

Scotistics

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AFS Student Comes to Scotus

Scotus welcomes Ilse Deimel, this schools first AFS student. She comes from a farm in the village of Kerms in Austria. There are only about 40 houses in the village, and they are nothing compared to what she sees here. Another difference she found was that entire families, including grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc., don't live together in one house as they do there.

Some of Ilse's favorite activities are bowling, bike riding, ice skating, snow skiing or just sitting and talking. She loves to have and make friends and misses her friends in Austria. Also, while she's here she would love to do some babysitting.

She decided to come to America as an AFS student after a student from Wisconsin came and stayed with her family for a year. She wants to know how other people live, and see new things. Not only is she using this year to learn more of herself but trying to decide what she would like her future to be.

Here at Scotus she enjoys English and religion. She also likes the way mass is celebrated here, compared to the strict church in Austria. There you must sit up straight, and never talk for fear of what the others might think of you.

When asked what she dislikes about Scotus her biggest complaint is the uniform. Short skirts aren't worn in Austria. She also notices that people here seem too rapped up in their work and don't take enough time for fun.

Besides her friends, she misses drinking wine, and eating black bread. Not the soft bread we have here, but the hard bread she's used to. Television here is also different. She doesn't like the way commercials interrupt every program, because in Austria you could see a whole movie before the commercials came on.

She is anxious to learn more of the students here and would love to have a short article written on everyone. That way she could learn about us what we've just learned about her.

Get Well, Tim!

The Scotistics Staff would like to wish Tim Bonk a complete and speedy recovery. We would also like to ask you to remember Tim and his family in your prayers.

Tim, a senior, was injured Sept. 3, when his arm got caught in a trash compactor while working at I.G.A. Tim was taken to the Columbus Community Hospital and was then transferred to Bergen Mercy Hospital in Omaha.

A few seniors go to Omaha nearly every-day to see Tim and report that he is in good spirits and is doing as well as can be expected.

Tim will probably be in Omaha a couple more weeks and will surely be missed by his class and by the football team. The senior class and the Junior class are collecting money for Tims cause to buy him a gift. Tim's address is:

Bergen Mercy Hospital
7500 Mercy Road
Omaha, Nebraska
68124
Room #306

WELCOME BACK!



Welcome back to a new school year. The first week of school has been conducive to comfort. If student attitudes are an indication of success we should have winning athletic seasons and a great school year.

Keep up the good attitude and continue to remember that each person needs friends. Be a friend to someone in need and I know God will reward you. Best wishes for a great school year.

Ed Hittner

From the Editor . . .

Everybody at the start of a new year wants to make this year the best. After a two or three week period the enthusiasm dwindles to almost nothing. This school needs a good dose of participation-everyone!!

Plenty of time is spent complaining about the school's annual and the school's newspaper, however, this time could be put to good use by becoming involved. We can make them better!!

Join the newspaper staff! Join the annual staff! Go out for plays! Try using all your skills. PARTICIPATE!!!! Stay involved after the first few weeks are over, and no body seems to care, after you learn work is involved.

We can make this the BEST. The answer is participation-pep club, sports, the annual staff, the newspaper, clubs, masses, plays. LET'S DO IT NOW!!!

The Scotistics this year has a new format, a new printer and lots of inexperienced people. Please give us two or three issues to iron out the rough spots we are encountering. Thanks to everyone for your support and continued support. We will put out eight issues, at the least, and with hard work and cooperation more. Hope you enjoy it!

In the upcoming issues of the Scotistics we hope to have a Letters to the Editor column. If you have any points of view concerning school activities, etc., you may give them to the editor and they will be considered for publication. All letters must be signed.

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New Pope is Elected

Pope John Paul, by his own wishes, began his ministry without a traditional coronation or a ceremony of installation. Instead, he decided to have a Vatican Mass. On September 3 the mass was held. Cardinal Luciani became Pope John Paul 1.

Pope John Paul is the son of a Socialist Activist. For many years his father worked as a migrant bricklayer in Switzerland until he found a steady job as a glass artisan in the small island-town of Murano which is one mile north of Venice.

The Pope is opposed to radical activity and has warned that Marxism is incompatible with Christianity. He Criticizes those who demand immediate reform.

The Pope has one brother, Edoardo, and one sister, Nina. His father died in 1952 at 80 and his mother died in 1948 when she was 69. He was born in Canale d'Agordo.

Hi Warm Bodies,

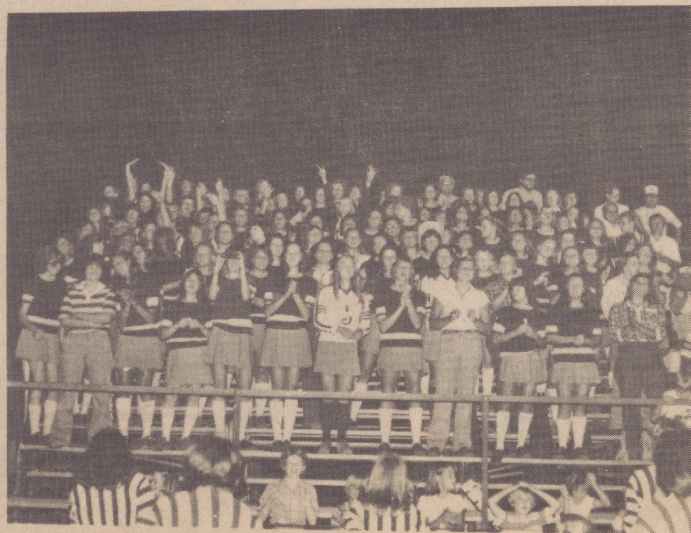
This is your friendly school Spirit!!!! How's your LOYAL blood circulating??

I must say that most of you are showing your tonsils exceedingly well!! I've never seen such lock-jawed people at Scotus's games in all my spirited days and I've seen quite a few. Many of you are "dead wood" on the steel bleachers. Maybe your mouths are super-glued shut and I just haven't noticed!! If so undo that glue, open your mouths and the yells will flow easily. Show your PEP... the livelier you are the faster the LOYAL blood will circulate and you'll have warmer bodies and spirited (ha-ha-pun) victories.

Unhinge those jaws so I can admire those tonsils as I hover over you-even those who have parted with your tonsils-let me hear ya. See you at the next game when you'll be in performance with your howling voices-anyway you better or I'll haunt you!!!

Hovering Eternally,

SCHOOL SPIRIT



Cheerleaders Win Awards

SENIOR SUMMER MEMORIES

Getting up at 5:00 a.m. to detassel
Softball games at Gerrard
MAILBOXES????!!!!
Playing frisbee at Pawnee Park
Parties at Lake North
Bonk's and Emil's cabin's
Swimming and water skiing
"The Gullies"
"Oinky, Oinky!!!"
Staying out all night
Free Drive-In's
Vacations
"Trips to Omaha"
Legion baseball games
Going to the fair
"PIGS IN SPACE???????"
NCA and Joe and Gregg
The guys dipping??at Bonk's
Toots' face imprinted on her birthday cake
YUMMY and Sniff
Pizza Parlors in Colorado!!!!?????
Gronkers
Ditchweed
Lefty....
8th street road
Playing pool with Haney, Glur, & Schermer
Jailbait
Playing card games at Jenny's
Herman's accident with a cactus
Daddy Melch buying his little girls munchies
"In there pally!"
A.F.L.
Alvies Boys
W.O.P.

The Scotus varsity cheerleaders attended the National Cheerleaders Association Clinic at Chadron, Nebraska June 12-17. The clinic consisted of approximately 300 cheerleaders with university cheerleaders as instructors. The object of the clinic was to learn stunts, cheers, and responsibilities that go with being a cheerleader.

Each day the cheerleaders arose at 5:00 a.m. to get ready for a long day of classes, practices, and evaluation. The day started with classes where they learned cheers, stunt and tumbling routines. The afternoon was used for two hour lectures with the remaining time for yourself. (usually for practicing for evaluation)

After supper all the squads met at the gym and were split up into small groups for evaluation. Evaluation consisted of doing one of the clinic cheers taught that day, and one of your own. Squads were graded on their rhythm, stiffness, voice expression, crowd arousement, and smiles. Evaluations were held Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. The varsity cheerleaders won one red ribbon (excellent), and three blue ribbons (superior).

A spirit stick was given out every night to the six most spirited squads that day. Our cheerleaders received the spirit stick two out of three of the nights, and Friday they were awarded the spirit stick to take home.

The most important award given was a megaphone. This was given to the most spirited squad of the whole week. All the squads voted and Scotus received the award.

The varsity cheerleaders were also voted by the instructors to be among four squads up for the award of excellence. It was quite an honor.

Connie Konwinski earned the Shout-It-Out Award. This award is given to the girl that is very enthusiastic. She is eligible to become one of 14 finalists in the two All American Shout-It-Outer cheerleading squads to compete for a scholarship. This is sponsored by Shout pre-wash laundry treatment.

All in all, the seven varsity cheerleaders say the clinic was very hard, but very worthwhile!

CONGRATULATIONS GALS!

WHAT'S HAPPENED ??

We walked together,
Talked together,
All semester long.
We sat together,,
Danced together,
Just like a song.
We crammed together,
Flunked together,
And wondered what was wrong.

CLASS RING

Twinkle, twinkle little ring,
You are such a fickle thing.
Even though you may be vexed,
I wonder whose you'll be next.

Scotus Smokes Schuyler

LATE SPORTS RESULTS

Volleyball-Varsity team loses to Columbus High
 1st set, 15-7; 2nd, 2-15; 3rd, 5-15
 J.Varsity team defeats Columbus High
 1st set, 12-15; 2nd, 15-11; 3rd 15-3

Cross Country-Varsity team defeats Lakeview in
 dual, 16-26
 J.V. defeats Lakeview JV, 10-24
 Freshman Football-defeated Schuyler Fr., 28-20

Scotus travelled to Schuyler for their season opener September 1 with good support from fans and Pep Club. Scotus won the game 18-0.

The games opening play typified an opening game with mistakes. Scotus kicked off and immediately got the ball on a fumble, but failed to score. The first half was full of physical and mental errors by both teams as they went into the half with a scoreless tie.

The second half opened with Scotus receiving the ball and getting a good runback by Greg Melcher. At this point of the game Greg Melcher took total charge of the Scotus offense. With Melcher's inspiration the offensive line began to blow holes in Schuyler's defense. Good play selections and good running by G. Melcher taking the ball in from the five.

The Scotus defense held in tact from the start of the game holding Schuyler's offense to a mere 143 total yards. Mike Cieloha scored two more times in the fourth quarter to end the game.

Rick Schumacher led the defensive unit with a total of 10 tackles. The offense was led by Cieloha's 108 yards in 26 carries for a 4.2 yard average. Greg Melcher ended the game with 92 yards in only 17 carries.

Quarterback John Prosocki had a mediocre night passing, completing 3 of 10 passes for 77 yards and no touchdowns.

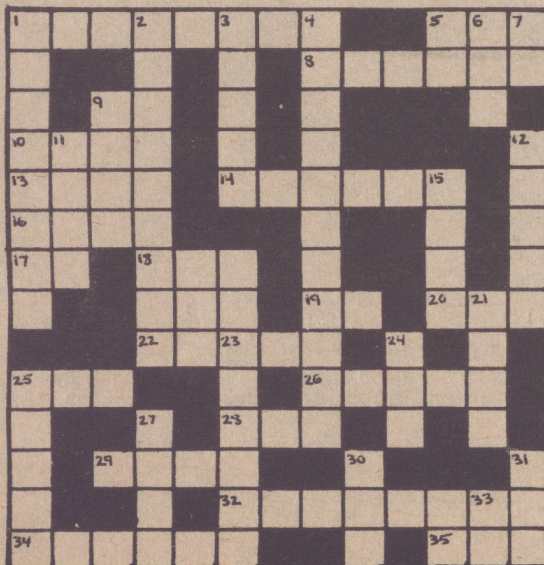
Coaches Jim Puetz, Gary Puetz, and Randy Berlin voted Gary Kurtenbach, Tom Hoffman, and Tim Tinius as Mean Men of the Week.

