

The great thing in this world is not so much where we stand, as in what direction we are moving.
Oliver Wendell Holmes

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New faces on the Scotus Faculty

by Carole Podazra

Among the new people and new faces in the classrooms and halls at Scotus High are some new faculty members. These new additions are: Miss Schuelke and Mrs. Bstandig, English; Miss Janssen, business; Mr. Regan, German; and Mr. Hopp, directing the band.

The major goal of the English department, which also includes a face not new to Scotus, but new to the department, Sister Roberta Webb, is to set up an English curriculum. Sister Roberta is teaching English 9 and 10.

Miss Schuelke teaches English 10 and 11. Originally from Plattsmouth, NE, she graduated from the University of Nebraska last spring. Her hobbies include reading and attending theatrical productions.

When asked for her impression of the school, Miss Schuelke said that she likes the parent's support, and also the attitude and respect shown by the students at Scotus.

Miss Schuelke finds satisfaction in teaching, and that is why she chose to become a teacher.

Head of the English dept., Mrs. Bstandig, has 5½ years teaching experience. Besides teaching English 12, she is in charge of setting up a journalism department, which she finds not only exciting, but challenging too.

Getting into art: The Fine Arts

by Judi Kloke

The highlights of this year's art program are the new and advanced classes which are being offered. Mrs. Stoerber, the art director, hopes more kids will get involved with art because of the new additions. Included in the new classes this year are: advanced art, individual art studies, and a new design class specializing on the fine arts.

A collector of antiques, Mrs. Bstandig enjoys reading and cooking. She feels that the community support of the school makes it a good atmosphere to work in.

New to the Business department, Miss Janssen finds the fact that Scotus is adding to its business curriculum, while other schools are taking away, very good.

Originally from Syracuse, NE, Miss Janssen graduated from the University of Nebraska this year.

Besides teaching, Miss Janssen also coaches junior high volleyball. She is surprised at the support the Scotus fans and students give their athletic teams and finds this very inspiring.

Mr. Regan is from Pueblo, Colorado and is teaching German.

He likes the fact that over 50% of the students have enrolled in a foreign language, and hopes to develop a foreign language lab in his area.

Mr. Regan, who has 2 years of teaching experience, looks forward to working with his students.

The band program is a new course this year and directing it is Mr. Hopp. Teaching two years before coming to Scotus, he comes from Talmage, NE and enjoys playing softball and attending sport events of all kinds.

Mr. Hopp enjoys music and wants to teach the students to enjoy it too.

New principal joins winning team

by Linda Wemhoff

They said Oklahoma would never be able to replace Bill Simms. They said Nebraska would never be able to replace I.M. Hipp. They said Scotus would never be able to replace Mr. Duane Gross.

However, Oklahoma, Nebraska, and Scotus all have one thing in common, they are all three consistent winners. When a team has a winning tradition, they always seem to find replacements that follow well in the footsteps of their predecessors. At this writing I'm not sure who Simms replacement will be, but Nebraska and Scotus have been very fortunate in finding very able replacements in Jarvis Redwine and Mr. Dave Rokusek, the new principal at Scotus.

Born and raised in Wagner, South Dakota, Mr. Rokusek feels Nebraska is his home. He started his career as band instructor in the Hartington Public school system where he stayed for five years. One year at Wayne State as graduate assistant was then followed by the last five years at Laurel Public school as principal.

First contact with Scotus came through the closing of a SEARCH. Mr. Rokusek was impressed with our facilities, the student body, and the enthusiasm from those involved with Scotus. He felt there was a community feeling of caring and respect at Scotus.

Scotus welcomes Mr. Rokusek to our winning team. We know your stay at Scotus will be a long and rewarding one for you.

Courtyard: making a good thing better

by Kelly McGuire

Outdoors, in the center of the Scotus Campus, lies the Scotus Courtyard. If you have not seen the courtyard lately, you will notice it has changed.

Over the past 3 months, 25 Columbian Squires and 50 Knights of Columbus members have poured over 222 yards of concrete in and around the courtyard to make it a better place for everyone.

Get on the good foot!



Student Council officers from left to right are: President Tim Czuba, Vice President Linda Wemhoff, Secretary Lora Kurtenback, and Treasurer Kim Soulliere.

by Lora Kurtenback

This year Scotus has a new Student Council that is full of ideas to add some excitement to your life.

Along with Sister Roberta, the new sponsor, the 20 members are busy organizing a year full of events.

One event that happened this summer, and that will definitely benefit our Scotus Student Council, was the National Association of Student Councils Workshop in Blair in August. Senior Council President, Tim Czuba, and Vice President, Linda Wemhoff attended along with over 300 other council members from around the state. They learned how to run an organized meeting, control stress, and also exchanged ideas with others.

When the courtyard is complete, there will be a flag in the center surrounded by flowers, grass, and picnic tables. According to Mike McGuire, who has managed this project from day one, "all the dirt work and sodding should be complete by October 1st."

We "thank" the Knights of Columbus and the Squires for shaping up the Scotus Courtyard this past summer.

In closing McGuire adds "There has been a lot of hard work and long hours put into your courtyard, so enjoy it and take care of it."

Some of the activities our council has for this year are; an all school mass on September 24, the annual Twirp Dance, and completing the courtyard for Student use. The council is also hoping to send members to the State Council Convention at Bellevue in November.

This year's Council goal is to become more involved with other student councils.

As it looks, this year our council has started off on a "GOOD FOOT"!

Have a Good Voice?

Earn a Letter

by Judi Kloke

A new lettering program will be installed by the head of the music department, Mrs. Schnabel. She is trying to make it possible for students who participate in music to letter, just as good sports players do. Mrs. Schnabel believes this will help increase the music participation in school.

Along with this new idea to enroll music students, Mrs. Schnabel plans to have the music department perform sometime during the year for the entire school.

Other activities to be included in the music program this year are: participating in the Choral Clinic, spring concert, and a musical.

Pres. Czuba Speaks Out

by: Tim Czuba

The school year is on, and practically a month old, but have you been involved in anything other than sports? Sure there are various clubs that you can volunteer to join, but did you know there is one that you are automatically a member of before school even started? This club is the Student Body. Your officers are the Student Council. Now answer the above question - YOU put on a real successful tape dance.

More fun and interesting things can happen too, but only if you voice your opinion to your representatives.

Our main goal this year is to use your Student Council. Grant it, we can't promise everything, but with enough support, we can give it our best shot.

Let's keep this year going great, speak up - someone is listening for you.

Speech Team Organizes

by: Carole Podazra

Mrs. Bernt, coach of the Speech Team and Drama Club, is really looking forward to this school year.

One of her goals for the year include getting more Freshmen and Sophomores to become members of the Speech Team. More interest due to the large enrollment of her Speech II classes gives Mrs. Bernt the impression that this will be the "best year yet for Speech Team."

Another of her goals is to qualify more people for state than last year. Last year, the Speech Team took first place in the Centennial Conference.

The first competition will be at Platte College, November 15. It was at Platte College last year that the team took the most trophies home.

Have a successful year speech team!

Europe: A Place of Adventure



Austria - Our hotel in Innsbruck



Germany - King Ludwig's Castle

by: Michelle Wieser

Did you ever dream of going to far away places? Well, I never thought we'd make it, but finally, after thirteen hours in five different airports, we boarded our flight to London.

Our group consisted of six seniors: Maria Riley, Patrice Oppliger, Bret Kumpf, Eric Fuchs, Alan Buller and I; six juniors: Mary Merrill, Torri Jackson Traci Van Berg, Sheila Liebenritt, Angie Riley, and Jami Muhle. Accompanied by Gail Oppliger and Miss Jeannie Kiser, this tour was only one of the many groups from all over the United States who participated in an American Leadership Study Group tour this Summer.

For two weeks we traveled through Europe, starting in London, England and ending up in Rome, Italy.

Here are some highlights:

London- In London we really had to adjust to a lot of things. The traffic was a major difference from in Columbus. First all they drove on the opposite sides of the street, and boy did they drive!! Most of us ran across the streets to avoid being hit.

We also had to get used to an early breakfast consisting of coffee or tea and hard rolls while traveling in Europe.

In London we crossed the famous London Bridge over the Thames River, visited the Tower of London and saw the Crown Jewels. We also saw Big Ben and Westminster Abbey. Our nightlife in London was the thrill of seeing the musical stage play "My Fair Lady"

Amsterdam- To reach this destination, we had to cross the North Sea by a passenger boat, called the St. Edmund, much like the Love Boat on television.

In Amsterdam we visited the Rijksmuseum, a diamond cutting factory, and Anne Frank's house. We all enjoyed the windmills that dotted the Holland countryside.

Paris- What a city! With all the shops and outdoor cafes it was really fantastic! The famous French chocolate Mousse was delicious.

The Louvre was tremendous! It was said that to get through every room it would take at least two years! Notre Dame and the Palace of Versailles were just as impressive. We went shopping at a flea market and we saw the Follies the Saturday night we were there. The show was very bright and exciting.

Overnight to Munich- To get from France to Germany, we took an overnight train ride.

While in Munich, we did a lot of shopping. I think all of us purchased one or more of the country's famous steins. We saw more steins that night when we went to the Hofbrahaus. The Hofbrahaus is a big hall where the Germans go to drink and visit with friends. A few of us escaped to a quiet little pub a few blocks away. We enjoyed the sound of an old man as he entertained us with his songs and music.

Munich included a sobering visit to the Dachau Concentration Camp. We went through the prisoner's barracks and saw the crematorium, and also viewed a film about the camp. It was hard to believe what happened there. It was an experience I'm sure none of us will forget.

Innsbruck- Beautiful! In a word, that describes everything about Innsbruck. We stayed in the most gorgeous motel. After a good night's sleep on a feather tick, we'd wake up to see the Alps from our windows. Beautiful!

Venice- The highlight of Venice was the gondola ride we took. It was just like in the romance books you read. We traveled down the watery streets of Venice at night with our gondolier wearing his traditional striped shirt and straw hat!

Florence- We visited museums in Florence and saw the famous statue by Michelangelo called the "David". It was really magnificent. The more energetic of the group ventured to a Florence disco one night. They all had a really good time!

Rome- None of us ever believed that we would go to Rome, or any of the other places we saw, for that matter. But Rome? WOW!! We saw so much in the two days we spent there. We toured through the Vatican and saw the Sistine Chapel. We visited St. Peter's Church and we also went to the Coliseum. We walked through Roman Catacombs and viewed the ancient ruins of Rome..

In the end we all agreed the waiting was well worth it. We went places many people just dream about - dreams do come true!

Think ...

How would you like to be a foreign exchange student?

If interested, talk to Miss Donner or Linda Wemhoff!



Holland - One of the many windmills



England - House of Parliament

Girls Have Spirit

by Sandy Kopneiski

The 1980-81 Scotus Pep Club is still the best in the state with 140 girls joining this year.

Pep Club sponsors are Sister Francis and Miss Schuelke.

The officers are Lana Torczon, President; Lora Kurtenbach, Vice President

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Senior Cheerleaders, Patty Gonka, Johna Konwinski, Kim Souilliere with Linda Wemhoff as Head cheerleader, are joined by juniors Mary Merrill, Angie Riley, and Kathy Souilliere, on the Varsity Squad.

Lisa Henggeler, Heidi Hoffman, Terry Jackson, Colleen McLaughlin and Patty Wemhoff will be leading the J.V.'s.

Freshman Cheerleaders are: Julie Englebert, Jackie Wieser, Sherry Zywiec, Lisa Thalcken, and Lisa Keller.

Selected to wear the "Go Shamrocks" letters are the Seniors: Linda Art, Mary Brezinski, Theresa Chlopek, Cindy Ebner, Vicki Jackson, Lynette Malmstrom, Kelly McGuire, Kelly Miller, Maria Riley, Sandy Schaefer, Sheila Stopak, and Mary Stopak.

The 27 girls in charge of keeping track of the girls points are called Squad Leaders. They are as follows: Kelly McGuire, Elaine, Zoucha, Vicki Jackson, Mary Brezinski, and Lynette Malmstrom. Representing the seniors

Juniors; Julie Bonk, Sandy Klopneski, Tracy Dreifurst, Mary Shotkoski, Lora Zabawa, Judi Kloke, and Seph Grohs.

Shophmores Lori Soilierie, Anne Sojka, Karen Pokorny, Pam Braun, Chris Kozak, Julie Paprocki, Janelle Czuba, Kris Martin, and Karen Mielak.

Freshman, Karen Souilliere, Sandy Pekarek, Sherry Svoboda, Betty Keller, Liz Kumpf, and Julie Modlin.

Today is the first day of the rest of your life

Class Officers



Junior class officers are from left to right: President Stephanie Gross, Vice President Tim Zeurlain, Secretary Lori Zabawa, and Treasurer Mary Placzek.



Sophomore class officers from left to right are President Bob Roy, Vice President Greg VanDyke, Secretary Trish Hroza, and Treasurer Mary Zoucha.



Freshman class officers from left to right are: President Paul Prooski, Vice President Hugh Riley, Secretary Kim Dreifurst, and Treasurer Ann Novicki.

Coch Peterson—The Teacher

by Tim Czuba

Away from the spikes and sets of the volleyball court, Mr. John Peterson finds enjoyment teaching Geometry and Trigonometry to high school students.

Mr. Peterson says that teaching Geometry and Trigonometry is a noticeable change from teaching 7th grade math, in that, the "math" is mor difficult. Only in his first year of teaching senior high math at Scotus, Peterson is no stranger to these subjects. He had spent 4 years at New Castle, Nebr. and 1 year at Little Rock, Iowa.

"Taking an advance math course is a good idea," according to Peterson, "A LOT OF CAREERS TO—" a lot of careers today require it."

The seniors will find that the Calculus course of the 2nd semester will be tough.

And for his Geometry students, Peterson adds jokingly "If the Geometry students don't learn anything this year, they'll learn a couple riddles." One of the favorites is: Q: What do you call a greasy chick-en? A: A slick chick!!

F.B.L.A.

by Kelly McGire

The Scotus Chapter of Future Business Leaders of America held a Watermelon Feed Wednesday, September 3 at Pawnee Park with about 60 members and guests attending.

The purpose of this Watermelon Feed was to inform perspective members about F.B.L.A.

Hidden Talents

If you have any poems that you've written and would like to have in the paper, please give them to John Determan or Mrs. Estandig.

by Johnny D.

Can I have a day
A Day of my own
To feel what I want to feel.

Can I have just one day
To see what I want to see.
To be who I want to be.
Just stop and let me lie free
from this day to eternity.

With my troubles all behind
And my future waiting ahead

I just want to be free
To be free to be me.

Oh, my friend can't you see
I'm like you and your like me

ALL I want is liberty
Some for you and some for me.

Weight Room:
Strength of
the
Shamrocks

by Dave Kantor

Every year the Shamrocks are said to be rebuilding their football team. But actually, the rebuilding process started years before in the Scotus weightroom. This weightroom had been an important part of the athletic program at Scotus since 1976.

Some examples, of the products the weightroom manufactures, are: Dan Steiner who was a starting tackle at Nebraska last fall, and Mark Kurtenbach who is in his first year at Kearney State.

The summer weight program is highly stressed for all football players. This years starting line is built from dedicated summer lifters.

Foreign Exchange Student —

Edda Elisabet Egildottir



by Linda Wemhoff

An island in the North Atlantic Ocean, just south of the Arctic Circle has become more important to many students at Scotus this year. Iceland is the home of Edda Elisabet Egildottir, our foreign exchange student.

Edda's name has an unusual and an interesting origin. The name Edda comes from her aunt, Elisabet is her grandmother's name, and she is her father's, Egils, daughter, dottir. She comes from Faskriffsjordur, Iceland. Edda has graduated from school in Iceland and has been working in a fish factory for a year. Her job is to make sure the fish are cut right. Is fich Edda's favorite food here in the U.S.? No, chicken came in number one.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kroger have become Edd's foster parents in Columbus. Edda's new "sisters" that attend Scotus are Clarice, a junior, and Michelle, a freshman. Her family in Iceland consists of her two brothers, Sveinbjorn and Gudlauger Stefan, and a sister Hrefna.

Edda misses her family, but really enjoys the excitement and the weather of the U.S. "I like the warm breeze here. In Iceland the breeze is always cold" she said. The temperatures range from 50 degrees F. below to about 60 degrees F. above throughout the year.

The tape dance was really fun for Edda too. She says she likes the people here and is really happy with how everyone has helped her out.

We too are happy that Edda is a part of the 1980-81 school year. We hope she enjoys her stay with us.

Extra! Extra! Read all about it!

by Maria Riley

Have you heard the news? Scotus has a journalism department under the direction of Mrs. Estandig.

The class, filled with roving reporters and photographers, will be the production staff for the annual and Scoticistics.

Starting the year, the class has been studying the parts of the newspaper and how to cover basic school news. As the year progresses, they will be experiencing more in depth reporting and photography.

The staff will be doing their own layout and paste-up of the newspaper, which they plan to publish monthly.

Editor Linda Wemhoff has past experience on the newspaper staff. Sports Editor, Chris Styskal, will cover football. His staff includes Diete Arasmith on cross country and Carole Podazra and Dave Kantor on volleyball. Dave plans to specialize with features on the Shamrock fans and spirit at the games.

Staff members have been appointed to various "beats" throughout the school and will be covering school news.

Appointed photographers are Tim Czuba and John Determan, although all staff will have the opportunity to test their creative talents behind the camers.

A special Literary Corner will be headed by John Determan, who is a poet in his own right.

Shamrocks scalp the Warriors

by Chris Styskal

Friday, Sept. 5, was upon us. It seemed like only yesterday we were practicing two-s-days in the grueling heat. But as we, the Scotus Shamrocks, filed out toward the bus, around 5:45 p.m., a hush of silence spread throughout the members of our club. For we were being put to the test in our very first outing. Our destiny was Schuyler - to take on their very powerful Warriors.

The bus ride was a long and quiet one. A flutter of butterflies was amidst the silence.

The team concentrated on the strategy that the coaches had prepared for this much anticipated rivalry game. One thought which rang out over and over throughout our minds was something Coach Puetz had constantly reminded us. This game was to be the turning point of our season and we wanted to make the turn in the positive direction.

As we filed out of the bus and onto Schuyler's field, we began our pregame warm up in a scorching 93 degrees. But the heat didn't bother us, for we were already pumped-up, hot, and ready to burn, as the first quarter started.

Our first score came on Schuyler's second possession of the ball. A misjudged pass from their QB, ended up right in the hands of junior Clete Arasmith, who ran it in for a quick T.D. Drawing quick blood, really got us keyed.

On the very next kick-off, Schuyler fumbled and we were again knocking at the Warriors door of opportunity. And knock we did! Glen Kucera, reaped a T.D. pass and conversion to advance our lead to 14-0. We were really high on a 14 point advantage.

But, in the second quarter Schuyler set us back on our feet with a T.D. bomb which decreased our lead to 7.

Half-time came, with score remaining a close margin of 14-7 Coach Puetz was determined we could win if we could "suck it up" and out play their 30 man roster.

The third quarter began, and was totally dominated by both defenses, with no points being chalked up on the board.

So as the fourth quarter started we still were up by 7, and only 12 minutes away from a victory, if we could hold on. But with less than 3 minutes remaining, an offensive attack by Schuyler, ended with Marty Kobza's dive over the goal line. With his added PAT, it deadlocked the score at 14.

Schuyler kicked off and we got food field position around the 50 yd. line. It was our last hope for victory. We had one shot...a shot which would determine the turning point of our season. With 2:02 remaining, starting QB, Doug Duren, jogged out to the huddle to take command. He hit 5 for 5 precision passes, 3 to "Hondo Hands" Kucera and 2 to Bret Kumpf, which put us down to the Warriors 2 yd. line. With only 27 ticks left on the clock, we tasted victory, as Tim Cielocha dove in for the deciding score.

As the Warriors tried to throw a desperation pass, it ended up in who else's hands but Kuceras. As the last few seconds ticked away, and as the wild and crazed Scotus fans crowed the field, we "the Scotus Shamrocks" realized that the turning point of our season was in a clear direction. For victory #1 was good.....for the start of something great!

Shamrock Spirit Rules!

"Platte River Rats Rule"...Shamrocks Bull Over Bulldogs

by Chris Styskal

Our first game seemed like a step around the corner from the first. This time we were headed 150 miles Southeast to take on the Auburn Bulldogs. Traveling way out of our home territory of the Platte River, we were keyed to show the Missouri River Dogs how the Platte River Rates play with a pigskin. When we arrived in Auburn, after a long 4 hour drive and a little picnic in Nebraska City, we were ready to show what we could do. The weather was to our advantage, being hot and sticky, when the first quarter started. We came out quick and scored on our first possession of the ball. Our long drive ended with a 9 yd. plunge up the middle by senior running back Tim Cielocha.

As in the Schuyler opener, "drawing first blood" really keyed us up. The swarming Scotus defense came up with the ball on Auburn's next possession, when Glen Kucera skyed up and picked off an attempted pass, which brought the offense back quickly to the field. With the ball on the i, it only took 3 plays before Cielocha broke the endzone barrier for a T.D. Jeff Krycki, the P.A.T. man, connected on the first conversion, but missed the second to give us a 13-0 advantage.

Our lead was soon to be forgotten as the Bulldogs came back with 2 quick T.D.'s. The first coming on a 70 yd. screen pass and the second coming on a 26 yd. half back pass which stunned the Shamrock defensive safety - (who I care not to mention). With both conversions they took their only lead of the contest, 14-13.

We quickly got our momentum back, and regained the lead when Tim Cielocha raced 78 yds. to pay dirt on the following kickoff. The score stood 19-14 with the missed conversion. We boosted our lead before the half ended after Clete Arasmith intercepted a pass at the 5 yd. line. Tim Cielocha pounded out the remaining 5 yds. to give us a 25-14 halftime lead.

The second half began with lightening, thunder, rain and Shamrock domination. As we began riding the storm out, we rode the bulldogs right out of the game. Our 5th T.D. of the game was chalked up by none-other-than, T.D. Timmy on a 29 yd. screen pass from starting Quarterback, Doug Duren. With a picture-perfect reception by Sty on the conversion, our lead went to 33-14. Our final score came just one minute later on a 48 yd. Duren to Kucera bomb, which upped our lead 39-14.

The only Auburn score of the second half came on a 78 yd. fumble return resulting from a mix up in the second string backfield.

The final score was 39-20, which boosts our record to 2-0, going into our first home game against a strong Lincoln Pius X team.

Mean Men Awards went to: Schuyler - Joe Sutko and Glen Kucera - Auburn, Ron Starzek and Tim Cielocha.

Cross Country Outlook

by: Cletus Arasmith

The 1980 Scotus Crosscountry team opened its season September 9 at the Columbus home course against the Discoverers.

The Shamrocks lost 15-40. Coach Frank Spenceri said that the team has "a very good chance of being State contenders".

The team is lead by five letterman seniors, who the coach said provide alot of leadership. They are: Mark Duren, Doug Stopak, Ken Heiman, Joe Pensick and John Echolt. The juniors are Tom Tooley and Time Zuerlein who are returning lettermen. Sophomore Lance Zach rounds out the list of returning lettermen. The team has two new freshman runners who are Tim Laska and Steve Steiner. In addition to Rick Eisenminger who is a sophomore.

Spenceri said, "the competition in the Conference and Districts will be tough this year, and that to repeat as District Champs

Set it--Spike it That's the way we like it

by Dave Kantor

The Shamrock girls lost their first game to Albion. The Scotus girls gave their best effort but it was not enough to defeat the Albion team.

The next Shamrock game was a victory against Central City. The girls played very well in that game. The six starters for Coach - Peterson are seniors: Abbi Love, Lana Torczon and Elaine Zoucha and juniors; Mary Merrill, Lori Zabawa, and Laurie Hajek. The players think that the three senior captains (Abbi, and Elaine) give exceptional leadership to the team.

Let's Get Fired Up!!

by Carole Padraza

The Shamrock Varsity volleyball team came back in the second set to beat the Aquinas Monarchs in a very emotional game. It is the first time in four years the lady Shamrocks had beat Aquinas.

In the first set the Monarchs came from behind to win at 11-15. The second set the fans got the Shamrock team fired up and the second set was won 15-11. The last game went back and forth but the 10-10 tie was finally broken by a serve by Abbi Love. The Shamrocks then pressed their advantage and won the last set 15-10.

The junior varsity and freshmen both lost their games.

and to qualify for State is tough to do over again, but that the team is a bunch of hard working kids".

The team also has three girls who will participate in the girl's competition this year.

The girl's team will consist of returning letterwoman, Angie Riley. "She has alot of good potential," says Spenceri. The other girls of the team are junior Steph Grohs and freshman Paula Stopak, "both are good workers," adds Spenceri.

The team is assisted by Dan Mahoney and Father Gutsell. A big goal for the team is to win Conference, which Scotus has never won. Spenceri says if the kids keep up the good work, they can attain their goals which are very high. Spenceri adds that "all the support of the students would be a plus for the team".

Physical ed:

A Student Fitness Program

by: John Determan

As the 1980-81 sports year rolls around, so does sport oriented classes such as Physical Education. The Scotus boy's P.E. teacher this year is Mr. Frank Spenceri, currently the head golf, basketball, and cross country Coach. The girls teacher is Mrs. Barb Malicky, currently the girls assistant track coach.

As I entered Coach Spenceri's office filled with trophies, pictures, and all kinds of equipment, I acquired this report.

