk of my time."

"The Shamrock Singers class gets absolutely no attention; they are so underrated."



Congratulations to Kristin Wrubel for making state choir. She had the opportunity to audition and was one of the five people chosen from her site. Those five then had the chance to sing with other students all around the state.

Kristin has been singing since she was a sophomore and says she has always been interested in music.

She plans on majoring or minoring in musical performance. Wrubel believes that music is really im-

portant in life. "Music has helped me in many ways, singing is my getaway."

She has also made many friends from music. "It's not like other sports. You aren't competing, and you have the chance to make friends with people".

Some of Wrubel's other accomplishments are: Hastings honor choir, offered a music scholarship, and has attended districts every year and has had top ratings. Congratulations to you again!

Shamrock Singers roster includes the following teammates:

Scott Ackman, Anna Boeding, Jennifer Fisher, Megan Kresha, Katie Michaelson, Nicholas Raimondo, Molly Schacher, Kelsey Seckel, Mark Siegel, Eric Sinovic, Noah Swartz, Lauren Wright, Kristin Wrubel, Amanda Zywiec.

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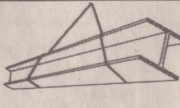
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GALA to be a "treasure"-filled evening A Night on Treasure Island theme for 2007 fundraiser

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been raising money from this event for 26 years; Scotus has earned close to 1 million dollars during this time from the Gala fundraiser.

Mr. John Scheuth, our development director, is involved with making this monstrous project a success. "It takes a whole year to get this thing going," Scheuth said.

"We start right after our last Gala is over and start the planning then."

If this fundraiser is bringing our school money it must be worth the time and effort.

"Last year some of the profits helped to buy the new surveillance system," noted Schueth, "and this year we hope for new lockers in the science wing."

There are six couples, all parents of current Scotus students, who run the show. The couples consist of two groups -the Vice Chairs and the Co-Chairs.

The Co-chairs- last year's Vice-Chairs- this year are Anne and Pat Novicki, Amy and Tim Harrington, and Cathy and Jeff Gokie. The Vice-chairs to help them are Rey and Lori Jarecki, Rex and Liz Kumpf, and Tim and Diann Schacher.

All of these people must work hard to keep things moving. "We have to oversee everything and we want to do our part for the school," Co-Chair Amy Harrington explained.

The co-chairs will get into the spirit of the evening by dressing as pirates to go along with the theme of *A Night on Treasure Island*.

This year there are an estimated 600 people expected to attend- not including 125 volunteers to help ensure that everything runs smoothly.

The event starts with a silent auction at 5:00, which ends at 7:45. This is an auction where people put their names on

Gala, which will be held on Saturday, April 14th, is our school's largest annual fundraiser. The Shamrocks have

a piece of paper in order to bet. The auction will consist of seven tables with approximately 700 items. A few examples include golf lessons, cookware, "jeans days," a YMCA membership and much more.

The welcome address and prayer begins at 7:15, with the dinner beginning after that. After everyone has feasted their faces, there will be drawings. One drawing will be for jewelry boxes. Three special winners will find an additional treasure- diamonds- inside!

At 8:20, the Grand Auction is scheduled to begin. This is the biggest part of the Gala. An actual auctioneer is brought in for this part of the auction and the largest items are up for bid during this period.

This year, Scotus has a baseball signed by former Husker, now Kansas City Royal, Alex Gordon. A guitar signed by Country Music Star George Strait, and a \$5,000 golf trip to California will also be auctioned. At 9:15 there is a wine-give-away drawing.

Governor Dave Heineman and First Lady Sally Ganem will be in attendance again this year.

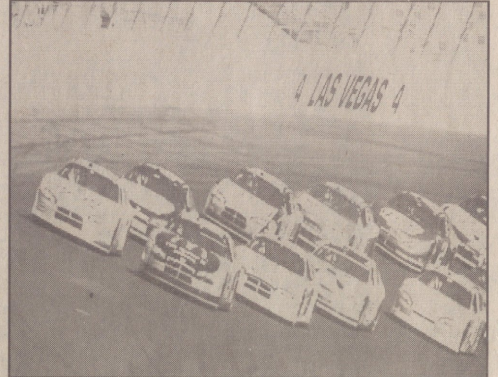
They have donated three packages to be auctioned; each of these packages will entitle the recipient to cocktails, dinner, and a private tour of the Governor's home. This package will be sold to groups of four.

The final large raffle tickets cost \$100 a piece with only 700 tickets available. The grand prize winner, however, can decide between a new Toyota Camry LE, Tacoma truck, or \$10,000 cold hard cash.

The Gala wraps up this year after the Car Raffle Drawing at 11:00 and will have hopefully raked in the bucks for Scotus' benefit.

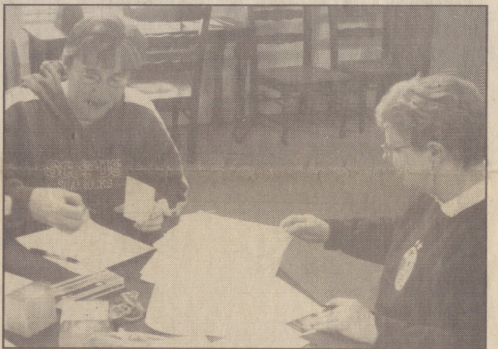
Amy Harrington praised the GALA saying, "it's a lot of work but I like the people we work with and that makes the whole thing fun."

