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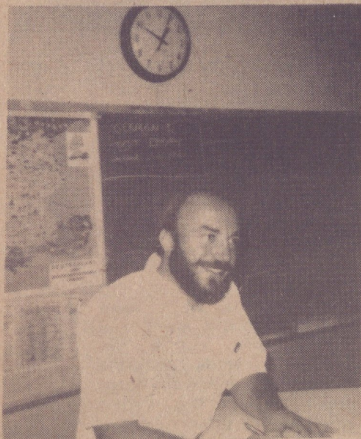
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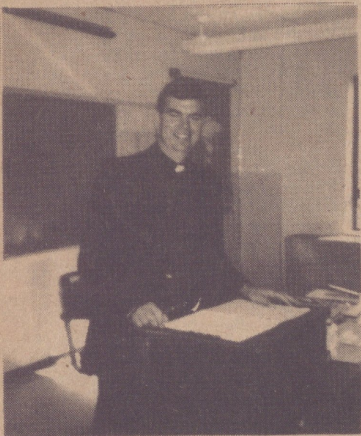
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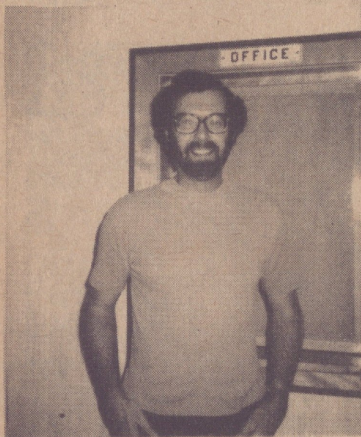
## New Priests



Father Wayne Pavela



Rev. James Kramper



Father Bruce Orey

## Overhaul for Religious Department

by Leo Zoucha

The religion department got a overhaul this year with the help of new teachers and a new style. This year we will see new faces and eventually books will take over the present-day folders.

Heading the list of new faces is Fr. Wayne, who will teach 8th, 9th, and 10th grades along with being the campus minister. Father Kramper, who teaches 7th,

9th, 11th, and 12th grades, says masses at St. Isidores. Fr. Bruce, who teaches 10th grade religion, will double with Fr. Jim Carroll, who teaches 8th graders, at St. Bon's.

The religion department has plans for many new ideas and goals. As Fr. Wayne stated, "Scotus has a very good foundation to build on." This will be a challenge for the four new teachers.

One change will be the

switch from folders to books.

Four more goals which Fr. Wayne said the religion department hopes to achieve includes ways to involve the students more in the liturgy.

The first way is to get students (Dave Jarecke and Bernice Zuerlein) involved in the distribution of Com-

The second way is to form a campus ministry team to help prepare and get involved in masses.

The third way is to form a choir and musical group to sing in the liturgies.

The fourth goal is to get retreats going for the Seniors this year and the other classes in future years.

With the help of four new teachers and four major goals the religion department plans to overhaul Scotus to make it run better.

## Backwards in Time

by Ron Bernt

In order to keep up with the changing times the history department has added a new technique to their curriculum. This technique, concept development, is based upon group discussion on current affairs.

This technique was demonstrated to the faculty at their September meeting. After the meeting, Miss Schuelke, an English teacher, noted that this

technique was an excellent way to get students involved.

The American history class will start with the present and work their way back through time. By working in this manner more time can be spent on current events.

Senior social studies emphasizes the system of government in America. This class prepares the seniors for life in the adult world of politics.

## Yearbook - Scotistics Circulation Beginning

by Dawn Bredahl

Will the annual be as good this year as it was last year? This is one question that is often heard in the halls. Last year's annual was one of the best that Scotus has ever had. But this year, because the school changed companies, the staff is hoping that it will be the BEST annual ever. The new company is Walsworth, and the yearbook will feature larger pages.

The editor of the 1982 annual is Ron Bernt. Since the annual was so good this year, Ron said, "The Jour-

nalism class will try its best to make the annual better than last year, and we hope to sell more annuals". We are going to have, once again, colored senior pictures and will have more action shots.

The editor of the Scotistics this year is Margaret Spenner. She is happy about her new position and also hopes the paper will be improved from last year. We want to sell more ads this year, and we will be sending the Scotistics to all alumni and the parents of Scotus students.

The journalism class consists of ten seniors.

## Pep Club Looking Good

by Mary Shotkoski

The 1981-82 Pep Club started the year off on a good note. The meetings this year are being held in a very organized manner. There are secretary minutes read now, and the treasurer's report is also given.

The Pep Club will also have a new hook about the end of Football season. The sweater is white on the bottom, green on top with a white stripe in a V shape across the green. Green pants will also take the place of skirts.



## Jarecke's Host A.F.S. Student

by Leo Zoucha

Aren't we lucky to have the chance to learn? Not the usual way, but through the help of a girl from another country. This girl is Maura Baptista Capriglione. She is with us this year with the help of the A.F.S. Program.

Maura comes from Sao Paula, Brazil, in South America. She left her two sisters, Laura and Paula, and the rest of her family to visit us at Scotus this year. Maura stays with her Host Family, Larry and Jane

Jarecke family. Her new family consists of Tami, and Todd here at school.

Maura has taken five years of English to prepare her for her arrival here. She has also taken eleven years of Portuguese, the native language in Brazil, and two years of French. Other interests include listening to popular music; singing in organized groups; playing musical instruments; painting and drawing; debating; discussing current events; and participating in political organizations.

## Beginning on a Sharp Note

by Maggie Spenner

The music program this year is beginning on a sharp note, with a mass increase in students, and the production work of concerts has already begun.

Mrs. Schrabel is looking forward to a successful year in the music dept. She says the main improvement is the number of students enrolled - "the biggest increase in the last few years." She says "With

more voices, we can produce a much, much better sounding group."

The band dept. got off on a sharp note also, with an increase in students, too. The junior high band has 45 members and the senior high has 6 members. The grade schools also have many students learning on band instruments.

There will be numerous concerts and shows this year, and hopefully we'll see you all there.



Arriving in Mexico City. The old Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in the background.



New Basilica



Mexico City - Plaza de tres culturas

# Spanish Students jet South of the Border Down Mexico Way

by Curt White

"Unforgettable" was one way to describe the trip to Mexico for a few Scotus students. Ten students traveled to Mexico this summer to learn more about the Mexican civilization. Mr. and Mrs. Deluna and Fr. Joe Miksch were the sponsors. The students were Cindy Backes, Lynda Stopak, Julie Modlin, Sherri Zywiec, Stacy Podraza, Duane Czaplak, Jay Cutsor, Dean White and Bobby Roy. The group drove to Kansas City where they boarded a plane to Dallas. After stopping in Dallas they flew directly to Mexico City arriving around ten o'clock.

They all awoke early the next morning eager to get a look at the city. After breakfast they got on a bus that took them on a tour of the city. The bus stopped at Chapultepec Park. The park is devoted mostly to Maximillium and Carlotta. He was the emperor of Spain and Carlotta was his wife. That afternoon they

went to the Cathedral of Mexico City. In the evening they attended a performance of the Folkloric Ballet where they witnessed dances from pre-Aztec to modern day.

Thursday they visited the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. (It was here that the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared in 1531.) and as Bob Roy put it "fantastic". During the afternoon they went to see the pyramid of Sun and Moon. When they returned they had a little time of their own.

On Friday the group departed for the Spanish city of Taxco known for its silver mining. They walked through the streets of Taxco; some buying jewelry, some just taking in the scenery. That afternoon they toured the Church of Santa Prisca and the silver shops.

Saturday the group left for Acapulco by bus. Arriving in Acapulco the students were impressed with the first sight of the celestial blue ocean. That day the students had the day to do anything they

wanted to do. They all went to the beach to swim. You could walk out a few hundred yards and the water was only waist deep. After a hard day on the beach the group spent a quiet evening in their hotel.

The next day the went on a yacht cruise on Acapulco Bay. The students enjoyed diving off the ship into the ocean. They had the afternoon to enjoy the beach or watch the Daring Divers at La Quebrada dive from 120 ft. cliffs. That evening the students had a chance to try their foot at dancing in one of the most celebrated discotheques in Acapulco.

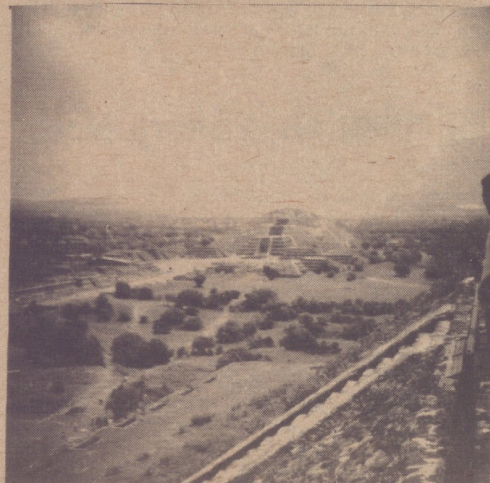
On Monday they had a free day to go shopping or relax on the beach. Many of them went downtown to pick up some last minute souvenirs. That night they had a farewell dinner-party on the beach. Tuesday was their last day in Mexico. They returned to Mexico City and then flew back home. The history of Mexico was viewed from a different approach for ten Scotus students, first hand.



Acapulco Bay from hotel window



Acapulco



Pyramid of Moon outside Mexico City



Climbing the Pyramid of the Moon



Stacy Podraza on plane

# Farewell to Captain and Hello to Dick and Jane

by Dave Kantor

Tim and I were sitting in my room, as we quite often do on Sunday nights, talking about how we wish it were summer again. But then again, summers now just don't compare to summers "When We Were Young". Not a care in the world! Except when Saturday was coming and you'd have to take your weekly bath and what time Gillingan's Island was on.

The summer would begin when the teacher would dismiss us on the last day of school and we would say Good Bye to Dick, Jane and Spot for three months. This

was always my favorite day (I could never figure out why Mom was crying). Maybe it was because she had to put up with a full summer of the Lone Ranger and Tom and Jerry and never got to find out what happened to Lisa on As the World Turns.

A typical summer day of youth consisted of breakfast with Captain Kangaroo to start off the day. Sometimes mom would get mad because I'd pour TII of the cereal out of the box to get to the Secret Agent Spy Scope (I wonder if they put the prize at the bottom of the box just to make moms mad). After breakfast you'd

take your Secret Agent Spy Scope and sit on the front porch and wait for the milkman. Then you'd wait around till it got hot enough to complain about the heat so you could go swimming in your inflatable pool. Eventually, mom would come out to get you for lunch but you didn't want to get out yet. So she'd say "Okay, Don't get out! I was just reading in the paper about a little boy who stayed in the water too long and he grew fins and gills." After hearing this I jumped out of the water in terror! (I never found that article in the paper either) Then you came in for lunch and ate

the inside of you sandwich and drank your milk. Even though dad said the crust of the bread would put hair on your chest, you saved it for the birds anyway. Then after a long hard day of sand lot ball or cowboys and Indians you were lulled to sleep by the gentle chirp of the crickets.

But all good things must come to an end. Already the first day of school was here! You had to bid farewell to Captain and Hello to Dick and Jane. You even had to take baths more than once a week. You would take your glue, scissors and #2 pencils and started all over again.

## Back into the swing of things

by Peg Siemek

Now is the time of year when thoughts drift back to the past summer. One remembers the wild and crazy things each one of us has done. Some of these might have been: trying to water ski but not succeeding, going swimming with friends and getting thrown in, learning how to drive without running into objects, and going on fun family vacations. But, the summer is now just another fond memory, and it's time to start a new school year.

This year has many different meanings to many different people.

To the freshmen, it is a new experience, and to the

seniors it is a year to remember. Still, to many others it is just another year of school. But to all students, school means tests and homework which in turn means headaches and cramming. The headaches simply come from students trying to think up new excuses for their homework not getting done. A usual one is, of course, when a student's little brother or sister has gotten hold of the assignment and torn it to bits.

Yes, school has really started and it is time for all of us to get back into the swing of things and maybe even come up with a few original excuses!



## It's Just THE BOYS

by Margaret Spenner

Have you ever glanced down the hall here at school and seen a guy looking at you from behind black glass, wearing a black hat, white shirt, black tie, and black trousers? If you have, then you have seen none other than -- The Senior Blues Brothers.

The Senior Blues Brothers made their debut last year during a fifties day here at school. No matter how hard the students tried, they could not get one of these guys to smile. They walked around all day looking somewhat like zombies. They were a big hit though, and the tradition of dressing up like Blues Brothers

would carry through to the following year.

September 4th, the Student Council threw the first tape dance of the year, and for many who attended, they had the chance to see "the Boys" in action. These boys are, of course, the Senior Blues Brothers. They consider themselves punk-rockers, and so. The dance had a slight air of punk rock, with "the Boys" boppin' the whole night through.

So if you're ever walking down the hall, and see a pair of black glasses glaring at you, don't be afraid to draw near. It is just the Blues Brothers in action, doing their thing, my dear.

## Math takes a vacation

by Mary Shotkoski

Consumer Math - the math that deals with practical application - is a new course being offered to Scotus students in grades 10, 11, and 12 this year. The instructor is Mr. Peter-

son and presently, there are 15 students enrolled in the course.

Using their Math skills, the students are now working on a project, which is planning a ten day vacation.

## Thespians in action

by Ron Bernt

While most school groups took the summer off and relaxed, the Thespians were cleaning house. The fact that the summer months were spent cleaning the drama rooms was the first point on the agenda for the August 27th meeting of the Thespians. Then, elections were held. The officers for the 1981-

1981 school year are:

President- Ron Bernt  
Vice President- Lora Kurtenbach  
Secretary- Carole Podraza  
Historian- Clarice Korgert  
The goals for Thespians this year can be summed up in the words from their sponsor, Mrs. Bernt, "We would like to increase membership in the coming year".

## Editorially Speaking

# TRADITION

Keys  
Scotus

by Mary Shotkoski

From the green and white striped cheerleading uniforms to the two bits, four bits cheer, from the crowning of Homecoming King and Queen to the Junior-Senior Prom, from game day Masses to Religion classes - All of this spells out one key word at Scotus High, and that is "TRADITION".

Throughout the many years that Scotus has existed, traditions have played a very important role in the school. Without traditions, Scotus would just be a building on the corner of 18th Avenue with no meaning.

Just imagine yourself at a Scotus home football game. If the team didn't come out on the field in green and white, and the cheerleaders didn't have on the striped sweater, the place would seem very different. It just

wouldn't be Scotus.

Scotus is a school with many of its priorities based on tradition. It's been a tradition of Scotus to have an All School Mass at the beginning and end of each year. It's been a tradition to have the previous year's Homecoming King and Queen crown the new King and Queen. Another tradition that is very important to Scotus is the rivalries with schools such as Aquinas and Lakeview.

Without all of the traditions we have, Scotus wouldn't take the Pride it does, in itself, today. Many of the traditions are constantly changing as the years go on, but the basics are still with us and will always be a part of the Scotus Family. Scotus people and students are proud of where Scotus is today, and we'll be proud of Scotus tomorrow.

## Scotus goes "One Better"

by Leo Zoucha

Some schools have their 'rah-rah' and school spirit, but Scotus goes 'one better' in that department. At Scotus, what others might consider wierd, is a unique school spirit.

Of course, Scotus is not completely different. We have our very respectable Pep Club with their organized cheers. We have our poster parties and school decorations. But, there are other ways of getting keyed.

At first, look at one of Scotus' Pep Rallies where cheering and hollering are normal. But, at whose Pep Rally would anyone notice a kid dressed in Hawaiian clothes and black socks come running out from underneath the bleachers holding a Lakeview chicken

and then throwing it at the ground, and giving it a vicious elbow smash?

That example may just appear to be a little wierd, but it does not compare with the phrase "Full War Dress". This phrase, which is being borrowed from the Indians, has more meaning to it. It might be associated with one or more persons dressed up in black suits, black hats, and dark cheap sunglasses. To another group, it is associated with costumes such as: Superman, a Shamrock, a Hawaiian tourist, or a collection of green smothered onto one's body.

In one respect Scotus has a student body full of enthusiastic kids. But when the need for School Spirit comes along Scotus goes 'one better'.

## Cheering the Student Council

by Ron Bernt

Let us give three cheers for the group that is often ignored - the Student Council. In the past, this organization has been known for a couple of tape dances a year and maybe candy sales after school. But, a dramatic change has taken place.

This year the Student Council is meeting on their own time in order to spend more time on the problems of student affairs. To start off, they have decided that there will be a dance a month to keep up school unity in a noncompetitive atmosphere.

To build up the moral of the student body, the Council has added a new feature - the students' of the

month. The Council will set up guidelines for choosing these students. Student Council will also be looking at other possibilities for boosting student morale.

The first official welcome for the foreign exchange student was held by the Student Council on September 17 during first period. A breakfast of rolls and orange juice was followed by a brief talk given by Maura. The Council will also provide her with lunches and various other gifts.

Once again I say "three cheers for the Student Council" who, this year, is devoting its time to the welfare of the students, rather than the welfare of its members.

## Poet's Column

(blank sheet of paper)

Oh blank sheet of paper,  
portrait of my soul  
Empty, colorless,  
nothing as a whole  
Your suffering vastness,  
struggles of strife  
Seem to reflect  
a mirror of my life

Maybe someday  
someone will come  
To make our lives  
together as one  
Oh how joyous  
that day will be  
For then I shall not be,  
as empty as thee.

Todd Stepanek



The God-Father

(Why am I)

Why am I?  
What is my purpose on the earth?  
What am I in God's great universe?  
With all its galaxies and space and in all this space I am but a grain of sand. The world is my beach. I must have a purpose! Everyone has a purpose! But what is it?

Why am I?  
I'm only one in millions and millions.  
What is my importance? What does the future hold for me?  
I don't understand, I can't place my elf.  
I'm lost in a wilderness of nothing, of total emptiness.

Why am I here?  
What will my life bring to others?  
Will I be a prophet?  
Will I be a scientist?  
Will I be a great scholar?  
Or will I be a ditch digger?

Why am I?  
Who am I?  
Am I the only sane person in this world?  
Or am I insane?  
Am I scared of the future, or it of me?

Why am I!  
Because I am.

Jay Jarceke

# Pep Rally Sets Off Win

by Dave Harrington

After one of the most inspiring pep rallies ever given, led by the likes of Rick Engel, half of the original fun brothers duo, the Shamrock football squad was ready to do battle with the Lakeview Vikings. The event was to take place on September 11, at 7:30, on Viking territory. The two teams were to battle for the class B title in Columbus. Both teams were coming off of losses, and hungry for the taste of victory.

The Shamrocks scored first, on a 3 yard run by Bob Wieser. Kritter's kick was no good.

This set the Vikings to score on a 15 yard pass, the kick was also no good.

These were the only points the Vikings earned in the game. This left the half time score at 6 to 6.

After an inspiring speech given by head coach Jim Puetz at half time, the Shamrocks were more than ready to play ball.

As put in the words of Dave Engelbert, a tri-captain, as only he can put them, "We were a little tense, but we had the first game under our belt and we went out and played pretty good ball. We had a little let down in the second quarter, but we played well the second half.

With Mark Brezinski at quarterback, and calling alot of the game, we were led down to the 6 yard line, where a broken play led Mark to paydirt. Kritter's

kick was no good. This put the score at 12-6 in favor of the Shamrocks.

Following a Lakeview punt, the Shamrocks put on a drive which was ended as again Bob Wieser ran the ball 24 yards to set the score at 18-6 (and the last score of the game). Again, Kritter's kick was no good.

The fourth quarter was scoreless but that's not to say it wasn't exciting. The people in the stands were given the chance to see the depth in the Scotus Shamrocks football team.



The Wiese springs into action as Mark Brezinski waits in anticipation.

## Order Now - Get All The Uses

by Dave Harrington

This being the first paper put out by the Scotus Journalism Staff, I would like to say thank-you for reading it thus far. But now that you are finished, what are you to do with this great piece of work? Well, I have a few ideas that come to mind.

The first being, if you have any fish you caught within the past two to three years, you could wrap them in this issue and say that the Scoticistics paper did you a big favor. Then again, you could say it helped you be a creative artist by using your artistic talents to deface every picture in the issue.

But what about the people out there who work for a living? If you are a maid, you could spray some Window on the window and wipe it off with this issue, to have a streakless, smearless window. (If you do end up with streaks and smears, you're probably doing it wrong.)

If you're into doing a dishonest day's work, you could cut out letters of this issue and send it as a ransom note, because you stole someone's pet salamander that has been in the family as long as their mother didn't find out.

You see, by subscribing to the Scoticistics newspaper, you can do more than just read a newspaper. You can use all of these neat, keen and clever ideas, and say Scoticistics has done more for you than any other newspaper you have ever read before.

But remember this is only the first issue. In order to get all of the uses out of the ideas I have provided, you must subscribe now. The cost is only \$5.00. Please make checks payable to Scotus and mail your name and address to the Scotus Journalism Dept.

## Varsity Volleyball Action



Collen Witt spikes as Julie Paprocki waits in anticipation against Aquinas.

Taken by Phil Prorok, Courtesy Col.-Telegram



Bob Wieser shields off a Viking.

## Cross Country Places

by Curt White

The boys cross country team won 4th place in the Sept. 4th Albion Invite, while the girls captured 1st. There were 12 teams involved in the boys race. Seven teams competed in the girls division.

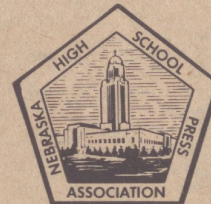
Scotus finishers in the top ten were Tim Zuerlein, fifth (17:05) and Tom Tool-ey, seventh (17:20). Mike Quattrocchi finished 27th with a time of 18:39. Other Scotus runners were Lance Zach, 37th (19:10) and Rich Eisenmeyer, 52nd (21:20).

## Boys 4th Girls 1st

This is the second year of competition for the girls and the first major meet the girls have won.

They were led by Angie Riley's third place finish (18:44) and Paula Stopak's fifth place finish (19:40). Steph Grohs finished 18th with a time of 21:11. Beth Bixenmann had a time of (21:21) while Kriss Kaminski finished with (22:44).

Tami Zuerlein ran in the JV meet and finished with a impressive time of (21:45).



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## Homecoming candidates 1981

by Dawn Bredahl

This year the Homecoming procession will be constructed somewhat differently. The crowning of the king and queen will be done at half time during the Scotus vs. Boystown football game. The candidates this year are . . . . .

Mary Merrill is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Merrill. Mary has been involved in Pep Club for all of her high school years and has acted as cheerleader all four years, currently serving as head cheerleader. Mary has been in Honor Society for two years and S-Club three years. She is on the Volleyball team and has been all through high school lettering two of the four years, also in track lettering two of the three years. Mary's plans for the future are to attend college at the University of Lincoln and to go into psychology.

Torri Jackson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Merrill. Torri has been very active in Pep Club since her freshman year. She has served as a cheerleader her freshman, sophomore, and senior years. She was involved in speech team her junior year, FBLA her senior year and Spanish Club her sophomore year. Torri's plans for the future aren't definite as of yet, but would like to go into secretarial work.

Kathy Soulliere is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Soulliere. Kathy has been in Pep Club for four years and has been a cheerleader all four years. She has also been in Honor Society for two years, on Honor Roll for four years, Speech team for 3 years and Student Council for 2 years. She has participated in Drama for two years and in Volleyball for one year. In Kathy's freshman year she was class Vice President and head cheerleader. Her sophomore year she was class secretary. Kathy's plans for the future are to attend college, but in an undecided major.

Mary Placzek is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Placzek. Mary has been in Honor Society for two years, Volleyball one year, Pep Club four years and is currently the Treasurer. Mary is very active in Music class, she has participated in the school musicals for three years, and music class for four years and in many contests. She was the Junior class Treasurer and is the Secretary/Treasurer of Music this year. Mary's plans are to go on to college and to be a Respiratory Therapist.

Lora Kurtenbach is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin C. Kurtenbach. Lora has been a member of the Speech Team for four years, and two of those years she went to state. She has also participated in Drama for two years and has been in school plays for



Homecoming candidates for 1981 were, from left to right front row — Jerry Taylor, Dave Engelbert, Steve Byers, Dave Kantor, Dave Jarecke, Bob Wieser. Back row — Angie Riley, Lora Kurtenbach, Mary Merrill, Torri Jackson, Kathy Soulliere, Mary Placzek.

(Photo Courtesy of Columbus Telegram)

three years. She is also a three year member of Thespians. Lora has been a member of the Pep Club for four years, was Vice President her junior year and is currently President. Lora has also been a member of Student Council for three years and was Secretary of Student Council her junior year; and President of her class as a sophomore. She is currently involved in Girls Glee. Lora participated in County Government Day and lectures at church on Sundays. Lora was also in German Club for two years, Volleyball one year and track two years. Lora's plans for the future are to attend college, but she has no definite major in mind.

Angie Riley is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Riley. She has been a member of honor Society for two years, and on Honor Roll for four years. She has participated in Pep Club for four years and has been a cheerleader all four years. She has also been a member of the German Club and served as the Vice President, also Angie is an S Club member. Angie is very active in Track which she has lettered in three years, and Cross Country, which she has also lettered in three years. Angie's future plans are to attend a Catholic College, but she has no definite major in mind.

Steve Byers is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Don R. Byers Jr. Steve is a three year member of the football team and a two year letter winner currently serving as a Tri-Captain. He is also a three year track member and a two year letter winner, in which he qualified for State two years. Steve is a two year Drama member and presently involved in Mixed Chorus. Steve is also a five year member of the Columbian Squires. Steve's plans for the future are to attend a Technical school, he has no definite major.

Bob Wieser is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Luke Wieser. He has been a member of the football team for three years in which he has lettered all three. Bob was also in basketball for 1 year and Track for 4 years. Bob is currently serving as the President of the Music Club and is a member of Mixed Chorus. Bob's plans are to attend college and continue to play football.

Dave Jarecki is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Jarecki. Dave has played football since he could walk,

but has played for Scotus for two years. He has also played Intramural Basketball. Dave has been on the track team and a member of the Columbian Squires for five years; he was Marshall Squire and currently served as Chief Squire. He is a member of S-Club, Honor Society and Student Council. He was also asked to be an E.M.E. or to serve communion at school masses. Dave's plans are to go on to college to get into Business and he would like to continue playing football and hopefully get into coaching.

Dave Engelbert is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Engelbert. Dave has been a member of S-Club for two years and has participated in football, basketball and track. Dave is an honor roll student, a three year member of National Honor Society and a six year member of the Columbian Squires. Dave is President of Honor Society, Tri-Captain on the football team and Notary Squire for the Columbian Squires. Dave's plans are to attend UNL.

Jerry Taylor is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Taylor. Jerry is a three year Member of S-Club and has lettered two years in football. He is a Honor Society member for three years and a three year member of the Columbian Squires. In Jerry's Freshman and sophomore years he was a Student Council representative and is currently Vice President of Student Council. Jerry has no definite plans for the future.

Dave Kantor is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Duane Kantor. Dave has participated in football during his four years of high school; he is also a four year member of the track team. Last year Dave was in the Journalism class and was a member of Drama, which went to state, but did not win. Dave's plans are to go on to college.

## Memories are the stories of our visions

## Department Review English

by Mary Shotkoski

Last year at this time, the English books that were being used were ancient, and the Literature books were plagued with the disease of missing pages. When the situation went from bad to worse, along came the English teachers to the rescue. Thanks to them, the students from grades seven to twelve, now have modernized grammar books along with new Literature books, that contain whole pages, and complete stories.

