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Homecoming '88 Now A Memory

by Jill Hefti

What was just a dream is now a memory. Homecoming '88 was put into the memory books October 7, 1988. The Homecoming game was won by the Shamrocks over the Wahoo Neumann Cavaliers, 33-8. Immediately after the game, the coronation of King and Queen took place. Last year's King and Queen, Mike Horne and Traci Duren, crowned their successors, Travis Bock and Diana Raimondo. Other King candidates were Aaron Jasper, Mike Jilek, Jason Mielak, Chad Swierczek, and Ron Wessel. Queen candidates were Susan Hamling, Jill Hefti, Tricia Korger, Teresa Romanek, and Shelly Scow.

King candidates were chosen by the S Club. Queen candidates come from Pep Club and S Club. Only S Club and Pep Club members vote for the six boy and girl candidates, but the entire senior high school votes for Homecoming King and Queen.

The evening continued with a dance put on by the senior class. The cafeteria was decorated with the theme of "Welcome to the Jungle" in mind. The Knights of the Turntable provided the music for the dance.

Homecoming week started with shoe day and continued with sunny side up day on Tuesday. Thursday, the students were clad in pajamas. Friday, the school showed its spirit at a pep rally which followed a Homecoming Mass.



Travis Bock and Diana Raimondo were crowned 1988 Homecoming King and Queen.

And The Winners Are... BUSH, KERREY, CAMPBELL

by Jason Mielak

The 1988 Scotus Mock Election, though unscientific, showed impressive results for several politicians in three races.

George Bush won the Presidential race along with his running mate Dan Quayle by receiving 65% of the votes. Their strongest support came in the Freshman class where they received 80% of the votes. Students also took the opportunity to support candidates other than Bush/Quayle and Dukakis/Bentsen. Jesse Jackson and MTV personality Rande of the Redwoods also split 2% of the ballot.

The U.S. Senate race was not as close. Bob Kerrey defeated David Karnes with 68% of the votes. Ernie Chambers was a distant third with several write-in ballots.

The State Senate race proved to be the closest of the three. Helen Campbell defeated Jennie Robak with 56% of the votes. However, Jennie Robak did manage to win the Freshman class with 55% of the ballot.

The similarity of Scotus' choices with those of registered voters will be learned November 8 on Election Day.

Senior Students Commissioned as E.M.E.'s

by Lisa Kresha

"The Body of Christ...the Blood of Christ..." are the words the Extra-ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist (E.M.E.) practiced over and over again at the workshop held in Norfolk early this fall to help them learn how to distribute Communion.

The ten seniors attending from Scotus included the following: Travis Bock, Steve Haider, Jill Hefti,

Mike Jilek, Tim Ketter, Lisa Kresha, Chad Labenz, Dan Parolek, Karla Placzek and Diana Raimondo. When asked what the day was like, Steve Haider replied, "I really enjoyed the whole day, especially learning about where different parts of the liturgy came from."

Activities at the workshop included building card churches and re-enacting the Last Supper. Arch-

bishop Daniel Sheehan commissioned all the E.M.E.'s at a special Mass.

Other schools attending the workshop included: Fremont Bergan, Hartington Cedar Catholic, Lindsay Holy Family, Norfolk Catholic, Humphrey St. Francis, Omaha Gross, St. Mary's in O'Neill, Elgin Pope John, and West Point Central Catholic.

JUST "FORE" THE FUN OF IT

by Shelly Scow

The Scotus girls golf team made history with their first-ever win in golf competition. They beat Stanton 219 to 231. According to Coach Liz Mattern the team has come a long way with improving their overall score. Although there was only one win, the girls were ecstatic about that accomplishment.

Placing sixth at districts was another accomplishment. Led by Shelly Scow, senior, Marilu Peck, sophomore, Rhonda Engel, senior, and Tara Mohatt, sophomore, they shot 213, their best score for the season. The team gives tremendous thanks to golf professional Bill Fox, who devoted much time in helping the girls with their game. Other golfers were Karla Placzek, senior, Amy Whitehead, junior, Shannon Ternus, sophomore, Jenny Hansen, sophomore, and Rachelle Schieffer, sophomore. Not only is the team inexperienced, but Coach Mattern also is.

"Being a golf coach for the first time, Bill also had to help me with my coaching," said Mattern. "Because of my inexperience, I contributed to the team's morale with locker decorations, popcorn, pep talks, a rap song to golf, and even a tee necklace" said Mattern.

Mattern felt the team really worked well together and hopes that the six returning underclassmen will keep the golfing spirit going.

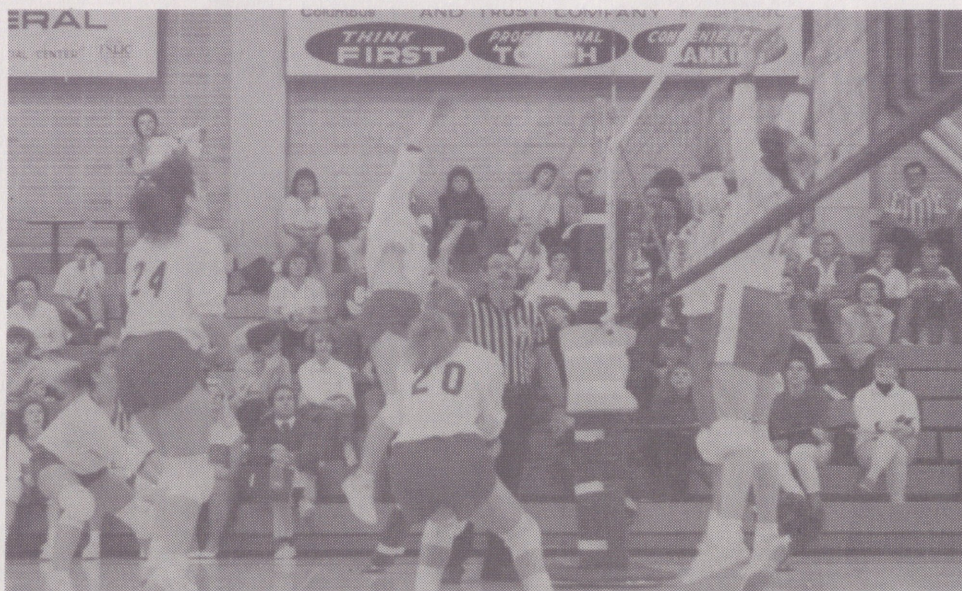
New Activities Director Joins Scotus Staff

by Camille Sobota

"Right where I want to be" is the way Activities Director Rick Grubaugh describes his new job. Grubaugh was previously a history teacher and coach at Madison and Genoa high schools. As a former athletic competitor for David City Aquinas High School, he was impressed by the athletic and academic successes Scotus has. Now a part of the Scotus family, Grubaugh feels fortunate to be part of a "tremendous institution."

Grubaugh's job has many titles including Alumni Director, Assistant Budget Director, head boys' golf coach, and freshman boys' basketball coach. He is also assistant director of the S.E.F. drive — the fund drive to help with operating expenses of the school. Grubaugh says, "It helps keep tuition down and therefore more people can get a good Catholic education."

When asked what he liked most about his job, Grubaugh replied, "I enjoy meeting the new people in the city. The bond here makes Scotus a tremendous place to be."



The Varsity Volleyball Team in Action

Team Sets Sights On Success

by Kent Kopetzky

The Scotus girls' volleyball team may have eased some of head coach John Petersen's concern about his team's lack of experience going into the season with wins at the North Bend and Raymond Central Tournament.

"To continue winning, the team needs to work hard on its attacking and its overall consistency," said Coach Petersen. He said he has been pleased with the hard work the team has put in on the court and in the weight room.

According to Petersen, there have been several highlights from this season. Along with their tournament showings, the Shamrocks defeated cross-town rival Columbus High. Another highlight for the Shamrocks head coach was his 200th career win, with 164 of those victories coming here at Scotus. He achieved the milestone with a win over Schuyler in the North Bend Tournament.

Petersen said that there are two goals he would like to see his team achieve. One is to win the conference tournament, and the other is to be as successful as possible at districts.

SEF Seeks Funds

by Kent Kopetzky

Superintendent Duane Gross and Activities Director Rick Grubaugh are trying to complete a large task: raising \$600,000 for the sixth Scotus Educational Fund Drive.

The money from SEF is used for the operating expenses of the school. The tuition would be much higher, according to Grubaugh, if this fund drive were not held. The SEF team is arranged in a hierarchy which consists of 25 managers and 111 captains. Those captains are in charge of 450 volunteers. Each volunteer is responsible for contacting five people on "Solicitation Sunday," which is October 30, 1988, according to Grubaugh. The SEF runs in three year cycles, with the first year used for soliciting pledges and the second and third years used for collecting pledges. This SEF drive is in the first year of the cycle.



