

Don't think of  
how weak you are.  
Think of how strong  
you're going to be.

-Douglas Richards

# THE ROCK

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## VOCAL DEPARTMENT PRESENTS FALL CONCERT

By Jill Reiser

The Scotus Senior High vocal music department, directed by Mrs. Ginny Schnabel, presented a concert on October 21 at 7:30 p.m. in Memorial Hall.

The concert consisted of performances by the girls glee, concert choir, and swing choir. Jill Reiser and Janet Scharff sang solos, Laurie Beerbohm, Shannon McGuire, and Kim Shotkoski sang a trio, and Diane Zornes performed a dance routine.

The 1985-86 Music Club officers and representatives are: Donna Bierman, president; Laurie Beerbohm, vice president; Tammy Romanek, secretary-treasurer; Jill Reiser, senior representative; Kim Shotkoski, Junior Representative; Chris Becher, Sophomore Representative; and Diana Raimondo, Freshman Representative.



Front Row: Thad Ricek, Gina Sutko, Karl Hroza, and Cecily Schroeder.  
Second Row: Tami Thalcken, Rick Zoucha, Michelle Quattrocchi, Mark Love, Jill Reiser, Kurt Kuta, Amy Liebenritt, Bob Klopniieski, Becky Engelbert, and Steve Starzec.

## FBLA BEGINS NEW YEAR

By Gina Liebig

The Scotus chapter of Future Business Leaders of America has surpassed previous memberships with 125 members.

On September 16, FBLA had a hayrack ride and watermelon feed at the Lorenz Rodehorst farm. The 60 members who attended went on a hayrack ride to Lake North, up to Platte College, and back to the farm for watermelon.

On September 21, FBLA had a fund-raiser selling homemade pizzas. They raised \$1,100 and the top seller was Paul Portrey who sold 36 pizzas.

FBLA's officers workshop was held on September 24, in Grand Island at the Holiday Inn. The purpose of the workshop was to define the officer's responsibilities and duties for the organization. The 1985-86 officers are: Lori Sokol, president; Matt Jilek, vice president; Becky Engelbert, secretary; Kim Shotkoski, treasurer; Sandy Zeagar, reporter; Kathy Paprocki, historian; Kris Klopniieski, parliamentarian. Sponsors are Mrs. Went and Mr. Portrey.

Also, on October 22, Scotus and Lakeview had a rollerskating party at the Flying Wheels.

Something new to FBLA this year, is point-keepers. These people are to calculate others' points. The people with the most points are the ones selected to attend the State Leadership Conference in Omaha in May. The 1985-86 pointkeepers are: Jackie Euteneuer, seniors; Judi Liebig, juniors; Stephanie Micek, sophomores; Kori Kuta, freshmen.

## Students Celebrate '85 Homecoming

By Travis Kluck

The 1985 Spirit Week and Homecoming of Scotus Central Catholic will long be remembered by students and faculty. It was a time of celebration; the school organization was bound together with a strong feeling of unity and the alumni returned to what was once a big part of their lives - Scotus.

The Spirit Week festivities kicked off on Monday, September 23, with the slogan "Shade It Out; Sock It To 'Em". Scotus was very much alive with enthusiasm and excitement. There was so much buzzing in the halls that one might think that he or she was inside a cavity in a beehive. A good deal of the student body came to school wearing nifty shades and well, let's say, unique stockings, thus representing Monday's slogan.

The following day boasted the slogan, "Opposite (Sex) Day," and the level of intensity and enthusiasm from the previous day had not diminished at all. Some of the males actually did support "Opposite Day" as they wore skirts, and some of the females did their best to imitate their opposites. Cool weather set in, giving everyone a taste of autumn.

Wednesday came and went like a roaring river crashing through floodgates, or, in other words, very fast! Participation slacked off just a jiffy, but not in a derogatory sense. When people are anxious for a big event there is always a period of letdown.

That period of letdown was brief, however, for the students were reminded on Thursday that the next day would bring on the grand finale - Homecoming Day. The day was titled "Celebrate Day," and boy did the students celebrate with a capital 'C'. They seemed glad to be alive; proud to be a part of the organization called Scotus.

Friday, Homecoming Day, was a day of pride and enjoyment. There seemed to be an epidemic going around the school, and that epidemic was 'enthusiasm'. Father Joe once said, "Enthusiasm is contagious." In other words, if someone is with a group of people who show definite enthusiasm and

excitement, their joy will be reflected on others. Truer words were never spoken. A strong feeling of love for others and joy to be a part of Scotus ebbed throughout the entire school. The Homecoming Mass was a moving experience for the students. For seniors it might have been like 'a slap in the face,' or a bitter reminder of reality. They realized that this would be their last Homecoming, and that their days at Scotus would not last forever. The day was concluded by a pep rally. Everyone attending the pep rally became emotionally involved, and I now know the true meaning of pre-game hype. The band boomed the Scotus Fight Song, there was a banana-eating contest, Coach Puetz gave a pep talk, and the cheerleaders did a few numbers. By then, the only thing on people's minds was the 'big game.'

It was a crisp, cool night. The undefeated, Class B second-ranked Shamrocks took the field. Their foe was the red and white clad Crete Cardinals, who were better than their 1-2 record indicated. The Shamrocks took a commanding lead early in the first quarter when senior Karl Hroza fielded a punt at the Scotus 25 and tiptoed down the sideline to the Crete one yard line. On the ensuing play, quarterback Hroza pounded into the endzone. The Shamrocks proved that they were a solid foundation, and a team to be reckoned with in Class B this year. The defensive corps, led by senior Bob Klopniieski battered the Crete offensive front, yielding them negative yards rushing and producing many quarterback sacks. Scotus demolished Crete 27-0 and bettered their record to 4-0.

The dance following the game was a success. Everyone was in high spirits following the great game. The Coronation took place at 10:15 at the school. Karl Hroza and Gina Sutko were crowned this year's Homecoming King and Queen. A DJ from Kearney spun the vinyl, and played an appealing variety of rock n' roll music. But, just as all things must begin, they must also (sob) end.



## Dodge Street Detours Through Scotus

By Mark Love

When you walk through the halls do you ever notice how crowded it is? Well I sure have, and it's like driving on Dodge Street in Omaha. You can pass when there's nobody in front of you. But if you get caught behind somebody slow, there's a good chance you might be late or tardy in this case.

There is no simple solution, but to treat this problem if you were actually on Dodge Street. We will first set up stop lights in every hallway. All students that walk with a fast pace should remain in the left lane, and all pokey students please be courteous and should remain in the right hand lane.

## Late and Tardy Again

By Dave Rhode

Still trying to adjust to the early school start? Do you find yourself leaving your house at 8:10 going 60 mph down the highway with the windows fogged up, doing donuts around corners, and slamming on your brakes because some old lady pulled out in front of you? Then finally getting to school, only to find you have to park two blocks away because mass at St. Bon's is still in session? You look at your watch and it is 8:13. Sweat is rolling down your face as you try helplessly to get the lock off your locker, and then remember the books you need are already in your hand. So your off to your first period and the tardy bell rings. As

You're probably asking how we are going to divide up the hallway? The solution is simple, just like a regular highway. We will put little yellow slashes in the middle of the halls, and of course we will have our own little police force making sure that people stay in the lanes they belong in.

If you receive three citations, it will be one week suspension and cut off the violator's left foot. Well maybe we can forget about that last part. Make it three days suspension and one toe.

And always keep all four tires - I mean two feet - on the ground.

you sneak into the classroom, the teacher is staring at you in the face, and you are tardy once again.

The reason why this decision was made is because the state law requires schools to educate the students for 1080 hours.

This is not very popular with the students, and it has caused many problems. Simply, longer days are too much and passing periods are too short. One student quoted, "There is not enough time and I'm staying after school more because of tardies."

Some solutions are: get up earlier for school, or take all of your books you need for your classes so you don't have to go back to your locker every time.

## SENIORS: Summer Months Make A Difference

By Steve Merrill

Three months. How much difference does three months make? For some students, seniors in particular, great changes in personality can occur.

It is referred to as senior egophobia. It is defined as the inflation of a student's head due to class. Some students like to imagine great amounts of power coming to them once their last year of school rolls around.

Remember an article last year about seniors demanding respect? This is kind of silly because we are told that all people are deserving of respect regardless of their class level. A seventh grader or a senior - it should make no difference.

Don't get me wrong, respect is something we all need and want, but it doesn't come just because we

enter our senior year. Respect is earned over a long period of time. It is not like Christmas morning where we wake up with presents without doing anything to deserve them.

Senior egophobia is a casual change, but it is very noticeable when you are walking down the hall with a friend and you realize that person is not the same person you knew three or four months before. He or she is walking around like Hulk Hogan or Miss America.

There is really no way to resolve this problem other than common sense and an open mind. You have to realize other people deserve as much respect as you demand of them. If they don't deserve it, then they can't force or intimidate you into giving it to them.

## Homework

By Travis Kluck

"Homework, homework, give me a break!" is the popular slogan on TV's Twix candy bar commercial. For many, however, that saying is a reality. It seems as though when you've already explained to your teachers that you have two tests tomorrow, they still have no mercy and give you a ton of homework. About the time you jump up to tell the teacher where you'd rather be, you realize you can't for you have a quiz next period to study for. Besides they are the ones who write the decisive ink in the gradebook. It's kind of a vicious circle, eh?

If you are a violent person and plant a mean tack on your teacher's chair, you will only make things worse off, for then you will have a guilty conscience as well as a stack of books to worry about.

If you're fed up with school and demanding teachers, it's a good idea to let out a little steam. It is not good for a person to contain so much pent-up emotion. Hey now, when I say 'let off a little steam' I don't mean jumpin' in your hotrod after school and laying rubber and doing cookies in the school parking lot. We don't need a bunch of dumb kids doing 70 in our parking lot, wrapping their cars around telephone poles and bouncing off the school. That would be kind of dangerous. So, bear with me comrades, and let's try to make it through this first quarter of school.

## Courtyard Idea Sought For Students

By Amy Liebenritt

How would all the students at Scotus feel about an outdoor class period during nice weather? Sounds like a great idea, doesn't it? Too often we feel locked up, and every class seems to be so monotonous. What about the idea of using the courtyard?

There has been alot of students, mainly in study hall, who ask to study in the courtyard when the weather is permissible, of course under supervision, but the answer always seems to be negative. What's the purpose of having a courtyard if the only thing it's used for is a couple of masses each year? After being cooped up all day long in classrooms it would be nice to get a little fresh air once in awhile!

The problem seems to be that students using the courtyard cause disturbances to those in the surrounding classrooms. This wouldn't necessarily have to be true if the same study hall rules also applied to the courtyard.

Privileges could be looked into also, those who do not obey the rules will have those privileges taken away, and will be sent inside for closer supervision.

If a whole class at one time is considered too many, what about the seniors using it during their study halls? This year the senior class is mature enough to use it under lawful circumstances. Almost every year, prior to ours, the seniors have gotten some sort of privilege, and now that open campus has been abolished, the seniors are left without any privileges!

Perhaps the administration could review this suggestion and look at the advantages and disadvantages it has.

The best thing to do is try it out and see what happens. You never know, students may feel privileged and take advantage of the use of the courtyard. If it fails, do away with it; but, if it works, take advantage of it!

## Newspaper Changes

By Dave Rhode

The newspaper will be changed from previous years. It will be called "The Rock", and the paper will take on the look of a magazine. Also, the paper will have eight pages instead of four, providing more stories and pictures. "The Rock" will be published during the months of October, December, February, and April. Mark Love, editor of the paper, said, "I am looking forward to being the editor of the paper. I think this will help me alot, since my intended major in college is journalism."

The editor of the yearbook is Steve Merrill. Steve said, "I think this will be a great learning experience and it will help me in the future."

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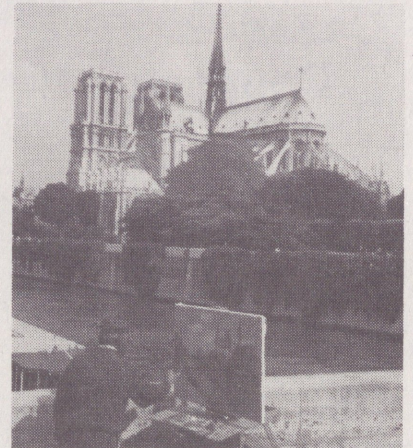
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## GERMAN STUDENTS TAKE A EUROPEAN VACATION



Left to right: Sheryl Dehning, Joan Sojka, Danelle Pinger, Vickie Boryca, Gina Sutko, Kurt Kuta, Bob Klopnieski, and Coley Kiser.



The students visited Notre Dame.

By Matt Hansen

On June 11-26 some German III students went to Europe with their teacher Miss Jeannie Kiser. The students who went on the trip were: Kurt Kuta, Bob Klopnieski, Danelle Pinger, Joan Sojka, Gina Sutko, and Vicki Boryca (then a sophomore German II student). Columbus High students, Coley Kiser and Sheryl Dehning accompanied the Scotus students.

To start the trip they flew to Chicago, Boston, and then to London where the trip began. In London, the students went to a play called *Mousetrap* by Agatha Christie at St. Martin's Theater. On the way there, Gina Sutko and Joan Sojka missed the stop on the subway, consequently they had to return to the hotel and take a cab back to St. Martin's Theater. The students also went to Buckingham Palace where they saw the Queen Mother. In London there was the constant fear of being run over by the speeding cars.

The group then took a boat ride across the English Channel.

In Paris the students went to the famous art museum the Louvre (Loov) where they saw the Mona Lisa, the Winged Victory, and the Venice

deMilo. Then they went to the Covent Gardens, which was an open market with musicians. In the afternoon the students went shopping, and ended up at bakeries eating croissants, crepes, and chocolate eclairs!

Switzerland was next, and for most this is really where the trip started. In Lucern, Switzerland they went shopping at the Bucherer, which was a large and famous shopping mall which sold only jewelry, clocks and watches. This is where "a lot of our funds went" remarked one student. Engleberg, Switzerland a suburb of Lucern, is where "a touch of Nebraska fun" was heard and seen at a local disco when Bob and Kurt jammed to Kizz. Engleberg was also the place where the students received their first taste of spinach-yummee!

Their next stop was Innsbrook, Austria, home of the 1972 Olympic ski jump. Their guide, Sepp Holtzer was a ski instructor in Salzburg, Austria and two of his students were in the 1972 Winter Olympics. To some people on the trip, Innsbrook seemed to be the place to meet tall, blonde, beautiful women just waiting to "have a certs encounter!" Pepsi, in this country is usually served warm and cost up to \$1.00.

In Germany the group stayed at the Olympic Hotel in Munich. Later in the evening they went to the Pink Flamingo (a local disco) and later to a beer hall where ladies were selling flowers and huge pretzels.

