

Perfection is attained by slow degrees; it requires the hand of time.

— Voltaire

# THE ROCK

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## Scotus Band Competes

By Ann Bernt

The Scotus Central Catholic High School marching band competed in the 1986 Columbus Marching Festival on October 4, 1986, in Columbus, Nebraska.

A total of sixteen high school bands participated in this competition, being judged by marching, playing, and general appearance.

The band received the second place award in Class B marching competition.

The band marched in the Columbus Days Parade and the Crop Walk. The pep-band has played for volleyball, and performed half-time shows for football games.

## Seniors Reflect Last Homecoming

by Amy Hefti

"You can never go home again," said Thomas Wolfe. That is what the seniors were thinking as they prepared their last homecoming. Scotus has been home to them for six years.

The seniors shared ideas and disagreed, but deep down inside everybody wanted homecoming to be special and remembered for a long time.

The theme, "Tip Toe Through the Tulips," was well demonstrated. The stage was decorated like a backyard with a bench, white picket fence, and streamers. The cafeteria had tulips and feet hanging across the room, and each table had a centerpiece of tulips and flowers.

Homecoming Week started out with a Monday off. The favorite day was Wednesday, Hawaiian Day. Students were out of their uniforms and showed others just how wild they could be. The other days

were: Tuesday, Hat and Shade Day; Thursday, D-Day or Black Day; and Friday, Dress Up Day.

Anticipation was at a maximum on Friday. Each student had a smile from ear to ear, for this was the day they had all been waiting for. The seniors felt it was a day of excitement, yet sadness, because they realized they were soon to start saying good-bye.

The queen candidates were: Lori Arlt, Laurie Beerbohm, Amy Hefti, Tami Romanek, Michelle Sobota, and Carrie Staroscik. The king candidates were: Joe Determan, Pat Engelbert, Scott Heimes, Chuck Korger, Scott Krzycki, and Roger Wiese.

The coronation took place at 9:50 in the old gym. Then the moment we had all been waiting for - the 1986 Homecoming King and Queen were crowned. Cheers and applause were heard for King Pat Engelbert and Queen Lori Arlt.

## Tough Competition at All-State Tryouts

By Paula Bator

Tryouts for Allstate, a selected group of musicians, was held October 11, 1986, at Platte College.

The judges selected 450 of the best singers in Nebraska. Those who participated were Kim Shotkoski, Tammy Romanek, Shannon Maguire, and Laurie Beerbohm.

Before tryouts, students practiced a scale sheet and difficult songs on their own and with Mrs. Schnabel, music instructor.

The judges randomly picked verses from each song, and the selection was made on how well they were sung.

## Foreign Language Olympics

By Tara Zuerlen

The Spanish/German olympics will be held at 3:30 p.m., Sunday, November 2, in the new gym.

Traditionally, for the past nine years, the German Olympians have won. This year they are out numbered three to one but they plan on giving it their best shot.

Spanish olympians plan on breaking the tradition of the Germans and start the winning custom.

One thing is for sure, both groups will battle against each other in volleyball, basketball, wiffle ball, tug-of-war, and warball.



Photography by Mr. Dean Hefti

Front row (left to right) Lisa Hain, Carla Placzek, Jill Hefti, Angie Sypal, Susan Kropatsch, Tim Ketter, and Becca Toof. Back row, Vicki Murtaugh, Kim Kouma, Steve Haider, Dan Parolek, Greg Lesiak, and Chad Labenz.

## NHS Begins With Induction Ceremony

By Angie Brozovsky

The John Duns Scotus National Honor Society Induction Ceremony took place on September 9, 1986 in the Little Theater with new inductees, old members, parents, and honored guests.

Father Wayne led the opening prayer, and Secondary Principal, Denis Berry, followed by welcoming the parents and members. Mary Sojka, President, began the candlelight ceremony by introducing the following new inductees: Chad Labenz, Jill Hefti, Angie Sypal, Dan Parolek, Carla Placzek, Steve Haider, Vicki Murtaugh, Kim

Kouma, Susan Kropatsch, Tim Ketter, Becca Toof, Greg Lesiak, and Lisa Hain.

Following the induction, the officers explained the four characteristics - Scholarship, character, leadership, and Service - that National Honor Society stands for. The new members were then given membership pins by Secretary Carrie Staroscik, as Chapter Advisor, Sharon Brozovsky congratulated the new members and explained to the guests the membership selection process. A reception for members and guests followed the ceremony in the school library.

# Psst.... Did your hear?

By Kim Shotkoski

"Did you hear about Sue and Tom?" "Well, I heard that Tom did this and Sue did that!" "Well, Jane told me that Tom said that!" Does this sound familiar? This seems to be students favorite pastime, all one has to do is walk down the hall and get ten different versions of the same story.

Rumors can sometimes be defined as the exaggerated truth, but most people prefer it to be called a down right lie! A person can be devastated by a rumor about them that is far from the truth. How do rumors get so outrageous? A person may think that he/she heard something that seems to be pretty juicy, and to beef it up a little, exaggerates a bit to someone else. And, so that person does the same, tells other people and adds just a little bit more each time he/she tells the story. The vicious circle seems to go on for about a week, or until something else "big" breaks through.

A rumor can totally ruin someone's name. And, what is even worse is if it goes public, it ruins others impression of that person.

Doesn't it make you wonder when you walk down the hall and people are giving wierd looks or conversation stops when you walk around the

corner? And, of course there are always those people who have to know everything about everybody and what is going on. Those are the people who act like they are eating lunch, but are actually taking mental notes of every word that anyone says. Then, when he/she has the time, broadcasts the latest to anyone who is interested. Thus the vicious circle begins again.

Because of the fact that this is a small school, rumors spread in the speed of lightening. Rumors start out small at the beginning of the day, and by the end, be so outrageous and far from the truth that you can't believe a word anyone says.

Everyone has been a victim of a rumor once in their lifetime, so people should know what it feels like to have a lie floating around about them, but yet, rumors continue to go on and feelings continue to get hurt.

Is there a solution? Yes - if you should happen to hear some "news" about someone, do not go and tell the whole world, wait to see if it is true, or possibly ask the person it is about if the facts are straight. That way, the rumor will be stopped, before it really gets started — well, that's what I heard!!

# Nicknames Are Misleading

By Lori Arlt

Have you ever wondered why you were given a nickname or what they are all about? Many people are referred to by nicknames because of a unique trait they may have. They may also be used to tell a story about that individual. No one really knows how nicknames come about. But, the fact is they are present at Scotus.

Are all nicknames good? No, some nicknames are used to hurt someone or make fun of them. For example, someone who is given the name "Fats" in high school, because of a weight problem, may develop a bad self-image which could stay with him for many years. Another way nicknames could be bad are if they stick with someone a lot longer than they really want them to or even become a second name. For instance, would you like to come back on your ten year reunion and be referred to a "Thunder Buns?"

When nicknames are used to hurt others, their true meaning is lost. We should always think twice. So the next time you are walking down the hall, try to put yourself in another person's place before using their nickname. Do you think they would like to be greeted with a friendly hello instead?



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# MOOCH ON THE LOOSE

By Carla Padroza

The face of a mooch is universal — the wide, puppy dog eyes, the slightly pouting mouth, the facial features twisted into a classic Gremlin expression that screams "Feed me!!!" When you see this look, you know what's coming, and you mentally say good-bye to that last punch on your lunch ticket.

The mooch is becoming more widespread every day. You know you aren't going to make it through one day without someone borrowing something. Mooches simply aren't prepared for anything. They don't worry about this though, because they are totally confident in their ability to find some poor schlepp who will "loan" them whatever their little heart desires: a pen, an assignment, money, a car...literally anything. You will find that the mooch is always a smooth talker - he could talk an Ethiopian out of his last piece of bread.

Mooches, like rats, reproduce rapidly. Mooches spawn mooches. When you loan that known mooch

your solid gold Mark Cross pen, you fully expect to get it back. You fool. Of course you don't and being in dire need of something to write with, you, in turn, are forced to mooch a pen off someone else. You, of course, have every intention of returning that Bic to its original owner, but you lose it right in the heat of the moment that the dog chooses to get a touch of influenza and you're trying to shove an Alka-Seltzer down his mealy little mouth. See how this vicious chain works? You are now a marked mooch, and you have forced another poor soul into eternal moochdom.

What do we do with these parasites of society? Only drastic measures can be successful. Encourage the mooches in your life to seek the support and advice of their local MA (Mooches Anonymous) Chapter. The only other alternative is to reserve a room for them at the Betty Ford Center — the Mooches Wing. By the way, does anyone have a piece of gum I could borrow?

# Ho! Hum! Weekend Blues

By Angie Brozorsky

What do you do on weekends? If your answer to this question is "NOTHING!", then you are not alone. A majority of the high school students today either find themselves doing the same things over and over again every weekend or just stay at home. Sure, some people may think that a town as big as Columbus, with a population near 25,000, has lots of fun things to do, but to tell you the truth it doesn't.

Well, then what about: the movie theater; renting VCR's; the roller-skating rink; the Family Y; your job; football, volleyball, and basketball games; tape dances; Wishbones; bowling alleys; miniature golf; and parties? Sounds like a lot of fun that you possibly couldn't get bored at, right? Wrong. After seven years of doing these same activities over and over again, it becomes quite monotonous and boring either that or you wouldn't be caught dead doing some of them anymore. Roller-skating, for example, was something that was cool to do on Friday nights

when you were in the sixth grade: But as a junior or senior in high school? Come on, get serious.

So what can be done about this problem? There may be several solutions, but do you really think they would work? Several organizations, such as Mothers' Club and the Family Y, have tried to hold activities for the teenagers of Columbus but have ended up disappointed at the number of teens that became involved. The reason for the disappointing turnouts does not lie in the organizations' efforts, but in the teens themselves. Often times teens shy away from such activities because they are afraid that none of their friends will show up, and that they will get made fun of.

Perhaps, then, the solution lies in the hands of the teens, and their attitudes, feelings, and peer pressures. However, the town of Columbus could use some spicing up in the area of teenage recreation: But just exactly what, we don't know.

## FBLA plans agenda

By Kim Shotkoski

The Scotus chapter of Future Business Leaders of America has mixed business with pleasure for its 86 members.

This year's agenda includes such activities as: a roller skating party, a Christmas party, guest speakers, competitions, and the State Leadership Conference at the end of the year. Its members are not selling candy to raise money. Mrs. Jan Went and Mrs. Cheryl Rambour, sponsors, are pleased with enthusiasm and good positive attitudes. "I enjoy it, and it keeps me busy, but it's all worth it," stated Went.

## Speech Team Organizes

By Melissa Grohs

The Scotus Speech Team is preparing for another competitive year. With forty-eight members on the team, Mrs. Bernt said that the year looks very good.

This year the speech team has six contests beginning November 15 and continuing through March. Mrs. Bernt is hoping that with the large number of students out, there will be more going to state than last year.

"There are a lot of eager people on this year's team," said Mrs. Bernt. Most of the members, especially the new ones, have their selections in and are ready for the first competition at Platte College. Mrs. Bernt is in charge of ninety-six different areas at Platte and other contests.

## Spanish Teacher:

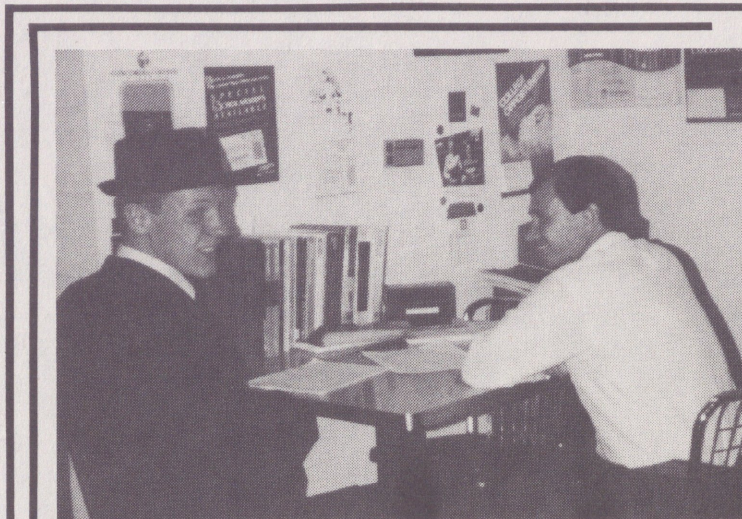
## Kirschbaum Experiences Spanish Culture

By Lori Arlt

After spending a month in Mexico and experiencing the culture on a first-hand basis, Miss Nancy Kirschbaum would rate her trip on a scale of one to ten a definite ten. "It was very enjoyable because I was doing what I like to do, which is helping people," stated Miss Kirschbaum.