The new books have been a definite factor in the progress of the English department this year. Along with the new books, the English Curriculum is now being written down, so that it can be referred to at any time.

The English department has definitely improved within the last few years. As one teacher quotes, "It's the strongest department we've had in a long time," which tells us that the English department is now an asset to the School Curriculum.

## Guidance

by Margaret Spenner

She sits at the top of the landing on second floor -- seen every day by practically all students. She is our guidance counselor here at Scotus. She is Nancy Donner

Miss Donner feels that the Guidance Department is one of the least understood areas in any school. The Department is there for many reasons, but probably the most important is that it is a source of information for the students, and it serves as a student advocate, a place to go when you need someone to talk to about family problems, school problems, or just about any problem one may face. Everyone needs someone to talk to, and Miss Donner serves her purpose as being a good friend to many of our students.

There is a big plus in the Guidance Department this year, with the addition of a new resource center that every student will use during the year. Miss Donner says "This new center will provide 'hands on' material whenever a student is in need of it." This center will help students in their search of information on certain schools and colleges that they may need.

Sister Francis Sedlacek is also helpful in Guidance as she will be practicing her counseling throughout the year. This is definitely a plus for the students as they will have two counselors to visit.

Scotus Guidance Dept. has received a grant from the State Department of Education to expand in career education. Scotus will be using this grant to have the students more involved in career education and career resources in the guidance office.

All in all, one can say that our Guidance Department is definitely doing an excellent job in its role of useful information to the students, and in being one of the best friends a student could ever have. Take advantage of our guidance department. It is there for a purpose, and only you can make that purpose work.

## Editorially Speaking

### Senior Year can wait

by Tony Schieffer

Most high school students dream of becoming a Senior. They say to themselves, "Boy, I can't wait til my Senior year, no homework, and parties every night!" To tell the truth, there are a number of Seniors who right now would gladly trade places with any freshman.

Becoming a Senior means a number of things, including homework every night. It also means the friendly insurance man who wants to talk to you about buying life insurance, and why you need it when you're only 18 years old. It means the dreaded ACT test that your study for hours on; and then your spend most of the time looking up the big words in the questions, let alone answering them.

These being a few of my favorite, but only some of the many worries a Senior has, you can about imagine the fun that the Senior year has presented thus far.

Boy, if this were only my Freshman year!

### The American Dream

by Jay Jarecke

This Dream begins humbly on Maple Street in Anytown, U.S.A. Life starts out joyful and happy with nothing but riches and good. Then it hits a blemish in the face of the American Dream. Nothing could stop this Dream except the future. How could they leave this thorn th the pathway to success?

Is this Great American Dream a high school diploma or a college education? Or is this Great Dream we all have, just burning in each and every human being, every person, the urge to create an image of that person. Not to impress others but to be personally fulfilled in yourself. Is this not a great dream?

Is the Dream really to have two cars in every garage and chicken in every pot? Is that really the American Dream? Or does every person want to be a "breed apart", someone who just isn't another face in the crowd.

### Study Body's Honor and Pride

by Margaret Spenner

There is a distinguished group of people here at Scotus, it is called the student body. The students here at Scotus are considered to many to be the most respected around. The students here honor themselves on pride.

There is an air of uniqueness which surrounds the halls while the students busily rush to all of their classes. One can feel a big difference in the attitude of the students. And, one might hear, "So what if we didn't win the game, we gave it our best shot, and THAT is what counts the most." This is the attitude of many of the students.

Confidence and pride say it all. We may not have the most perfect students around, but we come awfully close to being unbeatable!

So the next time you are walking down the same old hall, seeing the same faces you see every single day, remember that this is the Scotus family—a family we can all be proud of.



Now that's Punk



Leo and Ron are fit to be tied.

## —A Crazy Week of Spirit

by Tony Schieffer

Spirit Week is the name given to the week that precedes the Homecoming Football Game. During this week, Oct. 12-16, a number of different events take place. One series of events that took place were that every day had a different purpose.

Tuesday, for instance, was Fire-Up day. This day was set aside for wearing red and orange items. This supposedly was to get everyone fired up for the game (that's football talk).

Wednesday (you talk about fun), was Punk-Rock Day; this day was set

aside mostly for the students enjoyment. They could just about wear what ever their little hearts desired.

Thursday was Tie 'Em up Day. This day was for wearing weird ties and shoe strings, etc. This was to represent tying up the Boys Town Cowboys, who we played Friday of Homecoming Week. Thursday was the last day for the ever so popular Homecoming Pep Rally. The main attraction for this pep rally was that everyone who didn't participate in Spirit Week, was made a complete fool.

Friday, the final day of the multi-joyous occasion, everyone wore green to promote enthusiasm.

## Prove It!

by Dave Harrington

"Art is a way of relaxation." this was one of the comments made by the art teacher, Mrs. Stoerber. This is her third year at Scotus as an art teacher, and she is trying to improve the art curriculum. "I would like to see more people in art, more kids with a real interest, not the ones taking it 'just for the hours!'"

Many say, "Well I'm not going to be an artist anyway" "But," Mrs. Stoerber said, "Art will help you in other fields." If you have a basic understanding of art, it can help you in decorating your house. You learn that certain colors make rooms seem bigger than they really are."

"In areas of hobbies, art can help. It's creative, expressive, and to me, art is a way of relaxation."

About the same amount of students are in art this year compared to last year. "But we're not getting the same people year after year."

By displaying the art in school, the students have a chance to evaluate the artists we do have at Scotus. So, when you look into the art window on first floor and say "I cand do better than that! -- PROVE IT and take ART!"

## Students gifted with talent

by Margaret Spenner

There is an abundance of talent here at Scotus Central High School; talents that cannot be matched. There are great actresses, actors, singers, speakers, football players, tracksters, basketball players, and many others.

It is the dream of many of the people involved in any of these areas to someday make it to the very top, and fulfill their dreams. This is their goal.

Some of these select few have the confidence and support needed to take pride in their talent and make it work for them. Others feel that this God-given talent is nothing to be proud of. These are the people that need the support of the school.

There may be some of these talented people who will make it to the height of their career. They will look back on Scotus knowing that this school gave them the push they needed to believe in themselves.

Everyone needs help along the way once in a while, and your smile or your little pat on the back may be just what these students need.

Everyone can achieve that one goal of many goals they may have if they believe they have the ability. You can do it. Have confidence in yourself. After all, a gift is too great a gift to waste.

## Language of the 80's

by Dave Harrington

With all this new "lingo" (language, slang for) going around, a person can get lost in the world of words. So, to bring you "to the jetset way of jive" (up to date on the American way of talking) I have prepared a list of sayings and what they really mean in this "Honkey Tonk" (fast moving) world of today.

What you say                      what it really means  
to your parents

"May I have \$10?"              You only need \$5  
"I'll be home early"              2 o'clock in the morning  
"I scratched the car."              It's totaled  
"The car stalled."              You met a girl!  
"Had to work late."              You went out driving  
"I'm busy."              You're not doing anything, but you don't want to do what they (your parents) want you to do. (Usually resulting in physical labor.)

What you say                      translation  
to your friends

"I'm gonna stay home."              You have a date  
"I have a date."              You are staying home.  
"I don't know what anybody's              You are doing tonight."              having a party.  
"I have tons              You can't get it finished of homework."              in 30 minutes.  
"What are you going              Can I come over. to do tonight?"  
"I have to study              A good show is oh for a test."              for a test."  
"I'm grounded."              A 2 hour special of "The Waltons" is on.  
"Did you read the paper?"              Your name or picture is in the issue.

"Look man, you can dig a ten foot ditch with what they are sticking you with when the sun shines." (You see, you can learn large amounts of what is happening in the world today) if you just listen.

## The Unfinished Assign . . .

by Dave Harrington

Late, Unsigned, Unfinished, Incomplete. These are some terms teachers write on papers almost every day. And what do they get in return?

"My dog ate my pencil."  
"After I wrote my name, my pen ran out of ink."

"I forgot it at home."  
Granted, some of these may be true, how would you like it if they were showing a very dramatic part in your favorite soap opera and . . .

"Oh Luke, I, I . . . We interrupt this program to announce that our writer did not finish the script and therefore, for the remaining 30 minutes we will show reruns of "FATHER KNOWS BEST."

Not one of your better days, huh?  
Okay, you don't like soap operas anyway. How about a good book . . .

. . . as Dr. Fonebone walked up the spiral staircase, he found a bright red piece of silk that was caught in the sharp railing. Suddenly . . . (you turn the page) ALL BLANK.

Again you have seen better days. So you see, the point I am trying to get across to the readers of this is,

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## The Lone Trick or Treater ...

by Dave Harrington

The faint cry of a wolf baying at the moon, a loud scream cut short by a deep groaning laugh that seems to be coming from the forest nearby.

A shrill of excitement comes over your body as you are being followed up the mansions walkway. A cat springs out from behind a bush, startling you. But you, never giving up, waiting to be greeted by destiny, continue on.

Ever so clearly, the footsteps behind you are heard, you reach for the brass door knock, clutching it you slap it against the door frantically.

A lone man, with pale, thin lips looks down upon your weary, starving eyes. He is tall, thin, elegant, except for the bunny ears coming out of his head.

"Hallo thar, sonny! Do ya want a Snickers or a Milkyway?"

"Trick or treat! I want a Snickers, and

can I have another one for my brother, he's home sick." (A good one, I mean, that people can't resist . . . it might be true.)

"Well, you send him by when he gets better, I'll give him one then."

Those footsteps behind you are closing in. In great anticipation "Trick or treat!"

"Hallo thar, boys! Do ya want a Snickers or a Milkyway?"

As you walk away, you look desperately in your sack for the treat the man gave you. As you reach in your sack you feel something, soft and sticky with carpet fur balls all over it - that must be it!

After about an hour, and at least 32 cavities tucked away in your sack, you will return home.

And when you get there you will have to give your sick brother 1/2 of your candy, and he will take all the good stuff.

Have a Happy Halloween!



October's students of the month (front row) Liz Kumpf, Tami Zuerlein. (Back row) Terry Green, Bob Roy.

## The Selected Few

By Leo Zoucha

Student Council started a project this month in order to praise students that show some leadership in the school. This project is called "Student of the Month". Everyone in the school is eligible. The student council votes on the students. The guidelines for this project include: Involvement in school activities; academics; achievements; personality; and school spirit. The winners for the month of October are: Terry Green, senior; Bob Roy, junior; Liz Kumpf, sophomore; Tami Zuerlein, freshman.

Awards included locker decorations, treats, bulletin decoration and just the recognition. There will be four winners every month picked by Student Council.

Congratulations to these four people.

## Murder in Room 22

by Ron Bernt

Four people were found dead in room twenty-two after a psychotic murderer killed each of the four in a brutal manner. A bazaar happening as this is a common day occurrence in drama class.

Scenes like the above mentioned are all set up to teach the students enrolled in drama a specific skill. The main goal is to increase the power of observation in each student. Many of the activities are set up so that the student can recreate an emotion, action, or character that he has previously seen.

The class finally gives the student a chance to break out of his shell and let loose. So the next time you see a cannibal, a greek bride, or outlaws from the west roaming the halls, you're not on Fantasy Island, but witnessing the Scotus drama department in action.

## The 25¢ Addiction

by Leo Zoucha

As the plague swept from coast to coast, through every bar, skating rink, and other familiar gathering places, it left many people with many unusual crazes. Some symptoms of the plague are sore wrists, empty change pockets, and nightmares of little creatures coming to get you and destroy your homebase. This plague is Video game syndrome. Myself, coming off a summer of restless nights and shortness of change, have taken courses in which to take up gum chewing whenever the urge comes to play a video game.

It was "Asteroids" that got me hooked. Other recognized menaces are "Space Invaders," "Pac-Man," and "Galaxie." Since mine was a mild 10,000-20,000 point disease, it was not hard to cure. For others, it was not so fortunate. There have been recorded cases of 20 million points.

This story was written as a warning to those who have symptoms such as mine, or need to play a game at least two times a day. These people should seek professional help.

## ... Who knocks at the door ...

by Leo Zoucha

On Halloween one might notice all the cute kids in homemade costumes. But, sometimes notice the people who pass out the candy.

For example, there are those who totally refuse to participate. They turn off all the lights in the house, put "wet-paint" signs on their porch, or totally barricade the house. Of course, with these people come those who feel guilty and leave a bowl of candy on the steps with a sign, "Please take one piece--Thank You (BOO)."

But, don't get down because not all are like this. There are those who

have to be comedians and insist on tricks before treats. The extremists can be found by the crowd of little kids around the house. These people go all out. They go to the F.W. Woolsworth and buy the scary noise records and play them on their stereos at full volume. They even dress up in very scary costumes, and hide behind the door waiting for little kids to ring the doorbell.

Halloween night is not just for little kids. It is also a time for some parents to get into the act and have a little fun.

## In his fantasy world

by Mary Shotkoski

Halloween is the one night of the year where once normal human beings decide to leave the world of normalcy and enter a new and unusual world of Halloween fantasy.

In this world, little girls become fairy princesses, or witches, depending on their choice. Little boys dress up as monsters, or superstars, and even the big people like to dress up as bums or in some instances, as animals. Whether they be big or small, all say the same phrase of "Trick or Treat".

Halloween always falls on the 31st day of October. On this night, the streets come alive with the Trick or Treaters and the lit up Jack-o-lanterns. Unknown neighbors also become very well known to the Trick-or-Treaters on this night.

Whether it be the good (sweet stuff, or for the fun of it, remember that Halloween is special, and the only thing you have to say is "Trick or Treat".

## Introducing: The Speech Program

by Ron Bernt

The speech team has started another year of practices and competition. Sixty-seven members make up the team spread throughout the areas of: after-dinner speaking, play reading, prose, poetry, duet acting, extemporaneous, informative, original public address, and T.V. news.

On November 14 the speech team travels to Platte College for the first contest. Members are looking forward to an invitational in December. Other contests include the Conference and District contest and State in April.

The motto for this year is: "Another step on the ladder of success." The hopes are to take first place in Class B State competition.

GOOD LUCK!

## FBLA off and running

by Peg Siemek

The FBLA chapter at Scotus Central Catholic is off to a good start for the 1981-1982 school year.

Officers were elected on September 21st, and they include: Kathy Mielak, president; Kathy Prokupek, vice-president; Shelly Tschantre, secretary; Karen Mielak, treasurer; Sandy Klop-nieski, reporter; Laura Bierman, historian; and, Patty Wemhoff, parliamentar-

ian. The officers that were elected then attended a workshop in York on September 29th.

FBLA has also been busy with decorating up a truck which was driven in the Columbus Days Parade on October 3rd. The theme that was used was, "One hundred and twenty-five years of dynamic progress on which to build."

FBLA is not only off to a good start, but a busy one as well.

## Once again ... Time ran out

by Peg Siemek

Time is a word of the English language. In its appearance it looks quite uncomplicated, but it is widely known that appearances can be deceiving. Time itself has numerous meanings. Let us take a look at a few.

Time that one never has enough of can include when a certain homework assignment is due and for some unknown reason the student didn't have enough time. Also, when one is to have done a chore around the house but it just seems that there wasn't enough time in the day. (Somehow Moms never quite fall for that.) There are a lot of things we all could have done, but there was just not enough time.

Time that lasts too long is when one is waiting to get out of school on Friday. Then the time is lasting way too long! (Especially if a big game is that night.) When you are sitting in a doctor's office and waiting for the doctor a minute lasts as long as an eternity. At work time is never ending and one begins to believe that the clocks are moving backwards.

Time we sometimes run out of. A good example of this is when one is walking down the hall and the tardy bell rings meaning the time ran out to get to class. Or a test is being taken and its only half finished but it has to be handed in because time ran out. This story would be longer but again time ran out.

## Concert on the way

by Margaret Spenner

Music is the beauty of sound set with words and choirs of voices. On November 1, 1981 the Music Dept. will produce its first concert of the year with a debut of a fall show.

There will be many different choirs performing including: Swing Choir, Mixed Chorus, and also Girl's Glee. A number of students will also perform concert solos.

The mood of the concert will definitely be spirit lifting, and the concert will be excellently enjoyable.

So, if you like to reflect on yourself, or just think about things for a little while, and you like to listen to music, this fall concert is for you, to send your spirit sailing away to the sound of music.

# Homecoming

## Injuries don't stop Shamrocks



Cross Country State qualifiers (front row) — Mike Quattrocchi, Lance Zach, Tim Zuerlein, Tom Tooley, Scott Scow. (Back row) Beth Bixenman, Tami Zuerlein, Angie Riley, Steph Grohs.

by Curt White

The Irish runners finished fourth at the David city cross country invitational. There were 14 teams competing in the meet.

Seniors Tim Zuerlein and Tom Tooley broke the school record set by Mark Duren last year. Duren's time was 16:26. Zuerlein took second place with a 15:49, while Tooley was sixth with a 16:07.

Sophomore Mike Quattrocchi was 31st with a 17:18. Lance Zach finished 36th with a 17:27 and Scott Scow was 50th with a 18:14. The combined score was 75 for Scotus.

Coach Frank Spenceri was delighted with the Irish finish. "Individually we're running fine, but we need to run as a team and get our first and fourth man closer."

**Good Luck at State!**

By DAVE HARRINGTON  
**MORE INJURIES!!!** Out of the starting line up for the Shamrocks last week was tri-captain Dave Engelbert (Homecoming KING), Dave Jarecke, Don Gates, Jerry Maca, and Leo Zoucha.

Despite these injuries, the Shamrocks were ready to play football like no one had ever seen them play (at least this year) before.

If you heard nothing about the game you might think a score of 7-6 would be a very boring game. To those of you who missed the game, you picked a bad one to miss.

There was no score in 3 quarters of play, and not until there was only about 4:00 left in the game did the Shamrocks score.

Jerry Taylor, who plays at just about every position on the team, who succeeds Steve Byers, who succeeds Bob Wieser, popped 6 points on the board with a 3 yard run. Jeff

Krzycki kicked the ball through the goal posts to set the score at 7-0.

Boystown, with field position on the 29 yard line, tried for desperation pass that was stopped short with a Q.B. sack by Clete Arasmith. With the ball on their own 20 yard line a well executed play sent Boystown across our goal line to an 80 yard run.

The score stood at 7-6, a hushed silence fell over the Irish Crowd. Will they go for the tie ball game? Yes? No? Too much time sent the Cowboys back 5 yards. They are going for the win.

Then ... The called signals, the anticipation of the play, the snap of the ball. The player ran back to pass, and was sacked by Greg VanDyke and Wayne Boer to save the Shamrocks a 2 point conversion and a victory.

The score stood at 7-6 for the Scotus Shamrock's Homecoming victory, and game to remember in the years to come.



Queen: Lora Kurtenbach  
 King: Dave Engelbert

Courtesy of Columbus Telegram

## Back on the winning track

By DAVE HARRINGTON

As the Shamrocks traveled to Wahoo Neumann, it may have looked bleak to the fans wearing green. The Shamrocks had to do without the likes of starters such as Dave Jarecke (injured knee), Don Gates (deep thigh bruise), Leo Zoucha (injured back), and Jerry Maca (broken wrist).

As the seconds ticked away before the kick-off, the team knew they had to do their best to cover for the men not playing.

The offense was led by senior running back Bob (the Wiese) Wieser.

In this game Wieser had 126 yards on 27 carries. But as in all games one man does not make a team, Tim Gray had a good game, and it all fell together when he scored on a 23 yard run to put the Irish on the board for the first time in the second quarter. Later in the same quarter, the Wiese punched through for a 5 yard touchdown run, and Kritter put his good leg to work for the extra point.

The Wahoo Neumann Cavaliers scores were a 19 yard field goal, and a 3 yard run, to set the final score at 13-9 in favor of the Irish.

## Fight your way back

by Jay Jarecke

The Columbus Scotus Varsity Volleyball season has seen it's glory and it's defeat this year with five wins and six losses. Don't this fool you - there is still a very good chance for the Lady Shamrocks to come fighting right back. The games the Shamrocks lost have been hard fought games with either a couple errors or bad breaks. After watching the Lady Shamrocks play, I saw them as a good team; a strong team.

The girls will play Holy Name Monday, Oct. 26th in the Conference Tournament.

I see enthusiasm out on the court and I feel they get good support from the crowd. This is a team with a lot of talent and spirit; to me that's what champions are made of.

Coach Peterson said "this is the time the girls will peak." This year the Shamrocks should end the season very proud of themselves as a team and as individual players.

## Pep Club working hard

by Mary Shotkoski

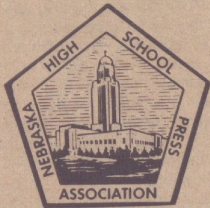
Unlike last year, the 1981-82 pep club has sponsored the weekly game masses and the home game pep rallies so far this football season. A lot of time and planning goes into preparing for each of the events, and the pep club has certainly been a success.

The Pep Club is also responsible for all of the locker decorations that go up for

the various sports during the week.

It does take a lot of work and extra time to prepare for these activities, but the Pep Club members appear to be enjoying it all.

Those little extras are "extra important" to the sports teams, and to the school. So keep up the good work, gals!



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## Artistic Talents Display Success

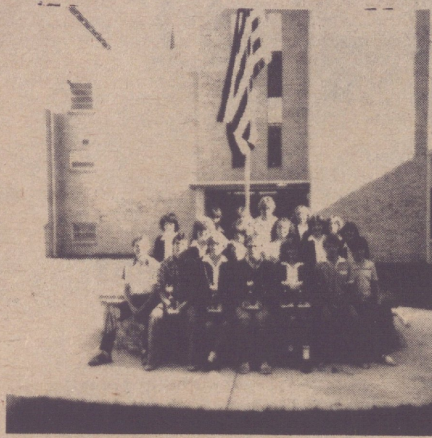
By Dave Harrington

On November 3rd and 4th, the student art display was set up in the cafeteria for people to admire.

A lot of OOOOH's and AAAHH's were given out as the passers by looked at the pictures done by the artists at Scotus.

Mrs. Stoeber, head of the art department, said there were a lot of "complimentary remarks" made about the art work. "In particular, Jerry Taylor's football player received a number of compliments from students, parents, and faculty alike." There was a lot of "ability and talent" displayed there.

Overall, the Art Show was a success.



## A Classy, Musical Performance

By Maggie Spinner

The Scotus Music Dept. held its first concert of the year on Nov. 1, 1981. And, once again, the audience was entertained with style and class.

The choirs performed a variety of types of music, ranging from songs of love, to songs from motion pictures (the Muppet Movie), and songs of jazz. Freshman Chorus, Girls Glee, Mixed Chorus and the Swing Choir performed. There were some concert solos, accompanied by guitar and piano. The Swing Choir did a dance routine to the jazz song "One."

The Music Dept. will have another concert on the 14th of December. This concert will be ringing in the Holidays and Christmas Cheer. It will include traditional Christmas songs along with the newer melodies. There's probably not a nicer way to show the happiness of Christmas than thru music and voice. Attending the Christmas concert will surely be one way to really get the season of Christmas ringing in your heart.

## National Honor Society

By Peg Siemek

The National Honor Society called a meeting this month. The Members discussed what some of their duties are and how to raise money. Some of the duties they felt are theirs, are such things as visiting the elderly and sick, or sending baskets of fruit to them and the poor for Christmas.

Decision on fund raising, was that each member should be required to sell candy. The candy would be of a natural quality and profits from this would go to the National Honor Society.

## Not Just Another Name

By Leo Zoucha

At Scotus, we take much pride in our name. Some of this pride comes from the fact that Scotus is such a great school, but some more of this pride comes from the name itself.

John Duns Scotus was born over 700 years ago, in Scotland. Scotus is not really his last name, but refers to the place of his birth. He was ordained a priest on St. Patrick's Day in 1291. He received his education in the friary and got his doctor degree at Oxford.

John Duns Scotus became famous for his brilliant teaching. He developed followers and these people became known as "duns men", or "dunce." Thru the Middle Ages the term "dunce" was referred to smart thinkers. Through the Renaissance, with revival of learning, Art and culture, Dun's followers tried to fight

the change. They became known as Radicals and changed the name to "dunce" to a negative word.

John Duns Scotus was a man that went all out in his work. He did this in his teaching and his service to the church. Our Patron had a great devotion towards Mary. His doctrine that Mary was without sin form the first moment of her existence and throughout her life was solemnly declared by Pope Pius IX in 1554. Almost three centuries after his death.

Through his life, John Duns Scotus became famous not only for his teaching but also for his work for the church and especially Mary. Here at Scotus er have a lot to be proud of. John Duns Scotus could be a source to look to before a test.

## Battle Of The Words

By Ron Bernt

The sun rose slowly on November 14th for Forty-eight speech team members. They were about to face their first battle of the year. As they made their way up to Platte College there was excitement in the air. Not knowing for sure what to expect, they entered the auditorium at 7:30 to receive their final instructions.

At 8:30 they took their battle stations. The next seven hours were going to be brutal. The Scotus Speech Team was now actively participating in the Battle of the Words. They were confident for they had received over a month of basic training in Mrs. Bernt's Boot Camp. There were forces from all over to do battle. Over 400 speaking soldiers were ready. The battle began. People were doing battle with Poetry, Original Public Address, After Dinner, and more. The battle continued until 11:30. The Scotus team looked good, but we wouldn't know for sure until the results were posted.

We were eating lunch in the mess hall when suddenly the results were being posted. We managed to tear ourselves from the food and went upstairs. As the first results were being posted we were in the lead. As we were waiting for the rest of the results, there was anxiety in the air. At about 12:45 the last of the results were posted. We had won round one with a very small casualty rate. Only 39% of the original team had not survived. Other teams didn't look as well. We had won the battle, but we still had to win the war.

The competition was tough but we were tougher. Slowly worn members dragged themselves back to the auditorium for the final results. The results were brought in. The level of excitement was high. The medals for meritorious service were handed out.

As teams began to file out it was an emotional moment of some of the

Senior members of the team who still remembered the first battle ever fought here. It was a cold winter day and out speech coach, Mrs. Bernt, was new to Scotus.

But we must leave the past in the past and anticipate the future. The Speech Team received a seven day pass but then it's back for more intense practice. The team will travel to Grand Island on December 12 for another contest. It will act as an extra rung on the ladder of success.

### MEDAL WINNERS WERE:

#### Junior Events:

1. Colleen Krzycki - (3rd) - Prose Reading
2. Martha Oncken - (3rd) - Poetry Reading
3. Hugh Riley - (2nd) - After Dinner Speaking
4. Cindy Peterson - (3rd) - Informative Speaking
5. Cindy Krause, Paul Prosocki, Mike Bogus - (3rd) - Jr. Play Reading
6. Laurie Kennedy - (3rd) - TV News Commentary
7. Michelle Korgor and Bill Drozd - (2nd) - Duet Acting
8. Sherri Zywiac - (1st) - Extemporaneous Speaking
9. Sherri Zywiac - (1st) - Original & Public Address

#### Senior Events:

1. Cathy McLaughlin - (3rd) - TV News Commentary
2. Lori Soulliere - (3rd) - Original Public Address
3. Carole Podraza - (2nd) - After Dinner Speaking
4. Clarice Korgor and Ray Prosocki - (2nd) - Duet Acting
5. Jeff VanLent and Kathy Soulliere - (1st) - Duet Acting
6. Ron Bernt - (1st) - Extemporaneous Speaking
7. Anne Sojka - (1st) - Original Public Address
8. Ray Prosocki - (1st) - Prose Reading -



## The Ping-Pong WIZ

By Tony Schieffer

PING-PONG ANYONE? Where would be the last place on earth that one would ever think of hearing a question such as this? I would probably say one of the tops would be here at Scotus. Amazingly enough, the question has already been asked. But who would as a question such as this, it would be none other than Father James Kramper.