Principal Wayne Morfeld is excited about Gala's contributions to Scotus. "The success of gala is essential to the well-being of our school!"



AHOY, THERE MATIE!- (Above) One coveted prize that Gala-goers might "fight to the death" for is a 3-day getaway to the Las Vegas Motor Speedway.

(Below) Volunteers Jo Suess (left) and Janice Rosenquist (right) may feel like "walking the plank" after creating placecards for the estimated 600 Gala attendees who have reservations for the event.



Blood flows through veins of Scotus Students give until they bleed at annual American Red Cross Midwest Region blood drive; Goal surpassed for drive

Giving helps others to live longer, fuller lives. The blood drive was recently held at Scotus. The school had a goal of 95 total units; Scotus produced 109 total units of different kinds of blood to beat their goal.

It takes time and effort to get this organized. Mrs. Dusel is the blood drive coordinator. "I find the people to donate; I go to the classrooms and inform students about the drive so they know its purpose," Dusel said.

Dusel first gave blood in 1991. She recalls, "I remember I had a big bruise on my arm the first time I donated, but since then I have given 36 pints."

This time around, the blood drive had a total of 117 people that attempted to give blood. Four of these people were deferred from giving blood and five did not finish. Each unit is measured as a pint.

There were 103 whole blood units that were donated along with six double red units. The double red units are when blood is taken, the red blood cells are taken out of your blood, and then the blood is put back into the donor. This process is done twice, hence the name *double red units*. However, you will not be able to donate for twice as long if you meet the qualifications to do this.

There were 83 volunteers who helped with all sorts of activities, such as: working during the drive, helping set up or clean up, subbing for a teacher who was donating, and

bringing food or beverages for the canteen.

Each year multiple people die from loss of blood. Others might need transfusions, dependant on donor blood. Scotus blood will help these people to live their lives to the fullest. Each student has the opportunity to save lives but does not always do it. There is little pain involved and it will make you feel like a better person.

It made Donor Jacob Staroscik better about himself. "I feel good about giving blood- I am giving the gift of life."

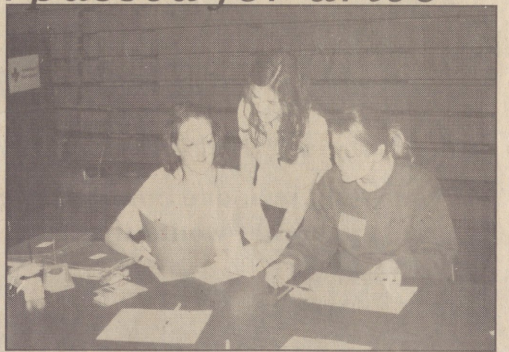
Many people use excuses like they are nervous or it is going to hurt. Staroscik put these falsehoods to rest.

"I wasn't worried at all about giving blood; I was more worried about getting my religion paper done."

Every person has doubts about the blood drive and everyone has favorite and least favorite parts. Staroscik said, "My favorite part was working the canteen and my least was the annoying singing guy."

Mrs. Dusel was proud of the students. "I like to see how the students are able to see that it's not even that bad giving blood.

"This is a help to Scotus because people can now see that we are doing something good for the community."



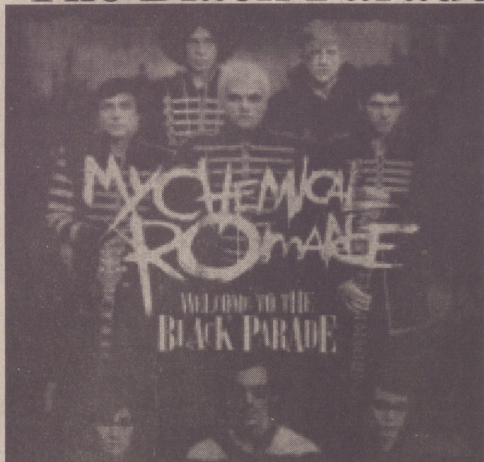
SCOTUS FACULTY AND STUDENTS GIVE 'TIL IT HURTS- (Above) Kayla Duffy, Jen Fischer, and Sarah Sackett check in students, (Below)- Mrs. Podliska, and (far left) Jacob Staroscik show their Scotus spirit as they give blood.

By the Numbers

95- Scotus Goal
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My Chemical Romance: The Black Parade



This is not your typical marching band. My Chemical Romance is back out with their latest album- *The Black Parade*.

This is CD number two- not including their first CD, *I Brought you My Bullets; You Brought Me your Love*, which was recorded with different band members. This CD succeeded *Three Cheers for Sweet Revenge*.

Vocalist Gerrard Way, who is a leader for the band, heads the alternative rock band. He is backed by a quartet of extremely avid instrumentalists.

After breaking out big and touring with bands like The Used on "The Taste of Chaos" tour a couple of years ago, it was time for the band to spark new-ideas and keep their success going with brilliantly focused music and deep lyrics.

The last two CDs are the only ones that are comparable; the first one was nothing spectacular.

The second and most-recent CD, recorded with the current band, are both top of the line. The very first CD they made is not even the same genre.

If this newest album is not their best, then it is tied with their second. Their second is what made them mainstream, therefore this CD must hold up with tradition.

