



# THE ROCK

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Champions are: Front row (left to right) Tina Schunemann, Tammy Gablenz, Kari Beierman, Darlene Rinkol, Megan Tooley, Jenni Kretz, Kristi Sobota, Kristi Puetz. Second row (left to right) Coach Janet Tooley, Coach John Peterson, Brenda Sliva, Tracy Wessel, Nikki Jones, Jenni Styskal, Jenny Fremarek, Jesse Peterson, Coach Marla Mueller.

## The Deed Was Done

by Kelly Slusarski

"Stop! Hammer time." was a perfect description of the performance by the 1990 Scotus girls' volleyball team. With an outstanding record of 26 and 0 they earned the prestigious title of the 1990 Girls Class 'B' State Volleyball Champions.

However, to become champions, a team must come together and must work hard. Head Coach John Peterson made sure his team worked hard. "I wanted to challenge the girls because many of them were returning players." Players returning from last year's varsity were Megan Tooley, Darlene Rinkol, Kristi Sobota, Jenni Kretz, Kari Beierman and Brenda Sliva.

Seniors Kristi Sobota and Megan Tooley both agreed that Coach Peterson made practice more of a challenge. "He didn't throw a whole lot of new strategies at us, but instead, he pushed us harder in the more routine parts of practice."

Coach Peterson was pleased with the effort his team gave during the season and the "great leadership the senior girls gave

throughout the year." Tooley agreed that their leadership, along with the team's motto, "Do the Deed," helped bring the team closer and made them successful.

Both the coaches and the team were grateful for the backing of parents and other supporters. They were pleased with the student body's response and felt the crowd's roar gave them the final inspiration to strive for the state title. "The crowd was tremendous this year," Tooley said.

"The girls were fun to watch and very competitive. They had an outstanding season and deserved to be number one," senior Eric Pinger said. "They were awesome!"

Can the Scotus volleyball team hold on to the number one title next year? Coach Peterson says he cannot give any guarantees but does believe he still has the personnel to do it.

"One of the biggest surprises this year was junior Jenni Styskal," Peterson said. "Jenni was able to fill in the center position for us when Kristi Sobota was back serving. Jenni did an excellent job

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## A Time To Remember

by Kelly Peterson

"I have a mail call for all seniors," Father Wayne said and the senior retreat was started. On October 17, 64 seniors joined together at Camp Luther to share and become closer as a class. It was the first of many times the seniors would hear Father Wayne say, "This group will never be the same after this year."

Seniors were separated into groups of eight and each had a group leader. The group's purpose was to unite and share the experiences of the day together. "A lot of people opened up and everything said was sincere," Nicki Votava said. Lessons were taught on trust, gift-giving, and acceptance by peers. This was done through activities and films along with discussions.

Mr. Sadle, Mr. Peterson and Mr. Leninger were the teachers who led discussions. "Each teacher was close to our class which made them easy to relate to and share things comfortably with," Brenda Kolas said. The teachers answered questions and

shared their lives also. Everything said to them was confidential and the students opened up.

Free time during lunch and dinner gave the seniors time to go off on their own and enjoy being with friends. "Chris Wiegert and I played Rambo in the woods and got close to nature," Jamie Jakub said. Camp Luther included a building for those who wanted to stay warm, a little church and paths through the trees where seniors could take nature walks. "The best part of hiking was when Mark Keating was climbing 'the swing' and the guys were moving the rope," Lori Wessel said.

The day ended at 8:00 p.m. with a mass where a letter from a teacher was distributed to each senior. "People became emotional when they read their letters," Traci Arlt said. The letter's purpose was to praise the student and encourage them to succeed in the future. Mass, as well as the retreat, ended with a prayer of thanks for making the day a time to remember.

"This group will never be the same after this year"  
Fr. Wayne



Seniors take a break while on a nature hike during their retreat at Camp Luther.



# Editorials

## I Like Ben Nelson

by Dave Boryca

In many societies, social status is gained through corruption, deceit, and violence. People striving for the other's position care little for their opponents well being and social life unless it can be used as a weapon against them.

Wait a minute! This is starting to sound strangely familiar. Could this be happening in the great red, white and blue, apple pie eating U.S. of A? It is happening and will continue to go on until our society gets fed up and discards their blindly nationalistic views.

Some people call Ben Nelson a person with an extremely dubious character. But wasn't it Kay Orr who dug through his financial records like an alleycat through garbage?

Nelson even tried to stop the negative advertising by having a televised agreement on the subject. It continued, however, despite Nelson's attempt to bury the hatchet.

Everybody knows how Orr is a very conservative republican. Every action she achieved in office (and these were very few) benefitted business and left labor in the cold.

People scream at Ben Nelson of how he is a fraud and cheats on his taxes, yet they do little to stop the huge amount of tax breaks the republicans give to the rich as the middle class takes up the load. Maybe by putting a Democrat into office we can alleviate this problem. Maybe.



## I Don't Like Ben Nelson!

by Matt Hajek

The election is over, the votes have been tabulated and it looks like Ben Nelson has won the race for governor. Now Nebraska will have to suffer at least four years under democratic rule.

Some people say that Kay Orr was terrible, but she wasn't really that bad considering she had to pull us out of the slump Bob Kerrey put us in.

It has been said that time will tell all and I think it already has with Mr. Nelson.

In the spring, when he was in the running for the democratic nomination I kind of liked him, but since then things keep coming out about him that make me like him less.

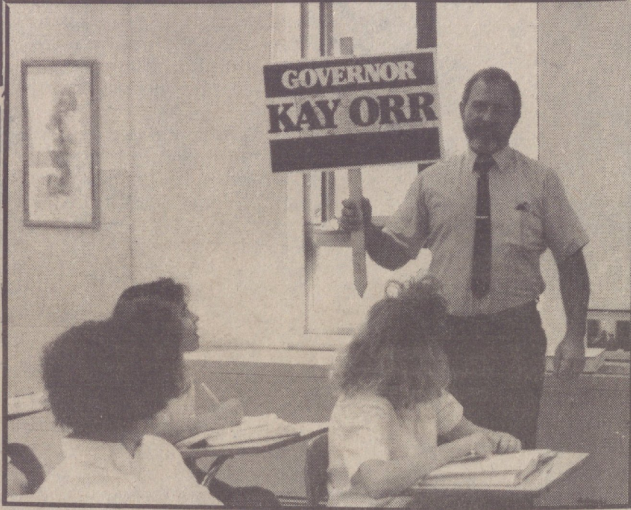
For instance, did you know

that his former wife committed suicide? Makes you think twice about him, doesn't it?

He also takes quite a few cheap shots in his ads, like saying that we need a governor who can deliver, implying that Governor Orr couldn't. If he can't even think up some of better quality ads, what is he going to be like as the governor? Is he going to have his aides run the place? Is he going to throw darts to make major decisions?

It wouldn't suprise me too much since he is a democrat. It's not that being a democrat is so bad it's just that he is.

I guess I can sum up my opinion by saying that I just don't like Ben Nelson.



Mr. Jack Sadle expresses his "support" for Governor Kay Orr.

## The Day of the Dead

by Kristi Sliva

For most people Halloween is a day for costumes, witches, ghosts and goblins, but in Mexico and in parts of the Spanish speaking world they do not celebrate Halloween as we know it. Instead, they celebrate Di'a de los Muertos or Day of the Dead.

This holiday is celebrated on November first, All Saints Day, and November second, All Souls Day. On these days all the schools and shops are closed, and the radio stations play songs about the dead all day long. This is a two-day celebration honoring all who have died.

It is believed that the deceased people come back to their mortal home and expecting treats to be waiting for them on a special altar elaborately decorated. If an altar is not prepared in their honor, it is believed that tricks or an illness will be played on the family by the deceased for the entire year.

The families prepare their altars on the last day of October. Placed on this altar are candles, marigolds, a picture of the dead

person and his or her favorite food. If the deceased was a child, the families would add the child's favorite toy to the display.

During this time merchants sell, dead bread, chocolate and sugar as well as decorations of skulls and skeleton toys. For instance, girls buy pins with skeletons on them for their boy-friends. Both the altars and the graves of the deceased are decorated with some form of a skeleton.

A mass is held on both days, honoring the deceased, and during the day cemeteries are visited by the families and relatives.

At night a virgil begins around the grave. Candles are lit and the families pray. A feast is eaten followed by conversations by the women. The men make a toast to their dead relatives with a concoction of tequilla and tea, and sometimes fireworks are set off while a small band plays. Then, as the night ends, the families go home to await next years celebration.

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# Editorials

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editorial Editor:

Many members of the student body feel a need to express the school spirit that has been declining swiftly at Scotus within the last decade.

This letter is written as a response to what occurred at the Scotus vs. West Point district match on Thursday, Nov. 1, 1990. We do not wish to protest against the action Mr. Kobza took against those who were "negatively" representing Scotus, for his action was an immediate and decisive response to the rules in the Scotus handbook. We do feel, however, that the rules need to be changed or slightly modified.

We feel that articles of clothing, symbols (the flag at West Point), and face paint can be methods of creating enthusiasm and spirit among students, parents, Scotus supporters, athletes, and not to provoke other schools or lessen the image of Scotus.

Most of us have read the letter sent to Mr. Gross from North Platte St. Pat's. The letter compliments our athletes and students because of our sportsmanship and because of the model image we represented. These are the same students that were forced to change their appearance at West Point.

You might ask why the change occurred. We feel that rules act as a cage holding our emotions in, and soon the attire we wear at school functions is going to be spelled out for us like our dress code.

This letter is not meant to anger or provoke any individual but rather to give us the freedom, the right, to express our spirit in a positive manner. We think that many people would be surprised how much a simple shamrock painted on one's face can support the crowd and athletes and yet, keep Scotus' image clean and positive. All we ask is that the door of the cage be opened slightly, allowing us not only to show the spirit that is "expected" of high school students, but also real enthusiasm and support of our fellow classmates.

We hope that the message of this letter is clear and that the suggestions made are taken into consideration and that small changes are made to allow support for our school to grow stronger and keep a good image and remain a model for other schools.

Chris Bogus  
A Concerned Scotus Athletic Supporter

Dear Concerned Scotus Athletic Supporter,

In response to your letter I had a meeting with Mr. Kobza and came up with the following information concerning your question about Scotus' school spirit. Mr. Kobza gave both an explanation of what the administration considers school spirit and a few ideas on how to express that spirit.

The idea of what school spirit is in the eyes of the administration needs to be made clear to the students of Scotus. "I see school spirit as treating the other team as we would like to be treated," Mr. Kobza said. "The purpose of school spirit is to cheer on the various teams, not to draw attention away from them," Mr. Kobza complemented the Scotus students on their support for both volleyball and football games so far this fall and commented on the large attendance of students at games. "Frankly I was shocked when I saw the young gentlemen enter the West Point volleyball game. They had never caused any trouble beforehand and I never expected it," Mr. Kobza said. If you read the student handbook it does clearly state that no paint and

no costumes are to be worn. The administration along with the school board made these rules

and to avoid complications they plan on sticking with them.

However, Mr. Kobza did provide a few suggestions as to how the students could become involved and show school spirit in a positive manner. First off he suggested that if the gentlemen wanted to do something such as last year when they dressed as farmers at the Lakeview game, that they should confront him with their plans. Together they could reach a compromise where both parties were satisfied. Mr. Kobza also suggested a boys pep club (I know what you think of that, YUCK!) but the idea of the guys designing their own T-shirt to make them distinctive in a crowd is a possibility. "The school is not trying to limit your freedom they just want students to behave respectfully and realize the players are in the spotlight, not them."

I hope the responses I got from Mr. Kobza have helped you to better understand what school

spirit is and what is expected at games. We have a reputation of being an outstanding school both on the field and off, let's keep up the good work and continue our support. The rules can't be changed so we must make the best of the privileges we given.

Editorial Editor

Kelly Peterson

## A Day of Thanks

by Jenny Hansen

In the United States we have a certain day that we celebrate in November called Thanksgiving. Traditionally, most American families celebrate with a large meal and a prayer of blessing.

The early Thanksgiving Day began as a day of thanks for good crops or successful harvests. For this reason the holiday is still celebrated in the fall after the crops have been gathered.

Thanksgiving is usually a family day, celebrated with big dinners and family gatherings. Thanksgiving is also a time for religious thinking, church services and prayer. One of the first Thanksgiving observances in America was entirely religious and did not involve feasting.

The custom of celebrating Thanksgiving Day spread from the Plymouth to New England colonies. For many years there wasn't an official Thanksgiving holiday; however, some states observed the holiday on their own. The first official Thanksgiving holiday, to be celebrated on the last Thursday of November, started in 1930 in New York. Other states soon followed the example.

In 1939 President Roosevelt declared the holiday the second to last Thursday of November. The idea was to help business by expanding the shopping period before Christmas. Finally in 1941, Congress ruled that the official Thanksgiving Day would be celebrated on the fourth Thursday and would be made a legal holiday.

## Money or Loyalty

by Kristi Sliva

I remember the first day on the job. It seemed so exciting starting, thinking of all the money I would earn and what I would spend it on. I lived for the day to learn new things and to meet new people. After working at my new job for a couple of months, track season began and so did the stress. All my life consisted of was school, practice and work.

I felt so drained. I didn't feel that I could work to please the customers, my boss or my co-workers. And at practice I didn't practice to the best of my ability because of the late nights at work. There wasn't any time left in the day for my family or friends. With what time was left, I spent trying to stay awake doing my homework. This was when I acknowledged that there had to be a decision made. I went to my parents and discussed the situation with them. They came up with the solution to talk to my boss and try to get a few less hours while I was

"in season." After the season ended, it would be possible for me to work more hours.

The next day I went to my boss and explained the situation to him. He agreed to give me a few less hours while I was "in season." My problem was solved. I was lucky to have understanding parents and an understanding boss to help me through. And I feel a lot of students can benefit from this. Kids today can relate to my situation because so many of them are involved in extra-curricular activities and have the same stressful situation I did. But we have the rest of our lives to work. Right now our education is a bit more important. People won't be working in the same place all their lives and we will remember more from school. If we do well in school today it could lead us in the direction of getting good scholarships and provide us with other opportunities.

# MERRY CHRISTMAS!

## JOYS OF YULETIDE!

by: Marilu Peck

With the Christmas season right around the corner, a hint of holiday spirit is beginning to form in the halls of Scotus. While this special time of the year brings forth memories in each one of us, we all have a favorite part about the holiday season.

Jenni O'Neill- family time  
Jim Springer- watching the parades on TV  
Mike Henggler- putting up the Christmas tree  
Renee Fuhr- opening presents  
Eric Pinger- going to the Holiday Tournament  
Sean Schmeits- Santa Claus  
Mrs. Kruse- Christmas Traditions  
Craig Rueschoff- getting money from my grandparents

Holly Hunter- traveling over the river and through the woods to Aunt Nancy's house  
Kelly Slusarski- putting the chains on "Blue Thunder"  
Mrs. Shonka- the festivity of the season  
Megan Tooley- seeing my Christmas stocking stuffed with presents  
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# Student Life

## Dust Your Paperweights

by Holly Hunter

The case of Wally and Frances Dalrymple is definitely one for Mr. Sadle's psychology class.

The couple hasn't been out of the house in five years and have magazine cut-outs for children in picture frames.

Mr. Dalrymple enjoys inventing "failures" and Mrs. Dalrymple likes to clean paperweights and bake nut bread. Their other hobbies include "sitting, not thinking, just sitting" and "bickering" (not fighting, arguing or spating) just "bickering". They live by the simple rule: the world, who needs it?

Fred, the fireman, tries to get the couple to open up through an indirect counseling session with the couple after being called to fight the fire burning in an automatic egg layer. Fred is a lively fellow who lives by the rule "the world doesn't need the Dalrymples."

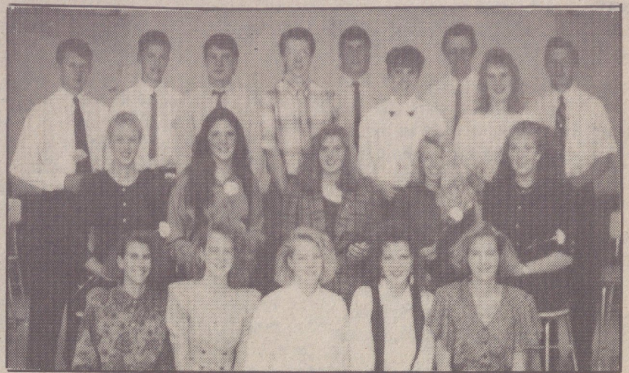
Luckily for the human race, the above mentioned people are fictional. They exist only within the play, *The People In The Glass*

**Paperweight** by Gene McKinney. The Drama II class is performing the play for the District One-Act competition to be held on December 1 in Pierce. Students and faculty are encouraged to attend the performance.

The Drama II class has put a lot of time and effort into the play. "We practice eighth period everyday and everyday until 5:00 p.m. the week before competition." Brenda Kolas, member of the cast said.

Their efforts paid off, too. They placed third overall at conference which was held on November 17. "The play is continually changing. It will be interesting to see what we can do with it at districts." Coach Sandie Bernt said.

Members of the cast include (in order of appearance) Brenda Kolas as Mrs. Dalrymple, Joe McPhillips as Mr. Dalrymple and Craig Evans as Fred, the fireman. The tech crew includes Pete Wemhoff on lights and sound and Craig Robak on spotlight.



New NHS members look their best for their induction.