The students and Miss Kiser then went to Heidelberg and took a Rhine River cruise to see the many castles along the Rhine. From there they started the trip home. Miss Kiser stayed another two and half weeks in Germany so the students made the trip home by themselves. Frankfurt airport was bombed just days before they were scheduled to take off to London. Some of the students were searched and inconvenienced by some of the procedures used to stop possible bomb attacks. After the delay they caught a plane to London on British Airlines, from there they took a plane to Boston, then to Chicago, and finally to good ol' Omaha, Nebraska.

The students found they "really missed the Nebraska corn-fed beef" and life in general. Students commented that their trip was made better than most because Miss Kiser gave them more freedom and the opportunity to assume responsibility for their actions.

## N.H.S. INDUCTS NEW MEMBERS

By Amy Liebenritt

On Wednesday, September 25, 1985, at 7:30 p.m., the National Honor Society held its annual induction in the Little Theatre at Scotus Central Catholic High School.

The induction began with an opening prayer by Mary Sojka and a welcome by Mr. Berry, principal. Lori Cimpl presented the new members, followed by the candle lighting ceremony, by the officers. Congratulatory remarks were given by Mrs. Sharon Brozovsky, and Mary Sojka ended the induction with the closing prayer.

New members include: Chris Becher, Mary Cheloha, Mary Fehring, Kari Hittner, Muffy Liebenritt, Stephanie Micek, Jennifer Naughtin, Kathy Paprocki, John Riley, Jodi Ryba, Sara Sojka, and Ron Zornes.

Officers for the 1985-1986 school year include: Lori Cimpl, president; Joan Sojka, vice president; Kathy Melcher, treasurer; Gina Sutko, secretary; and Angie Brozovsky, historian.



Back Row: Ron Zornes, Chris Becher, Jenny Naughtin, Muffy Liebenritt, Sara Sojka, and Mary Cheloha. Front Row: Stephanie Micek, Kathy Paprocki, Kari Hittner, Jodi Ryba, Mary Fehring, and John Riley.

Photography by Scott Heimes



## Zowada Becomes Counselor

By Jill Reiser

"I find the transition from classroom teaching to the counseling position very exciting," states Mr. Zowada. Mr. Dennis Zowada is the new student counselor at Scotus.

After teaching psychology and taking classes on counseling, Mr. Zowada learned of his desire to work with people's emotions and ambitions. When the position of counselor became available at Scotus, he took the opportunity to carry out his desire.

At first Mr. Zowada wondered if he had made the right decision. Although he misses having a planned schedule and teaching psychology and politics, he welcomes the challenges that his new position offers.

Mr. Zowada is spending a lot of his time gathering college information for the seniors and is scheduling individual conferences with each senior to help them make the right college and career choices. He is also available if a student needs personal counseling.

The new counselor says that things are going well so far and he hopes that they continue to do so throughout the rest of the school year.

## STUDENTS PERFORM IN YOUNG ADULT CHOIR

By Gina Liebig

The talent of some Scotus students can be seen with each performance of the Young Adult Choir at St. Bonaventure on Sunday morning masses at 9:30 and 11:30.

The members of the group include two guitarists, Amy Liebenritt and Lori Cimpl; one organ player, Mary Sojka; and nine singers, Joan Sojka, Sara Sojka, Danelle Pinger, Jill Reiser, Chris Melcher, Muffy Liebenritt, Michelle Quattrocchi, Matt Jilek, and Mr. Divis.

The group started in the middle of June when

the Sojka family rented a piano for one mass. Singing at the mass was Mark Sojka, Ann Sojka, John Sojka, Jill Reiser, and Lori Cimpl. From there, the group was unofficially started. The group then spoke the Father Al, signed up for the mass times, and named themselves the Young Adult Choir.

The group practices on Wednesday nights from 6:00-7:30 and would appreciate anyone who would like to join (especially male voices). If interested, just contact any member of the Young Adult Choir.

## Beatlemania Lives At Scotus

By Steve Merrill

"Get Back", one of the Beatles' biggest hits, is what one senior would like to do. Kevin Kampahus is one of the biggest Beatles fans in school, and he wishes he could go back to the days when the Beatles were at the pinnacle of their fame.

Kevin, son of Frank and Ceal Kamphaus, started his Beatles album collection in 1980 when his dad gave him a copy of the Beatles second album, entitled simply *Second Album*. Since then his collection has grown to include all 25 of the albums the Fab Four released in the United States and 2 albums that were released exclusively in the British Isles. *The Beatles with Tony Sheridan* and *A Night at the Cavern Club* which was recorded in the Cavern Club in Germany. Kevin acquired these two rare albums by ordering them out of a magazine he got from a local record shop.

"I kind of think of John Lennon as an idol of mine," Kevin stated, "When I first heard of his death, I really didn't believe it, I was stunned."

"Yoko Ono, John's wife had a large impact on him," Kevin said, "She has a unique music style, she kinda changed John's music."

Computer programming is one area Kevin is interested in when not listening to his albums. He hopes to major in that, but he is not certain yet.

Kevin is considered the local expert on Beatle history. "I want to get the album the Four released and made in Canada, called *With the Beatles*, then my collection would be almost complete."

If you ever see him walking down the hall and hear someone whistling "Hard Days Night" or "I Want to Hold Your Hand", don't think him strange, he is just remembering the good old days.

## NEW TEACHERS ADD LIFE TO SCC

By Carla Podraza

There's been a change of scenery at Scotus other than that of the freshly painted water fountains. This change is a little more interesting, and it comes in the form of Mr. Scheef, Mr. Sadle, Miss Kirshbaum, Mr. Divis, and Mr. Bauer. These five names belong to the new teachers here at Scotus.

One doesn't really realize just how much Mr. Scheef does around here until one sees him hard at work behind his overflowing desk in his office, which he fondly refers to as "The Hole". As one watches the new activities director and English teacher talk on the phone, schedule upcoming Scotus events and correct papers all at the same time, it's easy to forget that Bill Scheef does have a life outside the walls of Scotus Central Catholic.

Mr. Scheef was born and raised in Gretna, Nebraska. After graduation, he attended Wayne State College for 2 years. He left college then and went into broadcasting where he "did it all" from news to sports to being a DJ. He worked for radio stations in Lincoln, Sioux City, Omaha, and Wayne. He eventually tired of the radio business and returned to college. He got his bachelor's degree at UNL and has started work on his master's degree in administrative education. He taught at Lincoln Southeast, Syracuse, and Sterling before coming to Scotus.

When the man manages to steal away from his various duties at school, he can be found at home spending time with his children, Katie and Julie, who are in second grade and kindergarten at St. Bon's, 17-month-old Andy, and his wife Deb, who teaches sixth grade at St. Isidore's. Mr. Scheef is anxiously awaiting the basketball season because he sees "a lot of potential for an interesting season."

Another new face in our midst this year is that of Mr. Jack Sadle, who took Mr. Zowada's place in the social studies department. This is one face that his students won't easily forget, since Mr. Sadle has endeared himself to the heart of Scotus with his straightforward honesty, his astounding ability of "hearing all, seeing all and knowing all," and his tales of the grief in his life.

Mr. Sadle grew up in Sutherland, Nebraska. He spent 20 years in the Seabees, the division of the Navy that builds, repairs, and defends. He attended Chadron State College where he acquired a social studies composite which is comprised of several areas of social studies. Before coming to Scotus, Mr. Sadle taught at Lyndon and Mitchell, Nebraska.

Mr. Sadle has several hobbies - reading, artifact hunting, particularly Indian artifact hunting, hiking, fishing, but his most favorite pastime is his family. His eyes come alive with pride when he speaks of his wife, Amy, an artist who's currently opening a studio on 14th Street and their 5 children.

The Spanish Department also has a new leader these days. Miss Kirschbaum is taking over the shaping up that area of Scotus this year. Even in the Spanish room one can sense the changes, as one looks around at the Mexican posters and cute little pinatas.

Miss Kirschbaum, born and raised in Grand Island, attended Wayne State College. While she was there, she became an invaluable aid to her Spanish professor and assisted with classes frequently. She has traveled to Spain twice. The first time she went as a regular student. The second time she was asked to be an assistant to the director of the program, giving her the responsibility of teaching practical vocabulary to the students.

She graduated from Wayne State College last May.

When she's not here pounding verb conjugations into the minds of the student body, she's busy with any one of her hobbies, which include playing the piano, rollerskating, swimming, doing "just about anything except playing football or basketball."

Another new face you might have seen while strolling down the halls is that of Mr. Bauer, who teaches Junior High English. He's what you could call a free spirit, approaching life with the philosophy of "when it stops being fun, stop doing it." This theory has worked well for him so far.

Mr. Bauer was born in Allentown, Pennsylvania, but grew up in New Jersey. He moved to Nebraska 13 years ago to attend college at Midland College in Fremont. He's been in several businesses since graduating from there, almost anything you can imagine, from driving a truck to collecting garbage to running a restaurant to owning his own business to, well, teaching. He's taught in both the Omaha and Lincoln districts, before coming to Scotus.

His free time is spent in the same tone as the rest of his life - he seems to do anything and everything. He enjoys writing, listening to music, staying in shape, any type of sports. "The only thing wrong with that," he adds, "Is that I want to be good at it all." He finds it hard to relax, so he stays very active. He enjoys traveling, and here again his reckless streak comes through in the way he approaches it. He likes to just take off and go anywhere that appeals to him. He used to hitchhike from Nebraska to New Jersey. He spent last winter traveling all over the east coast.

Mr. Divis, Scotus' new band instructor attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. This is his first teaching job. He teaches here and at the other three Catholic schools.



## Introducing Nina - AFS Student

By Travis B. Kluck

Welcome to America, Miss Nina Beckmann. Hey, wait a minute, Beckmann sounds like an American name; aren't German last names supposed to be almost impossible to pronounce?

Nina is this year's AFS exchange student at Scotus. She's come all the way to Scotus from a village in West Germany called Fuhlendorf, where she and her family reside. An 18 year old and an only child, Nina is proud of her German ancestry and openly speaks about her country. Nina says that "Germany wants to become one again, but the Russians are against it."

Her father, now 70, is a retired Colonel of the German army. He was a distinguished soldier in World War II, and although he disliked the man, he met Adolf Hitler on two occasions. Her father lost a leg while serving in the German army.

A housewife today, her mother at one time worked as a translator, where she could speak 4 languages very fluently. The English language is not foreign to the Beckmann family, for her mother spoke it while a translator, while her father took many courses in English.

Nina says that all students in Germany are required to attend school for 9 years, and only the top 20-30% are allowed to go to a university. Nina does not plan to attend a university.

When Nina returns home, she will pursue her career. She plans to move far away from her parents and work under the supervision of a master to become educated in the field of baking. Three years after working in an apprentice-type relationship under her master, she will be required to take a major exam. If she passes the exam she will earn the title as a baker. After eight years she will earn the title of a master crafter in the field of bakery. And, after Nina becomes a full-fledged baker, she dreams of moving to a totally foreign country, and establishing a residency and a pastry shop there.

Nina says that she lives on the coast of Germany where windsurfing and sailing are popular. At home she plays the trumpet in a European jazz band. She is also an avid tennis player.

Her American home is with the Rosno family, whom she enjoys very much. She has had to make a few adjustments while living in the United States. First of all, the American diet is far different from the German diet she says. Another sharp contrast occurs between that of German television and American television: a German television program is never interrupted by advertisements. There are also no fast food restaurants, or speed limits on the highways. In Germany, persons are allowed to drink liquor beverages at age 16, and at age 18 that person has all the rights of a German citizen.

The AFS is a definite learning experience for Nina, but students here at Scotus can also benefit. "Auf Wiedersehn!"

## Dancin' Diane On and Off Stage

By Gina Liebig

Diane Zornes, a senior here at Scotus has been dancing since she was 10 years old. She started taking lessons in Lincoln, then moved here to Columbus where she now takes from Genne Gibbson at Studio G.

Diane has performed at numerous places in Columbus as well as in other towns. She entertained at two Miss Norfolk pageants, (in Norfolk), at Genoa, Newman Grove, Omaha, and Scottsbluff. Diane usually creates her own routines but sometimes teachers give her a few ideas.

Diane is presently teaching dance lessons to small children at the Y. Her latest performance was the Fall Music Concert where she sang in Girls' Glee and performed a dance routine to "Freeway of Love" by Aretha Franklin.

Diane is a member of Flag Corps, where dancing plays a role in creating routines. She is also a member of Pep Club and Future Business Leaders of America.

Diane will be performing in Kansas City at the beginning of the year for the Miss Kansas City Pageant with other girls from Studio G.

Diane's future plans include to obtain a degree in dance at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln and to someday own her own dance studio.

## Mr. Urwiller Travels 12,000 Miles

By Travis Kluck

I'm taking a survey here. How many of you can honestly say that you have traveled 12,000 miles in just one summer? No...this is no joke, 12,000 miles! Okay, okay, I was just being sarcastic anyway. But for Mr. Mark Urwiller this was no joke, it was a reality for him which he shall never forget.

It was the 28th of June, and Mr. Urwiller was finally free from the sometimes - demanding role of the school teacher. He was at the helm of a comfortable mobile home, and was eastward bound to the 'flowering' New England region of the country. His main emphasis of this trip was "to see parts of the country I've never seen before." After an extensive tour of the beautiful, historical New England states, he flew from Philadelphia back to Nebraska. Back in Nebraska, Mr. Urwiller taught a Kearney State College course at the Platte Campus for a couple of weeks.

After a brief stint of summer teaching, Mr.

Urwiller wasted no time in concluding his stateside venture. This next month he would devote to his passionate hobby of bird watching. His bird watching 'roots' can be traced back to his youth, as a twelve year old growing up in Greeley, Colorado. Armed with his trusty slingshot (remind you of Dennis the Menace) he went a' sparrow hunting. A neighbor saw young Mr. Urwiller hunting birds and he confronted him. He said, "Don't you have anything better to do than kill birds? Why don't you examine them and study them as I do?"

The neighbor then took Mr. Urwiller out of the city limits of Greeley and out into an urban setting. There the two spent many hours viewing birds native to that area. From that day on, Mr. Urwiller became hooked. He has researched the winged beasts and has gone on many bird watching expeditions.

Mr. Urwiller spent an entire month birding this summer. He first drove down south bird watching the Gulf Coast of Texas and along the Rio Grande

River. From Texas he traveled west into Arizona, which he refers to as "one of the best places to bird in the country." He spotted many species of birds which he had never seen before while in Arizona. A major stop in Arizona was at the Kitt Peak Observatory just outside of Tucson. The reason for stopping there involved another field in which he is involved in - astronomy.