Fr. Kramper is supposedly one of the premiere Ping-Pong players here at Scotus. Many of Scotus's top student Ping-Pong players have already fallen along the way side after experiencing the quick hand of Fr. Kramper.

Rumor has it that Fr. Krampe. has offered a little extra incentive for anyone able to defeat him. He will treat the winner with a free pizza of his (or her) choice. Fr. Kramper will be open to all challenges from students here at Scotus.

## Editorially Speaking Become 5% Smarter

By Dave Harrington

Have you ever wondered how the people of America (among other countries) are so easily taken in by the television media?

The media of television has a three year old kid tell us the first and last name of his bologna and that we should buy it. They also have the scientific breakthrough of the century - - if you add water to a beverage, it doesn't have as many calories. They use less ingredients and charge more money! And we buy it!

The media has a kid who is a slob, but he can make his chocolate milk without a mess. They had an elderly comedian say he runs on batteries. They have robots without lungs tell us that we shouldn't smoke.

The people of America know these are just gimmicks, but they are still taken in by it.

We don't like some of the T.V. shows that are put on, but who sits through them every night? Think about it.

## Smiling With Pride

By Dawn Bredahl

If you look around the halls, it will never fail that you will see all sorts of smiles.

There is one thing about this school that makes a person want to smile, it's the PRIDE!

Whether the girls have just lost a big game in Volleyball or the guys lost a Football game, everyone still has Pride in our school. Whether our opposing cross-town rival schools call us names and other things, the students still have Pride in Scotus.

If you listen at a football game, or any sports event for that matter, you would hear how everyone is proud of the students, and how they played.

This is just great, this Pride, so let's keep it up!

## Acceptance, Or Survival

By Ron Bernt

The word acceptance according to the Merriam-Webster Dictionary means: the state of being accepted or acceptable. This word takes on a totally new definition. Acceptance at Scotus means survival.

In the past two years the Senior class has lost two students to this dreaded word that they were given none of. I am not pointing fingers at anyone but instead at a way of life. It seems that since the days of Junior High we all place ourselves in cliques and refuse entrance to those who do not meet our standards. But in the High School such silly cliques SHOULD be abolished but they seem to prevail.

In a school that places so much emphasis community or shall I say spirit, it is a shame that such ignorance still exists. The basic goal of the school should not be to deject, but instead accept their fellow students for what they are, not what they think they should be.

This disease continues to lurk in the hidden corners of the school and unless it is stopped many persons will be forced to leave a school that should be blind to people's faults.



## The Joys Of A Teenage Investment

By Leo Zoucha

One of the many joys of becoming a high school student is turning 16 and getting a car. Students at Scotus seem to have taken this to an extreme. One of the more popular cars seems to be the Camaro. There are ten or twelve now, with plans of more on the way. And, there have been many cars that have come and gone. The list is too numerous but a few examples include: Buick Electra, '62 Ford, and one Ford Maverick.

Some of the first things students do with their cars when they get them is

to fix them up. This includes installing a loud stereo system. Other ideas including neat wheels and rims, new paint and pin-striping, or fuzzy interiors.

With most kids the element of speed as a major factor in the decision of the first car. If you can screech your tires it makes the car worth while.

All of these factors add up to major investments for a teenager. Even with the price of gas, students are still driving around. Of course, no one drives, the need for a neat or just fast car is a major factor.

## A HUNTING WE WILL GO

By Dave Kantor

Now that I've gotten involved with numerous school activities and spent a great amount of time intensely studying my academics, it's been a long time since my Dad and I had time to get out to the sandhills and go on one of our hunting trips. Seems we just don't have time to do any of those father and son things anymore. These trips were usually an occasion on which I was taught many wise things by my father that will serve me well the rest of my life.

Lesson one was gun safety, and there were many refresher courses during the trip. First thing when we got out of the car, I was told, "The only gun that kills is the unloaded gun." Lesson two: When you are told lesson one, do not say, "Will we be using unloaded guns while we hunt?"

After being properly taught the art of safety, the hunt would finally begin. We would walk across the open prairie, trying to flush the clever grouse from their resting spot. Finally we scared one up, I took careful aim, fired the deadly shot and the bird fell to the ground--dead. We went to retrieve our victim and when we got to him, he was a beautiful bird.

My Dad said how beautiful he was, and what a shame it was to shoot it and what a pity it is that people were allowed to hunt such beautiful birds. He got me feeling so bad, I felt like shooting myself, and as luck would have it my gun was unloaded (you remember, that's the kind that kills). I suggested C.P.R., but we finally brought ourselves to pick up the bird and continued the hunt.

As we continued to trudge along on the hunt I began complaining about how my feet were hurting. Dad said,

"The pioneer children walked these same hills and I'll bet they weren't a bunch of crybabies." Those trips really brought out the pioneer in 'old dad.'

As the day wore on my feet were still aching, but I was also getting hungry.

(I was sure hoping pioneer children got hungry!) So we stopped to eat at the car. Dad asked what kind of sandwich I wanted and I said "How about a grouse sandwich?" (Boy did I have with in my youth.) Well, Dad laughed anyway. Then Dad said to watch out so "Sneaky Snake" didn't sneak up and drink my root beer. (I guess wit runs in the family.)

After lunch we decided to do a little more hunting before 'head in for camp' (that's wrangler talk.) So we took a walk to see if we could find some more birds. I think the grouse are still telling jokes about what bad shots we were.

Finally the sun began to sink behind the hills, and like Dad always says, "There is nothing like a sandhills sunset." Which just goes to show, "You can take the boy out of the country, but you can't take the country out of the boy." Finally we started back to the car, across the prairie, gun in hand, with the sun setting behind us. (I felt like John Wayne.) We unloaded the guns (risky as it may sound) and got into the car and I knew it was time to end the trip.

So the next time your Dad asks if you want to do one of those father and son things, jump at the chance, because it may keep you as close as two peas in a pod, and who knows, you might even learn something!

## A Day of Modeling

By Margaret Spinner

There comes a time in every Senior's life, when they get the chance to try a type of modeling. Some Seniors consider it to be a great deal of fun. Others consider it to be a real pain in the neck. This great event is Senior Picture time.

The day of taking Senior pictures starts out like any other day. But, when the appointment time finally rolls around (which you had to make about a month or two in advance to find an opening), one starts to become a little bit hesitant. Asking the questions: I wonder if my outfits are going to look okay?, and What happens if it rains? Usually though, the questions are answered in due time, and almost always the sitting turns out to be a fun experience.

So, all you underclassmen out there, when it finally comes time to set up an appointment for Senior pictures, get ready for an exciting, fun filled, ultimately thrilling day. Oh, and one last thing, don't get too upset if one's life-time savings has practically dwindled down to nothing when one finally pays the bill.

## It's Kit Time Again

By Mary Shotkoski

This year, the fund raiser for the Pep Club will be the annual kit sales. The kit includes items that vary from calendars and pencil sharpeners, to onion heads. The items are of better quality this year than they have been in the past, and the club hopes to sell past their set goal, so that they can continue to support the teams.

The members will be given from November 6th to November 16th to sell the kits.

Money prizes also will be given this year to the top sellers overall and to the top sellers in each individual class.

The sales have gone well in the past, and the members say that this year will be no exception. Good luck gals in reaching your goals.

## One Down One To Go

By Mary Shotkoski

The first quarter of the 1981-82 school year has come and gone, and for the Senior Trigonometry students, that means only one quarter remains before the course is finished.

In the first quarter, the students concentrated on the basics of Trig., working and solving the problems that went along with the skills being taught.

Now in the second quarter, they will complete their Trig. study, and will finish up the course reviewing some Algebra skills.

The students explained that the course has been a challenge. On the other hand, they have learned a lot, and feel that they will be able to use the skills in future education.

# Thanksgiving MEMORIES



## "BYE - BYE MR. BUTTERBALL"

By Ron Bernt

It was a sad day in the Thomas Butterball household. Thomas Jr. had flown the coop. All Thomas' life no one cared about his weight problem. Everyone gave him the best food. Them in mid-October he saw an episode of the Richard Chicken Show. From that point on it was going to be an uphill climb to a trim 15 pounds. Suddenly he was the center of attention.

A country wide search began for Thomas. All the parents and grandparents joined in the search. It was a search and kill mission. Poor Thomas was accused of whipping the

potatoes.

Then someone spotted him. A yell went up from the hunting party. A shot fired through the air. Thomas yelled in pain. He was shot. His poor 25 pound body lay there motionless in a pile of dead leaves.

The funeral party led a procession that was full of mourners. Poor Thomas was buried in a succulent gravy sauce. His final resting place, the pit of someones' stomach. Let us now pause a moment to consider the poor dead body of Thomas Butterball Jr. An in conclusion I would like to say, "Let's eat."

## ... the Hunting may be YOUR end

By Leo Zoucha

As fall appears with its change of color, it brings around the time of many holidays. Thanksgiving and Halloween, both being official holidays, are celebrated by kids and grownups nation wide. But, for us Midlanders, there is one more holiday that seems to bring out the best in mostly men but some women also. This unofficial holiday season is the pheasant hunting season.

Plans for this holiday usually start the year before. There are many details to take care of before going out hunting. One detail is where to hunt

throughout the season. Usually the best spots include Grandma's, Ericson, or just outside Columbus. Another detail includes making sure one has enough provisions. This list is long and numerous. A few items include (1) Something to warm you up on the cold mornings!!!; (2) Enough ammunition in case of getting trigger-happy.; (3) Food!; and (4) Warm clothing.

There are many traditions associated to getting prepared for and participating in the hunting season. The nations unofficial holiday season always seems to remain one big part in the Midlands heart.

## ... But it's Our Beginning -

# "THE GOOD-OLE DAYS!"

By Mary Shotkoski

Just when the atmosphere of Halloween has cleared out, and all is calm, along comes the Thanksgiving season, bringing on a new sense of excitement to everyone.

Thanksgiving means many different things to many different people. To some, it means a school vacation, and to others, it means Grandma's coming home.

It usually happens that on Thanksgiving morning, the house is filled with the aroma of a Butterball turkey, mom's good ole dressing, and the oven fresh pumpkin pie.

At about the noon hour, the Family gathers at the dinner table, to give thanks for all that they have received,

and then dig into the food. It's always at the dinner table, that the "god ole days" subject comes up, and the kids always hear the "When I was your age" story. It's funny how familiar those stories are (especially after hearing them for ten years straight), like the story where Dad took three months to get just one turkey for the Thanksgiving dinner.

Those were the good ole days, and they do live on into today. Thanksgiving will live on with us forever, so look out, Turkeys! The

Those were the good ole days, and they do live on into today. Thanksgiving will live on with us forever, so look out, Turkeys! The good ole days are here to stay!

# The Selected Few

By Leo Zoucha

Student Council met Thursday, November 12, 1981, in the Little Theatre. After the opening, final preparations for the tape dance were settled. The tape dance was held on November 13, in the old gym.

The other old business included the election of four "Students of the Month." The four students were: Senior, Jerry Taylor (participates in football, Student Council 'Vice-President', and is in Honor Society); Junior Tim Gray (participated in football and is just noted for his spirit); Sophomore Paul Prosocki (participated in football, is on Honor Roll, and is in Student Council); Freshman Steve Bonk (participated in football and is on Honor Roll).

The New Business brought up was the idea of a Giving Tree to set up in the school. This idea was taken to the School Board and the idea will then be further developed.



## Veterans Honored

By Dave Harrington

The assembly that took place in our gym on November 12, 1981 was one of honor and pride for the men who have fought and died for our country.

The guest speaker, Mr. John Kopetsky, former student of Scotus, made an inspiring speech to all who were there. John, a member of Nebraska University at Lincoln, was chosen for this by the V.F.W.

Mr. Gross and Mr. Rokusek both thought the presentation came across "superior."

## Installation Ceremony

By Peg Siemek

The FBLA Chapter had installation of officers and induction of members this month, on November 17th, at 7:30 PM.

The chapter had two guest speakers, Derick Colgan and Bob Wick. Derick Colgan, State FBLA President, is from North Bend and Bob Wick, and insurance salesman at Beecher Curry, is from Columbus. After the two men spoke and the meeting was over, refreshments were then served to all those attending.

## Toga Tim

By Ron Bernt

While most students spend their free time studying and going to football games, Tim Murray prepared himself for a giant toga party.

Tim was one of the three Proteans in the Platte Valley Playhouse production of "A Funny Thing Happened on the way to the Forum." Tim showed his talents by playing many different roles as a Protean.

The play which was presented the first week of November was a success all five nights.

## Faded Photos

By Dave Harrington

Remember all those pictures in the cupboard, that have not been looked at in ages? Take them down and relive the memories that they bring.

Like the time cousin Cindy wore her new white Easter suit to Rosemary and Dave's farm, and fell in the cow pasture.

Or when sister Sue had braces, and brother Tim was a chunky baby with a black eye. How about when sister Sherri's eyes would bug out when a picture was taken of her, and because she was scared, she would blink. All the baby pictures are of sister Pat and none of you.

Then there are those, like on Christmas when the presents are opened, and everyone has to act surprised. On birthdays, when you were so fat, but ate cake anyway.

So now with nothing better to do, get out those old pictures and have a few laughs.



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# HAPPY THANKSGIVING

# Another Football Season Gone By!



By Dave Harrington  
The Scotus Shamrock football team finished off the season with a loss to Bergan and a losing record.

Going into the game against Fremont, the Shamrocks were hoping for a .500 season. But penalties plagued the Shamrocks as they suffered a loss 7-9 in the season ender.

In the first quarter an interception by a Bergan defender sent him across the goal line, and 6 points on the board. The extra point conversion was a broken play, stopped by Clete Arasmith. This set the score at 0-6.

After a few series of downs, it was a give to Wieser, as he scampered down the sideline with four Bergan Knights

ahead of him, he cut against the grain at midfield just before he was brought to a stop he pitched it to Greg Van Dyke, who took the ball all the way down to the two yard line.

It was the give to Van Dyke up the middle for 6, and Jeff Kryczki was good for 1 on the conversion kick to set the score at 7-6 in favor of the green.

With the third quarter scoreless, and the first 3 quarters of the 4th quarter also scoreless, it looked good for the Shamrocks. But all good things must come to an end.

A Scotus punt and Fremont with the ball, some penalties were made against the Shamrocks, and the Bergan Knights were within field goal range, kicking with the wind. With only 25 seconds on the clock, the

Bergan Knights came through with 3 points to set the score at 7-9. With an onside kick, Greg Van Dyke picked it up, (Bergan was kicking from our 30 yard line, again penalties prevailed), and it looked hopeful as he ran the sideline and was caught by 1 man at around the 50 yard line.

Bob Wieser racked up 84 yards on the night, and Greg Van Dyke ran for 30 yards. The Shamrock defense held the Bergan Knights to only 43 yards. Stats:

Most valuable player . . . Bob Wieser  
Most Valuable running back . . . . .  
. . . . . Bob Wieser  
Star lineman . . . . . Dave Kantor  
Mean man of 1981 . . . . . Kurt Bogus  
Most improved player . . . . . Jerry Taylor  
Most consistent . . . . . Jerry Taylor

## A Tribute To Volleyball

By Jay Jarecke

Yes fans, another year of volleyball has ended and I am sorry to see it go. So this being my last article I would like to tribute the Senior players first, then the team.

Lori Zabawa, Mary Merrill, and Laurie Hajek made up the Senior line up.

Lori Zabawa starts it off with a 3.4 average per game. Starting in all 16 games.

Mary Merrill second in line carried a 2.8 average, but only saw the starting position 2 times and subbed in almost every game.

Laurie Hajek kept up with Lori Zabawa and held up a 3.4 point average per game. Laurie started 10 of the 16 games.

The Lady Shamrocks ended the season with a 7-9 season. In the N.C.C. tournament Scotus beat Omaha Cathedral 15-9, 14-16, and 15-2. Scotus then went off to Districts and were handed a 10-15, 12-15 loss, thus ending their season.

Looking towards next year Coach Peterson thinks, "The team, I hope

will improve. We will have a lot of starters returning. I think I will see improvement. Coach Peterson enjoyed the Seniors and said they played 100%. He is sorry to see them go."

Mary Merrill thought it was fun, exciting, and enjoyable. The record wasn't the best but it was worth playing. The team was great, a lot of friendships were made, and she is sorry to see it go.

Laurie Hajek thought the season was enjoyable, exciting and very challenging. She enjoyed playing with the people she played with and competed against.

Lori Zabawa thought it was a fun season and she was sorry to see it go. "I feel bad that I can't come back to play next year." Lori thought they played tough teams and played up with them, but just had a few bad breaks.

Well girls, to you we salute for giving it your best this year. And this being my last article, I would like to wish next year's team the best of luck!



## Cross Country Fulfilling Goals

By Curt White

They boys' Cross Country team fulfilled it's goal by finishing twelfth at the boys' Class B State Meet held Friday, October 23rd. The meet was held at Kearney with 18 teams competing and 99 individuals running.

Senior Tim Zuerlein finished 17th with a time of 16:56. Tom Tooley bettered his last year's time by finishing 37th with a 17:30 time.

Other Scotus runners were Lance Zach, 73rd, 18:40; Scott Scow, 77th, 18:51; and Mike Quattrocchi, 82nd, 19:04. This was the second best finish as a team in Scotus history.

The Girls' team took 11th place out of 21 teams competing. Placing the girls was Angie Riley's 15th place finish out of 130 runners with a 17:08 time. Finishing 56th with a 18:33 time was Paula Stopak while Tami Zuerlein finished 60th with a time of 18:33. Beth Bixenmann took 71st, 19:05, and Steph Grohs ran a 19:55. The girls combined total was 201 points.

Both Tim Zuerlein and Tom Tooley started running cross country their Sophmore year. Since that time, they both became a couple of class B's finer runners. After a short jaunt in football their Freshman year, they decided cross country was more challenging and joined the team.

Angie Riley joined the boys' cross country team as a Sophomore since there was no girls team at this time. Her main goal that year was to beat a boy at a meet. After a lot of hard work she accomplished that. A girls' team was started last year with Angie leading the runners. Angie has been the leader of the team the last two years and they're sorry to see her go.

This being Tim, Tom, and Angie's last year here at Scotus, I'm sure the whole school would like to congratulate them on three successful years as Scotus C. C. runners.

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## Pep Club Produces

By Mary Shotkoski

At the start of the year, the Pep Club had one main concern, and that was how to make some money. The Club was in a bit of financial difficulty, due to a poor fund raiser from the previous year.

The Club need not worry that much anymore. The fund raiser this year went exceptionally well, in fact, almost doubled the sales from last year.

Overall, the reason behind the

success is that the members did their part, and all are to be congratulated.

The individual winners of the prizes this year are as follows:

Top Sellers - Patty Niedbalski and Rhonda Gonka  
Senior Winners - Sandy Klöpnoski and Shelly Tschantre  
Junior Winners - Kathy Prokupek and Laura Bierman  
Sophomore Winners - Sherri Zwick and Linda Stopak  
Freshman Winners - Patty Niedbalski and Rhonda Gonka



The Senior Christmas Tree!!

## Merry Christmas To You!

From the Scotus Journalism Staff

We here at the Scotus journalism staff wish to extend to you our "SEASONS GREETINGS!"

Although your Christmas may not be large, may it be happy and joyous to you and your loved ones around.

May you also have a good and "HAPPY NEW YEAR!"

We would also like to extend our thanks to our readers and supporters of this paper,

Thank-you for taking the time to read this and once again, "MERRY CHRISTMAS!"

## On The Move

By Peg Siemek

In the past few years the Business department of Scotus High School has been on the road to improvement. More classes have been added and a new teacher was added in the fall of 1980. There are now 15 sections of business classes at Scotus.

In a few years, such classes as Typing 1 will be offered to the Freshmen only, and General Business to only the Sophomores. Right now the class of Office and Administrative Procedures is offered only to the

Seniors. These business classes are currently being taught by three teachers, Mr. Clinch, Mr. Daloney, and Miss Janssen.

Also in the Business department is the discussion of having more related items to FBLA in certain classes. There has also been discussion of first hand job experience for Seniors in office or accounting jobs and this has been approved.

It looks as if the road to improvement is smoothing out rather nicely at Scotus.

## The Big Tree

Double teamed by  
David Kantor & Tony Schieffer

It all started on a brisk December morn when two men (who shall remain nameless) spearheaded Operation Big Tree. It was the first Senior tradition established by a Senior class in many years.

The first obstacle to overcome was where to find "The Big Tree," we decided that the only place to find a Big Tree was in the neck of the woods (that's lumberjack talk). After getting clad in our lumberjack attire, we went out to the neck of the wood and found a 20' 2" Big Tree. After trucking the Big Tree to Scotus and getting it in the courtyard the next gruelling step was hoisting the tree into its present standing position. We then had to venture to downtown Columbus for the necessary Big Tree Christmas tree decorating paraphenalia. Spending hundreds of dollars with no thought of personal loss, we used our class money to purchase the decorations. We then decorated and lit the tree and stood in utter awe as the towering pinnacle of the tree was more beautiful than we had ever expected.

This project, which took a number of dedicated and determined hours on the part of several Seniors, was looked upon favorably by the faculty and school authorities (some more than others).

In the future we hope our significant Christmas spirit contribution will spur other classes to carry on the spirit and tradition established by "THE BIG TREE."

## Daydreams In Drama II

By Ron Bernt

The Drama II class is now working steadily to complete work on the cutting from the full length play, "The Diabolical Daydreams of Danny Dawson." The play is a class project and will be taken into competition. The first contest is January at Omaha Mercy.

The play centers around Danny Dawson a copywriter for the Selwyn Advertising Agency. Shy and unsure he compensates for this through daydreams. In these dreams he is a mean and nasty guy. Danny loves Eloise Molcombe and tries to win her over the competition, Justin Bartlett. Danny's daydreams become so intense that they run Danny's life. In an attempt to save himself from his daydreams he attends the Bombast Self-Assertive Institute.

After the meeting Danny is advised for punching a Police Officer. The charges are dropped but his daydreams continue. Danny dreams he is the head of Selwyn Advertising Agency and wishes his boss, Mr. Selwyn dead. Justin hears the death wish and informs Danny of Selwyn's supposed death. When Mr. Selwyn returns he finds Danny moved by his arrival and finds out that Mr. Selwyn was like Danny in his youth.

The characters are:  
Danny Dawson - Ron Bernt  
Eloise Holcombe - Karen Pokorny  
Sam Selwyn - Kurt Bogus  
Harold Holcombe - Dave Harrington  
Grandma Parsons - Carole Podraza  
Justin Bartlett - Clete Arasmith  
Joyce Febrill - Maggie Spenner  
Calwallader Smedley - Brian Evans  
Edgar J. Bombast - Steve Byers  
Jack Fortescue - Tim Korgie  
Lydia Fraunch - Lora Kurtenbach  
Valentine Smert - Scott Grenlee  
Amos Zull - Rick Engel  
Miss Nowadney - Chris Hilger  
Lila Tazoo - Lisa Kneifel  
Rolunda Verboo - Shelly Tschantre  
Roland Stone - Tim Korgie  
Marchy Blackster - Steve Byers  
Jasmine Mumandool - Kus Kaminski  
Knuckles Dempstio - Beth Bixenman  
Emil Risquy - Jon Stopak

## Here Comes The Judge

By Ron Bernt

The Senior Social Studies class is finishing off the year with a simulated Court Case. The trials will take place with each student playing the part of either a lawyer, the Father, Mother, son, the Reverend, Court Reporter, the Jury, or Bailiff.

This event has been eagerly awaited by all the Seniors as it finally gives

them a chance to put into use all of the informatic. they have learned first semester.

As the Honorable Judge Zowada gets things under way, tempers will be high and opinions strong. Emotions are strong, even now before the trial, as Lawyers inform their clients to tell all reporters, "No comment."

## Your Book Of Memories

By Margaret Spenner

Every Friday, in every Senior's English classes, the Seniors have ten minutes of their own. This is the time the students are given the chance to write a "book of memories." This is a time of journal writing.

Each and every Senior possesses a notebook of some kind which is brought to their English class every Friday. In this notebook they retell of past events, possibly those which took place during the past week. The students can write poetry, or any special thoughts or feelings in their book.

The journal is completely personal. There are no certain requirements, or certain deadlines to meet. This is THEIR book. A journal of personal thoughts and memories. No teacher will ever read them or look in on the thoughts of the journals.

In the future, the Seniors will have this special journal - a special "book of memories" to refer to the happy times gone by, sad times and meaningful experiences during their Senior year. The Journal is a book of their past - a book that will for many Seniors relive the last of their four years at Scotus Central Catholic High School.

## Editorially Speaking

### NEW YEAR'S BLUES

By Ron Bernt

It is during the month of January that most persons experience mass depression. The reason for this is the New Year's Resolution Blues. Many people set goals for the New Year which they can not possibly reach. For this reason I propose that when we set these resolutions.

People should remember a slogan that also fits this season; It's not the gift, but the thought that counts. In this aspect we must remember that it is not the resolution itself but the purpose behind it. If a person wants to lose twenty-five pounds so she will look more attractive to her husband, but in fact she loses only six, she has not failed but instead, succeeded for what she lost she lost in love.

So in this time of reflection let us keep in mind that the only good resolution is the one that is made in thoughts of others and not of self. When making this year's resolution let us keep in mind the real reason of our change.

### Why Gripe?

By Tony Schieffer

There are a certain number of students here at Scotus that constantly complain about everything that could be complained about. One certain subject that has had much criticism lately has been the ever so popular Tape Dance.

"Too much PUNK!", "Not enough slow songs!", "Not enough variety!" - these are just a few of the gripes that have been heard throughout the school. At a dance like this, the point is rely on the music, but it is the people. If you come to the dance to have fun, you will have fun. But, if you come to the dance to sit in the stands and wait for your favorite song, then you might not have fun. In other words, You Make Your Own Fun!

### Let's Hear It For Exams

By Mary Shotkoski

Well folks, it's almost the end of the first semester, and you know what that means. Yes, it's time to start cleaning out the ole locker for the notebooks that have been stashed away since last quarter. For semester exams are just around the corner.

Quite often, semester exams are taken lightly. In other words, students tend to take the "I don't care" attitude and will "BLOW OFF" THE EXAMS.

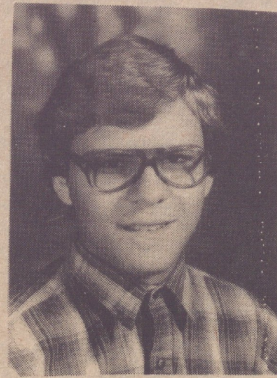
What students don't realize is that these exams affect their grade very much. In fact, they count 1/3 of the final grade.