"The boys are starting the year off with their bi-annual Physical Fitness test. The test is a record of the strength, speed and condition of the students" Spenceri said. "They are finding that most of the individuals are lacking upper body strength. This fault is found in the pull-up testing area." "To aid in the process of gaining strength," Spenceri added "a 5 to 10 minute weight program to every class." "This is to teach the basic fundamentals of weight training.

Other activities the boys are covering are: Volleyball, Soccer, Tennis, Golf, Basketball and Coed Square Dancing.

Spenceri said, "Our main goal is to have 80 to 100% of our kids to obtain the 85% range on our physical fitness scores the last part of the year."

Coach Barb Malicky has the same goals for the girls. They, however, will cover a few different activities such as: volleyball, basketball, field hockey, and gymnastics. Likewise, they too are covering the fitness test. Coach Malicky said, "our only major weakness in the flex arm hand." Her students also are using the weight program to change the results. "I think my main goal is to make the students more aware of physical fitness importance through their growing years," Malicky concluded.

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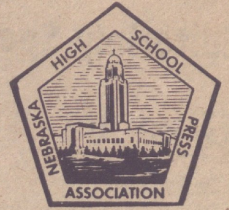
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Father Joe Miksch - God's Ace



By Cletus Arasmith

Do you know who Father Joe is? Father Joe is a Religion teacher here at Scotus for the Junior class. Father said, "the Junior classes I teach are really great, the kids are super." Besides being a teacher Father Joe has many other occupations, such as being pastor of the church in Duncan. Father Joe became pastor of the church in 1977 and adds he really enjoys it there.

Father Joe is a counselor too. He said that being a counselor gets him involved with alot of people & that some become very close to him.

In Fathers' off time he enjoys mountain climbing. He says that he got involved in mountain climbing when he was working in Grand Teton National Park and went to a party. As the night went on, some guy asked him to go mountain climbing. Father didn't

know what he was getting into at the time, but whatever, he's enjoyed it since then.

When asked why he became a Priest, Father said that he comes from a family of deep faith. He wanted to share in this belief.

Another occupation of Father Joe is that of being a pilot. He enjoys going up into the skies being away from the noisy cars. He has always wanted to be a pilot.

Father adds that if anyone is interested in flying, he will take them flying around for ten dollars a person, 3 at a time, for an hour.

Father Joe has one more unusual occupation, and that is having an unusual sense of humor. That is, the next time you see a guy with a yellow tie, a pistol in his hand, (with no shells of course) and charging a ferocious dog, don't think the guy is a nut, it's just Father Joe being himself.

When I was young ...



by:
Dave
Kantor

We see one another walking down the halls as mature high school students interested in the astronomic configurations of Galaleo. But honestly wouldn't we rather be out in the rain picking up dead worms in the street. (I thought everyone did that.)

What I'd give to back at old 4110 Goedeken Street, trying to see how high I could climb in the tree out back before Wilma would come out and say, "David Kantor, you get out of that tree before you break your neck." Or to be out on the back porch whittling and having her say, "Young man, do you want to lose your hand?"

Finally the weekend would come and it was time to go out to Grandma and Grandpa's. We'd all hop in the '65 Comet and start the journey. After ten minutes you'd start to ask "How much longer 'till we get there?" Mother's reply would be, "as long as it takes to get there." You would start to cry because you were really mad about that sarcastic remark. Dad would say, "Listen young

man (they always called me 'young man') you stop that cryin' or I'll give you something to cry about."

When we'd finally get there it was time to do a man's job. So dad would tell me to go and count how many cattle Grandpa had. After three hours I'd come back and say "leventy-six". Father would shake his head in disgust and murmur, "You can't send a boy to do a man's job" (after all I was only a young man). After a hard days work we'd get back into the Comet and head home. Mom would sing a few bars from "The Streets of Laredo", while we slept in the back. Not many gals can belt out a tune like Wilma.

As time went on, we left behind the dead worms and 4110 Goedeken Street. We outgrew Johnny West and we now know that it would be pretty tough to lose a hand from a pocket knife.

But you've all got to admit that rather than reading Gregor Mendels, "Theory of Genetics" you'd rather be reading "Little Bunny Goes to the Doctor".

Thanksgiving Thoughts: Run for your life Tom!

By Chris Styskal

As the weather becomes cooler and the days become shorter, a certain beauty overtakes Mother Earth. Colorful shades of leaves contrast with the hazy blue sky, as the early evening sunset melts deep into the horizon. To most, this time of year seems to uplift one's spirit, but to one particular fellow this season overtakes his soul and paints it black. This little fellow is known as Tom Turkey. Yes, the coming of Autumn just doesn't appeal to Tom, for with it comes the dreaded day of Thanksgiving.

To most people, Thanksgiving is a time for celebration and feasting, but on the opposite side of the fence sits poor little Tom, waiting in dismal fear for the up-coming event. Though Tom has been eating "high on the hog" for the past month or so, he knows the added weight he's put on will bring about the termination of his short-lived life.

So, when you sit down at the table this November 27, remember to say a little extra grace in thanksgiving for Tom, who so courageously lays down his life so all can feast and enjoy.

A Time for Giving Thanks

By Dave Kantor

Thanksgiving here at Scotus should have a special meaning to all of the students, because we have an awful lot to be thankful for.

We've got a school with a big tradition in winning.

We can also be thankful for all of our good friends and the closeness we share as a student body.

The Scotus underclassmen should also be thankful for the outstanding

leadership we have in the senior class.

A lot of thanks should go to the support given to the teams by both the boys and the girls.

Another thing that Scotus has been blessed with the presence of several outstanding journalism students.

So, when the school has its traditional Thanksgiving mass the entire student body should show up and give God and their friends a big Thank You.

Mr. Gross: The Rest of The Story

by Linda Wemhoff

To quote Paul Harvey, "You know what the news is, but now you're going to hear the rest of the story".

From the moment the little child was born in the Iowa town, his parents sensed that he was not just one ordinary baby. His cry was a little more energetic and his smile a little broader than most.

His ability to get along with people and his desire for education led him to Iowa State University. At Iowa Sate he earned a Bachelors Degree in Zoology and Biology. Then it was on to Creighton University where he earned his Masters Degree in Education Administration. This would have been more than enough education for the average individual, but as I said earlier, we're not talking about an ordinary person in this column.

From Creighton he went to Sydney, NE, where he was principal four years. He then accepted the principal position at Scotus, this was in 1978. Again this was rewarding but when the

Superintendant job became vacant, it was a new challenge to this Iowa man. He accepted the position with eagerness.

Now as Superintendent, he feels he is like a manager of a business. He is now associated with all aspects of the school instead of just one area. Because of his position on the Building Committee of the School board, he has been able to encourage improvements in our school, like the new gym, courtyard, and teacher parking.

Of his new job as Superintendent, he said, "I enjoy being involved, however, I do miss the contact with the kids that I had as principal".

His own thirst for learning has not yet been quenched! Weekly, he attends a business management course at UNL.

By now you know who I am writing about. It's none other than our own Superintendent, Mr. Duane Gross.

As Mr. Harvey would say, "And now you know the rest of the story".

Editorial Speaking

Give Us A Break

By Michelle Wieser

Why do teachers pile up homework and tests all on the same day? It seems to me that when one teacher assigns a test for some day, two to three other teachers follow suit. What do they do? Have a meeting and plan these massive attacks on our minds?

Don't the teachers realize that we students have jobs? Don't they know we would like to go to the volleyball games, cross-country meets, and other outside activities? Yes, school is important, but what would this school be like without sports? Our school has been praised year after

year for our spectacular spirit and good sportsmanship. It's really hard to go to a volleyball game and then go home and study for three tests.

I admit that most teachers prepare us for tests, but three to four tests in one day without a study hall is pretty tough.

Come on, teachers. Give us a break. Our brains are almost filled to capacity and our minds are doing somersaults. You're great teachers and everything, and you know what your teaching, but give us a little leeway and we'll give you a lot better results.

Thank You Teachers

by Linda Wemhoff

Wouldn't it be great to wake up at whatever time we wanted, and then come to school?

How about skipping on the days you didn't feel like coming at all, or walking out of class if you were having a bad day?

These ideas may sound good to you now, but what happens when you are used to this life style and then have to face the world? How long would someone last on a future job if they clocked in whenever they wanted?

Sometimes we forget that the habits we pick up in high school, concerning discipline, will stay with us for the rest of our lives. We develop a personality and lifestyle while we are going through high school. Our future success really depends on the people that teach us right from wrong - our teachers.

At Scotus, we are very fortunate in having teachers that care about our student body. The teachers accept the responsibility that they have and do their best to carry it out.

It seems the Scotus faculty aren't just here for the jobs. They are here because they have a "love" of the teaching profession. They enjoy working with the Students and watching them grow into responsible adults.

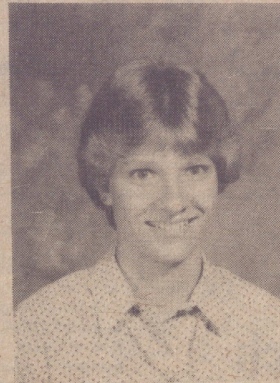
When a class graduates with high academic standards, often the credit is given to the "hard working student" and the teachers are forgotten. They are the ones that should receive credit also.

We will be able to discipline ourselves to accept the responsibilities and hardships of the world after high school life because of our teachers.

Students Place At Platte



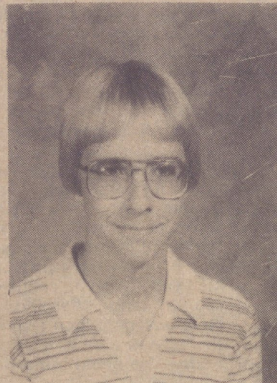
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Public Address



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2nd Place - Extem Peraneous
Speaking



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Informative Speaking



Brian Evans - Jr. Div.-2nd Place
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Play-Reading



Karen Pokorny-Jr. Div.
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Speech Team - An Adventure

By Lora Kurtenbach

"Don't forget to bring along some lemon juice." was one of the familiar lines heard on Friday, Nov. 14th as 35 students anxiously awaited Saturday morning for the Platte College Speech Contest.

This may not sound familiar to you, but to me and many students, it's one step we usually take in

preparing for a speech contest. The speech team, under the direction of Sandi Burnt has really lit off with a bang at many contests in the last two years. More often used now, the words speech team have become a more important activity to many students.

A few years ago, the speech team was a very small part of academics at Scotus. As a freshmen, I never even knew what the

"Speech Team" was until I took Speech I as a class and was asked to participate as a member of the team at the Platte College Contest. From then on, it became an exciting adventure and has become a competition of trying to beat out all other schools.

Thus far, the Speech Team has been Centennial Conference Champs two years in a row, and have always done very well at

Platte College. In the past two years we've sent ten people to the state contest.

Tough speech is not a spectators event it gains alot of attention from our parents, our coach, and most of all from the speech team members ourselves, who try to give 100% each contest. Now speech isn't hidden behind the doors, but is a bigger part of the activity at Scotus.

Senior Officers Rule

By John Determan

Among the 76 senior students at Scotus High School, we also have four that have a little more going for them. They are the Senior Class Officers.

First, we have our lovable President, Christopher "Marvin" Styskal. This is his first time as a class officer. Chris enjoys outdoor sports, especially hunting the "crafty roatie" wether it be in season or out.

Secondly, we have Johna Konwinski, who serves as our Vice President.

Johna's interests consist of running and listening to music.

Serving as Secretary is Abbi Love, our Homecoming Queen. This is also her first year serving as a class officer. Abbi's interests are playing volleyball and art.

And last but not least is Herman Wieser, our class treasurer, who settles our money matters, in any way

possible. Herman enjoys "true blue rock and roll" in his spare time.

These officials were elected at the beginning of the 1980-81 school year.

One of the few goals of the year was to have a successful Homecoming, which did succeed. Also another goal is for everyone to find a solid future and to reach all goals previously set.

Most of the treasury money was used for Homecoming, with the remains of the cash going to graduation and Senior color pictures.

I guess you could say as a total goal for the Senior class is for everyone to graduate as a full 100% class with good and proud memories of Scotus Central Catholic. Our school of PRIDE!

Shhh! Your In The Library Now

By Patty Wiese

The person behind the library is Sister Margaret Marthaler. Sister was born in Minnesota.

When asked: "What do you think of the library this year in relationship to the children's attitude? Is it being used with more cooperation?" Sister answered: "We have many fine students who are truly great and studious. Most are fun to work with. There will always be some who spoil this image."

Sister Margaret has three people working for her this year. They are (1) Shelly Dumuth, who works 4th period. She likes working in the library because she likes helping people. This is her first year working in the senior high library, but she worked in the junior high library last year. (2)

Vicky Frost, who works 5th and 8th period. She likes working in the library because she likes to help as well as meet people. This is her first year working in the senior high library, but she worked in the junior high library last year. (3) Patty Wiese, who works 7th period. This is her third year in the library. She likes working in the library because she likes helping people.

The job of Shelly, Vicky and Patty is to check out magazines. Scotus has many magazines in the library. Some of the more popular magazines are: Hot Rod, People, Sports Illustrated, Nebraska, Nebraskaland, Life, Newsweek, Time, Teen, Seventeen, Outdoor Life, Sports Afiels, Journal, Better Homes and Garden, and Good House-keeping.

Student Council Broadens Horizons

By Lora Kurtenbach

Early Friday afternoon, November 7, four enthusiastic student council members set off for the state convention in Bellevue.

These four enthusiastic members, Tim Czuba, Linda Wemhoff, Kim Soulliere, and Elaine Zoucha came back Saturday full of thoughts for bringing the student council together with new and different ideas from the student councils from all over the state.

Starting Friday, the student council members arrived in time to see the election of your officers to represent the National Association of Student Councils for next year.

Next, the Student Councils were divided into groups where each attended mini sessions on getting new ideas for Student

Council fund raisers, dances, and getting your council to work closer together. Some council members gave examples of their own fund raisers and dances they've sponsored. Later that evening, a dance was sponsored by Bellevue East where the kids could learn ideas from the dance.

Finally on Saturday morning, the four members of our council left with a headful of ideas and experiences.

Commented one member Linda Wemhoff, "Though we didn't really get to know as many people as we did at the NASC workshop in August, it was still a good experience."

She also added, "It was fun."

It sounds as if our Student Council members are broadening their horizons by these convention experiences which will definitely benefit our Student Council.

Rise and Draw Forth

By Tim Czuba

When you walk into the boys' locker room, in a couple of months from now, you'll notice the north wall will be different. Why is this? The answer is simple, Scotus has a student that has a project that will add more color to the room. This student is Dave Reiser. Yes, Dave is to put a couple murals on the wall.

In these drawings, he'll include various sport players. "It will be a difficult challenge, because I'll have to work on Saturdays and Sundays," says Dave. "It'll also be hard to get into position for painting, because the work will be done totally on a step ladder."

The idea was given to Dave by Coach Spencer. Dave took the offer of painting the wall. He is currently doing rough drafts of the figures in art class. The actual painting cannot begin until the wall has been repainted. Afterwards, the rest is up to the "Rise". Time is needed greatly, because of my involvement in other activities. "But I hope this nice idea can become more than simply an idea."

Other than just the old "hum-drum" silhouetted figures that you'd expect to see in a sporting area, these figures are planned out to be detailed. This is going to be the toughest part of the painting. Sure it's difficult enough for me to draw stick men on a flat desk, but can you imagine what it will be like for Dave to draw faces, standing on a step ladder? Well, let's hope for the best to the "Rise" and his murals.

Homecoming:



Congratulations

Queen Abbi and King Ron

By Sandy Klopneski

We've got tonight was the theme of the 1980 Homecoming, picked by the Seniors.

There were poster, locker decorations and streamers covering the halls showing each classes' spirits.

The week of Homecoming, the students did something different each day. Monday - "Tip it to em" - showed their spirits by wearing hats, Tuesday - "Sock it to em" - wearing different socks, Wednesday - "Rock 'em Boppom" - the

student dressed up like they did back in the 50's.

Thursday "Round em up" - dressed up like cowboys and Friday the students showed their spirit and pride by wearing their pep club uniforms and their football jerseys.

Thursday after the victorious volleyball games we had our Homecoming pep rally. Crowned Mister and Miss no spirit were Jeff Thiele and Traci Van Berg. The coaches had to be cheerleaders and the Senior guys got a box of raisins to eat up. After the pep rally

the Junior girls went around town putting up door posters for the football team and candidates.

On Friday, Homecoming mass was in the gym. Later, chants were heard through the halls.

Saturday - The Big Day had arrived. Flashes of cameras went off from out of the silence, the King and Queen of the 1980 Homecoming were crowned, Ron Starzec and Abbi Love.

After the crowning, the Hit and Run played at the dance.

To Thee I Wed

By Michelle Wieser

The Senior Class is involved in an interesting project this year. They are participating in a marriage simulation. All the seniors are "engaged" to a pretend fiance' (e).

The Seniors, under the instruction of Father Tiegs, will actually have a marriage ceremony, followed by a reception.

when they actually do become engaged and are thinking of marriage.

After the project is over, there will be an "annulment" to end the pretend marriages.

Comments from the seniors lead me to believe that the marriage simulation will be a success. They range from "It's going to help us out a lot" to "It's going to be fun!"

The engaged couples are now doing assignments to learn more about marriage and what it takes to have a successful marriage. They will be going out to price engagement rings and apartments.

Father Tiegs is hoping the project will help the seniors, in the future, to know what obstacles they will be up against. And, he hopes it will help them

Let the Good Times Roll

by Tim Czuba

End for end, side for side, highways, alleys all abide. Yes this is the story that may put a question in your mind the next time you decide to go out driving. Whether it's joking around or just doing regular driving, you could have trouble. It happens anywhere from a block north of school to 8 miles southwest of town.

This dreadful ending for cars - the rolling of the car. Rolling the car, so few words, but such strong meaning. How would you like to call your folks from a hospital and say "Day, Mom, I rolled the car." These are the experiences of 4 seniors who have rolled their cars this past year.

HIGH ROLLERS

Johnny D. was coming back from his cabin after a day of fishing. On his way back into town, he decided to find out if his car could "fly" on gravel. Up and up the speedometer climbed, 75-85 mph, most would've been satisfied, but not Johnny, he wanted 90 mph. Suddenly loose gravel grabbed the car. Johnny's car started spinning. It crashed through a mailbox and rolled into the ditch. In Johnny's words, "As I lost in the 7th spin, I was thrusted at the passenger door and from then on it was a free-for-all; the car was in command."

Michelle W. was coming home from a friend's house. Doing 60 mph, she was going along fine. Suddenly a rabbit darted across the road. Avoiding to hit it, she steered right - the car

went out of control. When it was all over, the car was in the left-hand side ditch, it had rolled at least 3 times. "It happened so fast", replied Michelle, "I don't believe in the Easter Bunny anymore."

Mike O. was coming home from Leigh. The time was approx. 2:45 A.M. Doing 55 mph on Monastery Road, unknown to him until it was too late, a big mound of split gravel from a construction crew. The car hit the loose gravel and that's all she wrote. Mike was knocked out on the first rill. When he came to, Mike was uninjured, except for a minor neck strain, he was surprised to find his car 1000 feet away from where it left the road. Mike says, "Man, what a ride. Dad's going to kill me."

Brian K., alias Flipper, was trying to catch a '70 Fairlane that was heading down an alley. Suddenly, loss of control, going too fast to remember - due to a bump on the head. Smashing through bushes, fences, and garbage cans. Twang!! Brian hit a guide wire. Hurling his car 30 ft., doing 2 1/2 twists in flight, bouncing off a garage, onto the top of the car it landed. Brian was pulled from the wreck by the occupant of the Fairlane. Brian explains the experience, "Unforegettable, something I wouldn't want to happen again. Darn, I missed the tape dance."

As you can see, these were fortunate enough not to be seriously injured. But just as the dice continue to roll - your luck may change.

Cars, Cars, Cars

By Johnny Determan

Around Scotus there are some very different sights. Some are good, bad, and exciting. But I have found one that we take for granted - the parking lot! Oh, not the parking lot itself, but what's in the lot. The Cars!! The Senior Cars. They range from a 67 Firebird convertible to a 1980 Capri. Lori Dreifurst - "The Barcade Crusher" Michelle Wieser - (A69 Mustand) which now rests in peace at Falcons. Chris Styskal - 72 Buick - Sly Sty's green machine. Elaine Zoucha - The Polara. It only goes one way. Mary Stopak - The com-

monly taxi service. Brian Kuta - 75 Pontiac - The best cruising car (was). Patrice Opliger - The LTD - A yacht that climbs boulders...in town! Johnny D - 69 Fairlane - The idol of "The Dukes of Hazard". Tim Czuba - 1965 Schwinn.. 10 speed. Tony Kurtenbach - The Z 28 - Even though it's been midasized, it remains in a cloud of smoke. Brian Davidson - Maaaaa Vega, Greaaaaa mileage, Greaaaaa Stereo. Lynette Malstrom - Polara - It's relied upon!

Even though I've only named a few, these automobiles have very good meaning.

Blowing like a bird so free
Blowing around from you to me
Blowing new and old and bold
Blowing hot and warm and cold.

Sounding like my mothers cry
You hear it coming and it goes by.
Pushing a kite up in the sky
But as always it soon will die.

Sailing over the country side
Up like a mountain, down like a slide
Whistling through the trees of gloom
Swpping the leaves up as does a broom.

Quickly and smoothly it sails away
Up the steps of our old stairway
Out through my window its off on its way
From my window I watched it go
Surely that day the wind did blow.

By Steve Byers

Miss Schuelke's English class recently finished a poetry unit. The above were selected to represent the poets of Scotus.

Time.
Waht is time?
Is time something we waste?
Is time what we use up during the day?
Is time going through life year by year or day by day?

Is time when you're awake?
Is time when you're sleeping?
Does time ever end,
Or does it keep going?
Do you really know what time is?

Time is knowing where you're going.
Time is understanding.
Time is dreams and hopes.
Time is good and bad.
Time is loving.
Time is all of these, but most of all Time is to know
What to do with your time while you still have time.
By Jay Jarecke

Monarchs Nip Homecoming Spirit

By Chris Styskal

David City Aquinas handed Scotus their third straight loss with a 22-14 Centennial Conference win.

The Monarchs took an early lead, scoring their first TD in only 3 minutes of the first quarter. The next score came in the second quarter, on a 32 yard DCA fieldgoal, which gave the opponents a 10-0 lead.

With 5 minutes left in the half, Aquinas scored again on a 90 yard run to complete the scoring in the first half, giving them a comfortable 16-0 lead.

The Shamrocks came out strong in the second half and scored on an 80 yard drive mid-way through the third period. Tim Cielocha punched it in from 13 yards

out to bring the Shamrocks to within 8 (16-8).

Aquinas put another score on the board with a fake field goal on a fourth and one on the Shamrock 1 yard line. The TD made the score 22-8.

In the final period, the Shamrocks put together another 80 yard drive with 8 passes. The final pass was a 10 yard strike from QB Doug Duren to tight-end Glen Kucera. The score stood 22-14 with 4 minutes remaining in the final period.

Scotus regained possession of the ball with less than 2 minutes remaining; a last chance drive ended on Aquinas' 21 yard line when Durens' pass was picked off.

Shamrock Grid Finale

By Chris Styskal

Scotus was defeated for the fourth consecutive time in a shoot out with Fremont Bergan.

The Knights went on top early in the game, taking a 21-0 lead. The Shamrocks staged a trilling comeback scoring three touchdowns in the remaining 5 minutes of the first half. The first score came on a Doug Duren aerial to Glen Kucera.

On with the score 21-6, Ron Starzec jarred the ball loose from the Bergan QB, and Scotus regained possession. Duren again found Kucera on a 15 yard touchdown which made the score 21-12. With only 19 seconds remaining, Duren hit Sty on a 38 yard pass for a TD, and with the two point conversion, the half ended 21-20.

In the third quarter, Scotus took the lead for the first time. Duren again went to the air, finding Bret Kumpf in the endzone for a 12 yard TD with the 2-point conversion, Scotus lead 28-21.

As the clock began to wind down, the momentum shifted to the Knights side. They scored 4 successive touchdowns, and ran the score up to 46-28.

With under one minute left in the game, Duren lofted his fifth record breaking TD to Kucera. The conversion for a change was a Kucera to Duren razzle dazzle play, which gave QB Duren his only catch of the season. The game ended on the play and Bergan was on top 46-36.

Scotus' final record stands at 5-4.

Conference Action

ByCarole Podraza

The Scotus volleyball team finished second in Centennial Conference playoff finals by beating Omaha Mercy and barely slipping to fall to Lakeview. On the first game the lady Shamrocks played a very good game to overcome Mercy in two sets 15-7 and 15-13.

In that game Lori Zabawa led in serving, Lana Torczon led in spiking, and Laurie Hajek paced the setters.

The second game was very disappointing for the girls. They were leading by

5 and then little by little their edge slipped.

Leading the girls in the championship game wer Zabawa and Zoucha.

The lady Shamrocks made their way up in district play by defeating Wayne 15-11 and 15-13, in first round play.

The serving advantage (the girls were 52 for 52) really gave them the edge and helped them up their record to an outstanding 13-3.

The Shamrocks were paced by Lori Zabawa who served 13-13 with 9 points. The leader in spikes was Laurie Hajek with five aces.

Mock Election: 1980 Results

By Patty Wiese

On November 4th, 1980, while the people of the United States were voting in the General Election, the students of Scotus Senior High voted in a "Mock Election".