While Miss Kirschbaum was in Mexico, she felt very much at home. The only difference was the language, "I wanted an opportunity to use my Spanish." Given the choice Miss Kirschbaum would live there as long as she could come back to the United States.

Miss Kirschbaum has been to Mexico twice before. While in Mexico this last time, she stayed at a Pastor's house. Some of her activities included



Photography by Kelly Nicolas

Mr. Dennis Zowada, guidance counselor, advises Chuck Korger about his future plans for college.

## Guidance Counselor Supports Shared Time Students

By Tara Zuerlein

Rearranging schedules, rushing to and from, and pure excitement are all a part of a shared time student's life. The man responsible for all of this is Mr. Dennis Zowada. He spends a great deal of time and energy working with students and the Columbus Senior High guidance counselors.

You may ask yourself the question, "Why does

anyone from Scotus want to take classes at Columbus Senior High?" The answers vary from student to student but one thing is in common; they all enjoy being a shared time student.

A shared time student benefits by gaining new knowledge about subjects he or she has not encountered, they see what it is like being with a large number of people, and what public schools are like.

These students must have great responsibilities and so far they have shown that they are young adults and truly responsible for making it on time to school and not skipping out. We must also give Mr. Zowada, along with the Columbus Senior High Staff, a word of praise and appreciation for all they have done to improve our school systems and for giving students new opportunities to learn.

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Darin Cieloha and Jerry Szatko help out by carrying candles at the mass which was held at Frankfort Square.

## Catholic schools celebrate Mass in Frankfort Square

By Amy Hefti

All Columbus Catholic Schools walked to Frankfort Square on October 1, 1986, to celebrate Columbus Education Week.

As the sun was shining high in the sky, Fr. Wayne welcomed everyone and then the Mass began. Father gave a new approach to the Mass by blessing us with holy water, praying children's prayers, reading poems, and using new closing blessings. A student representing each school said a petition at Mass and carried gifts representing their school.

Those who attended could feel the emotion and the excitement. Little children from the grade schools had smiles from ear to ear. Jolene Sokol, a sophomore at Scotus, said it was "Super cool."

## Religion Plays a Roll in Everyone's Life

By Kelly Nicolas

God fits into our lives in numerous ways. He is known to be above all things and if problems occur we can turn to him for help and guidance. We see him as a central feature of our lives and as a life saver because he rescues us from danger. Attending masses regularly and praying to God can help us in building a stronger and better relationship with him. But, some people turn to him only when they need help, and others do not feel God fits into their lives too much.

Catholic or non-Catholic, we can still attend Scotus Central Catholic and get treated just as the others do. Mrs. Harral, Amy Petersen, Mr. Petersen, Shelly Scow, and Mr. Urwiller are some non-Catholics here. This is how Mrs. Harral explained it to me: "I am not Catholic and do not feel it affects me by going to a Catholic school." She feels that everyone here is working for some of the same goals and as long as we all believe it should not affect anyone. She also stated, "I follow the ten commandments, and I feel good about this." Amy Petersen said that if people tell others all they know about religion and it is a lot of information, they will

be looked upon as a "religious freak." Being non-Catholic does not affect her in the school though. Her father, Mr. Petersen feels that going here while not a Catholic does not affect him either. He loves the school and says everyone treats him just like the others. Shelly Scow feels just as Amy does, and she does not get treated different from others just because she is not a Catholic. Mr. Urwiller is another that is not Catholic. He says, "No, it does not affect me by going here and not being a Catholic, people treat me the same."

Amy Iossi and Traci Duren feel that Father Joe's class is really fun because they learn about God and themselves. Diana Sypal and Jeff Kresha said that as freshmen they learn more about the Bible, and the life of Jesus.

Religion may affect some of us in different ways as the years progress, but it will help us make better decisions and raise our kids in the proper ways. The facts we learn may help us during some difficult moments in our lives, and also help us to cope with death. Being religious may help us to build up our self-images and continue attending masses regularly. Mrs. Brozovsky stated, "Religion will always be a part of my life and never will it be less

important as it is at the present time."

On Saturday night Scotus students go to mass, a special mass that is now being held at St. Bon's every Saturday night, at midnight. Students have found this to be good. Trish Korger said, "It is cool, I go every week and that is not a lie!" Jenny Micek stated, "I think Midnight mass is interesting and good to have," "I think it is a good thing because it is open and I feel comfortable going as I am," Larry Backes stated in a positive way. Dawn Valish was thinking in terms of rest. She feels it is great because it allows us to sleep in on Sundays. Steve Rhode's statement was rather unique in that he feels the following way: "I think it is directed towards the youth and different from regular masses which are very boring."

Have you ever thought of being a priest or a sister? Kristi Klopneiski is the one and only that admitted she thought about the issue, but is not sure of what her plans will be.

There is a lot to know about religion, but it is always up to us whether we want to learn about it. Getting to know ourselves better can tell us a lot about what we want to know concerning Catholic issues.

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Lana Kropatsch and Rich Buettner hold the candles as Fr. Wayne reads the gospel.

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EMEs, Scott Heimes and Scott Krzycki, distribute communion at Homecoming Mass.

## Religion Department Enforces Catholic Faith

By Lori Artl

The religion department at Scotus not only provides the students a chance to learn about the Catholic faith, but gives them a chance to question what they believe. Together, the five instructors, Fr. Joe, Fr. Eugene, Fr. Wayne, Fr. Malloy, and Mrs. Riley, give the students at Scotus a thorough understanding of the Catholic faith.

There are many advantages for students going to a Catholic school. It not only teaches Christian values about God and worship, but gives students a chance to expand their faith. It allows the students an opportunity to build a good morality and become a better person based on the Catholic faith. "Every student who takes religion seriously is bound to be a better person," said Fr. Eugene.

The religion teachers agree that the religion department is very good. The only change that could be made would be to have class everyday so other studies don't become more important. It should be a part of everything we do.

Teaching religion to the youth is enjoyable for all the teachers. "Young people are great, they are full of enthusiasm and still dreaming dreams and reaching for the stars," stated Fr. Joe. Giving young people a view of Jesus and the Catholic faith

can be considered a big accomplishment. If they are influenced in a good way, it will make the world a better place.

The religion instructors' goals are to share their faith with the students and help them live the way they try to live. They want to inspire them to really love the Lord and our fellow human beings. They try to "help students have a personal relationship of friendship with the Lord," said Mrs. Riley. A student can take what they have learned and put it to practice in everyday life. A solid base is needed to become a good Christian.

The teachers also learn from working with high school students. They are reminded of how special we each are and that we have a lot to share with each other. "A student may come along and teach me a lesson about life," said Fr. Joe. High school students are filled with curiosity and still want to learn, through them the teachers see the basic goodness of human nature. They also recognize that the students have many abilities and let them use those talents in relation to ministry.

Through the religion department the students have an opportunity to expand their faith. The teachers provide them with an in-depth understanding of what it means to be a Christian and this is what a Catholic school is all about.

## EMEs Experience New Outlook on Religion

by Melissa Grohs

The eight Extraordinary Ministers who assist the students in mass feel that this experience will bring them closer to their religion. The EMEs attended a workshop in Norfolk to receive their instructions. They didn't realize then what an experience they were getting into. But now, some feel more involved in the mass and understand it more. EME Kris Klopniieski feels closer to God and appreciates what he does for her. She said that it's a real privilege to be an EME.

The EME day in Norfolk was interesting when the EMEs were given their final instructions. Each member got the chance to meet the Archbishop Milone and a few were really excited to have met him.

Ed Fehringer looks at the mass as something that involves students. Before he thought the mass was for adults and was above those of his age group. But now that he is involved in the EME group, he views it as a church involving the younger people.

All of the EMEs want to become involved in parishes later on. This year, for them, is going to be a spiritual one. Each will have a different religious experience that will be used in their lives. Amy Hefti hopes her experience can be passed onto others. She urges Scotus students to get involved in their religion.

This year's EMEs are: Pat Engelbert, Ed Fehringer, Scott Heimes, Scott Krzycki, Amy Hefti, Kris Klopniieski, Robin Hamling, and Mary Sojka. These EMEs join a tradition that was started in the 1981-82 school year.

## Scotus Chapel Offers Spiritual Growth

By Paul Maca

Have you ever stopped by the chapel to take a look and appreciate the beauty inside? The chapel joined our Scotus family in 1980.

Prior to 1980 what is now the chapel was a student lounge. That changed for the better because of an idea Father Michael Gutsell had. He proposed to the administration that the lounge be removed and replaced with Scotus' first chapel. The school board liked the idea and wheels were set into motion. The chairs and couches, along with the pop machines, were removed and work began to build a brick wall. The floor, now in the chapel, is the original floor that was in the lounge.

The stained glass windows, that are now in the chapel are from the St. Marry's Hospital. They were placed there to show a bond between the old and the new.

Two very interesting parts of the chapel are the round altar and the tabernacle. The altar was specifically cut from Georgia marble. A set of stations of the cross were then placed in the chapel.

Finally, after two years of hard work, the chapel was finished. On January 13, 1980 Archbishop Daniel E. Sheehan dedicated the first chapel.

The chapel is divided into three parts that include an area for God's Word, an area for Mass, and an area for private prayer. The unity of these three areas show the Catholic faith and Scotus spiritual life.

Every school day morning at 7:45 mass is held for all Scotus students that want to attend. So stop in, take a look, and appreciate the idea that began with Father Michael Gutsell.

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### Girl's Cross Country

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1986 Girl's Cross Country Team display their District Championship Trophy. Bottom row (left to right) Patty Beck, Jill Pilakowski, Tricia Korger, Jill Hefti, and Michelle Guernsey. Second row, Coach Mahoney, Lisa Follette, Tiffany Codling, Amy Hefti, Annette Sueper, and Steph Wiese.

## FOOTBALL TEAM EXPERIENCES PRESSURES

By Eric Beck

Scotus Wins Class B Championship," "Shamrocks Favored to Repeat," "Scotus Favored in Gridiron Matchup." With these headlines and lofty expectations, one must wonder: Is there pressure on players to do well? Yes, say some seniors of the 1986 Scotus Football team.

"In the twenty-six or twenty-seven games of our varsity career, we have been underdogs only twice," says senior Pat Engelbert. "That is a lot of pressure."

The pressure forces the players to work harder and achieve goals other schools would not dream of. Also, if a team knows the Scotus tradition, they will be intimidated before they step on the field.

The team has a positive outlook on the season. Says senior Scott Krzycki, "If we stick together, play as a team, we could go a long way, possibly a state championship."

## Volleyball Tradition Continues

By Paul Maca

Scotus sports have always followed a winning tradition. And in this tradition one can not forget volleyball. With a total team number of thirty-six, twenty-three of whom make up the junior varsity and varsity squad, and thirteen freshmen there is a lot of talent to work with. Of the twenty-three junior varsity and varsity players nine are seniors. According the Mr. Peterson, head volleyball coach, the team has the potential to be as good

as anyone in the state.

Some of these seniors have been playing the last two and three years. In that time they have gained a lot of experience. Leadership is very important and the seniors are the ones who are to show the good work habits to the team. In any sport you really can't compare one year's team to the next but Mr. Peterson did say, "Nearly everyone is back from last year, so we hope that natural improvement will make us a better team."

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*I will honor Christmas  
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keep it all the year.*

—Charles Dickens

# THE ROCK

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## Students participate in Honor Band

by Ann Bernt

Platte Technical Community College hosted the Platte Honor Band on December 7th and 8th at the Platte Campus for outstanding high school band members.

There were six students that represented Scouts High School at this Honor Band. The senior students were Mary Sojka and Dennis Rinkol, while the junior students were Marin Melcher, Jenny Naughtin, Sara Sojka, and Muffy Liebenritt.

## Mock Trial goes to court

by Melissa Grohs

The Mock Trial team, headed by Mr. Sadle attended State December 5 and 6 in Lincoln.

The competitions are on the same case, a violation of the First Amendment, which involves a group of protestors arrested by the city. The team has lost three cases, but have won the competitions. The team has competed against Humphrey, Schuyler, Monroe, and Nebraska Christian.