This music is their typical alternative

rock, along with their mesmerizing lyrics. Those My Chem fans that are accustomed to their unique lyrics will be satisfied with the bands creativity once again.

The band sold 240,000 copies in its first week. That digit is dramatically exceeding the 38,000 of the first week of their previous CD, according to Wikipedia.com.

The Black Parade My Chemical Romance

*Third CD
*14 Tracks
*52 Minutes
*\$13.99

3 out of 4 Shamrocks

Recently, the lead singer Gerrard changed his looks dramatically, by chopping of his long black hair and dying it white. He did this to help sell the CD. He said it was supposed to imitate someone going through chemotherapy, since the whole CD is based on a kid who dies from cancer. This does *not*, however, bring your mood down to an all time low.

The CD has 14 tracks on the CD and runs at an average price of \$13.99 on Amazon.com.

The Black Parade is overall one of the best they could envision. It is well worth the price for any person that is an MCR fan. Even for those kids who have never heard of the band should give them at least a try. The bands rock solid performance on this CD makes the final product an absolute work of art that is 52 minutes long.

The masterpiece would get 3 Shamrocks out of 4 for my review and is definitely recommended for all ages. - MB

COMPLETELY RANDOM

QUESTIONS OF THE MONTH

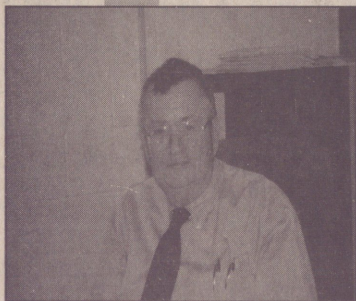
If you could own one building in existence what would it be?



"The pyramid of Giza because I always wanted to sit on a throne."----Tanner Johnson



"White House- to kick out President Bush."----Cade Hoefer, Austin Wortman, and Jake Kratochvil



If you could ask God one question what would it be?

"Why must people hate so much?"---Mr. Deierman

If you could have only one piece of furniture in your house what would it be?

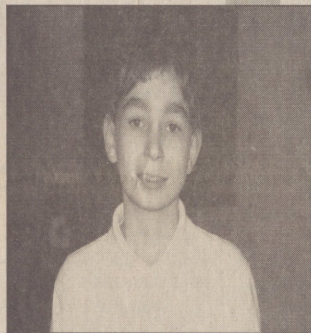


"a toilet" ----Nick Zarek



"Futon"----Mark Siegel

If you could have one free service in your home what would it be?



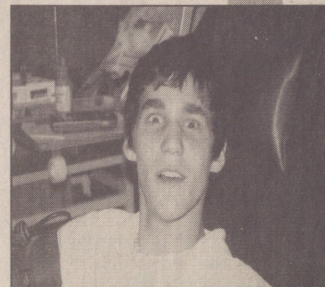
"Someone to feed the animals because I live on a farm."----Mark Ternus

If you could have written one song ever what would it be?

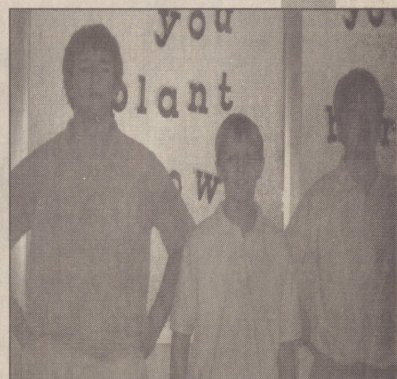


"Wish You Were Here by Pink Floyd because it has a guy on fire on the cover."--Eric Sinovic

If you could possess one supernatural ability what would it be?



"Invincibility because I don't want to be destructable."----Chris Herdzina



"Invisibility- when we do weird things people won't be able to see them" --- Alex Bolte, Josh Spenner, and Ryan Ohnoutka

If you could fall asleep each night with your head resting on anything other than your pillow, what would it be?



"Nothing- I would be fine."----Joe Chlopek.