All it really takes is to get out those notebooks and review the study guides that the teachers take the time to prepare. After all your only

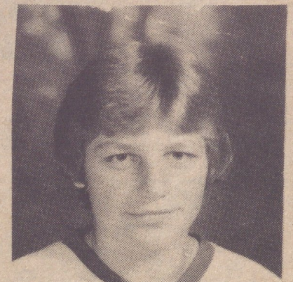
# SPEECH TEAM EXCELS



**HUGH RILEY**  
3rd Place After Dinner



**RON BERNT**  
1st Place Impromptu



**BILL DROZD**  
3rd Place Impromptu

# SPEECH TEAM WAR

By Ron Bernt

After a month since our last battle Mrs. Bernt's, greatly reduced, army hit the battlefields once more. After two weeks of intense practice our Commander-in-Chief thought we were ready.

We had planned to leave home base at 6:30 AM, but evidently revelry didn't reach all of our soldiers tents. After a delay of one half hour, we started on our journey to Grand

Island.

By the time we had arrived other armies were already finding strategic locations. Twenty-two armies in all were there, many from Class A. Three battles first had to be fought in hand-to-hand combat, but the final battle was when we pulled out our heavy artillery.

Our army, now just a handful strong was determined to fight to the end. After a hectic last round, the members of our merry band dragged

themselves back to the commander to discuss the days events.

Receiving awards for service beyond the call of duty were:

Third Place After Dinner - Hugh Riley  
Third Place Impromptu - Bill Drozd  
First Place Impromptu - Ron Bernt

After finishing second in overall competition the small army headed for home to discuss the possibilities of future contests, future victories.

# Thank-God It's Friday

By Mary Shotkoski

Fridays, to most of us, is a day where we can sit down with a sigh, for it's the end of the week. To Mom and Dad, it means no work until Monday morning, to teenagers, it means no school until Monday morning. But, Friday also has another good feature to add, it's pay day.

When you finally get that check in your hand, it really has an effect upon you. This is where the problem starts. You have the entire check in your hands and then start to figure up

your weekly expenses, not to mention last week's debts. It's \$10 for gas, \$10 for food, \$10 for leisure, an extra \$10 to have on hand, just in case, and \$10 to pay off the person who typed your English composition, and journalism stories, not to mention the 10 page history report. That is \$50 gone, even before the check is cashed! What's worse is when the bills add up to \$50 and the check barely makes \$40.

It's at this time that the check suddenly becomes your enemy. Mom and Pops will not even consider giving you a loan, for they know that you got

paid today. And, little brother just put his paper route money into his savings account. Besides, he'd tell Mom anyway.

Then comes the "next check" attitude. This is when one decides to "blow all his money now, save, and pay later."

This is a common philosophy faced by most working teenagers today. They feel that there would be no use for a job if they couldn't enjoy the money, and how true that is.

As the old saying goes, "Money was meant to be spent."



**Congratulations Bill Slovinski and Cathy McLaughlin, V.F.W. Speech Contest winners.**

# THAT SPECIAL PLACE

By Peg Siemek

There is a special room in every house. It is a room where one can go to relax, get away from little brothers and sisters, or do that ever favorite pastime . . . study. This place is, of course, one's very own bedroom.

Now in this room the order resembles that of a swamp. Funny little plants are growing here and there due to the lack of vigorous cleaning. Mothers are constantly hollering at kids to clean that pig pen and students simply tell their mothers that they cleaned it. (Which really means they shoved everything under the bed and blew some of the mounds

of dust under their dressers.)

Once, in a great moon, when one really does clean their room, they find objects such as their favorite teddy bear that they lost eight years ago, or their half eaten apple pie that they never could remember finishing. But once the room is cleaned it just doesn't feel the same and it loses its lived in quality, so once again it goes back to being the swamp. Papers are constantly being lost in the bedroom such as homework, which can only be found when cleaning, so maybe next time the bedroom is cleaned the second page to this story can be found.



**Undefeated Girls' Basketball Team is 5-0!!**

## Gas Problem Solved

By Ron Bernt

In recent years people have been attempting to solve the energy problem by making the present car run better and use less gas. By adding together a few energy savers I have produced . . . a car that runs on no gas! Yes, you read me right, no gas! Let me explain how this works. To start I have taken the following energy saving tips and added them together.

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Using a gas treatment	10%
Cleaning my air filters	24.5%

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## Home Ec Receives Visitors

By Peg Siemek

The Home Ec classes of Scotus High School received special visitors this month. These special visitors, who were children, came on Thursday the 10th and Friday the 11th. The children arrived at 1:45 and left at 3:10 on both days.

The students and children engaged in special activities. Some of the activities included baking cookies, singing a few rounds of "If You're Happy and You Know It, Clap Your Hands," and drawing and coloring pictures with crayons, of course. A good time was had by all the students and children. It also proved to be a real learning experience for all those involved.

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## It's Music To Your Ears

By Peg Siemek

The lights are dimmed and melodious voices are heard. The sound continues and is followed by a vigorous round of applause. This is of course, a music concert at Scotus put on by the music classes.

A lot of time is put into these concerts at Scotus and is it not a good idea to give them a round of applause. The music department has been doing an excellent job this year at performances. So the next time you see someone that you know is in music, why not give them a pat on the back, after all, they deserve a little credit for singing their hearts out.



MARY AND TAMMY

## Everyone Needs A Friend

By Peg Siemek

A smile, a laugh, and a shoulder to cry on can come from a friend. That is, a friend brings a smile to the lips, laughter to the heart, and eases the burdens that one finds so hard to carry. The word friend has so much meaning.

A friend means someone to share ones dreams with and to help make them come true. They help make the fun times better and the memories so much happier to look back on. But above everything else, a real friend can always be counted on to be there when one needs them, and to never turn their back on one when one needs them the most. So if one has a friend such as this, don't forget to be a friend too, for the best way to keep a friend, is to be one.

## Basketball Off To Good Start

By Curt White

The boy's Basketball team opened on the road defeating the Boystown Cowboys 56-53. Mark Brezinski led all scorers with 25 points and pulled down 11 rebounds in the victory. Greg Van Dyke had 8 points and 4 rebounds. Chad Christiansen added 6 points. Guard Scott Spencer ended the game with 5 points and 5 assists.

That's pretty good scoring for underclassmen. Senior Dave Englebert went 2 for 4 from the fiend and ended the game with 4 points.

Scotus had the ball 65 times and scored 56 points. They also went 10 for 14 from the chaity stripe. Personally, I think this team comprised mostly of Juniors is going to be exciting to watch.

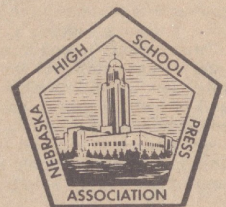
## Arco Lives

By Ron Bernt

In the year 1981 there lives a family of numerous descendants. The father is named "Arco." He is presently eighty-eight years old and is the second in a set of twins. Arco is part of a vast empire in the United States. You will know him by the tattoo on his body. The "Arco" clan has a strange

family disease that causes a yellow discoloration of their bodies.

Who is this man? Has anyone ever made bodily contact with his family? Each of us has personally hugged him or at least shook his hand. For "Arco" is just one of the many names labeled on a pencil by the Empire Pencil Company.



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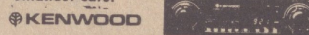
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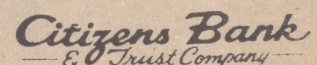
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## All I Want For Christmas Is ...

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Dave K. - The Farmer Says  
Scott G. - a portable duck blind  
Julie E. - a Mick Jagger doll  
Jay J. - a poster of Black Elk  
Todd D. - an 8 x 10 of L.C.  
Terry M. - 36-24-34  
Jeff V.L. - interfellowship throughout the world  
Mr. Clinch - Santa's helper to correct

all my tests  
Peg S. - Nebraska football team  
Jayne W. - Pac Man  
Kritter - H-E-I-D-I  
Dave J. - a years supply of toothpaste  
Jacki T. - he wouldn't fit  
Lora K. - a new boat  
Don D. - a square-head punching bag  
Tony S. - a rock-lobster  
Greg E. - a clothes hanger  
Don G. - Tuekwondo boots  
Tim Z. - a Norm Kravosha doll  
Rick E. - the Magic Burger King  
Kurt B. - the other half of my head  
Tim J. - a friend (ciph)

## It's The Thought That Counts

By Ron Bernt

It seems that during the Christmas season, our main emphasis is on the young. Everyone builds anticipation of Santa Claus. Christmas though, should be a season of anticipation for the young and old alike.

Santa is not a person but rather a frame of mind. If everyone made it a point to give someone else a gift of

their love and time, a gift of such could be as simple as helping a person wrap a present for another, or as elaborate as a boughten gift from a store.

Everyone has a Santa in their heart. And, during this Christmas season we should try to hold at least ten Santas in each of our hearts.

## Christmas — Past, Present, Future

By Jay Jarecki

I remember when I was a young child and used to sit up late to wait for Santa Claus. It was great just wondering what I was going to get. While I drifted off to sleep someone would slip in and leave gifts. The Spirit of Christmas past are memories; the Spirit of Christmas present are mystic sensations of mixed sentiment; the Spirit of the Christmas future will pursue change.

Christmas was fascinating to me as a child. It always seemed to snow those Christmases. It would snow so much and it was beautiful to see. The flakes that fell seemed to fall forever and land peacefully on the ground. The tree, smelling of pine inside the house was always so big and tall. I would sit and watch the lights on the tree flash on and off for a long time. It

seemed that I just sat there and everything was still and quiet. These memories will last forever.

The Christmas present seems mysterious to me. I cannot seem to place myself where I belong. It is a joyous time of year and I like it. Especially the part of giving presents and making people happy. This seems to be all I think of doing during Christmas. I really don't care if I get gifts. That does not seem to matter as much anymore. These will be my future memories.

The Christmas future makes me wonder. What is it going to be like? How will it feel to play the role of Santa, sneaking in and leaving toys. Can Christmas to my children be as joyous as Christmas was to me? I can only wonder.

## The Irresistible Urge

Leo Zoucha

With the coming of winter, appears an urge, even a possession. If organized, it can lead to good clean fun. If unorganized, it can lead to destruction and punishment. The action is very simple. It involves the process of bending down, picking up a handful of snow, forming a ball, and hurling it at an object.

Wintertime poses a threat to all little old ladies driving down any street. A moving target is much more of a challenge. As she drives past a group of boys, her car is assaulted by flying

write masses. Stopping does no good, it just gives a chance for the kids to reload and fire again.

Like a Dr. Jeckyl/Mr. Hyde, the potion being the first snowfall, and any other snowfall, shy innocent kids turn into little demons. They hide behind trees, bushes, and houses just waiting for the chance to create a full-out assault. This madness is not confined to little kids affects all ages in the school level.

So as the time of winter is upon us, the urge, the possession will overtake even the best of us.

## Santa — The Saint

By Mary Shotkoski

Remember way back when December 24th was the most exciting day of the year. It was the day it usually snowed ten inches, and the day when the house was filled with the activity of preparing for Christmas dinner. But most of all, it was the day that Santa Claus was to come.

To kids, Santa Clause is their Superman, because he'll bring them all the Barbie dolls, dump trucks, and just about anything else their hearts desire. All this just because he's Santa Claus. Just think, it wasn't

for Santa Claus, Christmas wouldn't be Christmas.

It's always fun to see the little ones on Christmas day, opening their gifts and playing with the toys that Santa brought them. But for some reason, Santa is never around to witness this feeling.

Santa brings tears of joy to adults, and smiles from ear to ear on kids. Without this scenery at Christmas, December 25th would be just another day.

Just remember Santa, We Love You!



## Christmas At Its Best

By Dave Harrington

Christmas was at its all time best when I was little.

My sister Pat and I would stay up to see if we would see Santa, in all his glory, come sliding down our chimney, (we do not have a chimney, but we have a fake one in the basement) with millions of presents for both of us.

It always seemed that we would fall asleep before he came, but Dad always saw him and said he gave him a cup of hot cocoa and a Christmas cookie. We always asked, "Why didn't you wake us up oh dear, sweet Father of whom is so kind?", (we never said that, but I thought it would be kind of interesting to read), and he would say, "Well, it's like this, when I came down to get you, he was gone. He went up the chimney."

Then we would look up our chimney and see the board right there. Funny, I never caught on until last year, he used the back door!!!!

## Sounds Like Christmas

By Maggie Spenner

The snow is cold and icy outside. the wind is howling with a crying sound. Inside, a fire is softly crackling, and the huge fir tree is blinking with lights sparkling off of silver tinsel.

The setting is Christmas, a warm and wonderful holiday for everyone.

With the arrival of Christmas, we have the arrival of cozy, warm evenings along with freezing cold winds and chilled noses. It is a time of giving - a time of sharing and caring.

Christmas Holidays bring families closer together, bringing family members home and a family circle again. Perhaps that is why past Christmases are so cherished by some. It is a time for any old grudges and bad thoughts to be cast away. They are forgotten in the midst of Christmas love.

## 'Twas The Night Before Christmas...

By Dave Kantor

Last night, after not cleaning my room since last July, I sensed something was wrong. The snow was falling, the tree was up, and the Christmas music was echoing through the house. But I couldn't hear Mom saying, "Dave, if you don't clean your room, the only thing Santa's gonna bring you is a stick and a glass of muddy water - - - That's when I knew something had changed from years past.

Back then the season would start by decorating the tree. First we would laugh at Dad trying to fit the tree into the stand, cause he would get poked and say words that weren't very Christmassy. Finally, after a few broken bulbs, the tree would be decorated and it was time to put the angel on top (ours was just a paper one, cause we couldn't afford the type that lit up).

Christmas was fast approaching, only a few things were left to do before it was here. It was time to get presents for Mom and Dad. For Dad, maybe a clay hand-print ashtray and for Mom, maybe a new fur coat (LUCKY me and Dad put our money together or he probably couldn't have afforded it alone). Then, if you had time, you could watch Christmas specials, that was still back when you didn't know if the Grinch would give back Christmas.

Finally it was Christmas Eve. Soon Santa would be coming with hundreds of thousands of presents (well, maybe not hundreds of thousands), to put under the tree. We set out cookies and milk for Santa to have when he stopped. I figured a few cookies and a glass of milk would be a fair trade for hundreds of thousands of presents. We went to bed early that night so we would get a jump on Santa the next morning.

After a night of sugarplums dancing in our heads the long awaited morning would arrive. Then we jumped out of bed and ran to the tree to see what Santa had left us. After that we would empty our stockings and find out what Mom was just kidding when she said they would be filled with rocks (that Wilma, what a kidder).

We had to wait until later in the day when Grandma and Grandpa came, until we could open the other presents. It seemed like a month of Sundays (so to speak) before they got there. My Uncle always brought us things from the Wahoo bakery so that we would have stuff to eat all day (that was back when I was not worried about my figure). Grandma would always get me something nice to wear, that was too small, but I liked it anyway. When I opened my present from Mom I was shocked, as I had always been, to find again, underwear and crew socks. Then it was my turn to give Mom and Dad their presents. Dad said he really liked my hand-print and I believed him. But when I gave Mom the coat (I helped pay for), it really 'took the wind out of her sails.'

Well, even though I may not have gotten everything I always wanted, I guess into each life a little rain must fall. As I look back on all of those years of fun and joy, I can only hope this year is as fun.

"Merry Christmas to All and to All a Good Night."



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# SCOTISTICS



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Dear Alumni and Friends of Scotus,

Once again it is a pleasure for all of us here at Scotus Central Catholic to prepare our Alumni Edition of *Scotistics*. We feel the importance of remembering you and also keeping you current with the activities of your high school. Our hope in the future is to be able to publish an alumni newsletter at least once each quarter of the year. We would appreciate any comments or contributions you may have.

A very important asset to SCC of which many of you are a part, is the Scotus Education Foundation. The SEF Pledge Fund currently provides for \$92,000 of our current year budget of \$698,000.00. We greatly appreciate your efforts and thank you for supporting Catholic Education.

One of our local alumni, Dean Soulliere '54 has initiated the development of the Alumni Fund with his pledge of \$1,500.00. The Alumni Fund would be a part of the Foundation and serve the purpose of providing Catholic Education for young people in Columbus. This new phase in development for Scotus will provide further opportunities for all alumni to participate individually or as a class. Hopefully Mr. Soulliere's generous gift will be the first of many more as this program progresses. Look for further details on the Alumni Fund in the near future or contact the school.

We invite all Alumni of Scotus Central Catholic to join us in working more closely in being able to provide the fine Catholic Education you received for many generations to come.

Sincerely,

*Duane J. Gross*  
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Superintendent

## Catholic Schools Week Activities Planned

By Dave Rokusek

"The Good News in Education; Catholic Schools" is the theme that Scotus students and staff will be highlighting during the week of January 31 through February 5. The theme follows the national theme which will be followed by Catholic schools in the nation.

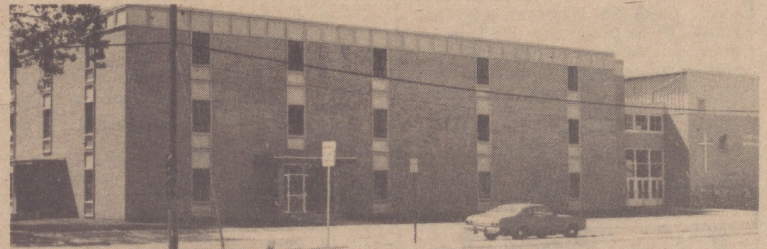
At Scotus, daily themes emphasize "The Good News." "Good News" for the student body, the family, the staff, the church, and the community will receive special attention each day of the week. The campus ministry team is planning an all-school mass to begin the week's activities. Student councils from the Junior and Senior High, S Club, and a special teacher committee are preparing the events.

On Wednesday of the week, teachers from St. Bonaventure, St. Isidore, St. Anthony, and Scotus will be gathering at St. Isidore for a special staff mass and social. Over the years the event has become a time when the staff reviews the purpose of

Catholic education through a holiness given by one of the neighboring priests.

Pope John Paul II, October 3, 1979, at Madison Square Garden, speaking to some 20,000 students from the New York City area stated: "... the purpose of Catholic education is to communicate Christ to you, so that your attitude toward others will be that of Christ. . . . Part of our Catholic education is to learn to see the needs of others, to have the courage to practice what we believe in. With the support of a Catholic education, we try to meet every circumstance of life with the attitude of Christ. . . ."

The American Catholic bishops often have affirmed their conviction that Catholic schools are "the most effective means available to the church for the education of children and young people." And statistics show this conviction to be based in fact: With the exception of the devout Catholic family itself, no other factor is as effective in instilling a religious spirit in children as is the Catholic school.



## Scotus Education Foundation

### Directors Select Trustees

By Duane Gross

One of the most promising facets of the Scotus Education Foundation (SEF) is the Endowment Fund which was begun by the Board during the last pledge drive. The Endowment Fund's purpose is to provide long term support for Scotus. The principal amount of all donations to this fund will never be expended, only the interest from these dollars is used by the school.

Currently the value of the Endowment Fund is \$180,194.00 as a result of a tremendous response during our most recent drive. In order that these funds may be properly managed and invested to produce the highest yields safely the Board has selected a team of business men and financial planners from the community to serve as trustees of the Endowment Fund. Members of the Board of Trustees are; Mr. William Gerhold, Chairman of the Board,

Gerhold Companies, President, Mr. Robert White, Assistant General Manager of Loup Power District, Sec.-Treas., Mr. Leo Dowd, President of Dowd Industries, Mr. E.H. (Bus) Lohr, Lohr Petroleum, Mr. David Duren, Dave Duren and Associates.

It is the philosophy of the Trustees to invest monies under their jurisdiction in the Columbus area thus providing a source of income for Scotus individually. Since its inception one year ago the Endowment Fund has been able to contribute \$12,969.00 in earned interest to the school. The Fund itself has also experienced a continuous growth over the past year as more people see the importance of long-time support of Scotus. Wills, insurance, direct gifts as well as a host of other options are available through the Fund. A gift to the Endowment Fund never stops giving. For more information contact any Trustee or call Scotus (402) 564-7165.

### SEF Builds For Future

By Jerry Clinch

The Scotus Education Foundation, Through its Board of Trustees, the Scotus Board of Directors, and Administration want you to know that they are remaining very active in the pursuit of its goal—to insure that quality, Christ centered Education is available to all youth who wish to attend Scotus Central Catholic.

Some of the efforts of the foundation this past summer and still continuing include: (1) The Parish Chairmen of SEF made contacts with new parishioners and contacted others who were not contacted initially. (2) Some new businesses were contacted. (3) A review, update, and corrections were made on all computer pledge statements. (4) All who gave a one-time gift were contacted again as this was the wish of many who gave a one-time gift. (5) The financial management of Scotus and the Foundation has

improved and is on very stable ground.

One of the reasons for this continuing effort is that during the last campaign SEF only collected 69% of the pledges. The goal of this campaign is 90%. As of this date SEF IV is half over and it appears that this goal will be achieved.

Another plus of these continuing efforts is that there has been a growth in the permanent foundation fund as well as growth in the funds to be used for the operation of Scotus. Over \$4,700 has been added to the unrestricted funds this past year (see Financial Statement). In addition, almost \$3,000 has been earned on short term investments of unrestricted money.

Other efforts under way include an establishment of an Alumni Association, with an annual dinner, and better and more contact with the over 2,200 alumni of Scotus such as this special issue of *Scotistics*.

## Editorially Speaking



## Show The Way You Feel

By Margaret Spenner

I can remember Valentines Day really good at my house. We would all wake up in the morning and on the kitchen table there would lie seven boxes shaped like hearts filled with candy. I can always remember moms - hers was the biggest with a big pink satin ribbon on it. They were from dad to us. They tasted so delicious.

Every family has their own traditions on Valentines Day. The day is a day of love. It is very important to show your feelings for people you care for, and this day gives you the chance.

Many people find it hard to express their feelings, and this day helps put those feelings into words and actions.

Many people feel there exists no love in their life. This day (Feb. 14) must be very painful to them. If you love someone and have never told them, make an effort to let them know. Many of us take this love for granted. Always let your feelings show. James Taylor sums it up well in these lyrics - "Show her the people you love with love, show them the way that you feel. Things are going to be much better if you only will."

## This Article Is FREE!

By Dave Harrington

True, the best things in life are free. But with inflation, how much is free?

Inflation has sent the "Buck Burger" to \$3.99, dime store merchandise to \$7.98, and penny bubble gum to 0.03c!

What next? Instead of "a penny for your thought," will it become, "a buck for your brain wave"?

The mere words "fill 'er up" (relating to gas in a car), is a full days wages!

If looking good makes you feel good, then how could anyone feel bad wearing \$25.00 shoes, \$25.00 pants, and a \$20.00 shirt. (\$70.00 worth of clothing, and it doesn't even include underwear, eyeglasses, or jewelry.)

But now, the best, free, things in life. The love of your spouse, parents, children, friends, and grandparents, ("save the best things for last").

Some banks have free checking. It might not be great, but it's free, and saves a few pennies. (A penny saved, is a penny earned.)

Yes, the best things in life are free. After all, how much did this information cost you? And lastly, how much did this newspaper cost?

## Council Shows Action

By Leo Zoucha

Student Council held their meeting in December to bring up ideas to help start the new year off th a good beginning. They also held a special meeting the first of January to pick out new members for "Student of the Month". The four new people were Senior Lori Zabawa, Junior Colleen Witt, Sophomore Lisa Keller and Freshman Colleen Krzycki. Student Council would like to congratulate these four people.

Other ideas brought up in the December meeting was the idea to create a "Student Life" bulletin board. This will be in the same place as the welcome to Maura was. Some of the articles are up already. Student Council also helped con-sponsor the Ephiphany Mass held in the old Gym. Other general projects were to plan an assembly and, with the help of other groups, create banners for the Scotus Activity Center.

## You Know You're Boring When ...

By Dave Harrington

You lick the red stripes off of a candy cane before biting it.

The only story you know how to tell is the "you had to be there" kind.

Someone laughs at your jokes just to get away by acting like they're going

Someone laughs at your jokes just to get away by acting like they're going to tell someone else.

You have a match for every sock in the house.

You leave the "New Year" party at 11:55.

The bartender makes you leave so he can have "Happy Hour."

Your idea of painting the town red is throwing popcorn at the local theatre's movie screen.

You eat Chinese food with a fork.

You start laughing, or even smiling, at this article.



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# Rumor Put To Rest

By Dave Kantor

The other day while looking through my scrapbook I came upon some memories about the football season. They always bring back some pretty fond memories for me. But all anyone else seems to remember is that we lost, well I for one would like to put that rumor to rest. It's like the old saying goes, "you can't let the seeds stop you from enjoying the melon."

During my year on the team I was taught many things. The coaches not only taught how to play a little football, but they also taught us how to work together, how to be a team, and not to be a bunch of sawdust-heads, right Mr. Puetz?

For those unfamiliar with the Puetz philosophies and techniques, I will try to enlighten you on a few of them. Coach Puetz and his partners, Gary Puetz and Randy Berlin were apparently born with the purpose of teaching the youth of America about the game of football and life.

Not many men besides these coaches could possibly come up with the dreaded tough drills. This was an experience that came about midway through the season. We seemed to catch the disease, coach Puetz referred to as "bellyrubbin", with the only cure being tough drills. The "double meat grinder" and "ambush at the pass" were two sure fire cures. By the end of the practices the coaches were the only ones smiling. Mister Berlin took care of the defense. He taught many a defensive back not to be lulled to sleep and over the years

spurred on many victories with his famous pregame words, "just play well and stick 'em early". They still send chills down my spine!

Now we come to Head Coach Jim Puetz. In the movie version of "The Jim Puetz Story", his part will be played by George C. Scott, (he also played General Patton). I better watch my tongue, I'm still going out for track.

Over the years, the coaches have taught a lot of kids, a lot of things. I asked some of my teammates what they learned. Kurt Bogus, "I learned a lot from him, he was an excellent coach." (Kurt is also going out for track.) Dave Engelbert, "Always keep your helmet on at halftime?" (You never know what could be flying around.) Rick Engel, "How to drive a pickup." Tim "Bubba" Jarecki, "He taught me to hate windprints." Dave Harrington, "Not to be a ----- ice brain." Jerry Taylor, "If you stick with it you can be a winner."

All in all, the Coaches taught us more than we've learned about life in school so far, of course I haven't been awake in that many classes anyway. We probably owe the coaches a lot more than we realize.

We were always told if we wanted it bad enough we would get it eventually and ATTITUDE!!!! makes all the difference. Maybe according to the score board we won't be classified as the winningest team, but ask anyone who was on the team and they'll tell you, "we didn't lose, we won!"

## All Good Things Must Come To An End

By Dave Kantor & Tony Schieffer

Recently my tagteam partner and I left the somewhat brisk midwest in quest of temperatures more appropriate to our liking. We retreated in separate directions, him going west and I to the east. When we took our leave of absence, we were bound for warm weather. Upon our arrival back to the frozen tundra of Columbus, we were dismayed at the bitter unrelenting cold which overcame our feeble bodies (so to speak).

Our mid-winter rendezvous with sub-tropic weather had made a deep impression in our lives as well as our

pocketbooks. After being away from close friends and our beloved alma mater S.C.C. for several exuberating days, we were quite anxious to return to our benevolent Midwest beginnings. Then again, maybe not.

