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SCOTUS ROYALTY . . . King Bob Kosch and Queen Conne Thalken.

The Chaburah Calls

The Mass has been changed this year from the schedule we followed last year. Most of the students are in study hall when the Eucharist is celebrated, and may attend Eucharist at this time. Therefore it is up to the students to put forth their effort to attend Mass.

Father Meyer said, "Unless you begin to relate person to person, I wonder how successful you will be in the presence of Christ in the Mass." A student therefore must be able to have a person to person relationship and must be open, honest and faithful to another person before he can have this relationship with Christ.

Mass will be celebrated at any-

time during the day if the students request it and if Father Meyer or Father Adams is available. The Mass schedule for October is as follows:

Monday—Third Period 10:50
Father Adams
Sixth Period 2:10
Father Meyer
Tuesday—Fifth Period 1:15
Father Meyer
Wednesday—Eighth Grade 10:11
Father Meyer
Thursday—Second Period 10:00
Father Meyer
Seventh Grade 1:40
Father Adams
Friday—Before School 7:55
Father Adams

Scotus and JA Make it a team

With the first weeks of school mastered, some 58 Scotus students sought to enlighten their minds in the fields of company management. This is probably a medium turnout for Junior Achievement. Many changes have been made to make the profitable organization even more successful than in past years. It seems, however, that only Scotus students joined this year, but it is hopeful that enough students from Lakeview will join to form another company. There are four companies at the present time.

To promote more competition, all-girl companies will battle against all-boy companies. The radio company will be in business again this year with both sexes working together.

The various companies are all under the supervision of these prominent businessmen: Mr. Spencer Norton, Head Program Director, and Mr. Gene Krueger, Sub-head Program Director. The well-known former Junior Achiever Gene Konwinski is returning this year to serve as a sort of floating advisor to all companies.

Each individual corporation has its three veteran advisors who will get things started. They will attend the first five meetings and then drop out. After this, those mentioned above will be advisors to all companies.

The companies have all been diligently selling stock and planning products for the coming year. Karen Konwinski was elected president of the Miss Executives and they plan to produce cutting boards. The JA Exec's plan is to edit a newspaper entitled the **Gossip Gazette**. The paper, of which Loretta Micek is editor, plans to cover news from the three high schools here in Columbus and from Junior Achievement. The president of this company is Rosie Mrzлак. Dave Schaecher, president of the JA Male Producers, has great plans for his boys, and they have decided to produce personalized doormats. The president of the J-Triple-A Company, Marie Zoucha, plans to have the regular program with the help of K-TTT.

It will be interesting to see which company will come out on top.

Scotus Seniors In Upper 2%

Congratulations to Seniors, Mike McMeekin, Marilyn Miksch, and Steve Wieser, who earned letters of commendation in the 1969 National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test taken last winter. Mike, Marilyn, and Steve are among 39,000 students in the U.S. who rank in the upper 2% of those graduating from high school in 1970. They rank just below 15,000 semi-finalists previously announced by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. Their names will be sent in to other scholarship granting agencies.

Drill Team Marches On

A meeting was called the last week of the 68-69 school term for all girls who wished to join the Scotus Drill Team for the coming school year.

It was suggested that representatives should be chosen from each class in order to assist the leader. Kathy Melliger was selected as the leader of Drill Team and simultaneously chosen the Senior Class Representative. Representatives of the Junior and Sophomore Classes are Cathy Brock and Barb Slursarski.

It was decided that the Drill Team would have their practices every Tuesday evening. The sportily-clad Drill Team will be wearing the same uniform as last year. This attire is composed of a green mini dress with a white stripe down the side bearing the gold school emblem, white tights, green shoes, a green beret with white and gold tassels, and gold pom-poms.

Anyone for Mock U.N.?

Any Juniors or Seniors interested in participating in Model United Nations are eligible to try out. Mock U. N. will be held on November 21-22 at Doane College in Crete.

Scotus will represent the countries of Italy and Brazil (this may be changed). Eight people will be sent from Scotus. They will be chosen by their compositions on some aspects of the U. N. which will be announced later. Ask Miss Donner for details.

HARVEY IS COMING



Student Council officers from left are Rose Kneifel, secretary; Sandy Rhode, vice president; Joe Skorupa, president; and Gary Witt, treasurer.

Joe Skorupa, along with Sandy Rhode, Rose Kneifel, and Gary Witt, were elected, by those who voted, to govern the Student Body. Their offices are as follows: Joe Skorupa, president; Sandy Rhode, vice president; and Rose Kneifel, secretary-treasurer. This year it was voted to change the constitution of the Student Council, so secretary-treasurer is now divided into two offices. Gary Witt was chosen to fill the position of treasurer.

Even though the student council was delayed by the late elections, Sister Bernardis feels they are a well organized group of students, that are driving hard through the details of organization of class meetings and student authority.

Previously the Student Council's main objective was to put on a successful Homecoming Dance.. Through a lot of time and effort, it seems that their first goal has been achieved.

The President of the Student Council stresses the fact that "Student Council is what YOU make it. Work through your homeroom representatives and officers."

Queen Candidates

October 18th was the date for this year's Homecoming — and what a Homecoming it was. Although it is over, we would like to let you all know something about the girls that were in the running for Homecoming Queen.

Peggy Casey has been active throughout her four years at Scotus, including such activities as a member of the Pep Club and a lettergirl. During her sophomore year she was in J.A. and participated in Chorus her junior year. Peggy is also on the Annual Staff for the second year in a row.

Rose Kneifel has been a cheerleader for four years and is secretary of the Student Council this year. She was a member of the Drill team in her sophomore year, and has participated in Chorus. The past two years, she has been active in Lay Apostolate and has been in J.A. for three years. Rosie has also been a Girl Scout for 10 years and has received various awards for outstanding leadership.

In Student Council, Kathy Melliger has been a representative twice. As a junior she was vice president of Pep Club and is a lettergirl this year. Presently she is president of the Drill team. She was on the Annual Staff in her junior year, and she participated in Chorus her freshman year. Kathy was also in the school play as a junior and was active for one year in J.A.

Mary Murphy has also been active in various areas. She was a cheerleader as a freshman and sophomore, and is a lettergirl this year. She has also been in Drill Team the past two years, and participated in Chorus as a freshman, sophomore and junior. Mary has also been in J.A. for three years.

As a junior, Conne Thalken was elected treasurer of her class. She was in Student Council as a freshman, and also participated in Chorus. She has been a cheerleader all four years and is head cheerleader this year. Conne was in the school play last year, and was active in J.A. as a sophomore and junior.

Candidate Sue Zabawa was secretary of her junior class and presently serves as Student Council Representative. In Pep Club she was secretary her junior year and is president this year. She was on the Drill Team for two years, and has been in Chorus for four years. She has also been on the Annual Staff for two years. Sue was in the school play as a sophomore, and has been active in J.A. as a sophomore and junior.

Click! Click! Come on kids, grab your cameras and start shooting. The Scotistics is now running a photography contest! The pictures can deal with anything from school activities to the cavorting antics of students going on in and out of our halls every day.

The two best pixs chosen by our staff will appear in next month's Scotistics. Turn all black and white snapshots into any member of our staff and all entries will be returned to you later. So hurry, get your camera, find a film and smile . . .

MR. TUTTLE TAKES ORDERS

"Round, Square, Rectangular. Oblong, Slanted, pick your choice. they'll be your class rings in a few months," said Mr. Tuttle to a group of seven, who were the chosen committee for their class. After all the "Yes, No's, and Maybe's," they finally came up with four clever styles. From these four styles the Juniors were to pick out the ring that caught their eye. Mr. Tuttle took orders on September 15, from all the excited Juniors who could now throw away their phony gum machine rings. The class rings will be arriving in December.

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New members of the Scotus Faculty are from the left (back row) Fr. Tom Adams, Sr. Catherine Ann, Mr. Higgins; (front row) Miss Donner, Miss Hadcock, and Miss Irvin.

The Scotistics Staff would like to welcome eight new teachers to the Scotus faculty. Five of the new teachers joined the High School faculty and three joined the Junior High faculty.

Sister Catherine Ann came to Columbus from Albuquerque, New Mexico, where she was Director of Admissions. Prior to this she was Principal of Cathedral in Gallup, New Mexico. She earned her Bachelor's degree from Kearney State Teachers College and her Master's from Creighton University.

Nancy Donner is a native of Norfolk, Nebraska, with this being her first year in Columbus. She teaches social studies and bookkeeping in the High School. She received her Bachelor's degree from Wayne State College.

Mary Ann Irvin came to Columbus from Shenandoah, Iowa. She graduated from Colorado State College in Greeley, Colorado. This year she is teaching Speech, Drama, Debate and Journalism.

Miss Mabel Hadcock, who is originally from Columbus, says she is enjoying working at Scotus and thinks it is a very fine school. She graduated from Columbus High School and the University of Nebraska. She has taught Home Ec and Social Studies in Madison, Duncan, and Platte Center. She now is engaged in library work as an assistant to Sr. Gerarda.

Father Tom Adams teaches sophomore religion classes and intends to take over Brother Charles' class around Christmas. He attended North High School in Omaha and went to Immaculate Conception seminary for ten years.

Among the new additions to the Junior High this year is Mrs. Don Jarecki. Mrs. Jarecki came to Columbus from Arnold, Nebraska, with six years of teaching experience. She received her degree from Kearney State Teacher's College and is now teaching English.

Steven Jahn, a graduate of Wayne State College, is also teaching in the Junior High. Mr. Jahn is a graduate of St. Bonaventure High School and is teaching General Science.

Harold Nolan is teaching Social Studies, Math and Physical Education in the Junior High. He has also taken on the task of coaching the Cross Country team. Mr. Nolan's hometown is Middletown, New Jersey, and he is a graduate of John F. Kennedy College.

CLASS OFFICERS

During the first weeks of school, elections were held to choose the class officers. Each class nominated and voted for students to hold the offices of president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. The results for each class are as follows: **Seniors** — president, Tony Crebbin, vice president, Tracy Grubaugh, secretary, Mary Bruns and treasurer Theresa Blahak; **Juniors** — president, Bob Lueke; vice president, Ray Kosch; secretary, Kathy German and treasurer, Al Niebalski; **Sophomores**—president, Larry Fritz; vice-president, Marcia Shadle; secretary, Colleen Dowd; and treasurer, Kris Gloor; **Freshman**—president, Tom Zaba-wa; vice-president, Joe Stavas; secretary, Kathy Kopetzky and treasurer, Lorretta Feehan.

We're With You Team

Neither rain, nor sleet, nor snow, nor dark of night can stop a Scotus cheerleader. And this year we have some of the most outstanding girls participating in the leading and directing of the student body in an all out spirit attack against whatever unfortunate foe we happen to encounter.

On the Varsity squad this year we have seven girls . . . four seniors and three juniors. These girls earned these positions as the results of tryouts held in the Spring. The Varsity squad is made up of the following girls: Connie Thalken, Rosie Kneifel, Sandy Rhode, Carol Neilak, Karen Cerney, Judy Pavel and Patti VanAckeran.

Five girls were chosen to compose the Junior Varsity squad, all of them sophomores. The girls picked from the try outs are as follows: Marcia Shadle, Gail Kosiba, Susie Shonka, Patti Pyle and Colleen Dowd.

In addition to the Spring try-outs there were tryouts held this Fall for the freshman cheerleaders. Chosen to fill the positions are Susie Heimann, Kim Robak, Mary Lueke, Brenda Peters, and Anne Shank.

If you've looked at our record lately it is easy to see that the coaches, team, pep club and, of course, the cheerleaders are all doing their parts to lead Scotus to the rank it deserves.

Work Day was held on October 9th and 10th for the Seniors. This was the annual project in which the Seniors are given the permission of the merchants in allowing them to work during the Teacher's Convention to earn money for their class.

CHORAL NOTES

On Saturday, September 20, 1969, nine students from Scotus attended an All-State Try-Out music contest. This event took place in Creighton, Nebraska.

The nine students that participated were: Marie Zoucha, Jackie Stavas, Lynette Topinka and Cathy Brock as high sopranos; Judy Wieser and Theresa Blahak as second sopranos; Debbie Bixenmann and Ann Kosch as altos; and James Bonk as bass. The pieces in which they sang from were: "How Excellent is Thy Name", "Sound the Trumpet", "Farewell My Love", and three madrigals.

The students that have been selected will be notified sometime in October. Then they will be privileged to participate in the All-State Concert in Omaha on November 20-21-22.

This September, Scotus Central Catholic's Chorus Organization elected officers for this year. They are as follows: President, Judy Wieser; Vice-President, Millie Paprocki; Secretary-Treasurer, Marie Zoucha; Advertising Managers, Jackie Stavas and Gail Kosiba; Librarians, Patty VanAckeran, Ken Sueper, Connie Peterson, Patty Pile and Susie Shonka, and Section Managers are Ann Kosch (sopranos), Debbie Bixenmann (altos), Billy Brooks (tenors) and Jim Bank (basses). The Chorus this year has established a new constitution and are now taking steps to organize a "point system" in which every member of the Chorus can multiply points to get "merit bars". They are also discussing possibilities of a fund raising method, and how to incorporate a parents' dinner after one of their concerts.

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Shamrock Shenanigans

The Scotus Shamrocks are headed towards another successful football season with a compiled record of 4 and 0. As the previous two seasons, the Shamrock opener was with West Point. The Omaha World Herald favored the Bluejays but the Shamrocks made it a 34 to 0 story. The Bluejays were a strong team, but the Shamrocks made the key plays that broke their backs.

The following week, the Scotus team traveled to Cairo, to take on Centura. The Shamrocks romped Centura by a decisive margin of 50 to 6. Scotus with a rock-hard defense, held Centura to 10 yards passing and a minus 4 yards rushing. Scotus was the host team for the next two opponents.

Omaha Holy Name became the Shamrocks so-called third straight victim, as the team with a overwhelming second half performance, blasted the Ramblers by a score of 42 to 6. Except for a 45 yard pass play, which led to the Ramblers only score, the Scotus defense had their opponents well in hand.

Fremont Bergan became our next foe, which turned out to be a wet and wild affair. The wet field evened out the odds, but Scotus outscored Bergan 16 to 6, after failing to cash in on at least one occasion which was hampered by a fumble.

Coach Stramel feels that our defense line is somewhat stronger than last years. Our offense is primarily the same except that we have a stronger passing attack than the previous year. Most of the players agree with the coach's opinion.

Statistics for the first (3) games: Scotus outrushed its opponents by 758 yards to 117, and had a 366 to 157 yard margin in passing. The Shamrocks 55 first downs with a gain of 1,124 yards. Our foes managed 19 first downs and 274 yards net gain. Hard-running Bob Kosch leads the Scotus rushing attack with 352 yards for 58 carries. Also turning in good performances are Leo Hamling and Bob Lueke top receiver catching 10 passes for 227 yards. Not forgetting the offensive line, they are the guys that make the offense click.

Head freshman football coach Vern Younger reported 29 lean and mean boys for the '69 season. In their opening home game against Wahoo Newman, the Frosh rolled up 40 points to Newman's 0. All TD's were scored on the ground with Larry Kush scoring twice, Mike Malmstrom and Larry Palas each having one. Scoring on defensive efforts were Rick Briggs with an interception and Jerry Liss running back a blocked punt. Extra points by Kush and Briggs came by the new high school ruling of two points for a run. A strong offense and stiff defensive efforts by the team as a whole accounted for complete control of the ball.

JV's Prove Overpowering

SCOTUS JV'S THRASHED BERGAN as they rolled to an easy 56-20 win over Fremont Bergan. Led by Junior Stan Liss' four touchdowns and over 200 yards rushing offense, other scores were accounted for by linebacker Dave Schaecher, who pirated a Bergan aerial and raced 50 yards, and Rick Peterson who sprinted on a 28 yard TD run. Also, Frank Mielak scored on a one-yard sneak, and freshman Larry Kush raced 70 yards for the final TD. Ray Kosch added two well earned extra points by bulldozing over from 3 yards out each time.

BROOKS BROTHERS TOP HARRIERS

Returning lettermen Ken and Bill Brooks form the nucleus of a possible Centennial Conference championship team. First year coach Harold Nolan has six other runners, Tony Crebbin, Mike Steiner, Dick Landkamer, Rick Peterson, Ed Kinzer, and Norman Witt.

Defeated in their opener with Omaha Paul VI 15 to 21, Ken Brooks was first, Bill Brooks fourth, Tony Crebbin seventh and Norman Witt, ninth. Ken and Bill led the team as Scotus downed Bergan twice by a score of 15 to 21 and one of 18 to 21. Witt placed fifth and sixth respectively and Crebbin placed seventh in the first meet while Steiner placed ninth in the second meet.

Coach Nolan commented, "With Ken and Bill and the other runners improving every meet, we have a good chance to take the Conference title."

Girls Swing with Summer Softball

During the past summer, a group of Scotus girls participated in playing on a local softball team. The effort proved beneficial not only in the path of victory but also in learning fair play and sportsmanship.

The team, sponsored by the Pizza Hut, held a record of 22-4. These victories included capturing the mid-season and the final championship tournaments for which the girls received trophies. The team also placed first in Nebraska Little Lady League standing with a league record of 8-1. The ball club was under the excellent coaching of Gene Konwinski, a former Scotus student.

The girls participating in this activity were: Renee Brooks, Mary Czuba, Brenda Grubaugh, Mary Lueke, Debbie Melliger, Kathy Meysenburg, Sharon Pfaff, Kathy Schaecher, Mary Thomas, Micky White, and Sue Zabawa.

CONGRATULATIONS to Eileen Feehan, who was named Editor-in-Chief for the 1969-70 Scotus annual.

JUNIOR VARSITY WON THEIR THIRD STRAIGHT game 38-0 behind the hard running of back Ray Kosch and sprinting Stan Liss. With a rock-hard defense led by linebackers Dave Schaecher and Jerry Shank, Scotus dominated most of the game with David City Aquinas. Aquinas had trouble completing passes as several were dropped on key plays. The highlight of the game was just before the first half ended when David City found themselves on the Shamrock 3-yard line with 53 seconds left. Scotus got tough and stopped them at the one-yard line as time ran out on a 4th and 2 situation.