New Activities Director Rick Grubaugh.

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NSI: "An Unforgettable Experience"

by Angie Sypal

Six Scotus seniors attended the Nebraska Scholars' Institute (NSI) at UNL from June 12-24, 1988, while most students were leisurely enjoying their summer. Steve Haider, Lisa Hain, Jill Hefti, Tim Ketter, Chad Labenz, and Dan Parolek were among the 247 participants.

During a typical day, the students attended college classes focusing around math and science; journalism and literature; art and dance; or social studies. It was like a "comprehensive school situation," said Chad Labenz. During the afternoon, there were seminars where well-known people such as Bob Kerrey and Mrs. David Karnes spoke. The evenings included faculty/student talent shows and dances.

Not only was the program educational, but it gave the students a chance to meet new people. According to Jill Hefti, social groups with various students from different schools were organized so they could get to know others.

Both Jill and Chad agree that they benefited from NSI and would recommend the program to anyone who was interested. Chad thought it was a "fun atmosphere of students," while Jill described it as "an unforgettable experience."

Each student filled out an application and wrote an essay. Jill said the essay question was "unusual," yet "measured creativity." The applicants had to choose two things they would take if they moved to another biosphere with 200 strangers and explain their choices.



Students who attended NSI are Dan Parolek, Jill Hefti, Lisa Hain. Standing are Chad Labenz, Steve Haider, and Tim Ketter.

Speech Team Prepares for Upcoming Contest

by Kim Kouma

Humorous, serious, informative, and persuasive...These are some categories that the 1988-89 speech team are preparing for the November contest at Platte College.

That contest is the first of six or seven contests the team will enter this year. Speech Coach Sandie Bernt considers this a "warm-up competition". She says it is an experiment to see what needs to be revised and to decide which categories each member will compete in throughout the year.

Commenting about beginning preparations in September, Bernt said, "There is never enough time to prepare for the first contest. We will be rushed, but we'll do it." Bernt encourages speech members to work on their speech everyday, even if it is just for 15 minutes.

Bernt is pleased to have 49 members on this year's speech team. She is happy that not only girls, but also so many boys were interested in joining this year. She is looking forward to working with all the new members.

Court Is Now In Session

by Chad Labenz

With three teams this year, Scotus should be very competitive in Mock Trial. Steve Haider, a lawyer on the first team, believes, "The Scotus first team has excellent potential to do well because of the experienced personnel on this team. We might even win state." Members of this team include Haider, Jill Hefti, and Mark Soulliere as attorneys and Patty Beck, Jenny Doné, Rhonda Engel, Matt Rinkol, and Karla Placzek as witnesses. Judge John Whitehead is their mentor/supervisor.

The case this year involves the hit and run of a girl. There is evidence proving that one of two people hit the girl with the car that they share, but the court must decide who was in the driver's seat. Haider believes it is a challenging case "that could go either way on any given day."

Two other teams will compete for Scotus this year. The green team consists of Tom Fehringer, John Iossi, Andy Hittner, Brian Hittner, Traci Langan, Matt Naughtin, Eric Wemhoff, and Amy Whitehead. The gold team consists of Kris Almqvist, Cory Christiansen, Brett Heimes, Mark Keating, Jon Kubler, Joey Quattrocchi, Rachelle Schieffer, and Aaron Shunk. Haider predicted that, "Scotus will be successful for years to come in the Mock Trial activity because of the talent on these teams."

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NHS Honors New Inductees



New NHS members are front row: Diana Raimondo, Megan Tooley, Nikki Votava, Marilu Peck, Wendy Whalen, Julie Sleddens. Back row: Darlene Rinkol, Teresa Romanek, Jason Mielak, Joey Quattrocchi, John Iossi, and Tara Mohatt.

Harlem Lives In Miss Mattern's Heart

by Kim Kouma

New York is filled not only with bright lights and big buildings, but also with poverty and hunger. Miss Liz Mattern, English 9 and 12 instructor, found this out after spending last summer in New York as a volunteer for the Missionaries of Charity.

Mattern decided that this was the summer to do something different. Her brother Matt told her that a day camp in the Bronx needed volunteer help, so she spent from June 6 through August 15 experiencing the two different sides of New York.

Mattern went to "the heart of Harlem" in early June. During June, she helped in the soup kitchen which fed about 200 street people a day. She lived at the Missionaries of Charity, a convent and shelter for women who cannot support their children. Her room and board were free, and she even got to share a room with her cousin from Omaha.

Mattern was the reading teacher at the day camp. From July 1 to August 12, she worked with different groups of kids from ages 5 to 12. Almost all the children were Hispanic and were able to speak English, but some needed the other children to translate for them.

Besides teaching, Mattern and the other volunteers took the kids to the zoo, to pools, and to see the Statue of Liberty. Mattern said, "The kids were just thrilled by the statue because they do not get out of their own neighborhood very often."

Mattern described one of the summer's benefits as, "opening my eyes to a lot. We really are sheltered here in Nebraska. In New York City you begin to see a whole different culture." It was a chance for her to meet many new people, including Mother Teresa. She saw how Mother Teresa and the nuns have given up everything for God. Mattern described the trip as a "retreat and vacation" at the same time. The volunteers there were ages 17 to 28. Mattern strongly recommends this experience to others. She added, "It wasn't all roses, but no learning experience is."

by Vicki Murtaugh

The National Honor Society held its annual induction in the Scotus Little Theatre earlier this fall.

The new inductees include seniors Jason Mielak, Diana Raimondo, and Teresa Romanek; and sophomores John Iossi, Tara Mohatt, Marilu Peck, Joey Quattrocchi, Darlene Rinkol, Julie Sleddens, Megan Tooley, Nikki Votava, and Wendy Whalen.

The ceremony was based on NHS's four criteria — scholarship, character, service, and leadership. To be a member, students must also maintain a 93% grade average. The faculty council, which includes Mrs. Jan Went, business instructor; Mr. John Petersen, math instructor; Mr. Vern Younger, science instructor; Father Wayne Pavella, religion instructor; and Mrs. Melanie Klingelhofer, guidance counselor, selects the students based upon these criteria.

Officers for the 1988-89 school year include Chad Labenz, president; Dan Parolek, vice president; Lisa Hain, secretary; Steve Haider, treasurer; and Kim Kouma, historian. There are currently 33 members in NHS.

FBLA Works Toward State

by Susan Kropatsch

Future Business Leaders of America, one of Scotus' largest organizations with 125 members, started the year with a successful tape dance, according to Mrs. Rambour, sponsor. Also in September, the seven officers attended the Fall Leadership Conference in Omaha. There the state officers gave seminars for chapter members on their respective offices and tried to give ideas to use in their own schools.

Mrs. Rambour believes there are many members who are actively interested in FBLA. She urges all members to get excited about FBLA and to start working toward the State Leadership Conference in Omaha in April. The Scotus chapter will take between thirty and forty members who are chosen because of their involvement. FBLA members from the entire state take part in business competitions and workshops.

Other events scheduled for this fall are the annual hayrack ride and the parent-member breakfast. This year's officers are Tim Schmitt, president; Kara Liebig, vice-president; Lisa Hain, secretary; Susan Hamling, treasurer; Nikki Votava, historian; Kim Kouma, reporter; and Diana Raimondo, parliamentarian.

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Cross Country Teams Qualify For State

Girls "Break Away"

by Jill Hefti

"Break away" is the theme for the 1988 girls cross country team coached by Mr. Dan Mahoney. Ten girls with seven returning letter winners make up the team. Team members include Tiffany Codling, Lisa Follette, Jill Hefti, Holly Hunter, Tricia Korger, Kelly Peterson, Teresa Romanek, Jolene Sokol, Nicki Votava, and Wendy Whalen.

The team opened its running season at the Albion Invitational September 2nd where they placed 3rd. Since that meet, the cross country team has won the Scotus Invite and placed 2nd at the North Bend Invite. The team also participated in the David City Aquinas Invite and Kearney Invitational where they placed 4th and 5th respectively. At the Conference meet at Boystown, the girls placed 4th.

District Cross Country was held October 15th at

the home course Lutjelusche with eight girl's teams competing. The Scotus girls earned a trip to the state meet by placing 2nd behind St. Paul. Tiffany Codling and Jolene Sokol led the way for the team with 4th and 8th place finishes.

Also in the District meet, Holly Hunter, a reserve runner coming off an injury ran a faster time and placed higher than any other Scotus runners, but because Holly was on the reserve team, her placing did not count on the varsity level. Coach Mahoney guaranteed that Holly would be running in the state meet.