The results of the mock Election compared to those of the General Election of Nebraska were as follows:

Mock Vote
15% Carter
65% Reagan
3% Anderson
17% Clark

87% Smith
13% Ditus
60% Johansen
40% Micek

General Vote
26% Carter
64% Reagan
7% Anderson
3% Clark

84% Smith
16% Ditus
71% Johansen
29% Micek

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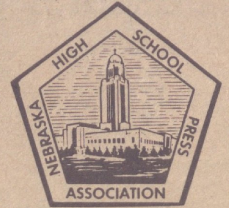
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The Gladness of
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which is Hope
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Dear Alumni:

Dear Friends of Scotus:

It is a real pleasure for me to extend greetings to the alumni, parents and students in our Scotus family during this Christmas season. Once again, we celebrate the mystery of Christmas that brings us all a little closer together. I hope the season provides you enjoyable times with family and friends.

This 'Spirit of Christmas' is no stranger to Scotus Central Catholic. Throughout this year we have been able to accomplish much together. I have seen the growth of a real sense of caring and pride this year; in our teachers and students, our parents, alumni, and the community at large toward Scotus.

Feeling good is contagious. I invite you to join us in our efforts through the coming year. There are many options open to you to participate with us in the many good things happening at Scotus. Give us a call or send us a note. We'll be happy to assist you. After all... 'you're part of the family!'

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Sincerely,

Duane J. Gross
Superintendent

DJG:eh

Strike up the band

by Lora Kurtenbach

Scotus High School has rekindled an organization that was around many years ago, a band. The Scotus band program includes 110 members on the total band program. There are approximately 70 students in the 5th and 6th grades, 28 students in the 7th and 8th grades and 12 students in the 9th, 10th, and 11th grades. Instruments include flutes, clarinets, saxophones, trumpets, French horn, trombones, baritones, tubas, and drums.

Says Mr. Hopp: "The band has not picked any definite dates at this time as to possible performances. The only competition the band is in at this time is to become as fine of a group as is possible. Since it has been 10 to 15 years since the school has had a band, we are trying to establish an excellent program, which the students and the community will appreciate." He adds: "It's very exciting to start a new program in a school

that has students who are willing to put forth the effort to get the program off the ground."

The response has been very good from both students and parents about the band program, and we are looking forward to performing in the near future.

It looks as if the band has really started out on a good note. With Mr. Hopp as Band Director the band has got a good future ahead for them.

FBLA Chapter flourishes

by Kelly McGuire

The Scotus Business department and FBLA have been very busy in the last few weeks.

The Office and Administrative Procedures class have just finished a unit on the memory typewriter. They are also into their rotations schedules. During the rotation the students will learn how to use the executive typewriter, dictaphones, the memory typewriter, adding and calcula-

ting machines, and also are each doing an office simulation of their choice.

The Scotus chapter of FBLA has also had a lot of activities going on since school started. FBLA had a watermelon feed, installation of officers, election of a new treasurer, officer's workshops in Lincoln, induction of the new members, they had a float in Columbus Days parade and a Bake sale.

FBLA's plans for the future include a Christmas

Party, Valentine Dance, Businessmen Breakfast, and of course the State Leadership Conference in Omaha in April.

FBLA added a point system this year to get the members more involved and also to help decide who will go to State.

If FBLA has enough money at the end of the year they plan on giving a scholarship to an outstanding FBLA Member. The requirements have already been set up.

Holiday greetings from all of us at Scotus Central Catholic!!

The sounds of joy and good tidings are in the air again as the Christmas season approaches. Every year the traditional celebrations draw family and friends closer to one another. Although the world events seem disheartening at times, their importance seems to diminish with the singing of carols and the realization that within a few days, families and friends will exchange gifts as a token of their love and affection for each other.

I really do want you to know Scotus cares about you and we are anxious to hear from you. I also would like to invite you to continue to be part of this great educational program that we have. You can do so by your interest, your concern, your prayers and your investments. I know you are grateful for the influence which the Franciscan Fathers and Sisters had on your life. For this reason, I know you will be as excited as I am in the establishment of an Alumni endowment fund. Your class sponsor will be sending you more complete information concerning this endowment program in the near future.

We at Scotus are especially grateful this year for the many accomplishments that have taken place. I am certain you have read about the addition of the new Shamrock Activity Center, new band program, expanded business program, etc.

While we are very proud of our progress, we have not forgotten that it is the gifts of our alumni and friends that made it all possible. Nor have we lost sight of the fact that much remains to be done.

Be assured that you are most welcome to stop in, write or call. We would love to hear from you because we care about you!

Dean R. Soulliere
Alumni Endowment Chairman

Support for Scotus Central Catholic is definitely on the increase. The fund drive for the Scotus Education Foundation just completed went 10% over its goal with the support of six of our largest businesses contributing a total of \$117,000 over a five year period. When you consider that many of the board members heading these firms are not of our faith, this is tremendous support from the community and for this we are most grateful. Every contribution is important no matter how small and we thank everyone who has supported this Christian cause.

Of the \$550,000 pledged, \$175,000 will go into an Educational Foundation with only the interest being used for operating expenses. This is a Foundation we would like you to consider when making your wills or considering a large Christian donation.

The Scotus budget for 1981 is \$618,490 with \$273,786 coming from the Columbus parishes, \$209,300 from tuition, \$92,239 from the Scotus Education Foundation and the balance of \$43,165 coming from other sources. You can see the funds from the drive are a small portion of the budget and we need every dollar we can possibly raise. The 1981 cost per pupil is \$1240. We would certainly appreciate those who can contribute as near as possible to the actual cost of schooling for their children, leaving the subsidized funds for those who cannot afford the total cost.

The momentum for Scotus support is on the upswing. Let's all do our part to keep it going. Our ancestors have passed their faith onto us at a much greater sacrifice than we are making. Let us remember, all that we are and all that we have is a gift from God and let us live our lives accordingly.

Leo J. Dowd
Supporter of Christian Education

SEF Drive successful

by John Determan

Over the past years, Scotus has had many fund raising drives and activities. The most known is the SEF (Scotus Education Fund). This was a fund for Scotus which the school used the money for operation over a 3 year period. During the 1980 campaign this has been changed. Now to make this more successful, there are several options: #1 To give a pledge to be used now, as in the past. #2 Put the pledge in the foundation, these dollars are put into trust. #3 Memorial Fund.

These options are going to help the financial success of Scotus long into the future.

I was informed on these measures by Superintendent Duane Gross. He said of the Foundation Funds, "This money put into the trust or foundation, and the principle, will never be used. A large amount of drive '80' was and will put there for long range financial support for SCC. It's almost like an account receiving interest - all it can do is grow."

Mr. Leo Dowd has been the campaign chairman for the 1980 SEF drive, (and a great one he is). He and a team of men from the parishes did much of the work.

Not only was the campaign run by local leadership, but the Board of Directors chose to hire a professional fund raiser, and this they did. His name is Mr. Gene Mack of Cosgriff & Co. of Omaha.

Mr. Gross believes, "This combination of local people, an excellent fund raiser, and the progressive institution, like Scotus Central, were the ingredients for a very successful drive."

However, even though Scotus is coming off a very successful campaign, the job has just begun. "We must continue to be mindful of support for our school far into the future." The needs are great and growing, especially with high inflation.

Students, alumni, and parents are encouraged to learn more about the options of giving to SCC, through the many choices available.

Editorially speaking: The choice is yours

By Carole Podraza

People may say to you, why did you pick a Catholic school? They are forced or make it sound derogatory, like you are forced or maybe not with it. Others take another view and think you are too good to go to an ordinary school.

Still others will think you're too pure and clean to associate with (saints save us) ordinary non-catholics.

Try sometime to explain the real meaning of being a part of something like Scotus and they'll turn away not realizing.

Until experiencing something like what we have, one has a hard time understanding why we put

up with the stricter rules, the unstylish dress code, and the always scraping for money.

The thing they don't realize is that most of us choose to be here. We want to be a person of this special institution.

We, here at Scotus, are not ordinary high school students just attending the same school. There is a special bond that holds us together. Through thick, and thin, we support one another.

This bond is PRIDE. It shows up in scholastics, in our sports teams, and in our pep club. It shows up in our masses and through our parents. It shows up in our school.



Semester tests

by Dave Kantor

Semester tests here at Scotus have almost become a tradition, and a very bad one at that. I usually don't care to be a negative fellow but I felt I had to take a stand on this issue.

I personally think that semester tests are not fun at all, but you must remember that this is only my personal opinion. I'm sure that thousands (well maybe less than thousands) of my fellow classmates really enjoy them and feel they have great value. I asked a few how they felt.

Kurt Bogus: "Well Dave, I really think that semester tests are a very good way to evaluate ourselves and learn new things, not only for now, but for our future use. Otherwise, no, I don't really care for them."

Greg Ernst: "I think that semester tests should be given at the end of the semester to review what we learned during the semester. That's what I think." (Well said Greg.)

Rock Engel: "I don't like them too much."

Apparently several of my classmates agree with my opinions on semester tests. But I suppose on matter how many of us have qualms (that means regrets, pretty good word, huh?) about semester tests, they will still give them and we will still have to study for they.

Semester tests are scheduled for the 18th and 19th. Most people will get to work the night of the 17th and cram for the next days test. Some will start reviewing and studying a week before the test and not be worried at all. (These people are usually referred to as smart.)

In the past I have been going over to the Van Lent household to study the night before the tests. Usually we remember the facts with clever word associations like, "I never met a lichen I didn't like", and "Give me liberty or give me photosynthesis." I'd like to leave you with a few words of encouragement: "Good Luck, and if you don't do so good, well, that's life in the big eight."

Welcome

by Judi Kloke

Amid all the excitement of this new school year, a young group of students, have descended to the 1st and 2nd floors of Scotus High School. They are the freshmen.

The new Freshman Class is now a part of the Scotus High School. Along with the excitement of being new in the high school, comes the excitement of new activities including sports, dances, clubs, classes, and meeting teachers.

The Freshmen students also experience a feeling of maturity - one more stepping stone in their high school years.

We've got spirit

By Michelle Wieser

The crowd is cheering wildly. Every person's attention is focused on the figures on the floor below. Everybody is yelling and screaming and shouting for more. A concert, right? Wrong. It's a pep rally, and all the students are keyed for the game that will be played that night.

The guys are all psyched up for a great victory and the girls are ready to back them up with their cheers and overflowing spirit.

The pep rally begins with our varsity cheerleaders leading the pep club in some cheers. After the cheers die down, a chant for the coach usually begins.

When the coach has finished, more cheers follow and then a skit is performed to really get the guys going.

Now, the pep rally isn't all that shows our spirit around here. The night before a game, the football players doors are decorated with doorposters and the halls in the school are plastered with posters, too.

Spirit and pride play a big part here at Scotus. And that spirit goes both ways. The girls support the guys with the great pep club and masses and pep rallies; but the guys also support the girls with door posters and posters on the school. We really have a great bunch of spirited people here at Scotus. No wonder we call ourselves "The Shamrock Pridel!"

In Memory

Mrs. Alberta Peck died on November 3, 1980. She was an English teacher at Scotus for 13 years from 1963 to 1976. She was a very dedicated teacher as well as a pleasant and likeable person. Mrs. Peck will be missed and long remembered by the student she taught and the faculty she worked with.

The Scotistics Staff, speaking for the entire present and past student bodies, wish to offer our sincere condolences to her family.

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Journalism—not just a class—an adventure

by Tim Czuba

The bell rings, students out of the classrooms, and stomachs are full of Clara's Country Kitchen food. Yes, fourth period has come to a close. "Big deal" some say. Well to 14 of the students, it means the beginning of an hour of hard work, listening, and imagination. For these students are about to enter Room 22. The teacher is Mrs. Bstandig, and the course is Journalism.

Journalism is not just reading "the new blue book and taking tests." It's the

class that is a department. It's our school's newspaper and annual staff. From learning the inverted pyramid to reporting news, journalism is a challenging class. Each day holds new learning and new stories.

Getting interested and getting stories are key factors of journalism - other than printing the truth. Although it may be just another class, to journalism people it is a mini-job right in our own-school. We have our "beats" to cover, along with finding other information.

Without the co-operation of everyone in journalism class and of the school,

we'd be fighting a losing battle. Just as athletes practice to be better, so do journalism people - trying to bring out the best news possible. We have to "dig" for information, too. Not all news comes on a silver platter. We work for our news. We have no AP or UPI news sources feeding us information. We rely upon each other.

So when the time comes that someone wants to do a story on you, don't hesitate. Everyone likes to see his/her name in the paper. Help out too, if you have a story - suggest it to a staff member. We're trying to do our best.

Christmas Traditions

by Patty Wiese

Christmas!!! Wow!! It's almost here---have you ever wondered about the various celebration, customs and traditions of Christmas?? Not only those that we enjoy in the United States; but those that people all over the world hold dear as their own traditions. Let's take a trip (imaginary of course,) by "Magic Sleigh" around the world and take just a little peek at how other people in other countries celebrate Christmas.

Here we are in Bethlehem--

Every year on Christmas Eve, people from all parts of the world converge on Bethlehem to witness the religious ceremonies, the procession and the Mass, and get a first-hand view of the place where the manger stood. Did you know the exchanging of Christmas gifts is said to have begun in memory of the gifts the Wise Men brought to the Christ Child? From Bethlehem we'll head northwest to France.

In France children put their shoes in front of the fireplace on Christmas Eve so Le Petit Noel (The Christmas Child) or Pere Noel can fill them with gifts. In every part of France, churches and cathedrals are magnificently lighted for the three mid-

great beauty and their antiquity. Families return from Midnight Mass to enjoy a late meal.

From France we will take a short hop across the English Channel to Great Britain.

In Great Britain, children hang their stockings by the fireplace hoping that Father Christmas will fill them with Christmas treats. Father Christmas is the English version of Santa Claus. Plum pudding is a traditional Christmas dish. Drinking from the Wassail bowl is an old English Christmas custom.

From Great Britain skip across the St. George Channel to Ireland.

Ireland observes Christmas in a very religious manner. The manger scene has a place in every home and church. The Christmas tree is not seen much in Ireland, instead you see a glossy-leaved holly wreath with clusters of berries which come from Southern Ireland. There is also a lighted candle placed in the window on Christmas Eve to light the way for travelers welcoming them to their home. From Ireland we will head southeast to Germany.

Germany is a country with many traditions. It is the best known country for keeping the custom of Christmas. They decorate

their trees with lights, tinsel, and glass blown ornaments, in addition to these decorations they also use cookies in the shape of people, animals, hearts, and stars. Finger for Christ-kind. From Germany we will head to the Scandinavian countries of Norway, Sweden, and Denmark.

In Norway the Christmas season begins on December 21st, St. Thomas's Day. In Sweden the Christmas season begins with St. Lucia's Day, December 13. Christmas Even in Denmark is a great festive event---chiming church bells, an elaborate dinner, the ceremony around the Christmas tree and soul-stirring hymns and carols in their candle - lighted churches. From the Scandinavian countries we will move right along to Italy.

The people of Italy fast before Christmas. In the evening the family holds a ceremony around the Prespio. This is a miniature scene of Bethlehem with Shepherds, Wise men, and the Holy Family.

As you can see from a quick trip around the world that our customs and traditions have many backgrounds. MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!!! AND IN TRADITION -- AND TO ALL A GOOD NIGHT!!!



John Defeats his opponent, J. James of Lincoln, in a hard fought battle.

King of the ring

by Tim Czuba

In sports involving Scotus students, one sport stands alone with a student from Scotus. The sport is boxing, with John Determan its participant. John's doing his own thing. A good example of individualism (something rarely seen in our school). He's doing his best to better his career.

John started boxing in 1977. His season record was 3-1. His only loss eliminated him out of the Junior Golden Gloves. John gave up boxing to give our football program a shot. Finding trouble in excelling in football, John turned his eyes back to boxing.

The '79 season came and John had a very successful season after a two year leave. John boxed at the 119 lb. division for two bouts. Defeating Jeff Shultz from Crofton by a unanimous decision in the Norfolk District Golden Gloves, he fought at the 112 lb. division. The night afterwards, John advanced

into the finals against the defending champ Rusty Derochie from Souix City. In the final round, John received a 2 inch gash over the left eye. The fight halted and the doctor checked John out. Only 20 seconds remained and the doctor said it was O.K. John won the fight and the Northeast Nebraska District Championship Title for 112 lb.

A two week waiting period before the State Golden Gloves was a time for the recuperation of John's eye. The fights were held in the Omaha Civic Auditorium. John's opponent was Dave Martinez, the 4 yr. defending state champ from Scottsbluff. During the fight, John's eye re-opened, later on he lost by a T.K.O. (technical Knock-out). It was a smashing over-hand right to the jaw that sent John to the canvas, the first time in his boxing career. John got up on the 7th count, but the ref thought John was dazed and bleeding too bad. Afterwards, John was

stitched up again.

So far this year, John is 3-0. He has fought in Lincoln, Albion, and Souix City. In Souix City, Nov. 28, John received the Most Outstanding Boxer Award. Also he has been chosen to represent Nebraska at the 112 lb. division in the A.A.U. Inner-City Competition of Kansas City vs. Nebraska, but his coach, Pat Sackett, has yet to accept the invitation, which is to take place mid-December.

John works out 5-6 days a week, from 6:00 - 8:30 at the Family Y. He runs 3 miles every morning, and no, he doesn't drink eggs for breakfast and hit sides of beef. He is presently boxing at 119 lb. and will cut down to 112 lb. by Golden Gloves time. His knick-name for the ring is "Little Red" or "Johnny D." You'll also be able to see him fight January 3rd at the Ag Park.

order, and ready to go for Monday.

Together, they are kept busy through out the school days, answering calls from the office usually thru the form of "Alvie or John, please come to the office!"

That usually means fixing a broken heater, or finding some materials for a teacher.

And when Monday comes around the students always think of the long week of work ahead. But remembering, we're not the only ones!

Doing his own thing

by Maria Riley

As the senior year passes before our eyes I would like to take "time-out" to tell you about one of our senior members. That member is Student Council President Tim Czuba.

As President of our Student Council Tim has brought many more tape dances to this year's outline of activities. This is one step that our student body will agree is in the right direction.

But this is just one small aspect of Tim's busy life. One often sees Tim playing frisbee in the school parking lot. He has become an expert at the sport, he can demonstrate how to throw the frisbee properly but also how to catch one behind the back, under the leg and many other unusual ways. Tim also likes to play football, basketball, and baseball but he adds, "Not on the varsity level, more like intramurals or just with a group of people after school."

A wedding is a day—marriage is a lifetime

by Sandy Klopneski

The Senior class got married on Wednesday, November 27, 1980 at 1:00 in the Little Theater.

The unit for Senior Religion this year is marriage and Family Life. They will be covering communication, finances, Religion problems, family, marriage preparations, and in-laws.

Father Tiegs married the seniors six at a time. They put their names in a hat and drew them out. But if they wanted to marry their boyfriend or girlfriend they could. During the wedding the girls carried flowers and everybody dressed up. And they even had rings. Following the wedding a reception was held in the cafeteria with cookies and pop and music in the background. Music was provided during the wedding by Mike Wieser, Lori Dreifurst, Paul Podany, Elaine Zoucha and Vicki Jackson. The readers were Mark Duren, Tony Kurtenbach, Sally McNair, Patty Gonka, Steve Amman and Lynette Malmstrom.

When one visits with Tim you will find he is a very good singer and can sing almost any song one request. His favorite singer is Billy Joel and his favorite group is Styx. He also can do imitations of many people; everything from the teachers at school to Snuf-feupagus from Sesame Street.

Tim's future has been well played for the next four years of his life. No, it's not on to college. Tim has enlisted in the army, he will be leaving for Fort Knox Boot Camp on July 31, 1981. He plans to study to be a Computer/Machine Operator. Many people wonder why he joined the army. Tim replied, "I want to leave Columbus for a while and see what the rest of the world is like." He hopes that during some-time of his Army career he will be stationed in Hawaii or at least be able to take one of his months of vacation there. Of course he plans to come back to Columbus sometime.

Time has some great advice for everyone and that is: "Do what is good for you or your'e not good for anybody."

This is just a slight insight into Tim Czuba, our Student Council President, future Scotus graduate and Army man.

Thank you for taking the time to read about Tim. I will now call "time-in" to watch the rest of our senior year roll by.

Hit 'em with your best shot!

by Cletus Arasmith

Do you sing? Well there's one girl here at Scotus that likes to sing, her name is Margaret Spenner.

Margaret is a Junior at Scotus. She enjoys singing alot. Margaret first got started singing at church on Sunday when she was eight. As time went on her sister and herself, began singing at Weddings and social gatherings.

Margaret said that her mother has a very nice voice. When her mother lived in Italy, she was a popular singer and made some albums.

Margaret says that her voice is natural; she didn't take any singing lessons - she guesses that she just inherited her voice from her mother.

Margaret likes to write poems and lyrics to songs, as well as playing the piano and singing as her hobbies.

As most of you should

The show must go on

by Michelle Wieser

Four years ago, a new band was just beginning. Like any band, it has undergone many changes. The band, formerly known as Disway, and just recently as Elijah, is now in the process of changing its name again. Its present members are Mike "Herman" Wieser, Steve Busted, Norm Bennett, and Mark Hanel. Herman and Norm play the guitar, Steve plays bass guitar, and Mark plays the drums.

The band plays mostly at the Family Y, but they also play at small schools such as Elgin and Humphrey. They played once at a bar in Schuyler and Herman said they "almost got thrown out by a bunch of country rednecks!!!"

The group practices on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and weekends at Steve Busted's house.

Herman said that they plan to go on and keep playing that good ole rock 'n roll!

Well, everyone here at Scotus is backing them 100%, and we all hope that Herman's band is a big success in the future, like it is right now.

know, Margaret has sang The National Anthem at the beginning of two of our home football games, and got her big chance when she sang with Herman's band on November 21st. Asking if she was nervous, Margaret had said that she was nervous at the beginning, but then it goes away. "Singing with Herman's band was very nerve-racking" but she felt good after the first song, because "the guys in the band and the students cheering got me wound up!" Margaret adds that Herman's band is what made most of her songs sound good.

Margaret says that she keeps in practice by singing in Christmas concerts at school and the school plays.

She said that she would like to make it somewhere with her voice adding making it big someday like her idol singer Pat Benatar.

Well, we hope the best for you Margaret in the future and for now keep on singing - Don't forget - Hit 'em With Your Best Shot!!

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Behind the scenes

By Lora Kertenbach

Another year has started, and the school looks like it's in good running order. But before school even started, back in June of this last summer, three men and a crew of boys were busily running about, scrubbing floors, cleaning desks, and getting the school in shape.

Now you can see them frequently down the hallway of the school jangling an assortment of keys or sweeping the debris out of the hallway.

They are of course; Alvin Kurtenbach and John Mohr, head of the mainten-



Lana Torczon
Honorable Mention



Glen Kucera
All-State



Ron Starzec
Honorable Mention

OUTSTANDING SENIORS TAKE THE TITLES

by Maria Riley

Many students at Scotus are blessed with one or more qualities of being either a good student, a leader, or active in sports. One senior girl has all three of these special qualities and that senior is Lana Torczon.

Lana started the year on the volleyball team where she was one of the team captains. The team found themselves with a great following by the student body, parents and the new boys spirit club. Throughout the season, one quickly found out that Lana has a very mean serve, bump, set, and spike, which opponents also quickly found out. At the end of the very successful season, Lana was honored by her teammates with the title of Most Valuable Player. She has also been honored with Unanimous All Conference Volleyball player. Recently, Lana was named All State Honorable Mention by both the Omaha World Herald and the Lincoln newspapers, which is quite an accomplishment.

Lana will also be participating in the upcoming basketball season and track season.

In leadership, Lana leads our Pep Club as President. Pep Club has grown in number but also in spirit this year. This spirit has been shown by all in posters, locker decorations, and cheering at the games. For her great service as President, the girls selected her as one of the Homecoming candidates.

Lana has been on the honor roll all four years of high school. This is her third year as a member of the National Honor Society. Lana hopes to accomplish as much as possible in the last five months before graduation.

Her future after graduation will be on to college.

Out of school, Lana still finds time to work. In the winter she also enjoys snow skiing. In the summertime, she likes to spend her time at Wagners water skiing.

Lana, a senior, with the three special qualities that Scotus is proud to offer to anyone who has the ambition to go after it, just like Lana did.

by Chris Styskal

Among Scotus' group of well-coached and very talented athletes, there are two gentlemen who stand out above the rest. This may seem hard to do with exceptional athletes as Scotus contains, but somehow Glen Kucera and Ron Starzec lead the way. They not only show ability and leadership on the field and court, but in the classroom as well.

Glen was voted all conference and all state end. He lead the Scotus receivers in pass receptions, catching 49 for 1001 yds. Glen plans to go on to college and hopefully play football. He has received letters from a numerous amount of colleges asking

Thank you for making it possible

The Scotus Gym which has already seen a quite a bit of athletic action was recently dedicated on November 23rd. The new gym has and will be a big asset to Scotus Athletics.

Everyone at Scotus would like to extend their thanks to all of the people who helped to make the building of the new gym possible.

him to play football for them. Some of them include UNL, UNO, UCLA, Missouri, Kearney State, Army and Navy. The Shamrock football team voted him the most valuable player of the year.