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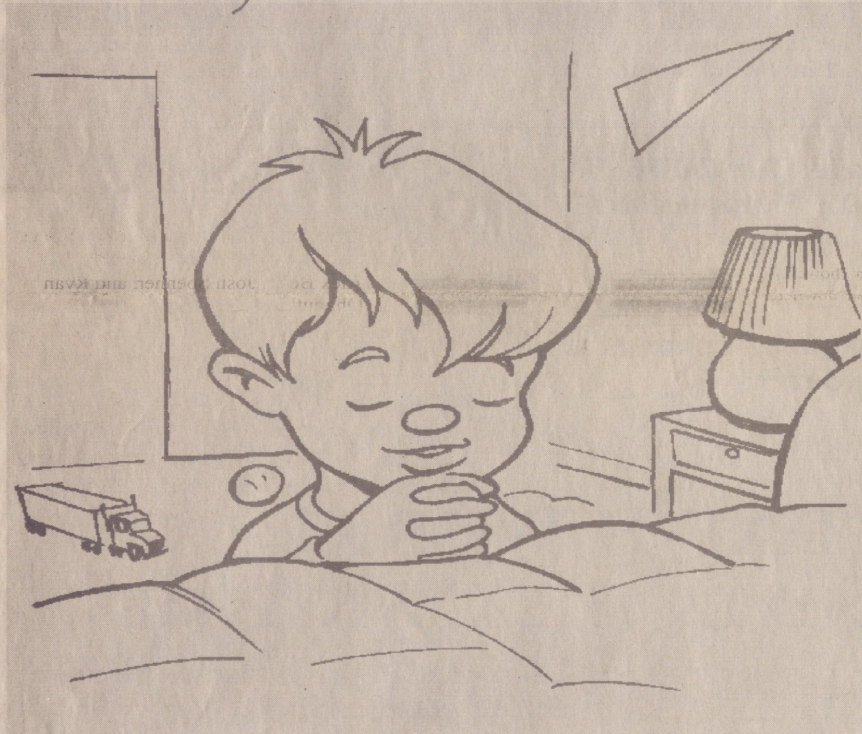
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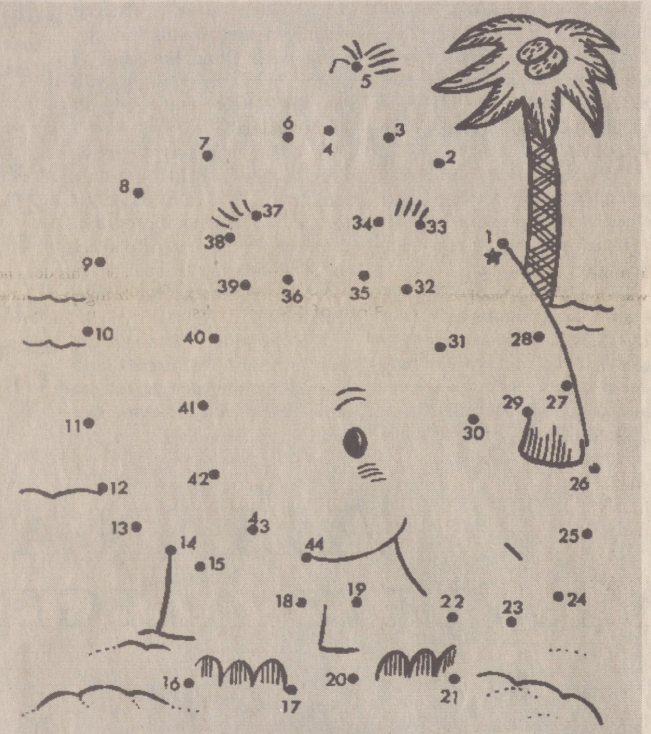
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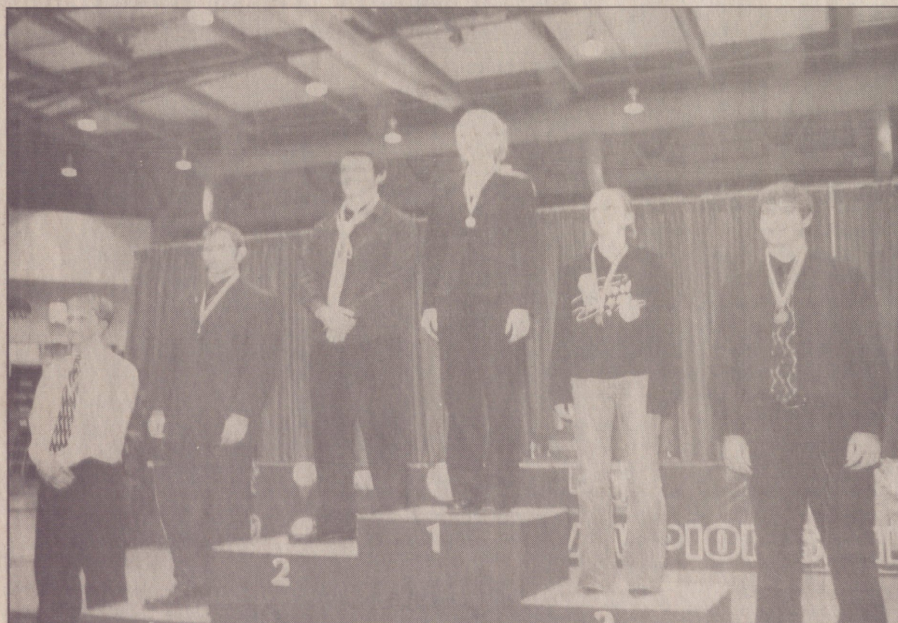
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Connect the dots



Schumacher brings home the GOLD



"I won, I won, I won, I won!"- Character "Marge," from "Louder, I Can't Hear You" says it best as Senior Lauren Schumacher accepts her first place medal at the State Speech meet in Kearney on March 15th. Schumacher won with her adaptation of the play.

Speech districts were tough this year. Really tough. Competing against the 2006 Class C state champion and runner-up, and then adding the 2006 Class B State champion team into the mix, districts were more like state. Actually...the competition may have been a little tougher than that seen in Kearney at the 2007 State Speech Competition.

Which is maybe why, after beating out rivals David City, Raymond Central, and Wahoo Neumann, Senior Lauren Schumacher left the competition at State in the dust...that is, after leaving them rolling in the isles.

Schumacher was the sole Scotus qualifier for the State meet, held March 15th on the UNK campus. She qualified with her adaptation of the play, "Louder, I Can't Hear You," by William Gleason.