ACROSS

- 1 Scotus quarterback
- 5 Pork
- 8 A western state
- 9 Abbreviation for South America
- 10 A composition in verse
- 13 At any time
- 14 Empty
- 16 A city in Nevada
- 17 Abbreviation for town
- 18 Farm animal
- 19 Ready, set, _____
- 20 Another name for mother
- 22 To perceive
- 25 A dessert
- 26 Opposite of day
- 28 A rodent
- 29 Two of a kind
- 32 A midwestern state
- 34 A color
- 35 Moist

DOWN

- 1 Real estate
- 2 Scotus _____
- 3 Opposite of north
- 4 Wise
- 5 An expression of laughter
- 6 To join or unite
- 7 Another name for mother
- 9 Past participle of see
- 11 Part of stove
- 12 Violent weather
- 15 Fish bait
- 21 A small grain
- 23 Not wide
- 24 To become old
- 25 A fake
- 27 A type of precipitation
- 30 A boy
- 31 Obese
- 33 A pronoun

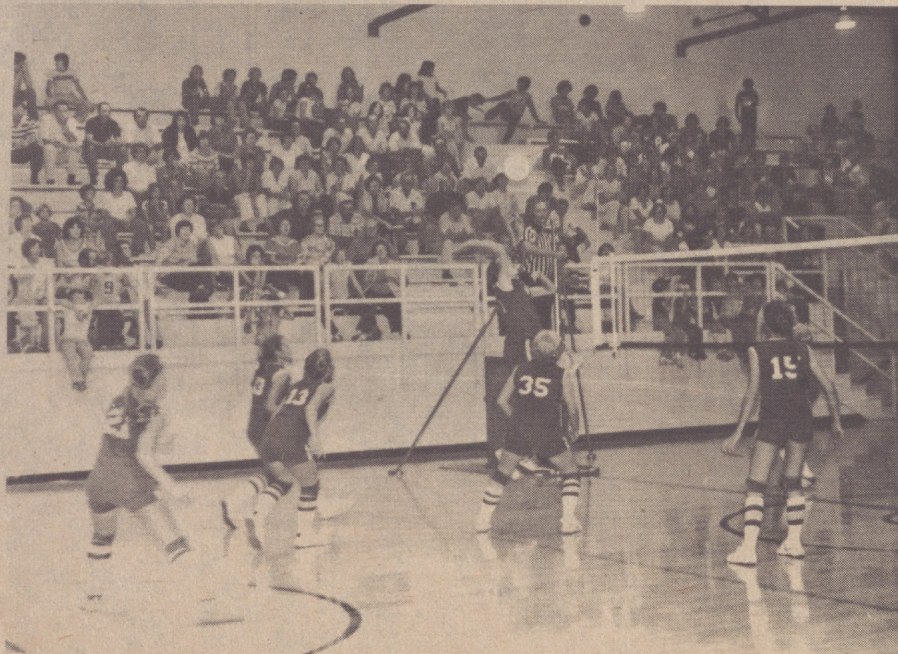
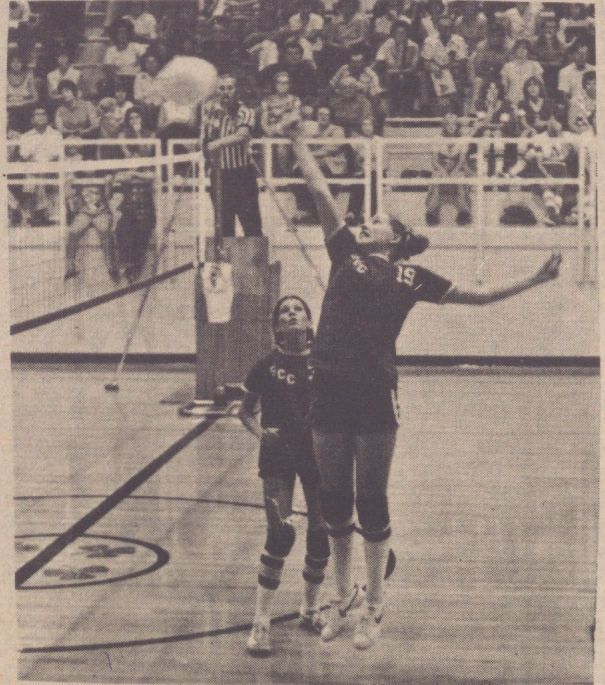


Looking for Victory No. 1

Scotus girls have encountered some bad luck in their first three outings. In the first game against Albion they dropped two straight. Showing promise with their bumping and setting, the team still had difficulties with spiking. The Shamrocks looked very good at times but lack in experience showed in their inconsistency. The J.V. and Freshman team also lost their sets.

Against Central City the Shamrocks had shown much improvement in their sets and spiked but lacked teamwork in the beginning of their games. The girls won the first game 15-11, but dropped the next two 15-13, and 17-15. After falling behind in the second set the Shamrocks fell short in their comeback. The final game proved even more exciting to the Shamrock fans. The lead changed hands many times all the way to overtime where Central City finally took control and scored two points to ice the victory. Clutch players for the Shamrocks were Barb Lueke and Linda Warth with very good serving and spiking. J.V. volleyballers scored their first victory defeating Central City two out of three games. The Freshmen team lost their set also.

Although the Shamrocks were defeated they put up a tough front against the David City Monarchs despite some questionable calls from the referees. The Shamrocks worked well together as a team and showed much improvement over the last two games. Their spiking especially was much stronger, as was the rest of their game. The Shamrocks take on Columbus High on Thursday September 14. Let's work on Victory #1!!



Dual Victory For Scotus C.C.

The 1978 Scotus cross country season looks to be a good one this year. Seventeen runners are on the squad including 3 girls, Seniors Anne Syslo, Julie Jarecke, and Soph. Sheryl Liebig. These are the first girl runners in the history of the team.

The outlook is even brighter when you take into consideration that all 9 runners from last year's team are back for this year. But, the season started out on a disappointing note Tuesday Sept. 5th at Camp Luther as the Shamrocks brave 98 degree heat and strong winds in a 22-35 loss to Columbus High.

Top runner for the Shamrocks was Junior Jim VanLent, who finished 5th with a time of 16:24. Other Scotus places and times were a 6th by Kevin Euteneuer with a 16:25, a 7th by Todd Zuerlein with a 16:26, an 8th by Mark Duren with a 16:32, and a 9th by Jim McMeekin with a 17:30.

On Friday Sept. 8th, the Shamrocks travelled to the Wahoo High Invitational at Wahoo where they recieved their first taste of real cross country. Sixteen teams covered a rugged 2-mile course. Scotus placed seventh out of the field of 16. They ran in a pack as in the Columbus High Duel and finished in 30th 31st, 32nd, 42nd, and 48th places for a score of 135 points.

Jim McMeekin was at the head of the pack in this meet in the 30th place with a time 11:47. Kevin Euteneuer was 31st at 11:48, Mark Duren was 32nd at 11:49, Jim VanLent was 42nd at 12:04, and Ken Heimann was 48th at 12. Eighty-five runners were in the meet.

In the J.V. meet Rod Placzek finished 3rd at 12:08 and Ken Zoucha finished 4th at 12:09 to lead Scotus. There were 70 J.V. runners.

David City Aquinas, Class C State runner up in 1977 came to town Monday Sept. 11th sporting 2 of the top runners in the state, for a dual at Camp Luther. Aquinas's top two runners easily outdistanced the field but Scotus' depth in finishing 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th led the Shamrocks to their initial victory of the season which evened their dual record at 1 loss and 1 win. The final score was 18-18 but the Shamrock's 5th runner Ken Heimann (who finished 9th) beat the Aquinas 5th runner to break the tie.

Jim VanLent returned to the front of the pack to lead Scotus in a time of 16:02 which gave him 3rd place. Mark Duren was 4th in 16:21, Kevin Euteneuer was 5th in 16:33, and Jim McMeekin 6th in 16:44.

The J.V. team also won defeating the Monarch Junior Varsity 16-21. These are the times: Jerry Sokol, 17:49; Doug Stopak at 17:55; Mike Abegglen, 18:17; Anne Syslo at 18:51; Tom Wolfe, 19:34; Julie Jarecke, 21:29; John Eckolt, 21:39, and Sheryl liebig, 22:04.



Irish Defeat West Point C.C.

Scotus's varsity football team traveled to West Point Central Catholic on Sept. 8 looking for their second win of the season against no losses. Again the Shamrocks had a good crowd backing them in their 27 to 0 win.

The Shamrocks played outstanding defense throughout the game allowing no points to be scored. Scotus scored on their first possession of the night. They got the ball on their own 33 yard line and took them only 8 plays to score when G. Melcher took it over from the two. Phil Hajek kicked the point after the touchdown with 5:33 left in the first quarter.

The Shamrocks scored once in the second quarter when Mike Savage picked off a West Point aerial and returned it 19 yards to the Blue Jay 40 yard line. Seven plays later quarterback John Prosocki scored on a sneak. Phil Hajek kicked his second extra point of the night. The half ended with Scotus leading 14-0.

The second half opened with Scotus getting the ball deep in their own territory. Scotus looked as if they were headed for another touchdown, but a fumble at midfield stopped the drive. Then the Shamrock's defense, led by Rick Schumacher and Tom Hoffman left the Blue Jays with a third and long situation. It was then safety Mike Savage collected his second interception of the night. Schumacher's excellent 40 yard reception of a Prosocki pass moved the ball to the Blue Jay 33rd yard line. It took the Scotus offensive unit only four plays from there when Cielocha carried it in with 2:34 left in the third quarter. Hajek's third kick attempt was blocked to leave the score 20 to 0 at the end of three quarters. The next Scotus touchdown drive began when Paul Melcher recovered a West Point lateral at the Blue Jay 44 yard line. Dan Tooley scored the final touchdown of the night from 40 yards out. Hajek kicked the extra point to end the game with the Shamrocks on top, 27-0.

"Melcher had another great game," said Coach Puetz. He carried the ball 17 times for 106 yards while Cielocha had 84 yards on 18 carries. Puetz also noted that, "West Point played a good game and never gave up."

The Shamrock offense rolled up an incredible 342 total yards. 225 of those came on the ground. Prosocki had 5 completions in 12 attempts for 118 yards. He also had 3 completions for another 25 yards. Scotus also collected 14 first downs to 11 for West Point. Much of the credit to the offense should be given to the offensive line consisting of Tim Tinius, Paul Melcher, Gary Kurtenback, Mark Bauman, and Tim Engelbert.

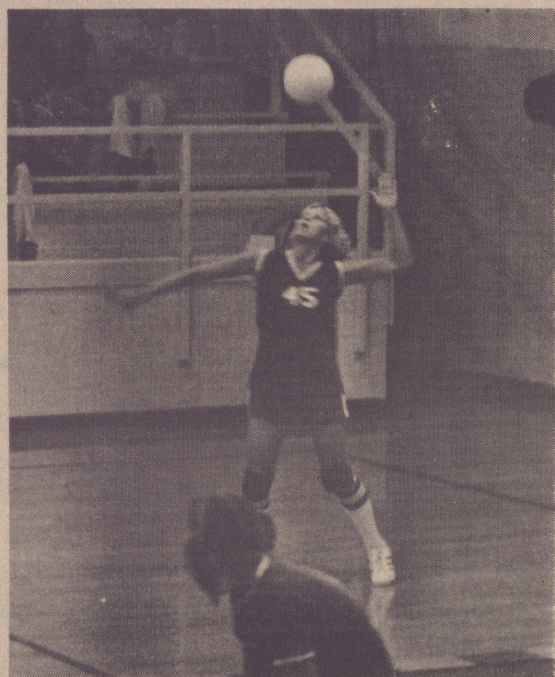
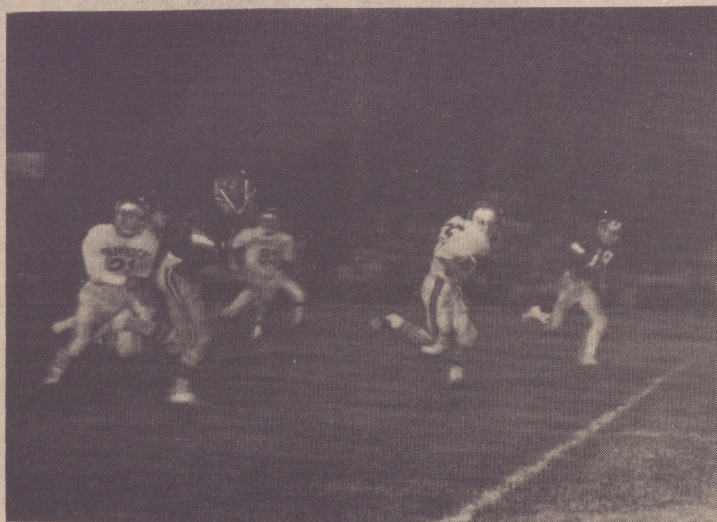
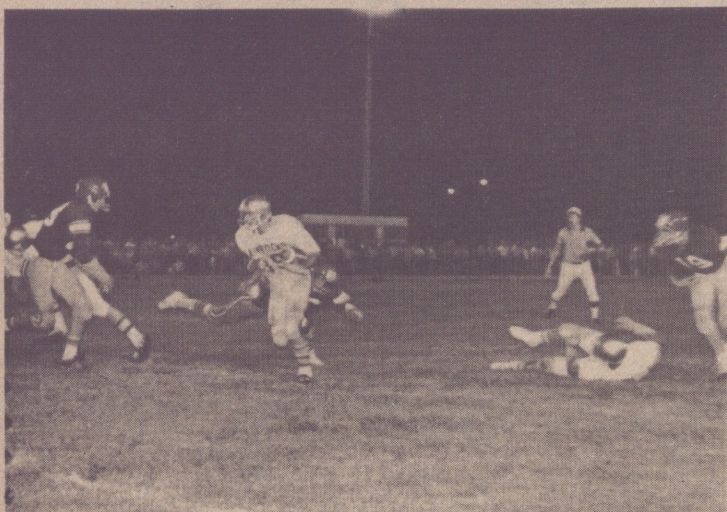
But not enough can be said for the Shamrock defensive unit. They have not been scored on their first 2 games of the season. The Shamrock defense held the Blue Jay offense to a mere 102 yards. The Jays never threatened to score at all during the game. The defense picked off a total of three Blue Jay passes. Savage collected 2 and defense captain Tom Hoffman collected one of a diving catch. Linebackers Hoffman and Schumacher led the defense in total tackles with 15 tackles apiece. An impressive statistic is that the defense tackled the Blue Jay ball carriers nine times behind the line of scrimmage.

The Shamrock kicking game was very good. Cielocha had 2 punts that averaged a good 39.5 yards. Good punt coverage by Hoffman left the Blue Jays with zero punt return yards. Hajek was fairly accurate kicking 3 extra points in 4 attempts. It's good to see the kicking game doing well because it will be a major factor in close ball games.

The Scotus players dedicated the game and the rest of the games this season to Tim Bonk. Tim, a senior lineman was injured in an accident and will be out for the year.

Scotus will try for victory number 3 this Friday when Albion invades Columbus. It will be a very good contest for the Shamrocks as Albion is supposed to be good and ready for the Shamrocks. It will be a 7:30 kickoff at Pawnee Park Memorial Stadium.