Wendy Whalen, a sophomore, has been the top individual performer so far this season, but Coach Mahoney said, "There is no real superstar — just a bunch of good runners and because of this, the runners are a lot more team oriented."

C'mon Fellas

by Chad Labenz

When questioned about the performance of the boys Cross Country squad this year, Dan Parolek, the team's most consistent runner, felt that they competed extremely well. "We competed with the best teams at all of our meets and made a name for ourselves in the process," said Dan.

The varsity team this year consisted of six members. Chad Labenz, Bill Orr, Dan Parolek, and Robbie Wade were the seniors, and Fred Maguire and Shawn Diederich were the underclassmen who ran for this squad. Cory Christiansen and Mark Keating ran for Scotus in the reserve races.

According to Parolek, the team set a personal goal at the beginning of the year to qualify for the State meet. They accomplished this on October 15 by finishing second in their District meet. This meet was held on the Scotus home course north of Columbus. Parolek said "We were all relieved after the race because we had worked hard to accomplish our dream. For the high school runner this dream is always the State meet."

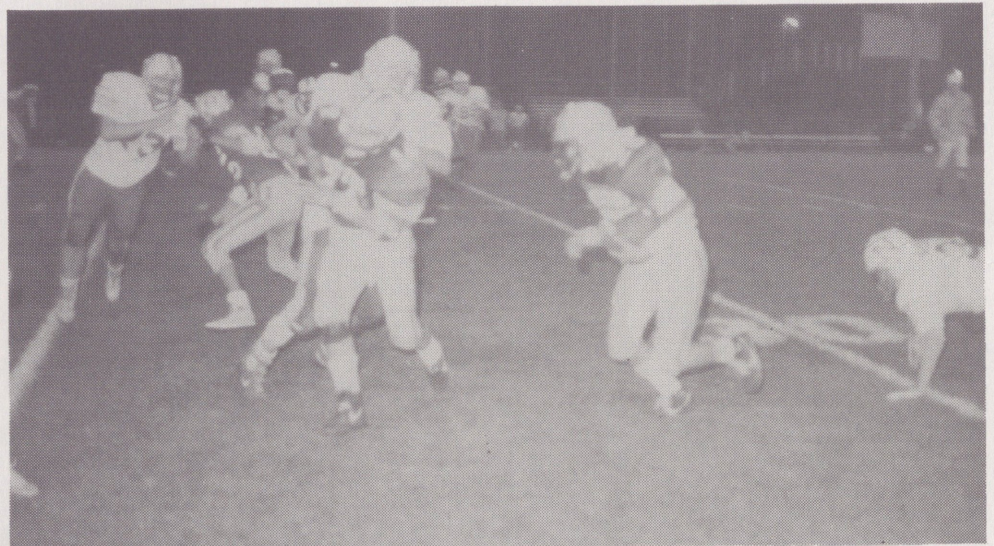
Shamrocks Drive Towards Goal

by Jason Mielak

"This year's team is right where we want to be," said Head Coach Jim Puetz. Several reasons why he feels this way include a strong defense, a solid running game, and the team's ability to blend together.

The team at this time is undefeated, and Puetz hopes the team can continue this streak, make it into the playoffs, and finish in the final Top 10 Ratings. A point system is used to qualify teams for the state playoffs. It is based on a team's success against strong competition. To make it to the playoffs, Scotus would have to finish the regular season undefeated because of the win-loss record of their opponents. "We can accomplish these goals by improving each week and developing a more consistent passing game," said Puetz.

The future of Scotus football consists of the junior varsity and freshman squads. Puetz feels they are typical Scotus teams who will contribute successfully to the varsity program in the near future.



Travis Bock and Aaron Jasper lead the way for Junior I-back Brad Hatcher.



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Scotus Wins! On To State!!

by Chad Labenz

A Scotus Mock Trial team has again won the District championship. Attorneys Steve Haider, Jill Hefti, and Mark Soulliere, and witnesses Patty Beck, Jenny Done, and Matt Rinkol—otherwise known as the white team—will travel to North Platte for the State competition on December 16-17.

On the road to this victory, the white team had to conquer the other teams in their district. According to Matt Rinkol, the strongest of the twelve teams in this district were the Scotus green team and the Schuyler team. Jenny Done agreed with Rinkol about this point and added, "It was a tremendous learning experience for the rest of the team and me because it was so competitive."

The Scotus green team had their chance to beat the white team on November 9 in the Columbus District Court. In this semi-final match the white team was on the plaintiff's side, and the green team acted as the defense. Both teams argued for their respective sides to the very end. Only one team could remain victorious, and the audience was split on this decision. After the evidence was presented and the judges returned from their recess, the verdict was announced. The white team lost the case but won on their points accumulated for acting. Thus, they advanced to the District final.

On the night of November 16, the white team met the Schuyler team in District Court. For the third straight year a Scotus-Schuyler match-up decided the district, and once again a Scotus team performed at a higher level than Schuyler. The judges awarded the white team a one point decision and gave them their ticket to the State competition.



The State Mock Trial team is front row: Patty Beck, Jenny Done, Jill Hefti. Middle row: Steve Haider, Mark Soulliere, Matt Rinkol. Back row: Advisor Jack Sadle, Judge John Whitehead.

Paul Kropatsch Chosen For All-State Choir

by Susan Kropatsch

Paul Kropatsch's talent as a pianist is evident to most Scotus students when he plays for all-school masses and accompanies the concert choir. Few people, however, knew of his singing talent until Paul won a place in the All-State Choir.

Paul practiced the songs for tryouts everyday for two weeks. He learned three Latin songs with the help of Mrs. Ginny Schnabel, music instructor. As for why he tried out, Paul said, "Mrs. Schnabel asked me to try out, and I was glad to do it. She helped me a lot." Auditions were held on October 8 at Columbus High. Paul said that the hardest thing for him was being ready to try out at 7:30 a.m. after the previous night's Homecoming festivities.

All-State took place at Northwest High School in Omaha on November 17-19. More than 800 high school juniors and seniors performed in the three areas of vocal, band, and orchestra. Paul said the practices were "very demanding." The 400 singers practiced for two hours the first night, and from 8:30 to 4:15 the next day, with a two-hour lunch break. They had similar practices Saturday before the concert.

In addition to working with many talented people, Paul got to see the UNL chorus perform, as well as choruses from several Omaha schools. Paul also met people from all over the state during the weekend. He described it as "the experience of a lifetime."



Paul Kropatsch

HOLIDAY ADVICE

by Jason Mielak

The first word people usually think of when planning the New Year's holiday is party. This reaction is all right. People should bring in the new year by celebrating with friends and others they love. Sometimes, however, people get so concerned about having a good time that they forget to take just a moment and remember all the good times of the past year and those yet to come in the next. Don't misunderstand me; I think New Year's Eve is a time when people should get a little crazy. However, people should also realize that poor judgment in their actions involving drugs or alcohol could result in there not being a next year for them or others. In any case, all I can say is play it smart and bring in '89 in a way that is safe as well as special.

MOVIE REVIEW U2 RATTLE AND HUM

by Camille Sobota

"We wanted to capture this period of the band," says bass player Adam Clayton of the Irish-based rock band U2. The band succeeded in doing just that with the excellent concert film *U2 Rattle and Hum*. The ever-popular group, behind the powerful voice of lead singer Bono, is revealed in the film through interviews, practice sessions, recording sessions, candid, and, of course, concert performances. The movie helps to better understand the band—which is known for its unique sound and its political and somewhat rebellious lyrics.

Throughout the film, director Phil Joanou captures several shots of the band performing many of their greatest hits including "Where the Streets Have No Name," "Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For," "Pride (In the Name of Love)." The audience is brought onto the stage with close-up concert footage from places like McNichols Arena in Denver, CO, and Sun Devil Stadium in Tempe, AZ.

U2 Rattle and Hum is a good example of what a concert film should be. With good visual effects, smart directing, in-depth interviews, and powerful concert performances, it is definitely a treat for the typical concert fan.

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by Jill Hefti

"Tis the season to be jolly"—Christmas time is here once again. Most of us have heard these phrases: "It is better to give than to receive," or "It's the thought that counts." Let's reflect a moment on the true meaning of Christmas.

Christians are repeatedly reminded that Christmas is the birthday of Jesus. God loved us so much He sent His only son to be born on Christmas Day. Many people seem to have forgotten this true reason for celebrating Christmas. For them, Christmas is being the first one at the check out with their Christmas gifts, so they can be completely done with that bothersome chore before the Christmas rush. Then there are the people who think only of the gifts they want to receive but never give of themselves in any way.