## Makin' the Grade

by Marilu Peck

Scholarship, leadership, service, and character. These four qualities are present in every member of National Honor Society. Each year prospective initiates are invited to apply to NHS and are accepted on the basis of these four qualities. The 19 students inducted on September 26 are: Seniors- Rachele Schieffer, Jeff Vanek; Juniors- Eileen Dobesh, Scott Harmeier, Sarah Wemhoff, Jeff Loseke, Troy Langan; Sophomores- Nicole Sand, Jill Kruse, Julie Swanson, Theresa Wemhoff, John Hain, Suszi Kudron, Jim Springer, Susan Riley, Steph Geilenkirchen, Chad Burbach, Brandi Buggi, and Jessie Peterson.

"When I was accepted into National Honor Society, I was very happy. I felt that I accomplished a goal that I've had throughout high school," Schieffer said. "Being in NHS will give

me more of an incentive to do well in my classes, because even though I work hard, I know that I can always do a little better," Sarah Wemhoff added.

For the past three years, National Honor Society's major service project has been the Bowl-A-Thon. The members bowl two games to raise money for those suffering from Spina Bifida. "I like the Bowl-A-Thon because we raise money for a good cause and we have fun at the same time," senior Wendy Whalen said.

National Honor Society is considering starting a tutoring program for seventh graders which can help them with school work, social adjustments and a variety of other problems. "I think the National Honor Society members exemplify the best qualities that a person can possess," sponsor Mrs. Jeannie Kiser-Jensen concluded.

## The Core Corps

by Sean Schmeits

"One, two, three, four. Up, up, up, up yells Mr. Niles as he directs the 1990 girls flag corps through a routine to the melodious din of the marching band.

This year's flag corps members are Megan Tooley, Jenny Kretz, Jada Huss, Rachele Schieffer, Nicole Sand, Bridget O'Hearn, Amy Paprocki, Christi Held, Suzanne Soulliere, Christi Wachal, Kerry Hengglar and Kerry Stopak. Led by captains Soullier and Schieffer the corps has whirled and twirled in front of many audiences this year including the varsity football game against David City. They also marched in competitions such as the Wayne State Marching Festival and the Columbus Day's Parade.

In these competitions they are judged on such things as marching step, poise, and keeping the movement of the flags

together. "The thing I remember most about competitions was getting our lunch late at Wayne and having to run all the way back to the football field, where we were supposed to march, only to find out the band had started without us," said Jada Huss.

The girls purchased new uniforms this year. The green and gold sweaters were a change from the dark green uniforms the flag corps had performed in since it began seven years ago.

"The new uniforms match the bands uniforms and give the marching band a better overall look," Mr. Niles said.

The corps practiced every morning before school beginning in August working on their routines. They had routines done to the songs *Bad Medicine* and *Corrado* (the band's marching song). These were selected and choreographed by Mr. Niles and the captains.

## Business in the U.S.

by Jenna Mullin

"Proud to be an AmeriCAN!" That was the theme of this year's FBLA National Fall Leadership Conference held in Kansas City, November 16-18. Eight Scotus FBLA members attended the conference this year. Seniors Marilu Peck, Wendy Whalen, Julie Sledens, Nicki Votava, Lori Wessel, and Jerri Brooks, junior Jenna Mullin and sophomore Amy Paprocki made the trip along with FBLA advisor Mrs. Cheryl Ram-bour.

After a long bus ride, the group arrived in Kansas City and made their first stop at Hallmark Industries for a tour of their facilities. "The tour of Hallmark was the best part of the whole trip," Marilu Peck said. "It was interesting to learn about all of the work and creativity involved on all production levels."

The girls then continued to

"Going to Kansas City was really a fun experience."

Marilu Peck

the Hyatt Crown Center Hotel, where they stayed and attended workshops on subjects such as stress management theories, accounting and office procedures.

"It was really a fun experience to go to Kansas City. Even though we had the chance to meet new people, I'd have to say the overall weekend theme was togetherness," Peck said.

On Sunday, after three days of learning how to be a better business leader, the girls headed home, ready to use the knowledge gained at the conference to make theirs a better FBLA chapter.

## Voices

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money. "Even though I dreaded doing this, I'm glad I did," Loseke commented.

Brenda Kolas earned the third place award, winning 25 dollars. She plans on using the money for Christmas presents. Kolas said the one thing she learned from this is that "a little work can pay off."

O'Neill, Loseke and Kolas competed in the contest to earn

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# Student Life

## Let's Chat

by Traci Arlt

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Mark Keating

"... taking a long stroll down by the river with your shoes off watching the sun set."



Rachelle Schieffer

"... to be picked up in a stretch limosine, eat dinner at a romantic restaurant, and then dance the night away."



Nicole Sand

"... pick her up, go out to dinner and surprise her with a limosine ride to your private jet which will take us on a Carribean cruise and spend endless hours on the beach."



Jeff Loseke

"... an afternoon of horseback riding, dinner and a good movie."



Ms. Whiteley

# Students On Parade

By: Matt Hajek

On to state! On to state! On to state! Wayne State marching festival that is. The festival was the second of four competitions this year. There are 42 students in band, the largest number in four years. "We started off well and kept improving throughout the year," band director Stephen Niles said.

The band started practices on August 6, for two hours a day during the first week. After fall sport practices started, they went to a one hour afternoon practice. "It's tiring to go to band after two football practices a day, but it's worth it," Dan McGrane said.

When school started they had a 7:30 A.M. practice most mornings. "It's hard to juggle your

schedule around with weights at 7:00 and band at 7:30," student Kelli Woods said. During their first period class they practice for pep band and memorize marching music. "Band questions your intellectual abilities." John Hain said.

On August 24, they started the marching season off with a win at the Columbus Days parade. Their next competition was at Wayne State where they placed second. They are judged on appearance, marching, and how they play the music. The Scotus Band placed high in all of their competitions and had a good season. "I'm really pleased with the band this year, it was by far our best," Niles said.



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# Scotus Gives A Sad Farewell

by Marilu Peck

Cleanly swept floors, alumni plaques, trophy cases and stage flats. Mr. Kim Garretson provided the students, faculty and staff with all of these for three years. Garretson's average workday began at 6:30 a.m. and ended around 4:00 p.m., but on October 31, he transferred to Lakeview.

"Anytime anyone would ask him to do something he would always be ready to help. I really appreciated that because emergencies come up all the time," Principal Bob Kobza said.

Garretson's job at Scotus continued through the summer with larger projects. Senior Kris Almquist worked with him two summers ago stripping and waxing the floors. "Losing Kim will

be a great loss to Scotus because he is a very hard worker and a great guy," Almquist said.

Garretson, who transferred because of financial reasons, said that he would be working at Lakeview during the day and doing odd jobs at Scotus in the morning and night until a replacement is found. "I'm really going to miss the people here. Scotus has a great bunch of kids," Garretson said.

Garretson is highly regarded by his co-workers, Mr. Jerry Cielocha and Mr. Frank Stachura. "Kim was a very fine man to work with," Stachura said. "He will be greatly missed," Cielocha concluded.

# A Sack of Responsibility

by Kelly Peterson

Pick a name out of a bag and you become the proud parent of a sack of flour. Eight students in Parenting were given the chance to learn the responsibilities of being parents. By picking a piece of paper out of a bag the students found out if they had twins, a black baby, a Down's Syndrome baby, a preemie, or a normal baby.

"Being a parent has a lot of responsibilities," senior Kari Beiermann said, "A bag of flour doesn't cry, wet its pants, or need to be fed but we have many other responsibilities in the class." A daily journal is kept for each child. One day is equivalent to a month and covers the first six months of the child's life. This includes date of birth, weight, height, who deliv-

ered it, what hospital, pictures of the child and general daily occurrences. If the child is lost the student must contact the police and find out the procedures for missing children. Teachers and other students are asked to report incidents of child abuse when spotted. If a flour baby is being abused grades will be docked.

At the end of the week and a half a final report is made in the journal and the flour babies are presumed dead. "It was funny watching the guys carrying their flour babies and being little daddies," Beiermann said, "Playing football in the hallways with Bo Regis, senior Cory Chrisiansen's baby, was the greatest. (Mrs. Riley this is strictly off the grading record.)"



# Ransom Success

by Dave Boryca

"A kidnap! kidnapping makes money!" These words, sung by a young actor, echoed through the gymnasium as spectators grinned in amusement. But will kidnapping make money? This question was answered during the performance of "The Ransom of Red Chief" on November 18 and 19 in which students of Scotus presented a whimsical, light-

hearted comedy. The cast of character included two con-men, a miserly widow, two idiot lawmen, a pack of townspeople and finally a very unlikely kid.

The musical's plot revolved around the antics of Johnny Dorsett (Nate Bahr) and his experiences with his abductors (Dave Boryca, Pete Wemhoff). Humor was added with the attitude of the Red Chief's mother, the miserly widow (Jenny Fremarek). Musical director Mrs. Haupt explains the story as "Two guys who kidnap a boy for money, but instead of winning, they lose big."

The number of public performances of the musical was increased from the usual one performance to two. This caused attendance at the plays to decrease. "I think increasing the number of performances really helped everybody, spectators and cast both. I was also impressed with the number of teachers who attended," Haupt said.

Practicing for "The Ransom of Red Chief" began in early October. Despite this preparation many cast members as well as the coordinators felt more time could have been useful. "It seemed like performance time was coming up to fast," said Kari Becker, who played Mrs. Lewis, an overprotective mother. Other cast members included Candy Mustard, Mike Haenggi, Theresa Horne,

Claire Larson, Brenda Kolas, Marilu Peck, Frank John Ramaekers, Stephanie Happ, Jenni Styskal,

Lori Sypal, Jenny Hansen, Chris Rickert, Daren Buettener, Kim Kamphaus, and Sarah Wemhoff. The technical crew consisted of Eric Hash, Theresa Wemhoff and Chris Held. Jeff Loeske participated as the student director.

Member's tardiness and absence from several practices added to the tension before opening night. "It would have helped tremendously if everybody was there the whole time." Haupt said. These problems were only moderate as there were still several good things said about the members of the musical. Mrs. Scheiffer, who assisted Haupt said "For such a large cast they really did a nice job." Ms. Felger, who volunteered as assistant director, also added her skills to the preparation of the musical.

Student reaction to the play was positive about all facets of the musical. "The acting and singing was great. I loved it when Pete got the pie in the face." Suzanne Soulliere said. Several faculty members also had good things to say about the play. "Stuffing Nate into the bag was my favorite scene, but there were several parts which were very funny." Mrs. Ewers said. Mrs. Bernt added, "It was very good slapstick humor." This humor was easily seen by Mr. Leninger who in his words "laughed till he cried." Leininger also added "It was worth every cent and more."

# Today's Outlook

by Traci Arlt

Zubaz, stirrups, rugbys, Z-Cavaricci? Do you consider these to be in style? Well, they are! Because styles seem to change so rapidly it seems like by the time everyone gets a chance to afford them they go out of style.

Zubaz, a popular pant worn by the guys at school, are a favorite and comfortable pant to wear, either to a basketball game or to a dance. "Zubaz are our version of the girls' stretch pants." Senior Aaron Shunk said. Zubaz, with an average price of \$32, come in a variety of colors and prints. "The wilder they get, the better they look." Shunk commented about the pants.

Another popular pant, though not accepted by many, are stirrups. To look decent in them you must be the perfect height. If you are too tall the stirrups around your feet will pull your pants down. If you are too short the stirrups will sit in the bottom of your shoe. "Stirrups remind me of cowboys. Your feet feel like they're tied to the stirrups of the saddle." Jenny Hansen said. Even though most girls do not care for the stirrup pants, they still remain a popular trend of today.

One of the most popular unisex clothing is the rugby shirts and the Z-Cavaricci pants. "Rugbys are very comfortable and they give you the preppy look you've always desired." Rachelle Schieffer said. Rugbys are made of 100% cotton and are priced around \$47. Rugbys can be worn with jeans or even dressed up with pants. Right now the most popular dress pant is the Z-Cavaricci. They are also probably the most expensive too. They are baggier through the thighs and tighter through the waist. The average cost of these pants are \$70. "Even though they are so expensive they are a neat pair of pants that can be shared by both guys and gals." Senior Kari Beiermann said.

So the decision of how important fashion is to you can only be determined by your financial situation and your own desire to be in style.

# Reviews

## Music

by Jenna Mullin

"What's got you so jumpy? Why can't you sit still?"

Not many people can sit still when they hear the song "Unskinner Bop", Poison's first single from their latest CD, *Flesh and Blood*.

Poison's third album is, in many ways, a lot like their first two. Once again they come through with lots of fast tracks that get you in a rocking mood. (This is a great tape to cruise to).

It seems that with this tape, Poison has matured some as artists. The inside of the cover shows that they have shed some of their lipstick and hairspray for a more serious look.

In addition, their second release, "Something to Believe In" is a song with rather deep lyrics for a band that has been referred to as a "Bubble Gum" band. It seems their attitude has changed from their previous "NBAGT" theme.

All in all, this album is the best effort yet by Poison, with songs

that are sure to follow in the footsteps of other Poison hits. So make the "Sacrifice", go out and get some of Poison's *Flesh and Blood*.

## Movies

by Sean Schmeits

Bored on a Friday night with nothing to do? Well, don't attempt to cure your boredom by seeing *Quigly Down Under* because that is exactly what this movie is, boring.

*Quigly Down Under* attempts to portray Tom Selleck as an old west Rambo, but it doesn't quite work. Selleck, as handsome as he may be, just doesn't fit the part of a rough, tough gun-slinger.

*Quigly Down Under* is a story about Matthew Quigly, a cowboy in Australia, who has to save a city from villains.

The writers took a half an hour "Lone Ranger" plot and spread it into a monotonous two hour film. I spent the first half an hour of this film wondering if it was a parody of the old west or a futile attempt at a real western.

This movie also lacks charac-

# The Concert Experience

by Jenny Hansen

Excited fans roar as the opening band jumps on stage. Loud screams and yells echo through the auditorium. Music plays and the time comes closer for that band to run out and entertain. Senior Cary Kudron said that that's his favorite part about a concert. Referring to the same, Aaron Shunk adds, "Pushing my way to the front." "I guess its just all the singing," comments senior Kris Almquist.

Most concerts, if not all, have an opening band. Some even have two. These bands can either be a smash hit or be the bomb of the concert. Almquist, Kudron, and Shunk all agreed that Lita Ford was one of the worst openers they have seen.

Three steady concert goers (Almquist, Kudron, Shunk) admit they've been to two Motley Crue concerts, a Kiss concert or two and Poison in the last year. While Kudron and Almquist state that "Kiss was the best concert," Shunk thinks a minute and adds that the "second Motley Crue" was his favorite.

"I took a date to a concert once and it is just more fun to go with the guys," Almquist said. "I would never take a date to a concert," Kudron adds. An average concert lasts three to three and a half hours and a ticket costs around \$20. T-shirts or some sort of souvenir is usually bought for around \$20 and the majority of the time Almquist, Kudron and Shunk return back to town after the show.

"It usually costs me around \$50 to go to a concert," Almquist said.

The stereo-type of drugs being used at concerts can not be proven wrong but you can get positive input from those regularly attending concerts and not wanting to get drunk or high. "I don't see a lot of drugs passed," Kudron said. "A little alcohol some-times but that is it." Kudron also adds with a chuckle "I hate it when my shoe laces come undone and girl's long, hair gets in my face."

One aspect of a concert to one person may be totally different to another. Shunk with no hesitation summed it up by saying, "A concert isn't a concert if you haven't worked your way through hundreds of sweaty bodies, to get to the front row to look at your rock-n-roll idol straight in the eye." Shunk also added "I would go to Kiss or Motley Crue every day of the week if I could. While Almquist would like to see Kiss appear in make-up, Kudron would do anything to see Paula Abdul live.

The concert generation has been around for a long time. The demand for all different groups to tour is growing rapidly. The number of teenagers attending these rock-n-roll sessions as the varying ages is, growing at a fast rate. "Although concerts are costly, they are something that I'll continue to, attend for awhile," Kudron concluded.

The seven children confront this evil and beat it, only to find it has come back 30 years later, worse than ever. They are adults now, but decide to fight it again because of a pact they had made when they werestill children.

This book contains both violence and explicit language. I still recommend this book, however, because both these factors add greatly to the total horrific effect you get will reading it. King has done an excellent job of tying the three characters lives together.

I found the television representation of this novel gives it little justice. Several key parts were left out which would have made the mini-series version more successful.

If you want to relax on a stormy night when you are all alone, don't read "IT". This is something you want to take in with all the lights on and your parents at home. But if you insist on it, make sure you stay away from the sinks at bathroom, for they lead to the sewers, where Pennywise the clown performs a dance of death.

ter development. I knew no more about the characters at the end of the movie than I did at the beginning.

I give this movie a one star for trying.

## Book

by Dave Boryca

You slowly walk down a shadowed sewerway, suddenly a pale white light bursts from the pipes around you. It is then you notice the maniacal clown going for your throat, his dagger-like teeth glistening. You abruptly wake up in a cold sweat, wishing you hadn't watched the recent television broadcast of "IT", by Stephen King.

You are lucky. If you had read the book your slumbering reaction would have been much worse and more intense.

The novel "IT" tells the story of a group of children living in a small town in Maine. It is there that they encounter a horrible monster who takes the forms of their greatest fears, only after luring them in by appearing as a clown named Pennywise.



# Sports

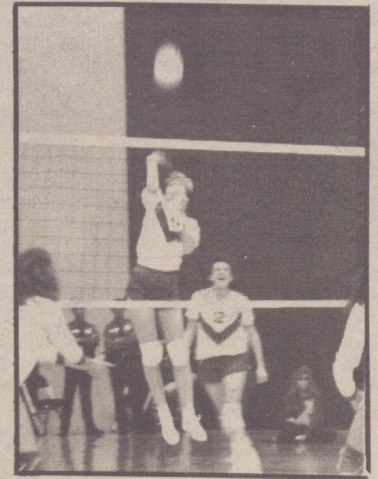
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The coaches concentrate on the game as players Jenni Styskal and Jenny Fremarek show the wide range of emotions felt during the championship game. The scoreboard (left) shows that Scotus had little to worry about.