Ron was voted all conference linebacker. He also received an all-state honorable mention. Ron was a key part to Scotus' defense. He led on tackles with 81 unassisted and 37 assisted and 7 sacks. He was voted Mean Man star lineman by the Shamrock Football team. College?: Ron plans to attend college and also hopes to see some football action. He has received many letters from different colleges including Wayne, Doane and North Dakota.

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Believe it or not!

by Dave Kantor

Rick Engal is to you maybe just another student here at Scotus. But after I tell you about the real Rick (The Rock) Engal you may change your mind.

Some folks say it was the seniors that held the football team together, some say it was the coaches that were responsible. But the man who deserves all the credit is the Rock himself.

Not many managers in the history of student managing have the gift of quickness that Rick has. At the faintest sign that assistance

is needed Rick gets in action by telling his faithful assistant Al, to "get the kit!" After Al has hastily completed his mission Rick hops from his alert position on the cooler under the tree and surges forward to do his job as only he can do it.

Now I hope when you see Rick ambling down the hall the next time you will realize that he is more than just another student. Rick is one of the pillars that holds the school up. He is another (as some would say) "Strength of the Shamrocks".

Home opener -smash!

by Chris Styskal

The 1980-81 Basketball season is off to a successful start as the Shamrocks staged a decisive victory over Boys Town in the home opener.

In a pre-game interview, Coach Spenceri commented on his confidence in the team. He realizes the great potential and talent the team can attain, but quickly adds, "To be good we've got to further develop this potential each and every game."

"Some of the goals stressed throughout the season are not really based on winning or losing, but playing up to one's ability and potential. All I ask is for each player to give 100% and be totally involved in the game, both mentally and physically," Spenceri stated. "But the main reason we're out here is to have fun and work as a team."

The schedule outlook is as tough as it's ever been. We play most of the teams we played during the football season and these schools have some quality athletes.

Dribblin' n' shootin' — For you, we'll be rootin'

by Carole Podraza

"We'd like to have an excellent season, but in order to do that we'll have to make vast improvement early in the season," says Coach Peteren when talking of the Shamrock girls basketball team.

"The girls work hard and are eager for success," he adds. "We'd like to have a real good start."

The girls return five lettermen this year including two seniors. They are Lana Torczon and Sandy Schaefer.

Three of the five juniors are also lettered in basketball, Lori Zabawa, Lauri Hajek and Beth Bixenmann. Also on the team are Jamie Muhle and Steph Grohs.

The sophomore girls include Colleen Witt, Trish Hroza, Julie Paprocki, Jo Rhode, Heidi Hoffman, Kris Stachura, Lori Soulliere, and Tracy Ryba.

It's not too difficult to picture some very close and exciting ball games, but we should end up on the winning side quite a bit more than on the losing side.

There are 10 returning lettermen -- 8 seniors and 2 juniors. The seniors include: Doug Duren, Glen Kucera, Bret Kumpf, Joe Pensick, Ron Starzec, Ken Heimann, Tim Cielocha and John Eckholt. The two juniors are Clete Arasmith and Jeff Krzycki.

In the Boys Town Game, the Shamrocks had no trouble in winning their first game. The Cowboys only led once, 6-4. From then on out Scotus totally dominated, taking a 46-26 halftime lead and a 91-52 finish.

Leading in the scoring department were senior center, Glen Kucera and senior guard, Bret Kumpf. Kucera sank 9 field goals and was 2 for 6 at the charity line. Kumpf put in 7 field goals and tallied a 5-9 field goals and tallied a 5 for 9 at the charity line.

The freshmen team numbers nine girls. They are: Julie Modlin, Lisa Thalken, Sandy Pekarek, Liz Kumpf, Karen Soulliere, Sherri Svoboda, Sue Davidson, Lori Czuba.

The first challenge they are facing will be last years state champs Omaha Cathedral. "We'd like to end their 28 game winning streak," commented Coach Peteren.

The girls also play Columbus High early this season, the team is "always pretty tough -- it should be a good game" added Coach Peteren.

This year coaching staff includes Head Coach John Petersen, assistant Coach Linda Janssen, and student managers Shelley Dreifurst and Colleen McLaughlin.

Finally, the coach feels that though the team is "as a whole is short in height" it is a good workable size and the team has alot of enthusiasm and drive to go as far. Good Luck Girls!



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Don't walk in front of me,
I might not follow;
Don't walk behind me,
I might not lead;
Walk beside me
and be my friend.

SCOTISTICS



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Back row: Sheryl Liebig, Lori Dreifurst, Lynette Malmstrom, Theresa Chlopek, Julie Kelly, Sandy Schaeffer. Front row: Mark Duren, Chris Styskal, Mike Wieser, Ken Heimann, Dave Riser, Joe Pensick.

1981 Sweetheart Candidates

By Tim Czuba

Time has come again for 12 students to be up for King and Queen of Sweetheart Royalty. Though Valentines Day may be a while off, the time is right for the occasion. Maybe not as glorious as Homecoming, Sweetheart has great meaning to it. It has an assortment of choices this year; it starts from basketball stars and Pep Club members to the populars of the Senior class.

Theresa Chlopek is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Chlopek. She has been a member of Pep Club for 4 years and is presently serving as Head Lettergirl. Theresa has been an Honor Roll student for 4 years. She has been an active member of FBLA for 2 years. She participated in track her Freshman year, was in County Govt. and served as Sec./Tres. in her Junior year.

Lori Dreifurst is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Don Dreifurst. She is an honor roll student and a 2 year member of FBLA. Lori's a 3 year member of Pep Club and participated in Spanish Club for 1 year. She is a 2 year member of Swing Choir, a 4 year member of Chorus and is presently serving as Sec./Tres. of the Music Club. Lori has also served on Annual Staff for 2 years.

Julie Kelly is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Jim Kelly. She is a member of FBLA and is a 4 year member of Pep Club, serving as a squad leader her sophomore year. Julie participated in volleyball 2 years and track 1 year. She served on the Student Council her sophomore year, took part in County Govt. and was a member of the Annual Staff 1 year. She also took part in Freshman Chorus.

Sheryl Liebig is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Liebig. She has been active in FBLA for 2 years and is presently serving as president. Sheryl lettered in track her freshman year and in cross-country and track her sophomore year. She has been in

S-Club for 4 years. She is a 4 year honor roll student and is a member of National Honor Society. Sheryl was a 3 year member of Pep Club and a member of Spanish Club. She served on the Annual Staff and is a member of Student Council.

Lynette Malmstrom is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Bob Malmstrom. She has been in Pep Club for 4 years and is presently a lettergirl. She was the Class Secretary both her Freshman and Sophomore years and a Student Council representative her Junior & Senior years. Lynette is a member of the Thespian Club - serving on the Speech Team 2 years and participating in numerous plays. She lettered her Sophomore year as Basketball Manager. She was in County Govt., is a 2 year member of Swing Choir and a 4 year member of Mixed Chorus. She was a 1 year member of the Annual Staff and a 2 year member of F.B.L.A.

Sandy Schaefer is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Schaefer. She has been active in basketball for 4 years. She has participated in track for 3 years, volleyball for 2 and a 3 year member of S-Club. Sandy is a 4 year member of Pep Club and is presently serving as lettergirl. She is a member of F.B.L.A. and has been on honor roll for 4 years.

Mark Duren is the son of Mr. & Mrs. David Duren. He is a 4 year member of S-Club. He has lettered in track 3 years, Cross-Country 3 years and went to State in Cross-Country 2 years. Mark is an honor roll student, a member of F.B.L.A., Captain of an Intermural team and participated in County Govt.

Ken Heimann is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Ed Heimann. He is a 4 year honor roll student and a 3 year member of National Honor Society. Ken is a 3 year letterman in Cross-Country, a 2 year letterman in track and basketball and is presently serving as Vice President of S-Club with a 3 year membership. He was qualified for State Cross-

Country 2 years and State Track 1 year. Ken is a Columbian Squire and serves as the Sentry Squire. He was Assessor in County Govt.

Joe Pensick is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Richard Pensick. He is a member of F.B.L.A. Joe has lettered 2 years in Cross-Country and in Basketball one year. He has participated in County Govt. and is active in American Legion Baseball.

Dave Reiser is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Erwin Reiser. He is a 3 year letterman in track, 2 year letterman in Cross-Country, 1 year letterman in Basketball and a 4 year member of S-Club. Dave is a 4.0 honor roll student, and a member of the 250 lbs. Club. Dave has qualified to participate in State track 1 year.

Chris Styskal is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Styskal. He is a 3 year letterman in track and 2 year letterman in football. Chris is a 3 year member of S-Club and participated in State Track. He is President of the Senior Class and is an honor roll student for 4 years. Chris is the Sports Editor for the newspaper and is an annual staff.

Mike (Herman) Wieser is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Erwin Wieser. He is a 2 year letterman in track and a 3 year letterman in track. Mike qualified for State Track as a junior. He is D-Team President and Treasurer of the Senior class. He has been a member of S-Club for 3 years and of F.B.L.A. for 2 years. Mike was Weed Superintendent in County Govt.

Shamrock Night

This year again the time is upon us to sell Shamrock Night tickets, if we all do our part by selling our book we will only have a two day school week, the week of February 16, and we would have a 5 day weekend. Now wouldn't that be nice?

Shamrock Night is the last weekend of the month. There will be sandwiches served at Shamrock Night.

The drawing for the \$500.00, \$250.00, and \$100.00 will start at 10:00 p.m.

English department moves ahead

By Tim Czuba

Looking into the future of the English program for Scotus, the students are going to notice a great change. The Administration and the English teachers of our school are developing an English Curriculum. "Now what the heck is that?" you might ask yourself. Well, the English Department is in the process of making a week-by-week curriculum guide that English teachers will follow, so that nothing will be overlooked and students will not miss being exposed to certain topics.

The purpose of this change is also based that

each grade is a step higher than the last and to insure a good solid program. The teachers plan on visiting other schools to see what they (other schools) are teaching. They are also reviewing different books from different companies.

In reviewing the different books, the teachers are looking for various qualities, and no one of them isn't privy. They are looking for: how well it develops speaking, writing, listening, and grammars skills. They also plan on extending our vocabulary and quote "How well the book stimulates an appreciation for reading and literature." (In plain Eng-

lish, whether or not we will like the book or leave it lying in our lockers with our other best read books, "Daisy Doo and Her Flying Monkeys" or "Our American Bible", which is only looked at in religion class, if at all.)

The project started the very first of the school year and the teachers have devoted alot of time to it. They hope the project will be completed by 1982. And to top it all off, the teachers have established an "English Teachers Research Room" in a closet of the group study room. Let's hope for the very best and let's give them a cheer-Hip-Hip-Hurray!!

Big Sister Little Sister

By Maria Riley

Big Sister Little Sister is an organization which has been a part of Columbus for the last eleven years. The last seven years this group has been organized by Miss Nancy Donnor the counselor at Scotus Central Catholic. The main principle of the group is to provide a friendship with a child who is a member of a single parent family.

Senior Mary Brezenski has been a big sister for the past six months. Mary feels that this has been a very rewarding part of her life. You have often seen Mary with her little sister Misty at our games. Misty has helped our Pep Club cheer the guys to victory. Mary says, "I try to take Misty out once a week to a game, movie, or to eat." This relationship has grown to where I consider her a real little sister.

Mary is planning to attend Kearney State College next year and hopes to keep on as a Big Sister with Misty.

as you can see Miss Donnor and Mary are doing something they love while helping others at the same time. Maybe in the future, you too will become a big sister or brother. You could build a friendship with a child from a single parent family.



SR. FRANCIS



SR. ROBERTA

Two Nuns second to none

By Judi Kloke

Did you ever think that the only abilities of a Sister was to teach religion?

That's certainly not true for two of the Sisters here at Scotus. Their abilities run much deeper than just religion. These two are Sister Francis and Sister Roberta.

(Sr. Francis)

Sister Francis has been teaching here at Scotus for three years now. She teaches one class of 7th grade religion, 7th grade geography, and 7th grade math. Also she teaches two classes of 8th grade religion. Sister chose her vocation as a nun in 1976 in her experiences as a lay teacher in an Indian Mission School. Through her experiences she felt sisterhood would be right for her.

Sister Francis is involved in many activities here at school included among these are: Pep Club Sponsor and in a group called PEER, which involves counseling of junior high students.

Sister's interests include, participating in or watching sports, traveling, and reading.

Sister Francis enjoys teaching here at Scotus more every year and says her job is "challenging and

interesting", and that the students are very "positive, friendly, and participate alot in school activities".

(Sr. Roberta)

Sister Roberta has just started her first year as a full time teacher. In the spring of last year Sister was a part-time faculty member.

Sister teaches all four classes of 9th grade English and 2 classes of 10th grade English.

Sister Roberta is involved in school, not only with her teaching ability but also serving as a Student Council Sponsor. Her interest outside of school include playing the guitar, and writing short stories and poems.

Sister feels that the school is "improving as a school" and that the students are very "energetic, cooperative, and challenging. She also enjoys working with the faculty very much.

Sister Roberta's choice of being a nun was one which was through the help of others. Sister said she "felt she needed God as a bigger part of her life" and so she chose to be a nun.

I hope through these two features you can come to realize just who these two really are. Just two ordinary people!

Editorially Speaking:

Second semester outlook

By Linda Wernhoff

The second semester is here! To each of us this probably has a different meaning. Some will be thinking of it as the semester during which the long awaited ski trip will be taken. Some will be thinking of it as the semester during which the basketball seasons reach their exciting climaxes, and the agony of funning river road for track practices is felt once again. Others will

look at this semester as a time to improve grades and get onto the honor roll. For some - my senior class - it will be our final semester at Scotus. A time for growing and making decisions that will effect the rest of our lives.

I think with this being a new semester and a New Year, a good resolution for each of us would be to "think big". So let's set high goals for this semester and then exceed them!!



Vicki Jackson & Linda Wernhoff help prepare Johna Konwinski for a drama scene.

Graffiti — A matter of words

By Lora Kurtenbach

As you enter the girls restrooms on 1st, 2nd or 3rd floor you gaze upon the walls and find some bizarre writing called graffiti and you ask yourself-Why? Did somebody run out of paper and had to write on the wall?

I'm sure the same scene exists on the boys restroom wall. It seems as if unknown kids dart into these restrooms begin to scribble a message such as "Jeff - Lori" or "I hate this school", then they creep out so as not to be seen. Most graffiti is done in ink and therefore hard to get off. The you have some people who to it extremes and write inside the toilet stall or the paper towel dispenser.

What kind of impression

Take pride — Stand up and sing

by Dave Kantor

At the beginning of every game the National Anthem is played over the P.A. system. Last week at the Norfolk game some of us boys developed a patriotic surge and sang along with the P.A. This week we'd like you all to sing along with us.

Some people seem to be ashamed to sing the National Anthem but we'll all sing it together and there

are these people making? A very immature one I believe. If they need paper so badly, Hinky Dinky or any other local store sells notebooks for around 50¢.

To some it must be a cheap thrill of writing an obscenity or perhaps embarrassing someone is secret. Why "dirty" the restroom and hurt some or look immature?

Another "thrill" to some kids is writing on desks or making pictures of bears or other objects not to be named.

You're only destroying a part of your school where you're learning new things and learning to grow; not show immaturity.

Next time you see a scribbling on a wall or deswipe it off and leave a sign on paper saying "grow-up"

will be no reason for embarrassment. The song and taking pride in the country is nothing to be ashamed of, nor is it to be made sport of by giggling while it is being played. If there's one thing I hate, it's giggles.

This Saturday we play Fremont Bergan and I think that we should start the game off with a rousing version of the National Anthem. That's what I think!

Valentine's Day history

Have a Heart

By Patty Wiese

Have you ever wondered about Valentine's Day? How it started? Where it started? The tradition behind it? Let's explore and see if we can find out.

There are different stories as to how it all started. One authority believes Valentine's Day began as an ancient Roman festival called Lupercalia. Others connect it with one or more saints of the early Christian church. Still others link it with an old English belief that birds choose their mates on February 14. Some say that spring is a time for lovers.

The celebration of ancient Rome, Lupercalia, was celebrated on February 15, this was to ensure protection from the wolves. During this celebration young men struck people with strips of animal hide. Women gladly took the blows because they thought

the whipping made them more fertile.

There are at least two stories concerning Valentine in the early Christian church: One was that the Roman soldiers forbade young men to marry because they believed that single men made better soldiers and that a priest named Valentine disobeyed them and married young couples. The other story tells of Valentine, who made friends with the children, but was thrown into jail because he refused to worship the gods of Rome. The children missed their kind friend so they used to write poems and love notes and drop them through the bars of Valentine's cell.

Perhaps as a result of combining all these tradition plus adding new ones along the way we have come up with Valentine's Day. One of the "sweetest" holidays that we enjoy.



Whodunit: Was it you?

By Sandy Klopniesski

Whodunit is the name of the one act play that the Drama II students are performing.

The performance at Districts will determine if the students go to State and also recognize the best actor and best actress.

The scene is a lonely old mansion that has seen

better days. It is evening, and the wince wails mournfully like a lost soul. The members of the play are: Grandma, a gentle little lady with the smile of an angel; Sweet Alice, her charming granddaughter; Love has come into sweet Alice's life; Handsome Malcolm; who works in the local bank; Harriet the gloomy housekeeper; Also

in this household, there is Featherstone, the imper-turbable butler; and, errand. A normal, happy household you think? But you haven't met Uncle Eben, who holds the purse strings. Rich old Uncle Eben with a temper like a thunderstorm. So you know Whodunit? Wait till next issue of the paper.

One act goes to state

Characters

Announcer
Pete Thursday
Mr. South
Mrs. South
Miss Fancy Blue
Junior
Alice
Grandma
Malcolm
Harriet
Featherstone
Jake
Uncle Eben

a young man
detectives
detectives
detectives
detectives
a young G-man
a sweet young girl
a gentle old lady
a handsome young man
the gloomy housekeeper
a proper butler
a sinister character
a bad-tempered old man

The Characters are
Played By:

Tim Murray
Jeff Van Lent
Mike O'hearn
Sally McNair
Torri Jackson
Rick Kniefel
Patrice Oppinger
Clarice Korger
Dave Kantor
Dawn Bredahl
Ray Prosocki
Steve Williams
Terry Green

Gone Fishin

By Dave Kantor

This story relates mostly to us men folk, right guys? Fishin', (city folks say fishing) is one of those things we men like to do on nice warm spring afternoons. Just today while I was sitting in studyhall watching the pigeons freeze and listening to Mr. Berlin say "Okay, now northside, Hey, I said northside, may go to the library", I was thinking about when me and my Dad used to go on our fishin' trips to Minnesota.

We would wake up early in the morning (noon is early morning to me) and be ready to jump in the car and head for fishin' country. On the drive up he would tell me how he and Howy and Eddy had been up there when he was young and he said they had to buy another truck just to bring the fish home. Funny, I never believed that one either.

Finally, we would reach our destination late at night. We would get right to bed cause like Dad always said, "The early bird gets the fish". Well it was funny when I was younger.

Next morning we would wake up bright and early even before the sun came up. We would have bacon and eggs for breakfast; no comparison to Wilma's, but Old Dad makes a mean breakfast too. Then we'd race down to the dock and get in the boat and prepare for a long hard day at sea (a hard day at lake doesn't sound good). We went to the other side of the lake, away from the boat rentals, cause over there was where the big ones were.

When we got to the other side we trolled the bank for pikes (northern pikes) that's fishin' talk. We did this for half the day and got nothing. Then Dad said "Well there's more than one way to skin a cat. Why don't we cast into those reeds for a while. Dad sure said a lot of silly things on fishin' trips.

I was beginning to think we were going to have bacon and eggs for supper again but then suddenly he got a strike (not to be confused with a nibble) and we started to catch some fish.

We figured we had probably caught most of the fish in the lake so we headed back. I stood up to loosen my life jacket and Dad said, "Listen Buster, (I was no longer a young man), If you fall in don't expect me to come after you. (I think he probably would have, maybe.)

That night we took pictures of our fish so Uncle Bob and Aunt Mary would believe we really did catch some. Instead of eating the fish, we went out for spare ribs. Dad had a beer and I had a Roy Rogers to cut the trail dust. That night a guy who had apparently had one to many Roy Rogers told us that once in a while a bear would even sneak into the cabins where the fishermen (like ourselves) stayed. I didn't believe him but I think my Dad was pretty scared so I gave him a big hug so he could get to sleep that night.

The next morning we started our trip home and talked about fishin' all the way home. Ya, those were the good old days!

History making times!

By LINDA WEMHOFF

Everyday, each of us walks into a history class. We study the history of our forefathers that formed the government of the U.S., the history of those men and women that first came to the United States and the history of all the other happenings in this world since time began. However, have you ever thought of the fact that in approximately 10 years, all the school kids will be reading about the times that we are living in today. We are living in a time that will be recorded in history books forever. If you still can't figure out what is so important about today, just think about what all happened on January 20, 1981.

For the first time in the history of the U.S., American hostages, that had been in captivity for 444 days were released from their bondage and experienced freedom once again. These men and women were the first citizens of the U.S. that had been intentionally held in another country because of political unrest for such a long time. But thankfully, on January 20, we could all celebrate their release from Iran.

Also on January 20, 1981, the people of the U.S. inaugurated a new leader into office. Ronald Wilson Reagan became the 40th president of the United States. His name will always be remembered because of this position and we will always be remembered as the people that elected him.

The United States is changing, and these changes are being recorded for those after us. Years from now people will wonder what it was like to living during these times. We will know, because we are a part of these history making moments!

*Why should we
be in such
desperate haste to succeed,
and in such
desperate enterprises?
If a man does not keep pace
with his companions,
perhaps it is because
he hears
a different drummer.
Let him step to
the music which he hears,
however measured
or far away.*

Henry David Thoreau

Dating Dilemma

by Judi Kloke

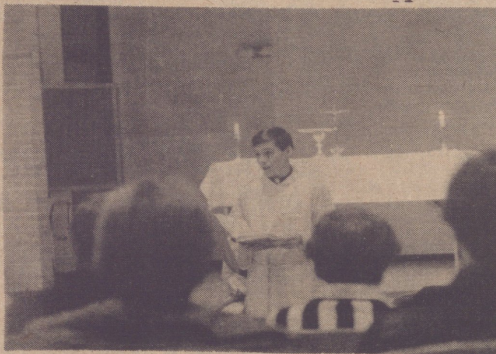
This feature story is on two girls who date boys from two of our most intense rivals. These two are Mary Placzek and Peg Siemek.

Mary dates a boy from Lakeview, who is our cross-town rival. Peg dates a boy from Aquinas, who is our arch-rival. I interviewed these two girls to find out just what dating a boy from a rival school is like.

I asked the two if there were any overall conflicts with this experience. Peg said this, "There really aren't many conflicts. A lot of my friends tease me, but but I know that it's only in fun." "You can feel a few conflicts," added Mary, "but mostly it comes just as teasing from your friends."

I then asked the question who you root for at games when your boyfriend is playing. Both of the girls agreed that you root for both equally and hope that your boyfriend plays well. They said that they tease one another and make bets who will win. "Whoever wins is just the better team," added Mary.

In closing I asked the two if their boyfriends felt any conflicts from their dating and they both agreed, "They feel a little conflict, but they don't let it get in the way of dating." Added Peg, "In every high school there are rivals and dating someone from that school makes it a little worse." "But," added Mary, "We just don't let it bother us."



Father Gutsell celebrates Mass

Father Fabulous

By Cletus Arasmith

At Scotus High School there is a priest by the name of Father Mike Gutsell, who has been here four years.

Father Gutsell is a teacher at Scotus who teaches Religion to the 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th graders, while dividing his time being Assistant Pastor of St. Isadore. Father Gutsell said these are his most important jobs.

In his spare time, mainly, the afterschool hours, he has a lot of other jobs. One of them is being a teenage marriage counselor. He said that he works with younger people who are planning to get married to help them get a better understanding of marriage.

Another thing Father does, is to go to the Columbus Manor once a week to say Mass. He says "he really enjoys going there," adding that some of his best friends live there. Father also is a teacher for people who want to become a Catholic.

Father said that he wanted to be a priest since he was in the 5th grade. He said that when his family moved to Omaha, he learned of the Mount Michael Seminary Academy in Elkhorn, Ne. So he took an entrance exam, and got in. "He went and graduated from Mount Michael.

Father then went to St. Thomas College in St. Paul, Minn. Father was then ordained a priest with our very own Father Tiegs, in 1974.

Father Gutsell came to Columbus Scotus in 1977, he said that he was in Columbus once before he came here as a priest.

Father said that he enjoys teaching the kids here at Scotus. He says that when he came here the Seniors of the this year were only Freshmen, he went on to say that it was fun watching them grow through the years.

Asking Father about this school he said "this year so far has been pretty good, compared to the other year."

This year the kids have a better attitude, and are cooperating more."

One thing Father is proud of is the new chapel, "Its addition to the catholic school."

Some of his hobbies are running, he enjoys running. Father has helped the crosscountry team these past years, father adds that the team gets upset at him because he makes them run faster, but it pays off.

Another hobby for Father is reading. Father said he likes reading theology and history, and if you ever been in Father's office and seen all his books you would know he hasn't read them all.

Stress! It could get you next

by Linda Wemhoff

Do little things irritate you?

Have you snapped at a friend lately and then felt depressed because of it?

Do you have trouble sleeping and then wake up grouchy?

Does your day get so hectic that you sometimes feel a knot in your stomach?

The experts say that if you have answered yes to any of these questions, you may be experiencing harmful stress.