THEY EDGED SCHUYLER, 20-0 as they played a well-balanced running and passing game. Schuyler seemed completely puzzled when Stan Liss went back to punt on 4th down, but faked it to run 63 yards for the first TD. Ray Kosch out-manuevered the Warriors secondary to gain the second touchdown and followed with the PAT. Schuyler fought back several times to get inside the Scotus 20 but was unable to maintain a constant running attack. Liss cashed in on his second TD with a pitchout from Frank Mielak from the 27 to end the scoring.

A Dream Made Especially For Little Boys

By Tony Crebbin

"Of what stuff are heroes made?" Who is best qualified to answer such a question? Surely, someone knows. And who would know better than the little band of scamps who gather day after day to watch their favorite heroes for a few cherished hours. Heroes clad in monstrous pieces of equipment forming a kind of padding, which makes them seem unusually large and bulky. Such is the bruising lot of humanity known best as a football team.

To the little boys who clamber atop the pile of dummies to see the spectacle of brute fury at practice sessions, these husky fellows are interesting enough to captivate an audience without fail time and again. In tones of awe and admiration they continually applaud the efforts of player after player. So attached do they become to a select few of these players that they begin to imitate them in both name and position. Often in disagreement they argue:

"All right, today I'm gonna be Bob Kosch!"

"No, it's my turn."

"Then I'm Mark Lueke, okay?"

"I get first dibs on Steve Wieser, you guys!"

It's a wonder they don't issue patents on heroes in these times of controversy.

But don't fail to see that these little boys have big dreams. These football players are those dreams unfolding in reality for them. Their sole ambition in this world is probably to be a football player now. But for the time being they can only dream. Some day they too will have their chance.

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D-Day for Turk

by Margaret Miksch

All right, first I want you to know that I'm perfectly normal. I'm not loony, and I don't even have a wild imagination. What I am about to make known is the honest truth.

Last Sunday I visited my grandfather, who lives on a farm. Well, I was walking past the fowl pen when I heard voices. Startled, I looked around, and after brief investigation I discovered that the voices belonged to a turkey and a goose involved in a most interesting—discussion. The conversation went as follows:

Goose: Hi, Turk! Hey, what's wrong with you?

Turkey: Oh, I'm just morose. Thanksgiving's coming, and I don't even know what it's all about.

Goose: What? Everyone knows what Thanksgiving is.

Turkey: I know what it is, silly goose, but what good is it? What's it all about?

Goose: Well, as everyone knows, it all started in 1621. The Pilgrims had harvested their first crops. Realizing how good the earth of their new home had been to them, they prepared a feast and gave thanks to God for what they had received. This was the first Thanksgiving. Over three hundred years later the fourth Thursday in November officially became the Thanksgiving Day we know today.

Turkey: OK, that's fine. But what's it all about now?

Goose: Well, today is a special day on which to give thanks for all our blessings. Just think, we are lucky in so many ways!

Turkey: You're right, people are lucky! A good example are the kids going to Scotus Central Catholic. They go to a great school which has fine teachers and the best student body in the world. They have just finished a successful football season (remember how they made Cathedral aware of that fact?). And they haven't let anyone forget that they are in existence. Just look at Scotus' representation in such organizations as Junior Achievement. Yep, they've certainly made a name for themselves!

Goose: And look at all the other ways in which they are lucky. They live in the greatest country in the world, and they are largely free from want. Yes, some are lacking in some areas, but they more than make up for it in other areas.

Turkey: You know, I think I'm finally beginning to see what it's all about. During this time everyone can take time to count his blessings. The kids won't have school for four whole days (another thing for which they can be thankful). And everyone will feast on Thanksgiving Day! Just think, they'll have cranberries, pumpkin pie, salads of all kinds, and for the main course they'll have — they'll have — oh - oh!

Goose: Now what's wrong?

Turkey: I just remembered! For the main course they'll have — us!

Poor Turk! Well, that conversation really gave me something to think about. Maybe it was my imagination or maybe I am crazy, or maybe a turkey and a goose really did say those things. Whatever it was, I have to admit that what I heard made sense. Well, fellow students, Thanksgiving Day is a day on which to thank God for all He has done for you. Don't pass up this opportunity.

Harvey Hops To It

"Harvey", by Mary Chase, a comedy in three acts will be presented as the All-School Play on December 6 and 7, at the Scotus Memorial Gym. Curtain time is 8:00 P.M. and admission is \$1.00 at the door, with students being admitted by virtue of their student activity card.

The production is under the direction of Miss Irvin, instructor of Speech and Drama. Her student directors are Sandra Rhode and Rosie Mrzlak, with Larry Fritz as manager of all the production departments.

The leading role will be portrayed by Dick Landkamer, with the supporting cast as follows: Kim Robak, Kathy Meysenburg, Joe Skorupa, Micki White, Tony Crebbin, Charlie Hamling, Kathy Kline, Colleen Wibbels, John Olson and Ken Schrad. Heads of the various production crews are, Pat Hughes - make-up, Dave Schaecher - stage crew, Pat Pile - properties, Marsha Shade - publicity, Mickie O'Hearn - lighting, and Pat Czuba - costumes.

"Harvey" is one of the most promising events to take place at Scotus this winter, so be sure and attend for a very entertaining evening.



JULIA LOOKS AT SCOTUS

There is another first at Scotus this year. She is Julia Lopez, Scotus' foreign exchange student, who hails from LaPaz, Bolivia.

At home Julia has three brothers, aged 19, 15, and 10 and one sister who is 12. Julia is now staying with the Joe Stavas family.

Julia's first glimpse of the United States was Washington, D.C. She was really shocked at how short the girls wore their dresses there. Julia was also surprised to see women and girls downtown in shorts and slacks, a sight not seen in Bolivia. Her first football game was viewed at Scotus. It confused her a little at first, but she says she is catching on fast.

Julia's hobbies include playing the guitar, driving the family car, and horseback riding. Bolivian folk songs are favorite guitar pieces.

The foods in Bolivia are basically the same as here. When asked about a comparison between the teens here and back home, Julia said she could see no differences there either.

Homesickness haunted her for the first few days, but soon left when school activities started.

When she returns home Julia will have a half of semester of her senior year to finish. After school she plans to attend San Andres University in LaPaz, concentrating in secretarial sciences.

Watch the cups! Too many pop cups have been seen lying around in the Commons.

Question of the month
"What's A Pooka?"

My Safari to South Africa

Dear Scotus Students and Faculty,

I have flown to Burban, after stopping in Olinda, Brazil and then crossing the southern Atlantic. My mission is at Inkamana, some hundred miles inland from Durban, in Zululand, or Natal, (Vasco da Gama landed there on Christmas Day, and that is how it received the name.)

The mission is about the size of a university campus, with a large church, a grade school, and a high school, a dispensary, an agricultural department, a monastery, a convent and gardens. It is all by itself in the bush, or veld, as it is called in South Africa.

Since I am a Missionary Benedictine, I will find Fathers, Brothers, and Sisters of my Congregation at Inkamana. We are teaching native Africans, and from what I heard, they are very anxious to study in order to go on to the university.

I am teaching English — (no German in Africa!), Biology, some Math, and will be teaching Afrikaans, which is, the official language of the Boors who govern the land. They are of Dutch origin and remodeled their former language to what is now called Afrikaans.

After I understand the native mentality better, I hope to be able to teach Religion. I know one thing — I'm going to be busy!

To all who made my stay at Scotus so pleasant, a heartfelt thanks. I loved to teach and be with all of you, even the "Spitzbube" and the "firecrackers". Keep it up, whatever the it implies!!

Sincerely,

Sr. Marita Schwirger, OSB

LIBRARY NEWS

New books for the various departments of the library continue to arrive. Many of these are from Mr. Jensen's book center. Others are from publishers.

These and several hundred "good-as-new" books, which have been donated by Mrs. Mary Abts Dodendorf, have greatly enhanced our library.

Several of them are about our black Americans. Hopefully, these will give us a better understanding of our black citizens and their problems.

DON'T SLIP UP!

by Kathy Meysenburg

Once upon a time, I had the misfortune to acquire an illness while listening to one of the stimulating lectures of Sr. Collette. Drawing upon my remaining strength, I pallidly crept up to her desk and asked to be excused, whereup, I was issued a white HALL PASS allowing me to proceed to the office.

When I reached my destination, I was politely informed that I would need a PERMIT SLIP to leave school. Unfortunately, the limitless supply had reached its limitations. The efficient Mrs. Keating immediately sent out the reserve unit (some unfortunate passing student) to the Junior High to pick up a pack of these handy little slips. Two hours later, the slips arrived at the office and I received a pass permitting me to stagger from the premises.

Finally making my recovery, (the next day) I ventured out into the cruel world and returned to school. As fate would have it, I made my re-entry precisely 3 seconds after the tardy "gong". Back at the office, I found myself requesting this time, a TARDY SLIP so that I could go to my first period class and acquire, in exchange for my EXCUSE SLIP, a BLUE

SLIP or ADMISSION SLIP, and a MAKE-UP SLIP.

Time raced by and before I knew it, the bell had rung and I was on my way to my second period. As I entered the room I heard the teacher say "You may study this period. I have some papers I want to correct . . ." Immediately I fought my way through the milling throng around her desk and asked to go to the library to do some make-up work. "Yes you may go, but first I'll have to write a LIBRARY PASS."

Clutching my little yellow slip, I struck out for the library. Passing my locker, I decided to stop and pick up a book that I would need next period. Suddenly, from out of nowhere a black form swooped down on me and asked to see my HALL PASS. Confidently I handed her my LIBRARY PASS.

"This is a yellow LIBRARY PASS."

"Obviously," I agreed.

"It is not a white HALL PASS."

"Certainly," was my ardent reply.

"You people think you can run all over the halls. Come with me!"

Back at the office I was given the choice of a pink, a yellow, a plain white, a white with scriggly blue lines, or a plain blue DETENTION SLIP. I was torn between the pink and the white with scriggly blue lines, but finally decided on the pink, I added this to my growing collection and continued on to the library.

Onward and upward I always say. By the end of the day I had acquired roughly fifty odd multi-colored, multi-purpose SLIPS. On my way to detention that night my arms ached from lugging the heavy load. Little did I know that the aforementioned yellow LIBRARY PASS had dislodged itself from the pile and was slowly fluttering to the floor before me. As I stepped upon the accursed thing I realized that I was losing my balance. Lo, and behold, I SLIPPED.

Pep Club at it Again

Ah beep beep! Ah beep beep! Ah beep beep quack quack . . .

Yep, they're at it again! The Scotus Central Catholic Booster Club is coming on stronger than ever. This year it is under the expert leadership of president, Sue Zabawa; vice-president, Ann Gerhold; secretary, Ann Hensley; and treasurer, Shirley Volnek. It is now sponsored by Miss Nancy Donner and Sister Stephanie.

The purpose of any pep club is to arouse school spirit in the students and to cheer on to victory the boys contesting another school in sports. According to Miss Donner, the pep club plays an important part in achieving a victory. An example of this was in Scotus' rainy game with Bergan - the girls spirit was heightened, not dampened, and another Scotus victory resulted.

Miss Donner had much praise for the Scotus Pep Club, who she said is one of the best she knows of. She was especially proud of our cheerleaders and drill team. At this time she has no plans for any innovations for the booster club.

Well, girls, you belong to a pep club you can be proud of. Just keep up the old Scotus spirit, and we can chalk up many more victories.

So let's go! . . . We've got soul!

MINITORIALS

Margaret Mead, 67, who is a professor of anthropology at Columbia University, declared that marijuana should be legalized and anyone 16 or older should be allowed to smoke it. Mrs. Mead has recently testified at a Senate committee hearing on drugs. Maybe she had better stick to her anthropology.

Vice-President Spiro Agnew is known for his talent for saying the wrong thing at the wrong time. Seems he only opens his mouth to change feet.

You've got a lot to live, and Pepsi's got a lot of cyclamate to give.

Just to give you an idea of the unemployment situation: Man has twelve billion brain cells.

Have you been mobbed lately on the way to the cafeteria?

From now on, more space in the Scotistics will be reserved for student opinion. You are encouraged to write anything expressive of your felings and submit it to the Scotistics staff. It must be signed. Your name, however, does not have to be used.

Sophs and Soup

The Sophomore Class sponsored a chili feed, November 1st. It was held in the cafeteria after the Scotus game against the Crusaders. Larry Fritz, the president of the class, was the head of the committee. They made a grand sum of \$129.71, and after subtracting all their expenses, they successfully ended up with \$83.67. The class got together and sent invitations to the entire Grand Island team. The chili feed ran until 11:30. All in all, the Sophomore Class performed a successful job on their class project.

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This Is Your Life

(The **Scotistics** is featuring a new series in which the childhood story of some student is presented in each issue. The boy shown above is our subject for discussion this month. His identity will not be revealed until the end of the article. Several clues, however, are given. Can you guess who he is?)

Born in Fort Sill, Oklahoma, on October 16, 1953, this well-known Scotus athlete weighed a total of eight pounds and one ounce.

He lived in several towns before coming to Columbus, where he enrolled at St. Bon's Grade School. When he was little, he was known for his passion for riding tractors and tricycles, and never went anywhere without his favorite cowboy boots.

Like everyone else, this young man ran away from home several times. He had a tendency to run off every now and then, and was once found asleep on the neighbor's steps.

Presently his hobbies are hunting and fishing, and he also plays the drums. His pet peeves are nosy people and giggly girls. Popularly known as just plain Fritz, he is currently serving a term as president of his sophomore class. From cowboy boots to sophomore president, this is Larry Fritz.

Mathematicians Meet

Officers for the newly formed Math Club were elected at the first meeting last month. The president is Joan Cannon; vice-president, Dave Schaecher; Secretary, Millie Paprocki; and treasurer, Leo Hamling. Mr. Higgins is the sponsor.

Because this is the first year for the Math Club, the members will make a Charter and will be initiated. The official name of the Math Club is Mu Alpha Theta.

A tutoring service will be offered by the Math Club. Anyone needing help in any math course can contact Mr. Edison or Mr. Higgins.

To be a member of the Math Club, the junior or senior student must have 2 years of math and must have maintained a grade of at least 85.

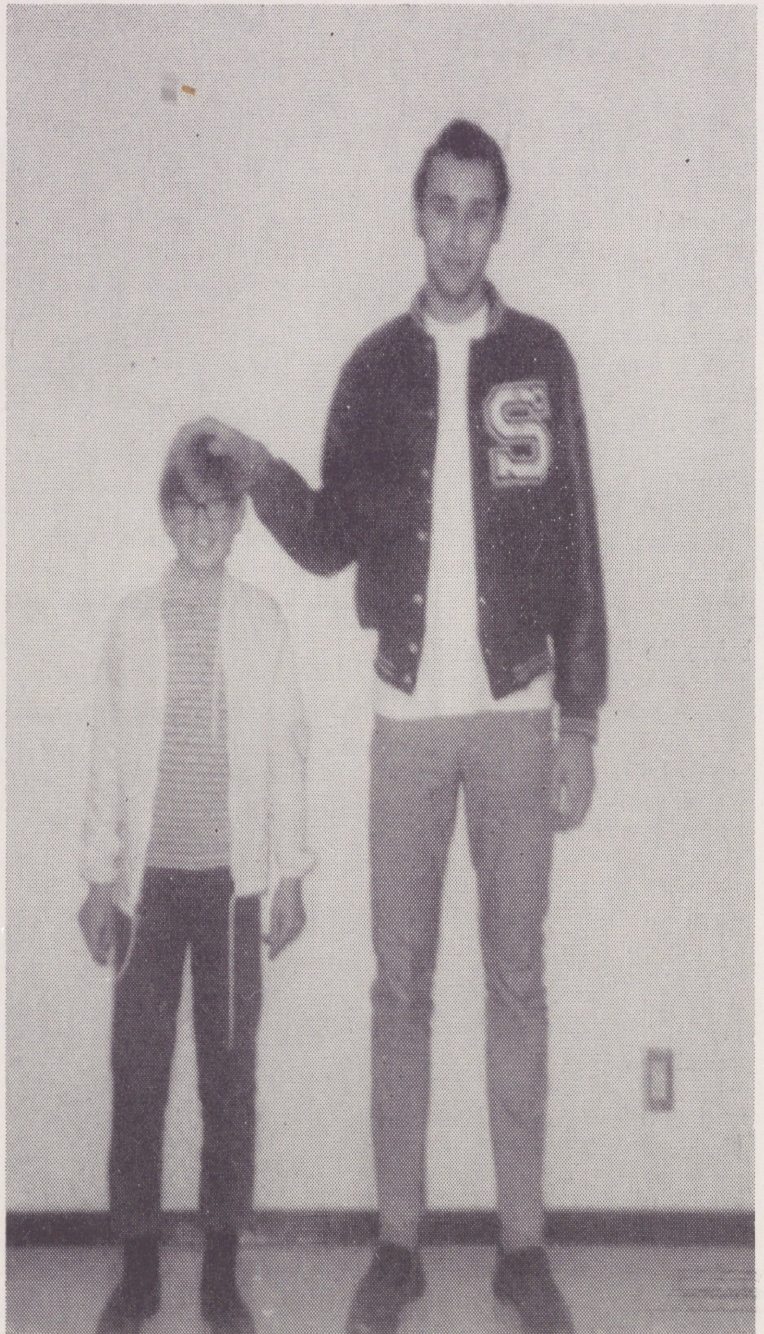
A Life In the Day of . . .