So when the opportunity arrives for you to take a some-what subtropic retreat from Nebraskas blissful temperatures, we do advise that you do so. But there's nothing more satisfying than the thought that when you return, you will be joyously greeted by close knit family and friends who eagerly await your return. Some more than others right Tone? Right Dave!!!

## Paying Dollar\$ For Fashion

By Jay Jarecke

A funny thing about clothes these days, it seems a person just can not wear a pair of jeans. They must be name brands such as Levis, Lees, Bill Blass, or Ralph Lauren, just to name a few. What ever happened to good old Plain Pocket jeans? People just do not wear them anymore. And when you go out to buy these jeans, have at least \$50.00. That is unless you run across a sale and you can pick up two pair for \$99.99, yes what a bargain.

Hold on if pants are hot designer items oh yes, so are shirts. Sure go

out and pick one up today. Go on pick up an Izod Lacosta (alligator) for about \$30.00. But you can get the same shirt for \$12.00, the only difference is it has a fox on it. What is the big difference? The alligator could eat the fox but the material is the same, so why should anyone care if you wear a fox?

Ho Ho if you think the shirts and jeans end this designer craze. Don't be surprised to see a couple socks, underwear, and hats. For all are marked by the dreaded designer syndrome.



# Shamrocks' Leading Ladies

By Tony Schieffer

The Scotus Girls Basketball team is off to an outstanding season thus far this year.

The Lady Shamrocks are led by Beth Bixenman with an outstanding 12.5 game point average. Following Beth closely in the scoring department are Juniors Jo Rohde with a 10.8 average, and Julie Paprocki with a 7.3 average.

Rebounding honors are also led by Beth Bixenman with an 11.5 rebound-

ing average. She is followed again by Jo Rohde with a 6.7 rebounding average.

At the front of the assists and steals categories is Lori Zabawa with 12 assists and 13 steals. Heidi Hoffman is next in line, with 8 assists and also 13 steals. Finally, there is Julie Paprocki with 8 assists and 11 steals.

Other players for the Girls varsity team include: Laurie Hajek, Steph Gross, Trish Hroza, Colleen Witt, Traci Ryba, Kris Stachura, and Lori Soulliere.

# Senior Standouts!

By Leo Zoucha

The Scotus boys Basketball team while not being too tall, has many outstanding playewrs. With the teamwork of these players, Scotus has put together another fine basketball team so far this year.

Through over half of the season the varsity squad has posted some fine statistics. The Seniors who lead the team are Dave Engelbert who, as quoted by Mr. Spenceri (Head Coach), is "a FINE ATHLETE AND A GOOD LEADER. He has developed into quite a ballplayer." Dave has shot 45% from the field and 87% from the line. Some of his freethrows have pulled games out. He averages almost 13 points a game and over 6

rebounds. Dave has accumulated 163 Triple Threat points.

Another Senior for the Scotus ballclub is Clete Arasmith who averages 72% from the line and 25% from the field. Clete has gathered up 78 triple threat points.

Jeff Krzycki is the only Senior guard for the Scotus team. He averages 39% from the field and hits 50% of his freethrows. Jeff has tallied up 30 triple threat points. The Senior squad is rounded off by Jerry Taylor who does a fine job coming off the bench.

With the help of these 4 Seniors, the Scotus basketball team has been led to become a fine group of players. When asked what their goals would be, most of them replied, "that I play my best for the team."

# Boys Compete At Holiday Tourney

By Curt White

The boys basketball team made a great start in the Elkhorn Mt. Michael Holiday Tournament by defeating Waverly but fell to Mt. Michael in the second round.

The Waverly game started out even with both teams trading baskets but in the second and third quarters Waverly pulled out ahead. The team never gave up and overcame a 16-point deficit to win.

Senior Dave Englebert grabbed an offensive rebound and went back up to put Scotus in front with 10 seconds remaining. Waverly missed a shot as time ran out. Final score, Scotus 69, Waverly 67.

Mark Brezinski had an outstanding game with 38 points and pulled down 11 rebounds. Mark went 8 for 8 from the line. Dave Englebert had 8 points including the winning shot. Scott Spenceri finished the game with 4 points and 2 steals. Chad Christiansen also finished with 4 points. Senior Jeff Krzycki added 5 points and 2 steals. Greg VanDyke finished with 6 points.

The team now faced a tough Mt. Michael which had yet to lose. Scotus lost the game 68-51.

The first half proved to be Mt. Michael's as they pulled ahead 33-23. Scotus made a run at them pulling to within 5 points in the third quarter but Mt. Michael added 13 to increase their lead.

"In the first half Mt. Michael really dominated the boards" said Mr. Spenceri. "Then when we started to play well, we couldn't keep it up."

Dave Englebert led the Shamrock scoring with 20 points and pulled down 5 rebounds. Mark Brezinski finished with 11 points while picking up his fourth foul early in the third quarter and sat out the remainder of it.

Scotus showed a lack of ball control, turning it over 20 times, according to Mr. Spenceri. Scotus was also out rebounded by Mt. Michael 47-21.

Scotus now faced Fairbury in the game for third place. Scotus lost a heartbreaker 58-55 to finish fourth.

Junior Scott Spenceri scored 3 points in the game. Clete Arasmith finished with 4 points and 3 assists. Dave Englebert scored 16 points and went 100 percent from the line. Greg VanDyke finished with 12 points and pulled down 5 rebounds. Mark Brezinski had 16 points and 13 rebounds.

But, never say die to a Shamrock. The Irish luck came shining through when the ladies came back from a loss to beat Wahoo Newman 58-54. Beth again led the way with 19 points. The record stands at 8 and 1 with the Irish eyes shining on our Lady Shamrocks.

# Girls Finish 3rd In Tourney

By Jay Jarecke

The Lady Shamrocks had their ups and downs in the Nebraska Centennial Conference Tournament. The Irish started on a good foot defeating Omaha Paul VI. Beth Bixenmann led the ladies to a 57-33 victory with 15 points. This ousted the Shamrocks record to 7 and 0.

The down fall of the tourney was the Omaha Cathedral match up with the Lady Shams. The Shamrocks just could not get hot from the field or the line. The Shamrocks were handed a 54-39 loss.

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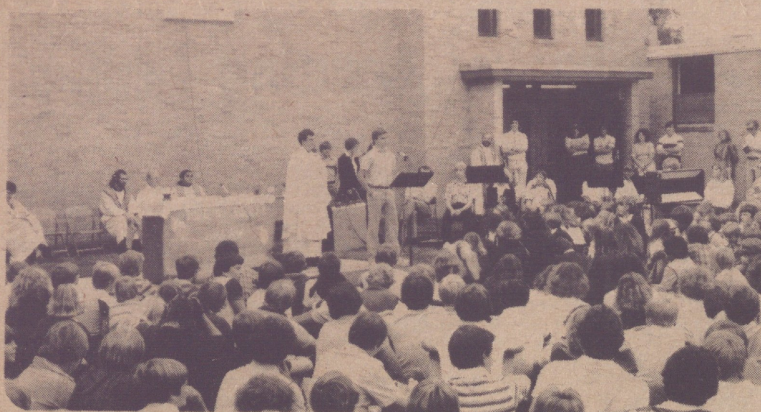
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Scotus students gather for courtyard Mass

# SEF Funds Report Growth For School

By Duane Gross

Several groups within the Scotus Family received the annual report on the Foundation with enthusiasm. The report was prepared and presented by Mr. Duane Gross, Scotus Superintendent and Jerry Clinch, Business Ed. Teacher and SEF Accountant. Included in the report were several areas of growth of the school program and facility as well as a presentation of the financial status of the school and SEF.

The report was presented to the Board of Directors, the Board of Trustees, the Scotus Teachers, Parent clubs, and participants in the fund Drive. The report received favorable reviews and coverage in the Columbus Telegram as well as parent and student newsletters.

A portion of the report, the Balance Sheet and Statement of Operations, is included below for your information.

## Campus Ministry Has A Good Thing Going

By Leo Zoucha

There is a team here at Scotus that has been very instrumental in the growth of our religious appreciation. It has brought about a few changes and additions to our school. This team consists of various members ranging from Sophomores to Seniors. It is not an atheletic team which Scotus is widely known for, but is called the Campus Ministry Team.

The members of the Campus Ministry Team are Seniors: Dave Engelbert, Bernice Zuerlein and Dave Jarecke. Bernice and Dave are also part of the EME Program which allow them to distribute communion. The Juniors are Mark Brezinski, Michelle Brooks, Karen Pokorny, Bob Roy, Greg VanDyke, Brian Evans and Anne Sojka. The Sophomores who are part of the team are Paul Proski, Mike Quattrochi, Sherri Zywiec, and Michelle Korger.

Some of the main objectives of the Campus Ministry Team is to get the student involved in the liturgy. They do this through the planning of and participation in Masses. Another way of just getting the teenager aware of religion is through retreats sponsored through them and just by the representation as part of this team

and this school.

The Campus Ministry Team has already completed many projects it has planned out. Some of these projects include the John Duns Scotus Mass. The idea for the lighting is one example of their creative work. Another work of creativity was present out in the courtyard. The idea for the advent wreath was that of the team.

Future plans are always on the minds of the Campus Ministry Team. Right now they are working on plans for retreats for all classes. They are also working on a bulletin board for the team. Some of the future plans include peer-counseling, one-day recollections, a Lenten program to use for the school awareness, involvement in Catholic School week, an EME program through this, and basically a good representation for the school.

Through this 15 member team there comes a growth to our school and surrounding community. A growth of awareness of Scotus, involvement in the liturgy and a broader understanding of religion in our society today. Through these masses and other projects we come to realize that here at Scotus we have a good thing going for us.

### SCOTUS EDUCATION FOUNDATION

	Unrestricted Pledge Fund*	Endowment Fund	Memorial & Scholarship Funds	Total
<b>BALANCE SHEET - August 31, 1981</b>				
<b>Assets</b>				
Cash Accounts	\$ 9,366.00	\$ 2,302.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 12,568.00
Investments (short-term)	30,000.00	20,792.00	0.00	50,792.00
Investments (long-term)	0.00	125,000.00	0.00	125,000.00
Pledges receivable, net of estimated uncollectibles of \$40,000	172,430.00	32,100.00	0.00	204,530.00
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 211,796.00</b>	<b>\$180,194.00</b>	<b>\$ 900.00</b>	<b>\$ 392,890.00</b>
<b>Liabilities &amp; Fund Balances</b>				
<b>Liabilities</b>	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
<b>Fund Balances</b>	211,796.00	180,194.00	900.00	392,890.00
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$ 211,796.00</b>	<b>\$180,194.00</b>	<b>\$ 900.00</b>	<b>\$ 392,890.00</b>

### STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS - Inception (July 1,1980) to August 31, 1981

<b>Revenues</b>				
Pledges received (initial drive)	\$ 372,083.00	\$175,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 547,083.00
Bequests & other contributions	4,764.00	5,200.00	3,208.00	13,172.00
Investment income **	2,946.00	12,969.00	117.00	16,032.00
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 379,793.00</b>	<b>\$193,169.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,325.00</b>	<b>\$ 576,287.00</b>
<b>Expenditures &amp; Other Deductions</b>				
Transferred to general fund for operations	\$ 107,539.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 109,039.00
Campaign expenses	28,700.00	0.00	0.00	28,700.00
Other expenses (computer, billing, postage, etc.)	6,537.00	6.00	0.00	6,543.00
Deduction for estimated uncollectible pledges	40,000.00	0.00	0.00	40,000.00
<b>Total Expenditures &amp; Other Deductions</b>	<b>\$ 182,776.00</b>	<b>\$ 6.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 184,282.00</b>
<b>Intra-Fund Transfers</b>	<b>14,779.00</b>	<b>(12,969.00)</b>	<b>(1,810.00)</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Net Increase in Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ 211,796.00</b>	<b>\$180,194.00</b>	<b>\$ 15.00</b>	<b>\$ 392,005.00</b>
Fund Balance - beginning	0.00	0.00	885.00	885.00
Fund Balance - ending	\$ 211,796.00	\$180,194.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 392,890.00
*(to be used for operations)				
**(does not include accrued interest)				

## You've Gone A Long Way Graduates But let's not forget the time ...

By Dave Harrington

The Venture. That name may bring back memories to some of the "older" graduates of Scotus, (then St. Bonaventure).

As I was going through the past newspapers, I found that the spirit at Scotus is as strong now as it was then.

I cannot say every thing about every year, but I tried to pick some out, as that you, the reader, can reminisce, and maybe laugh at some of the things you and others did in high school.

In 1964, on October 24, Pat Abbott ran 2 yards for a touchdown to defeat Aquinas 6-0. "The jinx is over!"

In 1965, John Albright was selected to go to the 25th session of Cornhusker Boys State.

In 1966, Sister Bernadice assumed the principalship. This same year was John Scotus' 700th Birthday. (big cake, and lots of candles.)

In 1967, Mary Byers was named Homemaker of tomorrow. The bulletin board was put up by the student council to adorn the halls of Scotus. And last but not least, Peg Van Ackeren and Janet Egger were

caught inspecting the boys locker room. (Please limit phone calls, reminding these people of this incident, to three minutes.)

In 1968, Bill Kosh signed up with the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, to play football.

In 1969, Joe Blahak long jumped 23' (a record still held today!) This was the year that Mrzlak had a slumber party, and the boys went racoon hunting.

In 1970, Jane Uphoff's skirt was found on the model in the Home Ec. window. The same year three non-paying passengers were found on the pep-club bus.

In 1971, Fr. Meyer hired a karate expert for the library. It was also the year they (whom ever "they" are), chased a D-29 get away car. And F.M. should have picked on someone his own size.

In 1972, Miss Hanes jumped off her desk and fell into the waste-paper basket. Or the snake pollution in the bathrooms. How about on Christmas vacation and driving around in the "Lark."

In 1973, remember Gilbert and Madonna. How about the night D.H.

got chased by a Russian lady, or the class party in Duncan.

In 1974, Michelle Augustine getting called to the office. Curt Mellingers "Gilligan Shoes", and Mike Loefflers razor, (never been used.)

In 1975, Jerry Jarecki's size "52". Here's a good one - Randy Kurtenbach's "SEX" symbol award and acting talent.

In 1976, Don "Butch" Byers willed his afro pick and a can of Natural Sheen to John Mausbach. What about Tim Schneider and his nick-names.

In 1977, Tim Harrington, he has never done anything important, but I get paid for mentioning his name, (mom said I should.) Judy Jarecke and her "blue bomb."

In 1978, "We hit a rat.", manhunts in the cans, bull rides in the courtyard, and Pekarek, Disco Dancing in Business Law.

In 1979, the Melcher boys were really close to the principal, Tom Hoffman on punt return, and the fire in Dr. Fox's study hall.

In 1980, gophers in the English room, Bob Hiemann benched 350 lbs. and the last game played in the old

gym.

In 1981, RON STARZEC - the name speaks for itself, he was the man, the legend. Glen Kucera's great receptions in football, and State basketball.

I don't know what half of these things are, the "true" meanings, (and your probably lucky I don't!) But I do hope you enjoyed reading your year in this article. Although it may not have been much, I hope it brought across at least one happy thought. (Or at least just a thought.)

I know I might have embarrassed some of you, (Janet, Peg and Jane.) but what you did - - well - - is "high school stuff." And your only defense is that you are a mature adult now, and if you could do it all over again ... YOU PROBABLY WOULD!!

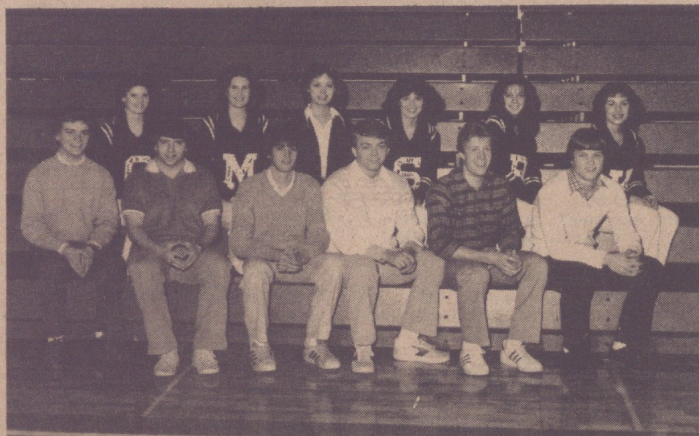
The fun is just beginning. So what you do now is go get your annual, (not yet, you're still reading!), look back and see how hideous you looked back then. And last but not least, try to get your spouse jealous by saying you went out with such-n-such. Then your spouse will get upset, as planned, and also lie about their high school years. Some "FUN", huh?

Doing what you like is freedom, liking what you do is happiness.

# SCOTISTICS



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Row 1—Greg Ernst, Rick Engel, Tony Schieffer, Kurt Bogus, Tom Tooley, Jeff Krzycki. Row 2—Tammy Miller, Sue Heiman, Bernice Zuerlien, Tracy Dreifurst, Mary Zuerlien, Lori Zabawa.

## Sweetheart Candidates

By Maggie Spenner

The 1982 Sweetheart Dance was held on Feb. 12, 1982. The following people were candidates selected by the Senior class:

Tammy Miller is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Miller. She has been a pep club member for four years, serving as cheerleader her Freshman year. She was secretary of pep club her Junior year, and is currently serving as lettergirl. She has been an honor roll student for four years. Tammy participated in volleyball and track her Freshman years.

Lori Zabawa is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Tony Zabawa. Lori is a member of Honor Society, and has been an honor roll student all four years. She has been a member of pep club for four years and is currently a lettergirl. Lori was a member of German Club for two years. She was her Freshman class secretary and Junior class treasurer. Lori has been active in basketball and volleyball for four years. She has earned two letters in volleyball and three in basketball. She has been a three year member of S-Club.

Tracy Dreifurst is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Bill Dreifurst. She is a four year member of pep club and is currently a lettergirl. Tracy is an honor roll student and a two year member of Honor Society. She was active in volleyball and track as a freshman. Tracy served as the girl's basketball manager her Sophomore year, and girl's volleyball manager her Junior year. She is a member of S-Club as well as FBLA.

Sue Heiman is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Henry Heiman. Sue is a four year member of pep club and is currently a lettergirl. She was active in volleyball her Freshman year and was active in track for two years. She was a member of the annual staff for one year and is currently a member of FBLA.

Mary Zuerline is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Sylvester Zuerline. Mary is a four year member of pep club, serving as squad leader her Freshman year, and is currently serving as lettergirl. Mary is also a member of S-Club, and she was a track manager for 2 years. Mary was active in track for one year. Mary has earned two letters in track. She was active in volleyball as a Freshman. Mary is an honor roll student and was a member of Honor Society for three years, currently serving as treasurer. Mary is currently a member of the Thespians, and has been active in Speech Team for three years. Mary qualified for state Speech contest her Junior year, and is currently serving as a group leader.

Bernice Zuerline is the daughter of Betty Zuerline. She was a three year member of pep club. Bernice was active in Spanish for two years. She is a four year honor roll student and has been active in Honor Society for three years. Bernice is presently a member of the Campus Ministry team and serves as an Extraordinary Minister of the Holy Eucharist (EME) at school masses.

Tom Tooley is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Richard Tooley. He is a three year S-Club member, and lettered in track and cross-country for three years. Tom was active in basketball his Sophomore year, and participated in Columbus baseball for seven years. Tom was a Sophomore class representative. He has been a member of German club for three years. Tom was a member of Squires for four years. He has been a lector at St. Bonaventure's Church for two years. Tom participated in County Government Day as a Junior.

Greg Ernst is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Willie E. Ernst. Greg has been active in football, baseball, track, and golf. He has qualified for state golf meets, and last year the golf team captured the State Championship. Greg is an

## King Jeff and Queen Lori



honor roll student. He has been active in student council as well as S-Club. Greg was a member of Spanish club.

Tony Schieffer is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Schieffer. Tony was active in football, basketball, and golf his Freshman year. He is a one year member of student council, and is an honor roll student. Tony has earned two letters in golf, and participated in the state victory last year. Tony is a three year member of S-Club, and participates in I.B.A.

Kurt Bogus is the son of Mary Bogus. He is a two year member of S-Club, a four member of student council, an honor roll student, and made honorable mention at linebacker for the centennial conference football. He is also a member of Speech team and was active in one-act play. He is active in music, and is Senior Class President. He was active in County Government Day his Junior year. Kurt has been active in track and football for four years. Kurt was in German Club for 2 years.

Jeff Krzycki is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Francis Krzycki. During his Freshman year he was active in football, basketball and track. He has earned a letter in track for 2 years, a letter in football for three years, and one letter in basketball so far. He is a member of S-Club and is also an honor roll student. He serves as treasurer for the S-Club. Jeff was active in County Government Day his Junior year.

Rick Engel is the son of Mr. & Mrs. John Engel. Rick has been a student manager for football and track for four years in which he lettered all four years. He has been a member of S-Club for four years and is currently President. Rick has been active in student council for four years as a class representative. Rick also participated in County Government Day. He has been active in Speech and drama. Rick has participated in Speech contests along with the one-act play. Rick has been a member of the Columbian Squires for six years, and is currently Deputy Chief Squire.

## Editorially Speaking

# A Fading Trend

By Leo Zoucha

It seems these days that we are being compared to former classes all the time. One issue, in general, has caught the eye of many of the faculty. This problem is also causing worry in our religious department. Attendance at mass is becoming a fading trend.

This attendance problem is an issue which nobody should be proud of. At the last game-day mass, there were more Junior High students than Pep Club and Senior High students.

Why should times have changed? In the past there was, without question a game-day mass in the gym. Now, it seems foolish to waste all that space on a small group. Since the time of the masses has not changed there should be no problem getting to school in time for mass.

The mass is seen and recognized as a way in which the school shows support for the team. Since this school is Catholic, we should realize the help of God is a great source of aid for spirit and strength. God can help the team battle to the best of their ability against the opposing team. So why should such an opportunity as mass, which shows support for an aid to our team, be said to the rafters or wasted on the walls?

## Substitute Mondays

By Peg Siemek

A certain day that all students would like to stay in bed and sleep is none other than that ever popular day, Monday. Mondays have got to be the least favorite day of the week and there are definitely many reasons for this.

First of all, no one ever gets enough sleep on the weekends because it is the only real free time they have. Next, teachers just love giving surprise quizzes on these days.

It just seems that everything possible goes wrong on Mondays. The car wont start, you're late getting to school, one falls asleep in a class, (and the next day one is having a test over what was covered in class) and so many other irritations occur that it would be a good idea if Mondays were just dropped out of the week.

Possibly a good substitute for Mondays would be Saturdays!

## Senioritis

By Mark Shotkoski

It's the disease that usually plagues every Senior student at one time or another. The symptoms include: the strong urge to skip school, the "blow off test" syndrome, the excuse of "I'm too tired," the rowdiness attitude and lastly, the weekends. This disease is none other than Senioritis!

The symptoms are now known by all teachers, parents, and especially Senior students, and the only obvious cure for this is GRADUATION!

The problem of knowing how to cope with the time left until graduation day is what most of us fear.

From examples of past classes the only way to get through this time is to grin and bear it. Also, for the students, remember these tips: (1) if you always did what you were suppose to, this would be a very dull world, and (2) authorities (being teachers and parents) only stay upset for a short while, but memories live on forever!



Best Actor Ron Bernt  
Best Actress Carole Podraza

## Drama II Earns Excellent Rating

By Ron Bernt

After working for two months on the one-act play the Drama II class finally received the chance to perform.

On January 19, the Drama II class went to Doane College for the annual one-act play competition. After their performance the judges gave the class oral critiques. The judges were pleased with the overall characterization and costuming.

The class received an excellent rating with Ron Bernt and Carole Podraza receiving recognition as being superior actors/actresses.

## This Is Disgusting!

By Dave Harrington

Doesn't it disgust you when you try to do something nice, and people get really mad at you for it?

Like when you . . . . .  
... arrange the Christmas presents so all yours are first.

... make your favorite peanut butter and marshmallow sandwiches (9 of them) for the family when they are at Church.

... eat a whole pie (because you were scared it would get old in 2 days).

... scoop snow off the lawn, so the grass can breathe.

... feed the mice in the house because they wer hungri .

... let the encyclopedia salesman in when mom was cleaning.

... feed the goldfish enough for your weeks vacation.

... combed out your german shepard in the house in the springtime.



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# Fine Arts Looking Fine

By Ron Bernt

The Fine Arts Department was the feature of the month for January. Involving 684 students the Fine Arts include the areas of Speech, Drama, Art, Vocal and Instrumental Music.

The Speech and Drama area is headed up by Mrs. Sandie Bernt. Students may enroll in Speech I and II, Drama I, II, and III.

Students compete in speech contests at the local, Conference, District, and State levels. Drama II students compete in the One-Act Play contest at the Conference, District, and State levels.

The Spring Play will be the major dramatic production this year. It will be performed in April and will rotate with a musical on a yearly basis.

Thespians is an active organization in which students are inducted for receiving ten merit points for participation in extra-curricular dramatic activities.

Art students are under the supervision of Mrs. Sue Stoerber where emphasis is on good design, drawing, and painting skills. The upper level students spend much of their time on printing, sculpture, mosaics, textiles, and collage.

Students can also involve themselves in the areas of pen and ink, pencil, charcoal, silk screen, and water color. On the Senior High level the courses of Design, Advanced Art, and Independent Art are offered.

There are 112 students under the direction of Mrs. Ginny Schnabel in Vocal Music. Mixed Chorus, Girls Glee, Swing Choir, and L.Freshman Chorus have performed in the Fall Christmas, and Spring Concerts. They also are involved in the Conference Coral Clinic at Boystown, the District Music Contest, Graduation, and various organizations in Columbus.

The Music Department has instituted a lettering program for those students earning the required points.

The Instrumental Music Department involves 63 students under the direction of Mr. Mark Hopp. The Junior-Senior Band has performed at the Christmas Concert, Veteran's Day Service, and at football and basketball games.

Band members will be performing at the Spring Concert, and possibly the District Music Contest in April.

## Scotus FBLA Active

By Peg Siemek

National FBLA-PBL Week was February 7-13. The Scotus Chapter of FBLA was busy with activities during this time.

Some of the activities included a Mass and dress-up day for FBLA members. Also a full page ad appeared in the Columbus Telegram during the week of February 7th through the 13th. Several announcements were also made over the local radio stations and signs were put up to notify the public about FBLA

Week.

The Mayor of Columbus signed a Proclamation proclaiming FBLA-PBL Week in the city of Columbus. Scotus, Lakeview, and Platte College all participated in the signing.

The week came to an end with the Scotus FBLA Chapter participating with eight other chapters in the Lakeview FBLA Chapter's Business Competition Day on February 13, 1982. Competition included 19 events in various Business Education subjects.

## The Most Neglected Item

By Mary Shotkoski

It's the most neglected item in homes, but everyone has one. It's always full of things, but there is never anything in it. It's the container that is considered useless, but it's used every day. Yes, this poor, neglected item is referred to as the "Wastebasket."

Just imagine yourself in a lunchroom, or even an office without any wastebaskets. It wouldn't be fun trying to stand up to the smell of yesterday's leftovers. Now take the office. No wastebaskets means

nothing to throw papers into, which means throwing papers on the floor, which results in a mess.

Yes, as previously proven, wastebaskets do have an important role in everyday life. They also get a lot of abuse, especially after a Nebraska football game in which Nebraska loses. Even though the wastebasket takes all the abuse, it never wears out. It's always there when you need it. So, the next time you see one of these round, square, or whatever shaped containers, stop a minute, and salute it, because without the wastebasket, we would really be in a mess.