We hear about stress everyday, but we, as students, assume that it only affects older people. This may have been the case years ago, but because of today's competition in sports, races for scholarship awards, and peer pressure, harmful stress can affect you!

Mr. Donald A. Tubesing, and educational psychologist, offers four ways to take charge or handle your stress.

1. Reorganize yourself. Take control of the way you spend your time; learn to avoid using \$10 worth of energy on a 10¢ problem.

2. Change your mind. Learn to give yourself positive messages when things aren't going your way. Maybe everything isn't going right, but alot of things are.

3. Change the scene. You get the feeling at times that everything is vital. You must go to the game, you must clean your room, you must study for the test. If you begin to feel that knot in your stomach, it may just be that it's time to relax a take a break.

4. Build up your strength. Eat a healthy diet, learn to relax, and get in the habit of exercising.

Stress may not, yet, be a problem of yours, but if it ever is, remember the above points.

Life is beautiful; we must learn to live and enjoy it.

This information is from the READER'S DIGEST.

Unseen seniors



Exploring history

By PATTI WIESE

In Mr. Jim Puetz's 11th grade American History class, second semester started out rather differently. Instead of the whole class doing Facts of 25 words each, the students are doing such things as: research work, oral reports, panel discussions, art work consisting of maps, posters, pictures, and graphs, and book work consisting of facts, questions, and identify, skits, newspapers, and news casts.

These long ranges are due twice a quarter and each time the student does a different one.

Mr. Puetz thinks "they give the student a chance to do individual research and might create some interest in the History of America."

Not much longer

By MARIA RILEY

On New Year's Eve it hit many seniors that there was only a little more than four months till graduation. Where has this year gone?

In this realization many seniors have started to think about what they are going to do next year.

If it's on to college, it's time to decide what college and get those applications in and apply for scholarships and grants. Hopefully you will receive an acceptance letter then it's time to send in your housing deposit.

If you do decide to work, it's now time to start thinking what you want to do and where do you want to live.

The questions then come up "should I live at home, apartment or house?"

Yes, seniors have alot of big decisions before next year but let's enjoy what's left of this year.

Speed-A-Way

By Johnny D.

In one of our first issues I covered what activities the P.E. classes had. Since that time the DEPT has added a new wild and crazy game called Speed-A-Way.

This game is a combination of Soccer, football, and speedball. By combining the three you get Speed-A-Way.

The only equipment you need is a Soccer ball, 4 cones, and a human body.

The object of the game is to score a field goal by running between 2 cones, or a touchdown, which is achieved by running the ball across the endline.

In Speed-A-Way you have the same positions as in Soccer. The ball may be played on the ground or in the hands, or the players can kick the ball up with their feet, then being able to run with it. While running the ball can be juggled in the air, or passes to a teammate.

Flags are worn by all players as in flag football. The team will loose possession of the ball if the flag is taken. Mrs. Malicky says "Speed-A-Way will replace soccer in the 9th and 10th grades.

When asked what her reaction to it, Mrs. Malicky said "I think the girls really enjoy it and it's super fun to watch!"

Half-court shoot-out

By Kelly McGuire

The Scotus Chapter of Future Business Leaders of America held thier January meeting. At this meeting a new fund raiser was brought up. The club decided to try it.

The Half Court Shoot-Out was the entertainment for the half time of the Scotus-Norfolk game. Raffle tickets were sold for 50¢ a piece and four tickets were drawn. Those four people got a chance to shoot from 1/2 court and make \$10.00. Unfortunately nobody made the shot so the pot goes up to 20.00 this week.

Kim Osten - State treasurer was the guest speaker for the Monday night meeting on January 19. She spoke on the State Leadership Conference to be held in April and what to do if you want to run for a State office. Now F.B.L.A. members are looking forward to S.L.C.

BASKETBALL ACTION

Victories give Shamrocks 7-0 record

by Chris Styskal

The month of December left Scotus's record unblemished as the Shamrock Roundballers tallied a 7-0 mark. The record includes wins over Boystown, Grand Island, Omaha Cathedral, Omaha Paul VI and York. The Platte Cage Classic added two of the victories to the undefeated record with wins over Stromsburg in the first round and Lakeview in the finals.

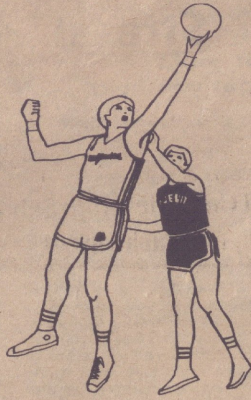
The game against Grand Island saw Joe Pensick at his best as he poured in 26 points to lead the Shamrocks to a 81-65 victory. Also in double figures were senior - forward Ken Heimann with 12, and senior - center Glen Kucera and senior - forward Ron Starzec both with 10.

Kucera, Heimann, and Starzec again were leading scorers as the Shamrocks cruised to a 74-52 victory over Omaha Cathedral. Kucera scored 22 points to lead all scorers, Heimann had 18 followed by Starzec with 11.

Omaha Paul VI gave the Shamrocks their 4th consecutive victory losing a 90-72 contest. Kucera again led in the scoring department with 21. Sophomore Mark Brezinski had 16, followed by Joe Pensick and Starzec with 15 and 12 respectively.

Scotus found it tough visiting York, but came back to win it 71-68, fighting from a three point deficit with less than a minute remaining in the game. Kucera poured in a record-breaking 43 points, Heimann had 14.

The Platte Cage Classic proved to be a challenge. After defeating Stromsburg 62-43 in the first round action, the Shamrocks were matched up against Lakeview in the finals. The low scoring defensive battle went right down to the wire seeing Scotus squeak out a 44-43 win. Joe Pensick rebounded a missed shot and put it in with a second to spare for the win. Heimann supported the victory scoring 20 points.



Scotus takes two

By Chris Styskal

Scotus chalked up their 8th victory in a double overtime win over arch rival Aquinas. The Shamrocks were down by 12 at one point in the game but came back to see the score tied at the end of regulation time. In the first overtime the score stayed tied as each team scored 2 pts., a bucket by Aquinas and 2 free throws by Scotus's Bret Kumpf. The second overtime saw Glen Kucera take command, sinking 2 field goals and 2 free throws giving the Shamrocks a decisive 64-55 victory. Leading scorers for Scotus were: Kucera with 27 and Kumpf with 14.

Once again Scotus totally dominated in the Shamrock Activity Center with Schuyler playing the defeated victim role. The Warriors never did challenge, as the Shamrocks took charge early and went on to a 92-65 romp. Four Shamrocks in double figures included: Kucera 18, followed by Ron Star 16, Kumpf 15 and Mark Brezinski 10.

Part of the team

By Lora Kurtenbach

In sports, the athlete is not the only important source of the game. There are people behind the scenes who give their time and effort. These people, the coach, supporters, and the student managers, help to make sports a real success.

Student managers devote time and effort just like the athlete. Two hardworking girls basketball managers are Sophomores Shelly Dreifurst and Colleen McLaughlin.

They put in time before and after practice to make sure everything is ready and put away. Most duties are sweeping, getting the balls out for practice, getting the med kit and keeping it filled and cleaning the locker room. After practice they put things away and help lock things up. During games they fill water bottles, get towels and do stats. They're always there to give the girls a reassuring hug too.

When asked why they wanted to be a student managers, they replied, "it gives us something to do."

Shamrocks taste defeat

by Chris Styskal

The Shamrocks tasted their first defeat of the season at the hands of St. Alberts of Iowa. The Falcons took charge early as the Shamrocks never saw the score to their advantage. The home crowd, a definite factor, saw their #1 ranked Falcons execute flawless basketball throughout the entire game. The Shamrocks fought hard only to find themselves down by 10 at half.

In the opening of the 3rd quarter, 3 quick buckets gave the home team their biggest lead of the game, a 16 point advantage. The Shamrocks, yet poised and confident, inched their way back to within 6 with 11 seconds remaining in the contest. A score by Bret Kumpf with 4 seconds remaining closed the gap to four. An intentional technical foul by the Shamrocks gave the visitors 2 free throws and the ball. Both free throws ripped the net and St. Alberts added another victory to their 3 1/2 year home winning streak. The final score stood 83-77.

Kucera led in scoring with 20 points, Kumpf 16, Pensick and Heimann tallied 12 apiece.

Saturday night the Shamrocks host Fremont Bergan.

GIRLS PLACE FOURTH AT NCC TOURNEY

After winning an emotional and decisive victory over the Wahoo Neumann Lady Cavs 48-45, the Scotus girls basketball team placed fourth in the Centennial Conference Tournament the girls lost to 2nd place Cathedral and 3rd place Fremont Bergan.

In the Neumann game the girls held on to a 23-22 half-time lead to beat the Cavs in the second meeting this year.

Leading the girls in scoring: Lana Torzcon was 6-13 in field goal attempts and 6-8 at the free throw line bringing in 18 total points for the Shamrocks. Sandy Schaefer had 12 points and junior Beth Bixenmann brought 10.

The second night of the tournament found the Shamrocks meeting a fired up Cathedral team. Cathedral had beaten the girls once this year in the first game of the season.

Leading the Shamrocks again was Lana Torzcon who was 6-12 and had 17 total points. Beth Bixenmann had 7 points for the girls.

The final game of the tourney found the girls facing a strong Fremont Bergan team. The girls failed to hang on to a 23-22 lead at half scoring only 6 points in the third quarter. The key to the Bergan defense is senior center Karen Conrad who had a total of 12 points for the Knights.

Leading the scoring for the Shamrocks was Lana Torzcon who was 6-10 at the line, but only 2-9 in shooting. She had 10 total points, Sandy Schaefer was 3-9 and had 8 total points.

The final placings of the NCC tournament were:

- 1st Place Omaha Mercy
- 2nd Place Omaha Cathedral
- 3rd Place Fremont Bergan
- 4th Place Scotus

The girls meet Grand Island Central Catholic there Thursday night.

Girls' Basketball Scoreboard

Scotus	Opponent
48-55	Cathedral
27-29	Leigh
64-36	Madison
40-26	Columbus
23-30	Clarkson
50-54	Wahoo Neumann
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48-45	Wahoo Neumann
34-49	Cathedral
39-46	Fremont Bergan

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Poets Corner

By John Determan

A perfect day

What I would give
to have a perfect day!
What would it
really be like?

A day with no hassles
A day with not tassles
A day with no fight
A day with no fright
Oh God,
what would it be like?

To have one day
out of the year
A day without a tear
A day without a fear
A day just paradise clear.
Oh God,
what would it be like?

To have a day
without depression
A day without segregation
A day without jealousy
A day without prejudice
Let there be a day
without any of these.
Ho Lord,
I beg you please!

It would take a day
without any of these
to make a perfect day.
This is what I pray.
Let there please be
a perfect day!

It would be so great
to have a day
without any of these-----
Ahh but one,
That my friend is Love!

To be a man

I want to be a man
A true American man
But what is it like
to be a man?

A man has courage
A man has vim
A man has desire
A man has goals
A man has power
A man has spirit

A man has dignity
A man has respect
A man has honor
A man has truth
A man has integrity
A man has will

This is what it is like
to be a man
A true American man
If a man wants to be a man,
he must be a success
in all that he does
and all that he tries
If there's a will,
there's a way

So a man
must try
everyday!

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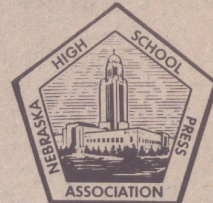
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An Irish Blessing

May the road
rise to meet you
May the wind be
always at your back
May the sun shine
warm upon your face
May the rains fall
soft upon your fields
And, until
we meet again
May God hold you
in the palm of His hand.

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CONGRATULATIONS KEN & SANDY



Ken Heimann and Sandy Schaefer — King and Queen at the Sweetheart Dance — January 23, 1981.

FBLA Week Feb. 8-14

By Kelly McQuire

February 8th through the 14th was a busy week for the Scotus Chapter of Future Business Leaders of America, for this was National F.B.L.A. - P.B.L. week.

In preparation for this the Scotus Chapter of F.B.L.A. officers went to visit with the mayor and he proclaimed it F.B.L.A. - P.B.L. week in the city of Columbus.

Business Reflections were read over the announcements by an F.B.L.A. student each day of F.B.L.A. week.

Wednesday, the Scotus Chapter held a general meeting at 12:35 in the little theatre. Here they talked about F.B.L.A. week and the State Leadership Conference to be held in Omaha on April 2, 3 & 4.

On Thursday, February 12, the Scotus Chapter of F.B.L.A. prepared a mass which was celebrated in the

Chapel that morning with Fr. Tiegs celebrating.

Wednesday, February 11, and Thursday, February 12, were dress-up days for all F.B.L.A.

Some of the members were busy weeks before the busy F.B.L.A. - P.B.L. week itself, preparing for things like the tape dance and the full page of recognition in the Columbus Telegram. The Scotus & Lakeview Chapters of F.B.L.A. and the Platte College Chapter of P.B.L. went together, got sponsors, and bought a page in the Columbus Telegram. This was in the February 11 edition of the Telegram.

F.B.L.A. also sponsored a Valentines Day Dance on Feb. 6, 1981. Here the people from Scotus signed in as they came and names were drawn from each class for a King & Queen. This was a good fund raiser for the Scotus Chapter.

Some of Scotus F.B.L.A. students participated in Business Competition Day

sponsored by the Lakeview Chapter of F.B.L.A. on February 7. These students participated in different events and as a whole the Chapter tied for 3rd place.

Besides this, these people won 1st through 3rd in these events:

1st place winners were:

Sheryl Liebig - Accounting 2
Julie Schieffer - Shorthand 1

2nd place winners were:

Lori Oppliger - Filing
Kathy Mielak - Typing 1 Speed
Bob Kuta - Business Law

3rd Place winners were:

Brenda Tschantre - Business Machines
Randy Wnnekamp - Accounting 2
Karen Laska - Spelling

Now, things are slowing down for these people, but not for long. State Leadership Conference is right around the corner and plans for this are already being made.

By Laura Kurtenbach

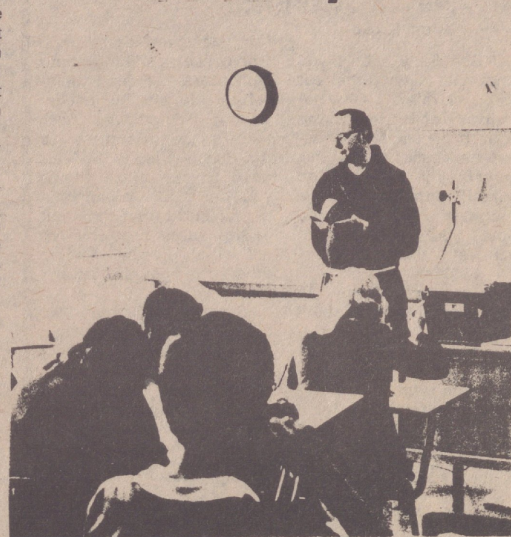
You would never believe that this man's secret ambition was to conduct an orchestra. Bu, he adds, "I can't read a note;" or, that he was a varsity pitcher on a college baseball team. His uncle, being a player for the Cincinnati Reds, thought Kieran could become a professional player. That's where the decision of becoming a priest came in. As Father Kieran puts it, "The glory of a baseball player lasts for a while - The glory of the priesthood lasts a life-time."

We all know this outstanding man at Scotus as Fr. Kieran Kenner. He was born in Quincy, Illinois, and came from a family of sports-minded people. Fr. Kieran himself became very good at tennis until he tore the cartilage in his knee, which has kept him from playing ever since. He attended Quincy College and was ordained a priest in 1953. Some of his past jobs have been working at a Chaplain Juvenile Detention Home for troubled kids and teaching high school English. Fr. Keiran has a masters degree in English and taught for 20 years in a minor seminary in a suburb of Chicago.

When Fr. Kieran heard that he was to be stationed in Columbus, Nebraska, he had a sudden thought. With a big question mark next to it. He wondered just exactly where Nebraska was located! He jokingly added, "Now I know how Abraham felt being sent to a strange land."

Fr. Kieran has been here in Columbus now at Saint Bonaventure's Parish for 4 years this coming summer.

A Man of Many Talents



Fr. Kieran teaching his religion class.

He is a religion teacher for 3rd and 4th grade students at St. Bon's grade school and teaches 2 sections 4 times a week. He is also involved in Childrens Liturgies that the grade school has on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

He also teaches 1 class of Junior Religion, 3 times a week at Scotus. When asking Father how he feels about the students at Scotus and the school itself - he replies, "At first I thought it was a case of - I was a stranger, now the kids know me and are used to seeing me around. They are much friendlier and will talk." He also adds, "I feel they (the kids) have great potential, and I can sense a pride that has developed

between the students and the school."

"My only disappointment in the students, is that at times they do not appreciate what they have - the chance for a good Catholic Education."

But, he laughs, "That's normal for high school students." He also feels the school has an excellent administration.

Though he is busy with teaching and planning liturgies, Fr. Kieran also finds time for some of his favorite hobbies, which include: drawing, reading, making crafts, and of course sports.

From this feature I hope you've come to learn a little more about the life of such an extraordinary priest, who does much more than say mass on Sunday. He gets involved.



Music Notes—Upcoming Concert, March 10

By Jodi Kloke

Swing Choir, Mixed Chorus, and Girls Glee have been hard at work learning new songs for the Boystown Conference Choral Clinic. The clinic will be held on March 10 in

Boystown. The three groups will be participating, with Swing Choir performing two numbers by themselves. All Conference schools will be involved in this clinic.

The Mixed Chorus and Swing Choir have already

been involved in two performances this year. The two performances were at Agricultural Park on January 18 at the Indoor Sidewalk Sale and on January 25, Swing Choir performed for the Catholic Daughters of America.

Editorially Speaking

Is It Really Fair?

by Tim Czuba

Clyde comes home from school with his report card, under Religion is a 79%, does this mean Clyde is 79% religious? A major gripe that comes to mind is: How can a priest or other instructors put a grade (on us) in religion? If you do not understand why or do not comprehend why something happened, there is no correct way to test a student.

BACK-STABBING

by Judi Kloke

"Gee Sally, don't you think Jill's new haircut looks terrible?" Oh no! Could it be? Is she talking about her best friend behind her back? Does this sound familiar? Do you find yourself appalled at the thought of someone talking about you behind your back, yet you do the same? I think it's a fair statement to say that almost everyone talks about somebody behind their back at one time in their life. I can honestly say I have done this. Why? I don't know for sure. But if you think about it, it doesn't make much sense.

TIME FOR A CHANGE

by Maria Riley

A very important part of every school year are the traditional big dances. Scotus puts on three of these dances a year; Homecoming, Sweetheart, and Prom. In the past few years these dances have become a formal outing. The girls wear special dresses and skirts while the boys wear very nice suits and sleek outfits. Many couples exchange flowers and go out for dinner before the dance. The class who sponsors the dance selects a special theme and works very hard on decorations. But when you get right down to it, there is just one thing that could make or break this special evening and that is the band.

The band determines whether the students will stay to the very end or if they all decide to leave early. It seems very hard these days to find a good band for \$400 -- a price which was set by the school board some years ago. In

Religion is based upon faith, if you do not totally believe all that is being told to you, because your faith is weaker than others, you are bound to do poorly, simply because you cannot study anything well if you do not understand it.

It is impossible for students to do anything about changing the religion format, so all we can do is grin-and-bear-it, but ask yourself: Is it really fair?

For one thing the person whom you're talking about isn't there to defend themselves. Usually, whenever talking behind the back takes place, it's mostly a put-down. Maybe if feels good to say these things you don't like about that person and to get them out in the open, but why not with that person? Telling others isn't going to do any good.

Secondly, you don't like others talking about you. So why talk about them? Just remember the next time you are going to talk about someone behind their back - think to yourself "Is it really worth it?"

our time, inflation has raised the prices of everything; food, gas and minimum wage.

I think it's time to bring to the attention of the school board that our bank price board that our band price limit should also be raised. I'm sure many parents will say that the already set price is high enough, but if they could be shown the factors of how many groups play for \$400 - on a certain date that wouldn't conflict with the groups' already planned schedule - and many other factors; they would decide to raise the price. Of course it would still be up to the board to set the limit. If a class would be willing to spend more money on a band with the funds they make by their fund raising drive, I think they should have a chance to present this before the board.

Yes, a dance is a very expensive ordeal to put on, but the memories from these very special evenings are priceless.

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Winters Long Ago

By Dave Kantor

Just the other day after coming home from school I walked in the door and began complaining about the weather. My mom was really shocked that I could complain about a winter which has had so little snow and not much cold. Then she started to reminisce about the winters when she was young. Mom reminisces a lot now that she's old. Kidding mom, just kidding.

She then started to tell me about how tough the Elbrachts had it when she was young and going to school. Seems like everyone's Mom and Dad lived about two to three miles from school but not my mom, she lived at least 5 miles from school. And of course they had to wake up at 5 in the morning to tend (tend - that's farm talk) to the chores and still walk to school. Remember from what your Mom and Dad have told you that these were the days when "Kids

were darn glad to even get an education".

Well anyway, after they walked those five miles to school they sat in school (being happily educated) and had to take turns getting wood for the wood burning stove to keep warm. When lunch time finally came they would get out their gallon syrup buckets that served as lunch pails. Most parents who only walked several miles only got a ham or cheese sandwich, but my mom, with nine kids in the family, was treated to lard or molasses sandwiches.

A few years down the road Uncle Conrad bought a 32 Dodge and would give the kids a ride on very cold days. However he said, "Now nobody breathe because it will frost over the windows."

When we get older I suppose we'll sit around and tell our kids how tough we had it when we were young, but at least we didn't have to eat lard sandwiches!

St. Pat's Day

By Michelle Wieser

Remember in grade school when all us girls made sure we wore something green on St. Patrick's Day? We knew that if we didn't, the guys would take a lot of liberties and pinch us whenever they got the chance. Well, now that we're in high school, we make sure we don't wear green so we do get pinched!! No, just kidding! But really, we don't pay too much attention to that type of tradition anymore. It's like when we were in grade school we never paid any attention to the real meaning of St. Pat's Day. All we cared about was the wearing of the green. Now, we don't pay too much attention to the traditional pinching, but look more on what it's really about, or we just let it slip by all together.

At least we girls here at Scotus have nothing to worry about on St. Pat's Day, we've got green all

around us. So we just sit back and hope the guys haven't been kissing the Blarney Stone and getting too bold for their bristles!

The Irish made St. Patrick their patron saint since he converted them to christianity. Many legends grew up about this popular saint. One of the best known is about when he was said to have charmed the snakes of Ireland to the seashore so that they were driven into the sea and drowned. A lot of what is told of St. Patrick is little more than legendary, but there are some relics of the saint in Dublin. Saint Patrick used the shamrock to illustrate the idea of the Trinity, and the shape has remained and has been connected with the feast day since his death on March 17 in about 461.

So beware on St. Patrick's Day, girls. You just never know about some guys. They may take all the blarney about pinching seriously!!!!

Beating The Weather

By Tim Czuba

The sun is beating down on the earth, my friends and I are out in the water having inner-tube fights or taking turns water-skiing. Off over the other bank, little kids are chasing minnows. Ha, sure seems nice, but wait, this is mid-February, snow, cold winds and temperatures will be here another month for sure - now what can we do?

The times have changed for us, we no longer can go out, build snow-forts and do battle. Seems like now

we have grown too old for winter. Let's reflect on last year's winter for ideas.

The main event that comes to mind is the tiny snowman constructed in Dave Reiser's yard; that short 14 ft. snowman that occupied two bored guys' afternoon. The second event is that great tobogganing party across the road from Camp Luther. Just a bunch of crazy guys and gals taking advantage of the snow covered hills. We found all sorts of ways to go downhill...right Michelle?

But this year there is not much snow, which elimin-

Opening The Book On Mr. Mahoney



By Linda Wemhoff

I know you've all heard the name Mr. Mahoney, but do you really know who he is? He is the teacher of freshman geography and science and also eighth grade science at Scotus. However, not only the freshmen and 8th graders work with Mr. Mahoney. He is associated with a lot of other activities around school.

The boys and girls of the cross country teams have spent many a long hour with Mr. Mahoney. Also, the girls that go out for track in the spring, never forget their coach when remembering or dreading those grueling long distance practices. But this year everyone will be able to work with Mr. Mahoney, because he has now taken the position as head track coach for the girls. Thus, all the girls will get a taste of that good 'ole Mahoney training program!

Now after the track practice is over for the day, Mr. Mahoney might go home, shower, and relax. But not our Mr. Mahoney! He's got a booming bookstore business to think about. Yes, the day after Thanksgiving Mr. Mahoney and his wife opened the Frontier Bookstore in the Pioneer Mall in downtown Columbus.

A fitness fanatic and a business tycoon - what next?

Well, you may remember the time around Spirit Week. Remember that one man that was snapping pics of everyone - everywhere? That was once again Mr. Mahoney. He is super photographer and really does enjoy the hobby.

Another favorite hobby is Genealogy. This is the study of family trees. He enjoys learning about his family history and has found a branch of his tree that might lead all the way back to the 1300's!!