Giving is an important aspect of Christmas. It is not just giving of gifts but giving of ourselves to help those people around us. To go to the store to get another person a gift just because they might give us one is wrong. Giving food to the food pantry to ease our conscience is giving only from the checkbook, not from the heart. Christmas is a time of celebration with family, friends, and those people who mean the most to us, but some view it as a boring day spent at Grandma's house.

As Christmas soon approaches, try to remember the real reason for celebrating this holiday. Do that last minute Christmas shopping with a smile and a willingness to give. Remember the people who are less fortunate than we are and count all of our blessings. Try to enjoy the day of celebration with relatives because family is important. One day all of these people will be gone, so we should enjoy their company while we can because a person does not know what they have until it's gone.


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Christmas Parody

Revised by Lisa Kresha

Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the school
Not a student was stirring, not even a ghoul;
The doors were decorated to add to the fun,
in hopes that their T.A. would be the chosen one;
Out of exhaustion the students fell on their beds,
while visions of good grades danced in their heads,
And Amy in her kerchief, and Papa Sadle in his cap,
Had just laid down their heads for a long winter nap;
When above my house I heard such a clatter,
I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter,
Away to the front door I flew like a flash,
Tore open the screen and fell with a crash
Onto the new-fallen snow.
When I got up, back inside I would go,
but there to my wondering eyes did appear,
a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer,
I knew in a moment it must be Mr. Arp
A jolly man with a very big heart.
More rapid than cheetahs his reindeer they came
And he whistled and shouted and called them by name
"Now Bauer! now Lahm! now Shonka! now Ivy!
On Jim! on Gary! on Fr. Wayne! on Riley!"
"To the homes of the students and teachers tonight
Now dash away! dash away! left and then right."
As high as hot air balloons fly,
When they head toward a chimney and rise to the sky,
So onto each house top the reindeer they flew,
With the sleigh full of presents, and Mr. Arp, too
An then, in a twinkling, I heard below my roof
The prancing and pawing of thirty-two hooves
As I ran inside, and I saw with astound,
There in through the backdoor Mr. Arp, I found
He was dressed in a green suit, from head to foot,
And his clothes were dirtied with ashes and soot.
A bundle of presents he carried on his back,
He looked like a hobo just opening a sack.
His eyes—how they twinkled, his smile—how merry!
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!
His face was warm with a red glow
And the hair on his head was covered with snow;
The end of a pencil he held in his fist,
And on a scroll was a very long list.
He had a familiar face, and a growing round belly,
That shook when he laughed, from eating Clara's jelly
He was chubby and plump, a jolly middle-aged elf.
And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself;
A wink of his eye and a twist of his head,
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread;
He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,
and filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk,
And laying his finger aside of his nose,
And giving a nod, out the backdoor he goes;
He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,
And away they all flew like the down of a thistle.
But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight,
"Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good night!"
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German Student Enjoys Senior Year at Scotus and American Christmas

by Angie Sypal

Christmas morning, right after Mass, the children go into their bedrooms and wait until their parents get the presents ready. Each child has his own special spot where the gifts are placed every year. When the children are called down, the Christmas tree is lighted, and Mom is playing the piano. Everyone joins in singing a Christmas song. Then the presents are opened, and a traditional dinner of fish soup, carp, potato salad, beef, and cookies is eaten.

This may sound a bit odd compared to an American Christmas, but one person doesn't think it's strange. This is the way foreign exchange student, Kathrin Theis, her parents, and two sisters celebrate Christmas in Germany. But this year, Kathrin will experience the holiday in America as she is living with junior Andrea Duren and her parents.

Although she is staying in the U.S., it wasn't her first choice. She wanted to go to Canada, but AFS didn't guarantee to find a family there because of the small population. She says that there is more variety in America where a host family can be found to match the student. Kathrin came from a suburb in Cologne, Germany and says she "likes America a lot." With nearly one million people in Cologne, she was surprised that Columbus was so small.

The food in Germany is different than here. Her real family eats a variety of fruits, vegetables, cheeses, and many different breads. She says they try not to have too much meat, but when they do, it's pork or beef. In Germany, people are also allowed to drink at age 16, but they don't drive until they are 18.

Kathrin was worried that she wouldn't be accepted, but she wants to especially thank the senior class and the teachers for being so nice. She says that they made it much easier for her. Kathrin comments, "It was hard in the beginning, but everything has turned out right. It will be a great year!"

Competition Aids Food Drive

by Lisa Kresha

It started as a friendly competition, but turned into a close battle to the end. Over 2,000 cans were collected in the annual canned food drive sponsored by Campus Ministry.

Mr. Sadle's T.A. challenged all other T.A. groups to collect more cans of food than their T.A. group did. If any T.A. group beat them, they would buy them pizza. During the week of the drive Mr. Younger's T.A. collected 458 cans and Mrs. Went's T.A. came in a closed second by collecting 420 cans. Mr. Sadle's T.A. collected 260 cans to round out the top three groups.



Kathrin Theis

The Year in Sports

by Kent Kopetzky

Through hard work, many hours of practice, and a never-ending desire to succeed, several special athletes and teams made the 1988 sports year a memorable one.

On November 19, 1988, the Nebraska Cornhuskers defeated the Oklahoma Sooners in football for the 1st time since 1983. The Huskers held the Sooners powerful wishbone offense to 98 yards rushing in posting a 7-3 victory. The Huskers finished the regular season 11-1 and ranked #5 in the country. They will face #2 Miami in the Orange Bowl on January 2.

The professional sports year began when the Washington Redskins defeated the Denver Broncos in the Super Bowl to win the National Football League Championship. In the NHL, the Edmonton Oilers won their 3rd title in four years. Later on in the summer, Wayne Gretzky, the 7 time MVP of the NHL, was traded by the Oilers to the Los Angeles Kings. Wayne Gretzky's arrival in Los Angeles was not the only thing LA sports fans had to cheer about. The Lakers became the 1st team to repeat as NBA champions since the 1968-69 Boston Celtics. It was the Lakers 5th title in the 1980's.

Finally, the Los Angeles Dodgers capped off a successful summer for Los Angeles sports teams by beating the heavily favored New York Mets in the National League Championship Series and the Oakland Athletics in the World Series. The Athletics' Jose Canseco accomplished a first this year, becoming the 1st player in major league history to hit 40 home runs and steal 40 bases in the same season. On the high school, college, and professional levels the 1988 sports year was one filled with memories and milestones.

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WILL T.A. SURVIVE?

by Lisa Kresha

Donuts and juice, a discussion, playing a game—just a few of the activities done each day in the ten minute Teacher Advisor period.

Reading of announcements, prayer and pledge, previously done during first period, are done in T.A. Then each group can do whatever it wants. "T.A. was started this year as an offshoot of the Teacher as Counselor program used two years ago in junior high," said Counselor Melanie Klingelhofer. "T.A. is helping to create a family atmosphere and to make school more personal for those normally 'lost in the crowd'."

Ten minutes does not provide much time, but it seems the time is being used wisely. For example, Mrs. Kiser's T.A. had puzzle contests and a scavenger hunt. Her T.A. group also decorated their door for the Christmas contest. Mrs. Rambour's group trick-or-treated and decorated other T.A. rooms for Halloween; Mrs. Pekarek's and Mrs. Malicky's T.A. groups held a connect-the-dots tournament.

Mr. Vern Younger, science teacher, said "The students are surviving it [T.A.] better than the teachers." Mr. Jim Puetz, social studies teacher, believes one of two things could be done to improve T.A. He suggests either shortening the time limit, or extending the time limit so that more can be accomplished. "Agreeing with Mr. Puetz, Kristi Sobota said, "I wish it were longer so that we could accomplish more." Although the majority seems to enjoy T.A., Lisa Motley feels that T.A. is o.k. but not really much fun. Overall, Klingelhofer feels that parents, students, and teachers are pleased with results this far.

YEARBOOK STAFF SELLS SENIOR ADS

by Jill Hefti

The 1989 yearbook staff is selling parent ads to any parents of seniors who are interested in buying an ad for their graduate. The purpose of these ads is to express love, admiration, and congratulations to their graduating sons or daughters. The ads come in two sizes. One-fourth page ads costs \$40.00; one-eighth page costs \$25.00. The parent ads will be printed in the advertising section of the yearbook. Parents can create the design of their ads with their own pictures and copy.

If any parents are interested in buying an ad or have any questions, please contact Mrs. Pat Ivy, journalism adviser. All ads must be purchased by January 13.