## The Raffle Ticket That Would Not Die

By Ron Bernt

It came one snowy day in December. It entered the school and took its place on the wall without anyone noticing it. It horrified passerbys with it's ominous green arms protruding from its base. For it is - anyone who has a weak heart or is in their seventh month of pregnancy the Surgeon General has determined that continuation of this article may be dangerous to your health - the raffle ticket sales board.

Planted from a seed of money it continued to grow as it devoured the money of others. It was dormant for

the first few days and then it grew by leaps and bounds.

The larger it grew the more powerful it became. Soom it was taking over both man and machine. It was bribing people with its insinuations of gifts greater than we know. Pop in school! The communication systems were spewing, saying that drove people crazy. For days children had nightmares of, "The only good raffle ticket is a sold raffle ticket." It still sends shivers up my spine to think of it.

For this was the raffle ticket that would not die. Playing at a theatre near you.



## A Time to Remember The Senior Retreat

'Twas the night before the retreat,  
 And all through Camp Luther,  
 Not a creature was stirring, except for  
 Andy and the other.  
 The wood was all stacked by the fire-  
 place with care,  
 In case the day would be filled  
 with cold air.  
 The Seniors all nestled and snug  
 in their beds,  
 While thoughts of boredom  
 danced in their heads.  
 Sister Jeanette in her habit,  
 And Father Wayne in his cap,  
 Had just settled down despite the  
 anxiety attacks.  
 Then that morning, there arose  
 such a clatter,  
 The Seniors jumped from their cars to  
 see what was the matter.  
 Away to the parking lot they  
 flew like a mass,  
 Threw open the doors and shut off  
 the gas.  
 The moon on the breast of the  
 God-provided frost,  
 Gave the images of beauty  
 which will never be lost.  
 When what to their wondering eyes  
 did they see,  
 But two yellow buses and a van  
 for tardees.  
 With heads all turned to give  
 some quick looks,  
 They knew in a moment, that it  
 must be Mr. Brooks.  
 More rapid than eagles our Seniors  
 they came,  
 And Sr. Francis whistled and shouted  
 and called us by name.  
 Now Bob and Mary and Tim she  
 would call,  
 With replies of here and present  
 and one (blank) hole.  
 To the top of the hill, and right  
 next to Luther's wall,  
 Now dasy away, dash away,  
 dash away all!  
 So up to the hilltop the busses  
 they flew,  
 With seats full of Seniors-and Fr.  
 Kramper tool  
 And then, in a twinkling, they  
 heard on the doors,  
 The ponding and knocking of 80  
 Seniors.  
 As the group all entered, with a  
 red glow on their face,  
 They all headed for warmth  
 near the fireplace.  
 As we opened up our day with  
 a prayer to say,  
 We were put into groups  
 according to our birthday.

As we sat and wrote and  
 talked of many an issue,  
 We brought out feelings that were  
 so true.  
 It started out smooth with  
 Fr. Teigs and Joe on arrival,  
 The morning break consisted of hot  
 chocolate and roll.  
 After more discussion of college  
 and future plans,  
 Preparation of meals started,  
 a few washed their hands.  
 Dinner consisted of chips  
 and sloppy joes,  
 As thoughts of outdoors spread  
 from head to toes.  
 Finally after the mush buckets  
 went around,  
 The doors were opened as the boys  
 left in leaps and bounds.  
 Scanning the hills and exploring the  
 ravines,  
 The Seniors got around by  
 just about all means.  
 As relax time ended and  
 people drifted in,  
 Fireside songs were sung to no end.  
 With a few returning late, leaving the  
 snow and the fun,  
 All had been accounted for  
 except one.  
 As an air of worry spread  
 from table to next,  
 Fr. Wayne departed in  
 a desperate quest.  
 With many volunteers to  
 start a search party,  
 Fr. Wayne showed up to  
 make the group 80.  
 Then the mass begun with Ray  
 by th! fire,  
 And the feeling in the air  
 had turned much higher.  
 With readings and sermons  
 and heavenly singing,  
 A giant SHAMROCK appeared  
 on a table in the building.  
 It was made of cardboard  
 and an offering of all,  
 Symbolizing the Senior class  
 does not do things small.  
 As mass had ended and the adminis-  
 tration entered,  
 The kind thoughts of faculty were  
 passed out and lettered.  
 The tables were stacked  
 by the men of muscle,  
 The people crowded our busses  
 in much hustle and bustle.  
 As we left Camp Luther  
 with Columbus in sight,  
 The spirit echoed "Happy Retreat to  
 all and to all a good night!"

## The Prep Look-for

# A Change for the Better!

By Tony Schieffer

The Parents! Bookin' it! Storage Bowl! Sim down! Blow Lunch! Tired! Road Brew! Buy an Alligator! My Closet! How many times has one heard these all but familiar sayings? Probably not too many, and the reason for this is because these are not your everyday high school sayings. At college though, it would be a whole different story (especially at Marquette). These types of sayings are very familiar at college.

The ultimate goal of every high school student is to some day be classified as an ever-popular college Prepster. To be considered a prep one must make some drastic changes in his or her everyday life. Vocabulary, dress, posture, and attitude must all be taken into consideration.

Vocabulary is one of the major changes that must take place. Mom and Dad are now always called "The Parents", studying is now called "Bookin' it", refrigerators must be called "The Storage Box", if people are getting out of hand, they must be

told to "Sim Down", "Blowing Lunch" is used instead of throwing up. People no longer get sick, instead they get "Tired", beer should be called none other than "Road Brew" or "Roadies" or "Brewski" or "Road Sauce", your frat room or dorm room is called "your closet", and believe it or not, this is just to name a few.

Dress is the next step in this slow but sure process of change. Button-down collared shirts, or the ever popular IZOD Lacosta, are the only shirts that are permissible. In the pants category, pleats are considered compulsory and tweed is preferred.

Posture might seem like a small part in the "NEW YOU" change but really it is a very important part. First of all, shoulders must be slightly shrugged and hands are usually seen in pockets. When walking, feet can be picked up only between 1 and 2 inches while taking a step.

Some high school students are even seen practicing some of these prep characteristics (no names). As the old saying goes, "Practice makes Perfect."

## I Cannot Tell A Lie

By Dave Harrington

Have you ever thought of how many lies a person tells in one day? You say to yourself, "Well, I certainly don't lie!" That's a lie in itself.

Let me give you a few examples . . . Julius Peaches, (not his real name of course), wakes up in the morning and tells himself how good looking he is. When in fact Julius is not good looking. He has bushy hair growing out of his upper lip, and his eyes are three different colors. (red being one of them.)

Harry N. Berry wakes up and says, "I don't think I'll shave today. It

doesn't look that bad." When in fact it looks like he tried to kiss a cactus.

Pizza Jack wakes up, looks in the mirror and says "My face is clearing up!" When in fact his face looks like a retired B.B. gun target.

Olga Obesity says "Oh, just one more couldn't hurt my figure" (for the twelfth time.) "I just couldn't let all this Christmas fudge go to waste." When in fact she has more chins than a Chinese phone book!!

These may not be your lies exactly, but you must realize how many times people lie to themselves.

I would write down some of my own, but I can't think of any at the moment.

## Don't Talk With Mouth Full

By Dave Harrington

Is it not true, that when people correct you on your mannerisms, that it is quite bothersome?

They are drastically a nuisance when they inform you of the primitive ways of which you eat.

It is also a known fact that they are completely out of order when they comment on your attire (that's clothes to those of you who have not had the opportunity to have such a wonderful

upbringing).

But . . . what do you do when you go to a fancy restaurant and order fried chicken? How do you eat it?

Ha - Ha, you say that now, but you'll be sorry when the time comes.

People used to say these things to me too, but look at me now! Sure I get a few flashbacks of non-proper arrangements.

And to think some people used to say I weren't no good in English neither. Wait till they read this story!

## Winter Weather Fun

By Peg Siemek

The temperature is 85 degrees outside. The snow is all melted and the wintery wind is gone. There is a bright sun shining down on the Earth. Tans are to be seen everywhere. It was a nice dream while it lasted. Daydreaming is just one of the many things one can do during the dreary winter months.

Another good idea is to take a two week vacation to Florida. However, this idea is rather expensive. So, in case one doesn't have sufficient funds

in the piggy bank, then perhaps one should sit down and watch a rerun of Gilligan's Island. But perhaps this doesn't sound appealing either. Well then, there is the alternative of putting on a Beach Boys album and dressing up in a Hawaiian shirt and shorts, inviting a few close friends over and of course, opening a can of Hawaiian Punch (the kind Donny and Marie drink).

If by chance one doesn't find any of these appealing, then you will just have to grin and bear it.

From the Greens—

# A Golf Preview

By Curt White

This may be a little early considering it's still winter and you don't see too many golfers roaming the streets, but lets not let that interfere. The golf season starts at the end of March for those interested. You may think of golfers as people who aren't big enough or strong enough to play football or basketball but let me set you straight. Everyone knows Tony Schieffer, and judging from him I'd say that myth can be set to rest.

It takes a lot of hard work and determination to become a golfer. Golfing is a game of perfection, it may sound easy getting a little white ball into a hole but just think, you do it with a stick that has a piece of wood or metal attached to it. Sounds a little harder now, doesn't it?

Any big gorilla can sack a quarterback, but it takes nerves of steel to sink a six foot putt. Let's say

you play 18 holes of golf, you would walk approximately 4 miles carrying a bag full of clubs. That isn't easy. By the way, the golf team supplies all its own equipment such as clubs, bag, balls, and refreshments.

One of the big hazards of golfing is the water hazards. Hit a ball into the water and there goes a buck or so unless your golfing with Rob Fisher who is known to retireve them.

There are times on the course when you lose your temper and throw clubs. If you do this make sure you yell "fore." Last year I lost a trusty old putter by losing my temper and throwing it in the air. There went thirty-five dollars.

Out on the course is a great chance to unwind from a hard school day and discuss school problems (God knows there's enough of them). If you really If you really want to work hard and practice to become a good golfer, I'm sure the team could use you.



Laurie Hajek attempts a basket in Lakeview game.

## SCC Battles Mt. Michael to 68-45 Loss

By Curt White

The boys basketball team lost a hard fought game against Elkhorn Mt. Micheal 68-45. The game was postponed a week earlier because of weather and it looked like that could have happened again. Mt. Micheal is ranked third in Class B with an undefeated year.

Mt. Micheal jumped to an early lead with a good swarming defense. With 3:15 left in the first quarter Mark Brezinski hit a layup to put Scotus on the board. By the end of the first quarter Mt. Micheal led 23-8. Scotus wasn't finished yet. The Shamrocks

fought back to within three points but saw that margin spread to 10 by the half.

The second half proved to belong to Mt. Micheal. The closest the Shamrocks got to was nine. The final score was 68-45.

Mark Brezinski led the Scotus scores with 22 points. Scott Spencer added 3. Junior Chad Christiansen put in 7 points while Jeff Krzycki added 2. Bob Schumacher dropped in a bucket. Senior Dave Englebert was held to only 4 points. Sophomore Mike Quattrocchi added a free throw. Greg Van Dyke finished with 3 points.

## Scotus Defeated in Centennial 66-63

By Curt White

The boys basketball team lost to a tough Wahoo Neumann team in Centennial Conference action, 66-53.

The first half proved to be all Neumanns' as they controlled the board and the scoring. They had a 37-20 halftime lead.

The second half didn't prove to be much better for the Shamrocks. Scotus took a pounding on the charity stripe as Neumann hit 20 of 29

attempts.

Mark Brezinski finished with 22 points and grabbed 7 rebounds. Scott Spencer had 5 points while John Kelly added 4 points. Clete Arasmith, Chad Christiansen, Jerry Taylor, Jim Heimann and Mike Quattrocchi all added 2 points. Senior Dave Englebert finished with 8 points while Greg VanDyke dropped in 2 buckets.

## Shamrocks Defeat St. Cecilia

By Curt White

The boys basketball team defeated a fine St. Cecilia team by a score of 69-62. The Shamrocks started out quickly by jumping to a score of 24-12. The second quarter wasn't as well played as the first as an 18 point lead dropped to 11 points by the half.

The St. Cecilia coach must have given the team a good speech because they came out shooting. St. Cecilia cut the lead to 7 twice, but the Shamrocks answered the call and pulled out by 13 points. St. Cecilia wasn't finished and pulled withing 1

point. Scotus came back and went up by seven. With about 5 minutes left in the game, St. Cecilia made a final run cutting the lead to 3, but Scotus pulled out again and won.

Junior Mark Brezinski finished with 23 points. Dave Englebert ended with

10 points. Clete Arasmith and Chad Christiansen ended in double figures with 12 points each. Guard Scott Spencer made 8 points while John Kelly added 2. Greg VanDyke also added 2 points.

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is to begin"

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## A good show for FBLA

By Peg Siemek

On Saturday, February 13, the Scotus High School Chapter of Future Business Leaders of America participated in the Lakeview FBLA Chapter Business Competition Day.

Scotus placed fourth out of nine chapters. Individual placing went as follows: Accounting II; Ray Prosocki, first; Bob Kuta, second; Jeff Beerbohm, third; Business Law; Tim Murray, second; Business Math II; Ray Prosocki, third; Typing I Speed; Virginia Sprunk, second; Business English; Tim Murray, second.

A team of five took second in Business Knowledge and Current Events. The team included: Carole Podraza, Kathy Mielak, Karen Laska, Tim Murray, and Ray Prosocki.

It was an over all good day for the Scotus Chapter of FBLA.

## Looking Forward to Easter

By Tony Schieffer

I remember a day not so long ago, when Easter was considered one of the highlights of the year (after Christmas of course). It was a time when little hearts danced and big cavities flourished.

The Easter Bunny would come during the night with his basket of eggs, jelly beans, and lots of other little goodies. The eggs would always be different assorted colors. I always wondered how that little Easter Bunny and his bunny friends didn't get their little white paws all full of paint. I guess they were just extra careful.

The eggs, and jelly beans, and goodies were hidden in different unique spots throughout the house and it was always fun to go out and see who could find the most eggs, jelly beans, and the best goodies. The Easter baskets were also hidden, and it always seemed like mine was the hardest to find. After several hours of in-depth searching, I would get frustrated and go lock myself in my room. Soon mom would notice that I wasn't participating in the fun, and she would come to my room and say, "Tony, what's the matter, why aren't you eating the goodies out of your Easter basket?" Then after a pause of silence, I would pull the covers off from over my head and say, "Gee mom, everyone else found their basket and they won't help me find mine!" This would always get to mom, and she would begin to give me slight little hints as to where I should look. She would say, "Well, you didn't look in the stereo room did you? I would say, "Yes Mom I looked everywhere and I still can't find it." Then Mom would really start to feel sorry for me and say, "Well, I think I did, but I'm not sure."

So I would go downstairs, and to my surprise there would be my Easter Basket, all full of candy and lots of other goodies. This would make me feel real happy and I would go and give my Mom a piece of candy for helping me find my Easter Basket.



**WINNERS** — The Scotus High School speech team shows the plaque earned at the district speech contest in Blair. From left, first row, are: Bridget Chohon, Martha Oncken, Sherri Zywiec, Lori Soulliere, Michelle Korger and Leo Zoucha. Back row: Mrs. Bernt, Terri Jackson, Carola Podraza, Kathy Soulliere, Mary Zuerlein, Lora Kurtenbach, Cindy Krause, Ray Pososki and Ron Bernt. Not pictured are Anne Sojka and Maggie Spenner. Congratulations Guys!!!

## On to state!!

By Ron Bernt

After a fourth consequent conference speech title the Scotus Speech team was once again victorious. On March 17, the speech team took its second straight District title with 60 points. The second place team, Lakeview, had 55 points and Gretna in third with 53 points.

The twelve entries going to Kearney on April 3rd for State Competition are:

After Dinner Speaking: Carole Podraza 50/50 pts.  
Extemporaneous Speaking: Anne Sojka 48/50 pts.  
Ron Bernt 45/50 pts.  
Duet Acting: Jeff Van Lent and Kathy Soulliere 48/50 pts.

Informative Speaking: Mary Zuerlein 46/50 pts.

Bridget Chohon 45/50 pts.

Original Public Address:

Sherry Zywiec 47/50 pts.

Lori Soulliere 45/50 pts.

Poetry: Maggie Spenner 47/50 pts.

Serious Prose: Terri Jackson 46/50 pts.

Play Reading: Leo Zoucha, Lora Kurtenbach, Ron Bernt, Maggie Spenner, and Mary Zuerlein 50/50 pts.

The following students received excellent ratings in district competition: Michelle Korger, Cindy Krause, Martha Oncken, and Lora Kurtenbach.

## Victorious once again

By Ron Bernt

The Scotus Speech Team once again surprised the competition and themselves by winning the Centennial Conference Speech Contest by an overwhelming point spread. The Scotus team had 61 sweepstakes points with the next closest being Omaha Mercy with 27.

This years win at Saint Alberts had special meaning to the seniors and Coach Bernt as it was their fourth straight conference win.

The winners were:

Duet Acting: 1st, Jeff Van Lent/ Kathy Soulliere; 4th, Clare Korger /Ray Prosocki

Oral Interpretation of Drama: 1st,

Leo Zoucha, Ron Bernt, Lora Kurtenbach, and Mary Zuerlein; 4th, Paul Prosocki, Mike Bogus, Cindy Krause

After Dinner: 1st, Carole Podraza; 3rd, Michelle Korger; 4th, Lance Zach

Humorous Prose: 1st, Joy Jackson; 4th, Lora Kurtenbach

Original Public Address: 2nd,

Sherri Zywiec; 4th, Lori Soulliere

Informative Speaking: 1st, Mary Zuerlein; 4th, Bridget Chohon

Extemporaneous Speaking: 1st,

Anne Sojka; 4th, Sherri Zywiec

Poetry: 2nd, Martha Oncken; 3rd,

Maggie Spenner

## An original Lenten Program

By Leo Zoucha

As the desert wind rolls over the lofty dunes of sand, a lone wolf howls out to the moon. A panorama of barren stretches fills the eye. A desolate silence overtakes the sanity of a once productive mind. A starkness envelopes the body. The environment created in this scene as that the Lenten Program set up by the Religion Department.

The Lenten Program has a theme of "Carrying Ones Cross For Christ," the theme is made visible by the crosses that were distributed to each classroom.

The Religion Department also stresses many other aspects in their Lenten Program. Starting off with the

Ash Wednesday Liturgy, they have tried to stress the importance that mass and the liturgy should have in our lives during Lent and throughout our lives. The daily meditations during announcements have been geared towards the theme of Lent - penance and turning to God.

Upcoming plans for the Lenten Program include a special prayer service based on the Stations of the Cross on Wednesday of Holy Week. Another is the reception of the Sacrament of Penance. This sacrament is to be given in the form of a reconciliation service or the private confession set up similar to the ones at Christmas.

## Boystown Clinic a success

By Margaret Spenner

On March 9, 1982, the Scotus music dept. loaded two buses full of students from Mixed Chorus, Girls Glee, and Swing Choir. The choirs attended the Boys Town Clinic and Choral Concert.

Many students aren't aware of what this clinic is all about. Every choir from 10 schools are taught a variety of songs. Each is learned in 3 to 4 parts. Then, when the day of the clinic arrives, all the school's choirs join together to form a chorus of about 250 students. A concert is held in the evening for the public after a long day of practicing.

Participating in a clinic of this type is very rewarding, as one learns what it is like to work with a variety of people so closely. And although the day of practicing does get to be long, the end of the day is very satisfying as the sound of 250 voices join as one in a beautiful choir of contemporary, folk, and latin songs.

## Consumer class goes to court

By Peg Siemek

A mass of Senior Consumer class students attended Small Claims Court on Wednesday, March 10th. The students were all members of Home Ec. classes at Scotus High School.

The students listened to three cases involving law. One case included destructive tires, another was a car accident, and in the third case one side did not show up so the court rewarded judgement to the one that showed. In all cases the students heard both sides and found out what part of the court system is like.

It was quite an interesting experience and the students enjoyed themselves while learning.

## Seniors learn about themselves

By Dave Harrington

This year, as in the past, seniors are taking a psychology course in Mr. Zowada's class.

The goals of this class are to understand yourself better, know the principals of psychology, and know some theories of psychology. But these goals can only be attained by the individual him/herself. Afterall, psychology is the study of individual human behavior and experiences.

"You get out of that (the psychology course) what you put into it," said Mr. Zowada, "You don't see changes over night."

The class is anything but boring. You find faults with yourself, and indirectly, others find faults with you. But the course is made to "improve yourself as a person."

The course certainly makes you think, and an objective in the class is to "think before you act." But why wait until you're a senior? Start developing a well rounded personality, start with a little "catharsis," and add some "undoing," when doing this, try not to let too much "reaction formation" stand in your way.

## Editorially Speaking Organizations are spirit boosters

By Leo Zoucha

A word of praise is hard to come by in Scotus today, but that's just what this article is going to do. Taking a hard look around, one might be asking what this person is writing about. The one bright spot that has shown out throughout the year. The participation in different organizations is something all students can be proud of.

Along with enrollment increases, the quality of these groups has also increased. Some examples of this is FBLA and its fine showing at Lakeview and Platte College; Speech Team and Thespians, which doubled its membership, has a good chance at placing high in state; and the arrival of band at Scotus.

Sponsors of these groups have noticed an increase in not only Freshmen, but all other classes as well. This is in contrast with the need of some teenagers needing money and working more. Students are beginning to notice that these organizations have a lot to offer.

Another compliment goes to the teachers who give up their time, in order to help the students become better people. As most schools are cutting such organizations, Scotus as seen in the past, seems to grow stronger. Congratulations!

## Let's hear it for Moms

By Dave Harrington

When was the last time you thanked your mom (otherwise known as mommy, ma, mother, or the lady of the house) for all she has done for you?

Think about it. Mom was there, and still is, when we skinned our knees, fell down the stairs, or were sick in bed with the flu. (Chicken soup handled that problem pretty well.)

Mom changed our diapers, gave us baths, closed her eyes when we tried to ride a bicycle, and cried when we have her valentines.

Mom has made the best meals we've ever eaten, cleaned up after us, and put up with us sticking our hands in the box of cereal to get the prize.

Face it, we wouldn't trade our moms for anything in the world. (Not even a years supply of peanut butter sandwiches.)



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## You got the cutest little funny face.

By Mary Shotkoski

One of the things that people find most amusing about others is their facial expressions.

For instance, there's two people walking down the steps and one of them just happens to trip and fall. She gets up very fast, and the other person just bursts out laughing. She doesn't mean to be laughing, but the expressions on her friend's face was just to much to handle.

Teacher's also love the looks on

student's faces when they start off class by saying "Surprise Quiz Today!"

Another winner is when someone you see eats something that doesn't agree with them. They give the funniest expression of them all.

So, Students, the next time you are board in class, or in the lunch room, just look around the room. You'll be surprised how many different expressions people have that make you smile!

## Some days aren't made to be!!

By Peg Siemek

The alarm goes off at 6:30 and you finally manage to stumble out of bed at 7:00 or maybe a little after. Heading for the shower, you find the water is freezing because you are the last one to use the bathroom. No other day could start off this well unless it was an ordinary school day.

Once you are finished dressing (after finding a pair of matching socks and a washed shirt) you are now faced with the challenges of getting breakfast down in 5 minutes. Who can get

lumpy oatmeal down in that short of time and then again, who wants to try?

The time is now about 8:15 A.M. and you suddenly remember the big test you have today which you have forgotten all about. And as luck has it, the test is first period. The day can only get better from here and it usually does.

An assignment (which you did for the first time in your life) is left at home. So the teacher gives you a zero for the day. Finally you realize that the only way to end such a day is to go home and straight back to bed.

## How NOT to be boring

By Dave Harrington

Hello boring! Are you bored of being bored? Here are a few hints to get you out of your rut.

- Give peanut butter to your dog.
- Tell your brother to lick a metal fence when it is freezing outside.
- Switch the sugar and salt around when your mom is making a cake.
- Put goldfish in your brothers orange juice.
- Put bugs in ice before it freezes.
- Go on a scavenger hunt in your room to see if you really have carpet.
- Count how many licks it takes to get to the center of a lollipop.
- See who is first to dissolve celery in

their mouth, no chewing allowed.

- Read the first page of a novel and guess the ending.
- Go to a store and play "The Price Is Right" with the employees.
- Count the cords on a pair of corduroys.
- Design your own set of fingerprints.
- Let the cat play with the yarn quilt your sister was making.
- Watch the fireworks (related to above item).
- Give your boss or teachers smart answers all day and tell them to "smile, you're on candid camera."
- Read dumb articles like this, just to pass time.

## The "games" people play

By Dave Harrington

"I shot you!"  
"You missed!"

Ah, the days of yore, running through the neighborhood playing army.

The rules were simple, if you were shot, you had to lay there 10 seconds with your eyes closed.

But now, as the teens look into their future the "game" might be played again. Only there are alterations in the rules. If you are shot, you don't get back up. (Because you can't.)

Your neighborhood, hopefully, is not the battle ground. And you don't go home because you hear mom calling. Some never go home.

## Easter brings ...

By Peg Siemek

An egg lies hidden. Another egg is hidden further away. A chocolate bunny is in a basket full of goodies. The eggs are all striped, dotted, and checkered in various colors. This must mean that Easter has arrived.

The Easter egg hunt is on. Chairs are turned over. Tables are moved. Hundreds of little feet are patting around. (Well, maybe only two feet.) Nothing is left unturned. The cupboards are opened and the bedrooms are searched. This goes on until all the eggs have been found.

Once the eggs have been found what does one do with them? Well one can only eat so many of them, so after eating a few perhaps one could make a paperweight out of some. Another good idea is to draw faces on a few and make some new weeblies that wobble for the little brothers and sisters.

Remember the next time Easter comes around that there are other things to do with the eggs than eat them.

## Christ's Resurrection...

By Leo Zoucha

"April is a time of new beginnings." This is true in so many ways. With Spring and Easter arriving about the same time, we can associate many similarities between the two.

Spring is the time when Cupid is at his best. Budding romances appear to fill each and every heart with a love that blooms. And likewise, Easter is a symbol of love. This love is that of God's giving up of his only son for us.

As we review the Easter story of the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, we can also associate this with spring. When Christ died the world was filled with bleakness. The bleakness was overcome by Christ's Resurrection. Similarly, spring brings out the cold dormant seeds that lay in a near-death state. It brings them out, through the warming soil, to sprout up, and to shower the world with sweet fragrances and much beauty. Christ also rose up and bloomed to shower his people with the beauty and the glory that is ours when we die.

Jesus opened up for us the way of salvation and everlasting happiness in heaven. Along with this new life is another symbol used to represent a new beginning.

The Easter Egg, with all its lively colors, represents the brightness and happiness associated with this Easter season. New life and new beginnings in this spring season are very much present.

## and the Easter Bunny

By Jay Jarecke

Easter is the other holiday. That's what I always thought when I was a young boy.

It was Christmas in April, no snow or Santa Claus, but instead, the Easter Bunny and green grass.

The thought of getting out of school and getting candy always thrilled me.

I always put our dog on the chain during Easter. That was so he would not eat the Easter Bunny on Easter Eve. But now that I am grown up I know that the Easter Bunny comes down the chimney like Santa. Boy what a relief!