Startling isn't it - that such an exciting person

ates the above two. Let's go back to the lake - ice skating and ice-fishing now occupy the "water". Personally, I enjoy an evening when it is minus zero degree weather, snow is falling and winds gusting. (I love a snowy night, I love a snowy night...Just might be a new song). Why? I'm sitting comfortably in front

could come from Columbus. Sorry - but we can't take pride in sharing the same hometown with Mr. Mahoney. In fact, we don't even share the same home county!! Confused? Well, you see, our Mr. Mahoney comes all the way to us from Hamilton Ontario Canada!! He lived there for four years and then his family moved to Ontario California, a city near Los Angeles - and Disneyland. Mr. Mahoney admits to visiting Mickey Mouse often and still kind of likes the famous Disney character. This is apparent in the Mickey Mouse calendar that brightens up his room, and the Mickey Mouse tie that is sometimes seen by us all.

Sunny skies and beautiful beaches - why did he decide to come to Nebraska? Now don't get me wrong - everything is O.K. with our home state but, I do think that California would be a little bit more exciting. Anyway, in 1971, Mr. Mahoney was drawn out to the great Midwest by the University of Nebraska. It seems the choice was made for his wife's schooling at the U also.

Oh, I forgot to tell you that on August 30, 1969, Mr. Mahoney became a married man. And in addition to this news, he and his wife are expecting their firstborn April 14, 1981. A possible Chet Jr.??

Back to his trip to Scotus. After receiving a Masters Degree in Geography, Mr. Mahoney accepted his first teaching job, at Scotus!! That was in 1977. And by the way, his first year he taught a very classy group of freshmen, this years senior class. I suppose you could say we "broke him in"!!

Well, you know a little bit more about the man they call Mr. Mahoney don't you? I think we can all agree now, that Mr. Mahoney is one-heck-of-a-guy!!

of the fireplace, eating popcorn and holding a beverage in hand, watching H.B.O. with friends or reading a book.

So, to all those people bored of winter, call a friend and get something going, whether it be playing cards to having a party, time goes by much faster when you are having a good time.

Seniors Make Future Plans

by Michelle Wieser

Graduation is anxiously waited upon by all high school students, especially seniors. But the thought of graduating, while exciting, also poses alot of tough questions. The seniors in any senior class must all think of and look at something which is indefinite and scary . . . the future.

What to do, where to go, and how to get there can sometimes be difficult questions to answer. What may seem good to some may not always be right for others. Should it be college, tech school, or job?

The following is a result of a poll taken by the seniors to show what college they are thinking of attending.

Platte -
Bev Held
Gina Jarecki
Lynette Malmstrom
Brenda Tschantre
Anne Wielgus

Creighton -
Steve Amann
Lori Dreifurst
Vicki Jackson
Sandy Schaefer
Kim Soulliere
Jeff Theile
Elaine Zoucha

U N L -
Ted Bonk
Tim Cielocha
Eric Fuchs
Patty Gonka
Jeff Jarecki
Julie Kelly
Rick Kniefel
Tony Kurtenbach
Sheryl Liebig
Lori Oppliger
Paul Podany
Dave Reiser
Sheila Stopak
Chris Styskal

What's The Latest?

by Michelle Wieser

If you put five strangers in an empty room, what do you think they would talk about? Well, my guess is that they would probable talk about what is popular with their particular group, town, or state.

Around Scotus, the popular music has a wide variety. In SCC the New Wave, or Punk Rock, Devo, The Cars, The Police, Blondie, The Vapors, Cat Patrol, Pat Benatar, and the Kinks are really big. Waylon, Eddie Rabbit, Crystal Gayle, and Kenny Rogers are making it in the country scene. In the wide area of Rock, which can also be called Pop or Contemporary, REO, AC/DC, Heart, Queen, Rolling Stones, Billy Joel, Neil Diamond, and Cheap Trick are very popular.

Scotus also goes along

Kearney -
Mary Brezinski
Doug Duren
Patrice Oppliger

Iowa State -
Glen Kucera

College of St. Mary -
Abbi Love
Sally McNair

Lincoln School of Commerce -
Theresa Chlopek
Karen Ebner
Kelly McGuire

Milford -
Tim Ryba
Doug Stopak

Benedictine -
Maria Riley

Harvard -
Steve Williams

U.S. Army -
Tim Czuba

School of the ozarks -
Scott Lachnit

Army National Guard -
John Determan

Methodist School of Nursing -
Johna Konwinski

Patricia Stevens -
Tracy Byrnes

Undecided -
Jim Dolezal
Mark Duren
Cindy Ebner
John Eckholt
Ken Heimann
Marale Krings
Brian Kuta
Andrea Liss
Terry O'Hearn
Colleen Parolk
Julie Schieffer
Ron Starczec
Lana Torczon
Linda Wemhoff
Michelle Wieser
Randy Wennekamp
Jane Zoucha

with the latest trends in fashion. The Western look is really big around here, especially the cowboy hats, cowboy boots, and cowboy shirts.

The "Preppie" lool is really "in" now too. It includes the monogrammed sweaters, blazers, shirts with short collars, sweaters that button down the back, izoid shirts and sweaters, donut-heeled shoes, and the baggy coats, pants, and purses.

Language always plays an important part in any group or society. Walking down the halls between classes you can always hear alot of different phrases or slang. Frequently heard at Scotus are: "Catch ya later", "that's life in the Big Eight!", "punk is funk", and of course, "calling the dinosaurs!"

All in all, it seems that otus has a pretty big nk of "the latest".

Thespiian Action

by Tim Czuba

By Carole Podraza

January 26-30 was dedicated as Scotus Thespiian Week. The week included initiations of new members and other activities of the Scotus Thespiian Club. One initiation idea was for the new members to get down on their knees and recite the Thespiian motto: "Act well your part-there all the honor lies."

The Scotus Thespiian Chapter has 18 members in it. Unlike a good book that is put on a shelf after it is read to collect dust, Mrs. Sandie Bernst, Patrice Oppliger, and Ron Bernst are keeping the dust off the Thespiian Club so all can enjoy this most unknown society of our school. So if anything out of the ordinary happened during the last week of January, you cr- bet you money it was a Thespiian idea being carried out ---- That's Thespiian with a p.

January 26 through the 29, eight iniates including Linda Wemhoff, Kim Soulliere, Andrea Liss, Clarice Korger, Jeff Van Lent, and Ray Prososki underwent Initiation Week for Troupe 1909.

Activities during the week included doing morning and afternoon announcements by officers, Patrice Oppliger, Elaine Zoucha, Ron Bernst, and Sally McNair. Tuesday was declared "motto day." Upon the request of any prior member, the initiates had to kneel and recite the Thespiian motto. Thursday was "insignia day". All initiates wore a badge resembling the official insignia.

On Friday afternoon, the ceremony was performed. Each of the initiates was required to present a skit chosen by the officers and presented to the old members. After all skits were presented, the new members wer einstalled during a candlelighting ceremony.

Winners!

By Lora Kurtenbach

Shamrock night, held on Saturday, January 31, at Agricultural Park was a big success.

Winners of the big money drawings were:

\$500 - Stacey Podraza - a sophomore at Scotus
\$200 - Ron Person - of Columbus
\$100 - Chris Kantor - a seventh grader at Scotus

The Sty

By Johnny D.

Chris Styskal is another one of the unique students at Scotus. He has picked up the nickname Sty over the years. Chris is a graduate from St. Isidores grade school, where a teacher there commented, "Chris Styskal? Well, Chris was...Chris was, well a good boy I guess."

The Sty resides in the area of Sunset drive and can be found in his peagreen Buick. He graduated to this car after his beautiful white Chrysler classic went into submission. Whatever he's in, he loves to drive, boy does he love to drive. His point left on his drivers license will attest to this!!!

Sty is a man of many hobbies, his favorite being hunting. Chris hunts anything that walks, talks, stalks or flies. And this man knows no season.

Unfortunately, Chris has few friends, but two of his best are Dong and Bong, his two ferocious parahnas, which he lives with. (Not in the aquarium of course) Chris states, "They are economical and aren't picky, they'll eat anything."

Chris is the senior class president at S.C.C. and is very proud of it. "I like to please people and I try to have a splashing effect on kids."



Senior Valentine Sweethearts? Julie and Tony

Dance the Night Away

By Maria Riley

On February 6, 1981, FBLA sponsored their annual Valentine Dance.

Over 200 students filled the gym for a night of dancing. But, the main attraction everybody was waiting for was the crowning of the Valentine couples.

This tape dance was a hat dance also, and everybody wore hats: cowboy, baseball, hair nets, and even raccoon tails. The dance floor was filled to capacity and the students danced to everything from western to punk.

Then the big moment arrived and they called last year's Valentine couple Jeff Jarecke and Michelle

Wieser to the stage, where they would crown this years' couples.

The Valentine couples were selected by classes. The Freshman couple was Kim Dreifurst and Jim Paprocki. The sophomores selected were Cathy Mc Laughlin and Jim Heiman. The Juniors were Jami Muhle and Tim Jarecke, better known as "Bubba". The most "Surprising" couple was the senior couple Julie Schieffer and Tony Kurtenbach.

Yes, this years' Valentine Dance proved to be another growing tradition at Scotus.

One that everyone has proven they enjoy participating in.

Put On Your Dancin' Shoes

By Michelle Wieser

Barb Ingwersons' advanced dancing class consists of six members: Maria Riley, Angie Riley, Robin Liebentritt, Chris Hilger, Tay Jackson, and Kris Kaminski.

The class practices every Monday night for an hour and a half in Barbs' basement studio. They take ballet, tap, jazz, and toe.

Dance reciatals are held on the first Fridays in June. They also dance for various ladies luncheons, style shows, and conventions.

A dance caravan is held every summer in Des Moines, Iowa. It lasts for three days, and the class really enjoys it, even though they practice and dance from nine in the morning to five in the afternoon. The caravan boasts many fine and talented instructors from

broadway plays and musicals.

Maria Riley, a senior here at Scotus, has been taking dance lessons for five years now. Along with the Monday night practices, she tries to devote at least 30 minutes to an hour every day dancing. Maria said that the class is now dancing to music such as "Putting on the Ritz", "New York, New York" and "Off the Wall".

When asked about her future with dance, Maria replied, "I want to go on with dance in college and everyone in the class is thinking of keeping up with their dancing."

Like any other sport or activity, the dance class likes support. The class looks forward to their recitals and performances and appreciates anyone who go to watch them dance.

Catholic Schools Week

by Judi Kloke

The week of January 2-5 was sited as this years' Catholic Schools Week in America. Scotus participated in this special event with various projects happening throughout the week.

On Tuesday of the week, a mass was celebrated by all teachers here at Scotus. On

Poet's Column

WE

By Tim Czuba

So many Faces I Have
Seen in my years
From happy to sad,
From smiles to tears.
And yet of all I want
To keep until the end
Is the one of you...
My good Friend.

From childhood
We played and grew
Going to the ballpark,
Playground or zoo.
We caused some trouble
Now and then
And we never got out of it,
'Cuz Mom knew
Where we'd been.

Everything we did,
We did it together
We were unpredictable,
Just like the weather.
But just as the seasons
changed, we changed too.
The sky above us
Is no longer blue.

For the first time
In our lives we must say
Good-bye.
The feelings inside
hurt so bad, that
I start to cry.
I never told you this,
But I think you always
knew
You were a brother..Sister.
Friend..and I love you.

You and I laughed
At the photos and
Of things we read
I'm running out of words,
I think all has been said.
But all of the words
That remain with me
Is that one word
That describes us...
WE!!

Fremont Bergan

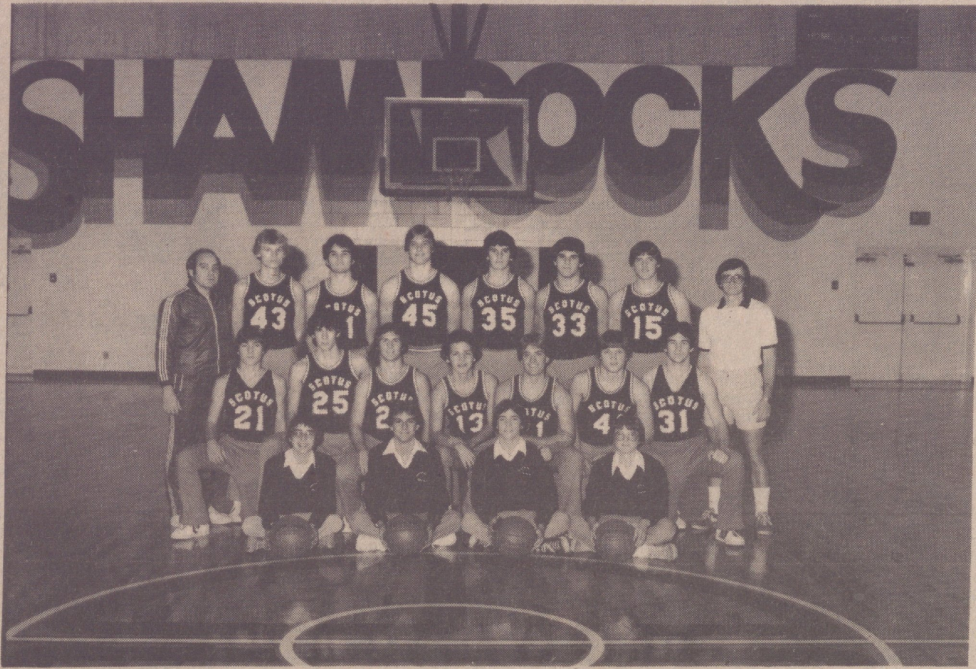
By Chris Sty

Scotus chalked another victory in the Shamrock Activity Center with Fremont Bergan taking their turn as the burnee. This win makes it 15 home court victories in a row, a very impressive record throughout Scotus history.

An early lead for the Shamrocks never gave the Knights a chance to see the advantage, as the first half saw a 41-26 Scotus domination.

In the third quarter the Shamrocks let loose and took a 20 point lead into the final stanza. A late scoring threat by the opponents was shut down and the Shamrocks held on to a 89-69 massacre.

Shamrocks Are Rollin'



Conference Action

The Shamrock Roundballers took a third place finish in the Conference Tournament at Wahoo behind champion St. Alberts, the runner-up D.C. Aquinas.

In the first round the Shamrocks defeated Omaha Paul VI 85-56 to advance to the semi-finals against Aquinas. High scorers were Bret Kumpf with 23, Glen Kucera 18, and Ken Heimann 17.

The semi-finals saw the Monarchs of Aquinas squeak a one point victory over the Shamrocks. The defensive battle saw the lead change hands a number of times before the Monarchs claimed the victory as the buzzer sounded. Kumpf again led in scoring as he tallied 16 points.

In the consolation game Scotus once again "Burned Bergan" by a 20 point margin (61-41). The Fremont team experienced a Scotus domination for the second time and were shot down in the early going of the contest as in the last meeting on Scotus' home court. Kumpf and Kucera led in scoring with 12 and 15 respectively.

by Chris Styskal

As the final weeks of the basketball season roll around, minds of the student body may be directed off studies and onto state basketball. By now most preparations have been made and hopes are high wishing Scotus to be a part of this festive event. But before the Shamrocks can get there they must cross the forbidden barrier which lies between them and Lincoln, a barrier they've never broken in the history of Scotus. This barrier is known as Districts.

The Shamrocks go into the District Tourney with an impressive 18-2 record

impressive enough to seed them #1 and give them a bye in the first round.

In a recent interview the eight seniors of the Shamrock squad expressed their feelings of the season so far and commented on the future outlook of the team. Tim Cielocha: Guard, 2 yr. letterman. I feel we have one of the best teams in the state and if the team and coaches get it together, we could win the State Tournament.

Doug Duren: Guard, 2 yr. letterman. I feel this team is as good as any team Scotus has ever had. The successfulness is a result of the closeness and unselfish play of each individual. If everyone performs their best and we get a few breaks.....look out Lincoln, the Shamrocks are comin' to town.

John Eckholt: Forward, post, 2 yr. letterman. It's been a great year for the team. Hard work is the only way we can meet our goals. We can go to State, but we must take one game at a time.

Ken Heimann: Forward, 3 yr. letterman. We've had a very successful season so far, only because of the all-out effort and a lot of team work. We have the potential to win the District and do well at State.

Glen Kucera: Center, 3 yr. letterman. The season has been very successful. The only disappointment was not winning Conference. Districts will be tough, but we're looking forward to going to State, so we'll give a 100% effort.

Bret Kumpf: Guard, 3 yr. letterman. The key to our success has been our ability

to work as a team. We have fun playing the game and the team is close. The future looks bright. All of the games we've played are just warm-ups compared to the games coming up. It'll be a battle, but if we play to the best of our ability, we can make it to State.

Joe Pensick: Guard, 2 yr. letterman. It's be a fun season because of the success brought about by the whole team. If we keep playing solid team ball, we have the potential to go to state.

Ron Starzec: Forward, 2 yr. letterman. The season's going good, except for Conference, but we'll make up for that at Districts. We've go to be prepared and play up to our potential and hopefully we'll be in Lincoln March 12.

Wahoo Neumann

By Chris Sty

Scotus added another win to their string of home court victories with a 71-38 blast over Wahoo Neumann. This ups the total to 16 in a row with one more home game against West Point C.C.

The Shamrocks had no trouble defeating the Cavs. After an attempted stall game by the visitors, the scorching offense of the Shamrocks let loose and went on to dominate the entire contest. Kucera and Mark Brezinski led in the scoring department with 14 followed by Kumpf and Ron Star with 11.

Hastings St. Cecelia

The Shamrocks upped their record to 15-2 by defeating Hasting St. Cecelia in Hastings 87-63. The Shamrocks controlled the tempo of the game taking a 10 point lead at the end of the half. The 3rd and 4th quarters were also all Scotus as they went on to victory by a 24 point margin. Kurcera poured in 35 points and Kumpf added 21.

Finishing 18-2

The Shamrocks rounded out their season with three big wins over Omaha Holy Name (84-37), lakeview (71-50), and West Point at home (81-69) giving them a regular season record of 18-2.

With the win over West Point in the last home game of the season, the Shamrocks kept their home court victory string alive tallying 17 big ones in a row which will be a mark in the record books for the time being.

Scotus now has Districts at Norfolk to look forward to, hoping to break the ice for the first time ever in Scotus History.....A road-trip to Lincoln sure would be nice boys!

*do my thing,
and you do your thing
I am not in this world to
live up to your expectations.
And you are not in this
world to live up to mine.
You are you and I am I
And if by chance
we find each other,
it's beautiful.*



Good Luck Girls — Let's Go To State!!

by John Determan

Scotus has a state rated basketball team this year, made up of A #1 athletes.

There are, however, others who don't play on that team, but in a different league, the I.B.A.

Made up of big, little, skinny and fat people, baseball players, football players, weightlifters, and any other kind of person you can think of. Some take these basketball games as serious as any sport they have ever played. And others are not quite as serious as they slide around the court or take half court shots.

The games are played on Sunday nights usually unless there's a super game

on T.V. They are refereed by our faithful Principal, Dave Rokusek and other amateur volunteers. There has only been one record broken so far this year, that was an attendance of 14 people (not counting play-

ers). There are a total of seven teams in the I.B.A. this year. The leading scorers are Dave Reiser and Jeff Theile. When asked how Jeff does it, he says, "It's easy - I'm the only one that shoots."

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April 24, 1981



STATE SPEECH QUALIFIERS: First row—Sherri Zywiec, Lora Kurtenbach, Mary Zeurlein. Second Row—Ray Prosocki, Leo Zoucha, Ron Bernt. Third Row—Speech Team Coach Mrs. Bernt, Elaine Zoucha, Margaret Spenner.

Speech Team — Talking it up at state

By Carole Podraza

The nine state speech qualifiers, traveled to Kearney April 3, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Bernt in a van provided by Mr. Rokusek.

The group competed on Saturday. The final round started at 3:00 p.m. with seven of the nine members competing in the final round.

The team placed fifth overall in the state out of 35 schools competing. Atkinson Wes Holt placed first overall.

Individual results were as follows:

Successful Hoedown

By Maria Riley

On Friday, March 27, 1981, Scotus Student Council put on the best western hoedown west of the Mississippi River since 1845. The student body was duded out in their western shirts, boots and cowboy hats. The hoedown D.J.'s were Herman Cassidy and the Podany Kid. The urban Scotus cowboys

3 Cheers for the Cheerleaders

By Lora Kurtenbach

On April 9 many nervous girls, grades 8-11, tried out for the exciting role of cheerleader.

One by one, each by class, did an individual cheer, then another cheer with a group of four.

Finally at 3:10 the results were announced.

Here were the results: Varsity - Mary Merrill, Torri Jackson, Kathy Soul-

and girls were foot stomping to the music that varied from Contry Western to the ultimate punk.

The Student Council bestowed the gift of stick horses to Sheila Stopak and John Kelly for the best original western dress.

For all who attended it provided to be quite a Western experience in which everyone enjoyed. YEAH-HA!!!

liere, Angie Riley, Heidi Hoffman, Terri Jackson, Colleen McLaughlin.

Junior Varsity - Julie Engelbert, Sherri Zywiec, Liz Kumpf, Lisa Thalcken, Lisa Keller.

Freshmen - Lisa Cieloha, Donna Schieffer, Kim Pokorny, Colleen Krzycki, Kelly Votova.

Congratulations to all!! The 1981-1982 year should be an exciting year for the cheerleaders. Good Luck!!

Upcoming Prom

By Judi Kloke

Along with the excitement of the seniors graduation comes the big event of Prom. The date set for the 1981 Prom is May 9. Each year the Junior Class sponsors Prom. This year, along with Miss Schuelke and Mr. Jim Puetz, the project has got underway. The four class officers have ben hard at work organizing the event. All decorations except table center pieces have been ordered. The dinner will start at 7:00 followed by the dance from 8:30 - 12:00.

Color photographs of couples will be taken at the dance only if twelve couples sign up before the dance. The sign up sheet will be in the office the week of April 27 and the cost is \$6.00. Couples must sign up and pay before the dance otherwise pictures will not be available.

It's A Small World

by Linda Wemhoff

On April 2, 3 and 4 the Columbus AFS chapter sponsored an AFS weekend, inviting all the foreign exchange students from different countries that are staying in Nebraska, and their host families they are living with. Also attending were those students from Columbus, that plan to go to a foreign country this year. I am planning on a trip to Norway this summer for 8-10 weeks with AFS so I was able to participate.

Friday night a dance was held at the American Legion. The 29 AFS students attended along with about 50 other people involved in AFS. Saturday was spent at the Federated Church.

There were different workshops that anyone could attend. I decided to go to the one with all of the AFS students from the foreign countries. When I walked into that room - I discovered that the only person I knew well was Edda. There was only one other American besides myself - and she was from New York. So suddenly I found I was talking with and listening to kids I had never met before



DAVE KANTOR



CAROLE PODRAZA



LYNETTE MALMSTROM

Writers score high at Lincoln

by Linda Wemhoff

On April 7, 1981, three Scotus students were announced as winners of the preliminary Nebraska Journalism Championships in Lincoln. This is the first year our school has ever entered this contest that is sponsored by the Nebraska Press Association. All classes, A, B, C and D compete together in the competitions, except in the Sweepstakes division. In that area the classes compete separately. The top ten winners in their respec-

tive categories and the first place sweepstakes winners will compete on May 2, 1981, in the Nebraska Journalism Championships, at the School of Journalism, University of Nebraska, Lincoln.

Dave Kantor is the only student who will compete May 2. Dave took first place in the Sweepstakes Column Writing division for Class B.

Dave was also chosen as first alternate (or 11th place) in column writing among all class A, B, C, and D schools.

Lynette Malmstrom won third place in the Sweepstakes Yearbook Theme Development division in Class B.

Carole Podraza was chosen first alternate in Feature Writing amongst all the classes.

Congratulations to these outstanding journalists. Your work has made us all very proud of you!

Girl Stater



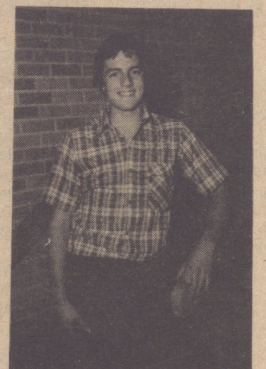
Margaret Spenner

By Patti Wiese

Selections have been made for Scotus representatives to boys and girls state. They are Margaret Spenner and Tim Zuerlein. Boys and girls state will be held the week of June 7-13 on the University of Nebraska Campus.

Margaret is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Spenner, and has been active in swing choir, speech team, drama, FBLA and Pep Club.

Boy Stater



Tim Zuerlein

Tim, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Zuerlien and has been active in the medical explorer club, is vice-president of the junior class, a state qualifier in track and is an Altar Boy at St. Isidore's along with a lector.

The alternates for boys and girls state are Carol Podraza and Leo Zoucha.

We wish both of our candidates Good Luck! And know they will do a fine job representing Scotus.

Editorially Speaking

Give 'em a Break

By Michelle Wieser

I betcha think I'm gonna do some more crabbin'. Well, you're wrong. I'm gonna do some praisin'!! I think it's time for us students of give our teachers a break! Give them some recognition!

It seems now that I'm a senior, I look back and think of all the crap our teachers had to take from us through all the years. Ya know, they really put up with a lot. All those pennies whipped under the dividers, the smart-aleck remarks, the turning up of the volume on the film projectors, are just a few of the common occurrences that have happened throughout the years here at Scotus.

Senior Idiots

by Maria Riley

As the senior year is coming to an end, alot of seniors have caught the terrible disease which is contagious - known as, Senior Idiots.

It is a time where the seniors see the end of the year coming so near, and they decide to start sluffing off because they're going to graduate anyway. The weather has become very nice and all seniors would rather spend their time outdoors.

So just a little word of warning to the faculty and administration, the disease is on the move. And to the seniors, enjoy the last few weeks of senior idiots, for Graduation Day is coming up soon.....