PART II

Dick Landkamer

. . . and then from out of nowhere, nothing happened. Slowly Poncho turned his head. With lightning speed he sat down and fell asleep. Earlier the next afternoon he woke up but he still could not realize what was going on. He looked at his watch and once again he fell asleep. Within five minutes he was dreaming about nothing. Two hours and fifteen minutes later he didn't wake up. But finally at five o'clock he heard Noises. Noises walked into the front door carrying two guns in his hand and said, "Hi Poncho." Poncho thought this over for a moment and he knew Noises was trying to start something, like a conversation for instance. Three minutes later Poncho finally replied, "Hi Noises." By this time both of them knew something was up. And they were both right (handed). After much deliberation they decided that there was a tree outside so Noises went hunting for it. He found some tracks and followed them for an hour and then he was ran over by a train. Meanwhile Poncho couldn't decide what to do, so he didn't do anything. And then it happened. He looked out the window and saw Wierd Scenes. Wierd had been an old time friend of Poncho's. However, Wierd was not happy to see Poncho because he was blind. Wierd then told Poncho the whole story. Poncho told Wierd in **sign language** that there was a car outside which was waiting to run him over. Since Wierd was blind and not deaf, Wierd immediately walked out the door and got that "run down" feeling. By now Poncho was worried and he had no time to react. He knew this, so he waited for the Mad Scientist's phone call and a few other pieces of mail at six o'clock. But it was too late, for a huge dark shadow was creeping across . . .

to be continued.



Mr. Younger's material develops for the 1969-70 basketball season. Pictured above are Ralph Tinius, basketball star, and John Kantor, roundball hopeful.

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NOLAN'S NOTIONS

Working with only a few individuals, Coach Harold Nolan came up with some top harriers that placed the team in a strong third for the Conference Championship. Ken Brooks earned second place with Bill Brooks, tenth; Norman Witt, eleventh; and Mike Steiner fourteenth. Ken and Bill Brooks were the top leaders on the team who often came through with outstanding performances. The rest of construction includes Norman Witt, Mike Steiner, Rick Peterson, Tony Crebbin, Ed Kinzer and Dick Landkammer.

The harriers got a slow start with Coach Harold Nolan arriving at Scotus High only a few weeks before the first meet, which barely allowed sufficient time for practice. Coach Nolan commented, "With most of the team being underclassmen the Scotus harriers, with sufficient amount of practice, will be even stronger next season."

One of the main meets according to individuals was the St. John's Invitational Meet with Scotus placing eighth. Another tough meet was at the District meet in Wayne where the hill and dalers placed sixth. Taking part in the AAU meet in Kearney were Coach Nolan, Ken Brooks, Bill Brooks, and Norman Witt. Coach Nolan won the race while Ken, being the first high school participant to finish the four-mile race which is usually a two mile in high school, finished eighteenth.

A Pep Club Girl Is . . .

by Debbie Ryba

A girl who yells her head off (resulting in a hoarse voice and a lost head).

A girl who keeps her cool (frozen feet, frozen legs, etc.).

A girl who works all night making poster (giving up a date).

A girl who sees badges before her eyes because all night Thursday she made those silly things everyone wears on Friday.

A girl who gives up a perfect Sunday afternoon to work for a dinner.

A girl who has lots of spirit (it keeps her going).

A girl who sold raffle tickets to earn money for the Pep Club.

A girl who gives up watching the fabulous game to work in a concession stand.

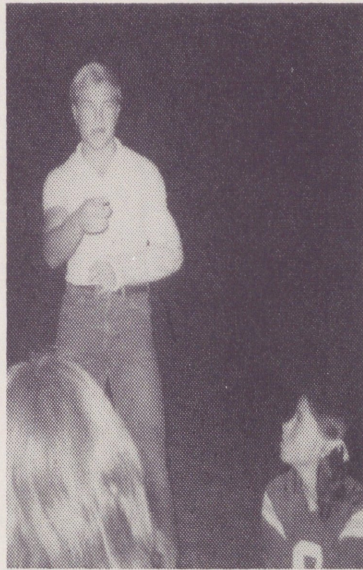
A girl who encourages the guys to win and always stands up for her team.

A girl who yells loudly at games (whether pouring rain, freezing cold, or even if we are behind).

But most of all, a Pep Club girl is a girl who loves her team and thinks it's GREAT!! BECAUSE IT IS!!!

Give It All You've Got

This is your first game, son. I hope you win.
I hope you win for your sake, not mine.
Because winning's nice.
It's a good feeling.
And what lasts is what you've learned.
And what you learn about is life. That's what sports are all about. There's no telling how you'll do. You might be a hero or you might be absolutely nothing.
There's just no telling. Too much depends on chance. Or how the ball bounces.
I'm not talking about the game, son.
I'm talking about life.



Coach Kosch Confers

A Mini-Massacre

George A. Custer

Overpowered by Columbus' fierce attacks and weight advantage, the Scotus senior girls lost to the hefty Columbus squadron by a score of 38 to 0.

Indeed, the burly figures of the CHS team proved tough and rugged as they lumbered across the field in an attempt to crush the fleet female Shamrocks. An important keynote in the Columbus victory were a number of stocky blockers who could rival extrathick brick walls in their ability to block. Their extremely heavy defensive line was probably the main reason for the Scotus defeat.

However, the more refined Shamrock team played a good game all the way, even though they did pull some delightfully feminine bobbles. Coach for the Scotus gridsters was Bob Kosch.

The CHS varsity could probably have used some of their girls on their team. Perhaps they would have been more successful in the past few seasons.

Parents whose children have high IQ's are strong believers in heredity.

But it's life that the game is all about.

Just as I said.
Because every game is life. And life is a game.
A serious one.
Dead serious.
But that's what you do with serious things.
You do your best.
You take what comes.
You take what comes and you run with it.
Winning is fun.
Sure.
But winning is not the point. Wanting to win is the point. Not giving up is the point. Never being satisfied with what you've done is the point. Never letting up is the point. Never letting anyone down is the point.
Play to win.
Sure.
But lose like a champion. Because it's not winning that counts.
What counts is trying.

Straemel's Commentary

With the season over, Scotus gridders have only memories of what was one of the three fabulous seasons under the greatest coach in the state, "Claire Stramel."

Coming to Scotus in '67, Stramel produced the No. 1 team in Class C with a 7-2-1 record. The next year, moving back up to Class B ranks, the Green and White finished 5th with an 8-2 campaign. This year, thought to be the perfect season, was hindered by David City Aquinas, 12-0 and tying Omaha Cathedral, 6-6.

The desire to play and win was shown by the 44 who checked out and stayed out. It was the first time in Coach Stramel's career everyone stayed out. The morale of the boys was high throughout the season, due to the fact that not one player was a quitter.

The combination pass-run attack, big line and fast-powerful backs along with an "iron curtain" defense sums up the best team Mr. Stramel has produced at Scotus.

Coach was very satisfied with the season except for the Aquinas blunder. "We could—and should have won, but bad breaks hindered every drive".

The turning point this season was against fired-up Schuyler when Bob Kosch broke his wrist. The team continued to pound the Warriors despite the loss.

The future looks very bright losing only four offensive and defensive starters. "It's a possible all-senior club next year," commented Mr. Stramel.

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Yuletide Nostalgia

by Mrs. Keating

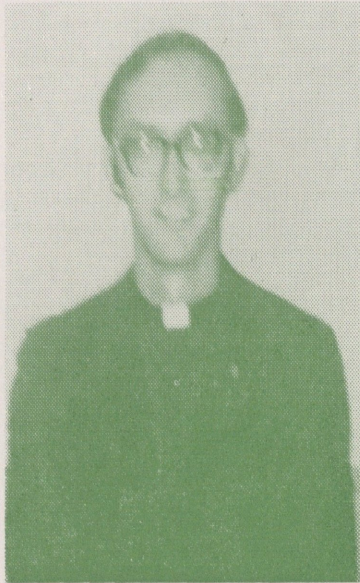
In dusting the cobwebs from the memories of past Yuletide Seasons, I always get a bit nostalgic, as I recall the Christmases of the far too distant past — some bountiful and some very "lean."

The season did not start before Thanksgiving with tinsel and bright lights but with the beginning of practice for the traditional Christmas Program. Each year it was always the same, which was taken for granted. Never did the thought occur to us to look for a Red-Nosed Reindeer or a Frosty the Snowman. The Nativity Pageant was enacted while "angel" choirs sang "Silent Night". The same boys were always the Wisemen and St. Joseph, and strangely enough, the girl with the longest blonde hair was always the Blessed Mother (which surely let me out). Every year I sang the same solo, "Of all the stories old and sweet that Mother tells to me—". Of course, the program was concluded by the usual visit from Old Saint Nick, who handed out bags of hard Christmas candy for eager hands to clutch tightly.

A Christmas tree was a Christmas tree they all seemed to be the ordinary fir trees — in fact, I never remember hearing of Scotch Pine, Spruce, or Long Needled Pines in those years. Most of the decorations were hand-made including the long strings of cranberries and pop corn strung by the family on long winter evenings with no interruptions from Gun-smoke or Mod Squad. Although lights were beginning to appear on the trees of the rich people on "Belfry Hill", our tree was lit with real Christmas tree candles, only when Mother and Dad were present close by (even then, what fire hazards they must have been!).

Our Crib Scene was, also home-made. In fact, I doubt that there were any on the market at that time — at least, not small ones for a home. An oatmeal box cut in half made a lovely little crib — covered and lined with bits of satin from Mom's sewing box. Every little girl had a tiny celluloid doll that made a fine Baby Jesus, and the other figures were cut from cardboard, colored, and made to stand without the use of Scotch tape or staples.

In the more fruitful years, how we enjoyed wrapping and tying packages to be shipped to relatives and then to eagerly await the return boxes. With the depression, this fun came to an end, however,



Bon Voyage, Brother Charles

by Tim Michaelsen

Brother Charles Potocki, that great peace brother, is leaving us, but we hope only for a short time. Charlie will be leaving for school this coming January to finish his last two quarters at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. (He was part of a new plan in which the deacon would go and teach for six months before being ordained.) Brother Charlie is in hopes to be ordained into the priesthood sometime next June and also have his Masters Degree in Divinity. In the future he wishes to do more parish work and most of all return to Columbus.

Brother Charlie came here at the beginning of last summer, in which he spent most of his time getting to know our town and the people who live in it. But since September, Charlie has been kept quite busy instructing a third grade class over at St. Boneventure grade school and the Junior class in Scotus.

some of our Christmases would have been very bare without the boxfull of gifts which always arrived from one dear aunt. I remember having one dollar to buy gifts for the entire family. No matter how poor we were, we could always find someone a little less fortunate. For these we would drag out old toys and paint them or old dolls and redress them.

I am sure none of us would want to go back to the "Horse and Buggy Days", but how nice it would be in this world of so much commercialism if we could recapture a little of this true Spirit of Christmas.

FACULTY-VARSITY SLATED TUESDAY

Tuesday, the 23rd of December, the annual Faculty-Varsity game will be played in the Scotus gym before what is expected to be a record-breaking crowd. Old regulars for the Faculty will be "Right-Guard" Puetz, "Mildew" Younger, "Hammer Man" Cook, "Colonel Klink" Meyer, and an old man from way back Stanley Stramel.

To add balance and agility to the team will be a boy drafted from the Philadelphia "76", an old "Sports Man", Phil the Thriller Higgins, Father Adams, and Brother Charley. Also, from the Junior High will be Outhouse-Regular Steve Jahn and Gera-Speed Nolan.

The Varsity will have a slight edge over the Faculty, being more well-conditioned. The Faculty, however, is "older" and should have more experience. With the aid of Higgins, the Faculty should be able to hold the scoring of the Varsity down (and likewise their own). Don't miss it.

Celebrate the Season

There is a lot of talk these days about the SILENT MAJORITY. And we are looking forward to a SILENT NIGHT. However, this SILENT NIGHT will strike JOY which shall inspire the CONCERNED MINORITY to CELEBRATE and could even stir the SILENT MAJORITY to ROAR!

Christ came. Christ won victory for us over sin, Satan, and death. Christ is with us. Christ will come again. ROAR!

Let us CELEBRATE! Too poor? Christ gave us greater things than wealth. Too ill? We will live forever. Too lonely? All men are brothers in Christ. At war? Christ brought peace. Too sinful? Remember the Prodigal Son. Dark skin? All men are one. Quarreling? Christ is important. Despairing? Christ brought hope for everyone.

Only one day to celebrate this JOY? Our joy is bottomless. We need a season. We need a year. We need a life time. We need an eternity. That is what life is all about. ROAR! RROOOAARRRR!!!

May you be filled with this joy during this season and the entire New Year.

Father Emmett F. Meyer

Sandy Third Runnerup

Talent performances by six Scotus seniors added sparkle to the Junior Miss Pageant held Saturday, December 6, at Columbus High Auditorium. Although Scotus did not come away with the crown, the girls presented a fine performance. This reviewer felt that their routines definitely rated in the upper fifty per cent. These were the girls participating from Scotus: Colleen Arrich, Debbie Bixenmann, Renee Celeste Brooks, Rose Kneifel, Carol Mielak, and Sandy Rhode. Their performances included: Colleen—a ball gymnastics routine; Debbie—a medley of songs from the "Sound of Music"; Renee—a dance titled "Ma-nah", "Ma-nah"; Rose—a pantomime to the tune of "Pink Shoelaces"; Carol—a piano solo; and Sandy—a dramatic interpretation of "The Sounds of Silence."

Even though Scotus did not produce the Junior Miss the girls shared a thrilling and rewarding experience in working with girls their own age. Scotus had a winner, however, in Sandy Rhode who received the title of third runner up. Sandy received a \$50 savings bond and a trophy. Miss Congeniality, who was chosen by the girls, was Pat Keller from Humphrey St. Francis. The Junior Miss from Platte County for 1970 was Jane Hoge from Columbus High.

3 At All-State

This September, nine girls from Scotus attended an All State Try-Out music contest. From the nine girls that tried out, three received the privilege to attend the All-State Concert in Omaha on November 20-21-22. These three girls are Ann Kosch, alto; Judy Wieser and Theresa Blahak, second sopranos.

Ann Kosch has been in Concert Chorus since she was a sophomore. She was also in Girls Glee and Shades of Green. This is the second year she has tried out and made All-State.

Theresa Blahak was in Girls Glee as a freshman and sophomore. She is in Concert Chorus this year. This was the first year Theresa tried out for All-State and made it.

Judy Wieser was in band when she was a freshman and in Concert chorus her sophomore, junior, and senior year. Judy is presently president of Chorus. This was also her first year to try out and make All-State.

MINITORIALS The Making of a President

by Daryl Thiele

Are you wondering why Nixon isn't smiling as much as before? Some time ago, a picture was taken of the President presenting a posthumous medal of honor to a bereaved mother. Trouble was, he was grinning as he was handing it to her. Perhaps he's realized that it's better to be serious once in a while.

The Zodiac killer has allegedly turned up in Oklahoma. He said that he didn't intend to kill anybody during his stay there, because the Oklahoma drivers will do it for him.

George Wallace has announced that he will be running for governor of Alabama. We would like to wish him the same success he had during last year's presidential election.

Following a honeymoon trip to the Twin Cities one woman had twins. On a later visit to Three Rivers, Ontario, she had triplets. Now she refuses to go with her husband to the Thousand Islands.

People like Spiro Agnew don't just grow on trees — they swing from them.

Aristotle Onassis took Jackie for better or worse. She took him for everything. He'd better hang on to his capital if he doesn't want her to lose interest.

Some people discover that they want to become president when they grow up at a very early age. As a result they perform their childhood actions in a way that people can say good things about what he was like when he was young.

This person reminds me of my friend, Pierre Johnson. Pierre was fortunate to realize at a very early age that he did not have a good presidential name. Pierre knew he needed a common name to attract the people's votes, so he changed it to Andrew Johnson. It had a good patriotic sound to him. Besides that, using this name he could make up a good slogan, "Andy is a Dandy". Andrew thought it was just as good as "Honest Abe" or "Nixon's the One."

Andrew was again unfortunate in being born to a rich family. No one wanted to vote for someone rich, and of course, Andrew knew this. So finally he talked his father into selling part of his oil wells and buying a farm. Now this would sound good, that he was an All-American working hard on the farm.

Andrew studied hard in school, too, and got straight "A's" in college. After graduating from college his father offered him the job of vice-president of his oil

company. But Andrew refused the offer to get a job washing dishes in a local cafe. Andrew thought this was much better because he said that all the people would be saying, "Andrew started out as a dishwasher and worked himself all the way up to becoming president of the United States."

All I can say is, if my Negro friend, Andrew Johnson becomes president, you'll know why. He prepared himself!

Students Teach

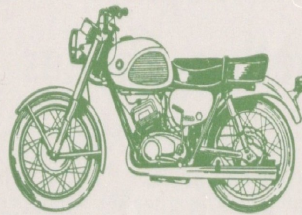
Friday, December 19, members of the Math Club were "privileged" to see what the teacher's nerves go through. They were divided into two's and conducted all math classes from 7th to 12th grades. All members were to make-up their own agenda and were on their own. I'm sure it was an experience for the Math Club members, as well as for the teachers and students.

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This Is Your Life

Born in Omaha, little did this young man dream he was headed for the sprawling metropolis of Duncan and future fame on the Scotus football field.

As a baby, "Chucky" as he is affectionately called, could be termed a "nightcrawler". The problem was he would get his days and nights mixed—crawling nights and sleeping days.

If Duncan is ever fearful of an approaching storm, they can check with Chuck to make sure. Seems one of his favorite hobbies is watching clouds and determining the coming weather. His various other hobbies include hunting, fishing and, of course, every boy's all-time favorite — eating. When it comes to food, Chuck isn't particular but hamburgers, French fries, and a chocolate malt seem to curb his appetite best.

While growing up, this farmboy has discovered that milking cows just isn't his bag. However, he does enjoy doing field work with the tractor.

True to his Nebraska heritage he is a man of the plains. Chuck hates heights and didn't enjoy a mountain trip taken last summer with his family.

In terms of mobility, Chuck is a Dodge Charger man who prefers the colors blue or green. The Three Dog Night create his favorite music and he really grooves on the song, "Eli's Comin'!"