Easter and coloring eggs go hand in hand. I do not think there has been an Easter gone by that I haven't colored eggs. If I wouldn't color eggs it just wouldn't be Easter.

So Happy Easter to all, and to all a good night!

# What We Did Over Spring Vacation

By Dave Kantor

The choice was obvious, stay in town and work on my research paper or pack my bags, leave town and make spring vacation "something to remember." So when Tim stopped by Sunday night we decided to go to Amarillo, Texas. That's right Amarillo, Texas, Garden Spot of the Southwest and Helium Capitol of the world. As I always say, in order to achieve big things you have to set big goals. (Actually, I don't always say that.)

We carefully planned out our route with the Randy McNally Road Atlas and decided to leave bright and early in the morning. Bright and early the next morning (around noon) I received a call from Terry Green saying he'd like to go along with me and Tim. We let him go but only after he promised not to tell a single one of his bad jokes.

We finally got started at two o'clock, it wasn't very early, but it was still bright. We decided to spend our first night in North Platte. After a few rest stops (we didn't really rest) we made it to North Platte and watched a beautiful sand hills sunset. Before we turned in for the night, we went a few more miles to Olie's Big Game Bar in Paxton (we only had pop and hot dogs) and looked at all the mounted animals. Then we went back to the cabin and went to sleep (anyway one of us slept) this is when Terry and I found out Tim snored quite loudly.

The next morning we got up at 5:30 (A.M. that is) which is a little too bright and a little too early for me. We were shooting for Dodge City, Kansas by midafternoon. The sun came up and we decided to eat breakfast (bologna and Pepsi definitely do not make a good breakfast.) Since Terry had the map, I asked him how big Dodge City was? He said, "Not big enough for the both of us." (Terry had just broken his promise.)

We arrived in Dodge City at High Noon (when else) expecting it to be very western. Terry asked if it would be O.K. if we would go to the corral, get it, O.K. Corral? (We didn't get it either.) We went to old main street expecting to be greeted by Marshall Dillon instead we were greeted by a ticket salesman who wanted our money. If I were giving travel tips, to put it quite bluntly, "Stay out of Dodge." After we were done in Dodge, Terry said "we better get out of Dodge before sundown" (we were really starting to wish we hadn't brought him).

We were now only about a hundred miles from the Texas border, and we got to the "Welcome to Texas" sign in time to take a few pictures. (To prove we really made it).

We drove on a while before we stopped for the night. We were staying in Dumas, Texas and we figured when in Rome do as the Romans do, So when in Dumas, do as the . . . . . do. We checked in to the Dumas Inn for the night, even though Tim thought it was expensive. Tim is what you might call frugal (we just call him cheap).

The next day we left Dumas and after a few hours of driving - we were there - Amarillo - Helium Capitol of the world. We could not get to the National Helium Monument fast enough, but we finally made it, we had achieved our goal - we now know what Neil Armstrong felt when he stepped on the moon. Actually the National Helium Monument wasn't that exciting, but we made it. After a few pictures and a picnic in the 68 degree temperature we said farewell to Amarillo.

Hard as it was to tear ourselves away from the Helium Capitol of the world we headed away and on our way home. We drove all afternoon through Oklahoma and part of Kansas before stopping to eat pizza. We made Terry pay, as punishment for telling such bad jokes. We kept driving until the fog was as thick as pea soup (so to speak) then we pulled off the road and slept in the car until morning. After a not so good nights sleep, listening to Tim snore, we were off again. Eventually we made it back to Columbus and, as much as we wanted to turn around again, we stayed.

So the next opportunity you get to take a break - never stay in town to do your research paper - because there's a whole world out there waiting to be discovered. There may even be places more exciting than the Helium Capitol of the World (but I don't know where they could be).



**Lunch on the range**



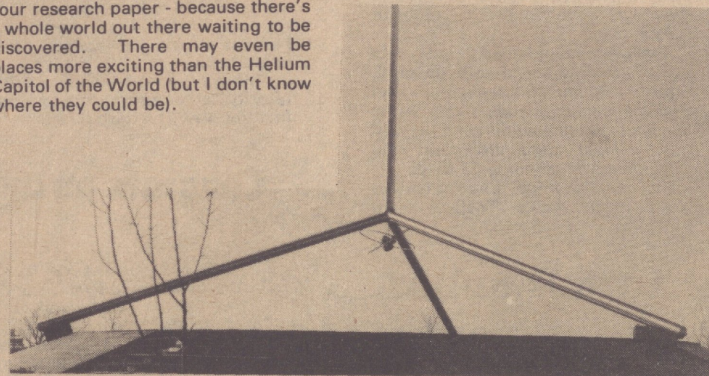
**TEXAS OR BUST!**



**Now where did we leave Terry?**



**Proof we made it**



**Garden spot of the southwest, the helium monument**



**Except for the snakes, it wasn't a bad place to stay**

# Stroking for the Green

By Dave Harrington

While some people in school are pumping iron, Tony Schieffer is swinging it. Tony, a golfer, is a member of the Scotus golf team - and one of three returning lettermen. He golfs because he enjoys the sport and hopes to achieve some high goals for himself in it.

"I didn't do as good as I thought I could do last year, but I played well later in the season." Tony thinks the team can do better this year than last year, and would like to see this happen. "Everybody on the team this year, I feel, will play alot better because they will be enthused about going to state for the third year."

The Shamrock golfers have to get through the invitational first and he says, "Lincoln Pius is always real tough, along with Albion. Both give us a hard time."

Tony has other hobbies besides golf. "I like to play the guitar and water ski." He said he would play in a band but he doesn't have the time to practice. But practicing for golf? That's a whole different story.



# Traveling to State Tournament Again

By Curt White

The boy's basketball team pulled out a miracle with never-say-die determination to beat the top seeded Hartington Cedar Catholic Trojans in semifinal action. The final score was 56-49.

Hartington jumped to a 14 point first quarter lead. The lead increased to 16 before the boys settled down behind the pin point shooting of Mark Brezinski who nailed 15 points in the second quarter. The lead was now cut to 5 as the teams entered the locker rooms.

The second half belonged to the Shamrocks as they pulled ahead on a Scott Spenceri jumper with 2:00 left in the third quarter. With seven seconds left in the third quarter the ball went to Brezinski who drilled a fifteen footer.

In the final quarter Hartington closed the gap to one, but free throws by John Kelly and Scott Spenceri locked the game away.

Mark Brezinski tallied 27 points and grabbed 10 rebounds. Scott Spenceri nailed nine points as did guard John Kelly. Clete Arasmith had 4 points while Dave Englebert put in 6 points. Jim Heimann added a bucket. Scotus now faced a tall North Bend, but rose

to the occasion and made another comeback to win 55-49.

The first half the team traded baskets and it ended up 26-25 in favor of Scotus.

West Point came out shooting and scored the first 8 points. With about 4 minutes left a time-out was called at the boys decided it was time. The boys closed the gap to one and held West Point scoreless the rest of the quarter. Dave Englebert hit a picture perfect jumper to put Scotus up by 1. Seconds later Brezinski put up a corner shot that only touched net to give Scotus a 3 point lead. The next four points were scored by West Point but Dave Englebert hit a free throw to tie the score at 41. The teams traded the next baskets and then West Point went up by 2. Mark Brezinski made a beautiful steal and an unbelievable layup. With the score tied for the last time, Brezinski hit two baskets and the boys never looked back. John Kelly made a great steal on the inbounds pass and was fouled. He hit on charity shot to put Scotus up by 5. Scott Spenceri hit two free throws and the extremely large crowd knew this game was over. West Point hit a basket and Englebert hit a free throw and then it was over.

# I.B.A. Wrap-up

By Tony Schieffer

As winter comes and goes, so another I.B.A. basketball season also has come and gone. The lockers are emptied, the shirts and socks are finally washed, and the lights in the locker room are dimmed.

The post-season tournament turned out some record crowd attendance and also had some very startling results.

Dave Harrington's and Bob Wieser's teams were defeated in quarter-final action advancing Tom Tooley's and Rick Engel's teams into the semi-finals. Jeff Van Lent's and Kurt Bogus's teams were automatically in the semi-finals because of their first-place finishes in regular season play.

Startling enough, Van Lent's and Bogus's teams were both upset in semi-final action. Tooley's team beat Bogus's team by the score of 51 to 50 (Bogus's team playing with only 4 men.), and Engel's team beat Van Lent's team in overtime 38 to 35.

Tooley's and Engel's teams battled it out in the finals, Tooley's team being the victor 48 to 32.

# Lora is quite the student!

By Peg Siemek

An active student at Scotus High School is Lora Kurtenbach. Lora likes getting involved and gets the ball rolling.

One of Lora's biggest activities is being President of Pep Club, a job she seems to enjoy. She can take over and help boost the spirit of athletic teams. Lora is also an active speech team member. Some mornings she is at Scotus early to practice and prepare herself for speech contests. Lora is a dedicated student and she likes meeting each new challenge that confronts her.

Lora Rose Kurtenbach is a student who stands out in a crowd because of her boisterous personality and her ability to make friends with ease.

# Season ends in state opener

By Curt White

For three fourths of the basketball game the Scotus Shamrocks proved that they were the best Class B team in the state. Scotus was defeated by a Pius scoring spree in the fourth quarter. The final score was Lincoln Pius 52, Scotus Shamrocks 37. The final score didn't depict the Shamrock domination throughout the game.

The game started out fast for the Shamrocks as they pulled ahead the top-ranked Pius by a score of 8-6 at the end of the first quarter. By halftime Scotus had opened up a 7 point lead.

The second half turned out to be fatal for Scotus as three starters got in foul trouble. The third quarter ended

with the Shamrocks holding a slight 1 point lead. Dave Englebert picked up his fifth foul at the beginning of the fourth quarter and went to the bench. Clete Arasmith fouled out in the final quarter too. Pius didn't seem to miss as they opened up a lead and pulled away.

Mark Brezinski paced Scotus with 14 points. Dave Englebert and Clete Arasmith both added 6. Scott Spenceri finished with five while John Kelly dropped home two buckets. Jeff Krzycki added 2 points.

Clete Arasmith, Dave (Stan) Englebert, Jeff Krzycki and Jerry Taylor will graduate this year. Thanks for the exciting moments you have added to Scotus basketball guys!

# Congrats on a great season, guys!

By Mary Shotkoski

On the Friday night of December 4th, the Scotus Basketball team ventured to Boystown to begin a brand new season. They had a lot to live up to, including being district champs, and a State Basketball team. The coaches had confidence, the team had confidence, (But the fans honestly didn't have confidence.)?

The team went through the season surprisingly well, winning some surprising games, and also losing a few heart breakers. Nevertheless, they kept up that confidence, and ended up the regular season with a record of 12 wins and 7 losses.

Then came district time. State,

State, State was the only thing that the players had on their minds. The fans, had a sort of different view, such as winning the 1st round game. The team came through, and then came through again by beating the top seeded team in the district.

Once again, Scotus was to play in the District finals. The fans, stunned by the performance of the team, filled over half of the gym, all dressed in green, and cheered their team to their second consecutive district title, and a birth to the State Tournament.

The confidence of the team, and the way they proved themselves throughout the whole season, is why they've been so successful.

Congratulations Guys!!!

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## State Speech Competition Bring Home Results

by Ron Bernt

It was 12:30 on a blistering hot Friday April 2, when the Speech Team loaded its caravan of vans and cars headed for Kearney and the state meet. At 1:30 we arrived in Grand Island where our Rock of Gibraltar turned to Jellow as she thought she saw a tornado. So while Mrs. Bernt kept her carload on the look out for tornadoes the Soulliere van loaded with intellectual seniors pondered more important questions, "who was Auntie Em's husband?"

Once in Kearney the excitement really began. High winds through a projectile through the air and broke out the back window of the Bernt's car. With one of transportation devices gone, everyone loaded thru van where Carole and Lora entertained us all the way to the college.

Once at the college, we began to watch Class A and D competition. It was real tornado weather outside and

you would not believe the number of people who have Aunt Ems and little dog Totos.

It was April 3 and it was our day. The day continued on without food or organization. After a long, hard day of competition, it was time for the finals and the contest was only two hours late.

The winning medalists were: Ron Bernt - 6th place Extemporaneous; Anne Sojka - 3rd place Extemporaneous; Mary Zuerlein - 3rd place Informative; Carole Podraza - 3rd place After Dinner.

Now here is where the controversy begins. One Scotus member, Ray Prosocki, was left off the finals. So if he had taken 6th we would have been fourth. But to no avail we took sixth as an overall school score.

The whole discussion home consisted of #17. But after all the confusion, the awareness for many of the seniors became evident as this was their last contest.

## Scotus Seniors On Trial

by Ron Bernt

On April 19 the Scotus Mock Trial Team made up of Coach Dennis Zawada, Attorneys Angie Riley, Carole Podraza, and Tim Murray, and the witnesses: Vincent Taylor - Ron Bernt; Hamet Dawson - Mary Plazcek; Sheila Gray - Chris Hilger, went

to Central City for round one of the competition.

This competition was the first to ever occur in the History of Nebraska. Judge Winkle started the competition in the 21st Judicial District. The Mock Trial team would like to thank Steve Hannson for all of his help in our preparation.

## Cheerleading Try-outs Results

by Mary Shotkoski

On Monday, April 5th, many nervous girls gathered into the Activity Center to carry on the ever so important tradition of cheerleading tryouts. Girls from the 8th grade and up to Juniors all did their best cheers for the rest of the Pep Club.

As we all realize, only a few can be selected to the honor of cheerleading. The new cheerleaders for the 1982-83 school year are as follows:  
Freshmen: Amy Liebenritt, Gina Sutko, Jill Reiser, Tammy Thalken, Julie Stachura.  
Junior Varsity: Donna Bernt, Colleen Kryczki, Lisa Cielocha, Kim Pokorny, Kelly Votova.  
Varsity: Colleen McLaughlin, Terry Jackson, Lisa Hengglar, Heidi Hoffman, Julie Englebert, Lisa Thalken, Lisa Keller.

The event ended up with the Traditional Senior Goodbye. This consisted of the four senior cheerleaders (Mary Merrill, Torri Jackson, Kathy Soulliere, Angie Riley) reading a very meaningful poem and doing a routine to the song "Chariots of Fire".

The poem read as follows:

Now we lived  
Near each other  
We participated in the same activities  
Our friendship is strong  
because we share so many things  
later - living apart  
we will rarely see each other,  
but our friendship will be even  
stronger!  
because we share the same feelings.  
This closeness of hearts  
is what makes  
a lifetime friendship like ours.

## National Honor Society Holds Induction Ceremony

by Leo Zoucha

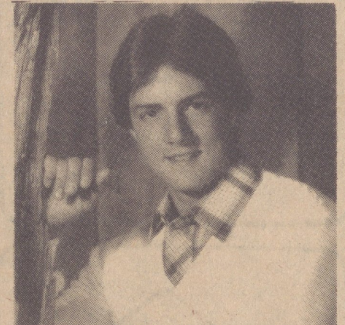
The induction for the National Honor Society was held Wednesday night, April 21, 1982, in the Little Theatre. Ten new members were inducted in the beautifully arranged ceremony. The ten new members were: Michelle Brooks, Shelly Demuth, Julie Englebert, Roger Konwinski, Liz Kumpf, Robin Liebenritt, Annette Rinkol, Karen Soulliere, Jayne Wieser, and Sherri Zywiec.

Along with the induction of the new members was the induction of Seniors

into permanent membership. The following Seniors received pins and awards to show their permanent membership: Ron Bernt, Dave Engelbert, Steph Grohs, Laurie Hajek, Chris Hilger, Traci Dreifurst, Clarice Korger, Mary Merrill, Kathy Meilak, Mary Plazcek, Carole Podraza, Ray Prosocki, Angie Riley, Peg Siemek, Kathy Soulliere, Jerry Taylor, Leo Zoucha, Bernice Zuerlein, Mary Zuerlein, Tim Zuerlein, and Sheila Liebenritt.



DAVE HARRINGTON



TIM ZUERLEIN

## Student Show Journalism Excellence

By Dawn Bredahl

This year the journalism class competed once again in the Nebraska High School Press Association Contest in Lincoln.

The top ten students in each category will compete in the Nebraska Journalism Championships on Saturday, May 1, 1982, along with the first place sweepstakes winners in their class. The competition will be followed by an awards banquet at the student union.

The first, second, and third place winners in each final contest will be awarded medals. Sweepstakes awards were compiled from certificate winners in each class based on three points for first, two points for second,

and one point for third. Certificates will also be awarded to the ten finalists in each of the preliminary contests.

This year 11 people sent in copy, and journalism lay-out pages. All nine journalism students along with Tim Zuerlein and Todd Stepanek sent material in.

When the results of the first round of competition came back, Scotus had two people going to the finals. They are Dave Harrington for Editorial Cartooning, and Tim Zuerlein for Year Book Copywriting. His poem titled "Ode to a Cross Country Runner." Tim also won Sweepstakes in Class B in the same category.

Good Luck to the finalists on May 11

## Editorially Speaking

# Dedication is great at Scotus

By Peg Siemek

The word dedicate means to give oneself wholly to a worthy purpose. This word is in strong use at Scotus. It can be seen in the athletes (Pep Club), drama students, speech students, music students, and all students at Scotus.

Dedication can be seen in the way the students are willing to practice which is sometimes in the early morning or late night. Hours are spent practicing and alot of a student's time is taken up. However, the students at Scotus take pride in their activities.

Dedication is the only way to explain the tired voices, strained muscles and lack of sleep many students come up with. The next time one sees a student with one of these symptoms remember it's the price one pays for the dedication to becoming a winner.

# Equal Rights For Months

By Ron Bernt

It seems that every group has a special organization to represent them. There's ERA for the women, AA for alcoholics, and now we have YEAR for the equality of months.

April is the most abused month. Every other month is known for something special. But what is April known for? Easter. The day in which you eat your Lenten stash of chocolate Bon-Bon's and feel guilty for the rest of the day.

And then it's surrounded by March on one side known as the lamb and the lion and by May at the other end known for its flowers. What is April expected to do? - feed and water the tiger lily?

So if in an attempt to save the month from humiliation write to congressmen and press for a bill giving equal rights to months.



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# Finger Fashions

By Leo Zoucha

When God created man, he included fingers on the hands. Upon examination of the fingers, we find that they do look a little bare. So, how do we solve the problem? Well, we could wear gloves year round, but that would be a little out of the question. Another resort would be to wear a ring.

There are many different kinds of rings. As a student becomes a Sophomore, they look into class rings on close observations of high school students, these are very popular. In younger life, we dreamed of getting the ring out of the gum ball machine. (Life's ambition as a youngster). There was also such things as candy rings, which you wear and slowly eat away. As you grow older, an investment made may be made in the

purchase of an engagement ring and/or wedding ring.

Rings come in all shapes and sizes. A simple band may be worn or a ring with a veritable mountain of diamonds upon it. Rings are made with many gems built in. Everything from Rubys and Emeralds to Turquoise and Pearls. The rings themselves may be made out of gold, silver, other metals, or plastic (gum ball machines).

In ancient times and from then on the ring was used for a symbol of power and excellence. Kings and Queens had special rings with their own seal. Super Bowl champs get rings.

The rings are a pretty good way to dress up a finger. It shows pride, excellence, love, and champions.

# Memories of the Past

By Margaret Spenner

Sitting on the yellowish-brown grass on the bank of a small creek brings back many memories. The memories of early Spring of the past invade my mind as the semi-cool breeze blows my hair around my face.

The sun is shining brightly today, and the sky is a cloudless blue. The creek is running at full force as the remains of winter's anger thaws and melts. The creek seems to take on a liquid gold color as the sun's rays play against the clear water. It looks as though a million shining stars are beneath the water's surface, looking at the blue sky above.

I can remember sitting here a very long time ago, sitting with a small net in one hand, waiting for the tiny fish to appear. I also remember a different time, sitting with a book,

reading it, and falling asleep as the water gently lapped against the bank. Those memories were special memories, ones which will remain with me. They always had a special meaning, for they were memories which began the release of winter, and the capturing of Spring.

This year, my memories will have new meanings. Memories of leaving this town, this special spot, and continuing on with life. Memories of finding love after waiting what seemed like forever. Memories of wondering where I'll be a year or ten years from now. Tomorrow, these memories will be part of the past, and maybe sometime again, I'll find myself sitting on the yellowish-brown grass, and listening to the breezes and the waters as memories of the past invade my mind.

# Happiness Is . . .

By Mary Shotkoski  
HAPPINESS IS:

Now that Graduation is finally approaching fast, it's time for the Seniors to make their final decisions about what they will be doing in the future.

One aspect of life that every Senior is wishing for is happiness. Since the word "happiness" means many different things to many different people, some of the Seniors decided to give us their definition of happiness.

HAPPINESS IS:

being with my friends - Julie Bonk  
having friends - Dawn Bredahl  
getting my diploma - Mary Placzek  
being in Lincoln (with the Schwenks) - Peg Siemek  
State Speech Title - Leo Zoucha  
warm summer's morning - Bob Wieser

Senior Countdown - Ron Bernt  
partying - Lori Zabawa  
- Graduation - Sue Heimann  
all day open campus - Karen Laska  
going to the Phillipines - Tracy Dreifurst

Delta Upsilon - Kathy Mielak  
Abel 12 - Mary Shotkoski  
being a square head - Don Gates  
Ty - Bob Kuta  
Cadbury's Easter Bunny - Judi Kloke  
July 10th - Jeannie Schmit  
being a Wuief in Abel - Lora Kurtenbach  
a strawberry Margarita in Phoenix - Tony Schieffer  
May 16th, 1:30 and on and on . . . . .  
Maggie Spenner  
2:30 every weekday! And turning in Annual Pages - Jay Jarecke  
"Kipping" around with Colony - Bernice Zuerlein

# Grade School Days

by Dave Kantor

While setting in Mr. Zowada's psychology class I began to regress (that's Psych. 101 talk) to my younger and seemingly better, grade school days. Back in Saint Isidore's, when life was carefree and worries were few. If only I could go out for recess one more time, I would die a happy man.

Good old recess, filled with hell-bent for leather action, replaceable by no other activity in one's life. A favorite recess activity was buck-buck. This was a game involving much skill and finesse. Divided into teams, we would pile on each other's backs until one team's spines collapsed (that's what separated the men from the boys). The favorite team mate to have was always Lenny. Lenny was what one would politely call plump or hefty. Impolite people would refer to him as a Moby. There was however, as in all sports, the guy that gets picked last, good old Scheiffer, Tone, not quite the giant we know today, back then was just a bit thin.

There were also more serious times, away from the carefree recess time. We would study phonics until vowels would pour out of our ears. Phonics was what learned us to read good. I was the first done with my book at the end of the year, so Sister Odela gave me the prize. The prize was the glass fish bowl, with fish. Within weeks, most of my fish had learned to float on their backs, ( it was a great shock to me when Mom informed me they weren't supposed to do that.) We gave them a proper burial in the toilet. I never achieved real academic success after that tragedy.

There were also times in class when the recess attitude would overtake us all and the teacher would leave the room and "all heck" would break loose. Eraser fights were always the order of the day, so to speak, and when the cat's away the mice will play (and we did). When the teacher would come back and our "special order" black pants and white shirts were covered with yellow eraser marks, we would always expect to be properly punished by writing chapter two in our science book. Funny, how by the end of the year, I had Chapter Two memorized.

Finally lunch would roll around and we would "neatly" march down to the lunch room. Lunch was only second to recess. Some "young problem student" would always seem to find the need to throw their peas. This was brought to an abrupt halt when the lunch monitor would explain (at the top of her lungs) that there were millions of starving people in Biafra. Often I wondered what these people wanted with my cold vegetables but I was never bold enough to ask.

After lunch we would enjoy more reading, and wondering why Dick and Jane were out playing with Spot while we were stuck in class learning to read. We also did some coloring. Most of us had the regular "eight pack" of Crayolas, but some of the wealthier students had "64" with built in sharpeners. Some of my best art work was done in my Big Chief notebook, although Sister Josephine didn't enjoy some of the pictures we drew of her.

My reminiscing came to a quick halt when I was hit from across the room by a well thrown eraser, (I wonder if ... ) Naw! it couldn't be.....



**Girl Stater-  
Ann Sojka**

**Boy Stater-  
Jack Cheloha**

**Congratulations!!!**



# CPR

by Tony Schieffer

The physiology class along with teacher Vern Younger is currently involved in starting a CPR (Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation) course during the next several years.

This CPR course would be given in order that the students have more knowledge on how to save someone's life in the case of drowning, choking, or anytime when the heart or breathing has stopped.

Heart attacks, being one of the major causes of death, are probably the biggest need for a CPR program.

Instructors are being sought to help in the teaching of this vitally important class.

## What A Sense Of Humor

By Peg Siemek

You need a sense of humor when . . . .  
The engine falls out of your new car.  
Someone shoves you in a snow drift.  
You slip on the ice and fall flat on your derriere.

You take a short cut home from Omaha and end up in Iowa.

You studied chapter fifteen for a test and the test is on chapter sixteen

You Mom calls you by your pet cat's

name.

You lock your car keys in the car.  
You get home at 2:00 A.M. and the doors are locked and you forgot your keys.

You go to a fancy restaurant and get locked in the bathroom stall.

You look at yourself in the mirror when you first get up.

Someone has buried your car in ten feet of snow.

You are reading this story.

## What happened to them there "Olden Days"

by David Harrington

Aye! (that's Irish) Times just aren't the same now as when I was a young lad of 5 or so.

Why I remember back when, (now I sound like my dad.), me and my pop would sit on the porch out front, in our skivees, (pronounced ski-vēs - meaning underwear), and no one would say a word. (We'd have bathrobes on of course).

It would be a quiet night, and hot inside our house, and we would go out and "get a breath of fresh air", and eat popcorn.

People would walk around the block (remember, this is the deep-southside of Columbus, known as the 'tough side of town') and when they would pass they would say "Hi" or "Hello" and walk on by, or maybe strike up a small conversation with Buzz (that's

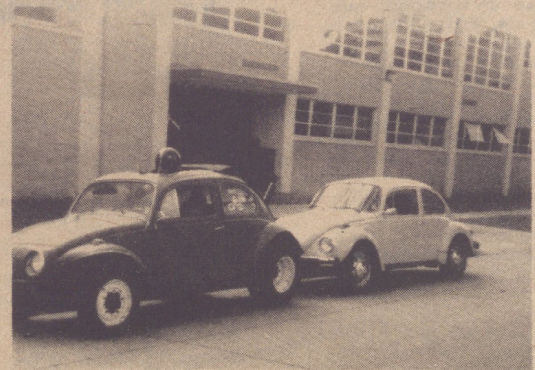
my dad) about gas prices going up to 40c/ or just about the new bank going up.

But now it seems as though nobody walks around the block, and dad and I have got out of the habit of sitting out on the porch.

It seems as though people would be "taken back" by two guys sitting out on the porch in their 'skivees', because they might be scared of bringing back some of the "old ways" (so to speak).

Do you think people might try some of the old home-town discussion and conversation out on the porch that went on in the "days of yore"?

Or will it be interrupted by someone on a "high horse" saying it is indecent? But one point to consider is - "I've seen worse on television."