Mr. Urwiller then drove all the way to the West Coast into Los Angeles, where he did leisurly activities and met up with old acquaintances. Mr. Urwiller has some roots back in Los Angeles, for he moved there at age 13, and lived there for twelve more years. In Los Angeles he attended Reseda High School. While at Reseda, he was an extremely talented trombone player in a jazz band. In his senior year in 1976, Mr. Urwiller and his band won the California state band championship. After a few days in sunny L.A. Mr. Urwiller drove back across the Rockies into Nebraska, thus drawing a halt to his summer travel.

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## Reiser Participates In Queen Competition

By Gina Liebig

On October 4, Jill Reiser participated in the Harvest of Harmony Queen Competition in Grand Island at the Ramada Inn. There were a total of 43 contestants and 3 hostesses from Grand Island. Jill was entered by Mr. Divis, band director.

On Friday morning the 43 contestants were interviewed and judged on poise, quick response to questions, facial expression, and intelligence.

At lunch the 10 finalists were announced, of which Jill was one of. These finalists were interviewed and judged again.

The pageant was then held Friday night. Jill was selected as first runner-up and received a \$50 savings bond and an opal necklace.

On Saturday morning the Harvest of Harmony Parade was held. Jill rode with the queen and 2nd runner-up in a float, while the other contestants rode in cars. The 10 finalists were then presented at the field competition that afternoon.



Harvest of Harmony First Runner-up,  
Jill Reiser

## Father Wayne Keeps Campus Ministry Movin' On

By Michelle Quattrocchi

Five years ago a very special person, Fr. Wayne Pavela, came to Scotus Central Catholic. He initiated and organized the Campus Ministry Team.

What is Campus Ministry? It is a group of high school students who are expected to demonstrate Christian leadership qualities at all times. The team does a variety of activities such as planning all school liturgy's, decorating the chapel and helping the poor.

As a fund-raiser, they sell concessions at football and basketball games.

Every year during the month of May, Fr. Wayne, and the Campus Ministers begin planting the garden. The purpose of the garden is to assist the poor families in Columbus and the surrounding areas.

At the beginning of each school year, Campus Ministry welcome the new students by inviting them to a mass and barbeque.

Campus Ministry is very successful due to the unselfish time and effort given by Fr. Wayne and the participation of the members.

By Scott Heimes

Every year the Campus Ministry Team headed by Father Wayne picks 8 members of the team to be Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist or EME's.

An EME helps distribute the Eucharist at all school masses as well as the daily masses performed in the chapel every morning.

These following individuals traveled to Norfolk to be mandated by Bishop Milone: Lori Cimpl, Lori Sokol, Gina Sutko, Michelle Quattrocchi, Ray Hebda, Paul Portrey, John Riley and Troy Tworek.

By Steve Merrill

The Scotus religion department has reconstructed the 10th grade religion curriculum for the 1985-86 school year and is also preparing 7th and 8th students for confirmation.

For one semester the 10th grade religion class will focus on the church with Father Wayne instructing them. The second semester will see Mr. Hixon instructing them on current social issues.

The 7th and 8th graders will be preparing for their confirmation in March of 1986. This occurs every four years with the bishop overseeing the ceremony.

## CONCERT REVIEWS — — —

### Smokin' In The Boys Room

By Mark Love

"You ever seem to have one of those days when everybody's on your case from your teachers all the way to your best girlfriend? Well you know I used to have that all the time, but I found a way to get out of it, let me tell you about it!"

And indeed they did tell us about it, as Omaha welcomed the return of the bad boys from Los Angeles, Motley Crue.

The concert featured fire, smoke and a massive lighting system. As the lights went off, you heard a voice that started out saying, "In the beginning," then the smoke became heavy and you vividly could see the image of four people standing in the background. As the voice faded out the Crue took center stage as they opened with, "She's Got the Looks That Kill."

It was your basic heavy metal concert as the four

member band dressed in tight pants and had teased out hair and made usual obscene gestures to the audience. One of the highlights of the concert came when drummer Tommy Lee started in on his drum solo, the set titled as he played, so by the end of his solo, he was sitting 90 degrees playing and he and his drum set were strapped down.

They played songs from their three albums, a few of the songs were: "Ten Seconds to Love", "Shout at the Devil", "Louder Than Hell", and "Smokin In the Boys Room".

The Crue recorded a new song for their next album live in Omaha, it was a revised version of Elvis Presley's "Jailhouse Rock". For a heavy metal concert, the lyrics and music were quite clear and not extremely loud.

On a five star system, I give the Crue ☆☆☆☆ stars.

### Ratt Invades Your Privacy

By Dave Rhode

As the smoke rolls over the stage and into the crowd, you see the image of an Orkin exterminator looking for the Ratt pack. But, it's going to take more than one exterminator to stop the Los Angeles rockers from invading your privacy.

On Wednesday, September 18, Stephen Pearcy and the rest of boys were spectacular. The smoke, fire bombs, and fireworks were added to the blistering guitars and thunderous drums to get you to come back for more. One of the lead guitarist had a borken leg wrapped in a cast, but he still gave it his all that night in the Lincoln Pershing Auditorium.

Some of their songs included: "Round and Round", "Wanted Man", "Your in Love", and "Lay it Down".

"Not bad for a bunch of New Jersey guys," said lead singer John Bon Jovi.

Bon Jovi warmed up the crowd for Ratt and it was a good opening act considering their equipment broke for a 1/2 hour.

Bon Jovi sang songs from both albums, *Bon Jovi* and *800° Fahrenheit*. Their tunes included: "In and Out of Love", "Get Ready", "Only the Lonely", and "Runaway". On a five star system, the Ratt - Bon Jovi concert was a ☆☆☆☆.



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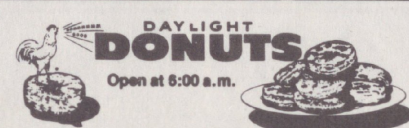
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## VOLLEYBALL GIRLS "Gopher" SUCCESS



Kelli Martin (12) and Ann Bernt (8) get ready to attack a set by Amy Liebentritt (5), while Juli Hroza (4) and Kelli Nicolas (7) await reaction from opposing team.

By Amy Liebentritt

This year's 1985-1986 volleyball team's goal, among others, is to reach the state tournament, and if they keep improving they have a great chance to accomplish it!

The Scotus volleyball team started with an easy win against Albion September 5th. They defeated the Cardinals in straight sets with scores of 15-1, 15-2. Kelli Martin led the Shamrock servers hitting on 14-of-15 attempts with eight aces and 13 points. As a team the Shamrocks were 17-of-18 attacking with nine aces.

On September 12, they hosted Nebraska Centennial Conference foe Omaha St. Joseph. They came out victorious in three sets with scores of 15-7, 11-15, and 15-1. Kelli Martin was 17-19 serving with 14 points and six aces. Juli Hroza was 7-8 spiking with six aces, and Kelly Nicolas was 27-29 in the setting department with 14 assists. Head coach John Petersen thought the Shamrocks played sporadically. "We did some nice things in the first and third games and went to sleep in the

second. However, we played very well the last game." He also said that the girls have to "communicate" more on the floor.

The following Saturday, September 14, the Shamrocks traveled to North Bend for their annual tournament. They came out on top, winning the first place trophy and upping their record to 5-0! The Shamrocks defeated Schuyler 15-6, 15-12 in first round play, and advanced to the finals with a 15-9, 15-2 semi-final win over North Bend. In the championship match Scotus defeated Wayne in a 15-9, 8-15, 15-11 battle. The team served 91 percent for the tournament, hitting 148-of-162 serves. Amy Liebentritt was 34-35 serving with 22 points and seven aces, and in setting she was 74-78 with 26 assists. Courtney Tooley was the leading spiker with 21 kills in 31-of-39 attempts, and Ann Bernt had four ace blocks.

After the tournament the girls had no time to spare! They had to get ready for the week ahead with two tough rivals, David City Aquinas, and Columbus High. September 17 the Monarchs landed on the Scotus volleyball court and gave the

lady Shamrocks a run for their money! In what head coach John Peterson described as a "super match", the Shamrocks outlasted Aquinas 15-5, 12-15, and 15-11.

On September 19, a large crowd gathered in the Columbus High gymnasium to watch the Discoverers defeat the previously unbeaten Shamrocks 15-7, 9-15, and 15-13. Coach Peterson said, "It was a good volleyball match as I've seen since I've been in Columbus, and both teams played as hard as they could." Mic Ruzicka led servers with 13 points in 16-of-18 attempts with one ace.

On September 24 the Shamrocks bounced back shakily from their first loss and defeated Schuyler 15-10, 6-15, and 15-4, in what Petersen described as another sporadic match. Kelli Martin led the Shamrocks with 13 points and paced the winners in kills by going 20-25 with ten aces. Amy Liebentritt was 50-55 setting with 15 assists.

On October 1, the Shamrocks got back on the tracks and defeated Lakeview in straight sets 15-7, 15-1 before a near-capacity crowd at the Shamrock Activities Center. Scotus as a whole was 46-49 in the serving department with six aces, and 23-29 in the spiking department with 13 aces.

The Shamrocks entered the Raymond Central Tournament on October 3 and 5 with an 8-1 record and a seventh place state ranking. Their work was cut out for them with four other rated teams also playing in the tournament! The Shamrocks played Aquinas in first round play and defeated them 15-10, 15-1, but lost to Waverly in semi-final action 8-15, 13-15. They gained the third place trophy by defeating York in straight sets 15-11, 17-15. Elkhorn, rated first in the state, gained the championship trophy by defeating Waverly.

The team traveled to Wahoo Tuesday, October 8, and came home with three victories! After a 2-1 lead in the first set, Kelly Nicolas served 13 consecutive points with three aces for the win. Ann Bernt led the attack with a 6-6 effort and four going for aces. The team attacked with 26-30, with 15 aces, for 87 percent. Paula Bator led setters with a perfect 10-10 and seven assists. "We played very well all night long and took charge from the beginning," said coach Petersen.

On Thursday, October 10, the Shamrocks were in for a tough game, hosting Seward, who was previously unbeaten and ranked third in the *Omaha World Herald* Class B Top Ten, while the Shamrocks were ranked sixth. The team played one of their best matches of the year, and came out on top with a straight set victory! The Shamrocks took charge in the first set and rallied from a 7-1 deficit in the second set to come away with the win. Paula Bator led servers with 12-12, seven points, and one ace. Mic Ruzicka and Amy Miller followed respectively with six points and one ace each, in 10-10 attempts. Paula Bator was the leading setter with 34-38 and 14 assists. Ann Bernt had eight spike aces with a 12-16 effort. Courtney Tooley and Kelly Nicolas each had three ace blocks.

## Shamrocks Run With The Pack

By Travis Kluck

Sound the bells; toot the horns! The Shamrocks cross country teams are boasting two contending powers this season. This double-barreled attack is undefeated in dual meets and have always finished with the best in the big invites.

The men's cross country team is led by Coach Father Wayne, who is in his first year at the helm. His team sports five returning lettermen, and three talented underclassmen. They are 3-0 in dual meets, and have also fared well in major meets, finishing 3rd at the Albion Invite, capturing 1st at the Scotus Invite, 3rd in both the North Bend and Aquinas Invites, and 5th at the Pius Invite. The 'Rocks are the city champs, ousting other city rivals Columbus High and Columbus Lakeview.

The Conference Meet is slated for Friday, October 11, at Boystown, and the District Meet is on Saturday, October 19, at Albion. Coach Father Wayne said, "If we continue to improve over the next two weeks, we should have no problem in the conference and districts." Coach Father Wayne also expects his team to contend in the State Meet in Kearney. On senior standout Dave Rhode,

Father Wayne said, "He is a super runner and a team leader. He has brought home a medal in every meet that he has competed in."

The ladies cross country team also has the State Track Meet in their sight. Led by returning letterwoman Tara Zuerlein, Coach Dan Mahoney has a power-packed base to back her. Nine is the magic number, for the nine girls on the team this season makes this the largest girl's team ever. The team contains no seniors, thus there is insurance for a powerful team next season. The lady harriers have won all their duals, captured the gold in the tough Scotus and Albion Invites, placed 2nd in the Aquinas and Pius Invites, and third in the North Bend Invite.

Coach Dan Mahoney said, "What we have here is a bunch of dedicated, tough competitors. This is our best team ever." He also feels that they should fare well in the conference and district meets, and will have some runners in the state meet. The ladies cross country team will compete in the conference and district meet the same place, the same date, as counterpart men's team.

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Karl Hroza eludes Crete defender.

## SHAMROCKS CONTINUE TO ROLL

By Mark Love

The cake walk is over for the Scotus Shamrocks, after convincing wins over Omaha St. Joseph 32-0 and Columbus Lakeview 34-6.

The Shamrocks faced their first challenge of the year as they faced arch rival Schuyler at Memorial Stadium in Columbus. One year ago Scotus scalped the Warriors 43-0 and the Warriors have been waitin a long year to settle the score. This year the 'Rocks capitalized on a bad snap from the center to take an early 7-0 lead. The 'Rocks took the ball on their own 15 and 4 plays later Mark Love went over from a yard out. The rest of the first half was a stand still and the 'Rocks took the lead into halftime 7-0. Scotus got on the board again early in the third quarter when quarterback Karl Hroza threw to split end Scott Kryzcki who caught the ball after it was tipped off of a Schuyler defensive back and into the waiting hands of Krzycki. There wasn't a really good drive till about minutes left in the game when the Shamrocks drove 80 yards, capped off with Chuck Korger's 2-yard scoring pass from Hroza. The Warriors are a much improved football team that shows a lot of potential and is a team to be reckoned with.

The Crete Cardinals were pre-season number one in the Lincoln paper loaded with alot of talent, especially in quarterback Mike Chohon. Well, four weeks later the Crete Cardinals are 1-3 and looking for some respect and they sure didn't find it the night of September 29 in Columbus, as the Shamrocks beat Crete 27-0. The win also marked Jim Puetz's 100th victory at Scotus and was a successful homecoming. The 'Rocks punt return team provided good field position all night, lead by Karl Hroza. Hroza set up the first score of the night when he returned an interception 79 yards to the Shamrock 1 yard line, where he plunged over from the one on the next play to take a 7-0 lead. The

'Rocks got the ball back three plays later on a Scott Kryzcki interception. Hroza connected with tight-end Kurt Kuta on a 31-yard pass play down to the 3 yard line where Mark Love scored on the next play from three yards out. Another score by Love and the Shamrocks took a 20-0 lead into halftime. The final score came after a 71-yard drive with Hroza going in from a yard out. The Shamrocks played outstanding defense recording their third shutout and raising their record to 4-0.

The Shamrocks played outstanding football for the first 24 mintues of the Hartington Cedar Catholic game, but after that things settled down. The defending state football champions rolled to a 38-6 win over Hartington Cedar Catholic at Memorial Stadium in Columbus. Steve Starzec started the scoring explosion when he intercepted the ball and ran the ball to the Trojan 12-yard line. Hroza went in from 5 yards out to take a 7-0 lead. Coach Puetz then switched Hroza to halfback and Paul Portrey at quarterback position as he threw two consecutive halfback passes, one to Kurt Kuta from 25 yards out and the other to Chuck Korger from 21 yards out. After an exchange of possessions, Hroza scored from 18 yards out with just over a minute remaining in the half. Well that's all for the first half right, wrong. Outside linebacker Jerry Szatko stepped in front of a Trojan pass and ran it back 35 yards untouched to make the score 32-0.