Emerging from the suburb — This is Stanley Liss.

HAPPINESS IS:

- Believing in Santa Claus.
- Standing under the mistletoe.
- Being followed by the Davis boys???
- Christmas vacation.
- Love and Peace.

MISERY IS:

- Santa losing your address on Christmas Eve.
- A loss by 2 points.
- Not getting Senior privileges.
- Having the Davis boys catch you.
- War and Hate.

The Tattered Tannenbaum

Buying Christmas trees too late is just like buying anything else, if you don't hurry, you end up with the leftovers.

I made the mistake of going Christmas tree shopping when there were only 87 shopping days until Christmas. Of course all the imitation trees were taken by then.

On seeing the Christmas tree I bought, my wife said, "What kind of a Christmas tree do you call that?"

"This is a genuine Christmas tree," I said.

But look, it's not silver, blue, red, or yellow — it's green. How will people know its a Christmas tree?"

I told her it was the only thing that was left, since I started shopping so late in the Christmas season. Trying to defend myself I said, "Well it almost looks unreal, there aren't very many branches on it."

"You can never buy a real Christmas tree that looks like an imitation tree, what will the neighbors think?" Then pausing a fraction of a second she continued, "Getting a tree that is green is like using red lipstick just because your lips are a shade of red. How old fashioned can you get?"

Just then the neighbor lady came in and said, "What's that smell? Something smells like pine."

"It's that Christmas tree," my wife says.

"My", the neighbor lady said, "It doesn't smell like a Christmas tree should, it doesn't have that artificial smell."

"And can you imagine," my wife said, "What the Christmas presents will look like under that tree. Just think only 87 shopping days till Christmas and I'm not even in the Christmas mood yet. Why didn't we get a real imitation tree?"



Concert Chorus practices for Christmas program.

Harvey Lives!

"I loved it." "It was great." "Harvey was so funny." "I liked it." These were just a few of the comments on the all-school play, "Harvey." This three-act play by Mary Chase concerned an invisible 6-foot rabbit named Harvey and his best friend, Elwood P. Dowd (Dick Landkamer).

The trouble all started when Elwood's sister, Veta Louise Simmons (Kathy Meysenburg) and her daughter, Mrytle Mae (Kim Robak) decided to commit Elwood to a rest home to cure him of seeing Harvey. The rest home, Chumley's Rest, is run by Dr. Chumley (Tony Crebbin) and ably assisted by Dr. Sanderson (Joe Skorupa)

and Nurse Kelly (Micki White). From this point the action rose to a surprise ending. There was never a dull moment in the entire play. "Harvey" had a little bit of everything, including the classic chase scene of Dr. Chumley by Harvey.

Other cast members included Kathy Kline, John Olson, Charles Hamling, Colleen Wibbels and Ken Schrad.

Congratulations to everyone who helped make "Harvey" a success.

Oh, yes, in the true Harvey tradition, the cast and crews presented Miss Irvin, the director, with a bouquet of roses Saturday night, and a live white rabbit Sunday night!

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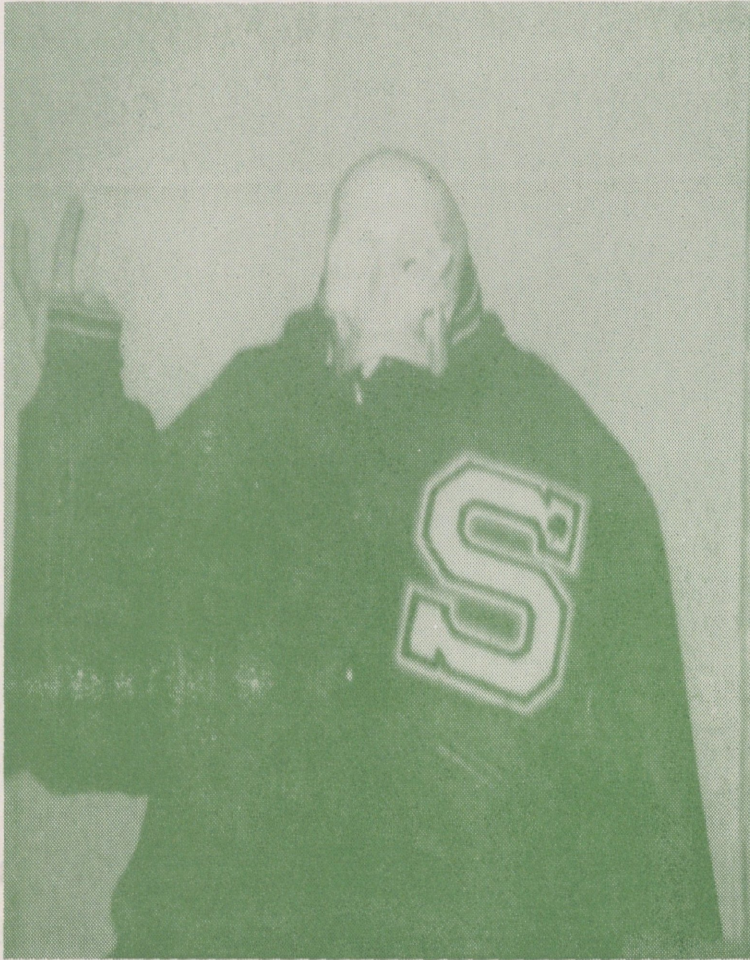
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Resolutions Reviewed

by Shirley Volnek

With the New Year around the corner it's time to start thinking about New Year's Resolutions. Here are a few ideas:

KATHY KLINE: I make a solemn oath to haress my teachers to the best of my ability.

KRIS ALBRACHT: To iron the back of my uniform blouses.

LEON WENNEKAMP: To be a Do Bee for Miss Donner.

TOM JICHA: To be a good boy, I'm going to stay out of detention.

2ND PERIOD BIOLOGY: Resolve from throwing tile.

LINDA HILGER: I'd quit drinking (but I don't drink.)

BILLY BROOKS: Quit picking on my older brother.

PAT THEILE: I'll make my resolution December 31, 1970, then I only have to live one day with it.

MR. HIGGINS: Not to let any of my Driver's Ed. students run into anybody.

KAREN KONWINSKI: Not to drink Karen Konwinski any more toilet water to drink.

KARON KONWINSKI: Not to drink anything Kathy Melliger gives me.

BOBBY KRESHA: Not to drive illegally.

CHARLIE HAMLING: Quit drinking.

KATHY KEIL: Learn how to talk English.

RAY KOSCH: Personal

JOE SKORUPA: Not to make any New Year's resolutions.

DICK GERMAN: Put away my

cigars and start smoking cigarettes.

SISTER CATHERINE: I don't want to break any resolutions.

BOB LUEKE: Not to lose more than five or six contacts.

MARIBETH CASEY: To wash my hair more often.

TIM MICHAELSEN: Throw away my scissors and quit cutting people up.

KEN BONK: Stop cracking crazy puns.

TERI MRZLAK: Stop cussing in the park.

PAM MICHAELSEN: Stop sucking my thumb.

JERRY SHANK: Stop chewing straws in front of Mr. Higgins.

GAIL KOSIBA: Quit taking the pill (reducing that is)

DARYL THEILE: I'm undecided, because you know I'm a member of UDKNS (undecided, don't know, not sure society).

JV's TRIMUPH

In an almost flawless game against the Elkhorn reserves, Scotus Junior Varsity averaged 60 per cent from the field compared with 38 per cent for last year's total. With only 15 turnovers the JV's were able to hold down mistakes to defeat the Knights by a score of 72 to 34.

Showing better than expected, the roundballers surprised Coach Edison with perfection in ball handling and aggressive defense so early in the season.

Scoring in the double columns were Dave Schaecher with 17, Tom Jicha with 14, and Larry Kaus landed 10 points. "Continued success will depend on hustle, determination and team work," commented Coach Edison.

SCOTUS CAGERS

Once again the Scotus basketball season is underway. With a nucleus of 7 returning lettermen and 16 hard-nosed players the Shamrock crew appears to be a strong contender this season. At this stage of the game the team is farther advanced because of an extra week of practice. The outlook for the season was a very bright one, until 3 out of the starting players — Ralph Tinius, Bob Lueke and Jeff Rowlands — became hampered with injuries going into our first game.

The Green and White opener was at home with Elkhorn St. John with a Shamrock rally just falling short as the invaders triumphed by a 56 to 54 margin. Turnover and clutch shooting told the story of this game.

Time is the main factor now, but the team should be rolling strong come Christmas. There have been some minor changes in the defense but otherwise Coach Younger is going with the same type of game plan used in the latter part of last year's season.

A New Type of Politics

Among the many extra-curricular activities to be found within the hallowed walls of Scotus, there is one that is not as well known as the rest. This is an obscure political organization called the UDKNS Society, the initials of which are short for "Undecided, Don't Know, Not Sure."

President of the local UDKNS Society Chapter, Daryl Thiele, has recently informed the "Scotistics" that the group may be growing. "Membership seems to be rising, but we're not sure. At the last meeting we tried to decide when we would meet, but the vote was 100% undecided. That's what we like loyal members."

Branches of this fast-growing political network are spreading throughout America, as can be noted from the results of various polls taken in the country. The people who advocate UDKNS policies can easily be identified by their answers in these opinion polls. Many times there may be as many as 60% of those who either don't know, are undecided, or want to withhold their opinions when answering the questions under debate in these polls.

Members of the UDKNS Society have an advantage over Democrats and Republicans—they don't have to judge for themselves, stand on their own two feet, or take sides. Many people do not realize the benefits of belonging to an organization such as this one: all they have to do is wear the label of "Don't Know", and their cares and worries will be over.

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Mr. Stramel gives advice to student Sue Sackett. His office is filled with a wealth of colleges, careers, and courses.

Student Sufferers Unite!

Are you suffering from the recurring effects of academic ailments? Is your scholastic temperature boiling over? Are you unable to cope with an agitated state of mind as a result of educational tribulations?

Brother, if that's your problem, the proper treatment for you is long overdue. The person who can solve your difficulties is available right at this very moment. As a matter of fact, he is known to be one of the most distinguished guidance counselors in practice, and the best part about the whole thing is that he doesn't charge any type of fee whatsoever for his valuable services. Yes sir, Claire Stramel is certainly one of the finest examples of success in the entire business of counseling. To be frank with you, I would be inclined to agree that he is a student's best friend.

Actually, Mr. Stramel is everything previously said and a lot more besides. He is always willing to lend a helping hand when it comes to assisting Scotus students with academic problems. Whether it concerns a question you might have about college or a low grade that is troubling you, be assured that Mr. Stramel can give the best diagnosis of your own case as well as prescribe the necessary medicine to suit your own needs. He is experienced and superbly trained in his line of work. As a result, he does an excellent job in helping students adjust to their environment.

Believe me, Mr. Stramel can

provide the required academic nutrition to sustain you throughout the often exhausting school day. It is he who can guide you to eventually learn more about yourself and your aims and objectives in life. Gradually, you will come to know and respect him as a person whom you can confide in. A man you can trust completely. So, the next time you become hopelessly depressed because of upsetting problems in your scholastic life, please take my advice and go see Mr. Stramel. He's a swell guy.

Scotus Welcomes New Teacher

Miss Kerrilyn Corder is the newest addition to the faculty at Scotus. She teaches German I and II, and has a sophomore and senior English class.

A German and English major in college, Miss Corder graduated from Hastings College in January, 1970. Her hometown is Elwood, Nebraska.

During this past summer, Miss Corder spent two months in Europe. Included was six weeks studying at Salzburg, Austria with friends.

After finishing the school year at Scotus, Miss Corder plans to be married in June and live in Hastings.

Homemaker of Year Chosen

Senior Marilyn Miksch, on the basis of her score in the homemaking knowledge and aptitude test taken by seniors girls Dec. 2, is Scotus Central High School's 1970 Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow. In addition to receiving a specially designed silver charm from General Mills, sponsor of the annual homemaking education program, Marilyn is now eligible for one of 102 college scholarships totaling \$110,000.

Begun by General Mills in the 1954-55 school year to emphasize the importance of homemaking as a career, the Betty Crocker Search is the only national undergraduate scholarship program exclusively for high school senior girls. During its 16-year history, more than seven million young women have participated in the program and scholarship awards, with this year's grants, will total over \$1,700,000.

A record 646,041 senior girls in 15,040 of the country's high schools were enrolled in this year's Search.

Does Scotus Need Improving?

Larry Kaus — Full 45 minute lunch hour without homeroom period.

Jerry Shank — Music piped to study hall.

Larry Honke — Break monotony of everyday classes by improving curriculum and schedule.

Rosie Mralak — Students having study halls first period should be able to stay home. Those having them last period should be able to leave.

Debbie Melliger — Lot less homework!

Jeanne Kopetzky — Portion of each class should be set aside for study.

Kathy Meysenburg — Student representative at faculty meetings.

Pat Hughes — Student Council meetings should be held more often.

Cathy Brock — More class unity at lunch and at meetings.

Roger Kavanaugh — Take stronger steps to control class trouble-makers.

Joan Cannon — Study halls should be more like free periods

JA Convention Held

Four Scotus students went to St. Louis, December 28th through the 30th, for the midwestern JA Convention. Rosemarie Mrzlak, Karen Konwinski, Marie Zoucha, and Dave Schaecher, who are presently the presidents of their Junior Achievement companies, were given a free trip to St. Louis to discuss the problems of JA and to try to solve them.

There were 1,500 Junior Achievers from all over the Midwest at this JAMCO Convention which was held at the Chase Park Plaza Hotel. Their many new ideas to help improve JA will be used in the future.

The first week of February was JA week, and open house was held at the Behlen Building. Projects products, and ideas were displayed.

Honor Choir Participant

Well, here we go again! It seems like we can't keep track of all the music contests Ann Kosch has won this year. There's another one now!

This time Ann was picked out of all auditioning high school students to be one of the 80 that were chosen to represent Nebraska at the Honor Band-Choir which was held on Saturday, February 7th at 8:00 P.M. in the Kiewit Gymnasium at Hastings College in Hastings, Nebraska. This is a great privilege and a thrill-of-a-lifetime for Ann. And our whole Scotistics' staff would like to extend our congratulations to her for a job well-done.

for use of little theatre, commons, lounge, etc.

Connie Zuerlein — Special rooms should be set aside for use if study is not needed.

Pat Pile — Do not put students in alphabetical order in classes.

Marcia Shadle — Arrangement of seating in study halls should definitely be changed.

Shirley Volnek — That Student Council have more voice in what's done. That they should rule, and not be ruled.

Karen Cerny — They tell us to go through the proper channels, but the proper channels are always blocked.

Greetings from South Africa

The Scotistics previously included a letter from Sr. Marita who related some of the details about her mission in South Africa. Now she has written us a letter giving further information about her journey.

Sr. Marita took off from Kennedy Airport for a brief stay in Europe. She flew over Ireland, and Britain, and spent some time in Germany at the Motherhouse. In Munich, Sister was reunited with her relatives and also went sight-seeing. In addition, she traveled to Rome and was privileged to see Pope Paul.

On her way to Johannesburg, South Africa, Sister flew over the Sahara Desert, which she said, "looked like a moon landscape, barren, and rocky."

On landing at Johannesburg, Sr. Marita was warmly received and was presented a bouquet of roses. She had only praise for South African hospitality.

Afterwards, Sister reached Nongoma, the center of the sisters' mission activities. Nongoma is a sort of hospital village, with straw-roofed cottages, called roundels.

She visited the tribal kin's kraal to present Christmas presents and met the prince of the tribe. He greeted the group with "Sakubona", which in Zulu means "hello." Sister said that all Zulu words must end with a vowel, as in "hamba kahle", or "good-by."

She also visited the hospital, overcrowded because of a 5-year drought that had caused great famine and malnutrition. She and the maternity matron, Sr. Rainolda, went out to ulu kraals to visit Moses, an old and undernourished man. After being followed by a trail of children, they reached his roundel and gave him gifts of food.

Sister was especially touched at seeing one little boy who was completely crippled and who crawled on all fours. She was told that his plight was mainly "due to neglect."

The place where Sister Marita is now staying is called Inkamana, which means in the Zulu language



One of Sr. Marita's friends at Inkamana.

"encounter." Inkamana is the site where two hostile Zulu tribes encountered each other with their short knives.

At Inkamana Sister prepared for the new school year that started in January. She said that most South African students stop their education at the junior high level.

In her letter Sister Marita took time out to say: "I must assure you that I found America unsurpassed in helpfulness and efficiency. When our huge Boeing left from J.F. Kennedy Airfield in New York, I took America with me; not just in a nostalgic way, or even because I am an American citizen, but because America has shaped me to a great extent in those 15 years I have been with you. When I traveled across three continents, I could not see any boundaries that would separate people or even would make them stand against each other; I saw only God's beautiful world."

Want everyone to know who your sweetheart is? Want to find a sweetheart? Attend the Sweetheart Dance and your dreams will come true. The date is February 28th. Don't miss it!

Your Horoscope Chartered

Greetings! This is your faithful astrologer charting your course for February. As every zodiac lover knows, the enjoining of the stars determines the future of all. The following are my prophesies for the month of February:

CAPRICORN (Dec. 21-Jan. 20) — This is an excellent month to practice antisestablishmentarianism. Wear pink socks to school. All senior Capricorns will excel in their study of religion this month.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 18) — For females born under this sign — green is your lucky color this month. Wear it every day if you can. February 28th may be a lucky day for any Junior Aquarians. Mr. Higgins will remain home bedridden as a result of a concussion received while submitting to the law of gravity.

PISCES Feb. 19-March 20; — Beware of Carp floating upstream. All Pisces athletes may experience "the start of a new season."

ARIES (March 21-April 20) — If you are a female Aries, you are going to get a wild crush on either Mr. Nolan or Bruce Ebner. However, in the end you will give them both up for Roman Gabriel.

TAURUS (April 21-May 20) — Some Taurus is planning an underground takeover of the library. (If you hear the sound of digging under the bookshelves you will know what to expect.)