She competed in the event of Humorous Prose, where she had to find a published play or reading, and then present it, without props or a script. To add to the level of difficulty, Schumacher chose a script with three characters. Each character had its own voice, stance, and demeanor- Anne, a frantic teenager, Marge, a mother having a breakdown, and Oscar, a father who JUST WANTS HIS DINNER!

"Lauren was amazing to watch," Speech Coach Sarah Borgman said. "All of the work she did and changes she made through the season culminated with her last performance during finals- she was just perfect."

And how excited was Lauren to bring home the coveted first place medal? "Very!" Schumacher exclaimed. "I was shocked; I didn't believe it!"

The 2006-2007 Speech team walked away with many medals, awards and accolades during the season, including a hard-fought 4th place at Districts, held at David City High School.

Borgman was happy with the team's performance. "Overall, our team did an outstanding job this season. More than just medals, we saw students improve and place in finals who had never placed before.

"We'll miss our seniors, but hope to have a strong team next year!"

LITTLE GUYS GO BIG INSTEAD OF GOING HOME: THANKS TO THE HELP OF A GRAND COACH

MITCH BIERBOWER

Is it the greatest boys basketball team to grace Scotus with its presence?

It looks this way as the freshman team went 14-0 under the skilled, intelligent coaching

of Coach Ohnoutka. This is one of the only boys Scotus teams to have a winning record in the past few years, unfortunately. Hopefully, this will be a start to a Scotus basketball dynasty.

It is always important to have a strong leader to be successful. The freshman found this in their marvelous coach, Coach Ohnoutka.

The team was good because of the coach according to Aaron Bos. "Our team has been brought success from Coach Ohnoutka."

"Our coach kept us in line throughout the season and helped us to improve."

Other players on the team praised the coaching.

"Coach Ohnoutka brought this team together for us," Trace Murray said. He boasted very highly of the team, "Our hard work at practice helps us to continue to excel in basketball."

Just as the players

praised the coach highly the coach returned the favor. Coach Ohnoutka felt the team worked well together,

"I feel good about my team's accomplishments and undefeated season. Each one of our players contributed to the success of the team."

When a team is flowing with chemistry as high as these guys it seems as though they are unstoppable. This was the case for the freshman team this season, as they destroyed most of their competition to end in a triumphant fashion by going undefeated.

It is also easier to succeed when you are having fun and doing well. Ohnoutka said, "I had a lot of fun working with these guys because they are all hard workers."

This team has the possibility to continue their extreme dominance. With Scotus on its heels in the basketball program, it is time for a squad of players that will be able to stick with and even defeat the toughest of competition.

"To continue their success they must try to improve and learn something new about the game every day," Ohnoutka said.

"Our coach kept us in line throughout the season and helped us to improve."

-Aaron Bos



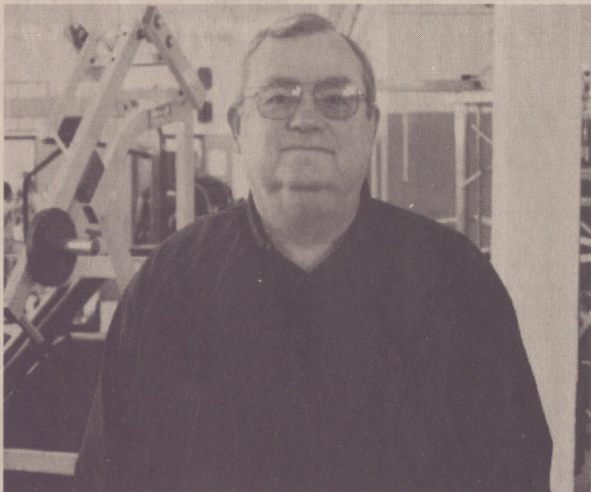
Top Left: Dalton Leu, Kyle Christensen, Trace Murray, Shawn Schumacher, Alex Kuta
Bottom Left: Dirrick Dierman, Matt Puckett, Aaron Bos, Dillon Clarey, Eric Modde

ABOVE: THE 2006-2007 FRESHMAN BASKETBALL TEAM

RIGHT: THE FRESHMAN BASKETBALL COACH MR. OHNOUTKA



ALL IN A DAY'S WORK: MR. PUETZ- A LEGEND IN HIS OWN TIME



MEG HARRINGTON

A teacher, a coach, a friend, and a trustworthy co-worker. These qualities all describe Mr. Puetz, the Activities director at Scotus. Mr. Puetz has been at Scotus for over 11 years and is still up and running.

He enjoys working here at Scotus. "I like the people and I think Scotus is a great school. Also it has great students and backing of the community."

Mr. Puetz job as an activities director means he is responsible for the supervision and development of

the activities program. The job goal would be to provide a well-rounded athletic and activity program for students. General areas of responsibilities are categorized into organization, instruction, personnel, and school management, As stated in the job requirements.

This was not Mr. Puetz' only job. He began teaching in New Castle in the fall of 1972 as a social studies teacher. Then in 1995 he came to Scotus and became the football, track, and P.E. teacher. Puetz was only planning to stay for a couple years, but decided to stay because he just like it that much.

He liked the students and the staff.

"People that I have worked with have been here just as long as I have and it's a good group to work here with."