The second half and especially the third quarter looked nothing like the team that put 32 points on the board in the first half. The 'Rocks couldn't get anything going as an interception, fumble and penalties stalled Shamrock drives. The Shamrock fumble let the Trojans on the board as they recovered the ball on the 'Rock 26-yard line. Quarterback Steve Miller went over from a yard out seven plays later to make the score 32-7. The final score of the evening came when Rick Zoucha

went 15 yards into the endzone, to make the final 38-6. The Shamrock offensive line and especially Bob Klopnieski provided gaping holes for the Shamrock backs. Mark Love and Karl Hroza combined for 227 yards on the ground as the Shamrocks rolled up 332 yards total offense.

The Shamrocks continued their winning ways with a convincing 27-6 win over Wahoo Neumann.

One of the features of the game was Karl Hroza. All he did was have 125 yards on kick-off and punt returns, plus he also added 98 yards rushing in scoring all four touchdowns.

The Shamrocks took the opening drive 64 yards on 12 plays to take a 7-0 lead when Hroza ran 16 yards for the score. After the tough Shamrock defense held Neumann on downs, Hroza fielded the punt on his own 18-yard line and received excellent blocking as he raced 82 yards for the score.

After Neumann forced the Shamrocks to punt, Rick Zoucha recovered the mishandled punt on the Scotus 42-yard line. Hroza capped off the 58 yard drive by running 7 yards for the score.

The Shamrocks gave way a little bit as Neumann was the first team to score on the Shamrocks by successfully marching the ball down field. The drive was capped off by a 8 yard run by Dwaine Brabec.

The only other score of the night came when the Shamrocks took the opening second half kick-off and drove for a touchdown with Hroza going in from 1 yard out. The Shamrock defense had another outstanding game led by defensive end Bob Klopnieski, the offensive line was equally impressive as they opened up tremendous holes for the Shamrock backfield.

Scotus takes its 21 game winning streak against Boystown on October 18. Ironically Boystown was the last team to beat the Shamrocks, as they did it in fall of 1983 with a 21-6 victory.

## Advanced P.E. Introduced

By Dave Rhode

Advance physical education, taught by Mrs. Malicky, is being offered this year to Scotus students.

Throughout the year the students will be involved in eleven different units. These units are hunter safety-blue rock shooting, horseshoes, archery, bowling, pickle ball, recreational volleyball, racketball, pool, shuffleboard, recreational basketball, and small games - chess and cards.

The students taking advanced physical education are: Joe Determan, Bob Klopnieski, Scott Krzycki, Mike Kudron, Mark Love, and Jerry Zywiec.



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## All State Participants

by Gina Liebig

The All-State Honors Choir in Fremont, Nebraska was attended by Jill Reiser, Laurie Beerbohm, and Mary Sojka on November 21-22-23.

Jill, a second soprano, and Laurie, an alto, were chosen as the top performers in their voice ranges. There were a total of 450 members in the chorus.

Mary, who plays the clarinet, was the first band member to ever audition and be accepted into All-State from Scotus. There were a total of 165 band members who attended.

All-State members were chosen by audition from various high schools throughout the state of Nebraska.

## Inside FBLA

by Gina Liebig

This month until the end of the basketball season, the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) are sponsoring a half-court shoot-out at all girls and boys home basketball games.

The tickets are 25c, and the ones who make a basket from half court win a \$25.00 gift certificate from Godfather's. If a basket is made from the top of the key, the prize is a hot dog, and a lay-up is a bag of popcorn.

FBLA also sponsored secret santas. This involved assigning one member of the faculty to two or three members of FBLA. They treated the faculty with secret gifts such as cookies or candy. On December 20 the secret santas were announced.

Also on December 2, at 8:00, FBLA had a Christmas Party. The party was filled with games such as mail-call, and they also enjoyed many Christmas cookies and other foods.

Admission for the party was a can of food or \$1.00 which was donated to the Columbus Food pantry.

## Music Departments Hold Concert

by Jill Reiser

The vocal and instrumental departments at Scotus combined on December 16 at 7:30 to present a Christmas music concert.

The concert consisted of performances by the junior and senior high band, concert choir, girls glee, and swing choir.

Small ensembles featured a piano duet by Sara Sojka and Michelle Sobota, a vocal duet by Laurie Beerbohm and Jill Reiser; and Gina Liebig, Donna Bierman, Tracy Maguire, and Amy Liebenritt sang a double duet.

The program was under the joint direction of Mr. Mark Divis and Mrs. Ginny Schnabel. The accompanists were Michelle Sobota, Sara Sojka, Mary Sojka, and Joan Sojka.



Back row: Mary Cheloha, Stephanie Micek, Jane Euteneuer, and Danelle Pinger. Middle row: Lori Cimpl, Ron Zornes, Mary Sojka, Amy Iossi, and Annette Sueper. Front row: Sara Sojka, Deb Kouma, Chad Labenz.

Photo courtesy of Columbus Telegram

## Speech Team: SCC Dominates Platte Contest

by Carla Podraza

"Use all of your talents to gain success," is the 1985-86 Scotus speech team motto, and that is exactly what the team did Saturday, November 16, at the Platte College Speech Contest. The weeks of grueling practices paid off when the team brought home 13 awards, including 5 first place trophies.

The long day began at seven thirty a.m. with registration. At 8:00, the first rounds of the contest began and the 28 speech team members went to work. At 12:30, 66% of the team began rehearsing for the final rounds.

The finalsits were:

*Humorous Prose:* Gina Sutko, Lori Sokol, and Sara Sojka.

*Serious Prose:* Mary Sojka, Amy Iossi, and Danelle Pinger.

*Poetry:* Gina Sutko and Stacey Torczon.

*Original Public Address:* Lori Cimpl and Ed Fehringer.

*Entertainment:* Joan Sojka and Becca Toof.

*Extemporaneous:* Ron Zornes, Chad Labenz and Ed Fehringer.

*Informative:* Steph Micek and Sandy Zegar.

*Oral Interpretation of Drama:* Deb Kouma, Joan Sojka, Carrie Kucera, Carla Podraza, Becca Toof, Lynn Zoucha and Ron Zornes.

*Duet Acting:* Lori Cimpl, Danelle Pinger, Mary Cheloha and Sara Sojka.

*TV News Commentary:* Jane Euteneuer, Deb Kouma, Annette Sueper, Amy Iossi and Sandy Zegar.

By the end of the day, the Scotus speech team knew they'd done well. At the end of the Awards Ceremony, 13 of the 28 members had received awards. First place winners were: Mary Sojka - serious prose; Lori Cimple - OPA; Amy Iossi - serious prose; Ron Zornes - extemporaneous; Annette Sueper - TV News Commentary. Walking away with second place medals were Sara Sojka and Mary Cheloha - duet acting; Danelle Pinger - serious prose; and Deb Kouma - TV News Commentary. Third place medalists were: Jane Euteneuer - TV News Commentary; Chad Labenz - extemporaneous; Steph Micek - informative; and Amy Iossi - TV News Commentary.

Mrs. Sandra Bernt, speech coach, is in her eighth year at Scotus. By the time the last car, bus and van rolled off the Platte Campus, the other participating speech teams knew that Scotus was definitely a team to be wary of.





## Everyone Needs Friends

by Michelle Quattrocchi

Friend (friend) - 1. One attached to another by esteem, respect, and affection. 2. One not hostile; one not foe.

To be a friend, you have to care about people, what they think, what they feel, what they suffer. If you just don't like people, you may still be cordial to acquaintances, but friendship is no go. You must try to understand people, their hopes, fears, and aspirations. Above all, friendship means the immeasurable capacity for forgiveness.

Some friends arrive all at once setting off individual personality traits of immediate recognition. Some arrive slowly by the accumulation of shared experiences gradually stretching to a stronger friendship. Whatever route they come, friends join us in a kind of conspiracy against the world. We all share good times as well as bad times with friends.

Each friend has some large quality or qualities that mean a great deal to each other. All friends share a common interest, that interest may be athletics, going shopping, or a certain hobby. The most you can do for a friend is simply to be his friend. One should not be overgrateful to a friend. The sense of obligation and the sense of guilt may portray the feeling that friendship is purposeless. Perfect friends owe each other nothing but themselves.

There's a "Miracle Called Friendship" that dwells within the heart, and you don't know how it happens or when it gets its start. But the happiness it brings you always gives a special lift as you realize that friendship is God's most precious gift!

## Tis' The Season . . . .

by Gina Liebig

Christmas is one of the best times out of the whole year. It is a time to give and a time to receive. It's the time when the family gets together and sings carols, exchanges gifts, and celebrates the birth of Jesus at Mass. It is the time when people really think about each other and Christ.

But for some people Christmas means just getting presents and having to go to grandma's for dinner. For those people Christmas isn't a time for others, but a time for themselves. This is definitely not what Christmas is about. This kind of thinking is that of a small child's, just waiting for Santa to bring all of his presents.

Instead of thinking about what you're getting this year, stop and think about what you're giving.

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## The Few, The Proud, The Procrastinators

by Matt Hansen

Procrastination — what is it? It is a disease that high school students acquire. Webster defines it as a postponement of taking action until a future date. In plain English, most people call it the act of being a lazy bum. This affliction affects several students, from seventh to twelfth grade. Few escape this fate.

A key symptom of this malady is a person using his or her desk as a place to lay their head down and start counting sheep instead of doing their math, or their feature story due the next day. Often a person can detect the chronic procrastinator who has devised so many methods of putting off the work until a later date. For them, it has become a science.

Ploys such as staying home from school with a temperature of 105 degrees for coming to school after the major test, are tactics often used.

An equally popular move is for the student to walk into class and take his seat quite calmly. When the test is being passed out, the person may ask in innocent wonder, "Teacher what is this? An informative study guide for tomorrows test?" Then, when the reply of, "Why no! Hek Hek! This is the major test that counts 99 percent of your grade." At this point, he will start to roll their eyes and make choking noises, and to make the effect look realistic, he will keep choking until blue in the face. Although drastic this method is seldom effective.

If caught in time, procrastination can be cured. Watch for the signs, a need to say "I can do it later" or "I've got plenty of time" are sure watchwords for a lazy kid. If you know someone with these symptoms, please refer him or her to P.A. (Procrastinators Anonymous) or dial 1-800-KICK-IN-THE-BUTT!

## Stage Curtain Shows Improvement

by Amy Liebentritt

The Memorial Hall stage underwent a major change in September. The change consisted of new stage curtains. The new curtains give the stage a 100 percent improvement appearance.

The old ones to say the least, were so full of holes and torn along the seams, it looked as if the bats dwelling there feasted on for their midnight snack. The chains that were sown in the bottom seams made the stage shake everytime they were moved, and it sounded as if a prisoner in chains were trying to escape. The once beautiful curtains that were up before, became so faded and dull it was time we needed some new ones.

Thanks to the Mother's Club and the school board, we now have decent curtains. The dark green and black combination looks great and really "dresses up" the stage. They hang so nicely and add so much depth. Students who performed in the October music concert said they felt more important and that the stage felt so much bigger. It just makes such an enormous difference it is unbelievable.

We should be greatly thankful we finally got some new ones and they are something we can be proud of! Thanks again to the Mother's Club and the school board for their donations towards a desperately needed improvement.

## Report Card Doldrums Strike Again

by Scott Heimes

Have you ever eagerly awaited the arrival of your report card anticipating the excellent grades that you seem to have been getting right and left throughout the quarter? Then one day they are finally passed out in school. You anxiously scan down the computer printout checking out the grades. Suddenly your brain perceives what your eyes have already seen. Your mouth drops down to your knees, your eyes swell to the size of ping pong balls, sweat pouring from your face drenches the report card and your body starts going into convulsions as if any minute you will flip out of your seat and start wiping out desks on the floor.

Now don't get the wrong idea, not everyone's reaction to their report card is quite that violent, but almost everyone has to admit that they feel this way sometimes. Occasionally a student goes through the quarter and gets a "B" or maybe even an "A" on his first test. Then he might slack off and not study for a while. A "C" and a string of "Bs" follow. After a few weeks, the calendar in Mr. Berlin's room is checked, and it is observed that there are only a few weeks left in the quarter. A feeling of anxiety begins to invade the student's thoughts and the next few tests are aced. They start to think "Hey I'm doing awesome." Their brains conveniently forget to remind them that they took a 3 week "kickback" period in the middle

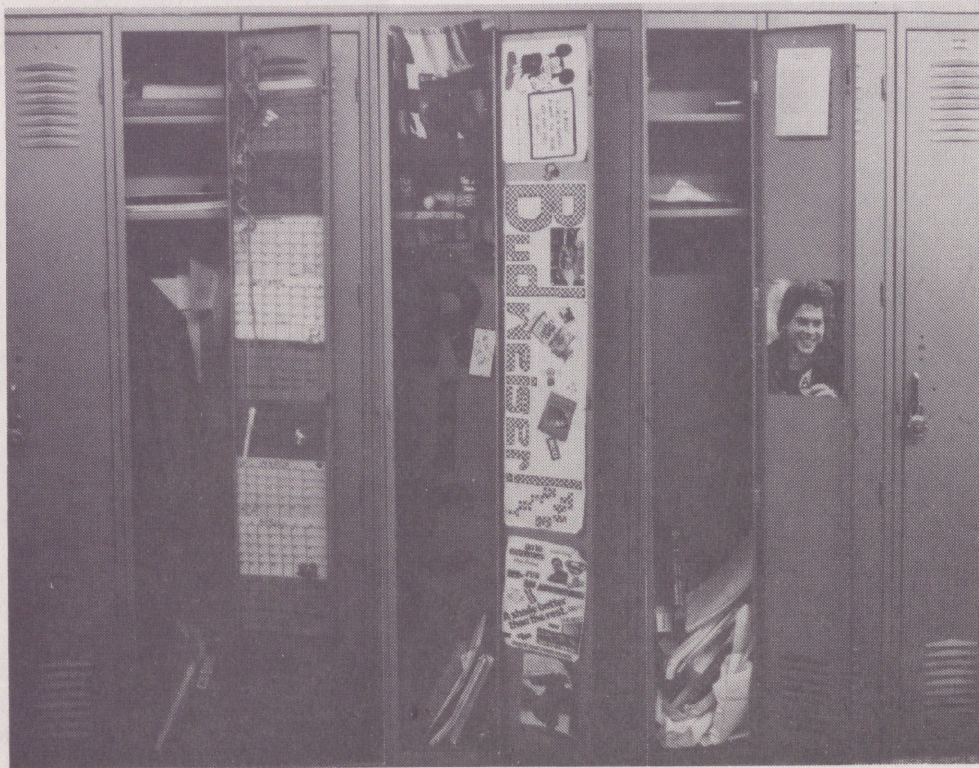
of November.