The Teacher Behind It All

By Judi Kloke

Admist the piles of late yearbook pages and unedited news stories lying about in room 23 (alias the journalism room), sits a teacher who keeps a calm appearance as she strives to push her students to meet deadlines. This teacher, of course, happens to be Mrs. Bstandig.

More than anything this editorial is to say Thank You for the achievements

And they put a lot of work in here at Scotus, trying to get our brains to function properly. How much good it does, I don't know, but they work hard trying. All those assignments they give us aren't to make us mad, but to help us learn.

I don't suppose a lot of people agree with me, maybe I'm getting to sentimental in my old senior age, but I do feel that we should give our teachers the credit they deserve, and a big THANK YOU for being here and sharing their knowledge with us.

So, now do I get an A in all my classes?

A Special Thanks

By Carole Podraza

This is a simple thank-you to the senior class.

Thanks for the memories! Those times you helped us out, showed us the way and taught us something from your experiences. Thank-you for the wonderful years you've shared with us.

Thanks for making a path for us to follow. This year you led and we followed. Next year it's our turn, and hopefully we'll do a better job because of your example.

Thanks for admitting you're not perfect. For showing us that we're okay even if we stumble once in a while.

Through the years you've given us memories - some happy some sad. But no matter what happens in the future, you've carved a place in each of our lives. You'll never be forgotten, you - the Class of '81 - Thank You!!

you've helped your students put forth thus far. And for your patience you've shown when deadlines were not met. We know through your knowledge and help that a successful 1980-1981 annual will be put forth. Along with the already successful newspaper.

So again we say Thank You Mrs. Bstandig, your helpfulness will always be appreciated.

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1981-82 Annual Update

By Maria Riley

As the 1981 school year approaches the end, the fifth period journalism class is busily finishing up the annual pages. We have sent in 69 pages to the company. Each page has been carefully plotted out, copy written and checked by Mrs. Bstandig three or four times before sent into the company.

This annual will be the best ever in Scotus history.

Pep Club Still Alive

By Sandy Klopneiski

As it seems pep club action is over until the 1981-82 football and basketball season, but that's not true. There are alot more activities going on before the school year ends.

The Pep Club is in the process of choosing new uniforms for next year. The girls will be looking at new sweaters, skirts and slacks. Also the election of New Officers is to be held on April 28. President and Treasure will be 2 senior girls, and Vice-President and Secretary will be 2

junior girls.

On May 5, the Sports Banquet will take place. During this time the cheerleaders will be recognized and the annual Babe Ruth Award will be given. This award is given to the senior girl who has accumulated the most points through service to the Pep Club and showing leadership qualities. Prior to the banquet the participant for this award is selected from the top five senior girls with the highest points, the Pep Club then votes on the girl who they find best qualified.

Super Gals

By Michelle Wieser

I'd like to take the chance here to express my admiration for all those who take care of our elderly in the various manors here in Columbus.

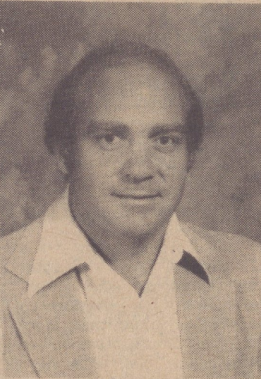
I'm sure a lot of other people feel the same, but haven't had the chance to say anything.

I know that I couldn't work there, it's not that I don't like old people, it's just that I don't think I could handle all the various areas and responsibilities that they have.

I'm really glad we have people who are willing to shoulder some of the unpleasant tasks that go along with their job at the manor. And I think it's time they got some recognition. Not many people realize how hard they work out there. Their care and consideration for the elderly is admirable.

Elaine Zoucha, Kelly McGuire, Chris Hilger, Lori Dreifurst, Vicki Jackson, Gail Kwapioski, Maureen McGuire ... you gals are SUPER!!!

Senior Countdown 15



Mr. Spenceri
By Ciete Arasmith

If you walk down the halls of Scotus, and happen to see a man in a sweatshirt uniform, you probably saw Mr. Frank Spenceri.

Mr. Spenceri is our Head Basketball, Cross Country and Golf coach, along with being Athletic Director and P.E. teacher at Scotus.

Mr. Spenceri graduated from Omaha Creighton Prep High School, adding that he played in the State Basketball finals in 1961 along with his football team being no. 1 in the state that year. Mr. Spenceri graduated from UNO.

Asking why Mr. Spenceri got into coaching and P.E., he replied, "My love for sports and working with young boys and girls led me naturally into it."

Mr. Spenceri first coached at Omaha Holy Name as an assittant coach

Just Ain't The Same

By Dave Kantor

Another Easter has passed and it, as tradition would have, was spent at Uncle Hank and Hermys' farm. All of the relatives on Mom's side go on up to Howells and out to Hank and Hermys'. Finally when everyone gets there, we eat. Then the men go and play poker and the ladies wash dishes and all the kids sit around and stare at one another. But it was another ballgame years back when we were all youngsters and had hundreds of things to do.

The excitement would start a good week ahead of Easter Sunday. The first thing that had to be done was the purchasing of the Easter clothes. I always got a nice plaid suit (I looked real sharp in red plaid). Then you had to go to Luella's Beauty Shop and get your Easter haircut. I looked even better in red plaid when my ears were sticking out.

Then we'd get out the boiled eggs and the Easter egg dye and go to work. We'd try to color the eggs several different colors but they'd just end up brown and our hands would be multicolored.

Finally we'd wake up Easter Morning and run out to see what the Easter bunny and brought us. Why Gosh!, he left us a bag of jelly beans and some eggs in a basket with simulated Easter grass. This was no run of the mill rabbit, he had jimmied the lock and snuck into the living room with a basket of eggs, and without even waking Mom and Dad. This rabbit didn't stop here. He had hid colored eggs (similar to the ones we had made) in a few brilliant places in the yard (who

would have ever thought to look in the tulip patch).

Then we'd all go back in the house and Mom would dress us in our red plaid clothes and brush my ears and we'd head for Howells. We'd go to church and sit through it and if we started to fidget Mom just raised the back of her hand (mom never did use lifesavers). After mass we'd all stand around the outside of church while Mom would talk to old high school buddies she hadn't seen for a while.

Then we'd go on out to Hank and Hermys' and take pictures in the lawn with our funny clothes on. Finally it was time to eat and we'd gather around the table. We'd load up our paper plate and drop it on the floor and Mom would load our plates the second time. "But Mom, I didn't have brocolli the first time." "Eat it, then you'll be able to beat your Uncle Hermys at armwrestling." (Hermys the Howells champ, you know.) After everybody was all done eating the folks would sit around, chew the fat, and listen to polkas.

Then all of us kids would go out and hide the eggs from each other. The rabbit never thought of as many clever places as we did. All the eggs would get broken and our cousins would make fun because our eggs were all brown, (that nearly stung a man's pride). Then we'd all go for a walk down to the creek and maybe play a little softball.

But the years have passed and now that we're all to old for that stuff, Easter isn't nearly as fun as when we were little. But I still get my Easter haircut and my bag of simulated Easter grass and eggs.

Mr. Spenceri Thee Coach

of the basketball team, where he found out about Scotus. He coached Holy Name from 1965-1968, before going to U.N.O. as an assistant coach in basketball from 1969-1970. After that he moved to Columbus to take over as Scotus' head basketball coach in 1970.

Some of Mr. Spenceri's hobbies are tennis, golf and slow pitch softball, therefore most of his time is centered very much around athletics, especially basketball.

One of the questions most high school coaches are asked, is, would you ever like to coach college or pro?

Mr. Spenceri said, "Everyone sets goals in their life and one of mine is to be a college coach. I still think that this is one of my aspirations and maybe someday that may become a reality."

Asking Mr. Spenceri

what's been the most memorable thing at Scotus, since he's been here? He commented by saying, "Each year has held at least one thing that has been very memorable. I think the over-all spirit in the school for athletics and the fine athletes I have worked with is definitely very memorable. The 1980-1981 basketball team and it's District Championship along with the trip to State, fulfills a dream that all players and coaches have!"

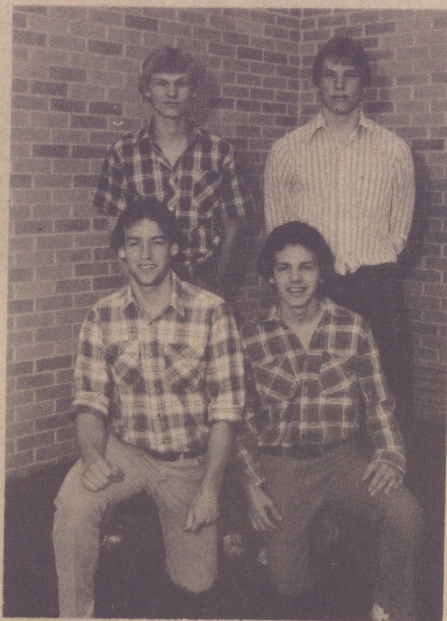
One last question directed at Mr. Spenceri was, "What do you think of the school spirit?" He replied, "Our students spirit is great and we need their positive support!"

So if you ever walk down the halls of Scotus and see that guy with the sweatshirt uniform on, you'll know it's Mr. Spenceri.

Basketball Honors



GIRLS: Sandy Schaeffer, Most Enthusiastic Player; Lana Torczon, Most Valuable Player; Beth Bixenmann, Most Improved Player.



BOYS: Bret Kumpf, Most Valuable Player; Joe Pensick, Most Improved Player; Mark Brezinski, Most Valuable Underclassman; Glen Kucera, Most Valuable Player.



GOLF TEAM: First Row—Curt White, Steve Stiener, J.P. Styskal, Dan Korger, Bob Roy, Bill Drozd; Second Row—Tony Schieffer, Rob Fisher, Brian Kuta, Bret Kumpf, Greg Ernst, Doug Duren, Jeff Thiele, Golf Coach Mr. Spenceri.

Golfers Starting To Stroke

by Cletus Arasmith

The Scotus Golf Team got off to a good start this year, with a Second Place finish at the Geneva Invitational. Superior won with a score of 339 compared to runner-up Scotus with 349. Other places were 3rd - GICC 360, 4th - Wood River 371, and 5th - Seward 390.

Top honors for Scotus were Brian Kuta - 2nd with

83 (41-42), Curt White - 8th with 87 (42-45). Other Shamrock scores were Tony Schieffer with 89 (47-42), Jeff Thiele with 90 (45-45) and Bret Kumpf with 91 (48-43).

Next on the list for the Shamrocks was Columbus High. Columbus came out on top missing the Shamrocks 167-169.

Medalists for Scotus were Bret Kumpf and Brian

Kuta, both carding 39's. Rounding out the Shamrock squad were Jeff Thiele - 43, Tony Schieffer - 48, and Doug Duren - 50, for a total of 169.

Here's a list of the rest of the Scotus Golf Schedule: April 16 at Albion Invite, April 21 at Schuyler Dual, April 23 - Scotus Invite, April 28 at Boystown Dual, May 4 - Bergan Dual, Columbus Elks,

May 6 at Omaha NCC, May 11 at Grand Island District Meet, May 12 - Columbus High Dual, Elks, May 21 - State Meet at Elks.

Other members of the team are juniors Greg Ernst and Rob Fisher. Sophomores include Dan Korger, J.P. Styskal, and Bob Roy. Freshmen are Bill Drozd and Steve Sleddens. Best of luck to you this year.

Column Writing Is Dave's Bag

by Lora Kurtenbach

As the monthly edition of the Scotistics comes out, your eyes may catch upon a story - usually on the front page. This story, always being humorous, is written by the one and only David Duane Kantor. Dave writes a monthly column for the paper usually to the effect of "the old days, when he was a young man."

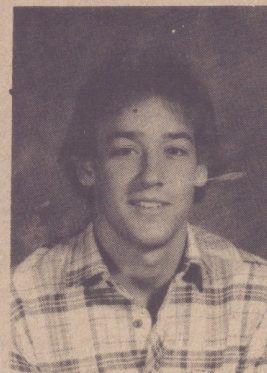
So far Dave has written 8

column stories for the paper, each one being funnier than the last. Dave's talent has taken him so far as to win the Class B - 1st place Sweepstakes, in column writing. This is the first year Scotus has entered this contest. Dave will now go down to compete in Lincoln on May 2nd, in column writing.

When asking Dave how he got started on writing these humorous stories, he

replied, "I broke my finger this year and as a result was unable to type. So I took Journalism as an alternate. My brain began to make my fingers work as a terrifically humorous writer and that's how I got to be the funny person I am today."

As you can see, the talent of David Duane Kantor started in his young years and has carried over to the mature yet funny person he is today.



By John Determan

He's a man of his word, and a sure individual in his ways. Bret Kumpf is only one more of the sensational seniors. Bret has been out for three sports at Scotus. He has participated three years in basketball, three years in football and two years in golf. And he has received special honors in all, basketball more than anything else.

Aside from sports, he is a member of the German Club and a Squire.

Bret's hobbies consist of catching gophers and fishing when he has time, not mentioning listening to a

Well, This Is Bret

little Johnny Cash.

His days consist of getting up at 8:00 A.M., going to school and whatever practice he has and then go home an hope there's a Clint Eastwood movie on T.V. His weekends are spent "jagging" in the "Stars" van. Bret says you just have to let what happens happen these days and play everything by ear. Bret Kumpf is a good specimen of an all American Boy, when asked why, he said, "It's the food I eat of course, all natural wheat germ covered with a little soy bean oil. And to top it off a little "Peanut Butter Pie."

Little People— Important People

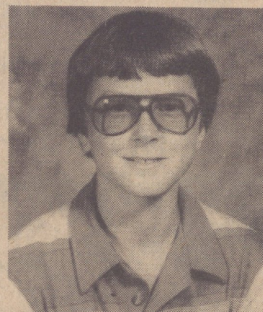
By Clete Arasmith

As I was asked to write a story on someone, I wondered who I could do it on. Every person I would ask would say, "No I'm not interesting." But then I just decided to write on Ole Alan Englebert on my own knowledge of him.

Alan is a sophomore here at Scotus. One of Alans biggest successes here at Scotus, has been his all around talents of being Student Manager in football, basketball and track.

But there's more to Alan than meets the eye! Sometimes Alan is referred to as the Einstein of the Sophomore Class, having a regular average of 4.0.

When big Al was asked



what is his long term goal in life, he responded, "To be 5'8"."

Some of ole Al's highlights of the year have been putting his fellow Student Manager in the whirlpool with no water in it, but with the whirlpool turned on, this one certain person couldn't get out. Another one of those so called highlights, was when Al casually fell out of the football pick-up, while it was in progress. (Hopefully this didn't stunt his growth.)

Al's not sure what his future plans are right now, but for his goals and other things, the best of luck to you Al. And if they don't work out remember..... That's Life In the Big 8.

Open Campus Activities

By Michelle Wieser

A few of us in open campus have found a different way to waste our time. We've been checking out some of the various parks we have here in Columbus. Our favorite is Pawnee Park, where we can ride the big horse over on the southeast side.

Another is Centennial, where we can go down the tornado slide.

We've also hit the little



Don't Tell Mark!

park over here by school where we can swing and ride on those little horsies.

We just check out all the swings, slides, and merry-go-rounds. In this great weather we've been having, it's really a blast!

Then there's always the stops to Dairy Queen for some ice cream or to Kwik Shop for a can of pop.

I guess it's really not to exciting, but it sure beats sittin' up in group study!!!

Girls Track: Off to a good start

By Lora Kurtenbach

If you should pass by Pawnee Park, Platte College, or perhaps Chicken Avenue some day after school, you would see a group of girls wearing green track suits running, jumping and hurdling. This is, of course, the Scotus girls track team which consists of 32 girls and three managers. The team also changed coaches around this year. Mr. Mahoney handed his previous assistant coach job down to former head coach Mrs. Malicky to become the new head coach.

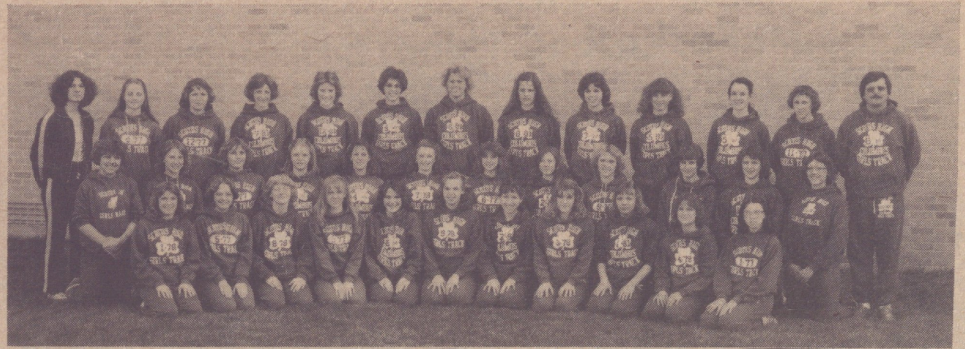
When talking to Mrs. Malicky about her comments of the team she replied, "The girls are really working hard this year & with few complaints. I was really happy with their 4th place finish at the Lakeview Invitational. There were some surprises

in placing and we're really happy with them. The girls have great potential and are working hard to show it."

I also talked with Jami Muhle, a junior stand-out in the high jump. Her comments were, "I really enjoy track this year. It's been a lot of fun so far. It's great being a part of the team."

Finally, I talked with head coach Mr. Mahoney. "There are 10 returning lettergirls this year. Though half the team consists of freshmen, there are several promising ones. Karen Souilliere, Shieri Svoboda and Lisa Thalken are doing well in running events. Also Angie Riley, a state qualifier last year is expected to improve and move up.

It looks as if the girls track team is off to a good start. With so much enthusiasm that runs through, they'll always be number one.



GIRLS TRACK TEAM: First Row—L. Thalken, G. Bottger, B. Keller, J. Hoebing, T. Byrnes, J. Wieser, L. Soulliere, K. Neater, T. Hroza, J. Wieser, T. Rybinski. Second Row—P. Stopak, A. Novicki, J. Modlin, S. Pekarek, M. Zuerlein, K. Dreifurst, L. Schaeffer, A. Riley, L. Keller, L. Kumpf, J. Zoucha, L. Czuba. Third Row—Ass't. Coach Barb Malicky, P. Ruzicka, S. Davidson, L. Hajek, M. Merrill, S. Grohs, L. Torczon, J. Muhle, B. Bixenmann, J. Kowinski, K. Soulliere, J. Modelski, Head Coach Dan Mahoney.



BOYS TRACK TEAM: First Row—K. Heimann, J. Sutko, T. Cielocha, D. Stopak, M. Duren, C. Styskal, T. Kurtenbach, R. Starzec, M. Wieser, E. Fuchs, S. Lachnit. Second Row—L. Prosocki, D. Reiser, G. Kucera, K. Bogus, S. Byers, B. Wieser, B. Wunderlich, P. Podany, L. Micek, T. Jarecke, C. Arasmith, S. Engel. Third Row—D. Jarecke, L. Zoucha, J. Taylor, T.W. Tooley, D. Harrington, J. VanLent, T. Stepanek, G. Van Dyke, B. Schumacher, D. White, A. Ziamba, J. Liebenritt. Fourth Row—P. Braun, D. Engelbert, T. Micek, D. Kantor, T. Zuerlein, C. Porkorny, S. Spencer, J. Heimann, J. Cutser, J. Kelly, P. Prosocki, D. O'Hearn. Fifth Row—T. Green, C. Christensen, K. Molczyk, L. Zach, D. Dush, J. Swierczek, G. Weiland, B. Kwapnoski, M. Krings, J. Paprocki, C. Harsh. Sixth Row—T. Laska, D. Love, W. Borer, M. Brezinski, J. Heimann, J. Cheloha, T. Kudron, M. Quattrocchi, J. Kozak, S. Steiner. Seventh Row—Coaches: Fr. Gutsgell, Randy Berlin, Gary Puetz, Vern Younger, Jim Puetz, Managers: Rick Engel, Dan Niedbalski, Alan Engelbert, Dave Kozial.

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Aquinas Duel

By Chris Styskal

The Shamrock tracksters defeated arch-rival David City Aquinas for the second time this season with a 93-75 dual victory at Pawnee Park. The first time Scotus defeated Aquinas came during the Lakeview Invitational. Scotus captured first place with 100 points while the Monarchs finished 4th with 72 points.

FIELD EVENT RESULTS
Dave Kantor - 2nd-Shot Put, Kevin Molczyk - 4th-Shot Put, 3rd Discus, Dave Reiser - 1st-Discus, Ken Heimann - 2nd-Triple Jump, Bob Schumacher - 3rd-Triple Jump, Jack Cheloha - 4th-Long Jump, Scott Lachnit - 1st-Pole Vault, Tony Kurtenbach - 3rd-Pole Vault, Jeff V. Lent - 4th-High Jump.

RUNNING EVENTS

Mark Duren - 1st-2 Mile Run, 3rd-Mile Run, Tom Tooley - 2nd-2 Mile Run, 4th-Mile Run, Lance Zach - 3rd-2 Mile Run, Chris Styskal - 1st-110 Meter High Hurdles, 2nd-300 Meter Int. Hurdles, Ken Heimann - 3rd-110 Meter High Hurdles, Ron Starzec - 4th-110 Meter High Hurdles, 1st-300 Meter Int. Hurdles, Tim Cielocha - 2nd-200, 3rd-100, 1st-400, Bob Wieser - 3rd-200, 4th-100, Mike Wieser - 4th-200, 3rd-400, Doug Stopak - 1st-800, Joe Sutko - 3rd-800, John Swierczek - 4th-300 Int. Hurdles, Tim Zuerlein - 1st-Mile Run.

1600 Relay, 1st (Doug Stopak, Ron Starzec, Mike Wieser, Chris Pokorny).

Lakeview Invite

By Chris Styskal

The boys track team captured top honors in the Lakeview Invite with 100 pts. Seward, the only challenger, totaled 95 pts. Scotus held on to the victory by taking first place in the last event, the mile relay. Seward failed to place in the event giving the Shamrocks their 5 pt. victory.

The first six places were scored and given medals. Medal winners include: Ken Heimann - 3rd-Triple Jump, Glen Kucera - 6th-Triple Jump, Tony Kurtenbach - 2nd-Pole Vault, Scott Lachnit - Tie 6th-Pole

vault, Kevin Molczyk - 4th-Shot Put, Dave Kantor - 6th-Shot Put, Dave Reiser - 5th-Discus, Jack Cheloha - 6th-Long Jump, Tim Cielocha - 1st-440, 3rd-200, 4th-100, Steve Byers - 3rd-440, Chris Styskal - 1st-120 High Hurdles, 4th-300 Int. Hurdles, Ron Starzec - 4th-120 High Hurdles, Doug Stopak - 2nd-880, Two Mile Relay - 1st (Doug Stopak, Joe Sutko, Tim Zuerlein, Bob Schumacher), Mile Relay - 1st (Steve Byers, Mike Wieser, Bob Schumacher, Chris Pokorny), 440 Relay - 4th (Todd Kudron, Chris Pokorny, Bob Wieser, Tim Cielocha)

Scotus Relays

By Chris Styskal

In the boys division of the Scotus Relays, David City Aquinas upset the defending champion Shamrocks 99-86. Mental mistakes were the main cause for the defeat as Scotus lost 21 points in disqualifications.

Final team standings are as follows: David City Aquinas 99, Scotus 86, Grand Island Central Catholic 75, Lakeview 49, North Bend 41, Adams Central 23, and Madison 17.

First place finishes for Scotus were: Shot Put - (Kevin Molczyk, Dave Kan-

tor, Jerry Micek, Brian Davidson). 6400 Meter - (Doug Stopak, Mark Duren, Tom Tooley, Tim Zuerlein).

800 Meter - New Meet Record (Todd Kudron, Chris Pokorny, Bob Wieser, Tim Cielocha). 1600 Meter - New Meet Record (Steve Byers, Ron Starzec, Mike Wieser, Doug Stopak). Weightmen 400 Meter - New Meet Record (Terry Micek, Brian Davidson, Greg VanDyke, Dave Reiser). 440 Int. Hurdle Shuttle - (Jeff VanLent, Ken Heimann, Ron Starzec, Chris Styskal).

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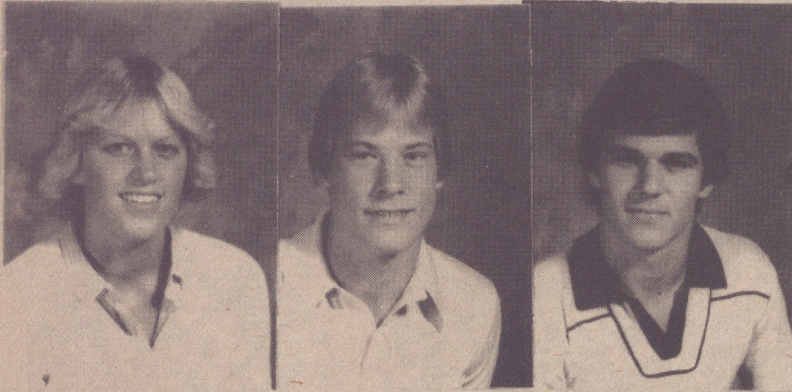
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May 15, 1981



Lana Torczon

Glen Kucera

Ron Starzec

1981 Athletic Banquet Highlights

By Dave Kantor

Scotus held its 23rd annual Sports Banquet on May 5, 1981. University of Nebraska head football coach, Tom Osborne, was the speaker at this year's banquet. Coach Osborne put down a few guidelines for the athletes to follow in the future.