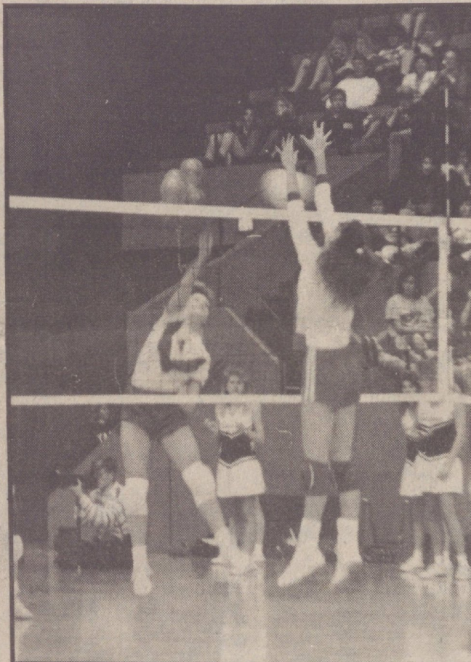
Scotus juniors Shawn Diederich, Jason Stephan, Brett Dallman, Mike Henggeler, Shane Pelster and Matt Naughtin cheer on the team at the state volleyball tournament.



Senior hitter Darlene Rinkol spikes the ball over the net during the semifinal game against Grand Island Northwest.



Coach Petersen gives the girls a few tips during a time-out. The tips must have worked. The Shamrocks won the game in straight sets and claimed the Class B State Championship.



Senior hitter Darlene Rinkol spikes the ball over the net during the semifinal game against Grand Island Northwest.



Number one from start to finish, the team displays their trophy.



Head coach John Petersen gives assistant coach Marla Mueller a hug as Janet Tooley waits to congratulate the girls after the team won the state championship game over Sidney, 15-9, 15-5.



# Sports

## SCC + CHS = NO Emotional Warfare

by Kristen Haenggi

The final was three to three. No, this was not a low-scoring football game. It was the outcome of the Columbus High School Board on whether Columbus High and Scotus would join teams in four sports.

"I guess I saw it coming. I wasn't shocked." Scotus Athletic Director Rick Grubaugh said referring to the decision that was made not to coop. "Yet, I was surprised that swimming and wrestling didn't pass."

Grubaugh did understand the reasoning behind tennis and soccer because if Scotus joined in tennis then Columbus High would have to move up from Class B to A, which is tougher competition. A point brought out about soccer was that Scotus may have it's own soccer team in a few years.

"I think there's a possibility of that in the future... it (the soccer

proposal) will come up for the '92 season." Grubaugh said.

If the two teams would have joined in the four sports of boys' and girls' soccer, wrestling, swimming and tennis, then Scotus and Columbus High would not compete in any sports, which could cause complications.

"That would have lost close games and tough competition." Grubaugh said.

The major arguments of the board and student body were that if Scotus students really want to play for Columbus High then they should transfer schools and that it would not be fair to be a team in one sport and enemies in the next.

"I guess I look at sports as work. You're going to compete in the work force and yet you have to get along," Grubaugh said. "If you can't play a game against each other and still live together... then we're in a sad society."

by Kristen Haenggi

I'm almost done! I can feel the sweat running down my face as gravity is taking over. I have no control over my body the farther I go.

I keep accelerating. My legs are aching. I'm breathing deeper.... and deeper.

My heart is racing. A sharp pain is shooting through my right leg, but it's probably nothing.

I'm almost there! "Good workout, girls!" my cross country coach says as we finish the last hill of practice.

I go home with the pain still in my leg, but I think nothing of it.

"I think you should tell your coach about it!" my mom says as I get ready to go to evening practice.

"It's no big deal. I think it's just sore because I'm out of shape," I say although I've been running all summer.

I decide to tell my coach. He says that maybe I should not run for awhile or just "go easy" and the next day, as everyone runs those

endless miles, I ride beside them in the van.

It's great not to run, especially in this heat! My coach wants me to rest so I can run later on in the season. He expects great things out of the team, including me.

I feel uncomfortable on this van seat. I've been sitting here a lot longer than I anticipated.

It's the first meet and I stand here watching the team run by. I still can't run. I don't like riding in the van anymore, I want to be a part of the team.

My leg only seems to get worse each time I even "go easy".

I'm going to forget my pain and run today in practice. The first couple steps feel a little uncomfortable, but I can do it.

Wait!

I feel the pain shoot all the way down the side of my leg after only a few more yards. I finish out the mile pretending it's not bothering me, but my limp gives it away. I have to stop. This is so frustrating! I have failed at my countless at-

tempts to run! I guess you don't realize how much you have until you don't have it any longer and for me that was the ability to run.

The doctor is not sure what is wrong, but guesses a quadricep/groin pull. Physical therapy takes the place of practice after school, but it doesn't seem to be helping.

The season is coming to a close and I feel as if I have accomplished nothing, except the feeling of failure. I had let down my teammates by not being able to compete. I had let down my coach and parents who expected good things out of me.

But most of all I had let down myself.

"At least you tried and kept at it," my parents say and maybe they are right. You can't accomplish anything if you don't try. That was one thing I had done.

I had tried. I hadn't lost after all, I had actually won! I may not have been part of the team physically, but mentally I was.

## Patriotic Voices

by Toby Ketter

They may all be spending their money in different ways, but they have one thing in common: they are the top three winners of the VFW speech contest.

Jenni O'Neill, Jeff Loseke and Brenda Kolas were the top placers from Scotus. The assigned topic was "Democracy is the Vanguard of Freedom."

Different than oral speech

contests, this one is held at KITT where the judges only listen to the taped speeches. They can only vote on what they hear. They cannot vote on appearance. "It is an unbiased way of judging," speech coach Sandie Bernst said.

The first place prize of 75 dollars went to Jenni O'Neill. O'Neill plans on using the money

to buy a watch. From the opportunity of giving her speech O'Neill says she learned that "things that happened today could affect my life."

Jeff Loseke finished second in the contest and was awarded 50 dollars. Loseke is undecided on how he is going to use the

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## State B

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especially after being unable to play for us the year before." Styskal was unable to play last year due to a health problem.

Also returning next year will be Brenda Sliva who has played varsity since her sophomore year. Peterson commented that Tracy Wessel has been doing a fine job as setter and has strong possibilities of filling the position next year; however, there are many people who have played varsity level and who could also easily fill the posi-

tions. Such people would be Tammy Gablenz, Jennifer Fremarek, Nikki Jones and Jessie Peterson.

Next year is a ways away but all Scotus fans can enjoy the glory and admire the trophy that Scotus' volleyball girls brought home for the school.

Congratulations to the 1990 Class 'B' Girls State Volleyball Champions. Scotus Central Catholic, you certainly "did the deed!"

## Merry State Cross Country Meet

by Holly Hunter

Ho! Ho! Ho! Merry State Cross Country Meet?! The girls' cross country team earned their "Christmas" by placing second at the B-3 Districts. The teams received "good luck" gifts including Inspirational letters, running shirts, personalized keychains and squankers (fuzzy bird like creatures that chirp when shaken). But possibly the best present the team received was their 4th place finish, the highest ever earned by a Scotus team. The team was led in record setting performances by Amy Held and Erin Trouba. The two placed 13th and 14th with only one second apart. Held set the school course record with a time of 16:36.

The group's unity strengthened the team. "I think it helps because when you feel like you're part of a group, you feel emotionally ready," Held said. "And physically you try harder because you know everyone on the team is giving it 100%."

The Shamrocks had a lot going for them before the state meet. "We worked hard, had great senior leadership and had a strong desire to do well at the state meet," Coach Dan Mahoney said. "Next year, hopefully, we will get better; set personal bests and possibly place higher at the state meet."

The team will be missing some valuable assets next year-

seniors Kelly Peterson, Nicki Votava and Wendy Whalen. They have been dedicated runners throughout their respective seasons. "Not only are they great runners but they were positive influences on the team," Kristen Haenggi, junior on the team, said. "The example they set will carry on in years to come."

Go, Rudabegars!!!!!!

Members that competed at state were Kelly Peterson, Wendy Whalen, Amy Held Holly Hunter, Laura Kosch and Erin Trouba. Other team members include Nicki Votava, Kristen Haenggi, Kristi Sliva, Kim Codling, Jodi Hefti and Tabitha Peterson.

## Maguire Goes to State

by Holly Hunter

He hurries past a group of screaming teenage girls and flashes them his winning smile.

No, this isn't a flashback to the Beatles era; it's not John Lennon and our mothers screaming "Beetlemania." It's Fred Maguire running past the Scotus girls cross country team who are busy chanting "Come on Fred, look ahead!"

Maguire, senior cross country runner, has been a letterwinner on the team for the past three years. Maguire earned a trip to the

state meet this year by placing fourth at districts, which was held at Letjuschke, with a record setting performance. He broke the school course record by racing through the hilly 5000 meter course in a time of 16:36.

"I think Fred really did his best and deserves the course record," Matt Hajek, member of the team said.

Maguire placed 61st at the state meet and can definitely look back at his cross country career with a winning smile.

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## Sweethearts on Fantasy Island

By Traci Arlt

As friends were getting their cameras ready and families were beginning to run their video recorders, the tension seemed to rebuild. The cheering soon began as the first candidates were announced on to stage for the Sweetheart Coronation. When all six king and queen candidates were in place, Audra Sansoni, last year's Sweetheart Queen, was escorted in by Homecoming King Chris Mustard.

The suspense was high when the king and queen were crowned as Mark Keating and Jenny Kretz. "At first I thought someone was toying with my hair until I realized that it was the crown and I felt really privileged to be Sweet-

heart King," Keating said.

"It was very exciting and kind of a relief to feel the crown on the head because it stopped my legs from shaking. I felt very privileged and I know I'll remember it for the rest of my life," Kretz said.

After the coronation everyone proceeded to the cafeteria to experience "Fantasy Island", filled with palm trees, red and white balloons, and even a love hut. The music, provided by Ultra Sound, added a lot of excitement to the dance. A variety of music was played ranging from hard rock, to rap, slow music and even some country. "I thought they played a good variety, and everyone was happy." Junior Holly Hunter commented.

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# Inside:

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## A True Winner Is Recognized

By Marilu Peck

For many teenage girls, being featured in a national magazine is only a dream; but for freshman Christina Kretzman, it has become a reality. Kretzman was named Teen magazine's "Sportsgirl of the Year" in its February issue.

When Kretzman found out about the "Sportsgirl" competition in the magazine a year ago, she decided to fill out the preliminary application "just for the fun of it." Out of the 10,000 applications, Kretzman was first narrowed down to one of 196 applicants. "I was most shocked when I was notified the first time, because I never thought I had a chance." In the January issue of the magazine, she was featured as one of 12 finalists; finally in February she was notified that she had won.

"The best part of this was the all-expense paid trip to Los Angeles for four days," Kretzman said. "We stayed at the Hyatt on Sunset Boulevard."

Kretzman became involved in sports when she was young. She started with soccer and basketball and eventually began volleyball and track. She became interested in Taekwondo, her favorite sports, at age 12. Taekwondo is a form of martial arts that has become a popular sport among young people in America in the past ten years. Taekwondo is similar to Karate in the sense that they are both used as forms of self defense and they develop the physical as well as the mental self.

Kretzman worked for two and a half years before earning

her black belt, which is the highest color of belt received. She credits her coach, Ken Brooks, for helping her to find the perseverance to succeed.

Since Kretzman has earned her black belt she has received many awards. For example, she received first place in sparring

and third place in her forms at the 1989 Fall National Taekwondo competition in Las Vegas. Kretzman, however, feels that her greatest feat was when she received first place in sparring at the World Championships last summer in Little Rock, Arkansas.



Christina Kretzman proudly displays her article in the February issue of TEEN.



# Editorials

## I Hate Bart Simpson

He had that look that just begged someone to beat his head in. He prided himself in being an underachiever. Why would anyone brag about being a loser? If the show continues until Bart's about 30, the show will start with him straightening bent nails because anything else would make him an overachiever. Although many adults claim to like the "Bartman"; I think they're hypocrits. If they like it when Bart mouths off then how come they don't let their fifth grader walk around saying "I'm Pete, who the f!#\$ are you? Just writing about him increases my hate for Bart Simpson.



## Giants Win

By Toby Ketter

The outcome of Super Bowl XXV was left in the hands (rather foot) of the Bills' kicker Scott Norwood. He attempted a 47 yard field goal, which was just wide to the right and with four seconds remaining, the New York Giants only needed to run one play and the game would be over; the Giants would win Super Bowl XXV. As everyone knows, that is the way the game ended. The New York Giants won Super Bowl XXV against the Buffalo Bills by a score of 20 to 19.

I think the two major players for the Giants were Otis Anderson and Jeff Hostetler. Anderson ran for over 100 yards and won the game's Most Valuable Player.

Hostetler, the career backup, showed he was ready for some serious playing time. He completed 20 passes for 222 yards.

I think the two important players for the Bills were Thurman Thomas and Jim Kelly. Thomas ran for 135 yards and Kelly completed 18 passes for 212 yards.

I am surprised that this game was so close in score since the Giants time of possession was tremendously more than the Bills. The Giants had the ball for 40 minutes of the 60 minute ball game. I enjoyed this Super Bowl much more than the last five or six Super Bowls because this was a good game unlike all of the blowouts in the past.

## Justice in the Hands of the Youth

By Jenny Hansen

Junior Law is a fairly new program designed for high school juniors with some interest in law. The first week is held for the boys and the second week is held for the girls. Now I know you're probably saying to yourself "Like I really want to be a cop." First of all, you don't have to be a policeman if you want to go into law. What about a lawyer, a drug investigator, the FBI, Criminal Justice, or yes even a policeman? These and many other jobs are categorized as "law."

In early June of 1990 I was on my way to Lincoln for a week of what I thought would be all fun and games. Was I ever wrong!! A day consisted of waking up early to do your hair for callisthenics that started at 6:30 a.m. Breakfast was served at 7:15 a.m. and classes began at 8 a.m. Lunch was from noon until 1 a.m. and classes resumed until 5 p.m. that evening. Between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. we ate supper, talked to our new friends and tried to get a nap in. Once 7 p.m. came it was back to the classroom until 9 or 9:30 p.m., depending on what that session was about. Our nights were free to do as we pleased as long as we were in bed by 11 p.m. Bed checks came soon after. (Most of the time we stretched the rules though!) Before you knew it, it was time to get up and start that long, exhausting day over again.

Class activities ranged from driving police cars, shooting guns, speed driving, playing cops and robbers and playing with the (not so mean) drug dog, Ceaser. Before and after class

you stood at attention until someone said "at ease." The flag was raised early in the morning and lowered at night. Many of us decided that our hair and make-up didn't matter much after a day or so-sleep sounded much better.

Still today people ask me what I did at the "cop thing." I tell them "most everything" and even have pictures to show. Most people get a good laugh looking at my shooting target. I always end by saying that it was a great experience and I would love to go back.

\*To apply for this experience, talk to Mrs. Klingelhofer.



- 13th Early Out - Teacher's Meeting
- 27th Early Out - Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 28th Early Dismissal for Easter
- 29th Easter Vacation



Check your calendars for the home meets to support SCC track!

# Think About It

By Jenna Mullin

Five months ago in August the major thought on my mind was making sure that I made the most of the few days of summer vacation that I had left. So when, on August 2, I heard that some guy named Saddam Hussein had led Iraq on an invasion of Kuwait, a neighboring desert country, I wasn't all that concerned. When I learned a few days later that President Bush was sending U.S. troops over there to help Kuwait out, I still paid little attention. Even as the months wore on, I still was not too worried about the whole "gulf Crisis", as it soon came to be called.

It wasn't until I met some of the members of the 403rd Military

Police Unit, who are based in Columbus and left for active duty on December 9th, that I began to realize that these aren't just nameless, faceless soldiers being sent over to some far away land of no concern to me. These were real people, your friends and mine, who were leaving to prepare for WAR!

These thoughts made me realize that no matter what generation of lawmakers are making the actual decisions about fighting the war, this is the war of our generation. It is and will be fought by young men and women not that much older than us, and who knows, if this conflict stretches on, it may even be fought by us. It's a scary thought: the possibility that many of us in

the prime of our youth will be forced to face the reality of the evils of war.

Until now, the most important things in our lives may have been winning a basketball game, getting a good grade on a test, or even stressing out over who we're going to ask for a dance.

In thinking about this I have come to seek what a sheltered life most of us lead. We can no longer go on thinking that the Gulf War really doesn't concern us. Don't wait until it's someone you know going over there to get involved. Get involved now. Watch T.V.; listen to the radio; read the paper-do whatever it takes to find out what's going on in the world. Just make sure you do find out and understand what's going on!

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By Marilu Peck

Tradition plays a very important role in some people's lives, and senior foreign exchange student Tina Schunemann is a prime example. "When my father was in high school, he was an exchange student in Wisconsin, was a good experience for him, so he has always wanted me to do the same," Schunemann said.

Even though Schunemann has lived in Frankfurt, Germany her whole life, she speaks four languages. Besides her native language, she has had six years of English, knows some French, and is studying Spanish this year at Scotus. Because of her knowledge of the English language, she says that Spanish is not any more difficult to learn here than it would be in Germany.



I have really enjoyed meeting the people here.  
-Tina S.