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SPEAKERS PLACE AT PLATTE

by Kim Kouma

The Scotus speech team competed in their first contest at Platte College on November 12. That event, considered a "warm-up contest" by Mrs. Bernt, proved to be a very good experience for all the members. Thirty-nine members competed and ten of them placed. Andy Hittner received first place in T.V. news. Second place winners were Linda Brdicko, humorous prose; Jill Hefti, Carie Sapp, and Darlyn Valish, drama reading; Brenda Kolas, humorous prose; and Dan Parolek, extemp speaking. Third place winners were Jon Kubler, extemp speaking; Jenny Sadle and Darlyn Valish, duet acting; Angie Sypal, informative and original public address; and Sarah Wemhoff, serious prose.

"The speech team got off to a good start," Bernt said. "The contest showed the results of a lot of work, but more preparation needs to be done before the next contest." Twenty-nine of the members competed in two categories, and over half of the team made it into the finals. Angie Sypal, who won two third place medals and is a third year speech member, said, "I was very happy I started off like this because last year I did not do too well." Sarah Wemhoff, also a third place winner but only a first year speech member, said, "I was very scared because I did not know what to expect. I just hope I keep improving throughout the year.

The next contest will be January 14. The team will have time to perfect their speeches and feel more comfortable with their areas. Some of the members will also drop one of their categories so they can devote all their preparation to one area. Bernt adds, "This is a year of rebuilding. A lot of people are trying areas for the first time which is really exciting." After looking at how their first contest went, Bernt sees "great possibilities for contests to come."



Scotus Speech team competitors are front row: Jill Hefti, Andy Hittner, Brenda Kolas. Back row: Jon Kubler, Dan Parolek, Angie Sypal, Linda Brdicko, Carie Sapp, Sarah Wemhoff, Darlyn Valish, Jenny Sadle.

ONE-ACT CAST PERFORMS "The Coal Diamond"

by Vicki Murtaugh

The one-act play team completed their season December 2 with a 3rd place ranking at the district meet at Platte College.

Members of the cast and crew were Jill Hefti, Vicki Murtaugh, Jenny Sadle, Carie Sapp, Julie Sokol, and Darlyn Valish. Mrs. Sandie Bernt directed the production.

Valish received the best actress award at both the conference and the district contests. Valish said that she was surprised when her name was announced for the award. Scotus received 1st place at the conference meet held at Omaha Cathedral on November 19; Omaha Cathedral was the runner-up.

At the district meet, Hartington Cedar Catholic received first place and Pierce was the runner-up.

Scotus's play, "The Coal Diamond", was about four small-town office workers. As they ate lunch and played bridge, they were caught up in a vicious circle of gossip.

Sadle played Lena Travis, boss of the research department. Lena was very smart, but she could not get a man. Inez Potter, played by Valish, would not let Lena forget this. Inez was a very flashy person who was noticed by men. Hefti played Betty Jean McGaffe, a pregnant girl who was very naive and looked to Lena as a mother figure. Pearl Brewster, played by Sapp, was a newcomer to the office. Pearl tried to impress the girls with her stories, but her plan backfired.

Murtaugh and Sokol made up the technical crew. They were in charge of lighting, sound effects, music, props, and sets.

Bernt said that the team this year understood their play better than the past teams. "Although the team did not make it to state this year, we performed to the best of our ability and are proud of our accomplishments," said Bernt. "In that way, we have had a very successful season."



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Music Department Spreads Christmas Cheer

by Susan Kropatsch

On December 20, the Vocal Music Department presented their Christmas Concert in the Memorial Hall gym. Performances were given by Concert Choir, Swing Choir, Girls' Glee, and an ensemble. Songs by the Concert Choir were "Where is Christmas?" and "Carols Around and Around." Girls' Glee sang "Christmas with Love" and "Santa Claus is Just a Good Ol' Boy." Swing Choir sang more traditional songs, such as "Jingle Bells" and "I saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus," with soloist Lisa Kresha. Also performing was an ensemble who sang "The Christmas Song." Members of the ensemble were Michelle Guernsey, Christine Horne, Becky Puetz, Julie Sokol, Brad Dush, Rick Horne, and Paul Kropatsch. After the concert, all who attended were invited to the cafeteria for refreshments.

Secret Santas Bring Gifts

by Susan Kropatsch

Want to spread some Christmas cheer? Brighten the day of your favorite teacher? Participating in FBLA's Secret Santa project gave students that chance. The annual project began in mid-December and ran for one week.

Teams of two or three FBLA members gave small gifts, like candy or Christmas decorations, to their selected teachers without revealing their identities. A note with a clue accompanied each gift. At the end of the week, students gave a final gift and revealed who they were.

Senior Kara Liebig, vice-president of FBLA, said, "The project was fun for students and teachers alike. It got us into the spirit of Christmas and allowed us to give to teachers instead of always receiving from them." Kara also believed it enhanced relationships between students and teachers.

by Angie Sypal

No more tweeting of whistles this year. Marching band has come to a "halt," but concert band has just begun. The band is now practicing four songs for the annual Vocal/Instrumental Christmas Concert on December 20.

Besides concert music, the pep band will play at home basketball games. The flag corps will also perform for half-time entertainment.

As for expectations with the band, director Mr. Steve Niles hopes to gain a couple past members second semester. A spring trip may also be planned with money raised from fruit sales.

Mr. Sandman Bring Me a Dream (Date)

by Shelly Scow

Dre-e-ams, dreams, dreams, dreams. Day dreaming happens when the mind wanders into the subconscious state. Just where are these students' minds wandering to? As I went on my assignment, I presented this question to a few students. Who is your dream date? The minute the question was asked, eyes lit up and voices began to stutter.

When Mike Henggler, a freshman, was asked this question, he quickly replied, "Tracy Wessel." He actually admitted his dream was someone at Scotus and in his class! He thought for a while and decided they would fly to Six Flags in Texas and dine by candlelight at the Blue Oyster.

Tara Boesch, also a freshman, dreams about a candlelight dinner, but with Todd McKee at the Boston Sea Party in Florida.

Tim Bator, a senior, dreams about J.E. and a flight to New York for New Year's Eve. His head fills with visions of ice skating, dining at the Tavern on the Green, and watching the "apple" fall at Times Square.

Traci Arlt, a sophomore, would take Tom Cruise for a cruise to the Bahamas. The date would end with her finding a red Porsche in her driveway.

Tammy Speicher, a junior, would like to sweep John Heibel off his feet by flying him to Paris to go shopping and sight-seeing. They would end their fantasy date by driving into the sunset in a silver Jaguar.


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Girls Basketball Team to be Competitive



Girls' basketball team in action.

by Kent Kopetzky

The 1988 Scotus girls' basketball team looks to be very competitive, according to head coach John Petersen.

Coach Petersen returns 2 starters and 8 letter-winners from last year's team, the first ever to make State. Petersen said, "Our strengths are hard working players and a strong desire to be suc-

cessful, while our weakness is a lack of experienced consistent scorers."

The team will face its toughest competition this year against Lincoln Pius X, Columbus High, and Lakeview, according to Petersen. He said that the Nebraska Centennial Conference looks to be wide open this year, with no dominant team.

Football Team SURPRISES

by Kent Kopetzky

The football team finished its season 9-1, ending its season with a loss at O'Neill in the quarterfinals of the state playoffs. The Shamrocks completed the regular season with a perfect 8-0 mark, then beat West Point at home, 12-9 in the first round of the playoffs. Coach Jim Puetz said, "The 1988 football season was a bit of a surprise, but when you look at the leadership and quality of the seniors, that made the surprises possible."

Four Shamrock players were named to the All-State Honorable Mention Class B Team. They were: seniors, Travis Bock and Larry Horne; juniors Travis Brock and Brad Hatcher. Eight players made the All Conference 1st team. They were: Travis Bock, Brad Hatcher, and Thad Rosenthal, offensive backfield; Mike Jilek, Jason Mielak, and Travis Brock, offensive linemen; Larry Horne, defensive lineman; and Chris Mustard, punter. Brad Blum, Jeff Fremarek, Rick Horne, and Corby Kudron made the Honorable Mention team.

Volleyball Players Earn Honors

by Kent Kopetzky

Three Shamrock volleyball players earned post-season recognition for their play this year. Senior Camille Sobota was named to the Class B All-State 1st Team by Omaha World Herald. Sophomore Kristi Sobota made the Honorable Mention team. Camille and Kristi were both also named to the Nebraska Centennial Conference 1st team. Lisa Kresha made the NCC Honorable Mention team.

The volleyball team finished the year 17-5, losing to Hartington Cedar Catholic in the district semifinals. Volleyball coach John Petersen said the season was a success. "I consider the season a great success because we achieved as much as we could."