GEMINI (May 21-June 29) — This is your month to travel. You

will win an all-expense paid trip to Duncan by jet and will receive a free meal at My Place.

CANCER (June 21-July 21) — The White Phantom will be stealing gym shorts out of lockers. A lot of Cancers will be catching colds during P.E. class.

LEO (July 22-Aug. 21) — You will become allergic to Sister Colette sometime near the 26th and will be forced to transfer from her class. Someone will stack your locker on the 29th and, you will leave school early due to a headache.

VIRGO (Aug. 22-Sept. 21) — All Senior Virgos will lose their privileges due to a major orgy in the commons. A very close friend of yours may lose his life by being electrocuted by a typewriter.

LIBRA (Sept. 22-Oct. 22) — Beware of drowning in the proper channels. You will get caught writing graffiti on Miss Donner's board and may cause her to date a detention slip.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) — You will attempt to impeach the president of the Math Club. Before you go on that crash diet remember, thin is in but fat is where it's at.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.20) — You have a good chance of making the third quarter honor roll if you overcome your fear of pencils. Remember that Athlete's Foot is nature's way of telling you not to go out for track.

The Down Town

By Darryl Thiele

May scientists are very concerned about the lack of space that is available for the construction of houses and other buildings. Although they can build them up, they can only go so high. I guess the only choice is to start building them underground.

Professor Albert Swartzter, a very close friend of mine, realizing this problem started to experiment. Being worried about this problem myself I decided to see him and see how he's coming along with his "downtown" experiment.

Seeing his marvelous layout, the first thing I asked him was, "What gave you this idea?"

"I learned it," he said, "from the ants, rabbits, and snakes, they all build their homes underground. They're not so dumb, they're not having the space problem we're having, are they?"

"What would you say is the major difference between the skyscrapers and the dirt-scratchers?" I asked.

"Well, with the buildings that

are constructed upwards, you have to start from the bottom and work up, with the ones built downward, you start from the top and work down. It's always easier to go down that up."

"That seems to be a clear advantage," I said, "But how about the cost of these homes?"

"That's another advantage these homes have, they're dirt cheap," Professor Swartzter said.

"Are there any more advantages, Professor?"

"Yes, you don't have to worry about thin air when you reach the top."

"Mr. Swartzter, what is the outlook for this downtown system?" I then asked.

"Well, it's going to take a few more years of research, because, as you know, we're dealing with a very deep subject," he replied.

"And finally Professor, why did you build your mile low town under Denver?" I asked.

"I wanted to even things out," the professor answered.

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This Is Your Life

This is the story of a student now attending Scotus High and actively participating in football and track. At the age of three while attending a sit-in on the family bathroom stool, he fell off and broke his leg?!

As time passed this young lad became a notorious hunter being topped by no other but his sidekick, Charlie. Hunting birds by day and rabbits by night, the little whippersnapper was praised by young and old on his block.

By the ripe old age of twelve, his main interest of hunting began to taper off and the old sharpshooter spiced his life with sports and girls.

In the summer of his eighth year of school, this young "Babe Ruth" lad smacked four home runs to help lead his team to an undefeated 16 and 0 season. Girls those strange, long-haired, once objected race — began to distract and puzzle him. The wild summer was now over and school opened soon.

Now a Freshman he earned the starting role of tackle on the squad. Days rolled by and track season was here. Two weight records fell to the now somewhat large Frosh star.

The tenth year he again earned a starting position of what was to be the No. 1 team in Class C, Girlfriends became a part of him with many in the past and many more to come.

Now a senior, he finds little time for hunting and with football over, he concentrates on his girlfriend and an occasional rumble with the Davis Boys.

Mark Lueke — This is your life.

Smile — we actually took **Fourth place** in the Centennial Conference tournament.

MINITORIALS

The main reason why adults are constantly griping about the abundance of teenagers' hair is because of their lack of it.

Rumors have been heard about how contact lenses can cause eye (?) cancer. Thus contacts have been added to the fast-growing list of such "cancer-causing" elements as cigarettes, cyclamates, too much sunshine, and the pill. It seems as if scientists are so baffled by the disease, that they'll pin its cause onto anything.

How would you like to send your parents to Africa or Asia for a couple of years? The Peace Corps, in an attempt to change its image, is now allowing middle-aged people with practical skills to be sent to posts around the world.

What bothers me is that the streets aren't safe, parks are dangerous, and the freeways are impossible, but under our arms we have complete protection. — Parade

Does the waste paper basket in study hall say "study" or "studs"?

The Eyes Have It

Have you ever wondered about classmates who have been wearing glasses for a long time, and then, suddenly, one day they appear with no "specs" at all? You probably think that their eyesight could not have improved that much that fast — and you're right. The simple answer is contact lenses. For those of you that think glasses are better, it has been proven that your eyesight actually improves with contacts. Also you are able to see things clearly out of the corners of your eyes that were only blurred before.

Contacts may be considered high in cost, anywhere from \$125 to over \$200. But when you consider that they should last for several years, the price isn't all that high. Now, you say "should last" because that usually isn't the case. Sooner or later, you're going to lose one and it probably will be sooner. Sports account for a great many losses. Bob Lueke has lost eleven so far and only two were non-athletic losses. Bob Kosch has lost a couple just because the sink drain wasn't closed. I have the rather unusual and quite embarrassing claim that my dog Ginger ate one! Replacements range from \$15 to \$25 and this can add up in a hurry.

After all, are contacts worth all the bother and expense? Just ask someone who wears them, they'll tell you.

ME A TEACHER?

by Renee Brooks

Each week I travel to Duncan, Nebraska to a screaming-jumping class of first graders. Believe me, you have had nothing to try your nerves until you have joined Teen Apostolate and played teacher! I now realize the pandemonium our teachers must face.

Little kids do some weird things sometimes and I would like to relate some of my experiences to you. Once while I was writing something on the board, I looked up to find two of my more quiet students playing leap frog on the desks in the back of the room. I recall at another time while checking one little girl's paper I turned to point out her mistakes in

time to see her blow a kiss to the small boy in the corner, who I must add, was turning a bright red.

During the year us teachers get asked some quite embarrassing questions. Such as "If God only made Adam and Eve, how did we get here?" Like man, what do you say?! One of my students out of the clear blue sky said, "Hey, you, do you want one of my pictures with my phone number on it?" One of the upper classes was talking about hypocrites one day, and the teacher was taken quite aghast when one little girl explained how her parents talked about their friends behind their backs.

I must say that I enjoy teaching these little children, and I could write a book of the cute things they do. However, I just want to leave you with this prayer composed by one of my first grade boys:

"Dear God, I love you all year long.

Thank You for the sun."



Miss Donner accompanies Jim on her accordion.

Seniors Visit State Hospital

Don't be surprised when, at the mention of Norfolk State Hospital, a senior girl's eyes will light up and she will start to tell you about all the fun she had there.

Several months ago, Miss Donner, who previously worked at the Hospital, invited the senior girls to put on a party for the patients there.

Taking her up on her suggestion, 20-30 senior girls journeyed to the Hospital on two Sundays in December and January, bringing along sandwiches and cookies for refreshments.

Music was provided a la Miss Donner's accordion, and singing and dancing was held.

The girls toured the Hospital on the second visit and were particularly pleased to be shown the Arts and Crafts rooms, where ceramics, art, and shop are taught. The facilities even included a printing room where the **Hilltopper**, the Hospital publication, is put out.

State Hospital Director Al Johnson said that the girls did an excellent job in promoting cooperation and participation among the patients.



Connie and Marie with friends.

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A recent topic of heated controversy during the open student council meeting in the cafeteria was the present system of detention in Scotus. The discussion centered on the seemingly "gestapo" nature of the "Jug" system. Some felt that detention should be a more constructive method of correction. Others felt it was presently, only a means for irrational teachers to haphazardly punish their "favorite" students. Still others, the conservatives, felt it was fine the way it was at present.

Interviews were conducted with several authorities on the subject. Supporters of all sides are included to present a hopefully unbiased report of opinion.

1. What do you think is the purpose of the present system of detention?

Of the six interviewed, all agreed the present purpose is discipline and a form of punishment for students who do not follow the rules.

2. Do you, from your knowledge, think it accomplishes this objective?

Father Meyer: Yes, I feel that it helps to accomplish this objective. By the very fact that there is concern about the detention system, it must provide something to be avoided.

Kathy Meysenburg: To the best of my knowledge, no student who intends to break a school law or annoy a teacher, refrains from doing so simply because they may get detention for misconduct.

Mr. Puetz: No, because it seems that the same people are always there.

3. What do you think the purpose should be?

Tony Crebbin: The purpose should be to instill a sense of responsibility and trustfulness in a student. It should not be used as a means of punishment to the point that it will breed discontent and ill-will among the student body. All too often students feel only contempt for a teacher who writes detention slips. A feeling of respect should be present instead.

Mr. Puetz: It should be student and teacher control.

4. Do you think that detention reforms a student constructively or merely forces him to submit to being good by use of "gestapo" tactics.

Miss Irvin: I feel it is up to the student concerning the effects of detention on that student, as an individual. Some students are effected constructively — and others — well —

Kathy Meysenburg: "Gestapo" is an excellent description of our present system. It definitely does not succeed in reforming the student. This is evident in the fact that the same students are found in detention regularly.

Father Meyer: Do you think our present United States justice system is any different than the Scotus detention system? When a citizen breaks a law violating the rights of others he is penalized by a fine or by being confined to place for a limited period of time. The school must help prepare the student for life in these United States. If you change the present U. S. system for justice, the school will change its system of justice to prepare you for the new system of justice.

5. Do you think some teachers hand out detention slips haphazardly?

Miss Irvin: No — I feel they have a reason for what they do.

Joe Skorupa: I've noticed this mostly in the new teachers. It seems the first thing they have to do is show the students how tough they can be, so they start handing out detention for everything you do wrong.

Mr. Puetz: Yes.

Tony Crebbin: No, I seriously don't believe most teachers are so careless that they hand out detention slips in a haphazard manner. I'm not saying that teachers don't make mistakes but simply that they usually try to be fair. The trouble with many students is that they would like to believe that teachers are to blame for detentions and not the students. Yet, when you get right down to the truth of the matter, it is obvious that with the number of detentions given out, the students are almost surely the most blameworthy.

6. Do you approve of the present system?

Mr. Puetz: It should be harsher.

Miss Irvin: Yes — unless a better system can be placed in action.

Joe Skorupa: I don't approve of the present system, and as far as a substitute goes, I'm working on it.

7. If you do not approve the present detention system, can you suggest a substitute?

Kathy Meysenburg: Perhaps some sort of a consultation program could be worked out between teacher and offender, to get at the root of the problem.

Mr. Puetz: I'd rather see them use a more disagreeable punishment like cleaning the girl's restroom.

Compiled by Colleen Wibbels and Shirley Volnek

A Haven for the Student

Throughout this illustrious nation, in every institute of instruction and hallowed hub of learning, there exists some serene haven of the weary student, some secluded nook wreathing of peace and tranquility, where, when the pressures of an unduly oppressive schoolday proves too much, the coed may retreat to quaff the reinvigorating waters of placidity. Here at Scotus we have the — LIBRARY!

Upon entering this revered sanctuary of the taciturn, one is immediately inspired by the faint undertone of the diligent students in their pursuit of knowledge. Even more stimulating are the reticent utterances of the spry librarian and her maidenly assistant offering these seekers of enlightenment, aid or advising them of the requirements and regulations they will encounter upon arrival at the higher institutes of learning.

It is with these laudable traits in mind and with the greatest of gratification, that I hereby join the multitude of those applauding Scotus Central Catholic. Once again this praiseworthy school has succeeded in providing for its students, conquistadors in education, the tools for their joujourney. Scotus! We salute you!

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EDITORIAL

It's unfair to deprive the students of Scotus the studying freedom they deserve. So let us have a **Student Lounge**. Where? In the Pep Club Room, the Weight Room, or one of the many empty rooms around the school.

"The Pep Club Room is too far and students might run away." "The Weight Room is in use." "The students will cause too much of a confusion in the halls."

The answer to all these questions, is, "Trust us, try us." Will the students run away from school? "Trust us, try us." Is the weight room in use during the school day? "Trust us, try us."

—Rosie Mrzlak

TO VOTE OR NOT TO VOTE

In April of 1969, Britain's Parliament passed a bill allowing all registered and qualified voters of 18 or over to vote in any election starting with February 15 of this year.

By lowering the voting age to 18, nearly 6 million young people will become enfranchised. This 6 million may determine whether Parliament will go Labor or Conservative. Recent polls, however, indicate that these people are fairly equally divided as to Party preference, but that the majority agrees on the fact that the income tax should be lowered.

From as far back as the Revolution our own country has strived to create ideal governmental standards for her people. This has largely been accomplished by adapting British governmental standards to the American situation. Our Constitution, for example, boasts of such British-made principles as trial by jury, a bill of rights, and a two-house legislature. Thus English tradition is deeply ingrained in the American political structure.

Charters of English liberties date back as far as 1215. Where England is old and wise in the ways of democratic government, America is still young. Time and again the United States has followed England's example in the fields of politics and democratic principles, and it has modeled many of its important documents after English counterparts. Today British 18-year-olds can vote. How about it America?

—By Mary Bruns

FAULT FINDING

One fast-growing habit of our modern age is fault finding. We have no patience with the mistakes of others, but give little thought or time to correcting our OWN shortcomings.

We use strong magnifying glasses in finding out the faults of our neighbors and friends, but fail to see our weak points and faults. We do not want people to be greater or smarter than we are. If they are, we call them queer, temperamental, or even start lies about them.

Accepting people and things as they are now, not as we would have them be, is a constructive way of living. We cannot change people, anyway, so why fret and fume over the matter.

When we begin singling out the wrongs of our fellow men, our town, state, or country we only exaggerate them. Just because we think our companion is wrong and we are right, does not make it true. He could be correct and we incorrect.

So let us remember, "There is so much bad in the best of us, so much good in the worst of us, it does not behoove any of us, to talk about the rest of us."

—Sandi Yosten

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Students' Guide To Teachers

Teachers! You know you're stuck with them for at least a couple more years so why not bear up and try to understand them. Contrary to popular belief, teachers are human and can be classified into several groups according to their abnormalities.

Let us take for example, the most feared, tough teacher in school — **THE DISCIPLINARIAN**. This type is most readily observed sliding up behind you with his pen frantically scribbling out a detention slip.

Usually one glance from this tough guy will send any Freshman into tears and flight. Unfortunately, by the time this Freshman has advanced to Junior or Senior level, this fright has transformed itself into total belligerence. This transfiguration usually leads to instant insanity for the disciplinarian or at least writer's cramp.

The next teacher type you will probably run into is the cool one or better known as **THE SWINGER**. This teacher will break his back just to be in with the in-crowd. This species thrives on keeping himself directly at the student's level so he can reach them. Unfortunately, by the time this instructor grooves his way into the student scene, the students are usually out of reach.

If you discover yourself working crossword puzzles in class but getting A's on your tests, you have undoubtedly met up with **THE BOOK BORROWER**. This teacher possesses a stereo-taped

memory which he uses to memorize the lesson out of the book the night before so he can tell it to you straight in class. Never inquire anything of this instructor that cannot be found in the index of your text book. If you do, you will get a beautiful, flowing, nicely worded answer. However, it will also be irrelevant to your question.

You may have had the experience of entering a class and on leaving discover your sides are splitting because of unlimited laughter. Get ready for a year of fun and relaxation because you have acquired **THE COMEDIAN**. Although your sides are splitting, you have little to worry about your brains doing the same. As the year progresses, you may realize that the new jokes you pick up in that class are the entirety of your learning.

"Do you have problems at home? Don't you get along with your parents?" Sound familiar? It should if you have met the **ANN LANDERS** teacher. The way this school marm delves into your personal life leads one to believe she's composing a juicy soap opera on the side and is extremely hard up for fictional material. You should be grateful to this teacher. Although you won't learn much, you will never have to pay out money for a psychiatrist.

These are just a few categories you may want to file your teachers into. As you progress in your long career as a student you will most likely experience them all.

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The Dangers of Winter Sports

by Tim Michaelsen

Of the millions of winter sports enjoyed today, tobogganing seems to be the best liked around here. It was on our famous Southern Slopes where "Down Hill Racer" was produced. It was here also where Larry Kaus, America's fastest and most useful skier in last year's winter olympics, received his training.

However, Larry had a little trouble this year early in the Christmas season. It all happened quite by mistake when Larry and a few male companions, feeling very good after celebrating another close Scotus basketball game, decided on an early Sunday morning bout with the toboggan. Bright and early they were on their way to the Southern Slopes for a dozen runs or so. It took only a matter of minutes to reach the beautiful snow-covered peaks which are only eight miles out and easily seen from the city of Columbus.

Upon arriving at the Ski (Lounge) Lodge, they parked their car and slid out for the top of the three hundred foot peak. They were forced to go by foot since the ski lift was in no condition to work, or maybe I should say it was the man running the lift that was in no condition to work. Anyway after reaching the top there are two ways down, the ski jump or the toboggan course. A mixup at this particular point proved to be Larry's fatal mistake. He thought he had lined up with the toboggan run, but instead he sat waiting on his sled for a push at the top of the ski jump. He was then pushed by a good friend.

Now on his way down the jump, Larry suddenly realize what he had done. In a last futile effort the attempted to stand up. On that day Larry captured the world air and ground spread record for tobogganing and also captured a tree at the end of the course. Larry suffers yet from a broken leg and slightly smashed head.

Experiences such as this have been shared by many. I witnessed a tragedy on the tobogganing course about three Sundays ago when Dick Landkamer and Don Bonk were competing against another team for the endurance record. The catastrophe occurred when Dick guided their toboggan into the path of an oncoming tree. A patch of bark, three feet by three feet, was ripped from the tree trunk. This bark wasn't torn off by the toboggan but by Dick's body. His one leg is now two inches shorter than the other, and he walks with a severe limp. Don came out of it with only the wind knocked out of him. (for life.)