Schunemann has taken note of only a few differences between American and German teenagers. "The biggest difference here is that everyone has jobs. Since the driving age in Germany is 18, nobody needs jobs because nobody has a car." She said that another difference is in the school system. In Germany, everyone is required to take the same courses. The school day lasts from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., and there are 13 grade levels as opposed to our 12. Sports are separated from the school system in Germany, and to become active in a sport, club programs are offered. Overall, Schunemann concluded that teenagers are "pretty much the same" in both countries.

When Schunemann first came to Scotus, she said that she was a little shocked. "In Ameri-

can movies, all the schools are really big. Scotus is small in comparison to the movies and also to my school in Frankfurt. My class in Germany has 1,500 students alone," she said.

Schunemann was active earlier this year as the varsity volleyball manager. She said that she enjoyed the experience of helping the number-one team in the state to its victorious season.

Schunemann is staying at the Ternus residence. "It will be hard to go home because I have enjoyed meeting the people here, and I have also enjoyed the Ternuses. Since I am an only child at home, it has been fun to have a larger family here," she con-

## Hegemann Is Honored

Gregory Hegemann Named Finalist

For The Jostens Foundation Leader Scholarship Program

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. - Feb. 1, 1991 - Gregory Hegemann, a senior at Scout Central Catholic H.S., Columbus, Neb., is one of 1000 finalists in The Jostens Foundation Leader Scholarship Program for 1990-91.

Hegemann was one of more than 38,000 high school students throughout the United States who applied for one of Jostens' \$1,000 scholarships made annually to 300 students. Scholarship winners will be announced in late April.

"The students selected as scholarship finalists are the leaders of tomorrow," said Ellis F. Bullock, executive director of The Jostens Foundation. "They stand apart not only because of their superior academic achievements but because they've taken leadership roles in bettering their communities."

Selection of the finalists and winners is based on outstanding achievements in school and community activities, leadership experience and academic excellence.

Jostens' Leader Scholarship Program, which is administered by the Citizens' Scholarship Foundation of America, St. Peter, Minn., has awarded \$2.3 million in scholarships since the program's inception in 1977. The program has grown to include the United States, its territories and American schools overseas, and Canada as well.

Funds for The Jostens Foundation are provided annually by Jostens Inc., a leading provider of products and services for youth, education, sports award and recognition markets.

## Students Sell Door to Door

By Sean Schmeits

Sell tickets or clean toilets. This is a threat commonly issued by faculty as they hand out the raffle tickets for students to sell.

As they have for the past 20 years students once again trudged out into the rain, snow, sleet and hail to sell their stock of raffle tickets.

Well ... maybe not. "I just buy whatever my parents won't," freshman Richard Tooley said. No matter how students sell their tickets they made this year the best year of sales yet by breaking many of the previ-

ous records of ticket sales. The Sr. High and all-school total sales records were both broken by nearly \$2000 with the Sr. High selling \$8715 and the total sales being \$15,734.

"This year was a smashing success," Mr. Jim Puetz said. There were more \$50 sellers this year than ever before.

Incentives for selling include a free day for students selling at least \$50 and a free day for the class that sells the most out of each grade level. "The inner class competition is a very good incentive for selling," Puetz said.

The incentives may move many students to sell, but the increase in sales might also be

Top sellers are awarded money for their efforts. The top seller in the Sr. High was Bridget O'Hearn who received \$50 for her efforts. "The last two years I went door to door to sell them, but this year I sold them all on the last day...I can't tell you how," O'Hearn said.

The money raised by ticket sales is placed in the general fund and helps to lower tuition.

## Receipts Buy Computers

By Matt Hajek

"Free computers can be ours!" You have all heard this, and as every T.A. teacher says "Get those receipts in!" Hy-Vee, Publix (a southern grocery store), and Apple computers are in a nationwide joint venture to attain more computers for schools. By turning in receipts the total is added up and we get computers for a certain total dollar amount. For \$50,000 we can get a printer and for \$95,000 a Macintosh. The program started in August and will last until March 13. It has been around for eight years but came to Scotus only this year.

"The students are doing well trying to reach the \$95,000 goal,"

director Pat Whiteley said. New computers will be very welcome. "We are in need of upgraded computers," Whiteley said.

The program allows a school to get as many computers as they want, providing they turn in the correct receipt amount. "Ms. Whiteley had a good idea when she got us into this program for computers," Sophomore Craig Rueschhoff said. Ms. Whiteley is also on the technology committee, a group of teachers who are looking into buying new electronic devices for school. "We are studying the possibilities of a new computer lab in school," Whiteley said. So, look forward to new computers, and keep those receipts coming!

What comes out of this,



Many bug sprays contain nicotine. All cigarettes do.

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# Student Life

## "White" Heads to State

By Holly Hunter

Road Trippin' eight hours to Cering was only a small part in the Junior "White" journey to State Mock Trial held in November. There were over 150 teams that began the single elimination trek but only eight teams made it to state. During the White team's trip, they defeated Genoa in district finals and David City Public in co-district finals. In the first round of the State tournament, Scotus collided with Scottsbluff but came away victorious.

"It was a tense situation. Emotions were running high and both teams had a strong desire to advance to the next round." Jenny Freamrek, counsel for the Petitioner said.

In the second round, the team met up with Neleigh-Oakdale. This was Neleigh-Oakdale's third consecutive year at state while it was the juniors'

first. The more experienced team slipped past Scotus and advanced to finals where they defeated Loup City.

"They were very professional and deserved to win." Jeff Loeske, counsel for the Petitioner and witness for the Respondent, said.

Neleigh-Oakdale will represent the state at Nationals this May. Scotus' "white" team ended up third in the state and tied for the highest placing ever by a Scotus team.

Judge Whitehead and Mr. Jack Sadle coached the team and offered advice about the Mock Trial competitions as well as the trials of life. Whitehead told the team that to succeed they must concentrate on the future and hold the past at a distance.

The team spent the four days at State, not only to compete but to also relax and enjoy some of western Nebraska's highlights. They spent most of the time together and were given a chance to unify.

The third place finish proved to be only one part of the many enjoyable aspects of State. "We really came together as a team," Jenni O'Neill, counsel for the Respondent, commented.

Members of the team are Shawn Diederich, Jenny Freamrek, Amy Held, Holly Hunter, Jeff Loseke, Jenna Mullin, Jenni O'Neill and Kelly Slusarski.



Mock Trial team members (from left to right) Coach Judge Whitehead, Kelly Slusarski, Holly Hunter, Jenny Freamrek, Amy Held, Jenna Mullin, Jenni O'Neil, Jeff Loseke, and Coach Mr. Sadle.

## Sweetheart

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"The best part was standing on stage with a cowboy hat and dedicating a song to the seniors-it was "Friends in Low Places" by Garth Brooks. It has a lot of meaning to our class." Senior Kari Beirmann added.

The dance ended at 12:00 a.m. and the island slowly became deserted. As everyone left, their smiles reflected the great time they had at Sweetheart 1991.

## It's A Boy!

by Kristen Haengg

Everything is different. There are less hours of sleep. What could cause such a change? His name is Joseph David Klingelhoef born to proud parents Steve and Melanie Kilgelhoefer. The 7 lb. 4 oz. baby boy was born at 5:18 a.m. on January 18 at Columbus Community Hospital after Mrs. Klingelhoef was in labor for approximately 20 hours.

"Everything's a lot more difficult... a lot less sleep, that's for sure!" Mrs. Klingel-

hoefer said. She said it's great to have a husband good with kids because it gives the mother a break. Her time being home with J. D. is coming to an end.

We can expect to see Mrs. Klingelhoef back to work this week. The only bad thing about coming back to work is she will miss some of the first things he does.

The journalism staff would like to congratulate the Klingelhoefers. Welcome back, Mrs. K!

## Aftershocks of Conflict

by Dave Boryca

Crimson and vermilion burst forth in the sky as a cool wind rustles the soft sand below. This is just one scene out of many taking place in the Persian Gulf Conflict. The war against Iraqi aggression persists, affecting the lives of many United State Soldiers, but how does it affect people thousand of miles away in the small school of Scotus Central Catholic?

Principal Bob Kobza states that he "notices a dark and somber mood over the students as well as the faculty." He also adds that this time period is a "teachable moment" and can be valuable in helping the learning process, especially in the social studies classes. "The conflict opens their minds while making them interested in what goes on around them." Faculty member Kathy Ewers said.

"People are a lot more aware of the situation and want to be informed while trying to show support." Senior Brad Bertsch commented. The school is showing this support in many different ways which can be experienced in all facets of school life.

Some of these ways include

the many student service projects in effect. Many students and student organizations, such as the Thespians, have written letters to soldiers in the Gulf which are meant to increase morale and make their time a bit easier. FBLA sponsored a "care package" drive in which students prepared an inexpensive amount of goods that we may take for granted. Such goods include gum, batteries, sun block, and even nylons. "The students that participated in the project felt very good about doing something positive about those protecting us." Teacher Jan Went stated.

The school itself has tried to show support by placing a display in the senior hallway which shows those taking part in the Gulf conflict with connections to the Scotus. Kobza, however, says that the best thing we can do is "stress the importance of prayer."

"The war brought us closer together in support for those overseas while also bringing us together in our faith." Senior Julie Sladdens says. School masses and prayer services have included petitions and prayers for the safety of the the soldiers as well as the war's quick end. With all this em-

phasis on faith, one tends to wonder at the Church's view on this conflict.

Father Wayne describes the Church's outlook as "not too favorable at the present time. When innocent lives are in danger it becomes questionable."

Father Wayne also explains there as being five guidelines for a "Just War". These five guidelines must be met if the war is not considered in self defense. These guidelines are that the well-being of the nation must be vitally threatened, every method of peaceful settlement must be tried and failed, the injustice of the enemy must be greater than the injustice of the war, the war must not be futile, and finally, the use of force must be limited. This fifth point entails that innocents must not be put into danger.

Obviously this conflict does not meet the five guidelines. Rumors of withdrawal and peace abound, however, so maybe an end is in sight, and end which nearly everybody want to see.

Jada Huss illustrates this point in her comment. "There are a lot of people with friends and relatives in the Gulf. I just wish it would get over with."

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## The Brady's - A Thespian Tribute



Father Wayne blesses Greg Brady (Jim Springer) while sister Cindy (Kari Becker) looks on.

By Marilu Peck

"Psst...was that Jan Brady that just passed me in the hall? She sure looks groovy!"

Thespian Initiation week is a very grueling time for everyone involved. For the Thespians, it requires hours of creative planning, scheduling, and purchasing. For the initiates, it takes perseverance, determination, and very last drop of self-control. A majority of the students, faculty, and staff members do not understand why this intense initiation week is necessary.

"Thespian Initiation Week

challenges the initiates to work under pressure, along with teaching them about the theatre," Mrs. Sandie Bernt said. "Every project has a purpose, and it really forces people to work together. It is a busy week, but it bonds everyone together - both the Thespians and the initiates". Bernt has sponsored the organization for 13 years and she pioneered the initiated week at Scotus. Bernt describes Thespians as "the National Honor Society of dramatic arts".

"I wanted to be a Thespian because I know it will help me in dramatic arts and on future ap-

plications," Junior Lori Sypal said. "I wasn't looking forward to the week because I didn't know what to expect and my best friend had to initiate me."

Craig Evans, last year's president, feels that the initiation week is an overall positive experience for the initiates. "People are usually scared because the activities are kept secret from year to year, but after the week is over everyone has a good laugh." "I feel that the new Thespians will be a great addition to our organization," Evans concluded. "They've definitely proven that they're dedicated!"

## Help Me - I Have Senioritis!

by Jenny Hansen

The last weeks are approaching fast for the seniors, and it seems a little bug carrying senioritis has bitten a majority of them.

On May 15 excitement and a little sadness will fill the senior hallway, for this is the last day for the class of '91 to be seniors. Most will await the day when their entire class will be together one last time-Graduation Day.

"Senioritis started for me the first day of school," senior Kelly Peterson said. "By your senior year you're ready to get it over with." Symptoms can range from something as simple as day-dreaming about college, thinking about money and jobs, to going out every night and having an incredible tough time studying. In essence, - just plain wanting to be independent.

As a senior, Peterson is enjoying the last year with her close

friends, working to help pay college tuition and spending as much time with her family as her schedule will allow.

"Our class is unique," Peterson said. "We've always been pretty close and it will be hard to see everyone split up. At least the majority of the class will be attending either UNL or UNO," Peterson commented.

The closer the time comes for that last day, the worse the symptoms come out, and the pain of senioritis spreads all through your body.

"Even though you're excited from day one of your senior year to the end doesn't mean that you won't miss those friends, family and incredible memories that will last forever," Peterson ended.

## Awareness Is Blanketed

by Marilu Peck

Each day at Scotus, hundreds of pounds of food are thrown away in the cafeteria. Maybe someone took one too many hamburgers, or maybe the potatoes were too cold. I have to admit that there haven't been too many days when I have finished everything I've taken. Why does this happen? It's not that we are greedy people, it is simply because most of us haven't ever had to worry about there not being anything to eat.

But on Monday, February 11, ten Campus Ministers did get the chance to view life from a different perspective. We left for Omaha on Monday afternoon to deliver the blankets and clothing that we had collected to The Francis House, a shelter for the homeless.

I was a bit nervous when we entered because of what we had been told to expect. It smelled pretty bad at first, and people were staring, wondering what we were doing there. I was trying to smile, but the people looked scary, partly because they were dirty. A lot of the people were mentally handicapped or had some other

disability, and there were lots of minorities.

When it was time to serve dinner, we went to our assigned stations. Some of us were dishwashers, some were servers, and some took the plates of food to the people. The meal consisted of tater-tot casserole, either cabbage salad, maccaroni salad, or potato salad (they did not have a choice in what salad they were served), dinner rolls, and peaches.

There were two shifts of homeless who came to eat, and when they finished, they were forced to leave. One of the hardest parts for me was that they could not have second servings of anything and when they asked, we had to say 'no.' One of the men became very angry because he was so hungry, and a fight almost broke out.

The experience of serving the homeless really helped me to grow. It is still difficult for me to understand why they have so little, while we have so much. I become angry when I think about it. The experience changed my outlook on life, and made me realize how lucky I am.

## The Good, The Bad, The Expensive

By Jenny Hansen

With the good times that come out of your senior year, some expensive things come too. Many students are saving for college or just trying to make it through all the major expenses of their year.

Caps and gowns, announcements, keepsakes of any sort, prom expenses and senior pictures are some things that make senior Nicki Votava's last year at Scotus so costly. Senior Chris Mustard felt the same, but Brett Heimes felt that "partying" and "eating out" were his major expenses. Not only present costs such as weekend activities, boy/girl friends, paying for gas, Votava, Heimes and Mustard all agreed that they would need some additional items for college.

An average week can be handled with a small amount of \$20-25 for Votava, Heimes and Mustard. "It will go up to about \$40 or more a week when I go to college," Mustard said. Votava added, "things will go up just for the fact that things cost more in Lincoln than in Columbus."

Although Votava said her parents will be paying for most of her tuition, Mustard commented he and his parents would both be paying. Heimes said he will be paying for most of his tuition on his own. Heimes also added that he will be applying for grants, loans, and scholarships.

"I haven't saved any money for college. I'm still trying to pay off my car," Mustard said. "I have only saved about \$100," Votava commented while laughing. Heimes added that he's saved a

lot but would rather not say how much.

The price of a college did determine whether or not Votava could attend while the tuition didn't seem to bother Mustard. "I guess tuition is the one thing that you have to pay in order to receive a good education for a good and rewarding future," Votava said.

Just like everything else in today's society, the price has gone up for people wanting to be independent and go to school. "Senior expenses have gone up because people are materialistic and need items such as T.V.'s, VCR's, stereos, all the newest cars and latest clothes," Votava said. "Everything is just built up more than it really needs to be. It also costs a lot of money to have a good time," Heimes commented. A typewriter, refrigerator, television, more clothes and expenses of my car will be some pretty major expenses of college," Votava said.

Because of the great expenses with getting ready for college, Mustard said that he could easily do without half of his clothes and Sweetheart. Heimes said he would probably save a ton if he didn't eat out so much. "I guess you could borrow a prom dress. Prom usually will cost me around \$200," Votava said. Mustard commented that he goes to two proms and in the end it usually costs him around \$180.

Although your senior year is an exciting time; along with your friends, family and fun, it's filled with great expenses that will only grow as you do!



Kyle, Jenny and Mike show three of the nearly 200 blankets donated in the blanket drive.



# Entertainment

# The SCC Music Awards

by Kristen Haengg  
The waiting is over. All the votes have been counted. This may sound like the "People's Choice Awards" and, in a way, it is, it's the "SCC Choice Awards". In the SCC awards for radio, there are no trophies to hand out, but to Hot Scott the excitement is still the same.

"I'm very flattered...I never know who listens," the winner in the 'favorite disc jockey' category, Hot Scott said. Ryno was also listed a favorite. Hot Scott, Ryno and the rest of Sweet 98 KQKQ have something else to be proud of: they were the dominant winner in the 'favorite radio station' category. "We're real positive, not negative...we really care," Hot Scott said.

An overwhelming amount of people listed 'evening' as the time they listen to the radio the most, and the reason why was so they can 'relax'. Another popular response was 'rock-n-roll', the winner of the 'favorite type of music'

category. Hot Scott said dance music is more popular on the east and west coasts, so it takes awhile for it to become a hit in the mid-west. "We get a lot of rock-n-roll first because it's more popular here," Hot Scott said and mentioned groups like Bon Jovi and Motley Crue.

In the survey many of you liked radio for the fact that it is "always there", yet you hate all the commercials.