Lahm's First Team WINS

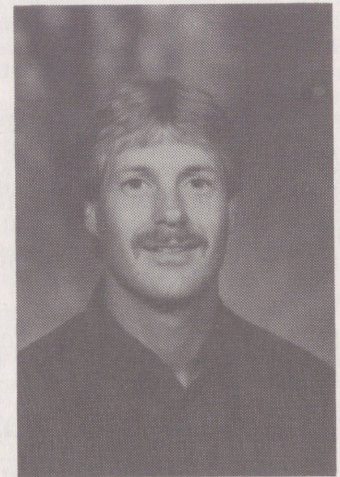
by Jason Mielak

There's a new face directing the Scotus boys' basketball program this year, and it belongs to Merlin Lahm. Lahm stepped up from assistant coaching position he held for the past two years after Frank Spencer's retirement.

Lahm and the Shamrocks opened the season with two victories. The first was a 68-52 win over Boystown followed by a 66-54 win over Omaha Cathedral. Seniors Rob Wade and Jason Mielak led the Shamrock scoring with 37 and 35 total points during the first weekend's action. According to Lahm, the two victories "were good to get, but there is still room for improvement."

That improvement could come, according to Wade, in the Holiday Tournament. "It is important for our team to do well in this tournament because of all the alumni who will be in town watching us during the holidays."

The Holiday Tournament is scheduled to be held December 27-28 at Columbus Lakeview.



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Wade, Petersen Crowned at Rescheduled Sweetheart Dance



1989 Sweetheart candidates were: Jolene Sokol, Kara Liebig, Rob Wade, Amy Petersen, Lisa Hain, Julie Sokol; back row: Nathan Kroenke, Mark Souilliere, Patty Beck, Tim Bator, Dan Parolek, and Brad Blum.

Speech Team Prepares For Final Contests

by Kim Kouma

The 1989 speech team is having a successful year. They proved this when they won the first place team trophy at the Raymond Central contest. The team is practicing for District Speech which is on March 18 at West Point, and State which is on March 30 and 31 at UNL. The Conference meet was February 25 at Omaha Mercy. The following members competed in these categories: Entertainment-Dave Boryca, Holly Hunter, Carie Sapp, Amy Whitehead, and substitute Jenna Mullin; Extemp-Dave Boryca, Greg Hegemann, Brian Hittner, Jon Kubler, and substitute Jenny O'Neill; Original Public Address-Greg Hegemann, Joey McPhillips, Vicki Murtaugh, Angie Sypal, and

substitute Jenny O'Neill; Informative-Chris Bogus, Kim Kouma, Marilu Peck, Angie Sypal, and substitute Gina Lesiak; Serious Prose-Suzanna George, Jill Hefti, Jenna Mullin, Sarah Wemhoff, and substitute Jeff Loseke; Humorous Prose-Linda Brdicko, Emily Green, Brenda Kolas, Amy Whitehead, and substitute Andy Hittner; Poetry-Traci Arlt, Andrea Duren, Craig Evans, Suzanna George, and substitute Amy Held; Duet-Traci Arlt and Rachelle Schieffer, Holly Hunter and Sarah Wemhoff, Craig Evans and Vicki Murtaugh, and Darlyn Valish and Jenny Sadle; Oral Interpretation of Drama-Jill Hefti, Brenda Kolas, and Carie Sapp; Linda Brdicko, Gina Lesiak, Jenny Sadle, and Angie Wessel.

by Vicki Murtaugh and Angie Sypal

At the rescheduled Sweetheart Dance, Robbie Wade and Amy Petersen were crowned King and Queen by Greg Hunter and Annette Sueper, last year's royalty. However, this year, Sweetheart had a bit of a twist to it. Due to the cold and the cancellation of the basketball game against Wahoo Neumann, it was postponed from the original February 3 date. At the last minute, the local flower shops were informed to postpone orders until February 17, the rescheduled date. Nevertheless, during the "original" week of Sweetheart, the senior lockers were creatively decorated with the theme "Hearts on Fire." The candidates' lockers were especially noticeable with silver streamers and helium-filled balloons. This year's candidates were Patty Beck, Lisa Hain, Kara Liebig, Jolene Sokol, Julie Sokol, Tim Bator, Brad Blum, Nate Kroenke, Dan Parolek, and Mark Souilliere.

Following the coronation in the Old Gym, the students and chaperones went to the cafeteria for the dance. The sophomores had decorated the dance floor with red and white crepe paper and hearts earlier in the day. The disc jockeys Ultra Sound provided the popular music to which the students danced. Freshman Kristi Sliva commented on the music. "The music was great and fun to dance to. This was a great dance."

The dance that was looked forward to for so long is now only a memory of those who attended.

Singing for "My Brother"

by Susan Kropatsch

All members of Concert Choir, Girls' Glee, and Swing Choir traveled to Omaha for the annual Centennial Conference Choral Clinic on January 28. This year's conductor was Dr. Randall Stroope, Director of Choral/Vocal activities at UNO.

Groups from eight other schools attended the clinic held at Boystown. During the day, the singers practiced the five chosen songs with Dr. Stroope. The songs were "O Filii et Feliae" (Let all Ye Sons and Daughters Sing), "Shut De Do," "The Turtle Dove," "It's Your Song, Lord," and "With a Voice of Singing."

The last event of the day was a concert. All participants sang the five songs while Dr. Stroope directed. In addition, a smaller group from each school sang two songs. The Scotus Swing Choir sang "Friends" and did their routine to "All That Jazz." Mrs. Ginny Schnabel, Scotus music director, said, "It was a good day." She felt that seeing other groups perform was a good learning experience for her students.

What's Goin' On?

by Angie Sypal

A break from school, time to relax, and free time usually come to mind when thinking about weekends. By the time Friday rolls around, many students are making plans or asking the popular question, "What's goin' on?" Although Columbus isn't very big, teens usually find something fun to do during their free time. Then again, there is always the thought of catching up on sleep or going to work. No matter how your weekends are spent, a few Scotus students shared their favorite and worst parts of weekends. Share this will give you a few ideas for next weekend!

Weekend Favorites:

- Tiffany Codling—"Being with friends and no school."
 Jeff Cremers—"No basketball practice."
 Linda Brdicko—"Spending time with my boyfriend."
 Fred Maguire—"I.B.A. on Sunday night."
 Brenda Dohmen—"When parents go away for the weekend."
 Craig Evans—"Driving around and sleeping."
 Lisa Kresha—"Bumming around and not having homework."
 Eric Pinger—"Playing basketball at the Y."
 Brad Blum—"Watching the grass grow."
 Ron Wessel—"Watching Brad watch the grass grow."

Weekend Letdowns:

- Brad Blum—"Mowing the growing grass."
 Ron Wessel—"Watching Brad mow the grass."
 Susie Spale—"Spending too much money."
 Greg Curtis—"Next Monday."
 Vicki Murtaugh—"Snowstorms."
 Audra Sansoni—"Wasting gas."
 Kris Almquist—"Working."
 Shane Borer—"Goes too fast."
 Carie Sapp—"Getting up at 7:00 Sunday for chores."

The College Application Blues

by Chad Labenz

What is the college application process? At this time of year, this process is a very big concern and causes a great deal of stress for most seniors. Senior Tim Ketter commented, "These are applications that will determine, to some extent, what you will do for the rest of your life. They will have a part in where you will study, where you will make new friends, and what lifestyles you will live for the next four or more years of your life."

This process starts when you are a sophomore or junior, and colleges start to send their information to you. This initial action makes you begin to wonder what you will do after graduation and where you might go. By the time your junior year is completed, more than likely, you could supply the guidance office with information about colleges. Also at this time, the college entrance exams are taken—ACT, SAT, and/or Achievement Tests. The serious part of the process begins then, and the stress becomes more and more evident.

The first semester of your senior year is the true test of your academic ability. Teachers do not let up on the homework that they give, and colleges do not extend their deadlines for applications. In other words, the test involves your ability to get your homework done while completing the many applications for admission and scholarships at the same time.

A normal application will include: 1. Personal information describing the applicant. 2. A high school transcript reporting the academic performance of the applicant. 3. Entrance exam scores measuring the test-taking ability of the applicant. 4. An essay giving the applicant a chance to express their personality in written form. Here are a few examples of the essay questions.

1. Who or what has been most influential in your life and why?
2. What was one of your most difficult tasks and how did you accomplish it?
3. Describe in detail an important event, hobby, or experience and what you've learned from it.
4. Describe your future goals and what role higher education has in achieving them.

Some schools also require a personal interview with one of their representatives.

After you have completed the process described above, a waiting period that lasts from 4 to 16 weeks comes into effect. After this period, acceptance or rejections are received in the mail and you must decide on just one college. Once this decision is made, the process is complete...until graduate school.