Fall Sports Schedule

Football

Fri.	Sept. 1.....	Schuyler
Fri.	Sept. 8.....	West Point
*Fri.	Sept. 15.....	Albion
Fri.	Sept. 22.....	Omaha Holy Name
*Fri.	Sept. 29.....	Lakeview
*Sat.	Oct. 7.....	Wahoo Neuman
Fri.	Oct. 13.....	Boystown
*Sat.	Oct. 21.....	Aquinas
*Thur.	Oct. 26.....	Fremont Bergan

J.V. Football

* Mon.	Sept. 11...4:30.....	Schuyler
* Mon.	Sept. 18...4:30.....	Fremont Bergan
Mon.	Oct. 2...4:30.....	Aquinas
* Mon.	Oct. 9...5:00.....	Grand Island
* Mon.	Oct. 16...4:00.....	Lakeview

Volleyball

*Thur.	Aug. 31.....	Albion
*Tue.	Sept. 5.....	Central City
Tue.	Sept. 12.....	Aquinas
*Thur.	Sept. 14.....	Columbus High
*Tue.	Sept. 19.....	Schuyler
Tue.	Sept. 26.....	Lakeview
*Thur.	Sept. 28.....	Dodge
*Tue.	Oct. 3.....	Wahoo Neuman
*Tue.	Oct. 10.....	West Point
Thur.	Oct. 12.....	Fremont Bergan
Tue.	Oct. 17.....	Seward
*Thur.	Oct. 19.....	North Bend

Cross-Country

Tue.	Sept. 5.....	Columbus High
Fri.	Sept. 8.....	Wahoo Inv
*Mon.	Sept. 11.....	Aquinas
*Thur.	Sept. 14.....	Lakeview
Mon.	Sept. 18.....	Fremont Bergan
Fri.	Sept. 22.....	North Bend Inv.
*Tue.	Sept. 26.....	Genoa
Fri.	Sept. 29.....	Aquinas
Fri.	Oct. 6.....	Nebr. Cent. Con. Meet

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SENIOR HIGH'S NEW FACULTY MEMBERS

Miss Penny Hock joins the Scotus staff this year as the Typing and Business Law teacher. When asked about Scotus, she thought that Scotus has alot of spilit and unity. She comments that the kids seem to be good and smart. Among Miss Hock's hobbies are; tennis, swimming, and she loves animals, but adds that she hates kids!! Ha!Ha! Miss Hock is a Junior Class Sponsor.

Sr. Margaret Marthaler is Scotus' new librarian. She comments that Scotus is a very fine school with very good spirit and that the majority of the kids are good. Sr. Margaret likes collecting books, listening to classical music, and trying out new recipes.

New to the English staff is Kathy Keil. Miss Keil is a former Scotus graduate. When asked about Scotus, she thought the school in itself was alot Different from what she had expected. She added that the students were actively involved in all areas, and how important that was in a school. Miss Keil's hobbies are reading and jogging.

Mrs.Sandra Bernt is Scotus' new Drama teacher. She will also be teaching Speech. When asked what she thought of Scotus, her reply was positive. "Classes are good and willing to work." Mrs.Bernt is looking forward to a more active Drama and Speech class, participating in contests, etc. She is also trying to bring the Thespian Club back. Some of her hobbies are: fishing, reading, horseback riding and listening to music. Her husband, Mike, works as a F.N.C. Farm Manager. They have no children.

Dr. Fox is Scotus' new Math teacher. He said that he had heard Scotus was a good school. He thinks we have good teachers and a good school. He commented that Scotus has a great spiritual atmosphere and that there are good student/teacher relationships. Dr. Fox really enjoys working at Scotus. Among Dr. Fox's hobbies are football, volleyball, basketball, theatre, and reading.

Sr. Frances will teach in the Jr. and Senior High School. Sr. stated that the first week here was a good experience. She said that the kids are willing to work, friendly, and respectful. Among her hobbies are; swimming, mountain climbing, hiking, and biking. Sr. commented that she liked Columbus, it's people are friendly and that it's kept up well.

Miss Kathy Rasmussen is this years English 11th and 12th instructor. She is originally from Grand Island. Her first thoughts of Scotus were good. Miss Rasmussen said that the kids were very good! She also added that she has high hopes and expectations for this year. Her hobbies include: skiing, painting, and swimming. Miss Rasmussen will also be co-sponsor of the Pep Club, which she added was one of the best she has seen!!!!



Miss Linda Kelly joins Scotus this year as the music teacher. Miss Kelly came to Scotus because she thought it would be nice to work in a small private school and the kids would be fun to work with. She also had heard that Scotus was a good school. Miss Kelly also said that she heard the kids always gave their 100%. Miss Kelly is originally from Colorado. She also taught in Australia.

1978-79 CLASS OFFICERS

Seniors

President.....John Prososki
Vice President.....Paul Melcher
Secretary.....Teri Bernt
Treasurer.....Steve Placzek

Juniors

President.....Jim Vanlent
Vice President.....Kelli Soulliere
Secretary.....Anita Feehan
Treasurer.....Teri Hroza

Sophmores

President.....Jeff Thiele
Vice President.....Lana Torczon
Secretary.....Lynette Malmstrom
Treasurer.....Kelly Miller

Freshmen

President.....Shawn Melcher
Vice President.....Kathy Soulliere
Secretary.....Kelly Hendrick
Treasurer.....Lori Zabawa

EDITORIAL

How many times have you been walking down the hall and have seen Mr. Kurtenbach replacing a window. Or how many of you have gone into the Little Theater and sat in one of the chairs and then have it fall out from under you? I could go on and cite many more examples and I'm sure each of you could name some too. It's all part of very serious problems that our school faces, and every other school, Vandalism.

I personally can't think of anything more ridiculous than someone getting their thrills off shooting a shotgun through a door or deliberately breaking a window, or chair, or anything else that belongs to the school. You'll just have to turn around and pay for the damage with your tuition money.

Vandalism last year cost the school approximately \$800.00. This included repairing six windows of some sort, 2 wire reinforced, door windows, flashers on the bus and broken windows in a car left overnight at school. Just think of the useless waste this actually is, eight hundred dollars of our tuition money being thrown away because of a few senseless individuals getting their thrills off busting things up.

Now I'm sure that all the vandalism that occurs is'nt done by students in our school but I'm also sure that the majority of the vandals are from Scotus.

Bill Fox
Bruce Rischar

COMING SOON

BYE BYE BIRDIE, the story of a rock and roll singer who is about to be inducted into the army, will be this year's musical. The singer, an Elvis Presley type, has a pompadour and thick sideburns, he wears gaudy gold costumes and speaks in a rugged voice. Gary Zywiec will attempt this role. Albert Peterson, his agent, is a very pleasant mild mannered type and will be played by Ken Zoucha. It is his faithful secretary Rose Alvarez, that keeps him and Birdie moving forward in the world. She has been waiting for eight years for Albert to propose, and will be played by Mary Jo Chlopek.

Rosie concocts one final national publicity plan before Conrad's induction. He will bid a typical American teen-age girl goodbye with an all-American kiss. Kim MacAfee, played by Teri Bernt, wins the honor. She has just been pinned to Hugo, played by Jeff Thiele. John Kopetzky and Julie Spies will play Mr. and Mrs. MacAfee, whose household is completely upset by the visiting dignitary. It is decided that Birdie will give his kiss on the Ed Sullivan show.

The musical includes many enjoyable songs, like "The Telephone Hour," "How Lovely to Be a Woman," "Honestly Sincere," "One Last Kiss," "A Lot of Livin' to Do," and many more. All the music is being handled by Miss Kelly, and Mrs. Bernt is in charge of the drama department.

It will be performed on November 17th and 18th and will hopefully be another successful musical for Scotus.

ANNUAL WORKSHOP

The Scotus Annual Staff attended an Annual workshop on September 20 given by Jostons. Besides the 50 students from Scotus about ten other schools attended.

The day consisted of all the steps needed to complete pages of an annual with the proper positioning of pictures for effect, and the typewritten articles. They also gave ideas on cover design and prices for an annual. There were filmstrips on different types of cameras and how to take and develop good pictures. A large display of past annuals from other schools gave our staff ideas for our next annual. They presented ways in which to carry the theme throughout the annual, if you care to have one, by showing examples such as a Crayola Crayon box cover as the annuals cover and the idea of a coloring book in the inside pages.

After attending this workshop which the staff felt was worthwhile, you will be seeing good changes in the 78-79 annual.

The Thespian Club has been started again after being inactive for three years, with the help of the new Drama teacher, Mrs. Bernt. Officers were elected at the first organizational meeting. The new officers are:

President- Ken Zoucha
Vice President- Carl Zoucha
Sec/Treas- Mary Jo Chlopek
Hist/Recorder- John Kopetsky

The Letters To The Editor column will be open for the next paper. You must sign your name to the letter but you may request that, your name be withheld from publications. Drop your letters in locker 1016 on the first floor by the office. Any offensive language will be cut. We reserve the right to shorten or edit any letter.

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POPE JOHN PAUL I DIES

Pope John Paul I died peacefully in his sleep last Thursday night at the Vatican in Rome. This came as quite a shock to the entire world because he was installed only 34 days ago after the death of Pope Paul the 6th in August. The recent pope was 65 years old. The pilgrimage of the cardinals to Rome has begun again as they soon will be gathering to appoint a new pope. As two American cardinals were traveling to Rome on an airplane the plane had to make an emergency landing but the cardinals arrived there safely. The pope's funeral was held Tuesday with all the ceremonies that took place only a month previous to this.

Did you know . . . that Christopher Columbus was a very avid and careful student of the Bible? Yes, the famed sailor, discoverer and layman really loved Christ. This fact can be discovered in Columbus' sailing journals, personal letters and in his book BOOK OF PROPHECIES.

Christopher Columbus wrote that the success of his voyage to the New World was due to the truth of the Holy Scriptures. He saw his trip as a sign of God's guidance in opening up new lands to hear the Gospel message.

This weekend, as our city celebrates Columbus Days, we can profit in our Christian heritage. Our town's namesake was deeply rooted in his belief and love of Christ. This belief moved him to sail into the unknown and opened up the world of which we have so greatly received.

Did you know . . . that one event scheduled during the Columbus Days will have an international connection? On Sunday afternoon, at 2 p.m., Frankfort Square will be the site of the International Rosary March.

At the same time, synchronized according to time zones, people across the country and in countries throughout the world will also be praying the rosary and uniting in prayer. The intention of this year's March is "Thanksgiving for God's Commandments".

The 3 Catholic parishes in Columbus have joined forces in the planning and exercise of this event. An invitation has been extended to the other church communities of Columbus to join in the prayer service.

Last year, the first year in which the Rosary March was held locally, over 1200 people attended. In fact, the Archdiocese of Omaha had one of the best participation showings in the entire country.

All Scotus students are invited to attend and take part. See you there, Sunday afternoon.

Did you know . . . that there are hopes, plans and efforts to establish a "chapel" area at Scotus?

Over the past years many people, from faculty to outsiders, have asked about the lack of a specific place of quiet, reflection and prayer. People have made suggestions but few actions were taken.

The area under consideration is on the east end of the Science Wing. Formerly, this area was a hall way connecting the Science Wing and the now destroyed old classroom building. The renovation would include removal of 3 walls, new flooring and wall surface, lighting and other accessories to provide a suitable chapel setting. After the project get needed financial and labor backing the hope is to make a place for the Blessed Sacrament.

Efforts are being made to give this project momentum. The Scotus teachers are sponsoring a bake and rummage sale later this month in order to raise funds. Other individuals and groups in the community are also interested.

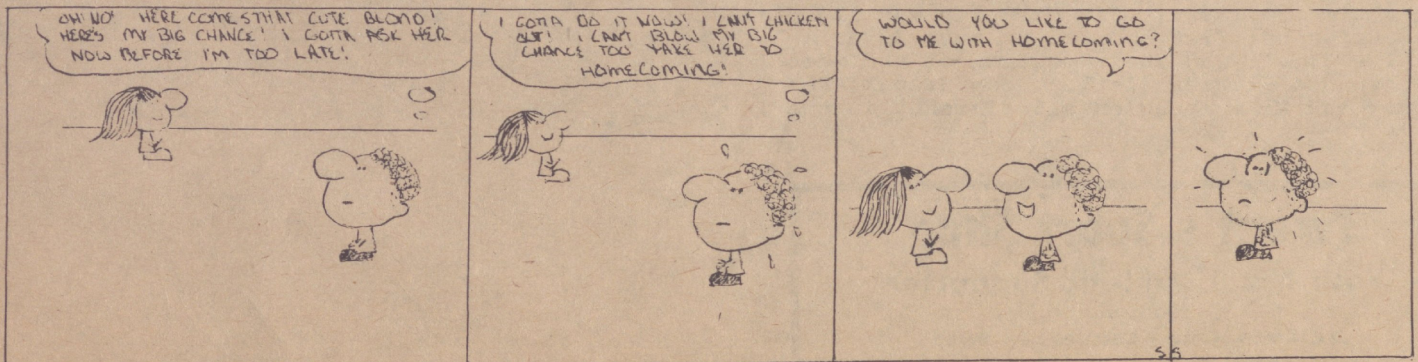
Did you know . . . that Pope John Paul I told people that he was sorry for not studying more when he was in school. His words came shortly after he was installed as Pope: "No one came to tell me 'you will become pope.' But oh, if they had only done that, I would have studied more. But you young people who are studying, you have time, youth, health, memory and commitment. Try to take advantage of all these gifts."

These words are well worth thinking about here at Scotus. Even if you have limited talents make the best of them. Who knows what the Lord has in mind for you?

Did you know . . . that religion is not limited just to the classroom or your folder?

Hopefully, the above items will enlighten you to look freshly at your everyday life, activity and opportunities.

FR. G.



HARRIERS IMPROVE TIMES

On Thursday, September 14th, the Scotus C. C. squad entertained Lakeview at Camp Luther. Scotus captured their second dual win in a row in winning 16-26 over the Vikings. The two top Shamrock times broke the 16 minute mark, which is very respectable for the hilly Camp Luther course. Jim McMeekin and Mark Duren ran second and third in times of 15:40 and 15:49 respectively. Jim VanLent finished 5th in 16:06, Kevin Euteneuer 6th in 16:22 and Doug Stopak was 7th in 16:31 to complete the varsity team. The dual record stood at 2 wins and 1 loss. The J.V. also improved their record as they remained unbeaten at 2-0 with a 10-24 win over Lakeview. Ken Heimann, Rod Placzek, and Anne Syslo led the team.

The varsity squad then traveled to Fremont on Monday, the 18th of September for a double-dual with Fremont Bergan and Arlington. The Shamrocks gained a split by losing to Bergan 14-24 and coming back to defeat Arlington 17-21. Mark Duren led Scotus with a time of 15:13 over the rugged, hilly, 2.5 layout at Valley View golf course. His time was good enough for 5th place in the meet. Jim McMeekin was 7th in 15:34, Jim VanLent 8th in 15:35, Kevin Euteneuer 9th in 15:37, and Ken Heimann finished 12th in 16:10. The dual record went to 3-2 with one dual left against Genoa at Camp Luther.