"They are the only way a radio station can make money," Hot Scott said. If there weren't any commercials there would be no radio. Many of you would like that to happen to the station you least like, but the future holds some changes. "In the future there will be more choices of radio stations for our area," Hot Scott said. He also said that music in the future will advance. He thinks the beat of "black" music will take over and there will be less of categorizing a song "black" or "white."

When you picked Hot Scott as

your favorite disc jockey you knew he was funny, but he also gives good advice to young people. He says he never talks down to, but with, youth. "Go after anything you want. Don't let anyone drag you down...young people are the future," Hot Scott said.

At a given moment Sweet 98 KQKQ has 100,000 to 120,000 listeners and fluctuates between 1.5 to 2 million a year. Sweet 98 knows Columbus has a lot of faithful listeners. "We love Columbus!" Hot Scott said. From the looks of the survey, the feelings are mutual.

This concludes our presentation of the "SCC Choice Awards". Listed are the top three results of the survey for each class.

## SENIORS

Favorite radio station:

- 1) Sweet 98 KQKQ - 62.6%
- 2) Lite 96 - 11.9%
- 3) Z-92 - 10.4%

Favorite disc jockey:

- 1) none - 40.6%
- 2) Hot Scott (KQKQ) - 29.6%
- 3) Ryno (KQKQ) - 9.3%

Type of music:

- 1) Rock - 28%
- 2) Hard rock - 20%
- 3) variety - 14.6%

## JUNIORS

Favorite radio station:

- 1) Sweet 98 KQKQ - 59%
- 2) Z-92/The Eagle - 10.2%

Favorite disc jockey:

- 1) Hot Scott - 41%
- 2) none - 23%
- 3) The Breakfast Flakes (KQKQ) - 10.2%

Type of music:

- 1) Hard rock/Rock - 19.1%
- 3) Heavy Metal - 16.1%

## SOPHOMORES

Favorite radio station:

- 1) Sweet 98 KQKQ - 81.1%
- 2) Magic 93 KWMG/Z-92 - 5.6%

Favorite disc jockey:

- 1) Hot Scott - 40.9%
- 2) Ryno - 19.6%
- 3) none - 18%

Type of music:

- 1) Rock - 24.3%
- 2) Hard rock/Heavy Metal - 15.8%

## FRESHMEN

Favorite radio station:

- 1) Sweet 98 KQKQ - 75.5%
- 2) Z-92 - 8.8%
- 3) 103.7 CAT - 6.6%

Favorite disc jockey:

- 1) Ryno - 32.2%
- 2) none - 25.8%
- 3) Hot Scott - 24.1%

Type of music:

- 1) Rock - 29.6%
- 2) Rap - 12.3%
- 3) variety - 11.1%

Thanks to all who took part in the survey.

## I Give It Six Stars

by Holly Hunter

If you want to see a good Kevin Costner movie, leave at intermission. If you want to see a film that will overhaul your image of the American frontier, stay and finish watching Dances With Wolves.

The three-hour movie deals with the vanishing American Frontier through the eyes of Civil War veteran, Lieutenant John Dun Bar. He moves into the wilderness where his only companions are his horse, a lone wolf and his journal in which he faithfully writes his daily thoughts.

Soon the Sioux Indians discover him, and he tries to find a way to communicate

with them.

The show is slightly slanted against the white pioneers and soldiers but powerfully relays the side we don't read about in history books.

Dances With Wolves emphasizes the importance of not judging people by what they are, but by who they are inside and the importance of loyalty in our friendships, honor and war.

The only fault in the whole movie was that Costner's character seemed to fall down too much, but don't let that ruin it for you.

Dances With Wolves was probably the best movie I've ever seen. I give it six stars.

## Mixin' with Mix-a-lot

By Kristi Sliva

Tired of your everyday classes? Why not take a Seminar with Sir Mix-A-Lot? No, sadly, this is not a class offered at Scotus. It's the hot release from this hot rap group.

Seminar by Sir Mix-A-Lot has a jumping beat that makes you want to move to the music. It includes songs like "My Hooptie", "Gortex" and "I Got Game." This tape came out this past summer following their hit tape Swass. They are carrying on their tradition of hit tapes with

this current release. Even if you don't like the fast, heavy rap beat, you might like this tape. It allows you to understand what you are listening to and understand the words. This is a moving tape that gets you pumped up. So join the Seminar today!!!

## Great Lit.

by Dave Boryca

A sun of blazing green mercilessly bears down on a shattered coastline and muddied ocean.

Crabs the size of horses scamper around, their claws clicking like a ruined clock. A scene from today's world? No, but of the distant future, perhaps. Such a scene is described in H.G. Wells' prophetic novel The Time Machine in which a curious inventor travels millions of miles into mankinds destiny.

The book seems to go a little slow at first, but soon the reader finds himself fascinated with the inventor's travels and experiences with the future.

Wells' vision of what is to be comes through brilliantly in this novel. His feel for creating a mental picture allows the reader to envision the Utopian environment presented through the majority of the story while also creating a sense of dread when he

describes the more sinister subterranean underworld.

This writing concentrates mainly on the inventor and his communication with the two future races of man, the Eloi and the Morlocks. The inventor discovers that man has declined to the child-like in both mind and body Eloi to the ghastly and diabolically cunning Morlocks. The internal and external conflicts due to these two races which take place are as interesting as the inventors ability to think his way out of them.

I feel by experiencing this book, the reader is allowed to open the parameters of his or her mind with the insight of today and tomorrow. At the same time, however, The Time Machine entertains and is therefore highly recommended.

## Hunt & Peck's Food Review

by: Holly Hunter

and Marilu Peck

Potato salad?- no. Egg sandwiches?- no. Polish fries?- no. Well, do you have hamburgers? Alright!

Even though each of these items were on the menu at the Riteway cafe, located four miles west of Columbus, hamburgers ended up being one of the few remaining choices on the list. Nevertheless, these hamburgers rated second only to the ever-famous Glur hamburger.

The side order of french fries were simply scrumptious, along with the fresh, mayonnaise based cole slaw.

The price was just "rite" at a

"way" cool bargain of only \$3.

The setting provided a comfortable ambiance, decorated with beer slogans and pictures of a few "regulars" on the wall.

Even though the Riteway is slightly out of the way, we highly recommend it for a leisurely evening of dining pleasure. Just follow highway 30 approximately four miles out of town, and it is on the left hand side of the road.

Whoa! Why not try to guess what restaurant Holly will hunt down next month so Marilu can peck at the food. Send your guesses to "Hunt and Peck", located in Mrs. Schieffer's room.

Until then remember, you can't go wrong at the Riteway!

## Shout At Censorism

by Kelly Peterson

Madonna, Motley Crue, and AC/DC. What do these musicians have in common you may ask? They have been banned as improper musicians for the students at Scotus to listen to.

Parents have the authority to tell their children what kind of music they should listen to, but who gives the school the right?

Dances take place at Scotus monthly, either as a tape dance or a formal dance. If it is our dance then why can't we play the music we want to hear?

O.K., so maybe "Shout at the Devil" is out of place at a Catholic school, but what is wrong with "Without You?" So what if Motley Crue members are supposed Satan worshippers? That doesn't mean I'm going to start yelling "I love Satan" after I hear the song.

A majority of teenagers don't even listen to the words, they just like the rhythm. It is adults who cause the controversy over the lyrics, the videos, or the musicians' background. Adults are the ones who make a simple song something forbidden.

The students at Scotus have been brought up as young Catholic adults. I think we should be given the right to chose what music we listen to and control how it will affect our lives.



# Student Life

## Let's Chat

by Traci Artl

What advice should you give to the underclassmen about your senior year?

"...do good in school, it does matter. Wait until second semester to slack off!"

Jenny Hansen



"...take all hard classes now so during your senior year you can take it easy."

Shannon Ternus



"...it's no different from any other year - I never do homework."

Eric Pinger



"...it is very interesting...if you can't get straight "A"s your senior year - you're in big trouble."

Peter Wemhoff



"...it's great, you have a lot more freedom (ha, ha) and everyone seems to get along better."

Nicki Votava



"...try to get involved in things you are interested in, both extra curricular and academically."

Chris Bogus



## Juniors Write for Advice

By Kristi Sliva

With new teachers come new ideas. This year the junior class is writing letters to people they admire, because either they want to be like this person when they go into the new world or they like the way this person does something. In these letters they are asking what piece of advice they received to make them accomplish what they have in their lives. All the juniors are hoping to receive an exciting reply and maybe even an autographed photo. Everyone is writing to different people Jesse Jackson, Pele, Stevie Wonder and many more. Junior Brenda Sliva is writing to Patrick Swayze. She told us it's "because I always like his movies."

Everyone is anxiously awaiting to receive replies, because of all the famous people and provocative responds they hope to receive. The class decided on the question to ask the responders by the decision process.

Next, they wrote about what they plan to do after highschool also what activities they are involved in at the present time. When they were done with the assignment, Mrs. Schieffer, the English/Journalism teacher, typed the letters. Then she sent them off to the people. Hopefully in a few months each person will receive a reply to their letter, and everyone will be successful with their future plans by using the advice they received in the reply of their letter.

## Excuses, Excuses

By Michelle Shotkoski

What is curfew? For most of us it means the dreadful hour when we must be home. If we are not home, then the next two weeks might be spent grounded.

There are exceptions to every rule though. For example, Trish Wielgus, a sophomore, doesn't have a curfew anymore because she never listened when she did have one. For some reason when she heard the words "you're grounded" it didn't mean anything more than a threat to her. "I come home earlier now... I can go home because I want to, not because I have to," Wielgus said. Other students share a similar attitude. "They say I am grounded but it never holds through," junior Shane Pelster said. Parents forgetting about groundings or not holding them true is very common these days.

Although some parents still ground their kids and are fairly strict, there are all kinds of clever excuses that can be given to get out of being grounded. A few of the more common ones are, "There was a train," "My car wouldn't start," or even, "Everyone else got to stay out later, why couldn't I?"

Sometimes parents seem to have a lack of trust for their kids,

so that is why they may have an earlier curfew than their friends. "I think parents should trust you until you prove them wrong," senior Darlene Rinkol said. Many students agree with this but if you are the younger brother or sister of a real troublemaker, then you start out with little trust in the first place. Teachers and other adults have a different attitude toward curfew. That being that kids these days can get away with anything and that most kids are not disciplined enough. "I knew better than to come home late when I was young" said Mrs. Eikmeier. Punishments were also very different then. For example Mr. Petersen had to do extra work around the house whenever he was in trouble.

Everyone has their own opinion about punishments. It seems that no-matter what the punishment is, large or small, the person receiving it will think it is harsh.

What about the future? Most agree that coming home late will still get you grounded more times than not. Punishments may continue not to be as harsh as they used to be, but lessons will still be learned.

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# Sports

## Weaving a Close Knit Team

by Kristen Haenggi

Closeness and the will to win makes a successful team. Just ask the SCC girls' basketball team who have these qualities.

They don't "cause rivalry... everyone pushes each other to do well," junior Brenda Sliva said. Not only do these girls have a close group with high goals; they have plenty of talent to go around, especially with such starters as Kristi Sobota, Megan Tooley, Darlene Rinkol, Tammy Gablenz, and Jessie Petersen.

"They are good kids who work hard...we are capable of doing some pretty good things by the end of the year," Coach John Petersen said. With a strong defense and balance, the girls' season has been a successful one. The thing they must do to improve is practice. "Everyday (they) need to work on some kind of fundamentals, drill rebounding, defense and offense," Petersen said.

Each practice is different day

by day. Before the Shamrocks play a tough team they watch tapes and plan their offense and defense for each opposing team.

The Shamrocks have played "some really good teams so far this year and hopefully, in the long run, that's going to help us," Petersen said. The toughest competition the girls had was their first game against Lincoln Pius, who was rated first in Class B pre-season. "Pius had beaten everyone convincingly since that time," Petersen said of the loss.

Even with the girls' talent, their closeness and high goals, they could not accomplish anything without a coach. Coach Petersen does more than make the team work, he offers encouragement. "What we tell the girls all the time is we want to try to be the best team we can," Petersen said, "I'm not so concerned about wins and losses if we just try to play our best."



Tammy Gablenz pours in an outstanding layup for the home team.

## 'Eye of the Tiger' Motivates

By Sean Schmeits

Trumpets resound throughout the gym. The crowd gets on their feet as the boys basketball team takes the court to the familiar sound of the "Rocky" theme song. Aside from this positive face the Shamrocks have had their share of mishaps during this year's basketball season.

"We've had a lot of injuries and hardships to overcome," Head Coach Merlin Lahm said. Having to fight for their 9-7 record the Shamrocks had four of last year's starters graduate while experiencing numerous injuries; these include Mike Henggeler, Matt Naughtin, Shane Pelster and Cory Christiansen. Aside from many setbacks, the Shamrocks have performed well this

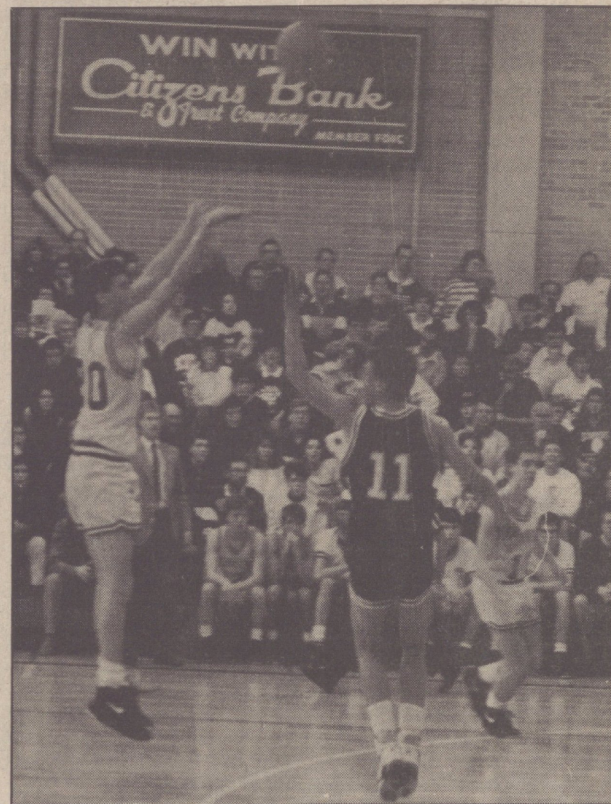
season.

"We've had some really good games," Lahm said. The Shamrocks were victorious in their contest versus Norfolk Catholic, the number one contender in class C. They also played close games against York and Lexington, two teams who have been consistently rated in the top ten. The score was tied against York with one minute left. The Shamrocks were down by four points against Lexington with three minutes left. The successes on the court can be attributed to some strong efforts by the players.

The Shamrocks have shown some excellent personal performances this year. Senior guard Cory Christiansen is on course to

break the school season steal record with 55 so far and the current record standing at 82. Joey Quattrocchi, another senior guard, is 43 assists away from breaking the school record of 139 which he himself set last year as a junior.

Team scoring leaders are Cory Christiansen with an average of 20.5 points a game and Joey Quattrocchi with an average of 11.7. Rebounding leaders are Eric Pinger with 105 on the season and Scott Ernst with 101. Other contenders are: senior Bob Oppliger; juniors Mike Henggeler, Jeff Tooley Kelly Slusarski and Shane Pelster; sophomore Jesse Kosch; and freshmen Scott Sobota, Tim Thalken, Jeff Herdzina and Luke Jackson.



Cory Christiansen (Horse) pumps up a three!

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## Juniors Go To Court

by Kelly Slusarski

Does the thought of high school juniors running Platte County bother you? On Monday, March 11, juniors from area schools, including Scotus, participated in Nebraska's County Government Day. The program was started to allow students to see how their own county government operates. Schools in at-



### The Storm Passes?

by Michelle Shotkoski

Have you noticed more laughter and less tension in the halls lately? People are feeling more relaxed and relieved from the stress of the war.

"I feel wonderful! I think he's [Saddam Hussein] a mad man who needed to be stopped. I don't agree with war, but regardless, having a relative over there makes you realize that our troops need total support," Ms. Kiser said.

"I'm glad the war is over because I knew a lot of people over there. It was short, sweet, and to the point," senior Tara Mohatt said.

"I am very relieved since I don't have to worry about my friends and me having to go over there. . . . Saddam Hussein isn't worth talking about!" senior Joe Quattrocchi said.

The possibility of military action exists, however, and many of our troops still remain in Saudi Arabia.

"I wish we would have killed Saddam before the war ended because now we might end up going back to war and, I DON'T WANT TO GO!" junior Jeff Micek said.

There are two sides to war, just as there are two sides to a story. "On one hand, war was good because we didn't let a mad man take over another country. On the other hand, I think we should have made a parking lot out of them," sophomore Ryan Kobza said.

tendance were Columbus, Lakeview, Monroe, Humphrey, Humphrey St. Francis, and Scotus.

In order for students to attend the program, they had to run for an office in which they were interested. Final candidates were then selected by fellow students through a school election. Once elected for a specific title, students were given the opportunity to see how their positions were run by the county officials.

Once students signed in at the county courthouse, they were given certificates stating their newly elected titles. Then all the students met in the meeting hall for an introduction of county officials, a speech given by Mayor Larry Merrick and a slide presentation on county government.

Afterwards, they were broken down into their elected groups and given a chance to learn how and why government officials make certain decisions. A lunch was provided by the American Legion, and Police Chief David Purdy gave the students some useful information on Platte County government. Finally,

everyone was given a full tour of the courthouse and short explanations of how each department works.

"It was better than school," Paula Welsh said. Most participants agreed that the day was interesting but a little boring. Juniors Shane Wemhoff and Amy Kroenke wished they would have shown an interesting film or not have shown one at all. Tracy Wessel wanted them to show the jail cells, but due to overcrowding, they were unable to be seen.