Mr. Puetz starts his work at 6:30 A.M. and some nights ends around 10:30 P.M. He opens the weight room in the morning and covers all the home games at night. He not only does that, but he schedules gym times, transportation, and ordering of the equipment.

Mr. Puetz says his favorite part of his job is "working with the coaches, and watching the kids compete." He explains that there is no real bad part about his job he loves it all.

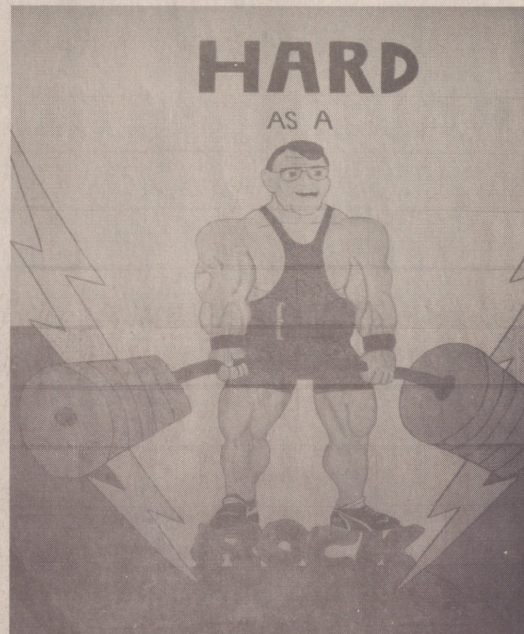
"It is never the same thing so it never gets boring." But if he had to pick one thing, Puetz says, "the worst thing about my job is having to disciplining the students. I hate having to make them sit out if they are ineligible or something like that."

Puetz also sent his two sons to Scotus and was able to coach them, which was one of the best experiences, "I was able to watch them become better players. It was a challenge, but also a lot of fun."

Scotus has become a big part in Mr. Puetz's life. "It has been a positive experience and a great run and I hope to retire from Scotus in a couple years."

LEFT: MR. PUETZ IS SHOWN IN FAMILIAR SURROUNDINGS.

BELOW: MR. PUETZ IS HONORED FOR GENERATIONS TO COME IN A PAINTING OF HIM THAT IS DISPLAYED IN THE WEIGHTROOM.



Students show singing, dancing talent Seniors say good-bye to showbiz after 'My Favorite Year'

MEG HARRINGTON

Two-thumbs up and laugh out loud funny! The play, titled *My Favorite Year* and directed by Fr. Loseke and Mrs. Gardner, seemed to be a hit when it was featured February 16-17.

The audience seemed to love it, enjoying the funny banter, and hilarious dancing numbers. The sword duel was flat-out awesome.

The cast and crew, including Senior Kristin Wrubel, enjoyed it as well.

"They felt really good about the play this year and it seemed like people really enjoyed it," Wrubel, one of the cast members, stated.

Wrubel has been active in school plays and musicals since she was a freshman and is sad to see it all come to an end.

"As a senior, I will miss the SCC stage

and everything that it has done for me. This was my fourth and final musical in high school and it is what I will miss the most."

Kristin hopes to continue her acting beyond high school. She hopes to act more in college. Acting has taught Kristin many things that may help her in the future.

"Working with people, taking direction, building self-confidence, speaking in front of people, and finding yourself are things that acting has helped me with."

Elizabeth Suess and Lizzie Powers are also seniors who have been in showbiz all through high school.

Powers started playing the piano for the musicals in junior high and decided to stay with it all through high school.

She is glad that she stuck with it and thinks it was a fun experience.

"I met some of my best friends through

that, and I have become closer to them," Powers said.

She is most confident that she wants to study it in college.

"Doing the plays is hard work and it takes a lot of practice, so when I look at other music it seems like nothing compared to the plays and I think that has helped me a lot."

Suess agrees with Powers. "It was a lot of fun and it taught me how to get along with people much better- even people I haven't always got along with."

Being in the musical has also helped Suess built up her confidence. She now feels that it is easier to walk up to people and talk to them.

Elizabeth has been acting in the plays



since she was a freshman and hopes to continue it after high school.

She doesn't know if she wants to study it but she would like to get into the community playhouse "or something like that."

Many, such as Music Director Mrs. Gardner, are sad to see the seniors go.

"We will miss them, they have been great to work with. I just hope they will continue it into college."

Although they are leaving... in the Sco-tus entertainment world, *the show must go on!*

"As a senior I will miss the SCC stage and everything that it has done for me."

-Senior Kristin Wrubel



Top: (from left) Josh Ryan and Noah Schwartz feud over ideals.

Bottom Right: (from left) Lauren Wright, Sarah Swope, Katelyn Sonderman, and Meghan Kreisha perform a commercial ditty.

(left) Arturo Spindola acts like a clown, and dresses the part during the play.



Strut Your Stuff:

Becoming a Shamrock Stud

Event sponsored by Student Council raises money, food for Simon House

On March 12, for only \$2 or two cans of food, the city of Columbus had the opportunity to watch ten chosen senior Scotus boys strut their stuff and woo the judges and audience.

Mr. Shamrock was sponsored by the High School Student Council. Two-hundred nineteen food items and \$245 for the Simon House were collected.

The boys would be judged on three categories: Talent, "catch that dream girl outfit," and interview.