The team consists of eight members: Vicki Boryca, Amy Jasper, Jodi Ryba, Ed Fehringer, Jim Schieffer, Todd and Scott Heimes, and Greg Rief. They are divided into three attorneys and five witnesses.

Mr. Sadle and Mr. Steve Hansen are the sponsors of the team. Mr. Sadle said that the team has a good chance of going to State. He takes a lot of pride in the team and says they are very good.

Being a member of the Mock Trial team is a good experience of our Nation's court system. The team has been very successful this year and hopes to further their success.

## Scotus collects 646 cans of Food

by Amy Hefti

The holiday seasons began with the Scotus Campus Ministry Team's sixth annual canned food drive. Fr. Wayne said, "We have a food drive to share what we have with those who are less fortunate than us." It is a good idea for the young to show their concern to others.

The canned food is collected and taken to the food pantry. It is especially helpful during this part of the year because it enables the needy to spend money on presents instead of food. Giving to the food drive enables a little girl's or boy's Christmas to be more special than it would have been without the extra help.



Photograph courtesy of the Columbus Telegram

Members of the 1986 Conference and District One Act Championship team: Front row, left to right, Becca Toof, Traci Duren, and Michelle Sand. Back row, Ron Kresha, Ron Zornes, Eric D. Beck, and Paul R. Maca.

## ONE ACT GOES TO STATE

by Melissa Grohs

In 1950 *The Bald Soprano* was first introduced in Paris, France by Eugene Ionesco. In 1986, it has been a successful selection for the Scotus One Act troupe. The play, an English comedy, was written to criticize the English way of life. The characters epitomize the British standard as proper, stiff, and boring. The playwright intended to make fun of the British society.

The cast is: Mr. Smith, Ron Zornes; Mrs. Smith, Becca Toof; Mr. Martin, Ron Kresha; Mrs. Martin, Michelle Sand; Mary the maid, Traci Duren; The Fire Chief, Paul Macca; Technical Director "the bell man", Eric Beck, and Director, Mrs. Bernt.

The troupe has taken first place at Conference and Districts. They will now compete at State level competitions.



Photography by Kelly Nicolas

Father Wayne and Rich Buettner load 646 cans of food to the food pantry.

*Editorially Speaking:*

# Senioritis Hits Scotus Seniors Like Plague

by Tara Zuerlein

Remembering the first days of school, fond memories appear within my mind. Everything that I saw and learned seemed to be extremely interesting. No matter how many times I heard stories of *Little Red Riding Hood* and *The Three Bears*, they never once became dull and boring. Learning the alphabet, numbers, colors, and how to tie my shoes were difficult at first, but, with practice and incredible determination I learned to master these trades.

Years have passed and goals have changed dramatically. Today's society says that all high school seniors must get good grades, must be involved, must get a job, must develop moral character, must participate in extracurricular activities as much as possible, and most importantly, must attend college to get a degree so they can be successful.

Seniors today, more than ever, are developing the old age malady, "senioritis". It seems to be an epidemic anymore. All seniors, no matter how studious, somehow catch this "disease". Anywhere seems better than being stuck in school. Life becomes boring and school becomes a waste of time. Seniors feel that it is time to move on, yet, we like to feel special and close to what we know best - our natural surroundings. Senioritis begins to take over the brain, and it spreads like crazy. Grades begin to fall and depression sets in within no time.

Just remember, this malady is like a common cold; we can learn to overcome it and possibly avoid it. Organization is the biggest part for prevention. Organizing homework and other activities and simply taking time each day to reflect positively about our daily accomplishments is a must.

Keeping our minds set on the present instead of the future will also guide us on the right path.

Counting the number of days till Christmas vacation and graduation doesn't make time go by any faster. A matter of fact, it only depresses other students. If we concentrate on the present instead of the future, school won't seem to be so unbearable.

Stress from the hustle and bustle of school life also need to be noticed. Moodiness and "hot" tempers that fly need to be looked over once in awhile, after all we are only human and, therefore, make mistakes. Seniors need time to relax and do things they enjoy. Without this process, we become like the clock that has been wound too tight, eventually popping a spring loose.

Other than graduating, nothing cures senioritis for sure. But we must no give up, because everyone knows that the senior year should be fun and exciting. It is the time to be involved and share special events with family and friends.

## Fr. Joe Lifts Spirits

by Lori Arlt

In this sometimes chronically depressing mass of green walls, vast assignments, huge tests and green plaid we fondly call Scotus, there are a couple of things we the students can depend on to lift out spirits. They include friends, Clara's Country Kitchen, and last but definitely no least, Fr. Joe.

One can always look forward to a smile when confronting Fr. Joe. You never know what to expect from him - it's not unusual to find him perched on a stool on top of his desk or dressed up as Santa. His hair is always casually messy and his eyes are always sparkling mischievously. Fr. Joe always has a joke to tell or a story to share. His classes are liberally laced with his own special humor. He can shock and charm everyone around him with his experiences with airplanes, pumpkins, and life in the seminary, just to name a few.

Fr. Joe is an exceptional teacher and clearly expresses values that can be used in all areas of life. His tremendous goodness is priceless and his love is never-ending. Fr. Joe is one of the many creative, intelligent, and overwhelming teachers we have at Scotus. We should consider ourselves privileged to have such talent in our midst.

## LIFE OF THE WORKING STUDENT

by Carla Podraza

I started to make a list the other day of the things I had to do between 3:25 and the time I had to be at work. It read: return classic to the library, go to the post office, deposit check in bank, call home, change clothes, stop at Burger King for something to eat, put some gas in poor little Beaumont's tank, drop off my wool skirt at the cleaners, etc., etc., etc. This all had to be accomplished by 4:00, preferably without losing possession of my sanity somewhere along the way. Oh, well, such is the life of the working student.

The working student can easily be identified in school. They can be spotted sprinting through the door at 8:34 a.m., still buttoning his or her shirt. Their hair looks like they just got out of bed, (they did), and there are generally large dark circles under their eyes (and not because anyone in a green jacket hit them, either). Their papers go flying out behind them as they dash to class, leaving a trail of unfinished homework down the hall. After various stops in the office, the restroom, and varied

classrooms (just to say hi), they're generally on time for second-period nap (I mean class!!).

This may seem exaggerated to some of you reading this, but those of my audience that do work will know exactly what I'm talking about. Coming home at one o'clock in the morning (or later), facing a stack of books which weighs in at about the size of a small rhinoceros, making it to bed around five in the morning and getting up a mere two hours later can be quite discouraging, to say the least. Teachers then wonder why we're not always our chipper selves, and not always totally enthralled with yet another lecture on the financial state of Siberia.

So the next time you see someone drifting off into Never-Never Land in Study Hall, stop and think before you do anything rash like poke them in the back with one of those lethal Bic pens, or drop the new unabridged edition of the Webster's Dictionary dangerously close to their ear. They may need those forty minutes of precious sleep more than they need your or anyone else's harrassment. Do something constructive, you brat, get a job.

## SMOG: A Heavy Subject

by Paul Maca

Have you ever been on the mountains that look down on Denver? Take a look at all the smog. Sometimes in San Francisco people in the city have to stop all cars and all factories because the smog level is so high that people could die from it. What has happened to our country?

When the white man discovered this country, Indians were running it. There was no taxes or national debt or pollution. We thought that we could improve upon a system like that.

Back in 1804 Lewis and Clark left upon an expedition to see what was really out in the western part of America. What they saw was incredible beauty and amazing animal life. At one point Lewis wrote in his journal: "I do not think that I exaggerate when I estimate the number of buffalo which could be comprehended at one view to amount to 3,000."

But now buffalo are almost never seen. On the expedition, the two men traveled 7,700 miles in two years. They ran into almost no boundries and no fences. Now you are lucky if you can walk one mile without hitting a fence.

Have you ever been out in the country and looked up at the open sky? You see stars and wide open spaces. Then you look around and you see radio towers blinking red lights, off in the distance. Some people call this technology.

But what are we going to do with all this new technology that's coming out? Where are we going to put it? Who is going to protect the few natural open spaces that we do have left? And space, it looks so innocent, perfect, and untouched. Will that be the next place that man plans to "Improve"?

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## Mr. Urwiller's Companion: "The Bozonian Woman"

by Angie Brozovsky

Everyone knows that man's best friend is his dog. This is probably one of America's oldest and most popular rules, but rules were meant to be broken, and Mr. Urwiller is just the one who has set out to break this one. His best friend or rather buddy is his three foot, three pound Macaw named "Bonzo".

"Bonzo" which is short for the "Bonzonian Woman", is a royal blue and majestic gold female Macaw, which is a species of bird. Mr. Urwiller first got Bonzo about six years ago when he lived in Los Angeles, California. Bonzo is now ten years old and could possibly live to be 150 years old, but once a Macaw's master dies, the attachment is so great that the bird normally dies shortly after. However, Bonzo is very healthy and can't get people illnesses, so she will probably be around for a long time.

Mr. Urwiller doesn't look at Bonzo as a bird, but as a companion, probably because she takes on many of the human characteristics. To start with, she can talk and talk a lot. She has a vocabulary of around one-hundred words, including phrases and some complete sentences. She can say "hi" and "bye", and she likes to repeat what other people say. After hearing Mr. Urwiller talk on the phone, she has picked up little saying that she repeats everytime she hears the phone ring which is: "Hello-yahmmum-okay-bye." She mainly talks to herself for entertainment, and to Mr. Urwiller because he is old stuff, but she doesn't like to talk to strangers.

She can also get very jealous, especially when a baby is around and is getting all of the attention instead of her. When she hears a baby crying, she cries along with it, when somebody is laughing, she joins in and can laugh for up to five minutes straight. Another one of her talents is barking like a

dog and crowing like a chicken. Eating is something she also does a lot of. She eats cereal in the morning, and eats whatever Mr. Urwiller eats for dinner and supper. Her favorites are ice cream and pizza, but she hates saurkraut, green olives, and raw onions.

Bonzo also needs exercise and fresh air, just like anyone else. She gets let out of her cage everyday and if it's nice, she gets to go outside. However, her wings are clipped so she can't fly away. Riding in the car on her iron perch is something she also enjoys very much. Mr. Urwiller claims that while on the interstate, many people will follow him for miles just to watch Bonzo and take pictures. If Bonzo realizes she is getting attention from the other cars, she can wave at them with her wing. So the next time that you are driving down the interstate, check out all suspicious looking passengers with feathers because it just might be Bonzo.

## Mr. Urwiller Heads Astronomy Club

by Ann Bernt

"What makes the stars twinkle?" was the question that got Mr. Mark Urwiller interested in astronomy. Being only seven years old, Mr. Urwiller asked his father a question that he could not answer. Since then, Mr. Urwiller has been interested in astronomy and has brought this interest to Scotus as the head of the Astronomy Club.

Though not as numerous as the stars in the heavens, the club has twenty-eight members. They can be found learning about astronomy through their various outings. These outings take place in Creston and Suprise, Nebraska. They also went to Mead, Nebraska to the UNL Observatory, Lincoln for Astronomy Day, and Fremont's Midland College to their planetarium.

One might find the club's members camping

overnight and looking through telescopes at the different objects in the sky, such as galaxies and planets. Mr. Urwiller takes his club on outings two times a month when the moon is not out and the weather is pleasant.

Mr. Urwiller said that the main purpose of the club is to learn as much about astronomy as possible. But most of all, to enjoy astronomy and have fun with the stars. If this sounds interesting to you and you want to learn about astronomy, you can contact Mr. Urwiller. They have meetings every other Tuesday to watch films, to have programs on astronomy topics, and to plan their outings.

Mr. Urwiller would like to get the public involved in astronomy. By doing this, he wants to have a public star party. He said that anyone can take part in astronomy.

## Band Highlights: Scotus Students Attend All-State

by Ann Bernt

Practicing three or four nights a week for three weeks paid off as Mary Sojka and Jenny Naughtin became members of the All-State Band. Practice did not stop then as they prepared for the All-State weekend on November 20-22 at Hastings, Nebraska.

Although this is Mary's second year, she is just as excited as last year. Mary got interested in All-State last year, when Mr. Divis encouraged her to audition. After she made it, she had such a great time that she decided to try out again this year.

This will be Jenny's first year at All-State. Last year after Mary made it, Jenny was influenced to try out. She said that it is a big honor and very prestigious for a band member to make it, so she tried out.