Not all comments were negative. Bridget O'Hearn, who was elected Register of Deeds, was able to see what her parents and neighbors had paid for their lots. Tracy Wessel, elected County Superintendent, found her name spelled wrong in the grade school record. "I enjoyed the activities as well as my position with the 4-H Club," junior Eileen Dobesh said.

Overall, the junior participants agreed that the program was interesting and educational. They also recommended the program to students who still have the opportunity to attend.

## Leaders Are Awarded

### Their First Win In Seven Years

by Jenny Hansen

One of the largest extra-curricular activities students may belong to has been a great success. FBLA, the largest chapter Scotus has ever had, took credit for being the largest chapter in class "B" this year. Of the 139 students involved in FBLA, 43 of them attended the competition day at Lakeview on February 6.

Various tests were given such as business related events and business knowledge. Of the 43 attending, 17 students placed in the top three of their events. The current events team also placed first.

Not all FBLA members can attend each competition, and many may question how the students are picked. "Obviously we pick the best qualified," FBLA sponsor Mrs. Jan Went said. "Mrs. Rambour or I usually have them in class, and there we see how they do on everyday work as well as on tests. We have been attending this competition for at least

seven years, and this is the first time that we've ever won. The last five years we've come in second," Went said.

Senior Lori Wessel, one of the competitors commented, "My business machines test wasn't very hard, but was impossible to complete in the time given."

The Scotus chapter accumulated a total of 61 points to bring back the first place title. "We couldn't have been more pleased. We had a bunch of great competitors," FBLA sponsor Mrs. Cheryl Rambour commented.

"It was neat to see Scotus take so many top awards," senior Julie Sleddens said. "I was proud to receive my individual award as well as receiving the first place chapter award," President Nicki Votava added.

The State Leadership Conference is next on the agenda for FBLA. Thirty students will be competing in Omaha in early April. For results, check out "The SLC Competition" article in next month's Rock.

## Inside Insight: The Doors Review IBA Season Wrap-up

### If You Could Be In His Shoes . . .

by Traci Arlt

Wouldn't you just love to distribute punishment to fellow students? It might not be as fun as you think. These decisions must be beneficial to the students so they are able to learn from their mistakes. Each decision of punishment must also be well thought out for each arising conflict you may face as a principal.

At Scotus the jobs of being a principal and a student are very different. The way principal Mr. Kobza would handle certain situations versus the way we, as students, would approach them have appeared to be quite different.

The students want school to be more interesting and would like other options available to them. "Open lunch and just giving the students more freedom would make school more fun and interesting," junior Shane Wemhoff said.

"We are very limited and with the few people we have compared to other schools, we should have more freedom," senior Jenni Kretz added.

We gave the students a chance to be the position of principal in three different situations, and then compared their responses with those of Mr. Kobza.

In the first instance, three students were caught stealing from other students' lockers. Mr. Kobza took an approach of depending on if they were in trouble many times before. In an extreme case he would have to "boot them." If this were their first time in trouble he would "have a conference with the student and their parents to get the student help if it's just the problem of stealing."

Fred Maguire, in the position of principal, would "also inform the parents but would make them do certain tasks around school like helping the janitors. I would definitely not suspend them," Maguire commented.

The second situation involved a group of students who were stealing and only half of them were caught. "I would just ask them each individually to reveal the names of those not caught

and then ask other people too." Kobza said.

"I would take it easy on the three students if they revealed the names; otherwise, suspend them." Maguire added.

The next case involved a girl who is pregnant as a junior, and the father is a senior. The father is an excellent basketball player and the team needs him to go to state.

Sophomore Frank Ramaekers took the position as principal and decided to "get them both in counseling with the school paying for it. The father could stay in school and on the team but the mother would have to leave and then return after the birth of the baby."

As principal, senior Darlene Rinkol would "let them both stay in school and not treat them any different. The father can continue to play basketball, and they both should finish school."

Mr. Kobza would "follow the school policy. It makes no difference if the father is an athlete or not, but they would both be able to continue their education," Kobza commented.

The next instance dealt with two students involved with drugs outside of school. They come from very respected and wealthy families and they both have an excellent chance of going to a good college.

"I would ask them about it," senior Jenni Kretz replied. "I would explain the consequences about their future being ruined and help them as much as I could. I would also get in touch with their parents so they knew what was going on."

Mr. Kobza took a different approach to this situation. "I would contact the parents to get them help and maybe talk to the students myself. But there is not much the school can do unless they are caught by the law. It does not involve the school in a direct way." Kobza said.

As you can see each person responded differently in each situation, but no matter who is principal, moral judgements greatly affect student punishments.



# Editorials

## Hunt & Peck's Food Review

by Holly Hunter  
and  
Marilu Peck

Whoa! Why not try to guess what happened at the Columbus Telegram! In our last review we implied that we would be critiquing the Y-KNOT, but in between our issues the Telegram beat us to it. So we hunted down "the best pizza in town" - Sax Pizza.

Our mission was to determine whether or not the restaurant held up to its motto.

We arrived precisely at about, um... sevenish. The second we walked in, we could sense something was kind of, well really, no, extremely, dangerously wrong. The negative aura stayed with us as we approached the cashier to place our order of a half hamburger, half pepperoni pizza.

We went through the assembly line of knives, forks, spoons, plates, parmesian cheese, napkins... napkins? That is what

was so terribly wrong- there were no napkins in the napkin holder. We were slightly taken aback by their unsanitary display, but we decided to move on and take a seat, anyway.

In a little longer than a hop, skip, and a jump, (but not as long as the Boston Marathon) our "best pizza in town?" arrived. Our waitress must have been in a hurry, because she left it up to us to dish out our first piece.

We were on different levels of hunger that evening, and therefore our pizza satisfaction tastebuds slightly oscillated.

Holly, being the serious mow-hound she is, engulfed her half of the pizza in record time. Marilu, not wanting Holly to feel embarrassed about her vulgar dietary habits, forced herself to consume the other half.

Besides the napkin dilemma, Holly and Marilu differed in their overall ratings. Holly liked it a lot- the crust "not too doughy, but not too crunchy." Marilu

liked the pizza, but felt that it was "too salty and cheesy in places."

Is Sax pizza really the "best pizza in town"? Actually, we like Holly's mom's pizza, but that's not for sale. We highly suggest that you try it for yourselves- but bring your own napkins!

Scale: \*\*\*\*\*  
Holly: \*\*\*\*\*  
Marilu: \*\*\*

## Goal Is Met

by Matt Hajek

We reached our goal! Over \$115,000 worth of receipts were turned in. "I am very happy that the school pulled together to meet the goal," sophomore Chris Rickert said.

The students did get some help reaching that goal though. "An anonymous alumni donated over \$5,000 worth of receipts," Pat Whiteley said. The area schools helped out also. The Duncan Public School system gave Scotus \$4,000 worth of receipts. \$95,000 worth will buy a Macintosh Classic, and the remaining \$20,000 worth of receipts we gather will be used to purchase software programs.

One program we are getting is Dialog. The school hooks up with it by modem. It tells of every article written in the past 10-15 years.

"It was a great step forward for the school to get involved in this," Whiteley said.

## Mariah Is A Vision

3 Octaves of Talent

by Kristen Haenggi

You turn on your radio and hear a song by, who you assume, is Whitney Houston, but wait! It isn't Whitney, it's New York native Mariah Carey! Her self-titled, debut album has produced three consecutive number one hits, "Vision of Love", "Love Takes Time" and "Someday." If you like these songs, then you'll love the album!

She has a variety of slow soulful ballads and fast danceable songs. The ballad, "Vanishing", tells a story of a relationship that's "drifting away." Carey's voice let's you feel the pain the person in the

song is going through. The song, "You Need Me", is the type you just have to get up and dance to.

Her seven octave voice range has given her five grammy nominations, of which she took home two. Not bad for a 20 year old who started out singing at a young age with her mother, a vocal coach and New York City opera singer.

If you're looking for an album full of hit songs, then Mariah Carey is the album for you. "Someday" you'll regret not listening to it, so give it a try!

## Let's Chat

by Traci Arlt

### What advice do you give to the seniors about going off to college next year?

"...Burn your green skirts and duckhead pants. We'll provide the matches. Follow your heart but don't lose your head.

Rashel Morris

"...Don't party too much and take your education seriously. Come back to Columbus whenever you feel it's necessary."

Tracy Wessel

"...Have fun and try to study. Try to make it worth your while."

Frank John  
Raemaekers

"...Pursue your dreams and concentrate on school. It's important, and have fun doing it. I've always gotten along with the seniors, and I'll miss them."

Mike  
Henggeler

"...You should be serious about your college career and studies, but at the same time, enjoy the experience. Take advantage of all the opportunities there for you."

Mrs. Went



## The Doors? I Think Not.

### Everything I Never Wanted To Know About Jim Morrison

by Jenna Mullin

Sex, drugs and rock and roll. This famous slogan of the sixties could have also been the title of the new Oliver Stone movie, *The Doors*. The title itself is misleading, because the movie is actually just a long music video/biography of sixties icon Jim Morrison.

The movie tries to draw in an audience the same way the Doors themselves did. Most people will go to see the beautiful, yet extremely twisted Morrison, played by (the better-looking-than-Jimmy-baby-ever-was) Val Kilmer.

The movie begins with young Jim seeing several dead Indians lying by the highway in a car wreck. Morrison believed that the spirit of one of these Indians entered his soul at this time, thus trying to justify his extreme weirdness. He runs into the Indian several times during the movie, which only confuses the audience.

Although Morrison was a very talented musician and poet,

he lived by the rule "the road of excess leads to the path of wisdom." Unfortunately for Morrison, his road led somewhere else.

As the Doors' success grew, so did Jim's drug and alcohol problems. On the way to his own self-destruction, Morrison also brought down those around him, including his wife, Pamela Courson (played very convincingly by Meg Ryan) and his fellow bandmates. His outrageous onstage antics led to the Doors being banned from playing in certain cities and even got him arrested for indecent exposure. The Doors' concerts were hippie trip-fests where drugged-out fans would strip and dance around bonfires or even on stage.

Throughout most of the movie, Morrison was constantly drugged, so much so that his lurid and disgusting sex life (way too graphically depicted in the movie) even gave way into witchcraft and satan worship.

The entire movie basically just

amazed and disgusted me because I never really realized just how twiggid Jim Morrison and a large part of the sixties scene really were. It really made me happy that I didn't live near Venice Beach in the late sixties.

This movie was not all bad, however. The music was wonderful, and the actors were very convincing, especially Kilmer. His likeness to Morrison was so real, it was eerie. The costumes were great and added to the total sixties look.

Despite this, I think the story about Jim Morrison's demise and the loss of such a promising (yet strange) artist was just too depressing to be made into a movie. If I had been a big Doors fan, I would never have wanted to know some of the things that this movie exposed about the short-lived group.

For these reasons, I can only give this movie two stars. You know that it would be untrue. You know that it would be a crime. If I were to say to you, the Doors movie is worth your time.

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# Student Life

## We All Give Something Up

by Jenny Hansen

It's Friday night, I'm starved, and a pizza with extra cheese and hamburger is on my mind. I think a minute and, its Lent, I can't have meat! I hate fish, so I guess I'll grab a peanut butter sandwich to hold me over until midnight when I can drive through Taco Johns and get a super nacho.

Wait, is it really necessary to give up something like meat for Lent? After all, what does that do for God or yourself?

"I think that giving up meat on Friday's is misinterpreted by a lot of people," Mrs. Bonnie Eikmeier said. "I think that you should give up something, but Lent is an individual time for people and should be treated that way." In other words, its not whether you give up meat, it's

whether you give something up at all. "I think its really dumb. Sometimes I eat meat on Fridays and sometimes I don't," senior Greg Curtis said.

As well as sacrificing the usual Friday meals for fish, one must understand that there is more involved than just giving something up. "I either give something up or do something extra during Lent," Eikmeier said. "I don't give anything up, but I try to attend mass during Lent," Curtis said.

Lent is something that Catholics celebrate through special activities such as Stations of the Cross, Penance services, fish fries, and a Passover meal. "I guess since we are a Catholic school we should celebrate Lent

more than anyone else," Curtis added. "I never attend Stations unless it's at school."

"I think that what we do here is fine, but there are other things that would be more effective," Eikmeier said. The Eikmeiers make Lent a family project. "We all give something up together," she said.

This particular Lenten season started February 13 and is not officially over until the Easter Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday, March 30.

## A Word With The 'Rents

by Sean Schmeits

His forehead sweats, his hands shake, and he contemplates taking the next train out of town as he waits for parent teacher conferences.

Well, it may not be that bad (for most anyway), but it is nearing that time again when students start studying and improving their conduct so their parents get a good report at parent-teacher conferences.

Parent-teacher conferences can mean two different things for most students. Either their parents are happy with the reports and life is a little easier or they're unhappy and they could end up secluded from society for a week-end.

Although many students dislike conferences, I think they are a necessary part of a successful school. Many experts think that parent involvement in student affairs is the most important part of a school's curriculum. Uninvolved parents are a large part of the disciplinary problems in many inner-city schools.

Scotus does a very good job at involving parents with its conferences, which a large majority of parents attend.

So, next time you're trying to convince your parents that conferences aren't until June, try to look on the bright side- maybe you really did get straight A's like you prayed for!

## Do The Vocal Haupt

by Dave Boryca

Some music theorists consider the greatest pioneers of music to be dead and buried. These legends, consisting of such names as Mozart, Bach and Beethoven, have awed the musical community for generations. So the Golden Age of music is past, you say? Do not despair, for in Scotus it lives on.

"Music allows people to grow independently as well as socially," Mrs. Haupt, music instructor, said. Haupt is striking out with her students to increase the respectability of the vocal program. This month alone contained a conference clinic in Boystown and a jazz festival for the swing choir.

"Our toughest test will be districts this April," Haupt said. "There are a lot of groups to compete against and a lot of tough competition." The vocal groups are also getting ready for a spring concert on May 6.

All vocal groups practice singing without accompaniment to improve the quality of their sound. "Practice helps us to get our routines down pat so we don't sound like fools," senior Nate Bahr, a member of both swing choir and concert choir, explained.

Other participants described the class practices as "intensive" and even "challenging."

"When a contest comes along, Mrs. Haupt really pushes us to our limits," Pete Wemhoff said.

Haupt is also preparing for next year's program. "Swing choir tryouts will be in May, and anyone can be in mixed choir or girls' glee. I encourage many to join," Haupt said.

## He Wears Green, Too!

by Kristi Sliva

Usually when you see green cake or any weird colored food, the first thought to come to your mind is "mold", but there is one day a year that you can get away with the different colored food. Yep, you guessed it- St. Patrick's Day. Most people feel that St. Patrick's Day is a day to feel happy and merry.

St. Patrick was born in 389?. He was very humble and courageous. He lead an adventurous

life and was willing to help all people. He was a man of action with little ambition to learn. He died in 461?.

Today, we honor St. Patrick by celebrating on March 17. On this day people wear green and you see a lot of leprachauns and shamrocks. In Ireland people have little gatherings to eat and drink green beverages and food. So remember next March 17, don't get caught forgetting to wear green or you may get pinched.

## We Are Speechless

by Holly Hunter

Most of the speech team have tossed their notecards and folded up their easels, but for Jeff Loseke and Jim Springer, the competition is just beginning.

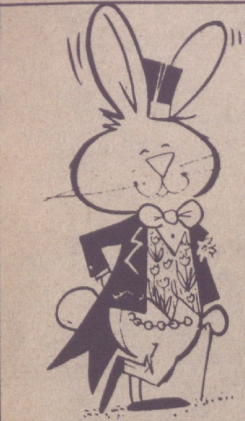
Loseke and Springer are slated to compete in the state meet on March 26. The two earned their tickets to state by winning gold medals in entertainment and extemporaneous, respectively, at the B-5 district competition held at Lakeview on March 11. As a team the SCC Speakers tied for third place with Lakeview. Seward won the meet with Grand Island Northwest finishing

second.

"I have spent hours preparing... I want to do my best," Jim Springer commented about the state meet.

Jeff Loseke, a second year state competitor, is planning to try a more relaxed approach. "I don't plan on dwelling on what might happen or what might not happen. I want to be confident about my speech and look at the meet optimistically."

Accompanying Loseke and Springer will be Coach Sandie Bern. Unfortunately circumstances will not allow assistant coach Connie Felger to attend.



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# Sports

## Horse Rounds Up The IBA Season

by Kelly Peterson

The Intramural Basketball Association (IBA) ended the season with the championship game Black versus Blue. Mike Woerth's Black team defeated Jon Kubler's Blue team 56 to 42 to become the IBA champions.

The six team IBA organization is coordinated by Fr. Wayne and games were played on Sunday nights in the old gym between 6 and 9 p.m. Each team is headed by a senior captain and teams are chosen evenly between grades 10 through 12.

Cory Christiansen kept weekly track of the winners and losers, outstanding players, and predictions of the next weeks games. The Horse's Coral was posted on the senior high bulletin board after each weekend. "I did it to carry on the tradition of Boob's Corner (by last year's senior Travis Brock) and with the help of Jon Kubler added humor to the IBA results," Christiansen said.

IBA, in contrast with high school basketball, has fewer regulations, shorter time periods,

and no practices which is why there is a large turnout. "IBA is more of an all fun game instead of a high pressured organized basketball game," senior Kris Almquist said. Players aren't pressured to be great all-stars and can just have fun playing the sport. The high school boys on the basketball team are not allowed to play, but often come to watch and harass the players.

The audiences aren't as big as a normal basketball game and consist of the guys that don't play, supportive girlfriends, and others looking for a good laugh. "It was fun watching unskilled players make fools of themselves and also to see how Cary Kudron dressed that weekend," senior Julie Sleddens said.