VICTORY NO. 1

by Larry Holys

Well, basketball at Scotus is not always as frustrating as it has proven to be so far this season. With a compiled record of 0 and 10 it just seems as one of these things where nothing will fall through. At the start of the season, things really looked bright, but from out of nowhere, an endless period of darkness took a nasty hold, and it seemed at times, this hold would never give any slack.

Then there was this weird Monday night, on January 26, 1970, as Scotus was the host for the Centennial Conference Tournament. The period of darkness came to an end, as the hold gave enough slack to tie up the whole team into an overtime victory over Fremont Bergan, a night that shall not be forgotten for many moons.

Yes, this was the night when Coach Younger's famous slogan "start of a new season", finally came to a start, and total defeat finally came to an end. Scotus still has the old spirit, but without spirit there is then a lack of confidence, and it takes confidence to win a basketball game which was proven on that weird Monday night.

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4. Thou shalt not run down the stairs. (sliding down the banister is more fun.)
5. Thou shalt not write on the desks. (carving is more artistic.)
6. Thou shalt not throw spit wads. (books are harder.)
7. Thou shalt not talk back to the teachers. (throw something at them instead.)
8. Thou shalt not whisper in class. (shouting is more effective.)
9. Thou shalt not be tardy. (stay home instead.)
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SCOTUS SPIRIT LIVES

by Margaret Miksch

In the December issue of the **Scotistics** there was a picture of a skeleton (I think that's what it was) wearing a Scotus letter jacket. Underneath it appeared the caption "Is spirit dying at Scotus?" I took it as a challenge, so here is my answer to the challenge:

Just walk around in Scotus High School. Walk anywhere — in the gym, in the cafeteria, through the halls, or, if you wish, just look through the doors from the outside. What do you see? Posters, posters, posters, everywhere. Take a look at the Pep Club girls on the day of a game. Their green uniforms are barely visible under myriads of pin-ons advocating support for the team. Go to a Scotus game, home or away. You ears get the picture; spirit surely isn't dead here.

Scotus spirit isn't present only at games. It is present in the March of Dimes drive, in the sale of poppies on Veteran's Day, in the bake sales, candy sales, raffles, chili feeds, concession stands, and on senior work day, all of which have the purpose of raising money for one cause or another. It is present at the dances, into which the respective class has put so much work to make it a success. It is present everywhere you find a Scotus girl or boy.

Is spirit dying at Scotus? What do you think?!

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Fr. Swanson Renewed With

Retreat for Scotus High School students was held in a different manner this year. Instead of the usual two days of renewal, one ever-fast moving day was set aside for retreat. In this way, the retreat was made more meaningful for the student body. Another change, which brought out more individuality among the students; different days were set aside for each class.

The retreat master for the three days was Father Paul Swanson of St. Margaret Mary Parish in Omaha. Father brought with him several films, one in particular about Nazi concentration camps. This film was influential in stressing "What Man without God is."

Father Swanson carried on several different topics for discussion in each class; the Freshman and Sophomore group gave their views on "improving Scotus," the Juniors on "moral behavior," and the Seniors on "premarital sex."

All classes were allowed to partake in confession and later in the day receive Holy Communion under both species at Holy Mass. With the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the day of renewal was over.

All students would probably agree that this retreat has been one of the most reviving and meaningful retreats here at Scotus.

Scotus Mocks U.N.

On February 28, a Mock U. N. was held at Grand Island Senior High School. At this Mock U.N. Scotus represented Brazil, the United Kingdom, and Syria. The day began at 8:00 a.m. with the checking in of members. After checking in the members attended meetings and the caucus. From 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon committee meetings were held. Lunch was served between 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. The General Assembly followed. The issues discussed during the session were the Palestine question and the Rhodesian problem.

Those attending this Mock U.N. were Marie Zoucha, Sharon Pfaff, Diana Spies, Marilyn Miksch, Mary Ann Bruns, Joan Cannon, Cathy Roshynialski, Kathy Brock, Pat Hughes, and Kathy Kline. Miss Donner accompanied the delegates.



Father Cal Arrives

Father Calvin Giesen, a native of New Prague, Minnesota, is the new Junior religion teacher. He is replacing Brother Charles Potocki. Father Cal also teaches CCD classes to the eighth graders on Saturdays.

Father Cal attended Our Lady of the Angel's College in Cleveland, Ohio, and attended the Catholic University in Washington D.C. for his graduate studies. Latin was his major in college, and Greek his minor.

Before coming to St. Bon's Parish, he was associated with St. Peter's Catholic Church in Chicago. Father Cal has been a priest for 23 years.

Besides teaching religion, Father Cal enjoys golfing and fishing, and helping the St. Bon's Liturgy Committee plan songs and the liturgy for mass.

CAREER DAY

The Scotus Senior High School had an afternoon set aside so that they could have a chance to speak with the experts of different vocations. Students participating in this day chose from a list of different fields they were most interested in. On March 18, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. a representative from each of the most demanded fields were on hand for any questions the students had about his or her vocation.

The purpose of this program is to expose students to different careers and different job opportunities, and answer any questions or doubts students had about these different careers.

Class Presidents Speak

What goes on behind the doors of a class meeting? What new ideas do the class officers have up their sleeve? Through an interview with each of the class president's, the Scotistics Staff have discovered what each class is up to.

Tony Crebbin: It is generally accepted as traditional policy that the Senior Class is entitled to a unique immunity as far as financial projects are concerned. By this, I simply mean that the seniors do not usually encounter monetary difficulties because of an acute lack of available funds.

The availability of money is usually insured for the Senior Class, in view of the fact, that "Senior Work Day" contributed largely to enough funds without creating the necessity of any additional projects. However, this does not imply, by any means, that the Senior Class is completely opposed to the prospect of worthwhile class projects. On the contrary, this particular Senior Class has recently given their approval for a proposed project to raise funds. We are now in the process of promoting the sale of tickets for a carnival sponsored annually in Schuyler. Whether or not this activity will prove successful will depend entirely on the efforts of the Senior Class.

Bob Lueke: The Junior Class sponsored a rookie basketball game between the K-TTT Town Trotters (the radio discjockeys) the Scotus faculty. The game was held March 16 in the Scotus gym—at 7:30 p.m. The set admission for children under 12, students, and adults, are \$.25, .50, and .75 respectively. Candy and refreshments were sold at the concession stands. Half time entertainment was by a boy's drill team sponsored by the junior boys.

Larry Fritz: The Sophomore Class is planning to sell white "T" shirts with a kelly green trim on the sleeves and neck. A traditional shamrock shall be engraved on the front of the "T" shirt having Scotus Central Catholic printed in a triangular shape around it. Scotus "T" shirts will be on sale starting the second week of April.

A successful project the Sophomores have is the adoption of a small Korean boy, LeeByung Min. The Sophomore's payment of \$12. each month takes care of Lee's food, clothing, shelter, medical supplies, school supplies, and edu-

Black Coalition Visits Scotus

On Friday, March 6, the students of Scotus were visited by a Black Coalition group from Dominican High School in Omaha. The group was composed of nine black students ranging from grades ten to twelve and accompanied by Father Dorsey.

The purpose of this conference was to create a better understanding and insight into the problems facing the brotherhood of our races. It also provided Scotus students with the mere chance to meet and talk with black students on any subject they chose.

The program began with a general convocation in the gym with an introduction of the students by Father Dorsey. Everyone then split into groups with two black students assigned to each. Among the topics discussed in these group sessions were interracial marriages, comparison of our schools, racial disturbances, and housing.

After school each black student accompanied a Scotus student home until evening. At seven o'clock the group reconvened at school for further discussion which was open to the public.

Grad Announcements

On January 30, 89 seniors filed into the little theater to meet with Mr. Tuttle and select graduation announcements. After choosing their announcements, the seniors were shown a wide selection of other items that could be ordered for remembering their senior year. The seniors were shown senior keys, announcement covers, memory books, and thank-you cards. After filling out their orders, they were then measured for caps and gowns. The seniors are now awaiting the arrival of their selections.

tion.

Of course, the Sophomore Class will, as always, sponsor the Senior Farewell Dance. However, they have no definite plans as yet.

Tom Zabawa: Around Christmas we sold candy. We made \$197.00. We have also been collecting dues, \$.50 each quarter, or \$2.00 a year. We have collected \$65.00 so far. This brings our total to \$262.00 up until now.

We are planning a candy or bake sale at the grade school after Easter. This money is going for the Freshman - Sophomore Hop and \$50.00 is going for Twirp.

Letters to the Editor The Privileged Few

Dear Editors:

I certainly enjoyed the last issue of the Scotistics. I feel that it was very enjoyable to read and certainly a credit to the student body and the school.

However, I would like to reply to your editorial "Try us, Trust us." I would like to mention one thing at this time, The Pop Machine. At the request of the student body, and after much discussion and persuasion of the faculty and the Board of Directors, the student body was allowed to have a pop machine in the Commons provided that they keep the pop in the Commons and provided that they keep the Commons in respectable appearance. Now one can find pop cups and stains at almost any hour of the day on the floor and windows of the Commons, on the grass outside, around the gym, and even on other floors in the building.

How can one ask for greater privileges under the title "Try us, Trust us" when anyone who can see, can see that the student body is not responsible enough to handle this one small privilege and responsibility.

Disillusioned,
Father Emmett Meyer

Again, the Scotistics is open to, and welcomes all of your gripes and comments about anything. We thank-you for all previous interest.

The editors for this month's issue of the Scotistics are Debbie Gondringer and Shirley Volnek.

by Tony Crebbin

Within recent months there has been a noticeable change in the attitudes of many of the seniors. It has been a gradual change that has developed as a result of senior privileges which are utilized in unsupervised study sessions. Whether this change has been for the good or bad of the Senior Class is questionable on the grounds that much remains to be seen within the next few months. However, the future never places or imposes restrictions on those of us who would care to speculate on any one of a number of questions. Therefore, it might prove interesting to attempt to define this change in terms of its potential danger to those senior students who are presently using their privileges.

When a senior is granted privileges this student's attitude can travel in one of two possible directions. Either the senior will be completely overcome with gratefulness and direct his every effort to the preservation of the privileges that have been given to him, or otherwise the student may acquire a sense of superiority simply because he is a senior and he does have privileges. With this attitude the student may lose sight of a really true set of values. Where once authority was appreciated and respected, now it is disregarded and despised. Under any circumstances the concept of authority must be upheld primarily because it is so essential to the well being of our society. So perhaps a word of caution would be in order. Seniors, don't let your privileges go to your heads. Most important, don't lose the ground that you've fought so hard to gain in the first place. Let us work gradually to improve what is not to your satisfaction. Lastly, let us remember that we owe ourselves a chance. Let's make the most of it.

A Guide to Student Behavior

by Mary Bruns

In the previous issue of the Scotistics, a "Students' Guide to Teachers" was printed. Now we'd like to turn the tables and give you a special feature "A Guide to Student Behavior". You probably have noticed abnormal behavior in your fellow students, so here is a quick way of classifying each type.

The first type of student to be discussed is the SMART-MOUTH. His constant barrage of cutting remarks directed at either the teacher or another student leads one to believe that he is taking a correspondence course from Don Rickles on the side. Underneath this rough exterior of snide jokes, however, is a desperate need to be noticed. Thus, it has been found that ignoring him is the best treatment.

The next type, commonly extend throughout Scotus, is the PLAY-BABY. It is quite apparent that he lacks maturity, for what he considers "fun" is sitting in the back of the room making paper airplanes or mimicking the teacher. You must have only sympathy for this type, because he just doesn't belong in high school, that is.

The PRIMP, makes her appearance in class worrying about her looks. This self-conscious lass does everything at her desk except pluck her eyebrows. Her purse is filled to overflowing with cosmetics, combs, and hairbrushes, and she spends her classtime trying to get every hair in place. She might look all right at the end of class, but . . .

EXTRA - CURRICULAR EDDIE, adored by teachers, is a student to be marveled at. He makes it a point to join each and every organization, and is known to have a "well - rounded" personality. Come picture taking day for the Annual, this poor soul is half-blinded by the photographer's flashes. One would be astounded to look at EE's college applications, for they are chucked full of honors, awards, and offices. However, it can be assumed that EE does not have as much fun as us average all-Americans.

The last type to be considered is the DOZER, famed for his late-night social activities. Dozer is always found at his desk with his head resting wearily on his arms. A sharp reproof from the teacher merely stimulates him to lift his head and make a weak attempt to focus his bleary eyes on the black board. This last effort only makes him more tired than before, and Dozer usually returns to peaceful slumber.



This is Your Life

Born on December 18, 1959, in Columbus, Nebraska, little did this persistent paperboy know, he would shortly be striving for recognition on the Scotus athletic fields.

Moe, as he is commonly called around the household, grew up with the usual amount of trials and tribulations faced by being a sixth child. First of all, he had to learn that with three older brothers and two sisters, he was not exactly a novelty. In a short time, Moe was forced to discover other harsh realities of life. Among these is that Curl Free doesn't always work. Also that dimples are nature's way of telling you to smile a lot.

Now a Freshman, Moe has tasted success in several areas. Not only is he an up-and-comer on the football and roundball court but will soon be making his debut on the cinders. Now serving as President of the Freshman class —Tom Zabawa—this is your life.

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Catholic Daughters Challenge the Poets

Every year, the Catholic Daughters sponsor the Court Little Flower Poetry Contest: Stan Liss, Millie Paprocki, and Kathy Meysenburg, in and limited to fourteen lines.

The Scotistics would like to congratulate this year's winners of the Poetry Contest; Stan Liss, Millie Paprocki, and Kathy Meysenburg, in that order.

The winning poems are as follows:

FINDING GOD

by Stan Liss

Some find Him in the eyes of young;
Others find Him in a song that's sung;
Some search for Him through years on end;
Others find Him in life's first rough bend;
Some search for Him in pre-dawn hours;
Before the bombs scream down in showers;
Some find Him in a nuclear test, —or —
Striving to learn what helps man best;
Some find Him in an anguished cry,
Some find Him on moon's barren waste,
Others find Him in an outcast race;
God shows Himself in many masks;
Finding Him is our own task.

BROTHERHOOD

by Millie Paprocki

The life of every girl and boy God, in nature, fills with joy.
Yet so many of these joys are slack in lives of those created black.
The illness, the crying, the crowded streets.
The crime and corruption beneath their feet;
Yet that cruel world on which they stand
Had been created by God's bold hand
For all to till and all to reap
Until the day when He shall sweep
Us together in the end
As families, relatives, and friends.
Why then now cannot we be
Combining colors in unity
And sharing, with the blacks who would,
Joys destined us in brotherhood.

WAR

by Kathy Meysenburg

I'm running; no one stops me.
I'm screaming; no ear hears and asks me why.
I'm falling; no outstretched hand recovers me.
I'm crying; no patient voice to comfort me.
I'm dying; no bitter tears falls to mourn for me.
It is wet, slime surrounds me no relief can I find.
It is hot, sticky sweat covers me no soft hand to cool my brow.
It is bloody, warm fluid flows—my blood.
It is dark, my shattered eye cannot see no candle will light my way.
It is silent, my fragmented ear will not hear no Benedictus at my death.
My God, Why have you forsaken me?

Your Horoscope Charted

Greetings! Here again is your green-and-white astrologer making your zodiac predictions for the month of March.

CAPICORN (Dec. 21 - Jan. 20).

The pop machine will short-circuit if you get any pop either on the 29th or 31st. Beware of teachers wearing red suit jackets, they will be especially hostile to you this month.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 18)

You will find that you had received a minus score in the National Math Test, and swear off all such tests forever.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

You will find gum stuck on your locker door handle some day next week. As you throw the gooey stuff to the floor, in disgust, a teacher will see you and fine you a dollar.

ARIES (March 21-April 20)

You will discover mildew in your gym socks. Beware of loud exploding bomb-like sounds, someone will hand you a loaded Easter egg with a strange ticking noise inside of it.

TAURUS (April 21-May 20)

You attempt to follow Robert's Rules of Order at a class meeting and are jeered out of the room.

Sr. Bernardis finds the remains of a Molotov cocktail in your locker, and you are expelled that very day.

GEMINI (May 21-June 29)

As a way of protesting the Vietnam War, you burn your draft card. As you look at the ashes, you find a little metal tag and realize it was your library card instead.

CANCER (June 21-July 21)

You will play the record "The Stripper" for Mass and be excommunicated.

Whoever you take to the twirp dance will not know how to polka.

LEO (July 22-Aug. 21)

Some Leo may attempt to incite a riot during a Student Council meeting. You will receive an anonymous "Dear John" letter sometime near —the 25th.

VIRGO (Aug. 22-Sept. 21)

You will attempt to rebel against the establishment on the 26th. You will begin classes at Columbus High on the 27th.

LIBRA (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)

Attention all Libra girls, this is not a good month to ride on the boy's track bus. (Wait until next month.)

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

You could win the high hurdles if you overcome your fear of heights.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 20)

You will succumb your inner being and be rejuvenated by the philosophy of Sister Catherine.

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The Little Green Cindermen

Winter is about over, spring is almost here and Scotus cindermen are a comin. So have no fear. There have already been reports from the "south side" of little green men running across people's doorsteps.

Scotus has had a reputation for building a strong tough team, and this season appears to be no exception. Sure the squad looses a superstar, like Joey the Jet, and speedy Al Bruner, but overall the Scotus trackteam is better balanced than last season. Scotus has always had good sprinters and hurdlers, but this year the team appears to be a little stronger in the distance events. Without superstars it takes a well balanced team to rack up enough points to win a meet. Oh, by the way, Scotus has scrunge up a new superstar in the distance this year. He is a little "fishy looking" but he is a nice young lad. Actually he is Mr. Nolan, our new distance coach who will —add a lot of spirit if nothing else to the team.

Head coach Mr. Puetz has rounded up a fine schedule for his team this year. A few boys have already competed in the Kearney Indoor Meet, but it is too early in the season to size up anything. If things turn out like they should, Scotus again shall be a strong contender in the sport known as track.