Each try-out involved playing two short excerpts from the music, two scales, including the chromatic scale, and then sight-reading sixteen measures of music.

## NHS TUTORS STUDENTS

by Angie Brozovsky

The National Honor Society is conducting a new service project called "Student Tutor" starting this month and continuing through to the end of the school year.

In the program, each NHS member has volunteered to tutor in subject areas they feel competent

with. The members will tutor anyone who needs assistance in grades 9-12 at 12:40 p.m. or in corresponding study halls. Anyone wanting or needing help in a certain subject should contact Mr. Zowada, and he will appoint a NHS member who is specialized in the subject to assist the students.



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## BEWARE OF THE GIFT GIVER

by Angie Brozovsky

Walking down the street in the month of December, the faint sound of Christmas carols and the spicy smell of gingerbread men baking in a cozy oven fills the air; as thousands of eager Christmas shoppers scurry to and fro from shop to shop trying to find that perfect gift for that someone special. The Christmas spirit is definately in the air.

Speaking of Christmas shoppers brings up a major problem that many people have to deal with every Christmas season. This is receiving that outrageous gift that you absolutely hate. Remember those great green and purple polka dotted socks that Aunt Edith gave you last year? Or, what about the one-size-fits-all pair of gloves from Uncle Willie that just happened to be an unexpectedly one size too small for you? These so-called practical gifts have plagued almost everyone by either receiving, giving or both.

But some of the more popular gifts that are not so popular are: books such as **MacBeth**, **Halloween**,

**Little House on the Prairie**, a dictionary, and the all famous **Guinness Book of World Records**, stuffed animals that are duplicates, stinky perfumes, practical items like notebooks and underwear and socks, shoes that are out of style and too small, clothes that were bought on a clearance sale back in 1976, and yes, some people even receive deodorant.

So what is to be done about this problem: Well, some people try to save the giver's dignity with the famous saying, "Oh, I love it, it's just what I wanted!" Others just say, "Thank-you." And those who don't care what anybody thinks just come right out and say, "Oh, what is it?"

Anyway, no matter what you receive or what you say this season, just make sure that you remember this: This season make everyone's Christmas by making sure that the gift you buy satisfies the person that you are giving it to. For you were in that person's shoes at one time and very well could be again very soon.

## What is Christmas?

by Paul Maca

Ho, ho, ho, once again, Santa's on his way to deliver presents for all the good little boys and girls around the world. But is that all there is to Christmas? For some People that might be answered with a "yes", but to Catholics, Christmas is that plus a whole lot more.

What does the word Christmas mean? It means Christ's Mass. In other words, the birth of Jesus. And really since our entire Catholic faith is based on the birth of Jesus, isn't it really the biggest part of Christmas?

But how did all the other aspects of Christmas come about? The idea of giving gifts is really old. It began as a memory that the Three Wise Men gave baby Jesus gifts.

Who is Santa? Santa, or as you will hear him referred to, St. Nicholas was a kind Bishop that was famous for giving gifts.

Christmas lights were first used by Martin Luther. Luther put lights on his tree to represent the glory and the beauty of the stars about Bethlehem on the night of Christ's birth.

Some people feel so strongly about Christmas that they get upset when they see X-Mas. But really "X" is the first letter in the Greek version of God's name. So it's really just an abbreviation. And frequently its used as a holy symbol.

But the biggest joy and atmosphere of Christmas is the music. In 1818 a pastor in Oberndorf, Germany sat down and wrote a song. Joseph Mohr is the man responsible for maybe the greatest Christmas song ever, "Silent Night, Holy Night."

But is there a deeper meaning behind Christmas? Maybe it's the joy of giving, or maybe it's the atmosphere and happiness. Or maybe it's the happiness of gathering with the family and the unity that all of mankind feels on that one day of joy. Maybe it is just that we are all created equal and that about 2000 years ago a child was born that would change our earth forever, spreading joy with his little family of Mary and Joseph and joy with the rest of his family the earth. But any way that you look at Christmas, may there be joy in your day and a deep peace in your heart.

## LOCKER SURPRISES

by Kim Shotkoski

Christmas is near and the spirit of the season is in the crisp air. The spirit of giving is overwhelming as even the biggest "Scrooges" have warm hearts. Christmas is a time for people to dream and hope that the ol' Christmas magic pulls through once again. Anxiety seems to be the feeling as Christmas nears and curiosity arouses as to what is in the boxes under the big green tree.

Anxiety affects students as they express what they would "love" to find in their lockers for Christmas.

Shannon McGuire	A new bench press and a green jacket
Gina Lesiak	Tom Jackson
Lori Arlt	Jerry Duren at a Texaco gas station
Mr. Sadle	Love
Darby Staub	Spanish Tutor

Tracy Duren	Darell Arlt holding a "no towing" sign
Mrs. Went	A house 25 miles closer to town
Kelli Martin	3 day military pass from school
Miquel	CRAZY WIFE
Terri Nicolas	Kirk Camerom
Scott Heimes	A bird like Bonzo
Kelly Nicolas	Only Courtney knows Money
Corby Kudron	A new Horse
Missy Grohs	A car stereo that works
Amy Miller	A lot of money so I can give it away
Fr. Wayne	One more chance
Judi Liebig	More x's to cross off my calendar
Tara Zuerlein	

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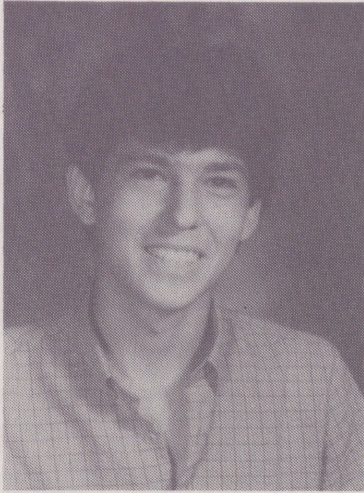
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# Miguel Experiences First Winter



Foreign exchange student Miguel Leiva

by Tara Zuerlein

Discovering what a typical Nebraska winter and Christmas is has been a new experience for Columbian foreign exchange student Miguel Leiva. "The snow is beautiful and is one of the most interesting things I have seen since I have gotten here," said Leiva, "Christmas just won't be the same next year without it."

Christmas in Columbia is much like that of America, with a few exceptions. From November 20 until December 20, Miquel's family members decorate their home and prepare themselves for the spirit of Christmas. In Miquel's home there are many traditions. Trees are lavished with tinsel, lights, and ornaments. A large nativity set is placed in the home and takes a special place in everybody's heart. Wreaths and Christmas ornaments are set and hung on doors and throughout the house.

Children feel that the gifts from Santa are the most important part of Christmas while teenagers, such as Miguel, feel that there are many special things about Christmas. Miquel enjoys Christmas

mass, parties, gifts, and simply being with family and friends to take part in Novenas, which take place when family and friends join together to pray, dance, sing to God, and have a good time. This year he said that he will miss the long Christmas vacation of November 18 to February 1, and his family very much, but will enjoy an American Christmas with his host family, the Don Zornes, and friends.

December 24 the family has a large dinner which consists of many different Columbian foods. 12:00 a.m. they gather and open presents, then people go into the streets and have a public party where they can dance and listen to music. December 25 is a rest day for Christmas and the party. December 31 is also a large party, when young and old dress up in their best clothes and go to a club to celebrate the New Year. At 12:00 everyone rejoices and gives hugs and kisses to everyone, which Miquel says he is looking forward to experience in America. January 1 is another rest day, until the last big party which takes place January 6 to celebrate the coming of the Wise Men.

Miguel said he would like an American girlfriend, clothes, compact disc, tropical Columbian music, and food from his country, especially *ajiaco*, which is a soup made of three kinds of potatoes, chicken, and turkey for Christmas. Hopefully Santa will be especially good to Miguel this year and bring him a memorable Christmas he will always cherish.



Photography by Lisa Wessel

Shari Rosno, Lana Kropatsch, and Nicole Ritter help the elderly celebrate Christmas.

## CHRISTMAS - a special time of the year

by Paul Maca

There's something that surrounds Christmas that makes it special, an aura that makes it very special. A spirit that makes it a festive, happy, and to some people, a sad time.

The spirit is different for different people. For Jon Hamling, Christmas is getting presents. For Scott Krzycki it's Jesus' Birthday and his birthday the next day. But for Kim Shotkoski it's the togetherness that all people feel. All of these are true but for a lot of people Christmas is knowing that they are alive and healthy another year.

This Christmas stop and take a look at mom or dad or some other close relative or friend. Think how great it is to have them there. Then think what it would be like without them. Recently Steve Rhode, a junior here at Scotus, was in an accident. He almost died. I know that he and his parents are thanking God this Holiday season that he is alive.

I know for a fact that its not fun not having someone there for Christmas. Two Christmas' ago one of my brothers was near death in a hospital in Kansas. He survived. What I want today is this: Appreciate what you have and who you have because the next time your family gathers together for Christmas, you might not have the chance to say "I love you."

## Business Attitude Class Visits Elderly

by Kim Shotkoski

The business attitude class visited old folks at Mory's Haven. The class played bingo with the elderly, sang religious songs, gave out refreshments, and filled the air with happiness. To add to the joyous atmosphere, the class gave the elderly clay hearts and crosses.

Tara Zuerlein stated that, "It was happy but sad because I thought I could be there someday. It made me think of my own grandparents and how much I appreciate them being able to live on their own." Mrs. Rambour stated that the main reason for going was to do something for people.

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The 1986 Class B State Champs pose for a group picture. From left to right, front row: Kristi Klopnieski, Kelli Martin, Juli Hroza, Amy Miller, Pam Hroza, Jodi Peterson, Stephanie Micek. Second row: Coach John Petersen, Camille Sobota, Courtney Tooley, Kelli Rinkol, Angie Brozovsky, Ann Bernt, Kelly Nicolas, Mary Fehringer, Coach Marla Mueller, Coach Mary Beaver.

## LADY SHAMROCKS TAKE CLASS B CHAMPS

by Paul Maca

The excitement of the game was everywhere. The electricity of the crowd, of the players, and Everyone's anticipation was mounting as the game came to an end. These were the feelings that the fans could feel at the State Volleyball tournament in Lincoln. The Scotus Shamrocks were the top seed at the tournament and became the top "Class B" team in the state.

Scotus entered the tournament with a record of 21 wins and 0 losses. The first game in the tournament for Scotus was against Lincoln Pius. The Lady Shamrocks came out in force the first game and thrashed Lincoln 15-7 in the first set and 15-0 in the second set.

The next game, on Saturday, November 15, Scotus met Ogallala. Again the Lady Shamrocks defeated them in two sets, 15-9 and 15-2.

The final game for the State Championship was that night, and the Shamrocks faced Grand Island Northwest. The first set was Scotus' game and they won 15-5. The second set was a little more worrisome and Grand Island won 13-15. The third set was a good match up but the Lady Shamrocks came out on top 15-9. The State Championship was ours.

The team did very well at State and so did the Shamrock's supporters and students. The students and parents are to be commended.

## Kris Klopnieski: Coach Petersen's Right Hand

by Amy Hefti

Starting out in seventh grade and continuing through her senior year, Kris Klopnieski has been student manager for all three sports at one time or another. For the last two years, she has been manager of volleyball, basketball, and track and plans on doing the same this year.

Kris always wanted to help people and get them motivated. She felt becoming student manager was an ideal opportunity. She also said the senior class was very competitive, and she wouldn't get a chance to play but wanted to be a part of the team. Keeping book, sweeping floors, shagging balls, and holding jewelry are just a few of her jobs. Basically, she said, "I do the dirty work the coach doesn't do." Spending three hours a day and more than six hundred hours a year doesn't bother her. She is doing what she wants to do.

Wherever they go, whatever they do, however the outcome, Kris is with them. She feels very much a part of the team. Some look to her as just a student manager while others feel she is the extra advantage on their team.

"Very rewarding," is how she described her role as student manager. "I accomplish my goal of helping others in the way they need to be helped." Her best experience these last six years has been state volleyball last year or being manager for the Volleyball All-Star Game. She said, "Mr. Petersen respected my ability enough to ask me to be the manager of his team." At times, she has wanted to call it quits, but after awhile she realizes everybody has a bad day just like her. Looking back on her high school career, she sums it up as, "A learning experience that is very rewarding to myself."