The Mothers Club served an excellent meal to everyone. The athletes at Scotus were then introduced by their coaches and the scholarships and awards were presented.

Shamrock Athletic Club Award Ron Starzec
Babe Ruth Awards Lana Torczon & Ron Starzec
athletes of the Year Awards Lana Torczon & Glen Kucera

Our FBLA - One Of The Best

By Sandy Klopnienski

April 2, 3 and 4 was F.B.L.A. State Leadership Conference at the Red Lion Inn in Omaha.

There were 17 member's of F.B.L.A. who went to participate. We stayed at the Paxton Manor, along with David City Aquinas, Crete and Milford. Everyday we met new people, but we mostly got along with David City and Crete.

We had 4 people place and the Chapter received 2 Certificates. The winners

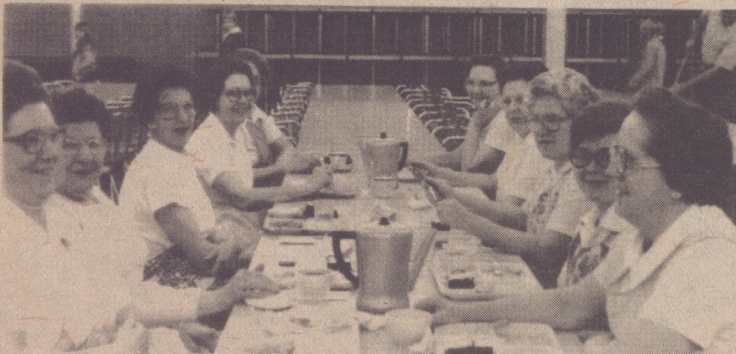
were 5th place, Randy Wennekamp for Accounting II and Honorable mention, top 8%, went to Lori Oppliger for Office Procedures. Patrice Oppliger placed 7th for Extemporaneous Speaking and she also had Honorable Mention for Business Law. The Chapter received a certificate of Merit for the Chapter activities.

Activities Report and a Certificate of Participation for the chapter scrapbook.

Only the top 15 chapters in the state received this

Certificate of Merit award for the Chapters Activities Report.

Those attending S.L.C. were Mr. and Mrs. Clinch and Pat, Miss Janssen, Kelly McGuire, Jackie Kosiba, Sheryl Liebig, Patty Gonka, Lori Oppliger, Patrice Oppliger, Randy Wennekamp, Jim Dolezal, Brenda Tschantre, Bev Held, Anne Wielgus, Sandy Klopnienski, Maureen McGuire, Pam Braun, Laura Bierman, Kathy Prukpek and Shelly Tschantre.



Serve 'em cold, serve 'em hot. The meals this year our money had bought. Delicious and yummy. Brought delight to the tummy. Good ole meals we got to buy. The food was very good - and that's no lie.

Thanks to Clara and her crew
To you our stomachs will always be true.

Music Notes

By Lora Kurtenbach

By Lora Kurtenbach voice; and Virginia Sprunk, Superior, Piano sols.

The Scotus Music Department, consisting of Girls Glee, Mixed Chorus, Superior, Girls Ensemble, Superior and Swing Choir, participated in a music contest held at Platte College. The results were as follows: Girls Glee, Superior, Girls Ensemble, Superior and Swing Choir, Superior.

On Saturday, April 25th, individuals competed as soloists at Platte College. The following were soloists: Margaret Spinner, Superior, Girl Medium Voice; Linda Arlt, Superior, Girl Medium voice; Tracy Byrnes, Superior, Girl Low

voice; and Virginia Sprunk, Superior, Piano sols. Mary Placzek and Geniene Wieser received an excellent in solo, Eleaine and Mary Zoucha received an excellent for their Grisli Duet performance.

According to Mrs. Schnabel, "All the groups and soloists did an outstanding job at contest, I was very pleased with the results. There is such enthusiasm and pride in our musical groups now and they have reason to be."

We the student body also believe in you music dept. Keep up the good work.

On Thursday evening, April 30th the Scotus Music Dept. presented their spring concert. Under the direction of Ginny Schnabel, the Swing Choir, Mixed Chorus, Girls Glee and Freshmen Chorus performed many songs, most being popular songs of today.

According to Mrs. Schnabel, "The concert went very well. I was very satisfied with all the performances and very appreciative to everyone for all the gifts. I want to congratulate everyone on making this one of the most successful years in Scotus vocal music history."

Thank You Advertisers!

By Kelly McGuire

Being editor of the yearbook this year I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support throughout the year.

I would like you all to know that the yearbook is almost completed and everything is looking very good.

A special "thanks" goes to the advertisers, if it weren't for them we'd have no book, and to Anderson's Studio for all the time and patience they have given us and in supplying us with all the group photos.

Also a big thanks goes to the staff who have been super in their layouts and neat ideas. Thanks Everyone!!

By Linda Wemhoff

The newspaper made an outstanding advancement this year. For the first time in Scotus history, Scotistics came out regularly once a month, every month! This advancement was made possible because of the support we received from the advertisers. I would like to thank those advertisers publicly, your faith in us was greatly appreciated

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Next Year's Leaders

By Sandy Klopnienski

With the school year coming to an end, Pep Club is just starting out again. We just elected new officers for the 1981-82 school year. They are: President, Lora Kurtenbach, Vice President, Karen Pokorny, Secretary, Colleen Witt, Treasurer, Mary Placzek.

The 12 top senior girls with the most points were

announced as follows:
Sue Heimann, Tracy Dreifurst, Sandy Klopnienski, Patty Wiese, Tammy Miller, Mary Zuerlein, Mary Shotkoski, Jami Muhle, Chris Hilger, Shiela Liebenrit, Lori Zabawa and Margaret Spinner.

Thanks a million to the officers, letter girls and sponsors. Even if the sponsors jobs are not over, we really think they did a good job.

Thespian Trip

By Carole Podraza

The Thespian Society here at Scotus sponsored a field trip to Omaha to attend the firehouse Dinner Theatres Presentation of "Charley's Aunt."

The troupe enjoyed a buffet supper of Veal, Perch or Roast Beef. The supper was followed by a presentation of a gay nineties Chorus line. This preceded a comedy three act play of "Charley's Aunt."

Those attending included: Patrice Oppliger, Ron Bernt, Sally McNair, Carole Podraza, Elaine Zoucha, Leo Zoucha, Jeff Van Lent, Ray Proski, Clarice Korger, Linda Wemhoff, Maria Riley and Kim Soulliere.

Assembly Update

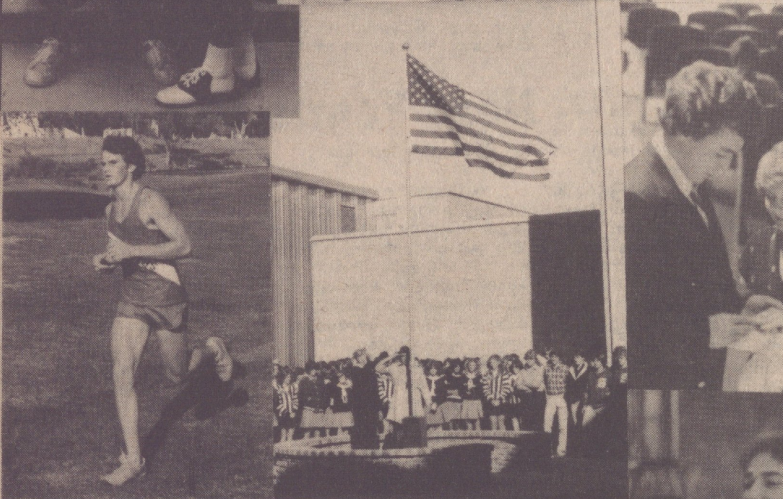
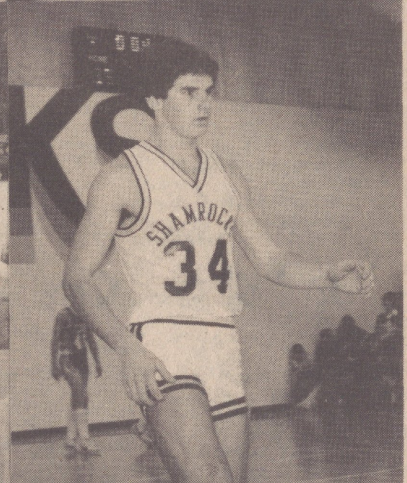
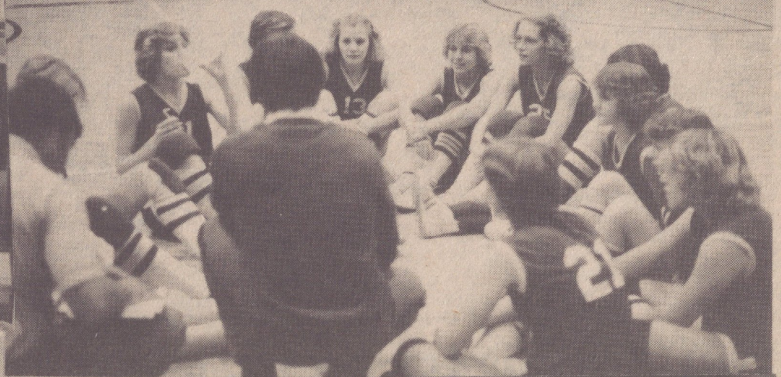
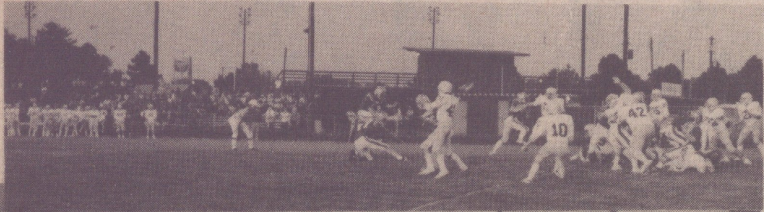
By Linda Wemhoff

We have been very fortunate lately in being able to listen to two good assemblies, within the past two weeks.

On the 22 of April, Carla Pheifer from Norfolk talked to us about her experiences with cults. The experience of her son with the Moonies and that of a married couple with another cult. Those who attended are now more aware of the methods used by cults and how to be aware of their members and methods.

On April 28, Mr. Glenn Cunningham was the guest of another assembly. Feelings of reactions were those of inspiration and motivation. Mr. Cunningham told his life story to us. When at age 8, he was critically burned in an explosion, doctors told him he would never walk again. But, because of his determination, he eventually held the world record time for the mile both indoor and outdoor. The idea of setting goals and striving to reach them was the main purpose of the assembly.

The Best Of Times



Our Mr. C

By Kelly McGuire

Mr. Clinch taught religion for 3 years at Our Lady Of Lourdes Catholic Church in Ravenna.

As I stated before Mr. Clinch likes sports which shows in his participation in sports as a coach.

In his two years at Scotus he has already (1) Started an F.B.L.A. Chapter; (2) Built the business program by having more classes added; and (3) Is presently trying to start a wrestling program. He has also started an intermural wrestling program in Jr. High.

That's just a few things about Mr. Clinch. I'm sure you'll find Mr. "C" very interesting, so sometime sit down and have a little chit-chat with him. However, if you don't have time to talk to him and you do pass him in the hall say "Thank" to him for all he's done for Scotus.



Antoine

Maynard's Boy

By Johnny D.

What male senior do you know that weighs 110 pounds and whose favorite words are reder deder det? Tony Kurtenbach of course.

Our fortune struck gold as the Maynard Kurtenbach family decided to move from Omaha to the exciting town of Columbus, right across from my Grandma Polly. Tony, who prefers to be called "Antoine" is the baby of the family which consists of 1 brother and 4 sisters.

He enjoys karate more than any of sports and also enjoys pole vaulting. He is striving for the Pole Vault record of 11-6, which is currently held by Joe Blahak. On April 21, at the Randolph meet, Tony tied this record. When not doing one of these activities, Tony liked to cruise in his crummy Z-28. He, like the rest of us, had a little fender bender recently coming back from a beautiful Tea Party at Clear Creek Resort awarding him the sport of speed walking. Tony will be a student at UNL this fall. After he is retired, he would like to take over his father's business, "Maynards Drive-In Liquors, Your Thirst Aid Station."

Seniors will be going their own ways. Some to work, some to the Army, Navy or Marines or National Guard, some on small vacations and as for me well I'm going to Iowa.

Anyway that's not the point here. Most of you don't realize how close you are to saying goodbye to all of your friends. I just want you to know that graduation (even to you underclassmen) is closer than you think, and after that your class will never be all together again.

Enjoy while you can!

Enjoy While You Can

By Kelly McGuire

Some of you may have noticed on some of the chalk boards in some of the classrooms the Senior countdown.

Yes folks, in just a little less than 1 week: the 1980-81 senior faces will no longer be seen around the halls of Scotus Central Catholic High School.

May 15 is the last day for the Seniors, May 17, graduation at 1:30 p.m. and then it's "Good Bye Scotus".

After graduation the

It's Already Over

By Judi Kloke

Once again, the end of the school year is fast approaching. Seniors got ready for graduation, while juniors get ready for Prom. Almost a whole school year has gone by and before you know it, another school year will be here. For some the new year will be "at last being seniors" or finally being in highschool, and

for some it means being out on their own for the first time. But whatever the new year holds, we find we are leaving one year behind. One year of learning and growth, and happy and sad times to remember.

Soon, it will be time to say good-bye to this year and look forward to the next, and ask yourself: "What does next year hold?"

That's The Way It Was

By John Determan

Scotus Central Catholic goes back a long way. Some remember it as St. Bon's. I had the privilege to interview the "One and Only Paul Dutch Ernst." He came in 1936. Then there was a 6 man football team. In 1943 they were undefeated.

In 1943 to 1944 they had a 14 game winning streak and were hot to trot. Paul came from the Telegram to voluntarily coach at Scotus.

The football practices were held where the court yard is now and the Science wing.

In 1946 they became an 11 man ball team. In the very first game Bill Merrill ran for a 48 yard T.D. on the opening play. In the first

game they beat Ursule.

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Paul said, "In those days the boys were outnumbered at school by the girls 3 to 1." OH BOY! They used a small room under the basement of the church, believe it or not, where the old gym is was a dairy that was changed into a gym.

For basket ball games they used the Jr. High which was called Kramer High then.

Dutch was here 14 years and left in 1950, when Clete Fisher took over. Just thought I'd fill you in on a little history. Thanks Dutch!

Poet Corner Craziness

by Tim Czuba

Life is boring without it, time seems endless, Without this feeling, friends seem friendless.

To share it with another fulfills my day,

I pass it on to others, to each a different way.

Few think I'm spacy, others wonder if I'm sane, But I love what I'm doing, many don't complain.

Pressure will vanish, sadness will pass, anger will disappear,

It brings on my aspect of life "Be full of good cheer."

Dear Old Dad

By Dave Kantor

When a man feels low and down and thinks that shot put just won't fly another inch, dear old Dad comes up and says, "Well son, we'll get 'em next time." This usually cheers a fellow up enough to go get 'em next time. This set me thinking about how Dad usually had an answer or clever way to correct just about any problem.

I once asked my Dad if he had ever made a mistake in his life? He was a bit cautious after hearing this sarcastic question. He then said, "Listen, if I made half the mistakes in my life that you've made in the last half hour, I probably wouldn't be around to correct all of yours." Never knew a father who had made a mistake.

Then finally the opportunity of a lifetime, I caught Dad making a mistake and once again I questioned his doings. He told me, "To do as he said, not as he did." I countered quickly with one of his old ones, "Actions

speak louder than words." Finding himself in a bind he asked, "Who puts the roof over your head and food on your plate?" There was never an argument thought up by a son to dispute that one.

My father, being an intelligent man, can be counted on for an answer to everything, however, we always wondered why he is unable to dress himself. Typical morning at the Kantor household: "Wilma for cryin out loud, where is my shirt?"

"In the closet."

"No, it's not!"

Then my Mom goes to the closet and gets the shirt out for him.

"Wilma, where's my socks?"

"Their not on your feet are they?"

"Real funny, real funny." Then she goes and hands him his socks. What a sense of humor that gal has.

Fathers are always around to help out their sons and teach them all about life and so every kid's

dream is to be 'just like dad'. I've always dreamed of the day I could wear the tag "David Kantor, Agronomist". Once I asked Dad if he was trying to train me if he was trying to train me to be an agronomist, and he said, "You can lead a horse to water but you can't make him drink". (I couldn't believe he said that either.)

But we could really learn to appreciate our fathers because they always root for us and always give us support. A lot of fathers are sending their kids to college hoping they will return agronomists or other things, and these fathers know, "When the cats away the mice will play." Still these fathers are going to spend a lot of money knowing their investing in a risky business, but they do it anyway just cause you're their kid. After all "It's easier to build boys than to mend men." (he must get these from a book.)

So the next time you screw up and disappoint your father, go up to him first and tell him that, "You'll get 'em next time."

Mrs. B — A Big Success

By Linda Wemhoff

Mrs. Bstandig arrived at Scotus this year - destined to teach senior English and start the Journalism department. Now, if you knew the seniors background in the knowledge of English - I think a little prayer said for Mrs. Bstandig may have been appropriate. Also, if you knew the conditions the annual had to be put together last year - the joy at having a journalism class starting would have been great. But, that means this teacher would have to start from scratch. The kids signed up for the class really didn't know much about reporting for a newspaper or doing year-book layouts. Once again - "Good Luck" to Mrs. Bstandig.

Well, she did it!! The year has passed us - the seniors of her English classes are now better

prepared for the college English (research papers and all), the newspaper has been issued once a month, and the annual is well on its way to being called fantastical.

Now, what is Mrs. Bstandig - the person - not the teacher really like?

Her hometown is Central City. There she attended high school, which led to college at Wayne State. A fifty-hour major in English prepared her for her career as an English teacher. But while she was at Wayne State - something else prepared her for another career.

She met her husband - Joe and married in 1970. Her career as a housewife and mother thus started. Yes, Mrs. Bstandig has two children - Justin - 5, and Jennifer - 2.

Her personal interests include collecting antiques and restoring family heirlooms. In fact, one of her goals in life is to one day

own an antique shop. She would also love to live in a Victorian house - One which she could restore to how it was when it was first built.

Of course, all teachers love to read - Mrs. Bstandig is no exception to this rule. And all mothers are supposed to enjoy cooking - But very few enjoy "going all out" on a fancy dinner like Mrs. Bstandig does. She enjoys cooking Bohemian and Czech meals for her family.

And last but not least, she enjoys teaching. And has really enjoyed working with the seniors this year. As for the journalism class - "they are a unique group".

Well, it seems Mrs. Bstandig has really made an impression on all of us here at Scotus. She was awarded "Teacher of the Year" by the student council! We are certainly grateful to her for helping make our senior year - a year of memories!

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Golf

By Cletus Arasmith

The Scotus Golf team took a third place finish at the Albion Invite with a score of 347. Taking the title was the host team, Albion, with 324. Craig was Runner-up with 329. Bret Kumpf was top for Scotus with a 84 (44-40), tying for 8th. Other Shamrock scores: Brian Kuta 85 (44-41), Greg Ernst 89 (42-47), Tony Schieffer 89 (43-46) and Jeff Thiele 92 (45-47).

Next was the Schyler Warriors, as the Shamrocks were nipped 177-180. Top honors for Scotus were Greg Ernst and Tony Schieffer both carding 43's. Other Shamrock scores: Brian Kuta 44, Bret Kumpf 50, and Curt White 51. Scotus then entered their

own tourney, Scotus Invite. Scotus took Runner-up honors with a 349, compared to Champion Albion with 342. Scotus' Brian Kuta took first with a 77 (37-40). Bret Kumpf also placed 10th with a 88 (41-47). Other Shamrock scores: Tony Schieffer 92 (43-49), Greg Ernst 92 (46-46) and Jeff Thiele 93 (42-51).

The Scotus Golfers lassoed the Boystown Cowboys 164-231. Medalists were Jeff Thiele and Tony Schieffer with 40's. Other Shamrock scores: Brian Kuta 42, Bret Kumpf 42 and Greg Ernst 44. Since this is our last issue of the paper and I won't be able to write anymore stories on the Golf Team I want to wish the team best of luck the rest of the season.

SCC Defends KC Title

By Chris Styskal

Scotus successfully defended their KC Invitational Crown by scoring 109 pts. in the 18 team field. David City Aquinas was second with 79, followed by Boystown, 56; Omaha Gross, 50; Schuyler, 46; Lakeview, 32; David City, 30; Humphrey, 23; Osceola, 18; St. Edward, 17; Newman Grove, 14; Milford, 12; Utica Centennial, 10; Stromsburg, 9; Madison, 8; Genos, 7; West Point CC, 6; Humphrey St. Francis, 0; Field Event Results Shot Put - Kevin Molczek, 3rd; Discus - Dave Reiser, 2nd; Pole Vault - Tony

Kurtenbach, 5th; Triple Jump - Glen Kucera, 2nd, Ken Heimann, 3rd. Running Events 400 meter - Tim Cielocha, 2nd; 800 meter- Doug Stopak, 3rd; 1600 meter - Tim Zuerlein, 2nd; 3200 meter - Mark Duren, 5th, Tom Tooley, 6th; 110 H. Hurdles - Chris Styskal, 2nd, Ken Heimann, 3rd, R. Starzec, 4th; 300 I. Hurdles - Ron Starzec, 1st. Relays 1600 meter- Scotus 1st, (Steve Byers, Doug Stopak, Bob Wieser, Mike Wieser); 3200 meter - Scotus 1st, (Tim Zuerlein, Bob Schumacher, Joe Sutko, D. Stopak).

Girls at Grand Island

by Lora Kurtenbach

The Scotus girls track team took a 6th place finish with a 34 on Thursday, April 23rd, at the the Grand Island Northwest Invitational.

Scotus points came in the distance races with the relay team of Beth Bixemann, Lana Torczon, Sheri Svoboda and Laurie Hajek winning the 3200 meter race with a 10:21.4 time.

Hajek, with a third place finish in the 800 meter run broke the school record with a 2:25.76 time. Although she didn't place

in the event, Bixemann also broke the school record with a 2:28.0 finish.

Lana Torczon recorded her best personal time with a second place finish (5:47.72) in the 1600 meter run. Team mate Angie Riley was sixth (5:58.52). Riley picked up fourth place pints (13:02) in the 3200 meter run.

The Irish 1600 meter relay team of Jane Zoucha, Lisa Thalken, Mary Merrill and Beth Bixemann ran to a 6th place (4:28.59) finish in the event. Hasting St. Cecilia won the meet with 121 points.

Girls Break Personal Records

By Lora Kurtenbach

The Shamrock Ladies finished 3rd in a triangular with Quinas and Lakeview on Lakeview's track Monday, May 4.

The 3200 meter relay team, consisting of Laurie Hajek, Beth Bixemann, Lana Torczon and Sherie Svoboda, placed 1st, while the 1600 meter relay team consisting of Mary Merrill, Lisa Thalken, Sherri Svoboda and Jane Zoucha, placed 2nd.

As far as individual events, Laurie Hajek took 2nd in the 1600 meter run, 1st in the 800 meter run and 4th in the long jump. Angie Riley took a 4th place in the 1600 meter run and a 2nd in the 3200 meter run, while Karen Soulliere finished

3rd. Beth Bixemann took a 5th place finish in the 800 meter run. Lisa Thalken set a school record in the hurdles with a 4th place finish. Jami Muhle and Mary Merrill took 4th and 5th places in the high jump, while Muhle also placed 4th in the 200 meter run. Pam Ruzicka followed behind Jami with 5th place. Jane Zoucha and Merrill took 2nd and 3rd place finishes in the 400 meter run and Steph Grohs took a 5th in the discus.

Aquinas won the meet with a total of 94 points, followed by Lakeview with 72 points. Scotus finished off the meet with 51 points.

Overall the girls performed well and broke many personal records.

Randolph Meet

By Chris Styskal

The Shamrock tracksters finished third out of a 17 team field at the Randolph Invitational. Wayne and Battle Creek topped Scotus, outscoring them in a number of events.

Field Event Results: Discus - 2nd, Dave Reiser; Triple Jump - 5th, Ken Heimann; Pole Vault - 5th, Tony Kurtenbach. Running Events 110 High Hurdles - 2nd, Chris Styskal, 3rd, Ron Starzec; 300 Int. Hurdles -

1st, Ron Starzec; 100 - 5th Bob Wieser; 200 - 4th Tim Cielocha, 5th, Bob Wieser; 800 - 3rd, Doug Stopak, 4th, Tim Cielocha; 1600 - 3rd, Tim Zuerlein; 3200 - 5th Mark Duren.

Relays 3200 - 1st, (Tim Zuerlein, Bob Schumacher, Joe Sutko, Doug Stopak); 400 - 5th (Bob Wieser, Chris Pokorny, Ken Heimann, Ron Starzec); 1600 - 3rd (Steve Byers, Doug Stopak, Mike Wieser, Tim Chielocha).

Memorable '81' Prom

by Tim Czuba

The 1981 Junior-Senior Prom of May 9th was full of spiffily dressed guys and gals. After the tantalizing meal, the tradition of the readings of the wills and prophecies took place. The

band was quite unique, their repertoire of songs of the early '70's kept couples (reluctantly) on the dance floor. It was a festive occasion, and one that shall remain in the memories of many who enjoyed themselves that evening.

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