The ten contestants were: Scott Ackman, Brent Albracht, Rob Baer, Cody Hellbusch, Danny Johnson, Kyle Mroczek, Lance Schmidt, Mark Siegel, Travis Wieser, and Danny Zach.

Danny Johnson was crowned Mr. Shamrock this year, and was surprised. "It was really great to win. I didn't actually think I was going to," Johnson stated.

To prepare, Johnson practiced once to make sure he had everything ready for such stiff competition.

"There were some really great competitors this year," Travis Wieser, another contestant, commented.

Runner-up Mark Siegel was one of them. Mark was confident going into his act and it showed because he put on a great show that was hard to compete against.

"I was pretty confident, I felt I had some pretty good stuff prepared," Siegel said.

"All in all I was satisfied with it."

But not all the guys were as confident as Siegel.

Cody Hellbusch was a little nervous going into the competition, but excited at the same time.

Hellbusch also spent a lot of time preparing for this one special day.

"To get prepared I drank three cups of raw eggs and made sure I practiced three times a day."

Although he did not win he wasn't too upset." I'm not that upset that I didn't win because my mom said that I was still a winner in her heart."

Rob Baer, on the other hand, was a little sour about not winning.

"I got hosed over- because who doesn't like bubbles?" Baer said, referring to his talent.

"I knew it was going to be a hard competition and I was just going to have to blow the best bubbles I could. I guess in the end I just didn't have what it took."

Although there was only one winner, the guys seemed to have fun.

"I had a good time making a fool of myself," Weiser said. Not only did they all have fun but the audience did as well.

"I thought it was really funny," Scott Jarecke, a senior watching from the audience, said.

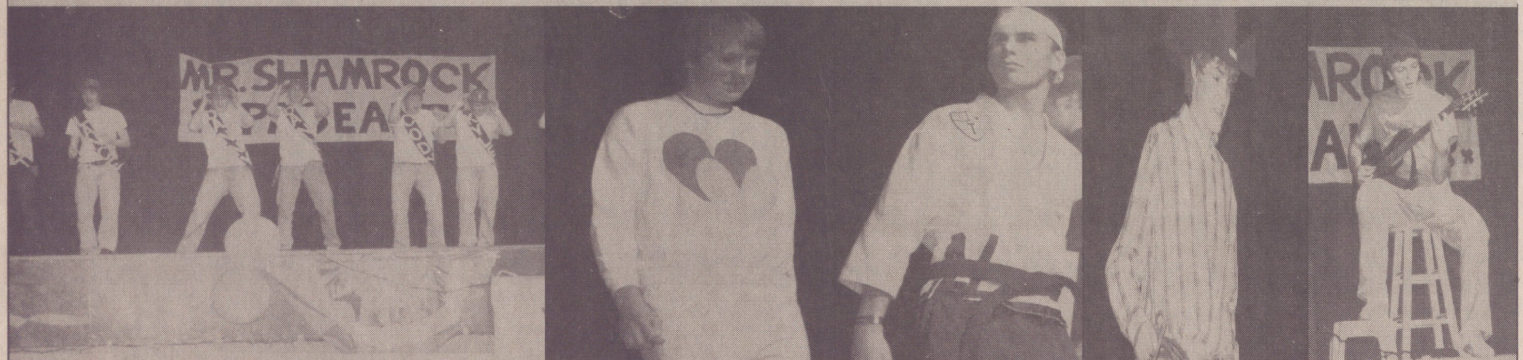
Tanner Johnson, another senior watching from the audience, agreed with Jarecke but was a little disappointed in one thing.

"I was disappointed that there was no swimsuit competition."

Maybe there will be one next year- you will just have to go and find out.

"I'm not that upset that I didn't win because my mom said that I was still a winner in her heart."

-Contestant Cody Hellbusch



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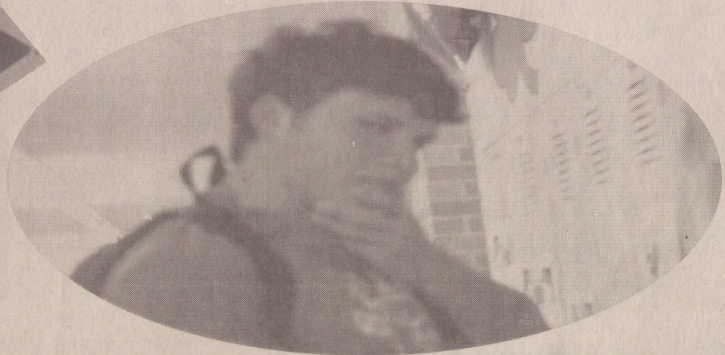
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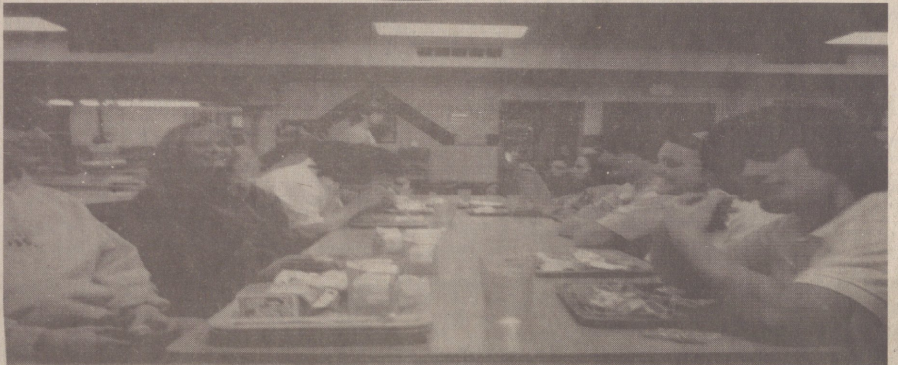
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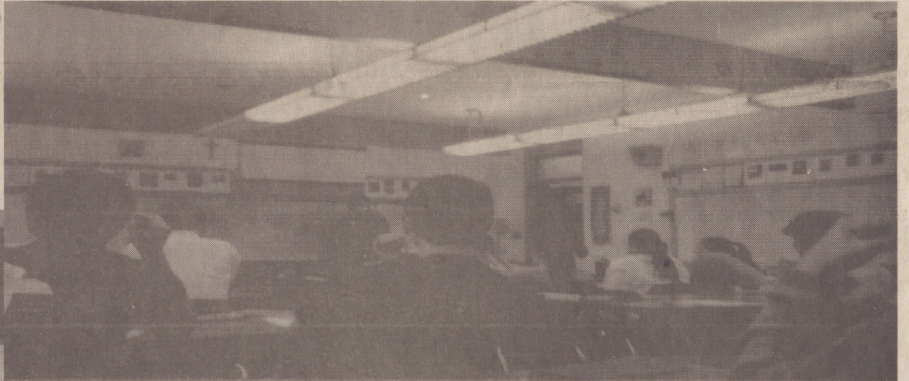
Kyle loves taking several bathroom breaks during a long day at school