On Friday, September 22nd, the team competed in the 12 team North Bend Invitational. The Varsity finish tied for 6th place with 96 points behind the strong running of Sophomore Mark Duren. He finished 20th with a time of 13:32 over the flat 2.5 mile course. Other varsity times were Jim McMeekin (24th) 13:58, Kevin Euteneuer (25th) 14:01, Ken Heimann (31st) 14:24, and Doug Stopak (44th) 14:59 out of 53 runners.

In the J.V. meet, Rod Placzek led Scotus in 2nd place with a time of 14:06 and Mike Abbegelen showed strong improvement finishing the course in 15:02 in 13th place.

The Shamrocks finished their dual season with a fine 4-2 record by crushing Genoa 11-36 at Camp Luther. McMeekin and Duren were 1-2 in 15:43 and 15:44 respectively. Euteneuer finished the 1-2-3 sweep in 3rd at 16:19. Heimann was 5th in 16:43 and Placzek was 6th in 16:49. VanLent, one of the top 3 runners was ill and did not compete in the last two meets but should be ready for the next few meets which Coach Spencer termed "the most important part of the season."

At the Aquinas Invitational Scotus finished in a respectable but disappointing 4th place finish out of the 8 teams entered. Mark Duren led the Shamrocks in the 11th place with a time of 15:24. Jim McMeekin was 12th, Kevin Euteneuer 21st and Ken Heimann 23rd.

The J.V.'s won their portion of the meet led by Rod Placzek (1st). Doug Stopak, Ken Zoucha and Mike Abegglen all finished in the top 10.



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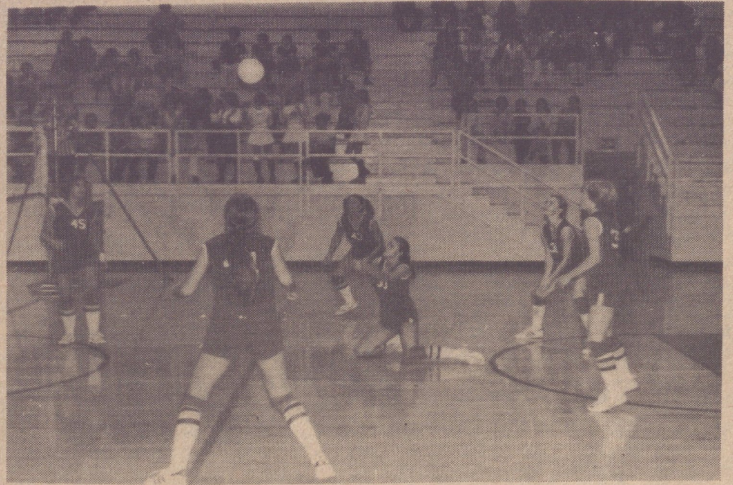
UPHILL BATTLE FOR SCOTUS

Scotus' record dropped to 2-6 after a loss to Wahoo Neumann Tuesday night.

Coming off a victory last Thursday night in which Scotus netters defeated Dodge on our home court in three games. Scotus taking the first and third and Dodge taking the second. Scotus combined for many setups which produced many spikes by our ace Linda Warth. Much teamwork produced the victory.

A fine volleyball team from Wahoo Neumann came to town to defeat Scotus 15-8, 15-8 in two sets. It was an uphill battle the entire game, against possibly their toughest team of the year. Neumann collected many spikes from No.40 to offset any scoring surges by Scotus. Scotus may have another chance in the Centennial Conference tournament later on this season.

Scotus will try to get back on the winning trail in another conference game against West Point C.C. Tuesday night. This game will also be parents night at Scotus.



DEDICATED TO THE 1978 SCOTUS C.C. TEAM

No pads for protection, no bats, no balls
Just a dusty path full of hills and holes

No cheering, no crowd, no vocal support
Just your coach, your teammates and your love
or the sport

You keep right on running; win, quit, or lose
It's a whole lot of pride and a good pair of
shoes

It's far from easy, it's far from fun
A tough pair of feet and the will to run

Two and one-half miles of torture and pain
In heat, strong winds, or a downpour of rain

After a meet, no coverage from the paper, the
next day
They won't announce your victories on the
school P.A.

Blister, pulled muscles, cramps, and sprains
A sideache or a heartache are all common
pains

Sore calves, sore thighs, sore feet, a sore
knee
You get used to all these in CROSS COUNTRY

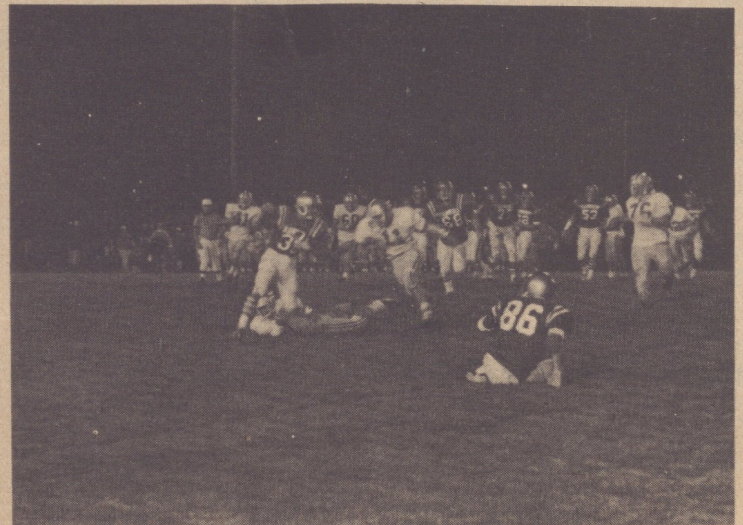
A runner isn't 200 pounds or 6 foot 5 inches
tall

He's a dedicated turkey, he's scared of
football!

Though football players might get much more
ink;

Take it from someone who knows "Cross Country
is harder than you think."

Jim McMeekin



ALBION UPSET BID SUCCESSFUL

On September 15 Albion invaded Columbus at Pawnee Park Memorial Stadium and defeated highly favored Scotus varsity football team 13-6. There was another excellent crowd on hand as the Shamrocks tried to win their 3rd straight game in as many outings.

Scotus was denied that chance when Albion had a football team that was very prepared and very anxious to play football. It was said to be Albions biggest game of the season as they defeated the Shamrocks for the first time in 6 years. With the loss the Shamrocks dropped its' record to 2 wins against 1 loss.

The games' first touchdown was scored by Albion in the first quarter on a well executed drive. Scotus scored its' only touchdown of the game at the beginning of the second quarter with Mike Cielocha getting the six points. The extra point attempt was missed by Phil Hajek. The only other touchdown scored in the game was in the third quarter when the Cardinals put together another well executed drive. Scotus had several other chances to score when they drove within the five yard line but could not put the ball across the goal line. The offensive unit had a few bad breaks and didn't score the rest of the game. Very few mistakes by the Cardinals led to the stunning upset of Scotus.

Scotus went to defeat the first time this season on a game that was full of mental errors bt the Shamrocks. The defensive unit played poorly throughout the game letting Albion ball carriers get past the line and into the defensive secondary numerous times during the game. Albion scouted the Shamrocks well by knowing when and how runs play against the defensive unit. Albions 13 points were the only scored against the Shamrocks this season. Coach Puetz commented after the game, "The defense played poorly mainly because of missed tackles and mental errors." Rick Schumacher continued his defensive consistency by collecting a game high 16 tackles. Safety Mike Savage had a busy night by getting several good open field tackles which possibly saved the score from being higher than it was. The only bright spot of the night for the defense was when Mike Cielocha picked off an Albion pass to stop a possible scoring drive.

The Offense ran more than usual and passed the ball very few times. The offense moved the ball well enough to score three or four touchdowns but a fumble and a few penalties disallowed the Shamrocks to score more than one touchdown. "It seemed we continuously had one good play and two bad plays," said Puetz. This was typical of the inconsistent play by the offense. Greg Melcher was the workhorse for the Shamrocks and the leading rusher of the game with 104 yards on 25 carries. Cielocha had 82 yards in 15 carries. One factor of the game could have been the failure to use the pass. Prosocki attempted only four passes and completed only two of them for 19 yards. Both teams recorded eleven first downs but Albion collected 10 more total yards than the Shamrocks with 210. Penalties played a big part of the loss because of the times at which they occurred. Both Albion and Scotus were penalized a total of 60 yards.

IRISH BEAT RAMBLERS

On September 22 the Shamrock varsity football team traveled to Omaha to play the Omaha Holy Name Ramblers on the Boystown field. Scotus won the game 19-0 but paid the price because of the numerous injuries to the offensive line.

The injuries typified the type of hitting that was taking place throughout the game. There were some outstanding performances by both squads but the running of half back Mike Cielocha probably topped all. Cielocha had his best game offensively of his career with 161 yards on only 15 carries. He carried an outstanding 10.7 yards per carry average. Scotus entered the game as a big favorite and hoped to score five or six touchdowns. The offensive unit only put 3 TD's on the board but could have easily had three more. A touchdown by Cielocha was nullified because of a penalty and a Prosocki pass was dropped in the endzone. Penalties seized another possible touchdown when the offense moved the ball to the scoring position. Cielocha collected two touchdowns and Greg Melcher added another. Only one PAT was successful by Phil Hajek. The Irish sparingly used its air attack passing only six times and completing only 1, that when John Prosocki hit tight end Paul Johnson on a 45 yard gain. The offense gathered 393 net yards and 16 first downs. They averaged 7.6 yards gain per play but coughed up 3 fumbles to the Ramblers.

The Irish Defense held it's opponent scoreless for the third time in four games. Although the Ramblers threatened to score a few times the Scotus defense rose to the occasion and stopped them short. Holy Name almost spoiled the shutout in the third quarter when a Rambler ball carrier broke into the Shamrock secondary and was on his way to paydirt when Safety Mike Savage made an excellent open field tackle on the two yard line forcing the ball carrier to cough up the foot ball. Paul Johnson recovered for the Shamrock in the end zone. Linebackers Rick Schumacher and Tom Hoffman led the defense in tackles with 10 and 15 respectively. The Irish defense allowed Holy Name only 111 yds. and 8 first downs.

Scotus bounced back well from their loss a week earlier at the hands of Albion but need to play much better ball as they head into the toughest part of their schedule upcoming. Lineman Gary Kurtenbach, Paul Melcher and Tim Tinius were nursing injuries from the Holy Name contest but were expected to be 100% for the next game.

S CLUB NOTES

The Scotus S-Club met for the first time this year on Tuesday September 6th. The sponsor for this year is once again Mr. Jim Puetz. The election of officers was held at the meeting, those elected were: President-Rick Schumacher, Vice President - Linda warth, and Secretary-Treasurer -Doug Obal. Projects for this year that were discussed were a new trophy case and a large picture (photo) of the 1978 State Track and Field Championship team. Money making projects will start soon.

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SHAMROCKS DEFEAT VIKINGS

What was supposed to be a close contest turned into a rout as the Scotus Shamrocks beat crosstown rival, Lakeview, in varsity football action last Friday night 34-8. Lakeview was previously unbeaten and atop the Class B District 4 ratings in points while, Scotus had not had enough points to be rated. Both Scotus and Lakeview sport records of 4 and 1 leading into the second half of regular season play.

Scotus captains Tom Hoffman, Tim Tinius, and Gary Kurtenbach won the flip of the coin and elected to receive the ball to open the game. Tim Cielocha fielded the kickoff and fumbled but regained position. Neither team Scotus or Lakeview could generate any offense in the opening quarter due to strong defensive plays and ended the quarter at a scoreless tie.

The first points of the game took place when Scotus quarterback John Prosocki hit halfback Mike Cielocha with a 22 yard touchdown strike about midway through the second quarter. Three plays later Scotus forced the Vikings to punt and began their second touchdown drive of the night. The 11 play drive was capped by halfback Greg Melcher's four yard run up the middle for 6. The Shamrock defense held Lakeview scoreless through the half. The Vikings offense was held to an astonishing -10 yards the first half.

In the second half the Irish defense continued to stop Lakeview from a scoring threat holding them on third and fourth down situations. The third TD of the night for Scotus was when wingback Doug Obal caught a 34 yard pass by Prosocki wide open in the endzone to practically put the game on ice at 21-0. The big gainer of the game happened at 2:28 left in the third stanza. Cielocha took a pitch from Prosocki and raced down the left sideline illuding would-be tacklers for a 67 yard touchdown run. Phil Hajek's kick made it 28-0 at the end of three quarters. Scotus fans had a chance to watch the reserves as Coach Puetz was substituting freely throughout the final quarter.

Scotus's final points came when senior halfback Tom Hoffman took a handoff, running over Lakeview defenders and hit paydirt 22yds from scrimmage. The PAT attempt was blocked. Lakeview's offense spoiled Scotus's bid for a shutout late in the 4th quarter when running back Ryan Went raced down the sidelines. He was challenged at the five yard line but scored standing up. Lakeview was successful on their two point conversion to end scoring.

Scotus's main concern during the week was of Lakeview back Ryan Went as he burned up a tough Schuyler defense for 207 yards. But an emotional Shamrock defense held Went to 95 yards, much of which came on his touchdown run, and the Viking offense to only 120 yards. The Irish defense played exceptionally well.

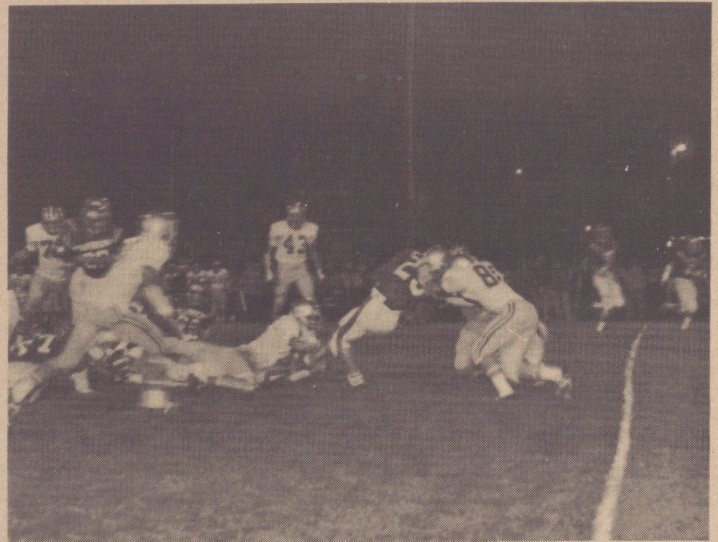
For the fifth straight game senior linebacker Rick Schumacher led the defense in tackles with 10. Hoffman also collected 10 tackles as such as junior defensive end Bob Bosak with just 9 tackles. One very outstanding statistic is that Scotus had 12 tackles behind the line of scrimmage.