An All-Stars team from Scotus will be competing against an All-Star team from Columbus High. Top players from the six teams will be chosen to be on the team and the game will be scheduled in April. Be sure to go support the guys playing and have an entertaining evening.

## It's Time Fore Tee

by Toby Ketter

The 1991 boys' golf season is swinging into things. Although the team has not yet had their first meet, practice is going well.

Since the weather has not been cooperative, the team has spent the majority of the season practicing in the gym rather than outside. The gym is extremely

crowded with players, so they need to remember not to swing the golf club around other people.

The team is coached by Mr. Bill Fox and Father Wayne. "Fox is more of a serious, basic coach while Father is more of a 'let's have some fun' coach," Brett Heimes said. "I hope to learn a lot from Fox this year and better my golf game," Chris Bogus said.

The team's first meet is a dual against Lakeview on March 28.

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## Clear the Track

by Kelly Peterson

Rain, snow, or shine. The track team has begun practicing and the runners never know what March weather will bring. One day they're in shorts and t-shirts, and the next they're in tights and sweatshirts.

The girls' first meet took place at the indoor track at Kearney State. Several top winners led the Scotus girls to a third place score of 77 points. "We have several girls that can score in numerous events," Coach Dan Mahoney said.

The boys traveled to Boys Town for a 22 team invitational where the relay teams, along with individual placings by Jesse Kosch, Fred Maguire, and Chris Mustard, led the Scotus boys to a 10th place finish over-all.

The season has just begun, and many track participants have goals set for themselves. "I want to be a positive contributor on the team and to see how much farther I can jump with short hair," senior Kris Almquist said. Coach Mahoney's goal for the team is to improve or equal the previous year's performance.

The next major meet will be the Scotus Relays on March 25th. For those results check the April addition of The Rock.

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Seniors Rachelle Schieffer, Lori Wessel, Brenda Kolas, Traci Arlt, Nicki Votava, and Marilu Peck group together for a photo during the State Leadership Conference for F.B.L.A.

## Takin' care of F.B.L.A. business

by Kelly Peterson

—Jeans, shorts, and tennis shoes were put aside by students for three days and replaced with suits, dresses, ties, and high heels. This year, twenty-nine students from Scotus' FBLA were chosen to take part in the

yearly State Leadership Conference located at the Holiday Inn Central in Omaha on April 4, 5, and 6.

The days consisted of members being required to take at least five tests, and attend all scheduled group activities such as large assemblies, two informational seminars and a dance. After these required duties, the students would return to the privacy of their rooms, their comfortable shorts, and kick off their heels to munch on food and watch TV and the movie *Cry Baby* two times.

"I loved meeting and talking to people from other towns that I had met on previous SLC trips," senior Nicki Votava said. Approximately 1350 FBLA members from Nebraska

attended the conference which offered a wide variety of personalities and talents.

Large assemblies took place at the Peony Park Ballroom and included a presentation of the state candidates, films on America and Rock-N-Roll, and awards to students who placed 1st through 8th or were one of the top 8 honorable mentions. "I felt like I was at the Grammy Awards walking up to receive my award on the stage," said Kelli Woods.

"I Got Friends in Low Places" was a hit song at the dance held Friday night. Other schools might have found it a little off the wall, but the senior girls from Scotus took over the stage and showed their friendship to the rest of Nebraska's FBLA.

Scotus' chapter brought home 21 individual awards, 3 chapter awards, a "Sweepstakes" award, and largest chapter award. "This is the best group of kids we've taken and not had to worry about them," Mrs. Went said, "and I was very proud of them."

## Speakers stand in the spot light

by Marilu Peck

Before reality comes the dream. The motto for the 1990-91 speech season held true for two team members, junior Jeff Loseke and sophomore Jim Springer. Springer accomplished one of his goals by participating in the State competition in extemporaneous speaking and receiving a superior rating. Loseke placed third at state in Entertainment Speaking. "There was a lot of good competition this year at State. Just by participating, I learned a lot," Loseke said.

Even though Loseke and Springer were the only team competitors this year at state, the majority of the members reached their personal

goals. Wednesday, May 1, each member was honored at the First Annual Speech Team Banquet. Coach Sandie Bernt presented awards to each of the members, and then recognized the competitor in each area who had accumulated the most points throughout the year. These people were:

Humorous Prose: Kari Becker

Serious Prose: Marilu Peck

Poetry: Lori Sypal

Oratory: Jim Springer

Extemporaneous: Jim Springer

Group Drama: Holly Hunter, Lori Sypal, Jeff Loseke, Brenda Kolas

Duet Acting: Christi Wachal, Susan Riley

Entertainment: Jeff Loseke

Humorous Impromptu: Pete Wemhoff

McPhillips, Peck and Kolas also presented both serious and humorous awards to team members. Twelve of these awards are as follows:

Most Improved Returner: Dave Boryca

Most Improved First Year: Theresa Wemhoff

Excellence in Two Areas: Lori Sypal

Most Script Revisions: Pete Wemhoff

Female Congeniality: Sarah Wemhoff

Male Congeniality: Dan McGrane

Most Supportive of Team: Jenni O'Neill

Practice Forgetter: Chris Held

Procrastinator: Amy Papricki

Most Nervous: Jeff Loseke

Most Likely to Meet Somebody New at Every Meet: Kari Becker

Late Bus Person: Christi Wachal

Overall, the 1990-91 Speech season was not as successful as it has

been in past years, but the returning members have already started to make plans for next year. "I am pleased that so far every non-graduating member is planning to return. The team was young this year, so everyone has high expectations for next season," Bernt said.

## Ap Students aim high

by Michelle Shotkoski

This year is the second year that A.P. courses have been offered to students at Scotus. AP means advanced placement and many students have taken these classes this year. The AP classes offered at Scotus are AP English, AP Government, AP Calculus, and AP Art.

AP English is a fairly large class. There are 26 AP English students this year. Mrs. Ewers is the teacher. "I feel that I am doing a better job teaching it because this is my second time through. I know what to expect now. . . I think a lot of students are learning - especially those who put in the maximum effort," said Mrs. Ewers.

"It makes you perfect all of your English writing skills that you have been taught throughout high school. . . I'll be better prepared for college." Said senior Chrissy Wemhoff.

AP Government is taught by Mr. Sadle. "I am really glad I took it because I've learned a lot of things about government that you cannot

learn from any other teacher. . . and it is fun," said senior Brad Bertsch. Students are really having a positive outcome from the AP courses, maybe in the future more AP courses will be taught here. "I like studying government so I decided to take the AP Government course. AP English wasn't for me. AP Calculus is a very good class because I've always gotten good grades in math and I'm probably going into actuary sciences when I graduate," said senior Mark Keating.

AP Calculus is taught by Mr. Salyard. "AP Calculus is challenging, but I love math so it can be fun," said Senior Darlene Rinkol.

AP Art is taught by Ms. Kiser. "It's a lot, a lot of work. . . the students have to be self motivated," said Ms. Kiser. Rachelle Schieffer is the only student in AP Art this semester.

AP Classes are designed for the purpose of students getting a head start on college. Teachers usually recommend students for the AP classes but it is up to the students to sign up for them.

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## Hunt and Peck's food review

by: Holly Hunter  
 and  
 Marilu Peck

Spring fever? No- spring cold. That's what Holly had for this food review. Marilu, however, being the vitamin fanatic that she, or should we say her mother, is, was as healthy as an orange tree- one of Uncle Mr. Leininger's trees, to be exact, that is in full bloom a mile southeast of that balding little guy who is always trying to hitch a ride near the off-ramp of the freeway in suburban Tallahassee.

For this food review, we wanted to find a real dive close to home, but since we couldn't find any, we decided to snorkel someplace else. Snorkel... that word immediately reminded us of swimming, which reminded us of summer, which reminded us of ice cream, which reminded us of... drumroll please... DAIRY QUEEN!!!

Unfortunately for all you die-hard Hunt and Peck Food Review groupies, it was not until we arrived at the DQ that we realized that we could not possibly give you a full, detailed report as two separate individuals. Holly's cold debilitated her tastebuds from being able to differentiate between even a simple rawhide bone and a premier piece of prime rib left over from Prom.

But Marilu, on the other hand, had tastebuds that were in tip-top condition. (Actually, the word is condition, but tondition sounded better.) Her problem was that the stone dog in front of her house ate her glasses and she was blind without

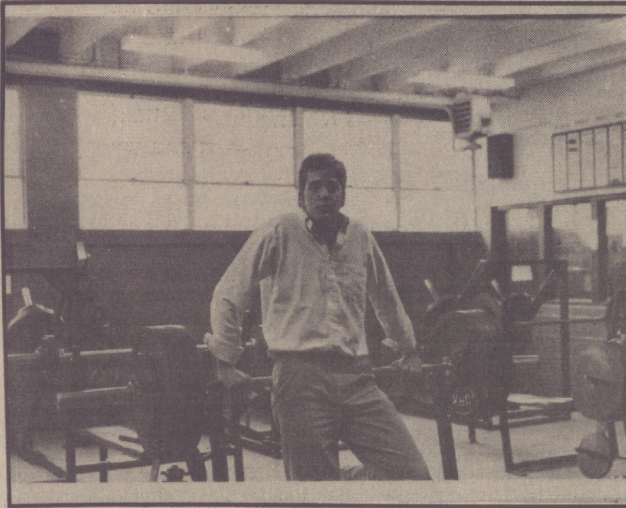
them.

How could either Holly or Marilu give an accurate report if neither of them were totally to their senses? After hunting around for solutions to this problem, Marilu finally pecked at an answer. It was decided that they would act as one person, with Holly in charge of the eyes and Marilu in charge of the tastebuds. Introducing...Hollimu With all due originality in mind, Hollimu proudly proceeded to the cashier and ordered an Oreo Blizzard.

Hollimu commented that the Blizzard looked thick and delicious, but in order for her to tell exactly how thick it was, she would have to try the upside-down test. Plop! Woops, maybe that was the Frosty that was gaurenteed to stand upside-down.

It was now time for Hollimu to actually taste the chilling heap of sensation. Wow! Hollimu's tastebuds jumped with enthusiasm from the very first bite. Immediately thoughts of summer sun and fun at the beach encompassed her visionary world as she knew it.

Blizzards are highly recommended for anyone with senioritis, junioritis, sophomoreitis, freshmanitis, or anyone who just wants out of school. The tastebud satisfaction rate is among the highest of the fine eating establishments we have critiqued up to date.



Jon Kubler on weightlifting: "It makes you an all-together better athlete while priving discipline."

## Calendar for May

15-Seniors' last day

16-State golf

17-18-State track

19-Graduation

22-23-Semester tests

23-Last day of school



## Athlete gives 'lift' to sport

by: Dave Boryca

Raargh! The veins bulge prominently from your neck as you grit your teeth and put in an incredible effort to haul up the impressive weight on your shoulders. As you finish the set of heavy squats you wonder just exactly what you are trying to accomplish. The answers to this query are very numerous and highly advantageous.

It's a proven fact that people who put in enough time lifting properly will receive noticable increases in felxibility, strength, and speed. Jon Kubler, an avid lifter sums up the advantages of training with his own words. "It makes you an altogether better athlete while providing discipline.

Increased performace is not the only plus to lifting. Surgery, especially on or around joints such as elbows and knees, commonly leaves the muscles weak, sometimes even incapacitating the victim. "I had to lift just to do everything anyways." Kubler said, who had to recover from a knee injury suffered during football. Hospital therapy programs have always included in some way the principles of resistance training to help their patients recuperate from injury.

All athletic groups at Scotus differ in their approach to weight training. The football teams concentrate on exercises to increase strength, limit injury, and help injured athletes to recuperate. To do this, gridders on the Gary Puetz program work extensively with the upper body exercise of the bench press and its lower body counterpart, the hipsled. Girls track applies the same principles but uses a wider variety of exercises to help work the entire body.

You don't have to be in athletics to enjoy weightlifting. There is a suitable training program for everyone. For beginners, workouts should be every other day and concentrate on overall health rather than specific muscle groupings. Advanced lifters, however, create some more extensive routines.

Jon Kubler works out almost everyday. "I like to work my chest, triceps, and shoulders on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. On Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, I blast my biceps, back, and forearms. As for legs, I train them on Monday and Thursday." Kubler also does special exercises for his recovering knee. "I use a special item called the kneemaster which allows me to strengthen my knee without hurting it again."

Such a case of accidental injury is a big factor for many people not to lift. The answer to this dilemma is simple in Kubler's opinion. "You don't want to overdo it. Novices come in thinking they can impress everyone by lifting a ton when actually they are just endangering themselves." All experts agree that you should lift the weight appropriate to your build, strength, and experience. Too much too fast will only mean problems later.

Whatever your routine and attitude, correct lifting can be beneficial both in the short run and even 20 years from now. You may never get up the nerve to attempt a set of heavy squats, but your newly acquired discipline and perseverance are qualities which will allow you success in the future.

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For the last edition of the ROCK this year, the staff decided on a unique project. We took a little break from writing and asked four various teachers to write letters to the seniors expressing their thoughts, concerns and comments. These teachers were chosen by the seniors on the staff who felt that they were either a great teacher, coach or all-around friend.

To the Ladies and Fellas of 1991,

A great day is coming! Sunday, May 19, 1991. It's Graduation. You've been waiting for this for a long time. You'll experience a lot of different feelings and emotions between 1:00 and 3:00. The emotions will range from joy to sorrow. Joy might be felt because "I'm finally out of here" to "I made it." Sorrow might be felt because "I will miss the school and people there" to "I'm now on my own and I'm not sure about it."

You have been here for six years, and now you will begin the rest of your life. You have attained high levels of learning. However, it is not only the academics that you have mastered but also life in general. You have learned from all the experiences that you have had. Those experiences, whether positive or negative, are priceless because they help us discover who we are.

I am looking forward to your graduation, not because "we have gotten rid of them," but because I am anxious to see how your priceless abilities will affect the community and the world.

There is no doubt in my mind that I will miss you dearly because I truly love you all. But each day for the rest of my life, I will be influenced by how you touched me. I will always remember the smiles, the enthusiasm, the "thanks, Father," the "do you need help, Father," and many other things about each one of you.

I hope that you have learned from me. Please know that I have learned from you. I firmly believe that I am a better person and priest because of my friendships with you.

I will remember you all. All I ask of you is to look kindly and think kindly upon me. Remember me as one who cared for those who were less fortunate, helped those in need, and was there for those who needed to talk. As I have done, please do the same.

Ladies and fellas of 1991 - may the Lord be with you on your way!

Father Wayne

## A Letter to the Seniors

As graduation day approaches, I always begin to have mixed emotions. Part of me is excited and happy, while part of me becomes somewhat lonely and saddened. I've told each of you that you are like my own children. I meant that; you really are.

When my own children graduated or left, there was always a void in my life as they were such a major part of it. The same is true with my students. I love each of you, and you are very special to me. I will miss each of you.

Once I get past my personal selfish indulgences, I realize how very happy and excited I am for you. I believe that "your life" really just begins after graduation. Nothing can be more wonderful than having a life to shape, mold, and direct. You really can become whatever you want; the only restrictions on you are within your minds. You, as the molders and shapers of your lives, need to do so with much caution and direction.

Do I have any parting advice for you? Not really, other than that if you want to feel good, then do good. None of us has ever done a good thing and felt bad. Good things come from God, and I promise you, God only has good in mind for you.

I'm very proud of each of you, and always remember "Papa loves you because you are special."

Mr. S

Seniors,

This is always an emotional and exciting time of the year for seniors as graduation day rapidly approaches. It is usually a time of mixed emotions.

On the one hand, you are glad to be finally finished with this phase of your education. Most of you have been wandering these halls for six years, and you are anxious to get out into this "real world" you've heard so much about. On the other hand, there is a certain sadness when you realize things will never be quite the same again.

As each of you go your separate ways, make a vow that you will keep in touch with your close friends. While you will make many new friends in your adult life, probably none of them will be quite as special as your childhood friends.

Also, in a few years I hope you look back on this time in your life and appreciate the values that your parents, teachers, and coaches were trying to instill in you. For it is these values that will sustain you throughout your life. We hope that we have contributed in some small way to your future successes.

Finally, I would like to leave you with one of my favorite poems by Darwin Kingsley that I often give to my cross country runners just before they compete in the state meet. It expresses my feelings and hopes for every graduate of the class of 1991.

You have powers you never dreamed of. You can do things you never thought you could do. There are no limitations in what you can do except the limitations in your own mind as to what you cannot do.

Don't think you cannot.

Think you can.

Dan Mahoney

Dear Senior Class of 1991:

As I write this letter, you have but nine days left as students of Scotus Central Catholic. I know, because you started counting down about 69 school days ago. I laughed that first day about three months ago when you asked if you could start a countdown on the chalkboard, and I laughed again just the other day when you looked at the board and said, "only 12 more days" with mixed emotions in your voice.

Looking back at your years spent at Scotus High, I'm sure you all have memories which will last a lifetime. Each class, I have found, is very unique in its own way, and you have given me many memories as well.

I remember many of you as seventh graders in my math class. . . your enthusiasm, your cheerfulness and your homemade cards sent to me in the hospital when I had Jenna. I remember our eighth grade volleyball team. . . my last year as coach, early practices, a record of 8 and 1, and David City tournament championship! I remember all of you as freshmen eager to learn how to type!? I remember the many bus rides to out of town football and basketball games with the cheerleaders. . . too many stories to tell. I remember you all as young FBLeers. . . the hayrack rides, your first SLC, our first local championship, and now nationals! I remember Keyboarding II, and Office Procedures. . . you're both very special classes to me.