Coach Peterson describes her as a "mini-coach." He feels she does a tremendous job, and he can always count on her. She does things before he even asks. Kris will be definitely missed next year. She does so many things so well and doesn't always get the gratitude she deserves. Coach Petersen considers her very much a member of the team because she contributes in so many ways. Her efforts are very much appreciated.

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## FBLA Shows Leadership

by Kim Shotkoski

The Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) are a group of young people who learn leadership, responsibility, effective communication, competition skills, and overall, they strive for excellence in business. FBLA week was February 8-14 and the purpose was to promote the group and stress what they stand for.

Activities of FBLA week included: February 10, business dress-up day; February 11, half page ad in the *Columbus Telegram*; February 12, officers sponsored a faculty breakfast; and February 13, a guest speaker from Lindsay Manufacturing spoke to the group on accounting. Included with these activities, officers wrote short, encouraging facts about FBLA for the morning announcements.

Along with FBLA week, Scotus sponsored a business competition day February 21. This was the first year that Scotus had ever sponsored such an event. Approximately 300-350 students competed in various business events. Forty-five students from Scotus competed. Last year Scotus won second place.

Mrs. Went and Mrs. Rambour are extremely excited about the day and hope that the group performs to the best of their ability. "This year we have some real strong competitors from Scotus in several of the events, so I look for us to do as well as last year if not better," stated Mrs. Went.



Ann Bernt and Mike Rueschhoff were crowned 1987 Sweetheart Queen and King.

## Sweetheart King and Queen crowned

by Amy Hefti

Mike Rueschhoff and Ann Bernt were crowned Sweetheart King and Queen on February 6 in the Scouts Memorial Hall.

The Queen candidates were: Paula Bator, Ann Bernt, Judi Liebig, Kelli Martin, Amy Miller, and Mary Sojka. They were escorted by: Mark Bierman,

Rich Buettner, Ed Fehringer, Mike Rueschhoff Joe Tooley, and Brian Wangler.

There was a coronation and dance immediately following the game to contribute to the festivities of Valentine's Day. Ray Moore, from KWMG-Magic 93, provided the music.

## Business Students Win Honors in Omaha

by Lori Artl and Kim Shotkoski

Eighteen Scotus business students took top honors in the business competition at the Nebraska School of Business in Omaha on January 14.

Scholarships were awarded for the people who placed in their various events. First place \$500 scholarships were awarded to: Michelle Sobota in accounting, Judi Liebig in typing, Sheila Schmidt in business communications, and Jason Zach in Computer Literacy. Jason received a baseball jacket instead of his scholarship because he is a junior. A second place scholarship went to Laurie Beerbohm in typing.

Other students who competed received a certificate of participation. The students were accompanied by Mrs. Cheryl Rambour, a business teacher at Scotus.

## Thespians Initiation Week

by Melissa Grohs

"Act well your part, in there all honor lies", is the theme for the Thespians organization. During the third week in January, the Thespians initiated eight people.

To become a Thespians students must have enough points to be invited into the organization and complete a week of initiation. These points can be acquired through Speech Team or being in a play.

During initiation, the initiates were required to do various activities. Every day after school the initiates performed projects in front of the officers, or at public places. On the second to the last day, the initiates were told to dress up according to what

they are like; from Cupid to a scientist, to a Miss America to a housewife, the initiates acted their parts well. The last day the initiates dressed up in their finest attire and prepared themselves for the final initiation that was to take place after school. Each student had the chance to review over the week and to learn what being a Thespians is all about. The initiates said the induction speech and were officially inducted into the organization. Awards were given to those people that participated well during the week, and then the whole group ate together, and reviewed the outrageous week they had just participated in.

# STUDYING: The Library or The Twilight Zone?

by Angie Brozovsky

"Sorry, there aren't any more passes left", is a common saying that plagues students almost everyday in study hall when they ask to go to the library. But why is it that students are so obsessed with going to the library? What do they find so appealing and fascinating in a room filled with books and reference materials? Or better yet, what do they really do in the library?

Well it all starts out with the famous mad dash to the teacher's desk, as if the teacher were handing out the last particles of oxygen left on the face of the earth. Then once a student makes his way down to the actual landing zone, otherwise known as the library, he does one of many things. On most occasions he habitually goes straight for the magazine rack and grabs the pick of the crop. He then sits down at one of the many tables of his choice, thankful to be away from the screaming voice of a teacher telling him to "Shut Up!!!" He then begins what is known as normal brain hibernation or spacing out, as the pictures in the

magazine become a blur, and the lines in the wall seem to close in and start to form little designs right before his eyes.

Then all of a sudden, BOOM!, he snaps out of it, as he hears that familiar voice of Sr. Roselda over the intercom, looking for another one of those lost little students. He then realizes that he has wasted all but ten minutes of his time trying to figure out just exactly what the lines in the wall really were, and must return to the voice of a screaming teacher again. Before he knows what has happened he is zapped with a menacing screech, also known as the bell, indicating the end of the period, as this never-ending cycle of terror ends. But as one period ends, another period begins and this horrible cycle begins again.

But wait a minute, I thought the library was meant for using the reference materials, not for entering the Twilight Zone. Oh well, the next time you are in the library do Mrs. Whiteley and the other librarians a favor and use the library for what it is meant for — studying!!!

## Are you a Holaristocrat?

by Tara Zuerlein

How many times do you get dressed for school in the morning and you notice that your socks have holes in the toes? If you are like a great majority of what I commonly call "holaristocrats" it probably is not anything abnormal. Sweaters are also another hot spot for "hole mania" to begin. A vast number of school sweaters are turning up to be quite "holy" these days at Scotus Central Catholic (nice pun, huh?). Rips and frays here and there add up to become extremely large holes. Sooner or later the sweaters and socks get "eaten" by the washer and dryer (we all know mom takes them and throws them out of embarrassment). But, after freezing without a sweater or getting sent home for not wearing sock, we always break down to buy that needed item.

I often wondered why a nice quality green sweater like mine would decide to rip out here and there and turn me into a "holaristocrat". Could it be because Missy and I decided to play tug-of-war with it? Could it be because my older sister who is two sizes larger than me happened to wear it for two weeks while hers was being fixed? Or could it be because of the new laundry detergent that mom used for the first time?

The conclusion is different to all but, for me it was because I loved it so much (I love to sew) that I cannot stop wearing it. On the serious side (believe it or not) I give a word of advice - fix your sweaters and socks, you loose a lot of heat through those holes.

## A TEACHER'S COMMANDMENT: "Thou shall not miss a deadline"

by Kelly Nicolas

One important commandment for most teachers is that which states: "Thou shall not miss a deadline." If we are lucky enough to have those teachers who give us a week's time to work on an assignment, why not take advantage and get it done a couple days early! This kind of an assignment should be an advantage to students, but really it is to our disadvantage because most of us fall into the category of: "The last minute students."

Doesn't it just annoy you when a teacher assigns an assignment to be due a week later and you see these crazy students working on it five minutes after their teacher assigned it to them? These people are called "The early birds." They get right to their books and begin to work their brains out to make sure a week is plenty of time to get everything perfect. Then when you get your papers back you compare grades and wonder why there are 50 points or so difference between the two of you.

There are a lot of students today that use their

knowledge in figuring out how much time they should allow for themselves to complete their assignment. This type of student is the "On Timer." They allow a couple of hours the night before to get their assignment done good enough to meet their standards, only they find out that it was an assignment that should have only taken a half hour to do if they would have done it the right way. This type of person also finds themselves on the phone quite often the night before, either talking to a friend to get directions, or to a teacher to find out the deadline for sure and to make certain they wrote the right directions down.

Finally, there are those "Last Minute Students." These students usually use their study hall before that class to get their work done because they are the lazy ones who did not feel like doing it earlier. Most students who do this find themselves making more of a mess than getting anything accomplished. They rush all over the school to find Mrs. Went to get a pass to type their paper during study hall, then they get up there and do not have typing paper.

When they realize they have paper in their locker, they immediately sprint to get some and also remember that they may need correcto-type; they then sprint back to the typing room while thinking to themselves how smart they were for remembering their correcto-type. Finally, they sit down and think everything is fine, and soon discover that they have not even wrote their paper. So being the type of student they are, they let their minds make up stuff as they type and when discovering there is five minutes left, they just stop wherever they are, even in the middle of a sentence, and say that is good and hand it in next period, happy that they are finished before the deadline, but hoping the teacher does not grade them.

Sit down and think of what category you fit into and change some of your working habits to make you a better student. After all, it is the grade that gets returned to you that can either be a reward or a disappointment, and we all know that rewards are 100% better than a 20% on a homework assignment we had a week to work on.

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Amy Hefti, Juli Hroza, and Mary Cheloha decorate cookies for National Honor Society.

## NHS sells Valentine cookies for profit

by Angie Brozovsky

National Honor Society followed last year's fund raiser of "The Dating Game" with "The Cookie-O-Gram". The group sold large \$.50 heart-shaped cookies and one dozen regular cookies for \$2.

NHS members baked and decorated during second and seventh period study halls and after school for a week. The decorating was done in an assembly line for the 35 dozen large and 140 dozen small cookies. Their final sales total profited \$500.

## Advice From A Friend

by Amy Hefti

Trading pictures, talking graduation, deciding colleges, writing scholarships, and praying the year would end are just a few of the things seniors do each day. Ever since the end of our junior year we have been saying, "I can't wait for graduation." Most of us are ready to move on to bigger and better things, but there is a part of us that is a little hesitant.

College is a big step towards the future, and once you start there is no turning back. We are ready to move on, but there is a part of us that will have a terrible time saying good-bye to the life we have known for the last six years. Once we leave, we can never come back and wish we would have done things differently or remembered a special event or

most of all say we wish our senior year would not have went so fast.

When saying good-bye to school on the day of graduation, we will be saying good-bye to a place that has been very good to us. Teachers that have re-explained something a million times, librarians who never turned us away when we needed help, administration who, though at times we didn't agree with them, did their best, cooks who made sure we ate every day, coaches who carried on the winning traditions, friends who helped us out through good and bad, but most of all to our parents who made sure we received the best possible education that was available.

We are all preparing ourselves for the day that we will say good-bye. In the meantime, each one of us is living memories and moments. Very soon we will no longer have the safety and security we have known for so long. As Bon Jovi sings in "Never Say Good-Bye," "You and me and my old friends hoping it would never end..." It does end, and for some it is too fast, and for others it is not fast enough, but however you feel as a senior, continue to make it the greatest year possible.

## Drama department presents "Tumbleweeds"

by Paul Maca

Lights, camera, action — the 1987 Scotus musical is underway. This year the school will be putting on a two act musical called **Tumbleweeds**. The cast includes thirty-three students ranging from junior high to seniors.

The play is about a small town called Grimey Gulch. It's a small town that at one time bragged that Johnny Appleseed came nowhere near this little hamlet. During the play, an evil pair of characters try to run everyone out of town so that a railway could come through town. But the evil pair doesn't plan on the antics of **Tumbleweeds**, the play's hero. Through the entire play, there are laughs from such characters as a mortician, a hang man, and a sex-crazed old maid.

The cast includes:

- Buccolic Buffalo — Nathan Bahr;
- Snake-Eye — Brian Wangler;
- Judge Frump — Ron Zornes;
- Knuckles — Rick Horne;
- Mrs. Grover — Shannon Maguire;
- Hildegard — Michelle Sobota;
- Claude Clay — Ron Wessel;
- Wart Wimble — Larry Horne;
- Hogarth Hemp — Mike Jilek;
- Tumbleweeds — Paul Maca;
- Mrs. Uplift — Christina Horne;
- Echo — Leah Huss;
- Mrs. Fluster — Muffy Liebenritt;
- Throckmorton — Steve Haider;
- Clementine — Michelle Sand;
- Little Pigeon — Suzanna George;
- Poppy — Rachelle Schieffer;
- Trooper Dimbleby — Rick Horne;
- Colonel Fluster — Chad Labenz;
- Chief — Dennis Rinkol;
- Crazy Wife — Laurie Beerbohm;
- Medicine Man — Kourtney Kaminski;
- Puce Moose — Mike Haenggi;
- Amy — Rhonda Engel;
- Betty — Susan Hamling;
- Caroline — Susan Krpoatsch;
- Dorothy — Kim Kouma;
- Zenobia — Colleen Poe;
- Prudence — Traci Duren;
- Aunt Maude — Linda Brdicko, and the Indian Dancers are: Megan Tooley, Suzanne Soulliere, Carrie Barbaglia, Jenni Kretz.