The Scotus offense played well gaining 362 yards total. Cielocha was the games leading rusher with 111 yards in 14 carries.

"He pushed them apart. He was the key to our offense," Puetz said about Prosocki. He attempted 8 passes, completing 5 for 97 yards and 2 TD's.

Puetz also stated, "That it was team effort, we played a near perfect game." Phil Hajek had a good night kicking 4 of 5 PAT attempts.

The officials infrequently threw flags, as only three penalties were called. Scotus was called for two penalties for only 10 yds. Many Scotus players recognized the inconsistent play of the kickoff team. Saying that this may be an important factor as Scotus prepares for tough up-coming opponents. The Shamrocks face a tough Wahoo Neumann Club at Pawnee Park this Saturday at 7:30 P.M.



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SCOTUS TO FACE TOUGH OPPONENTS

The Scotus Varsity team has completed a little over half of their regular season. The Shamrocks have compiled thus far a record of four wins and one loss. The wins came against Schuyler, West Point Central Catholic, Omaha Holy Name and Columbus Lakeview. The only loss suffered through the first half of the season was at the hands of Albion.

With the loss on their record, Scotus still has a decent chance of getting to the playoffs. But if the Shamrocks lose another game in it's last four remaining games, they will be eliminated from this years playoffs.

So Scotus must win each of their last four regular season games to have any chance at gaining a playoff berth. This will be a very tough task as the Shamrocks face their toughest teams on the schedule in these last four games. Three of their four opponents are rated as of this week. This Saturday the Irish host Wahoo Neumann. The Cavaliers are rated second in class C with a good four and one record. Their only loss of the season came at the hands of class C leading Fremont Bergan. Last year the Cavs beat the Irish on their homefield in a somewhat controversial game. The Shamrocks want this game especially bad because the loss to Neumann last year ruined Scotus's chances of being in the playoffs and this years team doesn't want that to happen again.

After Neumann, the Shamrocks travel to Boystown on Friday, October 13th, to play a tenth ranked Boystown Club. The Cowboys have not been beaten this year in five games. The Irish will be fairing a much improved Boystown team then in previous years. Scotus had a rather easy win over Boystown last year in Omaha and hope to have the same luck this yr.

On October the 21st archrival David City Aquinas invades Columbus in hopes to spoil Scotus's Homecoming. Although Aquinas has, only won 2 games out of five so far this season, they are sure to be pumped up for this huge rivalry. Team records mean nothing when these two teams collide. Aquinas has upset Scotus several times in the past and will be looking for upset again this year. This team may be the easiest game the Irish face during the second half of their season, but by no means will the Monarchs quit without a good fight.

The final game of the season will be at Pawnee Park on Thursday, October 26th against the Fremont Bergan Knights. Scotus will have only four days to prepare for the highly rated Knights and may need more time as Fremont will bring in a very strong and ready club. The Knights have not lost in five games so far are atop the class C ratings. This game may come down to a "do or die" situation for Scotus and with only a few days to prepare for the Knights, they will need strong backing and support by their fans.

Again, Scotus must win these final four games for any kind of a chance for playing post season games. So let's give them the support they need.

SHAMROCK STICKERS DISCONTINUED

A few days prior to the Lakeview football game Coaches Jim Puetz, Gary Puetz and Randy Berlin met with tri-captains P. Melcher, Tom Hoffman, and Gary Kurtenbach. They discussed the possibility of not rewarding the players Shamrock stickers.

The Shamrock stickers were small round stickers rewarded to players that accomplished certain goals during the course of a game and were stuck on the backs of their helmets. They were earned by a player who accomplished whatever the Shamrock qualification asked for, such as a sack behind the line of scrimmage.

Scotus coaches thought it would be best for the team if they discontinued distributing these stickers because the players gave too much of an individual effort rather than a team effort. Thus, the captains agreed with the coaches that this may have been hurting the squad. Therefore the stickers were removed from the helmets of the players that had already recieved them and will not be distributed for the rest of the season.



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Homecoming Royalty

The Homecoming dance was held in Scotus' cafeteria on October 21st following the victory over Aquinas, the crowning of King Gary Kurtenbach and Queen Janice Witt took place shortly before this in the gym. The King was voted on by the football team and the Queen by the Pep Club. The royalty was chosen from the following twelve candidates.

Janice Witt is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Burnell Witt. She has been a member of Pep Club for four years. She was a squad leader her freshman year, secretary her junior year and is presently serving as treasurer. Janice has been a member of the S-Club three years. She has participated in volleyball for 4 yrs., has lettered in basketball for 2 yrs., and track for 3 yrs. She was a member of Honor Society for 3 yrs. She was a member of German Club for 2 yrs. and participated in County Government Day.

Connie Konwinski is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Konwinski. She is a four year member of Pep club serving as a cheerleader three years. Connie is presently head Varsity cheerleader. She is an Honor Roll Student. She is also a member of the Scotistics and Annual Staff. Connie participated in track and volleyball her freshmen year.

Vanessa Kumpf is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kumpf. She is a four year member of Pep Club serving as cheerleader all four years. Vanessa is a three year member of Honor Society and two year member of German Club. She participated in County Government Day and was junior class secretary. Vanessa is presently in Swing Choir and mixed chorus. She served as Public Relations Officer her junior year for mixed chorus. She is presently on Annual staff and Feature Editor of Scotistics. She participated in two musicals. She is an Honor Roll student presently serving as Student Council Secretary.

Jenny Liebenritt is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Art Liebenritt. She participated in track for one year and volleyball for two years. Jenny was in County Government Day and also in German Club. She is an Honor Roll student and is a member of National Honor Society. Jenny was a three year member of chorus. She was a home room representative for Student Council and also a member of Scotistics and Annual Staff. Jenny is a four year member of Pep Club and served as Vice-President her Junior year. She is presently President of Pep Club.

Teri Bernt is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bernt. She is a four year member of Pep Club and served as a cheerleader all four years. She is a two year member of Honor Society and is now Senior Class Secretary. Teri is a four year member of Chorus and a three year member of Swing Choir. She received a superior rating at district music contest. Teri has participated in two musicals. She is assistant News Editor of the Scotistics and is on the Annual Staff. She has been on the Honor Roll for three years and also attended County Government Day.



Tom Hoffman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Hoffman. He is a 3 year participant in football, basketball, and track, and is a tri-captain on the football team. Tom is an Honor Roll student, and a member of the S-Club. He participated in County Government Day his junior year. Tom is presently on the Annual Staff.

Gary Kurtenbach is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvie Kurtnebach. Gary has participated in both track and football for 3 years. He is a member of the S-Club, and presently a tri-captain on the football team. Gary participated in County Government Day his junior year and is an Honor Roll student.

Greg Melcher is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Melcher. Greg has participated in both track and football for 3 years. He has lettered in football 3 years and in track his freshman year. He is a 4 year member of S-Club, and has been recognized by the Sertoma Club for his performance in football. He is also an Honor Roll Student.

Paul Melcher is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Melcher. Paul is a 3 year participant in football and track. He is presently a tri-captain on the football team, and a 4 year member of the S-Club. Paul is an Honor Roll student, and participated in County Government Day his junior year. He is presently presiding as senior class vice-president.

John Prosocki is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Prosocki. John has participated in football, track, and basketball for 3 years. He was vice-president of his junior class and participated in County Government Day his junior year. John is an Honor Roll student, and a member of S-Club. He is presently senior class president, a member of Student Council, and is a member of both the Scotistics and Annual Staff.

Rick Schumacher is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Schumacher. Rick has participated and lettered in football 3 years. He is a 3 year letterman in track and a 2 year state qualifier. He has lettered in basketball 1 year. Rick is an Honor Roll student and a member of National Honor Society. He participated in County Government Day his junior year. Rick is presently S-Club President and a member of Student Council.

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Julie VanAckeren is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis VanAckeren. She is a four year member of Pep Club, serving as cheerleader three years and squad leader one year. Julie is a three year member of Honor Society and a three year member of chorus and Swing Choir. She served as an officer her Freshman year, and attended the Platte College Soloist Contest three years. She was freshman class secretary and junior class treasurer. Julie is a two year member of Annual Staff and also News Editor for Scotistics. She participated in County Government Day. She is presently a Senior Home Room Representative. Julie also participated in a play her junior year, and has been an Honor Roll student for three years.

Student Council Minutes

The second Student Council meeting of the year was held Nov. 7th. The idea of having a Twirp Dance was brought up and discussed. The girls would ask the guys, and the girls would pay. The Student Council would put it on, and charge an admission of \$2.50 per couple and \$1.50 for singles. There would be a disc jockey, and the dance would be semi-formal. It would be held in the cafeteria sometime before Christmas. Saturday, Dec. 16th, will be looked into. It was also decided that there would be no tape dances from now till then.

There will be a bake sale put on by the Student Council sometime before Thanksgiving for getting the money to pay for the disc jockey.

The seniors are wanting open campus sooner this year. They are questioning why they have to wait till second semester. Bill Fox, John Proski, and Jenny Liebenritt will be going to the next faculty meeting and representing the senior class on the matter.

Discussion on getting a new sponsor for Student Council was brought up by Mr. Hittner. He feels it might benefit the Student Council since he is busy with a lot of other things. There were some teachers mentioned as possibilities and Mr. Hittner will talk to them. Of course, he would always have the option of sitting in on any meeting.

Who was John Scotus?

Have you ever wondered how our school got the name "Scotus"? The following is a shortened version of the life of the Blessed John Duns Scotus.

In the first decade of the 14th century the most famous teacher at the universities of Cambridge, Oxford and Paris was Father John Duns of Scotland. He is said to have possessed one of the most penetrating minds the world has seen.

John Duns was born in 1266 at Littledean in Scotland. His family was Irish. A Franciscan uncle gave him his early education after which he went to Paris to obtain a masterate in theology. He did not complete the required work but instead lectured in Oxford, Cambridge and the Sorbonne in Paris. In 1302 to 1303 John had to flee from France due to his defense of Pope Boniface VIII in the face of an angry Philip the Fair.

Oxford in England was the site of John's teaching from 1303-1306. It was at Oxford that John Duns became widely known for his intellectual abilities. He was given the name "the Subtle Doctor" because of his ability to clarify even the knottiest or abstruse of matters. One author said that John described the nature of God as if he had seen him personally.

In 1306 John returned to Paris. In Paris he earned the title "the Doctor of Mary". John is especially known for championing the Immaculate Conception of Mary. This is of special note because the Immaculate Conception was not declared an article of faith until 1854.

In 1307, the Franciscan Fr. John Duns, was sent to Cologne which became the site of his death in 1308. The accepted date is November 8, 1308. The Friars' Church in Cologne which held the tomb of John Duns, was demolished during World War II. The relics now are found in a rebuilt church in Cologne.

John Duns of Scotland is not a saint of the church. He is called "Blessed". The effort for his canonization is proceeding at this time. At present, Blessed John Duns is venerated in the Franciscan Order, in the dioceses of Cologne and Nola and (of course) SCC in Columbus.

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Let's Hear it for the Girls!

Looking back on the athletic season this year I find one thing that was very interesting. While hundreds of people would show up for football games, even if they were away, not near as many people would show up for a volleyball outing. I think that it's high time to congratulate the coaches and girls on a very productive and courageous year.

The 1978 girls volleyball team was 8-10, received a second place trophy in the Centennial Conference, after winning 3 games and losing in the championship match to Paul VI. Then moving on to Districts they won one game against Hartington C.C. easily and then lost a close contest to Wayne.

This year's varsity volleyball team consisted mainly of seniors. Standouts were seniors Linda Warth, Janice Witt, and steady Barb Lueke. Juniors Christy Davidson and Jackie Paprocki were substitutes and show promise for the future.

The girls started the season poorly and gradually got better as the season progressed. As the team started winning a few more people started coming to the games. But there was still not enough. We owe these girls something, for keeping the pride that Scotus is alive. Maybe next year we can show them we care.

Bill Fox



Contest Winners

The Basic Art Class taught by Ms. Kiser held a pumpkin decorating contest this past month. The students worked in pairs to design a pumpkin, that was judged on the most imaginative and original. The pumpkins, which were decorated with paint and construction paper, ranged from Kiss to Mickey Mouse with variations of clowns, pirates, and witches in between. The judges were Sr. Joan, Mr. Mahoney, Ms. Donner and Jenny Liebenritt. The following were the winners:

- 1st place-Greg Ernst and Tim Zuerlien
- 2nd place-Janet Maca and Margaret Spenner
- 3rd place-Kathy Mielek and Judi Kloke

Scotus Runner-Up in Centennial Conference

Scotus' bid for the Centennial Conference Championship failed when they bowed to Omaha Boystown 7-6 on the Pawnee Park gridiron. It was a game of revenge to the Cowboys as Scotus beat them earlier in the season 7-0.

The big reason for the loss was the failure of the Shamrock offense to move the ball. The lackluster performance of the Shamrocks only netted them 58 total yards of offense and only 3 first downs, that may have been one of Scotus' worst performances offensively of its history. Although I-back Mike Cielocha had 74 yards rushing, Quarterback John Prosocki was sacked several times for a total of 16 yards resulting in the 58 yard net. Prosocki failed to complete a pass in 6 attempts. The only touchdown of the night for Scotus was in the first quarter and it was earned when cornerback Gary Zyweic picked off an Al Connerly pass and returned it 27 yards to the Cowboy 3 yard line. On the next play Cielocha scored up the middle. The extra point attempt by Phil Hajek was blocked to make it 6-0.