Kyle working hard on his newsweek



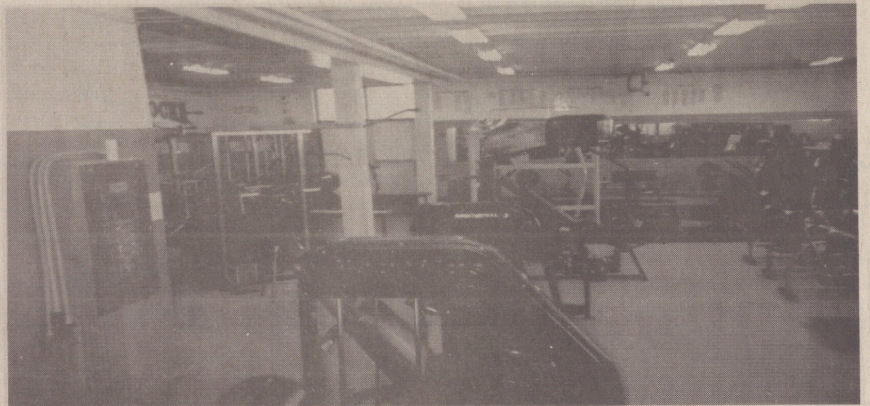
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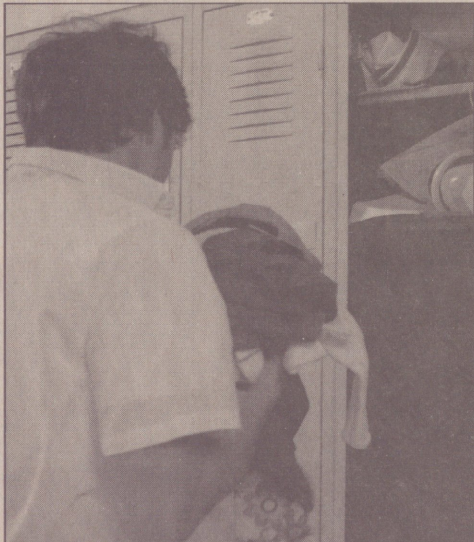
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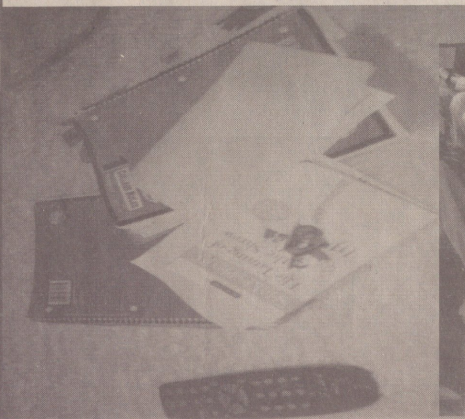
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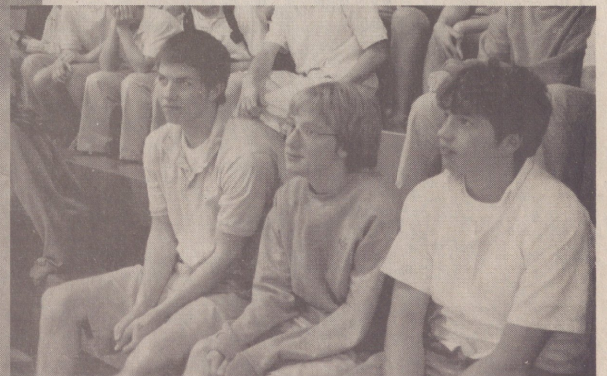
The gym in which Kyle goes to get beefy for the ladies



Kyle getting ready to go home after a hard long day



Kyles Homework



Kyle with his friends