The quarter ends and after awhile the student receives the report card and quickly looks up their grade. Immediately, without hesitation, a primal scream is emitted. "I got an 86! What's going on here? A conspiracy against students?" They rush to the teacher's room and a demand to see the grades follow because there must have been some kind of mistake. The teacher just laughs and gives the grades back. They look at all the test grades and notice a "C" and a bunch of "Bs". Suddenly this student remembers those grades, and at the same time they start to feel very humble and turn very red. They mumble something like "imakindasorry" which means "sorry to bother you" and walk out.

There are a lot of things that can be done to remedy the situation. The most obvious solution of course is to study, and therefore do well on tests. Another solution would be expecting to get a real bad grade like a 69 then when a "B" is received, they feel great. Although this is true, it doesn't work for everyone.

One last thing can be done to avoid ARCS or Acquired Report Card Syndrome would be to keep track of test grades on your notebook or a piece of paper and then at the end of the quarter add them all up so you know what to expect on your next report card.





Student lockers portray personalities at Scotus.

Photography by Scott Heimes

## Scotus Enters Computer Age

by Dave Rhode

Computers have become an important role in society today. Many operations are now controlled by computers. It is our best bet to get some knowledge about computers before we go out into the real world.

At Scotus, there are two courses offered for computers, computer literacy and computer science.

Computer literacy is designed to develop skills to operate, work with, and understand a computer. The class is divided up into three main parts.

First, the students get to know the computer. They will get to interact and learn the limitations and capabilities of a computer.

Second, the students get to know how the computer works. They will learn simple statements like run, list, and new. They will also get into basic programming. For example, making programs to write their name up on the monitor.

Third, the course is used to teach the use of existing software. For example, word processing programs.

"Computer Literacy is a challenging course," said Mr. Hixon, the teacher of computer literacy. He is currently taking a course in Columbus offered by Kearney State College. Advance programming-graduate level is what Mr. Hixon is taking right now. Next semester he will be taking a course called PASCAL.

The other computer class is computer science. Computer science is an introduction to basic programming. The students will learn programming skills in the basic language and will write and run these on the computer. Writing programs relate to writing loops, statements, subscript variables, and flow charts.

"We have a lot of diverse abilities," said Mr. Peterson. "Some students know a lot about computers and others do not."

Mr. Peterson is the teacher for computer science. He has taken courses in basic programming and advance programming. Like Mr. Hixon, he hopes to take PASCAL in the future.

Scotus has gained access to four more computers and two new printers this year. There are seven computers in the computer room. In the business room there is a computer and a printer. The total count of computers at Scotus is twelve.

## The Inside Story On Student Lockers

By Gina Liebig

As you're walking down the halls of Scotus, hurrying to that next class, have you ever taken time to notice student lockers?

Basically there are three types of lockers: organized, less organized, and unorganized.

Some lockers are so organized, with calendars marking each day of the school year, daily assignments, meetings of each day, and a schedule of their classes. These people are the ones who usually have a 100% average or above.

Other lockers tend to be a little less organized. Posters of good-looking muscular guys line some of the girls' lockers to be admired each time they open

them. Some students even keep food in them so they don't starve during the long school days. These lockers belong to average fun-loving people.

Still yet, is the unorganized lockers, these are probably the most common of all. Some have hundred's of loose papers sticking out of every possible opening. These people dread opening their lockers for fear of being smothered with the avalanche. These students are the ones who usually are barely passing each class, doing just enough to get by.

Everyone has a different locker, just like everyone has a different personality. Why not let your locker reflect your personality?

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## Religion Plays Active Role At SCC

### Campus Ministry Builds Enrollment

by Michelle Quattrocchi

Question: What organization at Scotus has increased its membership six times since 1981?

Answer: None other than the Campus Ministry.

The Campus Ministry Team initially had fifteen members in 1981. Presently, the organization has ninety members.

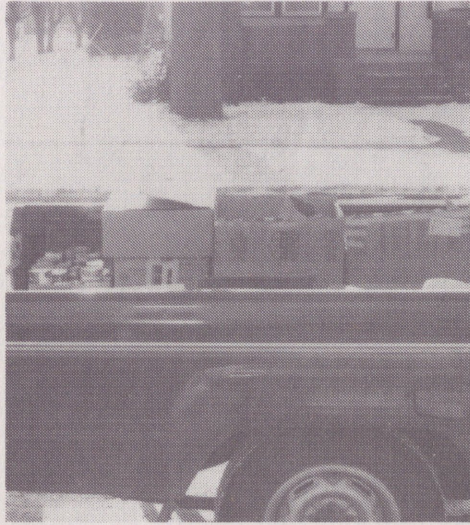
The Team, headed by Father Wayne, participates and plans a variety of activities. Since the second year of Father Wayne's arrival the school has had two all-school liturgies each month that consist of one prayer service and one all-school mass. Father felt that the Scotus students needed to get together as a Christian community to worship God. As a Catholic school, these prayer gatherings are important.

The Campus Ministry Team is responsible for the planning of the all-school liturgies. Each mass will always have the regular structure to it, but there are various techniques that may be used for the offertory, prayers of the faithful, and processions. The use of a gospel procession, and taped music in different areas are a couple of alternatives.

The prayer services are structured on the rosary and on the priest's prayerbook. The purpose of the prayer service is to try to give each individual good experiences of prayer so that they can build their own personal relationship and prayer life with God.

Other activities sponsored by the Team have included a volleyball-ice cream feed, Halloween party, decoration of the chapel, and growing food for the poor in the Campus Ministry garden.

November was an active month for Campus Ministry. On November 15, the monthly all-school mass was held. Throughout the week of November



The Campus Ministry collected 479 cans of food for the Food Pantry.

—Photography by Scott Heimes

18-22, a food drive took place to aid the poor, needy families around Columbus. On November 26, the Thanksgiving prayer service was held.

Next month, Father Wayne will set aside one week for "Church Unity." During that week, Protestant Ministers will visit Scotus, and the students will experience a different type of prayer service headed by the Minister.

Campus Ministry has grown considerably over the past five years due to the countless hours, put in by Father Wayne and the interest expressed by the student body.

### Fr. Joe Instructs Juniors

by Jill Reiser

The nine months spent with Fr. Joe Miksch in junior religion class proved to be informative and enlightening. The course focuses its attention on a religion notebook consisting of nearly 200 pages of information which Fr. Joe has carefully constructed. Throughout the school year the following topics are discussed in great detail: personality growth and development, vision therapy and religious faith, sanctifying grace, three persons in one God, discipleship, mariology, principles of morality, application of moral principles, and eschatology.

Once a unit is completed it is not forgotten. Throughout each new section of study, the previous units are constantly being reviewed. For example, while learning about death in eschatology, the last unit, we continue to learn the five steps to becoming more fully alive which was covered in the first unit, personality growth and development.

The areas which are studied in junior religion are interesting; however, there is doubt that students would be so willing to learn if the class was taught by someone other than Fr. Joe. Fr. Joe's carefree and fun loving personality enables students to open up and share their ideas with the class. Nevertheless, he gains student's respect by keeping his class under control at all times.

The combination of informative subject matter and Fr. Joe's teaching techniques result in an extraordinary learning experience for Scotus students.

### Berlin Home Ads Festive Touch



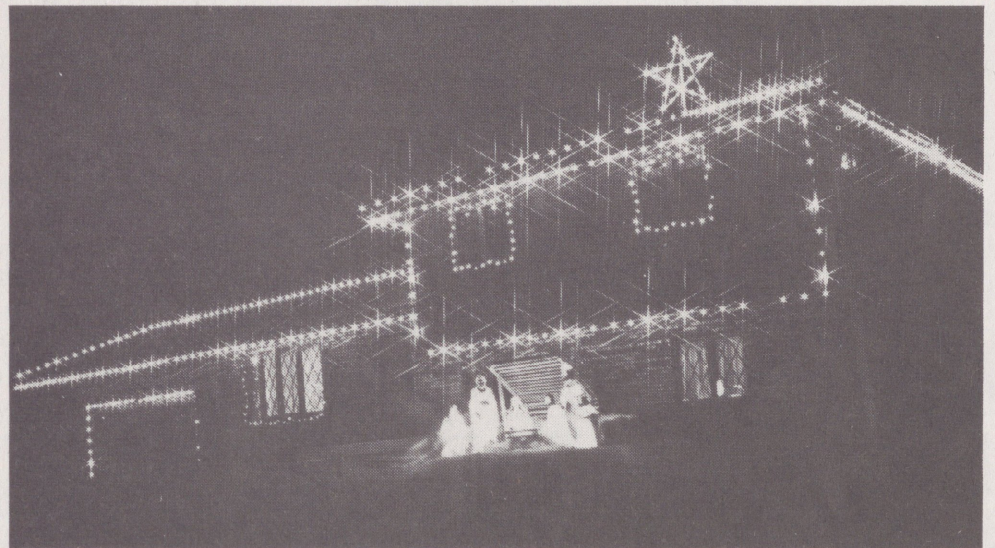
by Jill Reiser

The dull and dreary atmosphere of winter transforms into a bright and cheery scene as the holiday season approaches. With Christmas just around the corner, people tend to ignore the grey skies and slushy streets, and begin to focus their attention on the festive environment which has been furnished by the people in our community.

An extraordinary example of such Christmas spirit is displayed at the home of Mr. Randy Berlin.

Mr. Berlin who has taught in the Scotus math department for 13 years, and his wife, Harriet, have been decorating their house for the past six years, since the birth of their oldest daughter, Lindsay. In 1981, the Berlin family won the Chamber of Commerce Lighting Contest.

Their decorations consist of a nativity scene on the south side of the yard and lighted snowmen on the north. On the roof of their house, Santa Claus and his eight reindeer are situated for display along



Mr. Berlin's home decorated for Christmas.

with a brilliant star. In addition, to this glittering setting, are numerous multi-colored lights, which outline the house completing the radiant picture.

The Berlins intend to continue this tradition for many years to come. They enjoy sharing their enthusiasm and holiday joy with others and hope to inspire them to demonstrate their Christmas cheer.

So, the next time someone is out, absorbing the

glistening settings on the streets of Columbus, take a moment to observe and appreciate the fantastic array of lights and decorations which were so carefully distributed at 3271 Prairie Lane. The Berlin home is not only beautiful in appearance, but also in consideration of the thoughtfulness which was the incentive for the family's admirable accomplishment.



## Platte Center Hosts Retreat

by Scott Heimes

"Remember what the scripture says, 'there's a time for everything'." The retreat master for the junior class said this many times on November 30 during the junior retreat. What he meant by this remark was that there is a time and a place for everything in our lives including a time for talking, laughing, praying or just being quiet.

The retreat started with everyone waiting by the buses to leave for Platte Center where the retreat was being held. There was a feeling in the air of perhaps expectation mixed with feelings of past retreats or even nostalgia. The entire class got on the bus and rode out to PC together, as one, as a group.

The juniors assembled in the Platte Center church hall. Shortly afterward, the retreat master, Fr. Dave Rieck, arrived. He was young, blond, wore a Swatch watch and funny. The first thing he did was tell a joke.

Unlike a normal retreat this one consisted mostly of participating in activities to try and draw the junior class together, to make them one with themselves and each other. This was done by having the entire class come together in a circle and talking one by one in front of the whole group. Personalities came out as each person spoke. The students could feel tension dissolve with each new game or project.

By the end of the day there was a new feeling in the air, a feeling of friendship, camaraderie, a feeling that everyone really belonged. On the way home people joked and laughed with each other because they were with their friends and part of the group.

## Three Additions Are Added to Religion Staff

by Matt Hansen

This year the Scotus religion department has made three additions to its teaching staff. The new teachers are: Fr. Malloy, Fr. Eugene, and Marsha Riley.

Father Malloy's educational background consists of such names as St. Thomas College, St. Paul, Illinois and St. Thomas Theology School in Denver, Colorado for his seminary studies. Fr. Malloy received the distinction of being "...the one and only graduate of the 1976 class to be ordained a priest."

Before coming to Scotus he was assigned to such parishes as Our Lady of Lourdes in Omaha, St. Patricks in Fremont, and St. Patricks in O'Neill. Currently, he is assigned to St. Isidores. Fr. Malloy considers Scotus students to have an advantage because of Scotus's courses in religion, which were considered the "Queen of Sciences" in earlier times.

One of Father's major interests is vocations for the Catholic Church (people becoming a priest, brother, or sister). A main reason for his concern is the fact that he was the only one ordained a priest in his class. At St. Isidores, he has conducted a survey to study the attitudes of parents and young people regarding a religious life. In the parish, 1,200 people responded and the results should be back by the middle of December.

Father Eugene Mittendorf's hometown in Quincy, Illinois. He was ordained a priest in 1945, and is



Members of the junior retreat pause from the day's activities to make a human pyramid.

Photography by Scott Heimes



Seniors show style and grace while learning cooperation skills.

Photography by Mark Love

celebrating his 40th anniversary as a priest this year. His first eight years as a priest were spent on an Indian reservation with some three thousand Menominee Indians in Wisconsin. His superiors then decided to send him to DePaul University for four years where he received his masters in biology. The next six years he spent teaching in the Chicago area. Then he transferred to Quincy College, Illinois where he spent twenty years.

But Father Eugene's list of accomplishments does not end there, he then decided to further his education. Father spent two summers at the University of California Berkeley, on summer at San Diego State University, one summer at the University of Puerto Rico, and one semester involved in a cancer research project in Seattle, Washington.

In his classes here at Scotus, his students will have extensive studies in baptism, confirmation, eucharist, sacrament of reconciliation, and anointing of the sick. The second semester will involve

the states of life: matrimony, single, religious life, and the priesthood.

And with these new recruits, comes new ideas or courses of study, such as Marsha Riley's new 7th and 8th grade courses in personal development. Mrs. Riley became interested in teaching a religion class three years ago when she received a bulletin at mass telling of the job opening. She applied for the job and received it.

Her major was in home economics and her minor was in sociology. She has previously been involved in CCD and bible study groups.

Here at Scotus, Mrs. Riley teaches 7th grade and freshman religion classes, and a personal development class to seventh and eighth graders. Personal development is a new course and gives facts and positive ways to deal with alcohol, drugs, and sex.

Mrs. Riley is also in charge of Positive Educational Experiences and Relationships (PEER) Groups. PEER is involved with such activities as goal setting and self-awareness.



## Remember...Scooby Doo, Where Are You?

by Steve Merrill

Ah, those golden days of yesteryear! Most of us thought we wouldn't be saying those words until we reached our twilight years, but this saying is becoming more common among those of us who remember the days when we could come home to a glass of milk, a plate of chocolate chip cookies, and a good episode of *Gilligan's Island*.