The directors of the play are Mrs. Ginney Schnable and Mrs. JoAnn George.

The play is scheduled to open Wednesday, March 18 for an afternoon show for the junior high, and then Friday, March 20 for the general public.

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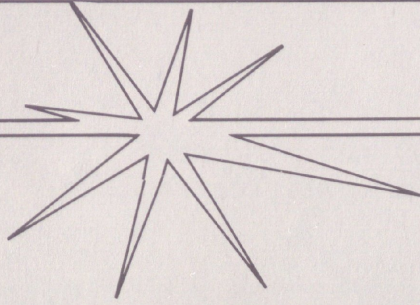
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## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS TOUCH THE FUTURE

by Lori Arlt

Throughout most of January and February there have been a variety of events that have touched each one of our lives in one way or another. The school joined together to celebrate Church Unity week, Celebrate Life week, and Catholic School's week.

Celebrate Life week began with a Eucharistic celebration on the value of life. The main celebrant was Archbishop Daniel E. Sheehan. Following the mass, the students talked with the Archbishop while eating ice cream bars provided by the Campus Ministry Team. Each day throughout the week students brought clothes for the needy. In conjunction with Celebrate Life week were the pro-life essay winners: Mary Sojka, 1st place, Juli Hroza and Michelle Sobota were runner-ups.

During Church Unity week each class assembled on separate days to hear a speaker. The speakers: Rev. Lee Hicks, Rev. Paul Rowoldt, Rev. Denny Silk, Rev. James Wright, and Rev. Harry Wales provided information about their religions and helped promote unity between the churches. The week ended with a prayer service. Reverend Harry Wales of the United Methodist Church was the speaker and helped to explain the question "What does church unity mean?"

Catholic Schools Week required involvement from all of the students. It opened with a mass on Monday and a dress-up day Tuesday commemorating the week. The theme "Catholic schools touch the future" was carried out to its fullest and the participation from the students was tremendous.



Fr. Wessling, Archbishop Sheehan, Fr. Eugene, Fr. Austin, Fr. Joe, And Fr. Jarleth celebrate the Eucharist at the Celebrate Life Mass.

## Fr. Mike Malloy Visits Holy Land

by Ann Bernt

As Father Mike Molloy travelled across the seas to visit Jerusalem, he saw many places that gave him a better understanding as to what he has been reading about for many years. Now, when Fr. Molloy reads the scriptures, he can visualize what he is reading. He is convinced that Jesus took the middle course to unite people. Jesus' teaching brought together many people. Father Molloy visited, and also went to masses in some of the great spots in the Holy Land. These included the place where Jesus was buried, and a view overlooking the Sea of Galilee where Jesus spent a lot of His life.

Father Molloy said that the most meaningful part of his trip was taking a boat across the Sea of Galilee from Tiberius to Capernaum. He could see why Jesus spent a lot of time around the Sea of Galilee because it was so beautiful. He also enjoyed visiting

the places where Biblical history had happened, like Mount Masada where 800 Jews committed suicide. He can visualize Israel when reading the scriptures, what it is like and how it relates with what he is reading. And, he can better understand the problem Jerusalem has with its politics.

Father Molloy not only visited places with significant meaning, but he had to adapt to a different culture. The most difficult culture difference that he had to adjust to was the Sabbath. He said that the shops shut down on Friday and Saturday nights. They took the Sabbath very seriously. Another difference was the Hebrew and Arabic languages. He could not speak Hebrew or Arabic too well, so he could not converse with other people. But, not all of the culture differences were hard to adjust to because Father Malloy did enjoy

the Israel and Arabic foods. They eat very little beef, mostly turkey, lamb, and chicken.

Father Molloy took his trip with forty other priests. Only four were from our Archdiocese, and the others were from the states of New York, West Virginia, Colorado, and Pennsylvania. Even though there are many problems in the Middle East, Fr. Molloy had nothing to fear. He said that he felt the airlines were safe and that Israel had a good defense and their enemies feared them. The people of the Middle East treated him well even though he was an American. He was treated as a tourist and all they wanted was to sell him goods and souvenirs to get his money.

When asked the question what his next trip will be, Father Molloy replied, "The East Coast in the United States."

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Scotus senior Mary Sojka was the winner while Juli Hroza and Michele Sobata were runners-up in the 1986 Knights of Columbus Right to Life essay contest.

## Sojka wins Knights of Columbus essay contest

### The Elderly — "The Young at Heart"

by Mary Sojka

**Editor's Note:** The following essay, by Mary Sojka, won first place in the local Knights of Columbus Pro-life essay contest. Runners-up were Michelle Sobota and Julie Hroza.

This is a world for the young. Youth, beauty, and physical appearance are stressed, and the elderly are forgotten. In our busy, active, fast-paced schedules, we often fail to realize the loneliness and sadness that an older person experiences every day of their lives. When did we last visit an elderly aunt or neighbor? When have we even bothered to notice or greet a frail elderly person as we quickly rushed by them? How many times have we chuckled to

ourselves when we have seen an older person dressed in mismatched clothes or wandering off in some unknown direction? We often hear about child abuse or spouse abuse, but the ugly crimes of exploitation, neglect, and psychological mistreatment of the elderly are only now emerging into the consciousness and awareness of the public. Prejudices against the aged deny them of the right to have, to belong, and to be. One day we will have wrinkled skin, glasses, gray hair, and colorless eyes, and we will experience these same hurts. It is time to accept the elderly into our society and allow them to truly enjoy their golden years.

The policies of the American government and standards in American society deprive older persons of their right to have. There is a direct correlation between poverty and aging; many people become poor just by celebrating their sixty-fifth birthday. Immediate unemployment and poor retirement programs have placed millions of retired people below the poverty line. Inflation doesn't help matters. Even the frugal older persons who have skimped to save a few thousand dollars watch their

money vanish as they receive medical bills and encounter higher costs of living.

Not only do many of the elderly have to deal with their bleak financial situations, but they are forced to live as a segregated group in society. It is known that in some cases one's intellect is at a prime around the age of sixty or seventy. Capable, alert older people who possess many skills and talents are thrown out of the work force and termed as "worthless" to society. Although they have pumped their energy and enthusiasm into our society to better the world in which we live, they are rewarded with a life of boredom and loneliness. Sadly true, people are measured in importance by what they produce or their contribution to society. Grandparents, older neighbors, and relatives are treated as if they are as disposable as a piece of worn-out furniture. After the elderly person dies, his or her acquaintances breathe a sigh of relief because a troublesome burden has been lifted from their shoulders. Actually, though, how much of a burden was this person? Maybe all they longed for was a short phone conversation from a son or daughter; maybe they just wanted to go on a short shopping trip with a friend or receive a letter expressing love or concern for them. What do the elderly look forward to as they open their eyes and meet a new day? A quiet, desolate house? A rocking chair? Magazines and needlework they cannot see? Radios and televisions sets they cannot hear? Dialogues they cannot comprehend? I shudder at the thought of growing old if this is what I will face in the post-adulthood years of my life.

Many of the aged in our country are poor and segregated from society, and they are denied their right to be themselves. Around that eerie age of sixty-five, the elderly are conveniently cast into faceless stereotypes: senile, widowed, peculiar, institutionalized, silly. Perfectly intelligent people are spoken to with a third-grader's vocabulary because they cannot disguise their thick wrinkles and noisy dentures. Families are so involved that they forget about their loving grandparents who sent them gifts and cards on every birthday and holiday.

The time has come for us to accept the elderly into our society. They could teach us so much about life and the process of aging if we would only listen to them and respect their wisdom. If an older person is senile or disabled, we should respond with love and compassion to their needs. Discrimination against the elderly is great enough without considering their physical or mental imperfections. We are all going to grow old. Our smooth skin, flat stomachs, and vibrant energy will be replaced with unattractive sags, bothersome arthritis, and gray hair. Hopefully, we will address this issue concerning the elderly before they have to endure these ugly crimes any longer. We must treat them as our equals and give them the attention they rightly deserve. The world is not only for the young but also for the young at heart.

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## Astronomy Club Outing



Mr. Arp looks through a telescope as Scotus students Robby Tubbs, Peter Wemhoff, and Dain Neater look on during an Astronomy Club outing.

## Scotus Staff Receives Service Awards



Receiving service awards for being on the Scotus staff were Carol Torczon, 5 years; Leon Szudlo, 20 years; John Petersen, 10 years; Darlene Ernesti, 5 years; Dennis Zowada, 10 years; Jim Puetz, 20 years; Dan Mahoney, 10 years; and Vern Younger, 20 years.



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## Improvement + Enthusiasm = A Great Season

by Amy Hefti

The 86-87 girls' basketball team has compiled an undefeated season so far this year. Due to balance and improvement by each player, the team has had little trouble in defeating its opponents. So far this season, Coach Petersen feels his team has played very consistently with the idea of peaking at the end of the season.

Being ranked number one in the *Omaha World-Herald* makes them a target for every team. The remainder of the season will be tough. Districts have quite a few rated teams, and teams that play very well. The unwritten goal each team member has is a trip to the State Tournament and a State Championship. With a perfect season, what if defeat meets the girls? Coach Petersen responded, "These ladies are very competitive. We are not unbeatable but will always play hard. I have no doubt that if we lose these ladies will come back very strong."

Enthusiasm has been a positive factor this year, however, it is not overly obvious at times. "This team is very business like and takes each game in stride," commented Coach Petersen, "They love to play the game." With both the boys and girls doing so well in basketball, Coach Petersen hopes our student body can really unite behind both teams to help make them the best they can be.

## 'Rocks Take Holiday Tournament

by Paul Maca

Basketball season has returned, and the Scotus Shamrocks are keeping in line with the winning tradition.

According to Coach Spenceri, the team has the potential to get to the state playoffs. They have won first in the **Holiday Tournament**, second at **Conference**.

According to Coach Spenceri a team needs four things to be good; one is that they have talent. The Shamrocks do have plenty of talent in their five returning seniors, and seven other people on the team who see playing time. The second thing a team needs is an all out effort and the Shamrocks have that too. According to Coach Spenceri, "The team has worked very hard to be the best that they can; they have achieved a lot of goals and has meshed together as a team."

The next thing they need for a good team is total involvement. That's involvement in the team and with the crowd of fans and school. "This season the crowd turnout has been very good," says Spenceri. And the fourth thing a team needs is luck. Who could be luckier than the Irish? As coach Spenceri put it, "The ball is round but it still bounces kinda strange."

Yes, this year's team does promise success and has already achieved it. According to coach Spenceri, "Our basketball season thus far has been a very rewarding one for me as a coach because the players performance has been good and the student body and parental crowds have been exceptional. Our goal for the rest of the season is to improve, especially at District time and play good basketball."

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# THE ROCK

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## Band Marches to Success

by Ann Bernt

Seven years ago, a concern arose upon many parents. Being the only school in the Centennial Conference without a band, this group of parents became interested in organizing a band at Scotus Central Catholic. After a year of planning, the band became a reality.

Now after seven years, the band has made many changes, but also many great achievements. One of the greatest changes the band had to compete with was the number of band directors. During these seven years, the band had five directors. The result of this change each year was the lack of continuity with the band. With no continuity, the band members had no pride of being in the band. Mr. Steven Niles, the present band director, wants to create some stability to the band program. Mr. Niles said that the band needs a person who is willing to show concern for the kids and the program. Mrs. Mary Hittner, a band booster who had been involved with the band since it began, said, "A new band director each year has hurt the band and it's continuity."

In Mr. Niles' mind, there was a slight question of why there were so many changes in band directors the past few years. He did not know what was going on here. Mr. Niles was concerned. He thought that maybe it was the directors' feelings toward the place where they were teaching, or maybe this job was not for them. But, when Mr. Niles first worked with the band during the summer, he was impressed with the quality of the group as a whole. He was also impressed with the musical quality of 57 band members in both the junior and senior high. Mr. Niles said that he is looking forward to a long stay. "The only move I plan to make is from the house we are renting."

Besides facing changes, the band has made many achievements. According to Mr. Niles, the band is progressing with "leaps and bounds." The band has established themselves in a variety of performances such as pep band, concert band, and now a jazz band." Now that the band has received their newly purchased uniforms, they will be striving for more activities to participate in.