SHAMROCK BUG — IN '82

## The Pet Peeves of Driving

by Leo Zoucha

As the Journalism class was busy at work, a few of us Journalistic majors got off the subject and found out we all had similar and quite aggravating pet peeves we encountered as we drove the many miles of concrete in Columbus.

The most common nuisance was caused by old people. (No offense intended.) They always drive in the same carefree SLOW manner. Just as fate should prescribe, you end up behind them at the same time you are late for work and in a hurry.

At other times a few of us found ourselves at the same end of the rope, when the police were involved. (Law-men get no respect.) They are always there when at an intersection, one goes thru the yellow light that they see as red. Of course, to us all policemen are color-blind. After being followed a few blocks, the policeman finally decides to pull you over. One's first reaction as those red light come on behind is a simple sheer panic. Then as the policeman makes his way to your car, your mood shifts to innocence. There are many ways people react to policemen. The innocent type of response seems to be the favorite. There are also the confusing type, self-anger type, and hysterical screaming "my dad is going to kill me" type. Whichever response used, one still winds up with a ticket in one's hand and your name in that special section of the paper.

Driving with someone always offers a little aggravation to one's other mental exhaustions. As we talked, we

found one person to be the most upsetting. That person was Mom. (No offense intended, again.) Mothers are just naturally the careful type. They make sure that you are careful, too. It is simply done by an occasional scream of "watch out for that!" and others similar. One of the most peculiar passenger problems is concerned with the person that sat in the front seat with you. Everytime as the driver pulls up to a stopsign and glances to their left (to check for other drivers) they glance to the other side. When they do, they do not see if the road is clear, but the face of the passenger who bends forward to check the left side. (In case the driver happened to miss something.) So naturally, the driver bends backward to look behind the passenger and again fate strikes! The passenger sits back, blocking the driver's view, and looks at the driver with an assuring smile as to say -- "Looks clear to me!"

Being the observant driver as we zig-zag our way through the traffic, there are a lot of amusing characters trying to pass themselves as drivers. The most amusing figure was the short person. Driving down the road, they are generally characterized by a slumped down figure, trying to look in between the wheel and the dash board. Of course, not all short drivers do this. Some use catalogs and pillows to sit on.

Driving is amusing, irritating, and, for a lot of people, nerve-wracking. Drivers are constantly being annoyed by passengers and other drivers who are always out to get us. One of the many commandments of driving as we sit here recollecting our pet peeves is "Do unto other drivers, as you would have them do unto you!"

## LEO — The Man At The Top Of The Mountain

By Ron Bernt

When a member of the student body has a problem and they want solutions where do they go? They go to the wise man at the top of the mountain, their leader, their salvation, their last ray of hope in a world that knows no hope. This monstrosity of a man is none other than, drum roll please Maestro, Leo Zoucha.

Leo is the proud son of Raphael and Lorraine Zoucha. He is the fourth child in a family of five children. Besides his precision cut hair and his GQ clothes, Leo is known around school for all of his extra-curricular activities.

He has been a member of the speech

team for four years. Leo went to state speech his Freshman, Junior, and hopefully his Senior year. He is presently Student Council President, a member of Thespians, Music, and the S-Club.

When asked about his hobbies Leo snickered and answered "Clam farming." But those of us who know the real Leo know he likes rock music and computers.

So the next time you are searching for the eternal answers to life's questions, go to the wise man at the top of the mountain, the leader, the salvation, the last ray of hope in a world that knows no hope. Go to Leo Zoucha.

## Example of a Positive Student

By Margaret Spenner

There are some students here at Scotus who are leaders in many areas, and are sometimes not thought of as leaders. One of these students is Ron Bernt.

Ron is active in many areas, more than most or many seniors. He has participated in speech team for four years, and speech team does require a great amount of time and talent. He has participated in music for a year, and tries very hard at whatever it is he

is placed in. Ron is also the editor of the 1981-1982 annual, as well as being a member of the Scoticists staff.

Ron is a good example of a positive student. He is also a person who won't try for second. Ron will always try for first, and he can almost always accomplish that goal. And since Ron always tries for the number one spot, he was number one on my choice for a feature story on one of the students at Scotus.

# A Typical Day on the Golf Course

By Curt White

Fore! The ball went sailing up and still as my powerful drive took off from the tee. "Looks like about a 300 yard," Tony said. "Yea, but I left it a little left of the pin," I replied. Tony tees his ball up and dubbed one fifty or so yards.

"Not bad," I laugh. I duck as his club flies over my head. Tony hits a beautiful second shot leaving it only a few yards from the hole. My second shot should be an easy pitch up to the green. My graceful swing is set in motion and the ball kicks on the green, hits the pin and rolls off the green and down a gopher hole.

"Wrong hole Curt," Tony said. "Good one Tony, that's real funny." I said.

A ball sails over my head and lands inches from the pin. Tony turns to see who the jerk was that hit it.

"Ernst, you idiot, can't you wait until we're off the green," Tony yelled.

"Shut up Schieffer or I'll use you as my putter," was Gregs reply. We marked Gregs ball and threw it off the green. After finally chipping on the greens I two putt for a six. Tony sinks a six foot putt for a birdie three.

Moving to the last hole we find we have to wait for three older ladies to find a ball in the rough.

"I wish they would get it in gear," Tony said.

"We'll give them a few minutes and then play through," I said. After their allotted time Tony asked them if we could play through.

"No," one of the ladies said. "You young whippersnappers can just wait your turn." If there's one thing that makes you want to give up golf it's

After five minutes of looking, the lady who lost her ball walked up to the green and placed her ball down next to the hole.

"That's a good way to speed the game up," Tony said. By the looks of things I still think she four putted.

Tony had honers so he teed up first. His ball headed for the green and held there. "Nice shot Tony," I said, "for an amateur." I teed up and pulled out my nine-iron since it was only 190 yards to the green. My ball headed straight up and landed about 150 from the green.

"Hey, let Tony go." I yelled as a young man had put Tony in his golf bag. "I lost a club out here and he looked like it," the man said. I said, "Come on Tony, let's finish the game." When I found my ball it was 150 yards from the green. My next two shots got me caught in a sand trap. I grabbed my sand wedge to chip out when I heard.

"Put me down!," Tony screamed.

"Oh, sorry, I thought you were my club," I apologized. After composing myself after that nice laugh I chipped out. My next three putts left me cursing my putter. (It's always the putters fault when you three putt). Tony two putted for a par.

Tony finished the round with a 36. I finished the course with a 45. If it wasn't for a number 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7 I would have shot a good round.



# Track team, Off and Running

by Leo Zoucha

With the track off and running, the boys track team is rolling up the points to what looks like another outstanding season. Already, a few records have fallen. The track is on their way to Districts using each meet as another step on the way to the top.

The Scotus team really got off to the big start at Boystown. On the inside track, the team got the feelings of competition yet to come.

In the beginning of April, the track team went head on into a couple of duals. Besides the other team opposing them, the weather always took the turn for the worse on track days. Using the adverse conditions for added strength, "A Scotus athlete is always at his best in adverse conditions."

Scotus took home three victories. Against Aquinas, Central City, and Lakeview, Scotus' "well-known" depth made a significant difference. They battled over Central City 96-72 and really took the wind out of the Lakeview Vikings' sails with a score of 119-50. In the Lakeview dual, Scotus

took 13 firsts out of 17 events and swept up 4 of the 13. In the Lakeview dual Tim Zuerlein ran 2:03 800 meter that has gained him recognition in the all-class best times. Jeff Van Lent also showed off his ability with a 15.4 in the 110 meter high hurdles.

In recent action, Scotus took a "big step" at the Knights of Columbus meet. Scotus finished with 142 points, with the next closest opponent being Boystown with 75 points. In the K of C meet two team members competed to their personal best. The both came in field events, with Dave Kantor throwing 51'3" in the shot and Jeff Kryzcki jumping 42'9" in the triple jump. Jeff Van Lent also did outstanding by tying the old K of C meet record of 15.7 seconds in the 110 meter high hurdles, held by Ron Starczek. Also, in the meet three people were added to the Scotus Tracksters' Hall of Fame. They were Dave Kantor and Kevin Molczyk in the shot and Jeff Kryzcki in the triple jump.

The Scotus track team really is off and running. They are looking forward to another successful season.

# Blood, Sweat and Tears

By Jay Jarecki

Crack! Get under it, get under it! Next time that ball is missed practice will last an hour longer! For some people these lines may seem useless and have no worth. But for the few that are participating in softball this season, these lines seem all but too familiar.

Yes, it's that time of year again. All the cobwebs are being cleaned off bats, gloves, and practice fields. The practices start and so do grueling hours of pain. Time is spent hitting and catching softballs. Blood, sweat, and tears, along with a few cuss words, are shed during a single practice. A person can never be good enough in these hours of toil and torture.

No, he can only be good enough in a game. That is when the practice comes through. All the chasing balls, sliding bases, swinging bats, skinning knees, and getting unburned, seems to be worth it. For the player does almost the same thing in a game. The players do their best every game, for they are striving for one thing. To be champions!

# Golf Hazards

by Curt White

Football is a dangerous sport compared to many games but the deadly sport of golf stands alone. Speeding white projectiles, iron clubs and rock hard woods all turn into weapons in the wrong hands. The wrong hands are those that tend to lose their temper very easily. I personally have golfed with a few of these types and have come out unharmed but it was a nerve-wracking experience. At one point I had to hit the ground as the club merrily whistled over my head and into a tree. I shattered in two pieces as the thrower half laughed; half cried.

Losing your temper is something that can be done on a public course but DEFINATELY not on an exclusive country club course.

There is one exception to that rule and that is if your'e the golf pro or a very wealthy businessman. I, being neither, have to control my temper.

If your'e still laughing from my opening statement about the dangers of golf, settle down and I'll explain. That seemingly innocent looking white ball can become a bullet when hit with some force. It also seems to seek out the middle of your back to hit. The clubs are also deadly in the hands of an ill-tempered person. A solid piece of wood or iron can do a terrible thing to a person's body.

The most terrifying aspect of golf is if you are brave enough to retrieve your golf balls from the lagoons. Shark attacks, unexplained creatures and electric eels are lurking in the water just waiting for you to get your ball. Now that I've straightened you out about the dangerous game of golf you had better beware the next time you make fun of a golfer.

# Girls Track, Good Start

by Dawn Bredahl

The girls track team this year has really gotten off to a great start! At the Lakeview Invite, they placed fifth and at the Scotus Relays they placed fourth. When they traveled to Elkhorn, they placed a respectable fifth place, out of 14 teams. The biggest meet for the girls so far was when they traveled down the road to Schuyler, to attend the Schuyler Invite and tied for a first place win, out of 10 competitors.

This year there are only two seniors that went out for track. They are both returning letter winners.

Good Luck to all track members and keep up the good work!

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## Students Honored On Awards Night

Scotus Central Catholic High School held their annual awards night on Thursday, May 6, 1982.

### SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS:

RON BERNT-University Scholar scholarship to the University of Denver. (\$1,500 yr/renewable)

STEPHANIE GROHS-Elks (\$700)/ & Platte County Agriculture Society scholarship. (\$1,000)

LAURIE HAJEK-Platte County Home Extension Service/and an alternate Platte County Agriculture Society. (\$150)

CHRIS HILGER- Drama (\$700)/ and Honor/ scholarship to Midland College. (\$700 yr. renewable)

JEFF KRZYCKI-Nebraska Centennial Conference scholarship (\$100)/ and the Scotus Teachers Organization scholarship. (\$100)

TAMMY MILLER-Platte County Registered Nurses Association scholarship. (\$100)

MARY PLACZEK-Nation Guard Auxiliary scholarship (\$100/ and the Platte County Home Extension scholarship. (\$100)

RAY PROSOSKI-Centennial scholarship to Creighton University. (\$1,200 yr.)

ANGIE RILEY-Pastor's Award from the Benedictine College, (declined). (\$500)

PEG SIEMEK- Becton - Dickenson scholarship. (Full tuition to Platte College.)

KATHY SOULLIERE-Regents scholarship to the University of Nebraska and the Edmund Champion and the Centennial scholarship to Creighton University. (Regents-full tuition to UNL remission for 1 yr) (Campion - \$100)

JERRY TAYLOR-Paul Hefti scholarship to Chadron State College (declined) (\$200)

LEO ZOUCHA- Becton - Dickenson scholarship (\$1,000 yr renewable)/ and the Scholar's scholarship to the University of Tulsa. Also the Platte County Agriculture Society scholarship (declined) (\$1,500 yr. renewable)

BERNICE ZUERLEIN-Loup Public Power and Platte County Insurance Board scholarship and an alternate of the Platte County Agriculture Society scholarship. (Loup etc. full tuition to Platte College)

MARY ZUERLEIN-Butler scholarship and Speech scholarship to Doane College. (\$1,400)

Recognized for being in the top 10 percent of their Senior class after seven semesters were: Dave Engelbert, Stephanie Grohs, Laurie Hajek, Bob Kuta, Sheila Liebenritt, Kathy Soulliere, Bernice Zuerlein and Tim Zuerlein.

Receiving the Hugh O'Brian Leadership Award was Sherri Zywiec. Ray Prososki received the Century III Competition Award.

Ron Bernt was presented the American Legion Americanism Award.

Bill Slovinski and Cathy McLaughlin were presented the V.F.W. Voice of Democracy Awards.

The Sperry-New Holland Citizenry Award went to Ron Bernt.

Recognized with certificates and

medals were the various editors: Yearbook - Ron Bernt; Newspaper - Margaret Spenner and Literary Magazine - Dave Harrington. Receiving the Journalism Excellence Award were Ron Bernt and Dave Harrington. Dave Kantor was recognized as the Featured Columnist. Also recognized were Tim Zuerlein and Dave Harrington; Tim for placing 3rd in the Class B Sweepstakes in Journalism and Tim and Dave for placing in the Top 10 in Journalism Championships.

Thespians Society certificates were presented to Clarice Korgor, Lora Kurtenbach, Jeff Van Lent, Leo Zoucha, Ray Prososki, Carole Podraza, Ron Bernt, Dawn Bredahl, Mary Zuerlein, Sherri Zywiec, Anne Sojka, Sandy Klopniesski, Brian Evans, Margaret Spenner and Karen Pokorny.

Speech Team medals went to Mary Zuerlein, Leo Zoucha, Ron Bernt, Lora Kurtenbach, Margaret Spenner, Terri Jackson, Anne Sojka, Sherri Zywiec, Jeff Van Lent, Kathy Soulliere, Lore Soulliere, Ray Prososki, Carole Podraza and Bridget Chohon.

District Superior Acting Award Medals went to Ron Bernt and Carole Podraza.

Certificates of Recognition for Technical 3-Act Play Crew went to DeLois Hebda, Diane Gray and Shelly Tschantre.

Assistant Director Award medals went to Torri Jackson and Cindy Krause.

Certificates of Recognition for technical Crew 1-Act Play went to Kriss Kaminski and Chris Hilger.

Recognized for Best Actor and Best Actress were Ron Bernt and Karen Pokorny. Best Supporting Actor and Actress were Leo Zoucha and Clarice Korgor.

Mary Zuerlein was recognized as the Outstanding Speech Team Member and High Point Average of 42.2 points. Ron Bernt was also recognized as Outstanding Speech Team Member and 2nd highest point average of 41.8 points. Carole Podraza was also named Outstanding Speech Team member with the 3rd highest point average, 41.6 points.

Julie Engelbert, Virginia Sprunk, Anne Sojka, Laurie Hajek were acknowledged as accompanists for the year. Margaret Spenner received the award for the Outstanding Musician. Receiving firsts in the District Music Contest were Brian Evans and Margaret Spenner. Letters for Outstanding Vocal Participation went to: Lora Kurtenbach, Judi Kloke, Mary Shotkoski, Julie Bonk, Leo Zoucha, Bob Wieser, Laurie Hajek, Kris Martin, Laura Hiemann, Mary Joan Zoucha, Patty Wemhoff, Mary Lynn Zoucha, Colleen McLaughlin, Janelle Czuba, Shelley Driefurst, Cindy Backes, Julie Engelbert, Kim Driefurst, Lisa Schaefer, Michelle Korgor and Jayne Wieser. Pins went to Jeannie Schmit, Genevieve Wieser, Virginia Sprunk, Margaret Spenner, Mary Placzek, Peg Siemek, Dawn Bredahl, Laurie Hajek and Anne Sojka. Maura Capriglione was also recognized for her music participation.



## STUDENT COUNCIL AWARDS TEACHER OF THE YEAR — MRS. SCHNABEL

## FBLA Successful At State

The Scotus Chapter of Future Business Leaders of America received fourteen awards at the FBLA State Leadership Conference held in Omaha on April 29, 30, and May 1.

Over 1,200 students from approximately 100 chapters were in attendance. The students attended seminars on Free Enterprise, Leadership, Careers, and others. They elected the State Officers for the coming year and competed in twenty-six business events.

Trophies were awarded to first, second, and third place winners. Certificates of Merit were awarded to fourth through eighth place; and Honorable Mention Certificates were awarded to the top 8% of those in each event.

The Scotus winners were: Carole Podraza, First Place - Extemporaneous Speaking; Sixth Place - Public Speaking; and Honorable Mention - Business Principles and Management. Carole also qualifies for the National Extemporaneous Speaking Event at the National FBLA Convention to be held in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Tim Murray, First Place - Spelling  
Ray Prososki, Honorable Mention in Advanced Accounting and in Business Principles and Management. Ray was also one of six finalists for Male Student of the Year, which was based on his total score in five individual events (Job Interview, Accounting I, Business Law, Business Principles and Management, and General Business).

Bob Kuta, Fourth Place - Business Math II; Honorable Mention in Advanced Accounting and Business Law.

Traci Ryba, Fourth Place - Business Law

Colleen McLaughlin, Honorable Mention - Typewriting I Knowledge  
Mary Zoucha, Honorable Mention - Accounting I

Kathy Mielak, Honorable Mention - Office Procedures

The chapter scrapbook also received an award. Laura Bierman was the Chapter Historian.

They were accompanied by Jerry Clinch, FBLA Advisor, and Linda Janssen, Assistant FBLA Advisor.

## Music Dept. Shows Contest Results

By Margaret Spenner

The Scotus Music Department attended the District Music Contest on April 23, and 24. The contest consists of Class A, B, C, and D schools competing against each other in their class. Scotus competed against schools.

The Music Department entered many different types of vocal groups along with solos. Mixed Chorus, Girl's Glee, Mixed Ensemble, Swing Choir, and Soloists all preformed. The groups and soloists were rated on a scale of 1 to 4.

There were three areas which received Superior ratings - the Mixed Ensemble received a 1 rating (Superior) along with two soloists - Margaret Spenner and Brian Evans.

The rest of the results were as follows:

Virginia Sprunk - Piano Solo - II  
Anne Sojka - Piano Solo - II

Mixed Ensemble - Mixed Double Octet - I

Girls Glee - II

Mixed Chorus - II

Girls Freshman Ensemble - II

Girls Ensemble - II

Swing Choir - II

Jayne Wieser - Girls Low - II

Mary Joan Zoucha - Girls Low - II

Colleen Krzycki - Girls Medium - II

Genevieve Wieser - Girls High - II

Mary Placzek - Girls Medium - II

Margaret Spenner - Girls High - I

Bob Wieser - Boys Medium - III

Brian Evans - Boys High - I

Ron Bernt - Boys High - III

## EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

### Summer Time

By Jay Jarecke

Oh it is quite beautiful to be able to walk outside without a coat or jacket on. The nice weather syndrome is back (momentarily anyway). The snow is melted and the sun is shining. But in Nebraska this does not necessarily mean the cold is over.

While it is nice people should go out and enjoy. For instance having a Bar-B-Cue or a lunch outside. The nice weather brings the nice out in a person. It is time to take the storm windows down, and clean out the fire place. The winter was long and now is ended.

I noticed while walking down the street others felt the same as me. Getting out and enjoying. Always remember that fun is part of nice weather. There is always more to do. Swinging, skiing, sunbathing, parties and much more. Nice weather never lasts long enough so start early and have fun.

### Thou Shalt Not Kill

by Jay Jarecke

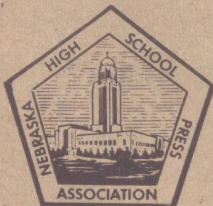
This is one of the Ten Commandments that is maybe neglected or even forgotten. This supreme rule was not made for sometimes, but always. All commandments were.

Why is it alright to kill thousands even millions of men in war? What do we call this, a clause in the commandment? If a man commits rape he is subject to punishment, both by God and government. He has broken both the law and the commandment. No matter what the situation.

So the question stands. A man is drafted, is taught how to kill and is sent to war. Remember this is just an innocent man. Another man is trained in the same way. Keep in mind he is an innocent person too.

If these two innocent men meet in a battle one must kill the other or die. Is the one who survives guilty or not? It is self defense. But is it an unnecessary defense to begin with?

Is this rule just a guide line to be followed to a certain extent? After all there have been wars and killings since the beginning of the world. "War is hell" as one man put it. I wonder what that really meant!



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### Successful Spring Play

by Margaret Spenner

What would you do if you found out that your family descended from a band of robbers, murderers, and thieves? Well, that's the situation that the cast of the 3-Act play "It's Great To Be Crazy" found themselves in.

The play was held Thursday, April 15, in the Memorial Hall. It was a Dessert Theatre, meaning desserts were served between acts.

In the play, the father reads it, and finds such names as Jack th Ripper, Blackbeard, Lady MacBeth, and others. The play centers around the father trying not to go crazy.

The cast included Terri Jackson, Cindy Peterson, Ron Berni, Carole Podraza, Hugh Riley, Ginger Bottger, Ray Prosocki, Karen Pokorny, Brian Evans, Kathy Souilliere, Leo Zoucha, Michelle Korger, Clarice Korger, Kathy McLaughlin, and Tammy Step-anek.

### Thinking Of The Future

By Jay Jarecke

A person never really seems to think about what is coming up - like College. People should start thinking about college when they are freshmen in high school.

The trouble starts the Senior year in high school when there is as much to be done but no time to do it. A man could only wish there was 52 hours in a day. For then, maybe there would be enough time to get things done.

If I could pick out a theme for the senior class it would be life must go on. Being prepared is the greatest thing in the world to be. But being unprepared is like living a life with terminal cancer because a person never knows what will happen from day to day.

College is a big step but there are plenty of small steps that can be taken to make the steps easier to take. By taking the right classes and completing them, is the smartest step to take. So don't just get by, do things right and be prepared.

**"Seeking means to have a goal, finding means to be free."**

# 1982 — THE CLASS THE LEGEND

By Dave Harrington

As the Seniors look back upon the good (and bad; otherwise know as fun) times of the years past, the class as a whole realizes that this was truly the best year spent in school.

No matter what happened in years past, something, somewhere in this year has topped it. (Well most of them anyway.)

- The trip to the Henry Doorley Zoo was one to never be forgotten by the men who participated.

- "The Big Tree" and all the mighty lumberjacks who helped chop the 20' 2 1/2" Christmas tree down. (a school tradition that started and stopped the same year, but is never to be forgotten.)

- The boys basketball team going to state.

- (Speaking of basketball,) the Mount Michael game (which looked like Hawaii and sounded like ----- 'CENSORED')

- Bubba's firey burnouts in the El

Camino

- First year of the "Slam Dunk" in I.B.A.

- Dave Jarecke and the return of the "Nomad" (a legend in it's own time.)

- Private Robert Fishers haircut - that is soon to be gone, but never forgotten.

- Senior Retreat at Camp Luther.

- Chris Hilger made a large donation to the Union Pacific Railroad.

- Jay Jarecke's parking ability.

- The Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday night clubs.

- "Wack" Wars

- The "Name Game" (Leader - Tim Williams)

- The McMeekin - Tooley softball rivalry (Notice whose name is first)

- Pigeons flying in the hallways.

- Lora's Senior party.

- Tooley's fire drill (Live with extinguishers).

- Turtle races in the corridors.

- Farewell to Harringtons Baja Bug and Green's Buick Electra.

### Reflections Of The Year '81-'82

By Jay Jarecke

Winding down another school year, sad but true. There are many things that should be remembered though for many good things do happen during a school year.

Homecoming - With King Dave Englebert and Queen Laura Kurtenbach. Following our victory Scotus put on a great dance. The party was fun if a person could find a chair. Breakfast was cold, but fun to throw.

Sweetheart - With Royalty going to Jeff Kryzci and Lori Zabawa. Let's not forget all the Pre-Sweetheart parties and the Jay for Sweetheart Campaign. All and all another fun filled evening in the Scotus Cafeteria.

Football - Not a tremendous season, but fun to be in and fun to watch. There is still pride shining on into

82-83 for these men.

Basketball - It was "State, Here We Come" for boys and a winning season for girls. State was an exciting moment. We did not go far in State, but we did go beyond the expected in getting to State. Guys, Thanks A Lot.

Track - The self enduring sport which only the athlete is rewarded. The season is not over yet, so good luck to all!

C.C. - Another team that went to State. The people should be congratulated and be proud of the goals reached during the C.C. year.

Golf - Putting their way to the top hopefully. The weather has hampered the season a bit. But good luck to the fellows and coach.

Volleyball - A season gone bye, a memorable one. A few ups and downs, but team spirit prevailed.

### Congratulations Seniors

By Mary Shotkoski

Well Seniors, the day we've all been waiting for is finally near. Just think, in just a few days we'll be out of High School and ready to go out into the world, with the feeling of accomplishment.

On Sunday, May 16, 1982, the Seniors will gather into the School Cafeteria at approximately 12:15 p.m. and from there, they will assemble, for the last time as Seniors, into the activity center. The Eucharistic Celebration begins at 1:00 p.m., and during this Mass, many activities will happen.

The agenda will be featuring: Distribution of roses from students to Mothers, receiving of the diploma's, songs by both congregation and choirs, speeches by Class President, and School Superintendent, and, of course, the Senior Class of 1982.

The Senior Class has grown together in many ways throughout this past school year. It is for this reason, the fact that we'll never be all together again, that the tears will be shed.

Every Senior has contributed to making the class the successful one it has turned out to be. Congratulations Seniors on a good year, and Good Luck to you always!

### Good-bye From Dave

We stand ready to receive our diplomas. Twelve long years of painful study and work. For this we get a piece of paper with our dear Principal's (heh heh) signature on it. But what happened during those years of growing up will be forever embedded in our memories as well as in others. Everything from recess to Mr. Younger's cat study will forever remain in our thoughts.

After graduation we will never be

able to do it again (most of us anyway) but we will always have the memories. Memories of friends we've made, memories of things we've done. There were good times and bad but many more good, like the song says - "Regrets I've had a few, but then again too few to mention".

So for my last parting bit of advice I'd just like to say don't take any wooden nickels!

Farewell  
Dave Kantor



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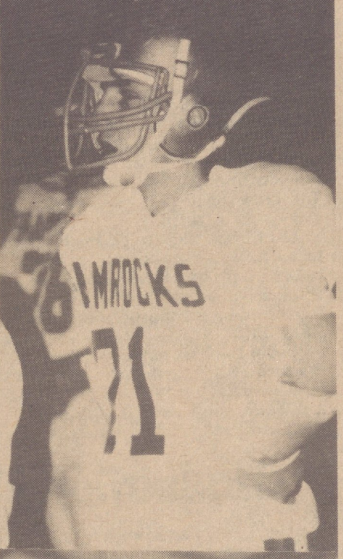
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# Senior Memories