Where have all the shows we loved as children gone to? Where are *Leave it to Beaver*, *The Brady Bunch*, and *The Flintstones* when you need them. Now when the afternoon programs get rolling, we get treated to 4 episodes of *He-Man*, 2 episodes of

*GI Joe*, and the uncountable showings of *Transformers*, *Gobots*, and the like. Sometimes the television executives even show us game shows. Who wants to watch the *Newlywed Game* at 4 o'clock in the afternoon? Have these people no respect for tradition!

Thanks to the wonder that is cable television, us old timers are treated to some of our favorites, but only on a limited scale. These game show nuts have invaded every aspect of the once sacred 3-6 o'clock time block.

To let you know how far this injustice has gone, let me ask you, where are the *Honeymooners*? the

*Adams Family*? the *Munsters*? What has happened to all of the M\* A\* S\* H reruns? You may argue that you have seen every episode about 100 times, but just like good wine, they get better with age.

Many believe that the Russians have something to do with this conspiracy to undermine the basic afternoon structure of American society. To stop this injustice, we all must write our congressman today, or get a VCR to tape all your old favorites.

Of course, we can't stop this so called progress, but we will all have our memories. As one of my favorites so perfectly put it, Yaba Daba Do!

## SCC Football - Their Reign Ends At 25

by Travis Kluck

Few organizations in the state can compare to the formidable Scotus football program this fall. The word 'Scotus' seemed to be inside a magical scepter, and the athlete wielding would have supremacy over all. The Shamrock Pride seemed to be eversopresent in the Shamrock team, which breamed with an abundance of superior and talented individuals. Whether it was Mark Love taking a pitch from quarterback Karl Hroza, Bob Klopnieski spelling doom for opposing quarterbacks, or defensive back Scott Kryzcki dueling oncoming receivers for the intercept, all eyes that looked on were proud of their warriors donning the green, white, and gold.

It appeared as though Scotus may again be the 'cream of the crop' in Class B football this year. For ten solid weeks the Shamrocks were rated second in the AP Poll, and compiled a 10-0 record. They had the longest winning streak in the state going, twenty-five consecutive wins, and had high hopes of winning the state championship for the second straight year.

Led by All-Staters Karl Hroza, Bob Klopnieski, and senior fullback Mark Love, the Shamrocks continued their conquest of conference foes. The offense featured an explosive backfield and a talented core of receivers, while the defense was tough and stingy, never giving up more than seven points a game. Quarterback Karl Hroza was a powerful weapon indeed, for he gave the offense the ability to mix-it-up; Karl could pass the ball

with efficiency and he posed the threat of running out of the backfield.

On Friday, November 6, the 8-1 Schuyler Warriors came to town. This was the first round of the state playoffs, and the second confrontation between the two teams this year. The Shamrocks defeated the Warriors 21-0 in their previous meeting, marking Schuyler's only loss of the season. The Shamrocks played intense 'D', putting a lid on Warrior runningback Tim Johnk, the Class B leading rusher, netting him only 41 yards on 15 carries. Scotus exploded for 166 yards rushing and 87 yards passing. Standout performances on offense were by fullback Mark Love who rambled for 120 yards and Karl Hroza who was 6 for 10 in a successful passing campaign. On defense, junior defensive tackle Pat Englebert led the team with solo tackles, and Scott Kryzcki had two key interceptions. There was a tremendous casualty, however, and that was the loss of All-State defensive end Bob Klopnieski, who suffered a broken ankle midway through the second period.

Scotus faced the 10-1 Aurora Huskies on November 11, in Columbus in the second round of the state playoffs. Cool temperatures mixed with a perpetual drizzle hampered the playing field. Last year Scotus traveled to Aurora and defeated them 19-11 on their home turf, en route to their state title. Scotus was the favorite this year, too, and hoped to advance to the third round with a victory over Aurora. Midway through the first quarter Karl Hroza pounced on an Aurora fumble deep in

Aurora territory. On fourth and seven, Hroza drilled a sideline pass to split end Dave Younger good for first down yardage. One play later, Mark Love took a pitch and scooted around the right side from 16 yards out for a touchdown. The conversion was good and Scotus led 7-0 with four minutes remaining in the first quarter. An enormous cloud of green balloons surged upward into the sky congratulating their comrades on the field, and the loyal Scotus fans who braved the weather delivered an enthusiastic standing ovation.

For a moment it appeared as though Scotus was in the driver's seat, and would go on to defeat Aurora. A showdown with top-ranked Grand Island Northwest in the championship seemed inevitable. Then the Aurora offensive attack got untracked, biting deeply into the Shamrock's secondary with long passes. Wet and slippery playing fields are a great advantage to any passing team, for it is very difficult for defensive backs to stay stride for stride with quick, shifty receivers. The highly touted Aurora passing attack took advantage of the hindered pass coverage and produced two first half touchdowns. At intermission Aurora led 14-7.

In the second half, the persistant drizzle combined with excellent defensive play from both teams disallowed any team to muster up any offense. In the closing minutes Aurora managed a third touchdown on a 15 yard blast up the middle by fullback John Allen. Aurora had defeated previously unbeaten, second-ranked Shamrocks, 21-7, thus drawing a bitter end to the Scotus reign.

As players, coaches, and fans exited the damp and dreary stadium, the team was bid farewell. The Shamrocks stepped down from the throne which they had tried in vain to defend, and were forced to do something they hadn't had to do for 25 games, accept defeat. It really makes one believe that another Scotus reign is not too far around the corner.

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Back row: Ann Bernt, Kelli Rinkol, Wendy Nicolas, Courtney Tooley, Jenny Naughtin, Kelli Nicolas.  
Front row: Angie Brozovsky, Paula Bator, Kelli Martin, Pam Hroza, Lynn Zoucha, Mary Fehringer.

Photo courtesy of Columbus Telegram

## Season Preview:

### Experience Is Key For Girl's BB

by Steve Merrill

With seven returning letterwomen and two returning starters back from a 15-5 team last year, experience will be the key to a successful girl's basketball season this year.

Some additional experience came from the girls successful volleyball season. "With the momentum from volleyball, it will help the girls know that they can compete statewide and do well," said John Peterson, head girls basketball coach, "The main thing we want to improve on will be the overall team play from last year."

If the Shamrocks have a weakness, it has to be a lack of height. "Our tallest player is only 5'9", but

hopefully we can make it up with quickness. We play good team defense and can apply alot of pressure, and we also have some outstanding shooters. We can also fast break very well," Coach Peterson said.

The girl's are defending Holiday Tournament champs and NCC Conference runners up, and are shooting for those same titles again this year.

Returning letterwomen are: Kelli Martin, Kelli Nicolas, Kelli Rinkol, Ann Bernt, Wendy Nicolas, Courtney Tooley, and Paula Bator. The coaching staff is: John Peterson, head coach; Mary Beaver, assistant; and Greg Bauer, junior high coach.

## Volleyball Team Earns Trip To State

by Amy Liebenritt

The hard work and efforts of this years girl's the state volleyball tournament, a trip that had not been taken since 1982. The team entered the tournament with a 19-3 record. The excitement began Friday morning with a pep rally in the Shamrock Activity Center, the team then loaded the school vans and were on their way to Lincoln, a time that will forever be cherished by not only the team members, but also by all of the supporting fans that attended the games.

The first game was at 9:00 P.M. Friday, with Ainsworth as their opponent. The excitement of the close game gave the crowd all they asked for. The lady Shamrocks rallied from a six point defect in the third set to win the match by scores of 6-15, 15-10, 15-13. Paula Bator was 19 of 20 serving with 13 points. Amy Miller was 12 of 12 serving, with Kelly Nicolas right behind with 11 of 11 serving.

After winning the first game, much more confidence began building up in the team and the

championship was only two games away. The Shamrocks walked confidentially onto the floor the following afternoon. This time the opponent was top ranked Grand Island Central Catholic. The team's confidence held on throughout the match, and they came out on top rather easily, winning the match by scores of 15-10, 15-10.

The excitement the team felt at this point was overwhelming! The best game of the season would have to be played that night. The Shamrocks were anxious to play and ready to give a great effort. The opponent was the first ranked team from Gering. The Shamrocks knew it would be a tough game and they would have to play to the best of their ability to accomplish a state championship. In the first game Scotus trailed 7-4 before catching up and taking a 14-13 lead, but unable to pull it off, Gering won it by the score of 14-16. In the second game the Shamrocks took a 7-3 lead and never trailed to come through with the win. The third game started with an 8-0 lead by the Shamrocks, behind the excellent serving of Kelli Martin. The momentum just was not enough though, as Gering made an outstanding comeback to win the third game and the match with a 13-15 win. The Shamrocks gave more than their greatest effort and were rewarded with the state runner-up trophy and individual medals. Kelli Martin was the leading server with a 30-31 effort and 24 points. Courtney Tooley was the leading spiker with 24-27 and nine aces. Paula Bator was 50-54 setting with 15 assists. Kelly Nicolas had three ace blocks with Kelli Martin following respectively with two.

The Shamrocks finished the tournament with the state runner-up trophy and the accomplishment of a goal that had been set at the beginning of the season! Other accomplishments of the season include: second in final state rankings, Conference Division champs, first place in the North Bend Tournament, second place in the Conference Tournament, and a third place finish at the Raymond Central Tournament. The Shamrocks finished the season with a respectful 21-4 record. The most wins a Scotus volleyball team has ever had!

Individual leaders for the 1985 season include: Kelli Martin, 308-338 serves with 220 points and 112 aces. Kelly Nicolas was 515-571 setting with 168 assits. Courtney Tooley was the leading spiker with a 260-324 effort with 142 aces. Leading blockers were Courtney Tooley and Ann Bernt with 35 and 33 respective ace blocks. Leading in serve reception was Amy Miller. As a team, throughout the season, the Shamrocks served 91 percent, attacked 81 percent, and set 88 percent.

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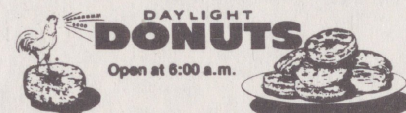
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Left to right: Karl Hroza, Jerry Szatko, Paul Portrey, Steve Starzec, Ray Hebda, Steve Merrill, Pat Engelbert, Matt Jilek, Ed Fehringer, Chuck Korger, Steve Soulliere, Scott Heimes. Bottom front: Marty Hixon, Bill Sheef, Leon Portrey.

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## Boy's Basketball Starts New Tradition

by Scott Heimes

There is a new attitude as well as a new coach within the Shamrock basketball program. The new coach is Mr. Bill Sheef who hails from Sterling, Nebraska where he had a 'sterling' reputation as an excellent basketball mentor. Along with new offenses and new tradition, Coach Sheef has brought to Scotus his winning attitudes and intense practice methods.

When asked about the upcoming season Coach Sheef replied, "The potential is there. It hasn't been reached yet, but it will. It takes time. There is a new coach, a new system and new attitudes to cope with. Hopefully it won't take too long. We will surprise a lot of people this year because the potential is there, we just have to come together

and realize it. I just hope it happens at the start of the season and not in the middle."

Coach Sheef will be assisted this year by Mr. Leon Portrey and Mr. Marty Hixon. Coach Portrey said he has an optimistic attitude which he feels coincides with the teams feelings as well.

The players are also looking forward to the season. There is a new attitude among the varsity and the junior varsity. Everyone had doubts concerning the new coach on the block, but the doubts were vanquished on the first day of practice when Coach Sheef came out with his usual shining personality. The attitude of the 1985-86 boys' basketball team is a winning one and hopefully that attitude will carry on to the play on the court.

## Shamrocks Fall Short Of Dream

by Mark Love

Every good thing must come to an end, and that includes Shamrock football. Tears were shed, and hearts broken for a dream that remained unfulfilled. The Shamrock football team began preparing for the season in hot, muggy June and ended in cold, windy November.

The season began with high expectations and dreams of winning the state championship. That dream seemed within reach as each week showed more and more promise as the Shamrocks downed their opponents one by one.

Coach Puetz stated at the beginning of the season the Shamrocks would have to stay away

from injuries if they are going to have a chance to be in the play-offs. But each week a mighty Shamrock went down with a minor or a serious injury and Karl Hroza and Bob Klopnieski felt the blunt of the injuries as the two all-state candidates went down. Karl Hroza got up for the count, but Bob Klopnieski could not answer the bell, as he sat out what proved to be the seniors last football game as a Shamrock.

The Shamrocks ended their reign as Class B State Champions on the night of November 11, 1985. But to all who shared in the success of this team, they will always be champions on and off the playing field.

## Practice Makes Perfect

by Amy Liebentritt

Practice! Practice! Practice!—Isn't it too bad we have to work so hard at what we do? Wouldn't it be great if everything came natural and easy? It would be great for awhile, but I am sure we would all find ourselves very bored in no time at all.

First on my mind is athletes. They practice every single day after school until at least 5:30 P.M. Afterwards they go home and eat, do their homework, and are lucky to even spend five minutes to themselves before they go to bed. Some athletes, who play sports all three seasons, do not even know what it is ever like to go home after school and relax. Like I said before, they would probably get so bored anyway because they would not be used to two hours of free time for themselves. Practicing athletics is not that gruesome and people get a lot out of participating in them. They not only learn to accomplish goals but also team unity, respect, and leadership.

Next thing on my mind is taking part in some kind of lessons, whether it be dance, guitar, swimming or school lessons. All of these need to be practiced every day if one wants to be good at them. A lot of us find ourselves cramming for tomorrow's test, or practicing for tomorrow's lesson. Why do we do this? Plain laziness could be the culprit, or some people are the "last minute" kind of people like myself. It always seems like there is so much time to get things done, but time flies by and one always ends up studying or practicing the night before. Because of this habit, we may tend to be embarrassed to show off our work. Therefore, we can not become the best we can be because we do not put enough time and effort into our practicing. I am not saying everyone is lazy though. There are many people who are very organized and work out schedules so that they can practice for their lessons. These people are the ones who are good at what they do and are not afraid to show off their talents.

In a certain way, almost everything we do has to be practiced every single day or has to be learned at some time in our lives. Not everything comes natural for everyone. It is much better this way, otherwise we would find ourselves trying to find things to take up all our time each and every day. We would rapidly run out of things to do and we would go crazy!

We have many great talents that were given to us. Take advantage of them by practicing them and putting forth an effort so that one can become the best possible. As the saying goes, "practice makes perfect!"