EDITORIAL

by Jason Mielak

Ever wonder why you have so much homework? If so, it is probably because you have not managed your time efficiently. I should know because I am guilty of this very same problem. Yet, it seems that I am not alone with this problem.

One of the main ways to avoid "cramming" the night before an assignment is due is by planning a weekly schedule. In this way, one can spread out his/her responsibilities, causing less pressure and tension.

Too often, students wait to the last minute. It seems that this is an attempt to "sidestep" their responsibilities. In any case, avoiding the inevitable only hurts the individual who pushed the homework aside. So the next time you decide to blow off your assignment until later, think again. The time and sleep you save will be your own...not to mention the grade.



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Spring Musical Cast Chosen

by Lisa Kresha

Imagine traveling back in time thirty years and meeting your parents when they were teenagers! What an experience that could be. On April 7 and 8, the Scotus Music Department will present the spring musical "Time and Time Again."

The main character is Vic Ames (Ron Wessel), a student at Ben Franklin High School. He writes rock music and wants to sign a contract with a recording studio, but he must pass his science final first. While attending a science fair, Vic sees a time machine which sends him back to the days when his parents were in high school. While in that time period, he befriends Electra Mulligan (Linda Brdicko) who likes Vic in spite of what others think. The musical mainly takes place at Ben Franklin High School during the "The Eisenhower Years."

Other cast members include: Jenny Sadle as Mrs.

Ames (Jennifer)-Vic's mother; Craig Evans as Mr. Ames (Wolf)-Vic's father; Brenda Dohmen as Venus-Electra's mother; Carie Sapp as Mrs. Swanson-school principal; Brenda Kolas as Miss Guppy-Mrs. Swanson's secretary; Nathan Bahr as Horace-Jennifer's would-be boyfriend; Rick Horne as Marlon Van Brut-leader of the motorcycle gang "The Wild Ones"; Andrea Duren as Amanda Venezuela-school counselor; Amy Rosno as Miss Laine-science teacher; Rhonda Engel as Felicity Fern-a student; Paula Kneifel as Stacie Sledge-a student; Mike Haenggi as Archie-a student; Traci Arlt as students Louise and Mary; Aaron Shunk as a gang member of the "Wild Ones"; Paul Kropatsch as a gang member and as Morris Schwarzenegger-a music promoter; and Rachelle Schieffer as Coral, a waitress at the Davy Crockett Drive-In and De Luxe Luncheonette.

Secret Admirer

by Kim Kouma

"Could you please answer number five for the class?" Soon you begin to wonder why it is so quiet and then you realize everyone is looking at you and waiting for the answer. Coming back to reality, you don't even know what number, page, or subject you are on. Has this ever happened to you?

If it has, it could be the result of the secret crush syndrome. This is when people allow themselves to block out everything around them but that one "special" person. What is so unique about this relationship is the unrequited love. You are hopelessly and secretly obsessed with this person who does not know you exist. If all the following situations sound ridiculous to you, and you know you have never done anything like this before, then take the time to look around because someone may be doing this to you.

First, you memorize their class schedule just so you happen to be going down the hall or up the stairs at the same time. Also, during class when the teacher is assigning seats, you patiently stand with your fingers crossed hoping to hear your name called after theirs. And finally, at the end of the day when you are getting your homework, you take just enough time so you and the one you adore exit together. So if by chance you make eye contact during one of the many times a day you stare at this person, and you receive a smile, just remember to stay calm and remind yourself it is only a friendly smile...or is it?

FBLA Places at Genoa Competition

by Susan Kropatsch

The Scotus FBLA team placed second at the Genoa Business Competition Day with the help of first place finishes from Kara Liebig and Matt Rinkol. Liebig, a senior, placed first in the Typing II speed; and Rinkol, a junior, placed first in Business Math II. Other students placing were Susan Hamling, second in Records Management, third in Business Machines, and third in Typing II speed. Jeff Gonka, third in Introduction to Business, Jil Hefti, third in Business Communications, Patti Beck, third in Keyboarding Applications Advanced, Linda Brdicko, third in Office Procedures, Steve

Haider, second in Business Math I and second in Information Processing, Greg Hegemann, second in Business Math I, and Tammy Gablenz, third in Typing I speed.

"I thought that it was beneficial to see how we placed compared to other schools and other students. It will definitely help us prepare for the State Leadership Conference," commented FBLA vice-president Kara Liebig.

Other schools placing were Genoa, first and Stanton, third. Nine area teams attended the competition held at Genoa High School.



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Thespian members are front row: Vicki Murtaugh, Paula Kneifel, Linda Brdicko, Angie Sypal, Brenda Dohmen; second row: Jill Hefti, Andrea Duren, Rhonda Engel, Jenny Sadle, Angie Wessel, Marilu Peck; back row: Darlyn Valish, Carie Sapp, Amy Whitehead, Craig Evans, Suzanna George, and Kim Kouma.

Thespians Initiate New Members

by Vicki Murtaugh

"Act well your part, Therein all honor lies." If you are a Scotus student or teacher, you probably saw some embarrassed juniors and sophomores get down on their knees to recite this pledge to a senior Thespian member. This was just one of the many activities each Thespian initiate endured during the "dreaded" Thespian Initiation Week in early February.

The Thespian initiates were juniors Audrea Duren, Suzanna George, Jenny Sadle, Angie Wessel, and Amy Whitehead; and sophomores Craig Evans and Marilu Peck. The senior Thespian members are Linda Brdicko, Brenda Dohmen, Rhonda Engel, Reporter Jill Hefti, Vice President Paula Kneifel, Kim Kouma, President Vicki Murtaugh, Carie Sapp, Secretary Angie Sypal, and Darlyn Valish.

To become a member, a person must have par-

ticipated in at least one area of dramatic arts for two years. Most members participated on either the speech team, the One-Act, or the play or musical.

The costume day and the silent day were two activities for the initiates. On costume day, the initiates dressed as a person or character who was the opposite of their personality. The costumes included Kermit the Frog, Florence Griffith Joyner, Dr. Ruth, PeeWee Herman, and a belly dancer. On silent day, none of the initiates could talk to any of their friends. The student was allowed to talk to teachers only through the use of a telephone.

On Friday, all of the initiates became Thespian members. The new members agreed that Thespian initiation is a challenging, yet rewarding experience. As Peck stated, "Thespians is quite an honor, and I am proud to be part of it. It is like the National Honor Society of the dramatic arts."

Students Celebrate Life

by Jill Hefti

All of life—the unborn, the young, the old, or the mentally handicapped—are important. Students at Scotus recognized this importance through various speakers and activities during Celebrate Life Week in January.

The week started off with Mass for the students' mothers. Abbot Raphael Walsh from Elkhorn Mount Michael was the main celebrant. Father Wayne, dressed as a clown, and the Clown Ministry handed out candy to everyone at Mass. After Mass, the students were served dilly bars from Dairy Queen, compliments of the Pep Club.

On Tuesday, the juniors listened to Dr. Milton Zadina talk on the unborn. Patty Knapp from Region IV talked to the seniors on the mentally handicapped on Wednesday. Knapp told of her own experiences working with the mentally handicapped and how important it is to accept these people as human beings. Volleyball and an ice cream feed were held Wednesday night, sponsored by the Campus Ministry team.

On Thursday, Mr. Richard Treadway, a physician's assistant from Osceola, talked to the sophomores on death and dying. He told the students that when someone dies, a person can't blame God or lose faith in Him. Chris Mustard said, "Mr. Treadway's talk was very helpful in dealing with the aspect of death when it hits close to home."

The week concluded with Sister Esther Maria talking to the freshmen about the elderly. Even though the elderly can no longer contribute greatly to society, students learned that the elderly still have the same basic needs as they do.

Senior high students held a tape dance after the Fremont Bergan boys' basketball game on Friday. All proceeds from the dance went to the Right to Life Organization in the Omaha Archdiocese.

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Tales of the Real Father Wayne

by Shelly Scow

Father Wayne may seem to be a jolly, happy person who puts in many hours for the school, but there is another side. Father Wayne's time is occupied almost 24 hours a day with his many obligations. He has Midnight Mass on Saturday night, and on Sunday he says Mass at Mory's Haven. He also takes the place of other priests for vacation in towns such as Lindsay, Platte Center and Duncan.