With the help of the band boosters, the band was able to purchase uniforms. But now that the uniforms are purchased, the fund raising will still continue. The band will spend money on more uniforms within the next few years, so that there will be a greater supply of uniforms. Mrs. Hittner said that the band boosters will help in purchasing some

of the larger, school owned instruments, supplementing the budget for music, and will help pay for band trips in the future. The band is going to purchase a set of timpani and is thinking about attending the Worlds of Fun Band Festival next spring.

Our school band is making tremendous development and growth. With the many activities that the band has already performed in, the many goals yet to be achieved, and the hard work that it is going to take to achieve those goals, Mr. Niles and the band are willing to put forth all the effort that it is going to take to make them possible.



Mary Cheloha, Fr. Wayne, Becca Toof, and Traci Duren pantomime during the Stations of the Cross.

## N.H.S. Honors Seniors

by Angie Brozovsky

On Friday, April 29th, the National Honor Society honored their senior members and inducted the 1987-1988 officers at a recognition mass and supper. The mass was held at the little theater and the supper followed for the members, parents, and invited guests.

Seniors who maintained a 93 percent average or higher throughout their high school career were honored and became permanent members. Those members included: Vickie Boryca, Angie Brozovsky, Ed Fehringer, Robin Hamling, Amy Hefti, Juli Hroza, Kelli Martin, Sheila Schmidt, Mary Sojka, and Carrie Staroscik.

## Father mimes the Stations

by Amy Hefti

The student body assembled in the old gym on March 20 for a prayer service. Fr. Wayne and some of his Campus Ministers pantomimed the stations of the cross. His committee like the idea because it would give the students a better understanding of the stations, and at the same time, they could relate easier to what happened to Jesus.

A student read each station and explained how it related to our lives. While the student was reading the station, Fr. Wayne and some of his Campus Ministers pantomimed what was being read. The Campus Ministers who helped him were Larry Backes, Mike Horne, Becca Toof, Mary Cheloha, and Traci Duren.

# That was then This is now

by Kim Shotkoski

It seems like only yesterday when we were riding bikes to grade school, going roller skating, or planning for the "big" sixth grade field trip. Now, we are planning what college to attend, and making major decisions that will affect the rest of our lives. It is amazing how fast time went by and how fast we had to grow up and become adults, even though we might not be ready for that responsibility.

We came together as a class of shy seventh graders in August of 1981. From Jr. High, we have memories of attending Jr. High football games, and eating at Barnies Pizza afterwards. Bikes were the major source of transportation, and curfew was no later than 10:30 p.m.

Somehow we managed to pull through Jr. High and become "BIG FRESHMAN." Our freshman year was one of many new experiences as we went to homecoming, sweetheart, and various tape dances. Our sophomore year proved to be a very fun and exciting one with our drivers license and the introduction of the "Swamp!" The junior year came around in no time, and went just as fast. After our junior year, we moved on to bigger and better things--our Senior year!!!!

The year that we have been preparing for six years, and the year that upper classmen have been telling us about for so many years. Now we are the upper classmen, and we are the "big kids" in the hallway. It all happened so fast!!

Most of this year was spent preparing for the future, and spending time with friends talking about days past and what lies ahead. Our class has many GREAT memories, from Barnies Pizza, to a drivers license, from our first homecoming to prom, from special times spent together, and soon graduation. Through the years our class has had it's share of bad times, and a lot of misunderstandings, but the good times we have had cover up the bad and make us forget what has happened. Our senior class has a unique personality of it's own, and that is what every member of the 1987 Senior class will remember.

Our time at Scotus will soon come to an end, but we will leave this institution with special memories of friends and events that have touched our lives. As we grow older and start careers of our own, and possibly a family, we will look back at the good of high school days and remember them as some of the "Best Years of Our Lives!!!!!"



Carrie Sapp, Chad Labenz, and Dan Parolek help the student council paint the walls of the hallways.

## Student Council Finishes Agenda

by Tara Zuerlein

Inappropriately some people use the term "student government" to describe what is commonly known to others as the schools "student council". The student body has been using this term when problems arise and are wanting to make changes when, in fact, the "government" of a school is prescribed by law and cannot be delegated to students.

Major changes cannot happen overnight, but the student council presents a excellent lead. In the past they have provided entertainment for their fellow students through Friday night tape dances. They have also donated money to the various science, social studies, art, and music departments along with sending members to student council camps for learning valuable leadership roles and skills. The 1986-87 council has worked hard to challenge the administration on subjects such as uniforms, open campus, student lounge, and a work release

program. They began a long-awaited for project to restore the halls by painting geometric designs above the students lockers with the freshmen, sophomore, junior and senior logos aside of them.

Raising \$110.00 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association was one of their last fund raisers which was raised through a "jean day" where students were allowed to wear jeans for a day by purchasing a special pass with the Muscular Dystrophy insignia on them. The day was a huge success and provided money for an important cause as well as letting students relax in a somewhat different dress code. Providing school lunches for this years foreign exchange student was yet another undertaking of the council which will continue throughout the years. The most significant role the council provides is relating to other students and working with them to obtain new activities and goals to enhance the school to become the best it can in future years.

## Drunk Driving: A SADD Situation

by Eric Beck

Because of recent deaths due to drunk driving, many anti-drinking groups have come out of the closet. Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MADD) and Students Against Drunk Drivers (SADD) are just two of the many groups in this category. While their aim, to hold drunk driving down, is good, the means they use to achieve this goal is not.

Each year over 50,000 people are killed on U.S. highways. Statistics say half of these deaths are the result of people driving after drinking. This is an alarming statistic, and 25,000 lives should be saved

if we can do it.

Most of the anti-drunk driving groups try to scare you and tell how it is against the law. "You are going to die" or "You will be thrown in jail" are phrases that can be heard. This is stupid and ineffective. It is adolescent nature to disobey the law. A teenager is more apt to do something if you tell him not to.

Last year we had a speaker at school that spoke on drunk driving. He told us his horrible experiences with the subject. He told of the deaths of old and young people. This affected us more than scare tactics ever will.

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# Substitutes contribute to school day

by Lori Artt

As you are sitting in the classroom, rushing to get your assignments done, have you ever taken the time to appreciate all of the things substitute teachers do?

Being a substitute teacher not only takes a lot of time, but exposes the students to different classroom techniques. Together, Mrs. Janet Dobesh, Mrs. Jean Wacker, and Mrs. Janet Tooley, three substitutes, give the students at Scotus a thorough understanding of various subjects.

There are many advantages to being a substitute teacher. It allows them the opportunity to work with the students and also to stay current within the teaching profession. "If you can substitute teach it will probably make teaching easier. Substituting is harder than teaching because there are more problems, but it lets you appreciate full-time teaching more," said Mrs. Wacker.

The substitute teachers agree that the students at Scotus are very comparable to students at other high schools. The only difference is that the Scotus students have a professional attitude towards the future and are well disciplined. "I take each day as it comes, do the best I can, and take the opportunities that are open for me," said Mrs. Tooley.

Teaching classes to the youth is enjoyable for the substitute teachers. "Anytime you work with teens, you can relate with them better," stated Mrs. Dobesh. Since the lives of the students revolve around school, most teachers have a better idea of what is going on in their lives. "It keeps you young and up-to-date with the students," said Mrs. Wacker.

The main goal of the substitute teachers are to stay in the area of teaching until a full-time position opens up. They are not afraid of failure and are willing to try new things. It is rewarding "when a

student tells me I have made a difference in how they see themselves or understand a particular subject," said Mrs. Tooley.

The substitute teachers never quite know what to expect from the students they teach. Every student has a different personality. During the first few days of substitute teaching, the students may try to get by with anything they never could with their regular teacher. It takes some time and discipline before the students are familiar with the substitutes way of teaching. "You learn very quickly how to walk into every situation and handle anything that is dropped on you," stated Mrs. Dobesh.

Substitute teaching requires qualities such as patience and flexibility. Nevertheless, the substitute is usually confronted with many decisions and responsibilities. In their own special way, substitute teachers touch our lives and make each day a little bit better.

# Mrs. Bernt aids in the freedom of speech

by Melissa Grohs

Speech or debate is defined by the *World Book Encyclopedia* as a series of formal spoken arguments for and against a definite proposal. Speech or the freedom of speech began in 400 B.C. when the democracy of Athens, Greece attained its highest level of speech freedom. This freedom of speech was adapted in the United States Constitution in 1776 to give every individual the ability to speak their minds.

At Scotus, the adaptation of speech or debate began back in the 1966-67 school year. Mrs. McKenry was the first teacher on record that taught speech and had a form of debate team. As the school years passed, debate was dropped, and more speech and drama classes were formed. But not until the 1978-79 school year did Scotus participate in speech competition. This was the year that Mrs. Sandra Bernt came to Scotus. With the aid of Mrs. Bernt, the Scotus Speech Team has been district champs seven times, and conference champs six times.

Mrs. Bernt attributes the success mainly to the students and their ability to perform. But every accomplished performer needs the aid of a coach or teacher to help them acquire their goals. Mrs. Bernt admits to having a teacher influence her. In high school, this influential and encouraging teacher helped her decide on their major in college. Mrs. Bernt studied speech at University of Nebraska in Lincoln and then taught at one school before coming to Scotus. Along with her seven years here at Scotus, Mrs. Bernt has been involved in thirteen years of speech.

Mrs. Bernt stated that speech or speech team helps students in school with teaching them to make presentations and it gives them overall poise. Also it gives them topics for research papers and other papers that are written during the school year.

On the team, there is no one area that is successful. Mrs. Bernt stated that over the years each area was successful because of the talented students that competed in them. She takes pride in the team and the students that are presently on and those that were on the team. The time allowed for practices may have also contributed to the success of the areas. Mrs. Bernt said, "I tell people to practice at least a half hour a night, because that is what I did." But she also said that practices should be determined on how well they adapt and how quickly they can learn their material.

The most competitive schools that the team has to

compete against are Lakeview, Omaha Roncalli, and Raymond Central. Lakeview is the most competitive because of the inner school rivalry. Raymond Central is the major competition at the Conference level and Roncalli is the major competition at the state level, where they haven't lost a competition for the last few years.

With the popularity of speech team, the idea of having a lettering system like the one in athletics has been brought to Mrs. Bernt. But to Mrs. Bernt, the Thespian group is a type of honor system similar to that of athletics. But the Thespian group has not existed at Scotus since the beginning of speech at Scotus. In November of 1970, the "Scotus Thespians" was formed under the direction of Mr. Gary Fendrick. It was introduced with the purpose of creating interest in drama and the theatre. Only those students that participate in speech and acquire enough points gained by going to competitions are allowed to join. To Mrs. Bernt this is a high honor.

In the future, Mrs. Bernt hopes to do better at districts and conference, and to be higher ranked at state. Her advice is, "Speech competitions are not the way they are thought to be. One does not give a speech in front of several people but to a few." She stated that speech changes peoples personalities. She said, "I'm a perfect example of that."

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## One minute late is a tardy earned

by Kelly Nicolas

The bell goes off at 8:15 a.m. and anyone who steps foot in their classroom just one second late is sent to the office to get a tardy pass. Down to the office they go, as they approach Sister or Mrs. Harral they try one of the ten excuses usually used to get out of being tardy. Some excuses students have given Sister or Mrs. Harral when being tardy in the mornings were: they had to wait for a train, they had a flat tire, their ride forgot them, they never had a ride, they overslept, their dog ran away, or their horses got out and they had to chase them down before they came to school.

"There are no exceptions for an excused pass unless the student has a forseen absent," Mrs. Harral said. Excused passes are very seldom written out to students. In fact, before first period, Sister and Mrs. Harral will not allow any student to be excused. They both feel that the students will sooner or later learn that getting up earlier is better than three tardies.

Three tardies equals a detention. When a student receives their third tardy, they have to serve a detention, usually held in one of the teachers' rooms after school for thirty minutes. This system has been very consistent throughout Scotus' history. If a student does not show up for their detention, the student receives a penalty detention. A penalty detention consists of two tardies when the student decided on their own that they were not going to stay for one. After getting so many tardies, the students get use to the routine of staying for detention, until the ninth one hits.

When a student receives nine tardies, they spend the day in the school safe, and do not associate with anyone. Sister feels that if the students tried harder to arrive at school on time, the safe would not be used as often as it has been. "I like to warn students when nine tardies are near," stated Sister. She does not enjoy giving students tardies, but she says, "It is a job that has to be fairly given and it does not give me pleasure."