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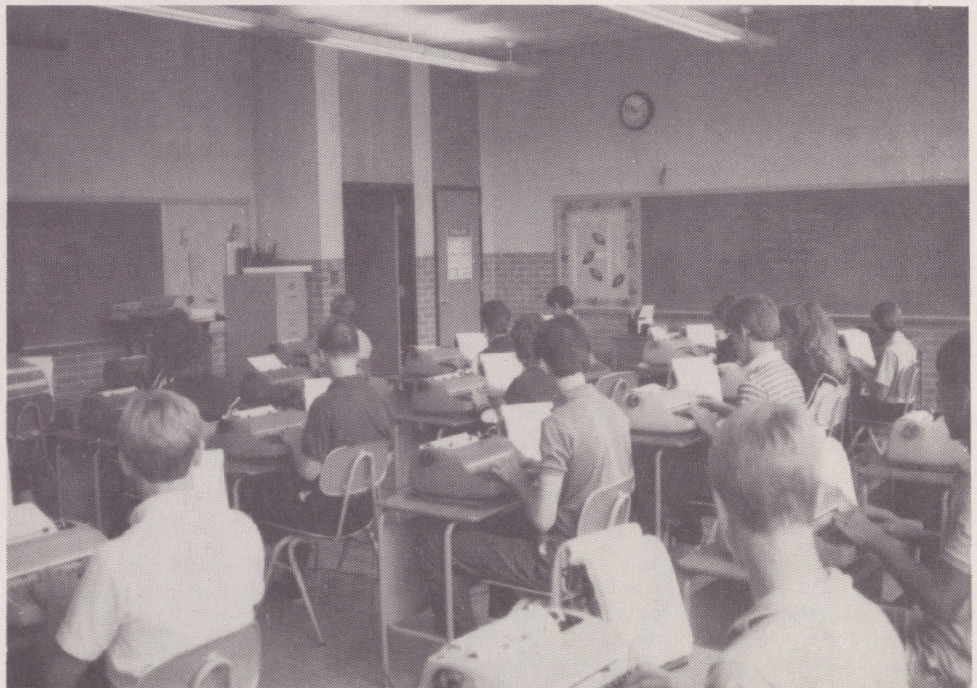
## ONE ACT RECEIVES SUPERIOR

by Carla Podraza

"Act well your part; there in all honor lies." The famous quote rang true for the members of the one-act play team this year. After months of hard work the six members were rewarded with high honors at both Conference and District contests.

The play chosen this year was entitled *A Game*. It is a very symbolic drama that highlights the importance man has placed on material things. This is illustrated through a situation concerning an experiment conducted by an absent-minded professor, played by Donna Beierman, and his three subjects: Baker (Deb Kouma), Edson (Carrie Kucera), and Carter (Carla Podraza). The light and sound technicians were Chris Melcher and Diane Zornes.

The one-act play is part of the Drama II curriculum. The participants are graded on each performance, including practices and contests. At the first contest, which took place at Boystown, Scotus placed third, behind Aquinas and Seward. The team went on to receive fourth place honors at York, and superior ratings from both judges.



## Nation mourns Space Shuttle

by Steve Merrill

President Reagan mourned them as heroes. Millions of Americans watched the tape of the explosion in disbelief. Members of the families of the crew of the space shuttle Challenger watched the flaming fireball in silent shock and horror. The headlines the next day would confirm the terrible news: The space shuttle has exploded.

This shuttle flight, the 24th, was special. It included the New Hampshire teacher who was to conduct the first classroom session from space, along with six other astronauts. But 75 seconds after liftoff, that dream came to a burning halt. Debris was dropped approximately 18 miles from the launch sight and was so thick that rescue teams had to wait to enter the drop area.

This was only the second disaster to afflict the space program. In 1967, three astronauts died while preparing for an Apollo flight when the training capsule they were in burst into flames.

As the nation mourns the loss of those seven lives, one has to wonder if exploring space is worth the price of those lives. Remember the families that have lost loved ones, and always remember how frail this thing we call life really is.

## Business is Booming at Scotus

by Gina Liebig

The business department here at Scotus consists of two business instructors, Mr. Portrey and Mrs. Went. Mr. Portrey, the head of the department teaches Accounting I, and Accounting II, business law, and exploitory business attitudes. Mrs. Went teaches Typing I, and Typing II, as well as office procedures.

Mr Portrey's new class is exploratory business attitudes. The class is designed to develop certain qualities in an individual. It helps students to improve their self image and their attitude by teaching them how to set and reach goals. They learn about motivation to improve relationships with parents, friends, and the way they feel about themselves. Mr. Portrey feels the class is very beneficial for someone pursuing a career in business because qualities developed in the class are necessary for success in the business world.

In business law, the students study the rights of individuals and minors, renting leasing, contracts, wills, ownership of property, and how certain laws effect consumers. Accounting I and Accounting II are built upon each other. Mr. Portrey said that if a student mastered the concepts in Accounting I, that Accounting II should not be difficult.

This is Mr. Portrey's second year a Scotus. He previously taught at a school in Iowa. When comparing the two schools, Mr. Portrey said that

Scotus students are more concerned about academics and take more pride in school.

Some of Mr. Portrey's plans for the rest of the year include: taking the business law class to observe a trial, allowing the Accounting I class to participate in a computer related project, and the Accounting II students get to test their knowledge on a practice set, applying everything they know up to this point.

Mrs. Went, also on her second year at Scotus, is a very active part of the business department. In Typing I, the freshman students get a chance to work on their English research paper during class. Typing II students work on resumes and applications. These students are more on their own. In the office procedures class, students learn the correct day to day procedures in the office. These students learn to use such machines as "the electronic typewriter, dictaphone, ten-key adding machine, word processor, and a ditto machine.

Mrs. Went has been involved in Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) all 4 years during high school and in college, as well as her 2 years here at Scotus. Her plans for the rest of the year include: attending the State Leadership Conference for FBLA in April. Approximately 15-20 students will also be attending. Her Typing II class will be spending about 1 month on a practice set, and her office procedures class will be taking possible field trips to numerous local businesses.



## Hey, Could I Borrow A Pen?

by Scott Heimes

"Hey could I uh borrow a pen?" "Hey you got any looseleaf paper?" "Let me see your algebra." "Can I have a piece of gum?" "Can I borrow a punch?" "You got 50 cents I could borrow?" "Let me copy your accounting?"

These are phrases commonly heard from a type of student known as the "student borrower." There are three kinds of students who borrow things.

The first kind is the kid who forgets everything. This person is generally lost a good deal of the time and comes to class daily with the wrong notebook. At least twice a week this person gets lucky and brings the correct book. The minute class begins,

he leans over to the person next to him and asks to borrow a pen.

The second type of borrower is the mooch king. This person will borrow anything be it gum, candy, your car keys, a lunch punch or even your clothes. This person would see nothing wrong in asking to borrow your girlfriend or boyfriend for awhile.

The third and final type of student borrower is the dreaded "cheater." This type of so-called student makes the daily rounds of the smart people's lockers after school to see if he can borrow someone's homework in each of his subjects. He is known as the leach.

## Scotus Express Their Personalities Through Their Cars

by Dave Rhode

Dents in the side of the car, hanging dice from the rear view mirror, jacked up backends, racing stripes, mag wheels, fuzzy steering wheels, loud stereos, fur in the back window — these are just some of the unique items people do to their cars to express their personality.

There are many different types of cars out in the Scotus parking lot. A few of these are: small economy cars, large cars (boats), automobiles that have been in the family for many years, racing cars, and your average family or mom and dad's car.

Lately, there has been a number of students getting new or used cars for themselves. Guess they decided that mom and dad's car wasn't cutting it. Some of these people include: Karl Hroza, '81 Celica; Amy Liebenritt, '81 Citation; Gina Liebig, '79 Honda; Tom Jackson, '83 Mustang; Scott Heimes, '78 Pinto (Tomato); Rick Zoucha '79 Malibu Classic; Randy Zoucha, '79 Monte Carlo; Paul Portrey, '80 Buick Regal.

Some other students decided that the ole family car past down from older brothers and sisters is good enough. These students consists of: Steve Merrill, station wagon (the Gem); Scott Kryzcki, '72 Charger; and Paul Placzek, '71 Chrysler.

Now we don't really care if the car can do donuts or squeal its tires after school in the parking lot. But then there is always that urge to punch it after a hard day at school.

How many of you wear your seat belts? Yes, we just let it hang there, but when we see that policeman, we quickly whip it around our shoulder and hope he didn't notice us.

The way people drive in front of us is really amazing. We all know the 10 mph Mr. Jones who stops at every intersection even on a through street.

Then there is the All American driver. He or she never goes over 35 mph, obeys all the rules of the road, and always uses blinkers, and wears their seat belt.

Finally, there is the common big city driver. These people act like they own the road. They never use their blinkers, turn at the corner of the intersection at the last moment, and never go under 35 mph.

The experience of driving a car for sixteen year olds is exciting, and for the rest of us it is an everyday thing. But let us both remember to follow the rules of the road and drive safely.

# MAYBE

# NEXT

# TIME . . .

by Carla Podraza

The adrenalin starts pumping. Beads of sweat pop out on foreheads. Heavy breathing can be heard from all corners of the classroom. No, this isn't the first session of the body-building course taught by Arnold Schwarzenegger, it's the mass agony of a class who forgot to study.

It seems to be an epidemic, similar to the cold and flu that has taken up permanent residency in the halls of Scotus. Between eight periods a day, extracurricular activities, work and hopefully somewhere in there some form of a social life, six hours of homework doesn't always fit into a student's schedule. And tests are generally the first to be pushed aside, after all, there's always the chance, by some freak of nature, it might be openbook.

So everything seems all right until the student reaches the classroom and is handed a test that looks like it has been conceived by the authors of *World Book Encyclopedia* and may cause severe hernias to those foolish enough to carry it to their desks. Suddenly, the realization dawns on the student that he only has the remaining forty minutes to finish the entire 596 page test and, at the moment, he can't remember the name given to him at birth. Yes, there goes another test grade in the gradebook somewhere in the range of -12 to 36.

Naturally, after taking a few hundred tests in this manner, it's bound to be a little discouraging to the student. Maybe next time, he thinks to himself, "I'll study a little harder and lose another hour of precious sleep." (Then again, maybe not.)

## Scotus Administration Strives For Excellence

by Mark Love

During the summer while most people are out catching rays and taking vacations, Mr. Dennis Berry and the administration are preparing for the upcoming school year.

Mr. Berry is on a twelve month contract and during the summer he is busy laying the ground work, hiring new teachers, ordering materials, and other various jobs. Mr. Berry and the rest of the administration during the summer are also busy setting goals for themselves: Mr. Berry set three main goals for the teachers, "To be physically fit, more spiritual, and to have good public relations. We are trying to enhance the learning climate, so the teachers and students are both happy."

As time goes on there are many changes, and that includes our different departments here at Scotus.

The administration every year takes one or two

departments and adds something new, like text books. The student handbook is an on going practice which changes every year. Mr. Berry is in a very demanding, position here at Scotus, "I feel it is very demanding, if you didn't you wouldn't be doing a very good job." Even when Mr. Berry is at basketball games he is still on duty to answer questions, or if there is a problem with the maintainance.

One of the big questions this year was whether or not the seniors were going to get open campus or not. Because of state regulations they could not, so next came open study, and the administration denied the seniors that too. Mr. Berry did feel bad about the situation, "I don't know how else to say this, if I was a senior I would be unhappy also. There is a difference between a person's job and what they believe in."

Just as the seniors feel a sense of accomplishment when they graduate, so does the admini-

stration. "It is a sense of being relieved." But Mr. Berry feels a little bit away from the students as a principal, than if he were a teacher. "I miss being able to be close to kids, as a coach or teacher, but it is good to know relationships have been formed."

The administration was very well prepared for this school year, they had all the scheduling completed, finances completed, and all the new teachers had been screened last March and April. "When you get things done you seem to have a good working relationship with the people around you." Scotus has had good success this year, whether it be in athletics or academics. Mr. Berry feels that the positive attitude of the school system plays a big part. The community and the school have worked together, and that makes a big difference.

The Scotus students, faculty, and community should feel good knowing that they have a good administration to work with.



## Social Sciences Prepare Students For The Future

by Scott Heimes

Scotus Central Catholic High school is a learning institution geared toward the education of its students. Its main purpose is to provide each and every student of the school the proper and necessary learning environment as well as a means of relaying education to the students. Scotus does this in all subjects offered including the social science department.

The social science department consists of 11 separate and different senior high courses and two junior high subjects. The senior high class selection includes: American history, before and after 1865, civics, American political thought, sociology, psychology, economics, geography of the U.S.S.R., geography of Africa and Asia, world civilizations, and modern problems. All of these classes, except civics, are electives. The two junior high classes offered are world geography for the eighth grade and Nebraska history for the seventh grade. Both classes are required.

The teachers involved in the social science department are Mr. Jim Puetz, Mr. Jack Sadle, Mr. Gary Puetz, and department head Mr. Dan Mahoney. Since there is no set structure for the classes, the teacher has the freedom to design the philosophies of his own class.

Mr. Jim Puetz teaches seventh grade, World geography, modern problems and American history before and after 1865. Seventh grade world geography gives beginning students at Scotus an understanding and appreciation of different cultures found throughout the world. Emphasis is placed on the continents of North America and Europe. Modern Problems is a course designed for students who wish to study modern, influential issues that pertain to today's changing world. Economic, social, political and cultural changes are viewed in detail. American history before 1865 is a general course that studies the development of the American system from the beginning to the end

of the civil war. The class helps give insights into how and why America developed into what it is today. American history after 1865 follows the same basic format as American history before but looks instead at America's change and development from the Civil War until present time. W.W. I and W.W. II as well as the Vietnam war are studied in depth.

Mr. Jack Sadle teaches American political thought, psychology, world civilizations, economics, sociology, and civics. American political thought is an American government course with a general purpose of bringing the student up to date on current political thinking. A major objective of the class is to stress the necessary knowledge so that when the time comes political decisions can be made. Psychology is a course that gives the student a better understanding of individual human behavior. Personality development, psychological disorder, mental illness and birth order personality influences are studied thoroughly. World civilizations studies major civilizations from the beginning of written history to the 18th century. Economics is designed as a practical study of the features and functions of economics and economic systems. It is a study of people's use of resources to satisfy their needs and wants. Sociology studies human relationships. The main focus of the class is to help students relate to their society. It helps students develop a sociological perspective themselves therefore helping them live more effective lives. Civics is designed as a course dedicated to the American governmental system. The main objective of the course is directed towards the development of good citizenship and an appreciation of our American government as it is today.

Mr. Gary Puetz teaches Nebraska history, P.E. 7, 8, and 9. Nebraska history looks at Nebraska's past and what it means to Nebraskans today. P. E. 7, 8, and 9 are designed to develop a rounded, physically educated person. The main purpose is to promote growth and development of the body system, improved muscle and nerve coordinations.