Seward Nips Scotus

Scotus cagers almost pulled off the game of the season in their first and last tournament showing.

Going against the powerful Seward Blue Jays who during regular season play dropped only three games while striking on 14.

The game started out as a typical Scotus game quickly dropping behind 5 to 0 in early play. Keeping within four points of the Blue Jays, the first quarter ended 11 to 9.

Scoring high and jumping out to a 31 to 18 half time lead, the Seward playmakers went to the lockerroom in high spirits.

Down by 13, Scotus Shamrocks in early minutes of third quarter narrowed the gap to a 7 point difference. Excellent shooting on the part of the Blue Jays again widened the gap to a 12 point span.

In an exciting fourth quarter Scotus Shamrocks came back strongly, scoring 12 points before the Blue Jays hit the boards. Tying the game at 48 all the game was within reach of either team. Later dropping behind by three and then 5 with a minute remaining. That's all they scored as the score ended 58 to 53 with the Blue Jay victorious.

We Did It!

Both the Scotus basketball team and the Pep Club ended their season in a glorious all-out effort against Seward. I am proud to say my school has a team that tries until the end. I am equally proud to see a Pep Club with enough spirit in losing times to tide them over through victories. I commend the coach, the team, and last but not least—the pep club, which I am proud to be part of. I expected much from you, team and pep club, and let me say now — you have fulfilled my expectations!

Scotus team and Pep Club try a little harder than the rest — putting us one step above other schools.

Secretary of Pep Club
Anne Henseley



A tribute to the cheerleaders who kept the spirit up when the going got rough.

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My Senior Class

It was really a great experience to have had the opportunity to come to the United States and have had the opportunity to take part in the different activities of school, which I am very glad to have attended.

Here is a little bit about what I would like to say of my Senior Class; the "Class of 70". I got to know the kids of my class who have been very nice to me. It was very interesting to learn from them all that I did. I want to thank the teachers, who spent their extra time helping me. Also, I want to thank the Student Council and the kids who contributed towards my tuition and other expenses.

Now I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone the best of luck in the future. I will take with me many pleasant memories of my senior class and I will always remember Scotus.

Julia Lopez Soria

Students Attend McKuen Concert

Poetry—it says everything that can be. Rod McKuen—says everything that can be.

On Thursday April 23, a group of Scotus students and faculty traveled to Lincoln's Pershing Auditorium to witness this great artist in a one night concert. During the performance they enjoyed such selections as "Sloopy", "Seasons in the Sun", "If You Go Away", and "Jean", along with many other readings and songs. He was accompanied by a group of five musicians playing piano, guitars, and drums.

It is very difficult to find words that express the deep admiration all who attended felt for this man's tremendous talent. Probably the most impressive feature was his great warmth and humaness. Here is a performer who truly gives himself entirely to the audience. He uses his overwhelming ability to express in common words feelings we all experience but cannot bring to words.

I would like to close using the words that Rod McKuen uses to end each of his performances—"It doesn't matter who you love or what you love, just that you love."



"Anything for me?" asks Deb Bixenmann. "Anything", Jim Bonk exclaims.

SPRING CHORAL PROGRAM HELD

The Scotus Music Department presented their annual Spring Choral Concert on May 10 at 8 p.m. at Scotus Memorial Hall. There were several featured groups and soloists. Among them were the Scotus Bards who sang several popular selections. Tom Feehan sang a solo part in "Jean". Judy Weiser and Theresa Blahak featured a "Spring Song". James Bonk sang the song he had presented at contest in April. Jackie Stavas, Cathy Brock and Lynette Topinka did an interpretation dance to "Raindrops Keep Fallin' On My Head". Ann Shank debuted on the piano with "Juba Dance". From the Muisical "Kiss Me Kate", Ann Kosch sang "So In Love."

The Concert Chorus began the program with a lively Latin-American number "Banamba" and put the finishing touch on the whole program with selections from "Oliver!" Soloists were Tom Jicha, Frank Mielak, Theresa Blahak, Judy Weiser, Deb Bixenmann, James Bonk and Cathy Brock.

The Girls Glee offered several "Pretty Saro", "I Know Where I'm Going" and "Banua" which was acted out in Latin-American style.

Altogether it was an enjoyable evening for both participants and audience.

A special note of thanks from the Choral groups at Scotus goes to CAROL KRZYCKI our Senior Accompanist for her dedication and long hours of rehearsal work. We wish her the best of luck in the future and thanks for the happiness she brought us by playing the piano. Thanks also to Marilyn Sprunk and Ann Shank for their accompaniment service.

Twirp Week a Success

Dear Boys,

As you all know, the beginning of a week starts with Monday as did Twirp Week. From Monday the 6th of April through Sunday the 12th, all Scotus girls went through ?. Monday was declared national Hush Day and Tuesday we were only allowed to use the stairs by the office. All day Wednesday girls were confined to the North stairs. Thursday the girls borrowed their brothers boots and were found clomping down the halls of Scotus. Friday, supposedly designated as Slop Day, turned out instead to be Flop Day. Then the dance—Friday night from 8:30 to 1:00, Lenny Rich and the Polish Playboys filled the Scotus Gym with Polkas and attempted rock music. At 9:00 the Kangaroo Kourt began with Jerry Shank presiding as judge and Dave Schaecher, Larry Kaus, Leo Hamling, Al Niedbalski, Duane Heilmann and Steve Abbott as the jury. Although the girls received "Fair" trials, they were all convicted and punished with such tasks as, shaving a balloon with a razor blade, rolling sausages across the floor, and pushing peanuts across the floor with their noses.

Besides punishment, prizes were awarded. Larry Honke won five Lenny Rich posters for turning in the most violations by girls. Bob Kosch and Judy Heilmann were chosen as best dressed couple. Chosen as King and Queen of Twirp Week, were Tim Michaelson and Kathy Mimick, Pam Michaelson pulled in the prize for "Plow Jock of the Week".

Twirp was a total success and the girls would like to thank the boys for putting on such a great dance. Thanks Guys!

Yours truly
Scotus Girls



WHAT IS A GENTLEMAN?

by Debbie Ryba

Are you ever discouraged because no matter how sweet you are, it seems you are always brushed off? Do you often find yourself opening the door yourself? Well, girls, don't be dismayed. There are still gentlemen around.

You may ask the question, "Just where are these gentlemen? Just look around and the first male that your eyes do meet is a gentleman. He may be the rudest man in all of Columbus, but he is a gentleman. Well, almost.

Everyone knows that a gentleman doesn't just happen, he is made. If his dear mother didn't teach him the ways of a gentleman, then it is the duty of us fair young maids to do it.

You may not want to take it upon yourselves such a great task, but it may prove to be a very worthy experience. The first thing you have to do is just be a lady. It may sound hard but it is actually very easy. For instance, if your guy comes to pick you up and just honks his bicycle horn, don't come running out, just wait for him to come to get you. If you are sauntering with your honey and come to a door, don't open the door, wait for him to. Even if you have to wait for an hour, it will be worth it. If you are walking down Snow-Top Street with your arms full of chicken feed and other groceries, and you happen to see a male, nonchalantly bump into him and drop everything. Then you will be sure to have someone to carry your groceries.

So, don't keep saying to yourself, "Boy, this town is really shot. We should call it the Missing Gentleman Town."

Who knows, the gentleman (so called) may be saying the same thing. Peg Braken once said, "A lady is a woman in whose presence a man is a gentleman." Maybe she is right.



Songs With a Modern Meaning

Some of the top tunes of today could very well pertain to people and things in our midst. Below are a few examples:

- O, What a Day—Monday at SCC
- Psychedelic Shack—Scotus
- She Lets Her Hair Down—Wig wearers(?)
- Walk a Mile in My Shoes—Track Squad
- He Ain't Heavy—He's my Brother—Leo Hamling about Charley
- Don't Cry Daddy—So I got picked up for MIP
- Land of 1000 Dances—Gym Twirp Night
- Free As the Wind—Seniors(?)
- If I Were a Carpenter—Alvie
- Elusive Dreams—Senior Privileges
- Point It Out—Miss Donner
- Promises, Promises—Fr. Meyer
- Come Together—Cliques at Scotus
- She—Zulu
- Celebrate—Graduation
- Somethin's Burnin—Junior Chemistry
- Oh Happy Day—Last Day of Classes
- More Today Than Yesterday — Great Expectations —
- Tennessee Bird Walk—Tweet (Dave Placek)
- Easy Come Easy Go—Senior Privileges
- Walkin' through the Country — Off Campus
- Come Saturday Morning—Saturday Detention

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Letter to the Editors TERM PAPERS!!

Seniors Will ...

Dear Editors:

In the last issue of the Scotistics I read the letter that was a reply to your article, "Try us, Trust us." I found the letter interesting, and would like to comment on it.

To begin with, I would have to agree with the letter as far as the pop machine goes. I must admit that I —was disappointed with my fellow students at times. I know trust was placed in the students and I realize the students did not live up to that trust.

However, on the other hand, there were times when I wondered what happened to that trust. For example, recalling the assembly with the "Black Coalition." As soon as the students arrived in the gym, —they were told exactly what chair they were to sit in, as if we were prisoners. It seemed the faculty was afraid the students wouldn't know how to act around Black people, as if we've never seen a Black person before. As it turned out I think the students got along better with the Black students than did the faculty. One of the black students said it wasn't what she expected, I'm sure none of us expected it either.

A few weeks later we found the same kind of trust in the cafeteria. The students were told exactly where to sit as if in jail. This went on for about a week. Then came complaints about the yelling in cafeteria, however, for those who didn't notice the yelling didn't start until that week.

It seems just because the students could not handle one small privilege and responsibility, we were not trusted again. What ever happened to the saying, "Everyone deserves a second chance?"

Also disillusioned,
Joe Skorupa
Student Council President

by Margaret Miksch

Well, it's that time of the year again! As everyone knows—every-one from Mr. Puetz's freshman geography class to Miss Donner's senior modern problem class — this is the time of the year when our beloved instructors bestow on the innocent, unsuspecting students the dreaded assignment known as a term paper.

Actually, it's not quite as bad as it sounds, the assignment is mercifully given anywhere from a month to four months before it is due. The student must decide on his topic at this time; and if he is really ambitious, he will start looking for information on the subject and will check out library books pertaining to the subject. The books are neatly thrown into the student's locker, soon to disappear under a pile of other valuable junk.

The student enjoys life for a while; then —he is crudely informed by the librarian that his books are a month overdue. He cleans out his locker and unearths his neglected books. He pays his fine and inadvertently renews his Scotus library books at the Columbus library and his Columbus library books at the Scotus library.

With the term paper due in a week, the student shops around for some essential items, such as typing paper and a typewriter. He then settles down to work, and arranges his information to that he can type his paper word for word from the books. In a week he has managed to type the first paragraph. Finally, at precisely 10:00 p.m. on the day before the term paper is due, he sits down to his typewriter and works diligently on his term paper until 8:00 a.m.

By now the student is so sick of term papers that he doesn't even care that he has one page short of the required amount, that he made an outline when he was supposed to make a table of contents, and that he has only half of the footnotes required. All he knows is that he sure is glad that is over with, and he solemnly swears that never, never again will he leave a term paper until the last minute.

BEING A SENIOR MEANS:

- The class of "71" will reign!
- Going to lunch first.
- Getting the first seats in the gym.
- Getting our 'big' Senior privileges!
- Losing our 'big' Senior privileges!
- More respect????
- Senior Work Day
- Only one more year till college Graduation.
- Good-byes.

We the seniors of the class of 1970 of Scotus Central Catholic of the city of Columbus of the state of Nebraska do hereby make, publish, and declare this to be our last will and testament, revoking all other such documents made by us heretofore.

I, Kris Albracht, will Marcia Shadle and Colleen Dowd my rice paddies and detasseling shoes.

I, Colleen Arrick, will to the underclassmen my shorthand class of 3!!!

I, Charles Bernt, will my physics (joke) book to Mr. Edison.

I, Theresa Blahak, will my senior class treasurer's headaches to the poor soul who gets elected next year.

I, Renee Brooks, will my ability to make people laugh (namely my looks) to Mike Steiner, and my stuffed mouse to the future riot-master in cafeteria, Jerry Shank.

I, Mary Bruns, will a reserve supply of catalogues to the girl's first-floor rest room.

I, Connie Byers, will my good luck with the teachers to anyone who needs it.

I, Peggy Casey, will "Billy Budd" to Bobbi Kresha.

I, Linda Ciecior, will all the college entrance tests, college applications, term papers, senior privileges, and religion tapes to L. C. II.

I, Tony Crebbin, will my inadequacies, shortcomings, and failures to whosoever should care to take it upon themselves to straighten out the mess I made.

I, Pat Czuba, will all my expeditions in research for physiology term papers for Mr. Younger to Lynette Topinka.

I, Jenny Edic, will my senior privileges to anyone who wants them.

I, LeRoy Edic, will my old nickname of "Lard" to anyone who is big enough to deserve it.

I, Debbie Gondringer, will leave.

I, Donna Greenlee, will my kitchen and dishwashing experiences to Sharon Nosal. Good luck with "Harry!"

I, Karen Groteluschen, will all my walks to and from school to all the poor south siders.

I, Sandy Hajek, will my "old Flame" to Kathy German.

I, Judy Heimann, will my disastrous Chorus experiences to Terry Mrzlak.

I, Larry Holys, will my ability to outrun the "Fuzz" to Larry Kush.

I, Connie Irwin, will my Thursday nite expeditions to anyone who has iron nerves, a strong stomach, and a heavy foot!!

I Linda Jaroza, will my boings to Anne Shank.

I, Roger Kavanaugh, will Sheldon to Mike Greenlee, but if he plays with him, I'll shut the coffin.

STUDENT SPEAKS OUT

By Pat Hughes

An ironic thing came about a couple of weeks ago. Upon request by some students to actively participate in a project in observance of National Earth Day, these students were flatly refused on the grounds that the proposed project would cut into valuable class time. Actually, the class time that would have been lost in this project was about two hours or even a little less. If one would stop and survey the state of the world today, things would probably be better off if people spent more time out in the world, working for something worthwhile, instead of sitting in an uncommunicatable classroom.

The ironic thing about this entire situation is that the same people who harp about kids being uninvolved and apathetic lazy slobbers are the same people that refuse us the chance and the time to do something worthwhile when we request it. Fr. Meyer told a student representative of this project that HE felt that the students were not interested in doing something for the good of the community, but rather, they were considering it for the purpose of IMPRESSING the community! The students feel that this remark is an outright degradation of the students and can hardly be considered as sufficient argument for a refusal on his part. We feel he should have taken us on our word that we were truly interested in doing something with a little bit of social significance. With all due respect, we feel he is hardly qualified to act as a judge to our motives on such a matter. We suggest next time he begins to complain about the lack of enthusiasm in this school, he remember April 22.

IN RESPONSE TO AN EDITORIAL CONCERNING A DECISION ON PARTICIPATION IN EARTH DAY

I was approached by a member of the junior class asking that the class be dismissed at one o'clock on April 22, 1970 to clean up certain roads and areas in Columbus. Noble as the idea was, I said no for the following reasons.

First of all, I was approached by a member of the junior class asking for a permission for the junior class. If this individual had been the president of the junior class, his request would certainly have borne more weight.

Secondly, the last two period classes were being disturbed on two other days that week by two track meets and the district music contest; and I figured that a teacher should have the entire class for at least three days that week. If less had been going on that week, the request would have certainly been granted.

Thirdly, Sister Bernardis called the public school principal and at that time he told us that no students from the public school were being dismissed from class on that day. Later, after our schedule had been set for the week, he called back and told us that he had changed his mind.

Fourthly, although I am very concerned about the public image of the school, I made the comment that it would seem to be phony to go out and clean up the community when students walk over pop cups and other items on the way to and from school right outside the school. This might have been sarcastic, but I am concerned about the failure of the student body to be concerned about keeping the school orderly and clean.

Fifthly, I said that if the students were really interested, I would encourage them to sacrifice their time after school for this cause. I don't know how many students were interested enough to do this as I received no reports on this.

Now, I might have been wrong in making this decision considering the value of the idea. However, I think that the editorial writer should have gathered the facts before writing the editorial. More wars are fought on account of the lack of communications and facts than over real differences.

I would conclude in saying that I have and will continue to work day and night for the betterment of the faculty and student body of Scotus. And, furthermore, I think that my record speaks for itself to any mature and open-minded individual.

Father Emmett F. Meyer
In Christ,

SENIORS REMEMBER . . .

SSA society's Twirp night.

When four girls went through the park and were almost bush-wacked.

The day Loretta Micek opened the door at Robo when it was going.

The hot card games in the rest-rooms.

When Jayne Uphoff's skirt was found on a model in the Home Ec window.

The time Mary Bruns flushed her glasses down the toilet at Wahoo Neumann.

The great parties at Norfolk State Hospital.

The great times we've had with Oscar, Mama D., Herm, Fleetfoot, and Heavy Key.

The time Charlie Hilger stayed "loose" in the hurdles.

When a sophomore Biology student thought she was in love with Mr. Younger.

Thirteen people in a Volkswagon. Sandy Rhode's and Karen Konwinski's note to Stephen Wieser.

The junior high attic.

Joe Skorupa claiming his shoe from Sister Rayneria.

The night of a certain raid at Wagner's Lake.

The time Deb Gondringer missed school because of her "itch."

Pushing a beat up old station wagon down a dark alley.

Tony Crebbin falling out of his desk after falling asleep in Sr. Dominic's class.

Mark Lueke scoring points for the other side.

Tears at sad movies.

Mrs. Dawson's chalk rings.

Wigs

The kids who went through thirteen years of school at St. Bons and Scotus.

When Sherrin Pfaff skipped out and got a lift from Fr. Meyer on Budweiser Alley.

The night of the field corn.

The "Drill."

The junior class picnic we almost had.

Connie Irwin taking the fence.

Flying desks and exotic perfumes in freshman math class.

Renee's goldfish, Edgar, Allen, and Poe.