The score remained that way until into the fourth quarter of play when Boystown scored capping a long drive. The deciding PAT attempt by the Cowboys split the uprights to give them the game.

Defensively the Shamrocks played pretty well, holding the Cowboys to 144 yards. The "Green Crush" defense lived up to its name by getting eight sacks and holding the Boystown offense in tact for most of the game. Rick Schumacher, Paul Johnson, Mark Baumann, Tom Hoffman, Tim Tinius, Gary Kurtenbach, Bob Bosak, and Tim Engelbert played exceptionally well for the Irish defense. Schumacher and Hoffman had 21 and 18 tackles respectively to lead the Irish.

After the game Coach Puetz commented, "Even with the loss we may still be ranked tenth in the final ratings because we did have a fairly successful year, and won some games some people didn't think we'd win."

Here is what some of the players had to say about the game:

"Offensively, the line opened some good holes but the backs couldn't hit them. The blocking in the backfield was poor. I thought the defense played good except toward the end when they were just flat burned out."

Senior Fullback, Greg Melcher

"We played an excellent team that was well coached. We had a couple of opportunities to score a couple more TD's but we did not take advantage of them."

Senior Lineman, Dan Zoucha

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Scotus Ties Bergan

Scotus' state playoff hopes were shot down when the Irish and Fremont Bergan fought to a disappointing 14-14 tie at Pawnee Park. Even with the tie Scotus got post season action with Omaha Boystown to determine the Centennial Conference champion.

The Shamrock defense which had only yielded 21 points all season gave up 14 pts. to the Knights. Although there were some good individual performances by the defense Scotus was unable to hold off the attack of Fremont, mainly the running of sophomore I-back Mark Mendlick. Mendlick gained 221 yds. against the Irish Crush and continuously hurt them on third down situations. The Shamrock defense yielded a touchdown in the second and fourth quarters. The bright spot of the night for Scotus was when the defense held Bergan from any points with less than 9 seconds left. On fourth down from the seven Bergan missed an attempted field goal that could have given them the win. One outstanding effort for the Irish was the play of Safety Mike Savage. Savage picked off two Bergan aeriels to stall their drives. His first interception came in the first quarter while his second of the night came in the third quarter, which led to Scotus' second TD of the game. He also contributed on six tackles. The Irish defense yielded 297 yards to Bergan. All but 76 yds. were from Mendlik. Linebacker Rick Schumacher led the defense with 15 tackles. Gary Kurtenbach collected 13 tackles.

The SHamrock offense had some good opportunities to score but failed. The first was after Savage's interception in the first quarter. The Irish drove down to the Fremont 15 yard line but lost the ball after failing to convert on a fourth down and 2. Scotus' scored both of their TD's in the third quarter. The first when quarterback John Prososki scored on a two yard sneak after Tim Tinius began the drive after a fumble recovery. The second and last TD was also scored by Prososki on a sneak from two yards out after Savage's interception. The highlight of the drive was an amazing one-hand catch of a Prososki 40yd. pass by I-Back Mike Cielocha. The offensive line dominated the line-of scrimmage during the third stanza but Fremont won the battle up front in the other three quarters. Another Scotus opportunity came in the middle of the fourth quarter but the drive was stalled after a penalty at the six yard line moved the ball out of good scoring position. The Shamrock offense was held at 79 net yards and only 8 first downs. Cielocha led the Irish rushers with 78 yards. Tom Hoffman filling in for the injured Greg Melcher had 35 yards before being side-lined with a sprained knee.

This is what a few players said about the tie:

"We played sloppy the first half. The second half we played with a little more enthusiasm. The defense, as well as our offense played inconsistent. We should have attempted the field goal in the first quarter."

Senior lineman Tim Bonk

"If we would have played the entire game like we played in the third quarter we'd have easily won the game. I have to give Bergan a lot of credit, they were the best team we've faced this year."

Senior Quarterback John Prososki

13 Monograms Awarded

The Scotus C.C. team closed its season on two partially disappointing notes this year. The Shamrock Harriers finished 5th in the Conference meet and 6th at the District with no state qualifiers.


At the Conference meet held at Boystown, Mark Duren earned an 8th Place Medal in leading the Shamrocks. Rod Placzek and Jim McMeekin followed. In the J.V. meet Ken Heimann and Jim VanLent ran 1-2 to capture the J.V. meet for the 2nd time in 3 years.

At the District meet held in Seward, Super Soph. Mard Duren again led the Shamrock (15th) while Jim McMeekin and Rod Placzek followed again.

Letterwinners for this year included Seniors Jim McMeekin, Anne Syslo and Julie Jarecke; Juniors Jim VanLent and Rod Placzek; Sophomores Mark Duren, Ken Heimann, Doug Stopak, Dave Reiser, Mike Abbegelen, John Eckholt and Sheryl Liebig and Freshman Tom Wolfe. In the awards voted on by all runners and coaches, The Most Valuable runner Jim McMeekin, Most Valuable underclassmen was Mike Abeggelen. McMeekin also captured the "Mr Competitor" award. Duren was the leading scorer with 45pts. McMeekin was 2nd with 40.

Prospects for next year are very bright with the only loss being 3 year lettermen McMeekin. If the leadership comes from Juniors VanLent and Placzek and the fine crop of sophs led by Duren and Heimann perform to their abilities, Scotus will have a contender.

Remarking on the Season Coach Spenceri stated that "Every runner improved with every meet but their was a very noticeable lack of leadership from the Senior boys who came out for the sport" (Out of the 5 who came out 4 quit). The Harriers had a 4-2 dual season but Coach Spenceri and his assistant Coach Mahoney (along with the #1 Cross Country fan, Fr. Gutzgell) deserve plenty of credit for the fine season.



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Musical a Success

On November 17th and 18th the Scotus musical, "Bye Bye Birdie", drew large crowds. The musical brought in \$630, but unfortunately expenses used most of this up. The music and drama teachers, Miss Kelly and Mrs. Bernt were very pleased with the play itself and with the turnout. The chorus, cast, and technical crew all played a major part in its success.

The main characters were played by Mary Jo Chlopek, Ken Zoucha, Teri Bernt, John Kopetzky, Gary Zywiec, Lora Kurtenbach, and Jeff Thiele. They, along with the chorus, did an excellent job and their hard work showed through. Lori Maguire, the student director, also put in a lot of hard work.

The teachers and cast would like to thank all those who helped with sets, props, tickets, programs, etc. They would also like to thank all who gave their support by showing up.

Everyone who attended seemed to enjoy the musical. We should be proud of these people for their work towards our school!



Open Campus

Three seniors, Jeni Liebenritt, Bill Fox and John Prosocki, represented the senior class at the Faculty meeting on November 16th. The purpose of the three seniors going to the meeting was to discuss the possibilities of the senior class receiving open campus earlier this year than in previous years. Open campus is a privilege extended to seniors who have shown through their classroom work and general school behavior that they have the responsibility and maturity to regulate their time properly. This privilege releases the student who has been approved by his/her parents, teachers, and administrators, from the school grounds during regularly scheduled study halls. In order to receive this privilege a student must first be in group study for one month before becoming eligible to apply for open campus. After considering the senior's proposal the faculty and administration approved the plan on the condition that the rules and regulations for open campus be strictly adhered to. There will be an open campus committee composed of 5 seniors and two faculty advisors. These individuals will deal with any abuses connected with open campus.



Editorial

With another athletic season approaching, we as fans must remember how to act. As fans we also have certain responsibilities to our teams, coaches, referees, and other fans.

While attending a volleyball game earlier this season, I found in the program an interesting code. I believe that it sums up what a Scotus fan should be!

SCC - CODE

High school is a time for learning and growing up and having fun; these are the golden years of youth. There is a place for everyone, a lot to fill, a role to play, a time for the good life.

In order that all may enjoy all aspects of Scotus life, we ask all athletic fans to subscribe to the following:

- BE A GOOD FAN:** Today's game is with a respected opponent - not a bitter enemy.
- BE A COURTEOUS FAN:** To other fans, to both teams, to the officials - they are our guests.
- BE AN ENTHUSIASTIC FAN:** By rooting for your team - not booing the opponents.
- BE A SUPPORTIVE FAN:** Of all Scotus players and coaches; of high school officials when they must seek positive crowd control.
- BE A FAIR FAN:** By having confidence in the honesty and integrity of the game officials - remember they are important and neutral, you are partisan.
- BE A COOPERATIVE FAN:** Do not walk on the court or field, exhibit good manners at all times.
- BE A GOOD SPORT:** By all-out support of each and every member of your favorite team before, during, and after games; in season and out-of-season.

I believe that there are also a few other things that are necessary for being a good fan, such as attending girls basketball games as well as boys. Supporting our Pep-Club, which this writer feels is one of the best in the state. Therefore, I feel that if we follow this code we will have a successful season whether we win or lose.

Bill Fox

Dear Editor:

You and the Scotistics Staff are to be highly commended and complimented on your work.

It took lots of time, hard work and planning, but it really shows in the October 5th edition of the Scotistics.

As a parent, I thoroughly enjoyed reading your school newspaper and felt very proud of Scotus.

Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,
A Mother

Who does not have a son or daughter on the Scotistics Staff.

The Youth Appreciation Day was put on by the Optimist Club. It took place at the Elks Country Club on Thursday, November, 16 with six youths from the Columbus area participating. Bruce Rischar and Pam Wiese represented Scotus.

After lunch, the general business meeting of the Optimists was held. After this each youth on the panel was asked a question pertaining to problems concerning the youth of the community. After each had answered their questions, there was a brief question-answer period. Following this the trophies were awarded and pictures were taken.

Luke Lemke and Marilyn Bernt were the two students from Columbus High, and Dan Lutjens and Cindy Siefken represented Lakeview.

Marie McGillivray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Hansen was crowned the 1979 Platte County Junior Miss. She was chosen from among 20 girls all from around the Columbus area. The annual pageant was held on Sunday, November, 12 at 7:30 in the Columbus Senior High Auditorium. The girls were judged on their talent, personality, poise, and scholastics. Linda Warth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Warth was the first runner-up and also won the talent award and the scholastics award. Vanessa Kumpf and Karen Czuba were also among the participants from Scotus.

Sue Merrill was in charge of approximately fifteen freshman girls from Ms. Kiser's freshman Art Class when they went to McDonald's Restaurant on November 9th. These girls decorated the windows with paint in a Thanksgiving theme. A fall Harvest was seen throughout the restaurant to go with the decorative theme chosen by the girls. For their hard work and imagination the McDonalds management gave the girls a free lunch. The Art Class might decorate the windows again in the theme of Valentines Day or Easter.

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Birthdays

December

Seniors:

Bob Niedbalski.....	Dec 11
Jim Reiser.....	Dec 16
Rod Kuta.....	Dec 23
Sandy Gdowski.....	Dec 24
Sally Schaecher.....	Dec 24
Sandy Wieser.....	Dec 28

Juniors:

Carol Taylor.....	Dec 2
Kylie Brown.....	Dec 9
Dave Amann.....	Dec 11
Chris Dreifurst.....	Dec 12
Kent Rischar.....	Dec 15
Bill Czapla.....	Dec 19
Sue Merrill.....	Dec 28
Carl Zoucha.....	Dec 30

Sophomores:

Kelly McGuire.....	Dec 1
Margie Krings.....	Dec 3
Anne Weilgus.....	Dec 5
Jane Zoucha.....	Dec 7
Todd White.....	Dec 10
Mike Wieser.....	Dec 11
Gail Kwapnoski.....	Dec 14
Kim Kaminski.....	Dec 23
Jeff Thiele.....	Dec 23

Freshman:

Bill Wunderlich.....	Dec 1
Stephanie Grohs.....	Dec 3
Curt White.....	Dec 5
Clarice Korger.....	Dec 5
Robert Bowe.....	Dec 12
Chris Hilger.....	Dec 23
Thomas Wolfe.....	Dec 24
Jeff VanLent.....	Dec 26
David Jarecke.....	Dec 31

Speech Contest

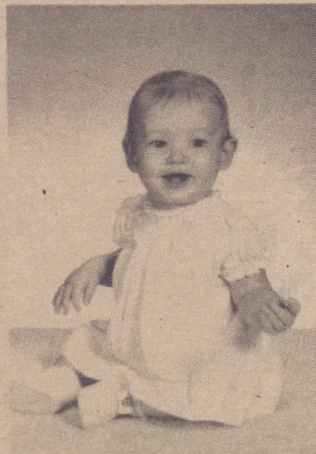
Eighteen students from Scotus will be participating at the Platte College Speech Contest December 2. They are; Traci VanBerg, Lora Kurtenbach, Leo Zoucha, Ron Bernt, Carole Podraza, Patrice Oppliger, Marlene Bonk, Maria Riley, Connie Gonka, Jamie Maslonka, Peg McGillivray, Julie Spies, Dan Tooley, Kelly Soulliere, Bill Fox, Ken Zoucha, John Kopetzky, and Mary Jo Chlopek.

Participants will be entered in: Duet Acting, Play Reading, Informative Speaking, Original Public Address, Poetry and Prose Readings, TV News Commentaries, After Dinner Speaking, Humorous Impromptu and Extemporaneous Speaking. Each event is divided into Junior and Senior divisions.

Good Luck to Mrs. Bernt and her Speech Team!!!!

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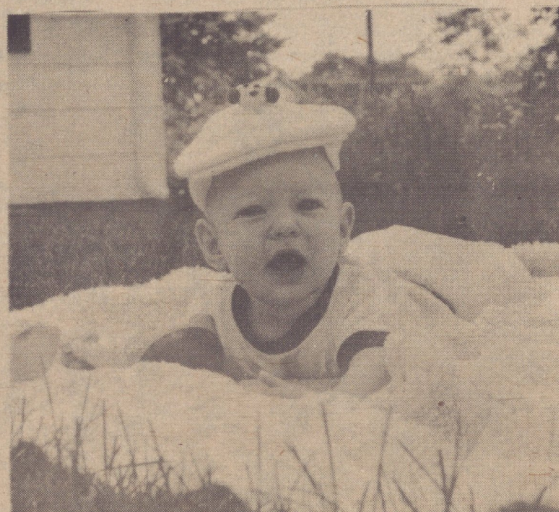
girl
 serving as a senior
 she's a "Scotus man"
 her eyes are hazel
 brown hair
 likes to BOOGEY!!!
 is a Rah-Rah
 in school she's straight A's



GUESS WHO?