Mr. Dan Mahoney teaches geography of Africa and Asia, and geography of the U.S.S.R. Geography of the U.S.S.R. gives students an understanding of the other "Super Power" and its relationship to the United States. The effect of communism on everyday life is studied in depth. Geography of Africa and Asia gives students a clearer picture of the continents. African cultures and concepts are looked at along with those of the Asian countries.

Every three or four years the social science department gets together and evaluates the classes offered and the direction, goal, and purpose of those classes. The courses are compared to other high schools across the country. If the department

personnel sees a need, and if offering a new course is practical, a different class may be added in the future. Also the department evaluates present classes offered and makes decisions concerning requirements, length of classes and materials used for the courses. While the physical material is evaluated at these departmental meetings, the goal and purpose is also reinforced. The goal is to provide each student with a type of citizenship education. In the form of classes the department attempts to form students into well informed adults capable of making rational, intelligent decisions throughout their life. This intellect will be used when voting, working or just living in our modern world.

Mr. Dan Mahoney, department head, said "We have one of the best departments around. We offer 11 separate and different classes from a variety of subjects."

## Concert Review - - - KIZZ Still Loves It Loud

by Mark Love

It was one year and thirty-three days since Omaha had witnessed a concert as outstanding as the one on January 24, 1986.

The crowd was fired up and ready to witness the explosiveness of a band capable of lighting up New York City with just one giant stroke of a guitar. The band capable of such a task would be the larger than life group, KIZZ.

With the four man band from New York, Paul Stanley, Gene Simmons, Eric Carr, and Bruce Kulick, the fans went crazy from the beginning to the end. They started off with their traditional song "Detroit Rock City" and ended with "Rock and roll All Night."

A few years ago KIZZ had been written off. The once hottest band in the world seemed doomed for destruction, but with their latest LP Asylum, KIZZ is still rockin in the U.S.A. Paul Stanley and Gene Simmons teased the crowd all night as they strutted around on stage.

With a brand new stage show, comparable with the one's used to be seen by KIZZ fans, the concert never lost any of its fire. A few of the songs were: "Cold Gin", "Lick It Up", "Tears are Falling, and "Uh All Night".

KIZZ was a very welcomed sight as the opening band W.A.S.P. could only shout obscenities all night instead of just playing. On a five star system, I give KIZZ \* \* \* \* \* (\*).


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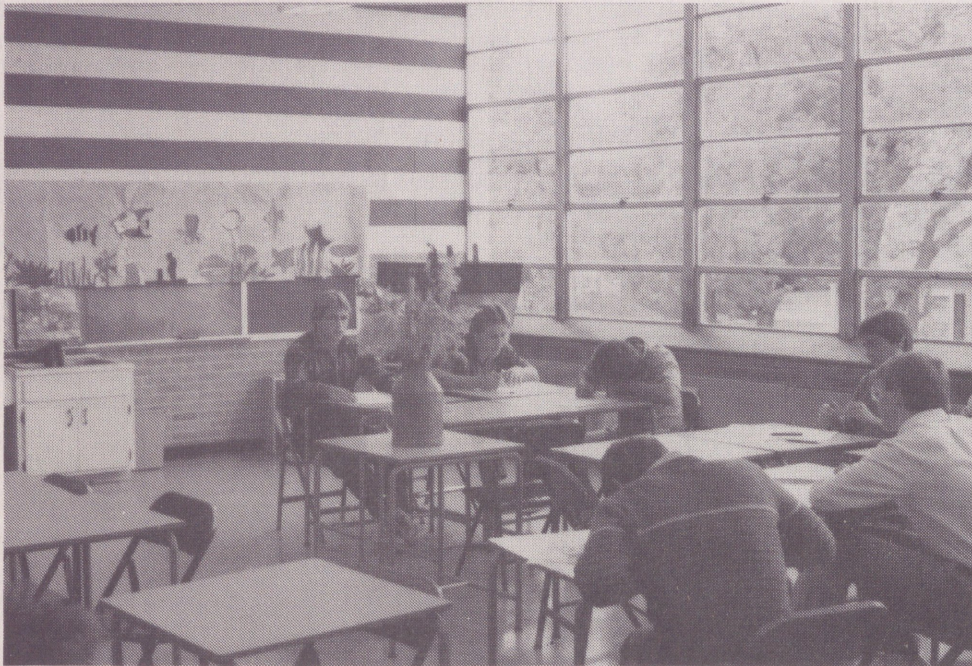
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## ART — A Lesson In Creativity

by Michelle Quattrocchi

The art department at Scotus is running smoothly again this year with Miss Kiser, head of the department.

Miss Kiser attended the University of Nebraska. At the end of four years, Miss Kiser had taken every form of art class available which included drawing, painting, sculpture, pottery, art history, and design. She has been teaching art for ten years.

Miss Kiser teaches art to both the junior high and senior high students here at Scotus. She teaches seventh grade an introduction to art terms and elementary print. The eighth grade students enter a more advanced form of this art.

The different classes offered for senior high are: basic art, pottery, and drawing, design, painting, and basic art.

Basic art is a class that must be taken before the students are allowed to take any other form of art class. In basic art, students are introduced to the color wheel, to mix paints, to paint study, to comic book art, and to mosaic pictures.

Drawing class takes on a different approach each quarter. During the first quarter, all the students must draw the same design. However, during the second quarter, students may draw whatever they

desire, using seven different types of media.

In pottery class, students create many different types of pots such as pinch pots, coil pots, and slab pots. Also students experience using the pottery wheel.

The painting class uses oil paints, water colors, and acrylics. Students learn how to mix different types and colors of paints. Miss Kiser brought in a new idea to the painting class this year. She used a stilllife painting by Cezanne, cut up into twelve pieces, and gave each student one piece to paint. Miss Kiser is very excited about this project! "None of the students know what the picture looks like, and I think this is a very exciting as well as learning experience."

This year, Scotus has been invited to participate in the All City Columbus Art Gallery Show. Also, during March, Chris Melcher, an exceptionally talented artist has been asked to show some of her art work at Nebraska Wesleyan.

In the future, Miss Kiser hopes to have a photography and a print making class added to the curriculum at Scotus. "I think these classes would be fun to teach and very beneficial to the students."

## Science Department Excels With The Times Of Today

by Travis Kluck

Scotus Central Catholic is quite fortunate that it is endowed with such a complete science department. The department contains full semester courses, and it also offers a student a science class in each of his or her four years of high school. The courses are geared to a preparatory level to challenge students. Each course provides the student with a good deal of bookwork, homework, a number of projects to complete, lab work, interesting filmstrips, and in special cases, field trips.

Our pal Webster defines science as "accumulated knowledge systematized and formulated with reference to the discovery of general truths or the operation of general laws." In other words, one studying an aspect of science is studying a specific element of our universe, whether it be living or physical earth, and analyzing it to receive a better understanding on the subject. The questions "why does it happen?" and "how does it happen?" are especially stressed.

Science and math classes are basically twofold, or go together hand in hand. They both initiate abstract thought and reasoning. At Scotus, the science department's goal is "to make people literate in science." This includes keeping up with technological advances in the world today, understanding the background roots of science, awareness and knowledge of yourself and your environment, and the interaction of things on earth.

Like a cell cannot survive minus a nucleus, the Scotus science department cannot operate without careful planning and organizing. Insert Mr. Vern Younger, the head of the science department. He acts as the 'mitochondria', or in layman terms, the chief coordinator of the department's policies and plans. Mr. Younger has been teaching at Scotus for 19 years. He instructs biology and physiology classes.

During the school day Mr. Younger is a very active individual; he teaches seven out of the eight daily class periods. He is also a football and track coach, and as mentioned before, the science department head. Mr. Younger is currently satisfied with the science program at Scotus.

Joining Mr. Younger in the science wing are Mrs. Sharon Swanson and Mr. Mark Urwiller. Mrs. Swanson instructs the chemistry and chem-lab courses offered to juniors, while Mr. Urwiller instructs the course of physics.

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## HOME EC. PROVIDES DAILY EXPERIENCES

by Amy Liebenritt

"Unity and support among the students is what I like most about Scotus" says Mrs. Sharon Brozovsky, teacher of all the junior and senior high home economic classes at Scotus. Mrs. Brozovsky is in her sixth year of teaching at Scotus and has previously taught at Wahoo Public and Mullen high schools. Although she has more responsibilities and a heavier load at Scotus than at her previous schools, she thoroughly enjoys it in Columbus where she resides with her husband, two daughters and one son.

Mrs. Brozovsky teaches five different senior high home economics classes; foods, clothing, home interiors, comprehensive home economics, consumerism, and parenting. She says that the main purpose of any home economics class is learning life skills which are applied to a students lifestyle and can be used on a daily basis.

The class Mrs. Brozovsky enjoys teaching the most is parenting because there is a more positive response from the students. Parenting class helps students realize that they must understand themselves before taking on the responsibility of children. They also learn that each child they bring up in their future family will be different from one another, therefore certain needs will have to be

applied differently to each child, depending on each child's strengths or weaknesses.

There are two major projects during the parenting class semester. The first of the two is the egg baby project. Each student is required to bring an egg and apply a face, hair, clothes, and other baby accessories they choose to it. They then are expected to carry it wherever they go for one week. This project is done so that a student can discover how their own personal life will change once a baby comes into their family, and the added responsibilities they will encounter. The day care project is the second of the two. Each student selects a child (a member of his/her family, neighbor, or friend's child) that attends a sort of "playschool" for one parenting class period for one week. The children range in age from four to five, and take part in games and playschool activities which are taught by the students. The purpose of this project is to give the students an opportunity to see how children develop at different rates, and to discover what a child is capable of doing and how to relate to them.

Mrs. Brozovsky feels that students enjoy parenting class most out of any other home economics class, and she also feels that parenting

class is very important and should be required before graduation.

The foods class main emphasis is nutrition. Students should leave the class understanding foods and selecting healthy foods which have a full, longterm effect on them. The foods they select should also provide them with well balanced, yet enjoyable diets.

Gaining skills that can be used to create an individualistic style in the clothes that every unique student wears, is the main point that is put across in the clothing class.

Home interiors class deals with the main principles of design and element. Students also learn how to express themselves and develop an individualistic home style. One of the major projects of this class consists of constructing one's own dreams bedroom out of a cardboard box. A floor plan and scale are drawn before the construction actually begins. In one's bedroom a window treatment and style had to be thought up by each student, as well as floor and wall treatments, and furniture styles. Imagination is a major part in constructing these bedrooms! Students include saunas, whirlpools, waterbeds, as well as fish aquariums extending around three entire walls! This project is a great learning experience, but also takes alot of planning and patience.

Comprehensive home economics is a full year course, rather than just one semester, and is mainly a background of all areas in home economics. Mrs. Brozovsky also feels this class is important and should be required on a freshman or sophomore level.

Consumerism class informs students about their future and the money they will hav to spend. It also makes them knowledgeable of their rights and responsibilities of dealing with money and the economy.

Mrs. Brozovsky introduces skill tht are used in every day life and teaches us to use them correctly. In advising those who plan on making a career in home economics, Mrs. Brozovsky says that everything that deals with home economics is applicable to one's own life, as well as career. There will always be a need for home economics, and home economics will always be very useful in one's daily needs in life.

## SCC Church Unity Week

by Steve Merrill

Scotus Central Catholic observed Church Unity Week from January 20 through January 25. The week was highlighted by each class listening to a guest clergyman from a Columbus church tell them about their specific religious beliefs.

The week started out with a prayer service on Monday.



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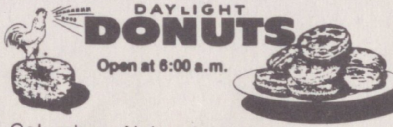
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## P. E. Builds Good Physical Habits

by Dave Rhode

Physical education is a course designed to help students learn more about their bodies, keep their bodies in shape, and to have fun with activities.

Physical education, taught by Mr. Younger, Mr. Puetz, and Mrs. Malicky, is a required course for grades seven through ten. Advance physical education is also available, but it is not required.

The goals of physical education are to have a more healthy body and to feel good physically. The class teaches the students good physical habits, such as learning to maintain good care of the body, learning responsibility, and nutrition.

Throughout each day of class, there are four points the class tries to meet.

First, the students stretch and work on flexibility. The looser the body is, the more easier the activities are.

Second, strength is worked on. This contains doing push ups, pull ups, and sit ups. Also, weightlifting is a major factor in strength. "The weight room has become a very important part of physical education class," said Mr. Puetz.

Third is conditioning. Conditioning involves running or jump roping, to give the body a good

work out.

The last part is the activities. The students test their skills in the activities as well as enjoying them.

There are a wide variety of activities in advance and regular physical education. These activities include: basketball, flag football, volleyball, archery, pool, horseshoes, bowling, and pickle ball.

Two of the activities the students encounter in are unique. They are square dancing and taekwondo. Square dancing gives the students a chance to get involved in co-ed physical education. taekwondo is a new course that was taught last year and again this year. Mr. Ken Brooks is the teacher, who is an expert in taekwondo.

These activities are mostly played in the old gym or in the new gym. However, games like softball and flag football are played in NPPD's lot.

At the beginning and end of the year, the students take a physical fitness test. This involves the shuttle run, standing long jump, pull ups, sit ups, fifty yard dash, and a one mile run. The students scores are compared with all pupils nation wide.

The pupils are graded on attitude, attendance, and written exams.

## Hip Phrases — "TZ UP!" At Scotus!

by Matt Hansen

Have you ever been walking down the street, minding your own business when some spry little bugger greets you with a hardy, "TZ UP? Dude." (What is going on?). Well, if you have, you are not the only one. Many Americans today are bewitched, befuddled, and behind on the new slang that is commonly spoken by the teenage society. So, to keep the local population's vocabulary current with the ever-changing lingo of the jet-set crowd, a list of fashionable, not so fashionable, and oldies but goodies has been provided hereafter:

### Fashionable Phrases

1. TZ Up?
2. Kick Ath!
3. Too Much
4. Yoesy
5. Catch ya later
6. East L.A. man
7. Partyking and Partyqueen
8. Kooch
9. Yip Skip
10. All Day
11. Up a Storm
12. Trippin
13. Manged
14. After G
15. Yippee
16. Whatta you doin?
17. Karl, don't say that!
18. Booin' Billy
19. Heck of a deal!

And, for those of you lost in the valley girl or even the sixties age, here are a few sayings that need a rest; as in six feet under!

### Not So Fashionable Phrases

1. Like gag me with a pitchfork.
2. Totally awesome
3. Up your nose with a rubber hose
4. Off my case, toilet face
5. Eat a bean
6. JK
7. Like for sure man
8. Hatnin

For those of you who wish to impress someone with your new found vocabulary, you might as well try a few of these ever popular catchy phrases.

### Oldies but Goodies

1. Catch one!
2. Huh! Well all right dude.
3. Sleeper Jones #2042
4. Farmer Jones

People with a unique personality and feel some of the above phrases are very nice to say in public, well like, that's totally alright with me! For sure!!



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