Paula Bator is one student who has experienced the safe this year, and she describes it as this: "It is not that bad, it is boring and there is no lesson to be learned from it, there should be some kind of another punishment."



Mrs. Mielak, and Mrs. Haney prepare one of the many lunches at Scotus.

## STUDENTS RATE FOOD A FIVE STAR

by Paula Bator

Stomachs are growling, mouths are watering, and students are getting ready to go to lunch. Yes, this is the best part of a student's day, eating in Clara's kitchen. Mrs. Fletcher has been here for 28 years. She plans the meals one week in advance and plans around the basic four food groups. Mrs. Fletcher is a lady all should respect because she feeds everyone's stomachs, and it is a very satisfying meal.

Mrs. Fletcher does not do all the work by herself though. There are ten cooks who help her out. They start their day bright and early at 7:00 a.m. and end at 2:00 p.m. A majority of the cooks have been here for many years. Mrs. Hilger has been here for thirteen years, and she said, "At first I came because my kids Chris and Geri were here, and then when they graduated, I decided to stay because it was a challenge to me."

The cooks agreed on two things: the first is they all enjoy it here, and secondly, they feel the students they serve are polite to them. They said, "the majority say please and thank you."

The cooks have many different jobs to do. They do not do the same thing day after day. Some serve the food, some dishwash, and some cook. After one job for two weeks and they change to a new job. They call this "the change of guards" and do this so it

never gets boring.

All things, however, are not always great for Mrs. Fletcher and the cooks. The worst experience they all had was when the fire extinguishers went off, and all the food was ruined. This was terrible because the food was ready to be served. Mrs. Hilger said, "It is never wasted. It can always be used somewhere. Leftover cake could be used in bread pudding or slices of cheese could be grated and used for pizza."

The cooks here at Scotus served to a number of students. They serve the entire junior and senior high, Saint Bon's, and starting this year they take food to the Lutheran schools which is about 115 per day.

Many students were asked how they felt towards Mrs. Fletcher's food, and there was not one negative response. The most common comment was, "It's great for the cost and compared to other schools." The cost to eat in the cafeteria is \$.80, and you get an adequate amount of food. Many of the seniors said they will be back to eat here at Scotus, especially for the Christmas dinner.

Mrs. Fletcher and the cooks deserve a thank you from everyone for fixing us such a wonderful and nutritious meal. So next time you pass by them, give them a simple thank you or even a smile might do.

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# Pep Club: To be or not to be?

by Angie Brozovsky

Pep Club has been a thriving tradition at Scotus for more than twenty-one years. They have been at athletic events to cheer on the winning teams and keep the school spirit alive. But for the 1987-1988 school year, the chances of a Pep Club existing at Scotus are very slim. In the past four years, the enrollment has dropped from 120 members to an all-time low of only 30 members.

The enthusiasm and interest for a Pep Club just is not there like it used to be. According to Mrs. Pekarek, only three eighth graders have expressed an interest in being in Pep Club next year. She said, "I would like to continue the tradition of a Pep Club but the interest in students just is not there anymore, and without the members there is no Pep Club." She feels the reason the interest has dropped is because of the fact that girls athletics has become so successful in the past two years.

Also with the changing times more students are tied down with jobs and more responsibilities, leaving little time for other activities such as Pep

Club. One of the requirements for being a member of the Pep Club is to always attend every home boy's game whether it be basketball or football. This requirement is also a contributing factor to the decreased enrollment because not all students are able to attend all home games.

But what will Scotus be losing if there is not a Pep Club next year? There are several activities that this organization sponsors which are a big part of Scotus. They are the ones who put on our pep rallies, sponsor poster parties, give locker decorations to those involved in sports, drive in the car parade, sell concessions at football and boy's basketball games, and also give a big helping hand in serving dinners for the Mother's Club.

The Pep Club has always been a good tradition at Scotus and they have always been one of the largest around. They also happen to be one of the last Pep Clubs existing today in high school curriculums. Coach Spenceri feels that Pep Club is a tradition that he would hate to see cease. He said, "I think that our Pep Club is one of our main motivating factors of

enthusiasm at an athletic contest." And being the great Italian that he is, Coach Spenceri said, "A game without Pep Club is like spaghetti without meatballs." But unfortunately this organization is at a high risk of being extinct from the tradition of Scotus.

Even though the students have expressed little interest in being a member of the Pep Club, several of them would like to see it continue next year. The general concensus among the students is that they like having a Pep Club at the athletic events, but they do not want to have to be the ones who have to stand and cheer throughout the entire game. They have also said that going to meetings at 12:40 every Friday became a pain. But perhaps the biggest excuse of all for not wanting to be in Pep Club is the fact that most of the students just do not have the time, spirit, and dedication that it takes to be a member. But even though the students, teachers, athletes, and coaches may want the tradition of a Pep Club to continue, without the members needed there will not be one.

# Students Experience Social Justice First Hand

by Amy Hefti

How do teachers get their students excited about what is being taught? An average sophomore in high school might have a hard time relating to social justice problems. Mrs. Riley, the sophomore religion social justice teacher, decided to give her students a chance to learn about social justice outside of the classroom. On March 9th at 6:30 a.m., they boarded a bus bound for a Social Justice Seminar at Creighton University. Not knowing what to expect, they went in with open minds and hearts.

The Social Justice Seminar consisted of three parts. The first part was to take a closer look at local problems, the second to look at the reasons for the problems in our social system, and the third to look at what some people have done locally to correct the problems. What is social justice? Steve Helgren defined social justice as "Putting our love for others into action." Ron Wessel said, "Taking action by putting your beliefs into action and changing the world into a world of peace."

The first part was presented by social worker Sister Chris Heaston and Carol. Sister shared with the students her experiences with families that have problems with abuse, alcoholism, and drugs. Carol related her trauma to the students. She was sexually abused by her father and turned to alcoholism and drugs to escape. Carol eventually met a man who introduced her into more and more drugs. She had two children before she was married. Her husband

turned out to abuse her so she left him. Carol wants the cycle of abuse to stop because her children deserve a much better life. Brad Dush was moved by Carol's experience. He said, "She gave an inside view of how it really was. Her story was real not made up." Christine Horne was changed by Carol's story. She knew that there were abused people in this world but could never relate to them. Christine said, "Carol's story makes her feel different about abused people. They have to live with their nightmare forever."

The second part took a look at the reasons for the problems in our social system. It consisted of a slide presentation by Duchesne students and talks by Patrick Murray and Jean Schuler. Both classes felt this part was very hard to understand.

The third part consisted of seven speakers who told what they have done locally to help the problems of the world. Through social service and social advocacy, "We can all make a difference," said Steve Haider. The speakers touched the students in the way in which they could understand. Glenn Henkel was Lisa Hain's favorite. She said, "He was a teen who could identify with what was being done." He went to Kenya and Isreal to help the people there. Glen related to the students the experiences he had through stories. A'Jamel-Rashed Byndon was Scott Jones's favorite. Scott said, "He talked about our views of the world." Ron Wessel said, "He presented to us the opposite side


of the rich." Father Frank Cordaro surprised the students. He was a priest who had been thrown in jail for his beliefs. One of the speakers Teresa Monaghan had on an outfit that had cost \$1.50. Her skirt and shoes were from a friend, and her sweater and blouse from the Goodwill. Julie Sokol said, "Teresa talked about spending more money on the needy not material things." Diana Raimondo realized how much money she spends on clothes.

In the afternoon, the students visited the Francis and Siena Houses. The houses were located in the downtown area of Omaha. From the outside, they were scummy, dirty, and smelly, but once inside there was a very at home feeling. The Francis House is for men while the Siena is for women. They both basically do the same thing: provide food, clothing and shelter for those who are in need of it. The houses try to get the people back on the right track. Their motto is "Everyone deserves respect."

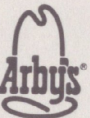
Many of the students didn't even realize the problem of starvation really existed because there is not too much of that in Columbus. Patty Beck realized people really live like that. Diana Raimondo said, "It made her realize how much hunger there really was." The students, after spending a day learning first hand more about the problems of the world, have come to realize they can make a difference. By putting their love into action, they can change lots of things.


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Mr. Sadle instructs one of his many classes.

## STUDENT READERS: A Rare Breed

by Eric Beck

The symptoms of this type of person are evident. Their eyes are sore and tired looking from the night before. Their hair is erratic because they did not have time to comb due to oversleeping. Every free moment is occupied with their nose being stuck between two covers. Under this rough exterior, however, lives a person who is more knowledgeable and knowing than any one could know. This person is the avid book reader, the number of which are increasing in Scotus.

Such Scotus Students as Scott Heimes, Brian Wangler, Vicki Boryca, Carolyn Bonk, and Kelly Beck, to name just a few, are always seen carrying a book with them. Father Wayne is famous for the great amount of books he reads. Others just read occasionally, and when they feel like doing it. Some kids think reading is boring, but hopefully this attitude is changed after they read books in their English classes.

Almost everyone has read a book on their own, though most take a while to do it. Some people that like westerns will pick up a Louis L'Amour book and spend a month on it. Others may choose to read a romance, going through two a week. The average avid book reader can absorb three to five books a month, depending on the length. The types of books read vary greatly. Some prefer biographies and historical accounts to fiction. Romance and westerns

are popular. Classics are read by a few, while some enjoy all of these types.

James Michener, Carl Sagan, J.D. Salinger, Charles Dickens, and Ernest Hemingway heat the list of favorite authors named by students, though most say the author does not really matter. If the idea and theme is one that can be related to, most will enjoy it. *Gone With the Wind*, *Catcher in the Rye*, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, and *The Godfather* are just some of the most read books.

"I generally choose my own books, unless someone who's opinion I value recommends a book," says senior Scott Heimes. This is the general feeling amongst student readers. If someone recommends a book, they will read it, but mostly they choose their own. These many books are read at all times of the day. Some wake up early in the morning to read, while others burn the midnight oil to finish their latest.

The reason people should read, and is, that they want to be informed and knowing. An avid reader feels that reading is the best way for this. Any one who reads thinks it helps them. Brian Wangler says, "Reading has given me a very different outlook on things." Scott Heimes states, "Reading has given me insight towards how large the world is and truly how little I know about it. I learn more from reading a good book than almost anything I can think of." Nothing more needs to be said.

## WHO LOVES YOU BABE?

by Paul Maca

"Remember, Mr. Sadle loves you!" If you haven't heard someone say that, chances are that you didn't have Mr. Sadle for any class. And, when you hear Mr. Sadle say that, don't laugh, he really means it.

Mr. Sadle was born and raised in Sutherland, Nebraska. According to Mr. Sadle, everyone in that area are more open. When friend or family were leaving, you gave them a hug or a kiss. Around that area it wasn't uncommon to tell people that you loved them.

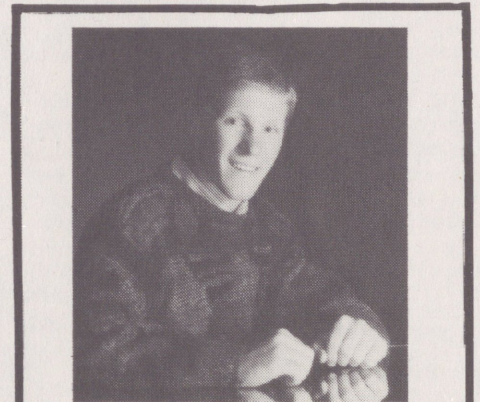
When Mr. Sadle was 22 he got married. He continued to enjoy life with his wife Amy until he was 29 when he went to Vietnam. The war caused Mr. Sadle a lot of problems and it wasn't as glorified as some people like to portray the war. Mr. Sadle said that "The only understanding I got from the Vietnam War is that war is not the way to solve problems." But, Mr. Sadle did say that the war did show him to have more value in people.

When Mr. Sadle got back to the United States, he started to get himself back together. The war had left some scars on him and they weren't all physical. He went through some counseling and this touched his life greatly.

For the last twelve years Mr. Sadle has been counseling people. He has no degree for counseling, but he has something that beats a degree and that is experience. Mr. Sadle's idea is that "People have a lot of answers for themselves." Mr. Sadle does counsel people now. He counsels drug abusers, alcoholics, and does some marriage counseling.

According to Mr. Sadle, one-half of teaching is just teaching. The other half consists of social and value shaping. That's why Mr. Sadle can say, "Mr. Sadle loves you." So the next time you see him don't be afraid, behind that big mean exterior lays the heart of a man that really does love you.

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