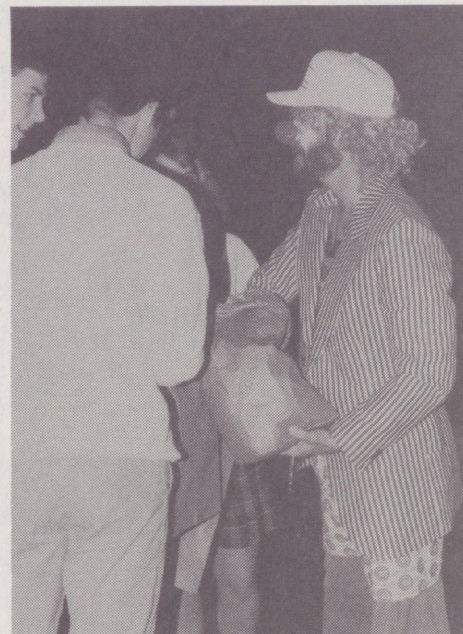
When asked what is most rewarding about the priesthood, he commented, "If I have done something to make others feel good, I'm happy. I love to say Midnight Mass because I know most of the kids wouldn't go at all if there wasn't Mass on Saturday." Father Wayne devotes all of his time to helping others and wants to keep touching other people's lives.

Father Wayne also plans on touching others' lives by receiving his Master's Degree in counseling. He feels that the education he will receive will help give him insights and enable him to apply his knowledge in helping others.

Not only does Father Wayne want to receive this degree, but he also wants to get more people involved in Campus Ministry. There are currently 163 members as opposed to 15 when Campus Ministry first began. The newly introduced Clown Ministry, a group of students involved in Campus Ministry, gives a new look to school masses. Another goal he has is offering elective religion classes such as prayer and ministry.

Father Wayne's goals are directly affected by his love for teaching. Father Wayne claims to have a gift for youth ministry and teaching. Teaching is what he enjoys most. He commented, "If I weren't a teaching priest, I would still be a teacher; that's what I love to do." During the year of 1988-89, Father Wayne will have a total of 263 students in religion classes. His teaching ranges from freshmen to seniors with seven class periods a day. After school, he is the boys' cross-country coach and also a trainer for the football team.

Many times it has not been shown, but the students greatly appreciate Father Wayne.



Father Wayne, dressed as a clown, hands out candy at an all-school Mass during Celebrate Life Week.

Local Pastors Visit SCC

by Camille Sobota

Church Unity Week was held at Scotus in January. The week centered around the theme of "Unity of Christians." One of the main focuses was informing students of the several forms of Christian churches in the community. Each week day a speaker from a different church talked to a specific class about his church and religious life.

On Monday, Rev. Harry Curl, Pastor of The Seventh Day Adventist Church, spoke to the seniors about his church and life as a preacher. On Tuesday, Rev. Julian Miguel, Paster of First United Methodist spoke to the juniors about the Methodist denomination. On Wednesday, Rev. Jeff

Fricke, Pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, spoke to the school during an all school prayer service. On Thursday, Rev. Don Brooks, Pastor of First Baptist spoke to the sophomores about the Baptist church and beliefs. And on Friday, Church Unity Week was concluded when Rev. Paul Rowoldt of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America spoke with the freshmen.

When asked to give a general summary of the week, Fr. Wayne said, "It was successful because all the classes had a chance to hear a different minister and gain exposure to all of the protestant churches in town. It also made these protestant ministers respect us a little more."

Catholic Schools Week Provides Memories

by Jill Hefti


Memories continue to multiply through the years. Just as people enjoy memories, Catholic schools celebrated 110 years of excellence during Catholic Schools Week which had the theme Communities with Memories.

St. Anthony's, St. Bonaventure's, St. Isidore's and Scotus celebrated Catholic Education with various activities throughout the week. One such activity was a retreat for 5th and 6th graders from the area Catholic schools. The focal point of the retreat was activities dealing with memories.

On Tuesday, an all school mass was held. On Wednesday night, the 2nd annual Mardi gras, sponsored by the Campus Ministry team was held. The evening included movies, games, food, and floats. Winners of the float competition were Robbie Wade and Ron Wessel.

These were not the only winners, however, because everyone who participated in Catholic Schools Week benefitted through the experience and sharing of memories.

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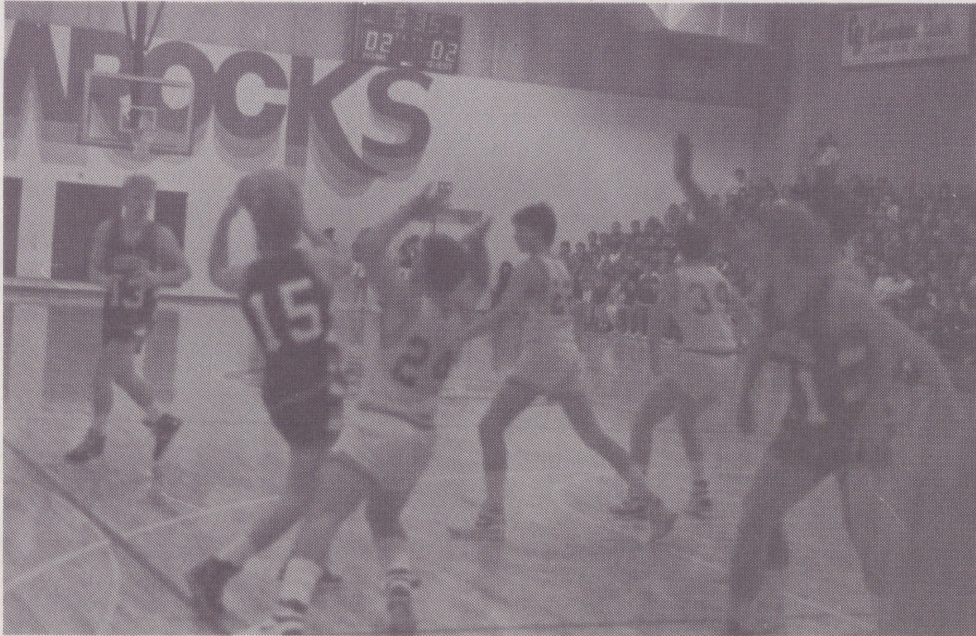
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Shamrocks Shoot Towards Districts

by Jason Mielak

"Fast-paced" was the best term to describe the 1988-89 boys' basketball team. This offense, along with quality man-to-man defense, helped guide the team to a 12-7 record and a second place finish in the Centennial Conference Tournament.

The Shamrocks started the tourney with a 51-41 victory over Omaha St. Joseph. They followed with a semifinal win over the Knights of Fremont Bergan by the score 74-62. Then, however, the Shamrocks lost in the finals to a determined Council Bluffs St. Albert's squad 77-45.

The Shamrocks' misfortune continued with con-

secutive losses to both Raymond Central and cross-town rival Columbus Lakeview. Still, the team came back with a victory over Wahoo Neumann which clinched the division championship.

Senior forward Mark Soulliere felt this last victory was an important momentum gainer. "I hope we can continue to improve and win the district tournament," said Soulliere. The Shamrocks will be led by senior guard Rob Wade, leading scorer averaging 16.7 points per game. Coach Merlin Lahm's team will enter the district tournament on Feb. 24-28 with the winner advancing to the State Tournament in Lincoln.

Girls Win NCC Tournament

by Kent Kopetzky

The 1988-89 Scotus girls basketball team ended the regular season with a 15-4 record. They won the Centennial Conference Tournament and earned the top seed in the Class B-5 District.

Coach John Peterson has been pleased with his seniors. "I have been pleased with the leadership, attitude, and over all play of the seniors this year." Along with the play of the seniors, the strength of the team has been its balanced offense, according to Peterson. The Shamrocks have had five different players lead the team in scoring this year. "We have played to our potential so far, but there is always room for improvement," said Peterson. He feels his team needs to have better ball handling and execute better against pressure.

Peterson said district play looks "very competitive". Lakeview is currently ranked in the Top 10, and Pierce was ranked earlier in the season. Wayne also look to be tough, according to Peterson.

"IBA is Having Fun"

by Kent Kopetzky

The 1989 Scotus Intramural Basketball Association season began on January 8, 1989, with four of the league's five teams competing.

Fr. Wayne said the season has gone "really well" so far this year. "People are having more fun this year than in past years, and that is the main idea behind the I.B.A. I am also pleased with the bigger crowds this year - especially with the parents."

Brad Blum, a two year IBA player, said he is having more fun this year because there are "more shooters than bruisers this year". Brad, when asked what he enjoys most about the IBA, replied, "Watching my teammate Jeff Fremarek shoot free throws." Blum was making reference to a free throw shot by Fremarek during a close game on January 15. Fremarek was fouled and calmly sank the front end of a one-and-one. The second free throw traveled about twelve feet. Everybody in the gym, including Fremarek, had a good laugh during what would have been a serious situation in a normal basketball game. However, the IBA is, at times, anything but normal.

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