This baby is a :

boy
 Presently a junior
 he plays football, basketball and track
 he's a tall 5'11"
 his face is dashed with freckles
 he has bluish eyes
 red-brown hair
 a faithful squire he's said to be
 and most senior girls love him!!!!



Shamrocks Looking Ahead to Good Season

The Shamrocks look strong this year as the basketball season is about to get underway. Coaches Frank Spenceri and Dennis Zowada have six lettermen returning from a 9-11 season record last year. This years squad consist of six seniors, five juniors, and 9 sophomores. The probable line-up for our opener against Boystown has Mike Cielocha and Tom Hoffman at guards, Rick Schumacher and John Prososki at forwards, and Tim Tinius at center. Mike Savage, Pat Wieser and Tim Engelbert will substitute frequently. This years' squad has more heighth than seen in the past plus a lot of quickness, strenght and good accuracy. Schumacher was the third leading scorer last year as a junior and will be a factor this season. Tinius has shown improvement over last year as well as Savage. A major factor for the Shamrocks this year will be the bench scoring. Savage, Engelbert and Wieser must provide good relief so that it does not take any momentum away from the starting five. We're looking forward to a good season and wish the entire team good luck.

1978-1979 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Dec 1	Boystown	Home
Dec 8	GICC	Home
Dec 15	Omaha Paul VI	There
Dec 16	Central City	Home
Dec 27-28	Platte Classic	Platte
Jan 5	Aquinas	There
Jan 6	Cathedral	Here
Jan 12	Norflk Catholic	Here
Jan 13	St. Alberts	There
Jan 20	Bergan	Here
Jan 22-26	Central Conference	Wahoo
Feb 2	Hastings St Cecelia	There
Feb 3	Raymond Central	There
Feb 10	Lakeview	Platte
Feb 16	Omaha Holy Name	There
Feb 17	WPCC	Here
Mar 5-10	Districts	
Mar 15-17	State	

1978-1979 ROSTER

SENIORS

Mike Cielocha
Tom Hoffman
John Prososki
Mike Savage
Rick Schumacher
Tim Tinius

JUNIORS

Dave Ahmann
Joe Bogus
Tim Engelbert
Bob Heimann
Pat wieser

SOPHOMORES

Tim Cielocha
Doug Duren
John Eckholt
Ken Heimann
Glen Kucera

FRESHMEN

Bret Kumpf
Rick Pensick
Dave Reiser
Jeff Thiele

Intramural basketball begins December 3. The captains of the Intramural basketball League drafted their teams on Monday. The season gets underway Sunday night December, 3rd with three games scheduled at 6:30, 7:30, and 8:30. So if you want to see some real run and gun games, Come See These!!!! Admission is free. The captains for this years teams are: Dean Cerny, Jim Reiser, Jim McMeekin, Gary Kurtenbach, Bill Fox, and Howard Jochum.



Battle of the Sexes

Before a small crowd at the Scotus Gym on November 20th, the Battle of the Sexes took place as the "S" Club's lettermen took on the letterwomen in a bruising volleyball matchup. When the dust finally cleared, the women had claimed two of the three matches.

The seniors got things underway as the women claimed a 15-7 victory in the opener, highlighted by the fine play of Janice Witt. In the second game, the men started fast but eventually fell again, 15-7. While the men's pride may have been damaged, they did play a fine game that kept the fans roaring.

The junior match was very exciting too. The men started fast, but the women's experience caught up with them. The women claimed a 15-8 win in the first game. In the second game, the women, led by Teri Hroza and Sue Merrill, built up a big lead. The men, led by Bob Bosak and Chris Dreifurst, rallied within 13-11. Some crucial calls by the officials went in the women's favor and they claimed a 15-11 win.

The men finally gained a win when the sophomore men dropped the women 13-15, 15-9, 15-13, in a very exciting match. In the first game, Elaine Zoucha sparked a big outburst as the women built a commanding lead enroute to the win. But the men returned the favor with a convincing 15-9 win in the second game. In the tie-breaker, Dave Reiser and Joe Sutko led the men in a see-saw game which they pulled out, 15-13, salvaging some pride for the men.



Volleyball Teams???

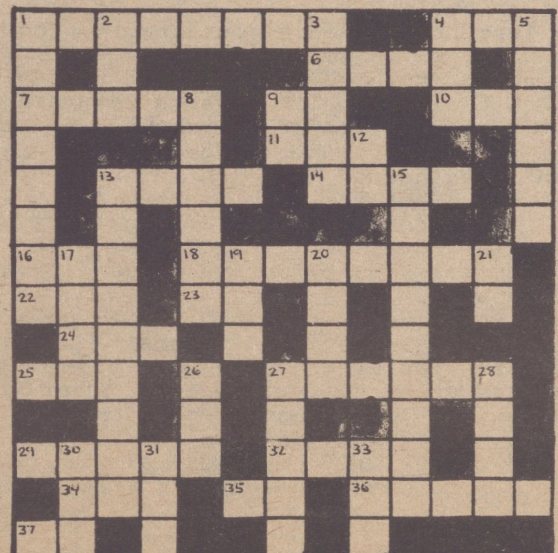


ACROSS

- 1 Scotus basketball coach
- 4 Incorporated (abbrev.)
- 6 Past participle of tear
- 7 Scotus football coach
- 9 Expression of laughter
- 10 Relatives
- 11 Sick
- 13 To knock over with something rolled
- 14 Three feet
- 16 A bird
- 18 Junior girl Chris _____
- 22 A rodent
- 23 Advertisement (abbrev.)
- 24 Very Important Person (abbrev.)
- 25 A precious stone
- 27 Known as the Sunflower State
- 29 A compass direction
- 32 A container for valuables
- 34 The fifth sign of the zodiac
- 35 Opposite of she
- 36 Your father's brother
- 37 South Dakota (abbrev.)

DOWN

- 1 Largest of the Great Lakes
- 2 Wife of Adam
- 3 European country
- 4 Found in pen
- 5 Second largest country in the world
- 8 Scotus World History teacher
- 9 Hello
- 12 Los Angeles (abbrev.)
- 13 Largest city in Maryland
- 15 Scotus English teacher
- 17 Found in ocean
- 19 Opposite of subtract
- 20 State bordering Nebraska
- 21 Negative answer
- 26 German word meaning "oh"
- 27 Scotus German teacher
- 28 Opposite of buy
- 30 Not young
- 31 Part of foot
- 33 The pelt of an animal





Girls Looking for Improvement

The girls' 1978-79 basketball season opened last night against the Omaha Cathedral Cardinals.

Coach John Peterson commented on this years' team outlook.

"We lost Erin O'Hearn, our leading scorer. She was our "playmaker". This years guards are going to have to work hard to replace her. We do have Linda Warth returning. Last year Linda averaged 10 rebounds a game (147 for the season), but added scoring increasement was needed." Coach Peterson outlined two key ideas for team improvement:

1) Better rebounding and scoring from the forwards.

2) The guards must improve on ball handling and passing.

Coach Peterson is assisted by Pam Borer. He will try to improve last years record of 3-13. Returning letterwoman are: Seniors- Linda Warth, Janice Witt, Carla Wieser, Anne Sy-slo, and Juniors- Chris Davidson, Jackie Pap-rocki, Teri Hroza, and Julie Hajek.

The Shamrocks will host Central City for their first home game, Tuesday December 5th.

S-Club Donations

Did you notice the new trophy case in the lobby of the Memorial Hall? Or did you look at the picture above the doorway? Both of these were donated and paid for by the lettermens club in this school. The trophy case is now filled with major track trophies, including the 1978 Class B State Track Championship trophy, the remainder of the schools trophies were reorganized.

Also in the Memorial Hall is the picture of the 1978 Class B State Track Championship team, which was taken during the summer by Jim Friese.

The project for the S-Club this year has been discussed in previous meetings. It has been decided that the S-Club will buy a leaper for the gym, which will help in jumping ability. This leaper will be bought and donated to the school by the S-Club of 1978.

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Final Football Wrap-Up

by Dean Cerny

The Scotus varsity football team ended its '78 campaign with a good 7-2-1 record and a runnerup spot in the Centennial Conference. A few bad breaks held Scotus from an unblemished record but nevertheless the Irish held up its long tradition of sporting a good, tough, and well balanced team. Thirty-five players and three student managers earned letters this season.

The tri-captains for the '78 season were Tom Hoffman, Gary Kurtenbach, and Paul Melcher. The team voted running back Greg Melcher as Most Valuable Player and Star Back. Mark Bauman received the Star Lineman award and Tim Engelbert received the Most Valuable Underclassman by his teammates. Hoffman received the coveted Mean Man award.

This year's success was a total team effort in that each player contributed his share, although there were some outstanding individual efforts. This year, Scotus was blessed with a lot of exceptional athletes. One in particular was linebacker Rick Schumacher. Rick broke a school record for tackles as he collected 153 to break Dave Steiner's record of 125 in 1973.

Scotus put together a good line both offensively and defensively. The line consisted of good size and quickness and was well balanced. Tim Tinius, Mark Bauman, Paul Melcher, Paul Johnson, Mark Kurtenbach, Gary Kurtenbach, Rock Tarnick, Tim Engelbert, Bob Bosak, and John Ebner played well both offensively and on the defense when they were called upon.

The Irish "Green Crush" defense had an outstanding year. This was one of the best, if not the best defensive units that Scotus has ever had. They recorded an astonishing 6 shutouts in 10 games. Scotus only allowed an average of 4.2 points per game and 162 yards per game. The defensive unit for the Shamrocks consisted mainly of Mike Savage, Gary Zyweic, Dan Tooley, and Mike Cielocha as the defensive backs. Schumacher and Hoffman were the linebackers with Tim Engelbert subbing for them occasionally. The line included the players previously mentioned. The defense was led by Schumacher's 153 tackles. His counterpart Hoffman, collected 101 tackles. Mark Kurtencach, Tinius, Gary Kurtenbach, and Johnson each had more than 50 tackles to lead the defensive unit in that category. Savage picked off 4 passes and Cielocha had 3 to top the Irish in interceptions. Not enough can be said for the "Green Crush" defense as they

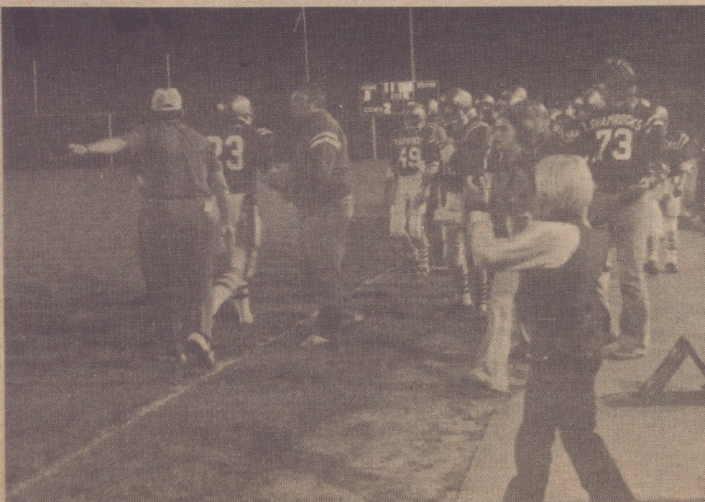
worked hard and played great throughout the season and deserved all the credit they received.

Offensively the Shamrocks played well but inconsistent. This year's team did not feature a 1,000 yard rusher as in past seasons, due to the fact that both fullback and halfback carried the ball an equal amount of time instead of using mainly one back as done in the past. We had two outstanding backs this year in halfback Cielocha and fullback Greg Melcher. Cielocha led the team in rushing with a good 912 net yards. Melcher collected 630 yards in only 7 games. Greg suffered a knee injury in the Homecoming game with Aquinus and was sidelined for the remaining 3 games. Greg and Mike were each battling for the rushing lead and stayed very close until Greg's injury. Greg's absence in our last three games was very unfortunate as his inspired running lifted the entire team up and we needed that inspiration in those last few ball games. Quarterback John Proski played well throughout the season. Although Scotus used their passing attack infrequently because of such a successful ground game, John did complete 23 passes in 76 attempts for 477 yards. His leading receiver was Cielocha. He caught 10 passes for a 19.4 yard average. Schumacher trailed Cielocha with four receptions for 104 yards. Wingback Doug Obal caught 3 passes for an outstanding 29 yard average. Cielocha was the leading scorer with 62 points. Melcher and Proski had 36 and 30 points respectively. The offensive unit averaged 247 yards per game which is an impressive statistic for high school football. Much of the credit should go to the line. They played well as did the entire team.

This year's senior ball players were an outstanding group of athletes. They showed good leadership on and off the field and they played well throughout the year. They worked very hard all season and really deserve a lot of credit for giving Scotus a good season.

Although Scotus completed a very successful 1978 football campaign it was somewhat a disappointing season, especially for seniors. Everyone expected a playoff berth because we were playing so well, but again a few bad breaks held us from that expectation.

The Pep Club and the fans also deserve a great deal of thanks. As everyone knows, we have the most spirited Pep Club in the state and they do a great job making their presence known to everyone. The fans also did a super job showing their support, at home and away. The team would like to thank the Pep Club and the fans for all your support throughout the season.



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Tribute to the Senior Gridders

by Dean Cerny

This year senior football players were an outstanding group of athletes. They showed a lot of leadership on and off the field. They played well all season and were very instrumental in helping compile a 7-2 record. This year's seniors were Mark Bauman, Tim Bonk, Mike Cielocha, Phil Hajek, Tom Hoffman, Paul Johnson, Gary Kurtenbach, Pat McGuire, Greg Melcher, Paul Melcher, Doug Obal, John Prosski, Mike Savage, Rick Schumacher, Tony Thiele, Tim Tinius, and Dan Zoucha. Many of these seniors received recognition by Sertoma Club for their performances throughout the season, besides winning awards voted on by their teammates.