Nights at the Pizza Hut, Zest, and King's.

Mom, Bass, Carp, Animal, Mauler, Ching, Squirrely, and Sod. —

Gunny sack races at class picnics back in grade school.

The love affair between Mom and a certain CHS honey.

Sheriff Evan's invitation to Melliger's wienie roast.

The Scotus "gang" vs. the Davis boys.

The night LeRoy's pasture party got raided.

Trips to Clarks.

The time 4 girls unknowingly told a ref he was crooked.

The day when Myron received a detention for going Ba-Ha once.

Mrs. Dawson turning everybody's adams apples into apple sauce.

Speeding down Main and never getting picked up.

The Demolition Derby.

Mom's Parties.

When Sue Zabawa was almost lost to a car trunk at the junior picnic.

Julia Lopez.

The Scotus Prison Blues.

A will and testament for senior privileges.

The bonfire at Kathy Melliger's pasture.

Judy Heimann's pick-up at Homecoming.

When the lab started burning.

The Twirp polk dance.

Making the scene in cords, short sleeved sweat shirts, and long-sleeved shirts.

Curly mop and the swaggering shoulders.

The grueling agony of that first week of football practice.

Renee's 37 Ribbits in the Junior Miss Pageant.

The day someone yelled, "Riot!"

Wedding receptions.

The great (?) senior class meetings.

The night Super Grape's house got egged, teepeed, syruped, hon-eyed, shaving creamed, and soap-ed.

"That really burns me up," (quote from the life of Larry Timmerman.)

Eighth-grade segregated sex lectures.

Three non-paying passengers on the Pep Club bus.

Trying to get Coke out of a hot-water heater. Huh? Jenny?

The Chinese fire drills around Thalken's bomb after the Homecoming pep rally.



Water ballooning in Michaelsen's pick-up on Halloween night.

Callouses on knees on account of kneeling in sophomore religion.

When Michael Golden locked Sr. Kevin in the back closet on 3rd floor in Junior High.

Jayne's many parties.

All-State memories.

Maniac awards.

SENIORS TWENTY YEARS FROM NOW

by Dick Landkamer

The story you are about to read concerns the senior class of 1970 in twenty years. The entire plot is fictitious. Only the names of the characters and the enemies I will make by writing this story are real:

Today is May 24, 1990. It's been exactly twenty years since the senior class of 1970 graduated. Well, most of the senior class of 1970. I just happened to have the day off so I sat around the slum trying to think of something to do. After three hours, I came to the conclusion that nothing was happening around town. I jumped in my pick-up truck and drove around town for awhile, looking for someone I might know. I saw no one so I headed out to Gibsons to buy a new album by the Doors. On the way back from Gibsons I noticed that the Drive-In was open. I didn't think I would find anything else to do so I parked the truck at the Trailer Court and proceeded to walk in the entrance. I found this to be no problem since I had plenty of practice back when I was a senior at Scotus. When I was finally in I noticed that good ole Burns still had the same champ watching for kids sneaking in. This meant that it was still rather easy to get in without forking out the cash. I sat down in the back row and turned on a speaker. However, I couldn't get interested in the movie because of a slight distraction back in the west corner. I figured that the Moss Brothers circus was in town because the distraction sounded like a herd of elephants. The noise finally ended and I saw two familiar figures running from the champ with the flashlight. I got a close-up of them both as they ran by me. The first one had a wrench and smelled like a plumber. The second one looked like a professional basketball player from Mexico. They looked like two interesting characters so I went over to sit by them and I discovered that they were two of my former cellmates, I mean classmates. I hadn't seen Steve and Tracy for quite awhile so we shot the bull for awhile. About twenty minutes later we heard a screeching noise, from under the screen. We looked over in that direction and saw a white 1964 Ford driving under the screen with part of the fence still hanging on the car. It didn't take us long to figure out that Sod had made the scene. By some coincidence he parked next to us and we all hopped into his car. He told us that he had just completed a six-year medical course in only fifteen years! I always thought he would accomplish something big during his life.

I thought I heard a helicopter landing in the west. I looked over towards the exit and saw two cyclists driving in backwards to make it look like they were leaving. They noticed our little congregation, so they came over and joined us. It was Bob Kosch with Deano Mastrovini. I talked with Bob for awhile and was shocked to find out for the first time that he had lived in Columbus all his life. When I was a senior in 1970 I thought he was just a foreign exchange student from Japan. I asked him what he had been doing since he graduated and the answer didn't surprise me at all. He told me that he joined the National Demolition Derby Association and he has been their top driver since he graduated. Joe Bernt was on the back of Mr. Mastrovini's cycle and he informed us that he took up professional boxing, however, he won't fight outside of his class anymore.

Our attention was distracted from the show once again when we thought we felt earth tremors. We were relieved to find that it was only Mom and the babes bouncing over to talk to us. Because some of our class had the unique ability of being able to throw a party anywhere, at anytime, we decided to have our first class reunion in the middle of the

drive-in. However, we realized now that we all had responsibilities as adults so we put a time limit on the party. We decided to end it in three weeks. It was a tough decision but we had to be firm with ourselves.

We settled down for a while and the show almost started to get interesting. We were watching some freaky lady paint illustrations on a guy's back when all of a sudden everything became fuzzy-looking. Our first thought was that it was a dust storm or a tornado but I noticed that at the bottom of it there was a car. We all realized that it wasn't a dust storm we saw it was a cloud of cigarette smoke. Inside the car we could see that the driver was none other than the human cigarette.

When we were in high school, we thought Terry Ebner would only last two more years so we were surprised to see him. He came over and joined our party and I asked him how his health was. I found out he was in pretty good shape and cigarettes haven't bothered him since his operation. His lungs were in such bad shape that the smoke was killing his cancer. He had both lungs removed and they were replaced with cigarette filters.

Someone had telephoned Gary and Charlie and told them to come to our reunion and they said they'd be right over with a keg. As I started to walk to the snack bar for a 50 dollar hamburger I noticed that mom and the babes were all out of their minds. I figured that the keg had come so I went over to find out. I tried to talk to the girls but they were all stoned. I asked Tracy if the keg had shown up yet and he said no. This puzzled me. However, Tracy cleared up the mystery by informing me that the girls had only been sniffing the empty beer bottles they had found laying around. Some of the bottles were really big, but Konwinski had the biggest.

The party was really getting huge by now. Some of the 1970 seniors were sneaking in from all directions. Roger and Bier came for a while with their friend, Sheldon. Sheldon wanted to show off his new dune buggy. They only stayed for about ten minutes because it started raining and Sheldon didn't want his hooks to get rusty.

Just as Sheldon left, Don Bonk finally staggered in. A class reunion wouldn't be a class reunion without our class drunk. Don told us that he bought a gas station a few years back. It is located on 15th Street and 23rd Avenue. He also informed us that he is suffering from a long term kidney ailment. It started towards the end of his senior year in high school, when restroom privileges were restricted.

Our little party had been going on for two weeks now. For some odd reason, we seemed to be bothering the few people who were watching the show. The manager sent the champ with the flashlight over to tell us to get out. Since Tony had been a lawyer for 10 years we sent him over to talk to the manager. We were all hungry, so we grabbed the champ, set him on fire, and used him for roasting marshmallows.

Three hours later, Tony came back. He told us that he just talked in high-class legal terms for three hours and the manager finally died of boredom. During his three hour session Tony also was able to talk the manager into leaving the drive-in to us in his will. Since he was dead the drive-in now belongs to the Senior Class of 1970.

The three weeks finally ended and everyone went back to their respective jobs. Only now they have something to look forward to. Every night is party night at the drive-in for the alumni of Scotus High, CLASS (?) OF 70.

A Letter From the Principal

Dear Seniors:

The first gift that we receive in Baptism is Faith! Seldom do we realize that this gift is the virtue by which we operate in good times and in bad times. The redeeming factor about this virtue is that it holds us to a series of reasonable activity at all times. Let us take a look.

So many times we find that after looking back over a long struggle with some difficulty or even pleasant task, that the event turns into success and one begins to wonder, how it came about, or what made it come through? Was it maybe faith? Was it faith in people? Yourself? Maybe faith in Christ? The charism of Baptism?

What then is Faith? Does it contain the gift of prayer? The desire to pray? Does it increase as we use it?

Look to the gospel: The young man turned away from the invitation of Christ—the crowds followed Christ to hear his sermons, to witness His miracles; after Peter fell, he repented and continued to follow Christ; the disbelief of Thomas merited him the apparition of our Lord after His resurrection. Christ said to Thomas: Be not disbelieving but believing.

We then may say that the disciples followed Christ through

faith. Peter, Thomas, the crowd, all expressed faith in Christ and were rewarded with an increase of faith. Christ taught the crowd how to pray. He asked the rich young man to follow him, but he turned away. It does not say that he increased his faith.

The virtue of faith we need and use, so often exemplified in the gospel, so often admired is seldom practiced. Yet we know that this is the way, and, we repeat the accounts with joy and admiration. Let us learn how to use it.

When you leave Scotus at the end of May what better greeting could we give you than: "Lord Increase Your Faith." Yes, we ask you to express it often so that it will increase.

In a short time you will have to supplement the instructions that you received each week in your religion classes. Your lamp of faith will need refilling through the Sunday Masses, the gospel readings and your daily prayers. But let us remember it will need refilling. Let your desire to increase your faith in Christ, in people, in yourself, increase daily. The measure of your faith will increase as your knowledge of Christ. Let us thank God for the gift of Baptism through which we received the gift of Faith. Let us pray together: "Lord Increase Our Faith."

Sr. M. Bernardis

Senior Will Continued . . .

I, Kathy Keil, will my nickname "Platte College" to Joan Tinius.

I, Rose Kniefel, will my address book with the latest supplements to Linda Heimann, and my Girl Scout Uniform to Jackie Stavas.

I, Karen Konwinski, will my animal name to Terry Mrzlak.

I, Ann Kosch, will my place in physics class to Mary Jane.

I, Bob Kosch, will to Gary Davis all my old cars, and to Larry Davis, my driving skills and my \$15 car.

I, Carol Krycki, will my great ability to throw parties to Kathy Kopetzky.

I, Dick Landkamer, will my Scotus T-shirts to the sophomore class.

I, Mark Lueke, will the title tapman to Larry Honke.

I, Rita Marek, will my moldy old letter girl sweater to any junior girl who'll take it.

I, Kathy Melliger, will my farm broadness and my bostin' ability to Pam Michaelsen. She also inherits my exciting fizzles, fizzles, and more fizzles!!

I, Loretta Micek, will all the morning absentee slips to any poor Junior who can stand climbing three flights of stairs in the morning.

I, Nancy Micek, will my Spanish II tapes to any Spanish I student who can stand to listen to them for another year.

I, Tim Michaelsen, will my bush-wackin' spotlight to Shank and the boys.

I, Carol Mielak, will my Sweetheart Crown to Kate Mimick.

I, Margaret Miksch, will the confusion of which Miksch is which to the rest of Miksch dynasty at Scotus.

I, Marilyn Miksch, will my baggy, stretched out green knee socks to any lucky junior who doesn't already have them.

I, Mickey O'Hearn, will my

great Irish disposition to all the Polacks around here.

I, Sherrin Pfaff, will the use of my barber to any junior boy who will chance it.

I, Dave Placek, will a challenge to the Juniors to live up to the Senior champ classes.

I, Connie Ptacek, will my front row desk in religion class to anyone who would like the honor.

I, Sandy Rhode, will my season basketball ticket at CHS to Pat Hughes.

I, Sue Sackett, will to Nancy Schneider all my "good times" with Myron Shemek and all my noons in the Commons.

I, Myron Shemek, will my goat call to Sister Honora Ann.



I, Joe Skorupa, will a copy of my answer to impeachment charges to the next Student Council president.

I, Diana Spies, will my membership in the WATG Society to anyone who wishes to relieve their hostilities.

I, Dan Sprunk, will my worn out sociology book to anyone.

I, Conne Thalken, will my nickname "Red" to the poor soul of Colleen Wibbels.

I, Daryl Thiele, will Miss Donner as a teacher to anyone who wants her.

I, Pat Thiele, will my dangerous bomb to my brother before it explodes in my hand.

I, Ralph Tinius, will half of my height to Anne Marie.

I, Cheryl Tlamka, will my double detentions for skipping out of study hall to who ever wants them.

I, Jayne Uphoff, will my scabby knee to Bobbi Kresha, and my diet books to Charlie Wozny.

I, Shirley Volnek, will my Squirrelly disposition and name to Kathy German, and my sunken Treasure Chest to the next pep club treasurer.

I, Leon Wennekamp will the name "Carp" to anyone who's worthy enough.

I, Judy Wieser, will all my All-State Music memories to Jackie Stavas.

I, Stephen Wieser, will my trackstar ability to Larry Honke.

I, Charlie Wilhelm, will my stringing abilities to Mary Thomas.

I, Sue Zabawa, will my car for the Twirp Dance to any junior girl brave enough to use it.

Girl and Boy Staters Chosen

Linda Heimann will be representing Scotus from June 6th to 12th as Girl Stater. In order to be chosen for this event seven girls, including Linda, underwent an interview by members of the Catholic Daughters, who also chose the Girl Stater. Anne Gerhold was picked as alternate.

James Bonk will be this year's representative to Boy's State. James has been active in chorus and annual staff. He is president of the Medical Explorer's Post. James is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Bonk.

Congratulations James and Linda!

Gene Neater
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A Tribute to the Coaches

Many people recognize Scotus by how outstanding we are in sports. This year is no exception, thanks to the efforts put forth by our coaches—Mr. Younger, Mr. Stramel, Mr. Puetz, Mr. Edison, Mr. Nolan, Mr. Jahn and Father Meyer.

They showed great leadership and confidence when we needed it most. Realizing the long hours of work, worry and patience, these men donate, the Scotus Pep Club salutes the coaches and thanks them for their efforts.

Scotus Wins Again

Six records were broken enroute to Scotus' ninth consecutive Knights of Columbus championship. Scotus piled up 37 points despite the early loss of Bob Kosch due to a torn muscle. Runner-up was Pius X of Lincoln with 29½ points. Scotus' title wasn't decided until its brisk win in the 880 relay (1:34.60), although Pius X finished second in the event.

Records were established by: Nevels of Pius, 9.9—100; Korth of Hastings St. Cecilia, 1:59.2—880; Molczyk of Humphrey, 4: 27.4—Mile; Raymond Central, 8:29.9—Two-Mile Relay; Loseke, Humphrey, 6'2"—High Jump; Pavelka, Hastings St. Cecilia, 52'5"—Shot put.

Performers for Scotus were: Chuck Hilger, first in the 180 lows at 20.4; Bob Lueke, first in the long jump at 20'6"; Mark Lueke, third in the shot put 50'1" (school record); Steve Wieser, fourth, shot put. Dave Swierczek picked up two thirds in the 100 and 220, and anchored the 880 relay team. Bob Kosch was fourth in the long jump, and placed third in the Scotus two-mile relay team.

The special 440 relay event for freshmen was won by Clarkson with Scotus second.

Pep Club Chooses Officers

For the years 1970-71, the Pep Club has elected very capable officers. The Booster Club will follow the able leadership of President Anne Gerhold; Vice-President, Marcia Shadle; Secretary, Kris Gloor; and Treasurer, Debbie Melliger.

No doubt cheering and spirit will soar under the guidance of head cheerleader, Karen Cerny, and the other cheerleaders—Judy Pavel, Patty Van Ackeren, Kathy Meysenburg, Colleen Dowd, Gail Kosiba and Susie Shonka. We can look toward a fine football, basketball, and track season in 1970-71.

Wind-Up of the Track Season

Coach Jim Puetz in his three years at Scotus figures he'd stick with the old saying "the third times the charm". The 15 returning lettermen along with the others who make up the squad have produced one of the top teams in Class B.

In his first year at Scotus, Coach Puetz's team compiled around 900 total points compared to 900 points already scored this year and he estimated that his boys could score a possible 1500 points.

Senior lettermen include: Don Bonk, Tony Crebbin, Charles Hilger, Larry Holys, Bob Kosch, Mark Lueke, Joe Skorupa, Dave Swierczek, Ralph Tinius, Steve Wieser and Gary Witt.

Juniors: Ken Brooks, Larry Honke, Bob Lueke, Mike Steiner, and Charlie Wozny.

Sophomores; Dan Brock, Bill Brooks, Tom Jicha, Ed Kinzer, Dave Melliger, Tom Mimick, Rick Peterson and Norman Witt.

Also, two talented Freshmen lettered, Larry Kush and Joe Stavas. Helping out in the student manager department are two way Gary Witt, Charlie Wilhelm, Tracy Grubaugh, Martin Cecior and Larry Pallas.

Scotus easily won the Bergan Invitational and Nebraska Catholic Conference, but just edged Lincoln Pius X in the K C meet 37 to 29½. The first loss came with four starters out against York at the York Invitational.

Weightmen, hardly ever spoken of at Scotus, have helped out enormously. The shot record of 47'2" held by Bill Mimick of 1966 was broken by four individuals so far. Steve Wieser was the first to break it with a toss of 48' 5", Bob Kosch was next with 48'5½", Larry Honke at 49'9" and Mark Lueke, who is now holding the record at 50'1".

Ralph Tinius established a school discus record at York on a wind

blown day of 143'9".

In the distances Ken Brooks set another school record in the two mile run of 10:35.2 bettering his old record of 10:35.8.

Tom Jicha in the 440 hasn't set any records but as a sophomore a time of 53.2 isn't too bad.

Dave Swierczek and Stan Liss are running in the low 10's in the hundred—yard dash and around 23 seconds in the 220.

Hurdling is executed by Charlie Hilger, who takes the high sticks around 15 seconds and the lows his best time is 20.4.

Bob Kosch leads Class B in the long jump at 21'9" and Bob Lueke not far behind hits the mark at 21'1".

Coach Puetz figures with the material he has and with a little luck the Class B Track Trophy will be Scotus' this year.

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