Tim Tinius was awarded a certificate of recognition on the 1978 World Herald All-State team as a defensive tackle. Tim also won All-state Honorable Mention recognition by the Lincoln Star. Tim was also unanimously chosen as an offensive tackle on the Centennial All-Conference team. Mike Cielocha was chosen All-State by the Lincoln Star and Honorable Mention by the World Herald as a defensive back. He is also a member of the All-Conference team. Tom Hoffman was also selected to the All Conference team as a line backer. Shamrocks given Honorable Mention were Gary Kurtenbach, center, Tim Engelbert, offensive guard, Mark Bauman, offensive tackle, Greg Melcher, running back, and Paul Johnson, defensive lineman.

Scotus is represented well by these players and we congratulate them as well as the rest of the Seniors for a great season!!!

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Trophy Winners

The Scotus Speech Team, coached by Mrs. Bernt, captured second place out of eight schools competing in a speech contest at Platte College on December 2.

Six first place trophies were awarded to Scotus team members. In the Senior Division John Kopetzky received first place trophies in TV News Commentary and Extemporaneous Speaking. Kelly Soulliere won a first place trophy for Original Public Address. In the Junior Division first place trophies went to Ron Bernt for Extemporaneous Speaking, Marlene Bonk for TV News Commentary, and Leo Zoucha for Informative Public Speaking. Several other awards were also won by other team members.

Christmas Concert

The 1978 Christmas concert put on by the Freshman and Mixed Chorus took place on Sunday, December 17th. The concert was directed by Miss Kelly and the program started with the Freshman Chorus. They sang "Do You Hear What I Hear," "Fum Fum Fum," and "Masters In This Hall," and were accompanied by Laurie Hajek and Jamie Muhle.

This was followed by three solos of traditional carols. "What Child Is This" was sung by Margaret Spenner and accompanied by Michelle Fix. Clarice Korger then sang "O Come All Ye Faithful" with Patty Wiese accompanying. And "Silver Bells" was sung by Mary Placzek and Peg Siemek, and accompanied by Laurie Hajek.

The Mixed Chorus ended the program with the story of the birth of Christ told in scripture and carols. It was entitled "Day of Gladness" and contained none different carols. The narration was done by Scott Lachnit, Mary Brezinski, Tracy Brynes, and Ken Zoucha. It was accompanied by Linda Warth.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



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FROM

Editorial

If many of you were asked what the most useless and boring period of each day is, I'm sure many of you would answer study hall.

Study hall is the most ridiculous concept ever dreamed up by a schoolboard. Teachers, students and administrators all find this a problem. Discipline in schools usually breaks down first in study halls. Teachers hope before every year starts they will not be stuck with study halls. When scheduling time comes around each year administrators find study halls the biggest pain in the neck possible! Let me try to show you why:

1. Study halls are only forty minutes long which is not long enough to get anything done and too much time to fool around.

2. Teachers state that study halls are also bad for them because they can't get anything done because they have to babysit instead of direct.

3. When weak teachers are stuck with a study hall, normally quiet kids in a quiet room are turned into animals in a zoo.

One possible solution is modular scheduling. This is a system that has a short study hall designated at the end of each period much like 4th and 5th periods are now, but with absolutely no study halls. This is a possible solution for the future. For right now? Who knows? I'm sure everyone is open for suggestions.

Bill Fox

The last Student Council meetings were held on December 4th and December 20th. The topics discussed were the three major subjects they have been concerned with all year long the Twirp Dance, Bake Sale, and a new sponsor for the upcoming months.

The Twirp Dance will be held January 6th on Saturday night following the game. It was voted on to be semi-formal, meaning good pants (ex.cords) and a good shirt. The music will be provided by a disc jockey paid for by the Student Council. The admission price will be \$2.00 for couples and a \$1.50 for singles.

The bake sale will take place at the First National Bank downtown on January 27th, to raise money for the Student Council.

The new sponsor sat in on the meeting of the 19th with Mr. Hittner, and will take over in a few weeks. Welcome Ms. Kiser!!

The visitation team was also discussed at both meetings and the results of their visit were reported to be good by Mr. Hittner.

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TEACHER FEATURE

How long have you been at Scotus?

Mr. Younger has been at Scotus for 12 years now, Scotus being his first teaching job, first starting as a P.E. teacher, which is his major. After being appointed to the job of Athletic Director, his P.E. classes decreased and his biology and physiology classes increased. Mr. Younger has earned his minor in biology.

Do you enjoy your work?

"Yes, teaching and coaching are a challenge.

In what ways could the Scotus science department improve?

"Physiology could become a more lab oriented class, and offer advanced biology and chemistry."

How can Scotus as a whole be improved?

"School is okay, but theres room for improvement in some students' attitudes."

Who or what influenced you the most as far as your choice of teaching is concerned, especially in the field of science?

"Nobody really, just alot of self motivation."

Who was your childhood hero?

"The Lone Ranger and Wilt Chamberlain."

What boyhood experience sticks out in your mind?

"The first Kansas City A's baseball game I got to see. Hank Bauer hit three home runs and it tore my heart out to see the A's get beat by the Yankees."

What do you like to do in your spare time? Do you have any hobbies?

"I like to participate and watch sports activities. I can watch them but I'm not too puffy in some I'd like to participate in! I also enjoy hunting and fishing."

Do you have any phobias?

"Mean looking dogs. Dogs that bite."

What is your favorite animal?

"Ring-necked pheasant, mallard duck and large mouth bass. I enjoy trying to catch them."

What is your most hated animal?

"Snakes and spiders. I don't see spiders being good for anything."

Anything else that you would like to add?

"Yeah, don't put any bad stuff in there!"

Shamrocks Comeback Falls Short

Scotus fell to a 0-2, with a 60-58 loss at the hands of Grand Island Central Catholic in varsity basketball action in Columbus.

The Shamrocks showing some improvement over their opening game loss, were dead-locked with the Crusaders at the half, 28-28. After a disastrous first quarter the Irish came from an eight point deficit with their inspired defense to tie the game at the half.

The third quarter saw the Shamrocks go cold, only getting one shot at the offensive side but managed to keep it close going into the fourth quarter.

Down by four entering the final stanza, the Irish fell to a ten point deficit with five minutes remaining. The Shamrocks fought back to within two points with the shooting of Prosoki and good board work by Rick Schumacher. With thirty-two seconds remaining Scotus turned the ball over with a three second violation and the Crusaders hit two free throws via an intentional foul. Mike Cielocha hit a twelve footer at the buzzer to end the game.

"Sophomore Bret Kumpf came off the bench to score ten points and played well," noted Coach Spenceri.

Prososki again led the Irish in scoring with 17 points while Savage had twelve. Schumacher led Scotus with eleven rebounds.

Scotus Chalks Up First Win

Bret Kumpf led Scotus to its first win of the season over Omaha Paul VI in Omaha, 58-51.

Scotus again played a sloppy first quarter allowing the hosts to get a 19-11 lead. The Shamrocks then switched to a two three zone which proved successful.

"Agressive board work and agressive defense was the key to our victory," stated Coach Frank Spenceri. He also commented that his players played their best game of the season.

A major factor of the game was Scotus' free throw percentage. They hit 81% from the line which is an excellent percentage. Late in the fourth quarter, Paul VI intentionally fouled Scotus out of desperation in an attempt to gain possession. By sinking the free shots Scotus stalled the Hawks hopes of winning and came up seven point victors.

Kumpf won his first starting role of the season and played to his expectations in getting 16 points to lead all the Shamrocks scorers. Bret also connected on 100% of his foul shots. Rick Schumacher again played aggressively on the boards, getting ten caroms for the Irish. Schumacher also hit 14 points. Senior post man Tim Tinius muscled in eleven rebounds to lead the Shamrocks.

Two In A Row

Scotus varsity basketball team gained its second win in as many nights over the Central City Bisons. It turned into a home-court rout with all Scotus players seeing considerable action in the 64-47 win.

Sophomore standout Bret Kumpf again led the Irish to its second win in four games. Scotus outscored Central City in all four quarters.

"Everybody played well, and very intense on defense," said Coach Spenceri. The Irish did not allow a Bison player to reach double figures.

Mike Cielocha had his best game of the season both offensively and defensively. Cielocha collected 10 points for the Irish and had four steals. Mike Savage led Scotus in rebounds with 10. Savage also had nine points. Kumpf also had three steals to follow Cielocha. John Prososki had 12 points and totaled nine rebounds. Scotus hit on 20 of 29 free throws. The 29 free throw attempts show the aggressiveness the Shamrocks have on the boards and are improving each game.

Totals after the first four games sees Rick Schumacher leading the Irish in triple threat points with 94. Prososki is a near second with 93. Prososki also leads in scoring with a total of 52 while Pat Wieser leads in rebounds with 34. With coaches Frank Spenceri and Dennis Zowada frequently changing the starting line up, playing time has been fairly even. Schumacher, Savage, and Prososki have seen the most playing time, every quarter of the first four games.

The Shamrocks look strong and vastly improving each game. Scotus' next game will be in the Platte College Cage Classic on December 27 at 8:00 P.M. against defending champions Madison. Come and support the Fighting Irish!

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Girls Better Last Year's Record

Turnovers contributed to a Shamrock loss against the Central City Bisons Tuesday, bringing the Varsity Girls' Basketball record to 4-2.

Reasons for a Shamrock loss was lack of good ball handling; passing and dribbling.

Central City started things rolling with a 6-0 lead in the first quarter and holding Scotus to a 8-2 for the first quarter. It took until the fourth quarter, before the Girls could take the lead, but lost it to Central City for a 42-39 loss.

Linda Warth was high scorer with 12 and had most rebounds with 11. Chris Davidson and Janice Witt tied with 4 assists and Lana Torczon and Julie Hajek were credited with 3 steals a piece.

With victories over Omaha Cathedral Nov. 30, Leigh, Dec. 5, Madison, Dec. 7 and Clarkson, Dec. 14. Scotus Shamrocks will face Wahoo Neumann Jan. 2 at Wahoo.

The Junior Varsity bettered their record to 4-2, Tuesday with a close victory over the Bisons. Sue Merrill led the scoring with 10 points and rebounds with 12.

JV's Lose Kumpf

Coach Dennis Zowada's junior varsity basketball team stands at 3-2 with wins over Boystown, Columbus High and Omaha Paul the sixth. Their two losses came at the hands of Grand Island Central Catholic and Central City.

Glen Kucera and Bret Kumpf teamed up for 34 points to lead the junior varsity to a 20 point win over Boystown in their opener. Next the boys beat the Columbus Sophomores at Columbus High's gymnasium to raise their record to 2-0. The Irish suffered their first setback at the hands of Grand Island C.C. Kumpf led Scotus with 12 points. John Echolt came off the bench to score 10 and Rich Pensick tallied eight. Scotus then split its two games last weekend in a couple of thrilling ball games. First, Omaha Paul the sixth was called for a technical foul with 14 seconds left in the game and the score tied at 44. Ken Heimann sunk the free throw and Scotus held on to win and raised their record to 3-1. Heimann led Scotus with 12 points. Scotus then turned around and lost a two point game to Central City. Scotus had the lead heading into the final stanza but their stall game backfired allowing the Bisons to grab the lead. Bob Heimann tied the score at 45 with 17 seconds left. A foul with 10 seconds remaining allowed Central City to make both foul shots and win the game. Glen Kucera had 15 rebounds and 10 points. Ken Heimann had 12 points. Coach Zowada lost the services of Bret Kumpf due to his promotion to the varsity squad.

Kucera leads the junior varsity in total points with 59 and triple threat points (total points, rebounds, assists, and steals) with 112 after five games. Ken Heimann is second with 48 points and 79 triple threat points.

The Shamrocks will see action on January 5 against the David City Aquinas Monarchs at David City. Game time is 6:15. This game precedes the varsity game.

Fox Fired!

Intramural Basketball Results:

Team 2 led by Chris Styskal and Dean Cerny staged a dramatic comeback in the final 2-minutes, but fell two points short as Team 3 held them off 50-48. Team 2 leading 25-23 at intermission, was shutout 14-0 to open up the second half as Jim Reiser poured in twelve points of the game-high 25 points during that time. Cerny tallied twelve and Styskal fourteen for Team 2, while Team 3 was led by Reiser also in rebounds with 21. Tim "SKY" Bonk pulled down twelve caroms for Team 3 who fell to 1-2.

In the game Team 6's Gary Kurtenbach terrorized the offensive and defensive boards, for a phenomenal 39 points and 35 rebounds while Phil Hajek completed the 1-2 scoring punch keeping the defenders honest by netting fourteen buckets (28 points) as Team 1 vaulted into a tie for the conference lead by clobbering Team 4 103-70. Hajek's perimeter jumpers and Kurtenbach's Fearsome board play mixed perfectly. Team 4 firmly cemented it's hold on the cellar of the league despite the scoring of the "DYNAMIC DUO" of Jim (The Ice-Man) McMeekin (30 points) and Buff Kelly (18).

Bill Fox was fired as head coach of Team 7 after a 60-40 drubbing at the hands of Team 5, led by Rod Kuta's 17 points and 25 rebounds Howard "Smokin" Jochum contributed 8 points. Fox will be staying on as a player for the team which was led by Mark Schneider's 18pts.

Fox was criticized for his Vince Lombardi approach by his own teammates who reportedly walked out on his halftime pep talk and proceeded to score nine points in the second half. Team 6 was idle and dropped into a 1st place tie with Team 1. Both teams have impressive 2-0 records with four games apiece to play. Jim McMeekin continued his stronghold in the statistics being mentioned in every category while leading the scoring with a 32.7 ppg. average. He also holds a wide margin in the Field Goals with 45. Gary Kurtenbach is second in scoring with a 26.0 ppg. average and leads the rebounds with a 27.5 average. McMeekin also leads the personal foul department with 12 through three games, fouling out in one, while Paul Johnson has committed ten personals, fouling out in two out of two games. Jim Reiser is the most prolific foul shooter at 63%.

Attendance this year is down with an average of 20 people attending per night with the biggest turnout a packed house of 22 fans. Sponsors this year are Mr. Mahoney and Mr. Zowada.

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