This is but a brief listing of the many, many memories you people have given me during your six years here; I hope that I have given you a few as well.

Class of '91, you all have a lot to offer, and for you the future is very bright. I wish you all the best.

Love,

Mrs. Went



# Editorials

## German students say, "Lights, Camera, Action!"

by Jenna Mullin

"Heil Harmeier," the loyal servants cry as the underground rebel group sneaks off to their secret hide-out. Is this a scene from some old World War II movie? No! This is just one of the many scenes that the German III students have been filming around school in an attempt to finish their long awaited movie.

"It looks fun, and it is, but it is also a lot of hard work," Tammy Gablenz said. Many German III students agree that they never realized how much time and effort goes into movie making. The scenes are shot out of sequence, which is also a new experience for the students.

Ms. Kiser, the class' instructor and camerawoman, has an optimistic view of the movie's outcome. "Producer/director Jeff Loseke is a shoe-

in for the Oscar," Kiser said.

However, she also admits to some minor problems in arranging the filming schedule. "Making this movie was like pulling teeth, only worse," Kiser said.

The students' views, however, are hopeful. "I'm anxious to see how it turns out," Amy Kroenke said. Jenni Styskal echoed her attitude. "We've taken a lot of time out of our busy schedules and hopefully our efforts will pay off," she said. Some students, though, are still rather oblivious to the project. "What movie?" Toby Ketter asked.

The class began planning for the big picture during the first semester. The basic plot and roles were assigned then, however this caused some problems. The two lead characters, Scott Harmeier, who plays Hitler, and Shawn Diederich, who

plays Eichmann, decided to transfer out of the class after the first semester. Since the class was unable to film many of the scenes involving these characters during class time, week-end filming became necessary, and organizing filming times caused some schedule dilemmas.

The film revolves around Ms. Kiser's death and her farewell assignment to her favorite students. Somewhere in the translation, something goes wrong. Harmeier and Diederich begin an evil quest to rule the world. Someone must stop them, and so a rebel group breaks off, determined to crush their evil regime.

The movie (at presstime, still without a name) should have been finished at the end of April. It stars the German III class, Ms. Kiser, Mr. Leininger and a few study hall extras.

At this time, filming is wrapping up for the class and the movie looks like a surefire success. Tracy Wessel summed up the movie's purpose best. "I can't wait to look back at this in 20 years and laugh!"

Sorry, the students' parents will be the selected few able to view the finished product.

## Summer means work

by Sean Schmeits

Summer's here, time to put away the books and pin on the aprons. Now that school's out, many students are looking for jobs to fill their time and fund their weekends.

"I like working at Hy-Vee, and it's one of the only places that will hire 15 year olds," Freshman Tom Kropatsch said about his summer job. Sophomore Kelli Woods advises, "Get a real job, not detassling or babysitting." There are those who would disagree, too. "I enjoy babysitting," freshman Christina Palas said.

Some students may expect too much from their job. "I need a job where I work about an hour a week and make a lot of money," freshman Richard Tooley said. Jobs don't always work out. "I worked at the Cookbook for five days before I quit," freshman Kirby Kudron said. Many students avoid work all together. "I'm

just going to sit at home and tan," freshman Gina Rongish said.

Students want money for a variety of different reasons. "I need money for a car," said freshman Mark Henggler. Other students take a more studious approach. "I need money for college," freshman Tim Thalken said. While some aren't really sure of their motives. "I just want to make enough money to survive," sophomore Shiela Olmer said.

No matter where you work or what you need money for, it's always good to pick a job you like.

"I caddy in the summer. It's a lot of fun since I like to golf," Thalken said. On the other hand, Tooley commented, "I hate detassling; it ruins my summer, but I need the money." Other students look at jobs with a different light. "When [Mr. Puetz] gives me the chance, I'm ready to take the challenge," sophomore John Hain said referring to his summer job with Puetz Brothers Mowing.

## Students come to 'terms' with papers

by Jenna Mullin

Ah Spring! The trees blossom, the birds sing, the bees buzz and the typewriters hum. Wait a minute--what does a typewriter have to do with spring? Well, if you're a Scotus highschool student you know exactly what I'm talking about. Yes, once again it's fourth quarter, and just when you thought freedom was only days away, that ugly four letter word rears its ugly head: the TERM paper!

This year, no one can escape it for all six high school English classes are doing or, for a lucky few, are done with term papers. For many students, a term paper isn't any big deal, but for others, it's sufficient reason to go ballistic.

The freshman are getting their first taste of term paper bliss this year. Their term papers are unique, however, in that they are doing one paper for three different classes. They had to choose a topic dealing with their history class, be grammatically correct for their English class, and have flawless typing for Typing I.

Some upper classmen even consider the freshman term paper to be a chore. "Aside from this year, my freshman paper was the most formal one I've done," senior AP English student Joe McPhillips said. However, freshman Lisa Zegar isn't too worried about her paper, at least not anymore. It was stressful at first when I didn't really know what to do," she said. "It was confusing."

The sophomores have it a little easier than the freshman this year. They chose from a list of topics and only have to turn theirs in to their English teacher, Mrs. Kosch.

Sophomore Stephanie Happ seems to have her paper under control. "It's not really that bad," she said, although she, like most students admit to procrastinating. It seems the sophomores, too, know the importance of writing a term paper. "They help you out a lot in college," Happ said.

The juniors, of course, feel that the junior paper is perhaps the one involving the most work. Although

many of the students weren't all for writing a six to ten page paper on an English topic, most feel it is a good experience. However, some juniors like Shane Pelster, "didn't want to do it at all." Shane did agree that he could use the skills in college and even admitted to learning "not to put things off until the last night."

Not even the seniors could escape doing a term paper during their few remaining weeks at Scotus. All three senior English classes did a paper this year. The AP class had to do a ten page paper on an English topic. Although it's a lot of work, senior Joe McPhillips has a positive attitude about accomplishing the task. "I think it's beneficial because I know I'll be doing them in college, so I might as well start now."

So, now you can see that it's not just your English teacher who is a slave driver, it's all of them! Yet, it is true; it will help you in the future. If you learn nothing else, it will teach you not to procrastinate. So quit reading this article and start typing!



Mrs. Ewers breathes a sigh at the term papers on her agenda.

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# Student Life

## A shadow falls on the rhythm of the night

by Kelly Slusarski

"Rhythm of The Night" was this year's junior-senior prom title. Unfortunately many believed their was no rhythm in the DJ's blood. "The Shadow was well worth \$75," said Bob Oppliger.

Although the music wasn't a hit, many people had a good time. Mass began at five-thirty, and the prom dinner began around seven. Guests were served a prime-rib dinner (or "a side of cow" as Jenna Mullin put it) with baked potatoes and dessert. After everyone had the opportunity to eat, toastmaster, Jeff Loseke, and toastmistress, Holly Hunter, took the stage.

"Jeff and Holly gave a funny speech," junior Shane Wemhoff said. Loseke put on a "jeanie" type



Senior Scott Ernst, junior Bob Brakenhoff, and Michelle Crawford take a break from dancing.



Toastmistress Holly Hunter and Toastmaster Jeff Loseke are surprised when the "Shadow" accompanies their act.

hat (actually a red pillow with a big feather) and used his mystical powers to answer written questions inside sealed envelopes. The Shadow added a nice effect by playing the theme song for the Tonite Show.

Once Jeff and Holly closed, everyone gathered around the camera for pictures as the Shadow started the dance. Bob Oppliger felt the high point of the dance was seeing Wendy Whalen out on the floor with one of the six foot rose decorations. Senior class president, Cory Christiansen (better known as "Horse") felt the high point in prom was the speech he delivered. He commented, "Although my speech was censored by crime stoppers, I was still able to mention

them, against their will, and even though they were watching me, I still managed to have a good time."

Unfortunately Jon Kubler was not so fortunate. He complained, "It looked like everyone else was having a good time, but between babysitting my neighbor and other events, my prom probably wasn't as good as my junior year."

"The meal was better than last year, and I liked my date, but the music needed work," Tara Mohatt commented. Junior Jennifer Braun said "The decorations were mighty beautiful!"

Over all, April 27, 1991 will be a day the seniors will never forget as prom was meant to be.



Jeff Vanek, Nate Barr, Mike Haengi, Jeanine Dobesh, Greg Hegemann, and Pete Wemhoff sit out a dance.



Greg Curtis smiles at the camera as his table waits for their dinner.



Prom decorations and souvenirs were displayed on second floor the week before the dance.



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# Student Life



Shannon Ternus smiles for the camera as she bowls for more paper bucks.

## Post prom party is bid a success

by Kristi Sliva

"Up all night; sleep all day." That might be one way you could describe prom night, April 27, 1991. The night was one that many people hope to always remember and for most it was memorable. The night started off with a dinner and dance at Johnnies Steak House. However a lot of the fun began at 12:30 at post prom.

This year post prom was held at Boulevard Lanes. Free bowling and many games were offered for the students to play.

When students first arrived they signed in, received 500 dollars, and were off to play the games, like bowling, air hockey, and foosball. Each game was played and the winner was rewarded with play money.

During the morning hours, a silent auction was held where people signed a piece of paper bid for many items like posters, shirts, jewelry, etc. When the time came to give the prizes away, the person with the highest bid received the prize, shelling out their winnings with play cash.

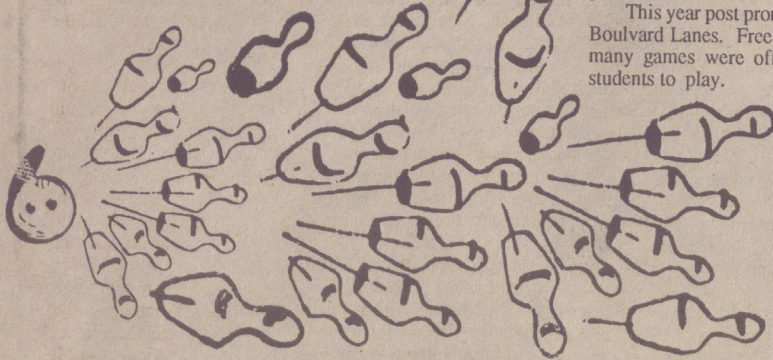
"I liked all the prizes you could win," senior Eric Pinger commented.

"Winning the refrigerator was sweet," junior Chad Opplinger said.

Although many enjoyed the winning of prizes, others weren't pleased. "I have attended for two years in a row and haven't won anything," senior Craig Evans replied.

All in all, most people had fun. "The music was awesome," junior Brenda Sliva said. Junior Scott Harmeirer commented, "It was fun, when I wasn't sleeping."

"It was fun with the variety of games and prizes," junior Tony Merrill commented, "and it was a good way to finish the night off"



Paula Welsh, sporting her date's tuxedo jacket, shows her money while bidding on goods at post prom.



Aaron Shunk and Cary Kudron await the grand prize drawings for the refrigerator and television.

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Journalism student travels to Washington

## Conference proves to be a learning experience

by: Dave Boryca

"What would you like to drink?"  
"I don't know.." I said in puzzlement. "What do you have for pop?"  
"Pop!?! What the heck is pop."

Such a scenario might occur to you if you found yourself thrust into a totally new environment. This situation was but one I found myself in as I attended the Washington Journalism Conference located on the outer edge of Washington D. C. An educational experience in that not only did I learn an extensive amount about the field of journalism, but also some of the discrepancies between Midwesterners and other Americans.

The purpose of the conference was to bring together the brightest young minds of journalism, selected through recommendations and achievement. Participants were then educated in all facets of the media community. Reporters, editors, anchorman, photographers, and many other fields of journalism were to be explained.

The five day itinerary consisted of visits to the Smithsonian, national monuments, and even Capitol Hill.

Such activities were meant to broaden our parameters and give us insight into what the real world was all about. Other functions at the conference were such things as workshops over topics such as journalism in a college setting, higher education, and the reporting of the Persian Gulf crisis. Another aspect of the conference was the breakthrough group.

The breakthrough group was the staple of life at the conference. The 300 participants were split up into groups of 15 to 20 people and given an advisor experienced in the media. Steve was my group's advisor and also a member of the National Press Club. His background enabled him to answer specific questions we may have had during the duration of the conference.

My first full day there consisted of a day spent on Capitol Hill. This was in my opinion the most educational part of my time in Washington. My day there consisted of in-depth looks at the political buildings such as the Capitol Building, Supreme Court,

Library of Congress, and the various Congress office buildings located around the Hill such as the Hart and Rayburn.

It was in these office buildings that my favorite part of the day occurred; interviews with congressmen Robert Kerrey, Jim Exon, and Bill Barret. Exon didn't even show up, and Barret seemed more interested in letting me send free mail and talking on the phone long-distance without charge than discussing the issues. Kerrey, however, provided me strong insight into our country's political system by taking me onto the senate floor while a bill was being voted on and discussing with me the intricacies of his job.

The next day contained the brunt of the conference's purpose. We rose early to start the day with a breakfast at the National Press Club located in the heart of downtown Washington. It was here we witnessed a press conference over the problems of higher education, and were actually given the opportunity to ask questions. We also were given a question-answer period with reporters present at the Persian-Gulf Crisis, and received their views on the treatment of the

press during that period. The time at the press-club building ended with a writing workshop on creating a worthy news article.

We then traveled to the USA Today Tower, where we were given a tour of that prominent newspaper's inner works. The tour was followed with a discussion headed by USA's Regional Editor.

The remainder of my time at the conference consisted of visits to Washington's more prominent landmarks, such as the Smithsonian, National Monument, and the Jefferson and Lincoln Memorials. More time, however was spent writing articles to be present in the conference's newspaper which is put out annually. It was during this time that we were given further instruction of writing, interviewing, and editing each other's writings.

I feel the Conference was incredibly beneficial in that it prepared me for just exactly how competitive the field of journalism is, and how to hold my own when push comes to shove. It also taught me another important thing. When you want something to drink, ask for soda, not pop.

## Privileges?

By Michelle Shotkoski

Being a senior is known to be one of the best times in a person's life. Being a senior means getting your diploma and having more privileges than underclassmen. Not all of these are true at Scotus.

It is true Scotus seniors are the oldest at Scotus and they will be getting diplomas soon, but privileges? "What privileges?" senior Eric Pinger said. "I've yet to come across any privileges," senior Kristi Sobota said.

Seniors at Scotus are only familiar with one privilege, that being getting to go out to the courtyard for two weeks in May. That is it, besides not having locks on the lockers. "... As a senior you should be granted such privileges as open lunch or going to the court yard longer than two weeks. ... we are very limited," said senior Darlene Rinkol.

At Columbus High School the seniors have much more freedom. During the second semester students are allowed to have open lunch. The requirement for this is a good attendance record during the first semester. Seniors at Columbus High also have early work release for their jobs. Early work release is getting out of school an hour early so that you can go to work. This allows students to get a head start on the working world, and to get more homework done at night since they get off from work earlier.

In the future Scotus students may receive more freedoms than just the courtyard. In order to get these freedoms, the students will have to fight for them.

For this years seniors, it is too late to gain any other privileges and they have negative attitudes towards not having had any freedoms. "We don't get any respect and it doesn't seem fair," senior Brad Bertsch said.

The class of 1991 seniors will soon be saying good-bye and then it will be the class of 1992's turn to try and get more privileges. Good luck juniors.

## Rave reviews for troop's tour

by Polly Hunter

Planning on going on a vacation this summer? Well, I wouldn't recommend staying at the Howard Johnson's in Omaha-well, at least not the one at the Upstairs Dinner Theater. That's where Thespian troop 1909 went for their yearly field trip on April 24.

Actually they saw the play Murder at the Howard Johnson's which is about a love triangle between a car salesman, his wife, and her lover (Mr. Smile-I'm your friendly dentist). During the course of the play they all try to kill each other, with a lot of smooching inbetween for good measure.

"I enjoyed the dinner theater mostly because I didn't have to think too much to understand the play. The best part of the dinner theater was the "absolutely no calorie" turtle pie."

The troop also toured the Omaha Community Playhouse and got a chance to put their stage vocabulary words into action.

"It was nice to see that Mrs. Bernt actually had a reason behind her heinous vocab tests," Jeff Loseke said.

The playhouse is quite advanced and the tour guide did a "lovely" job of plugging their Christmas Carol Performance.

## Days of youth return

By Jenny Hansen

Gosh, it's May already. I can't believe I graduate in less than two weeks. It seems like yesterday I was in seventh grade.

It's weird looking back on those days. I was so scared, there were so many kids in my class that I didn't know. Everything looked so big to me, the school, the upperclassmen, the BOOKS. I was always scared of the freshman, I guess I always felt that they hated me. My heart would beat real fast when I saw them-I was

so scared. I usually put my head down and walked away as fast as I could for fear of what they would say or do. When my friends and I would walk down the junior-senior hallway it seemed like a privilege. The teachers seemed hard compared to 6 grade. They gave you enough homework you thought you'd never be able to talk on the phone that night. Everytime your name was on announcements for a message in the office, you automatically became overly red with embarrassment and felt like everyone knew that the note

## Film may offer little sleep to moviegoers

by Kristen Haenggi

If you like a suspenseful movie that will keep you on the edge of your seat, then Sleeping with the Enemy is definitely a movie for you.

Julia Roberts stars in this chiller as a woman unsatisfied with the military-like life she lives with her obsessive husband. Roberts plans her own "death" to escape from him.

She starts a new life not knowing her husband is putting little clues together planning to find her and nothing will stop him. The rest is so hair-tearing it is a must see for any thrill seeker.

This is an excellent production, but your stomach is in knots of excitement and worry throughout the entire movie! My ratings is "two thumbs up" because this has to be one of the best suspense films ever made.

said "Mom can't pick you up- walk to Dad's work." At mass, we got to sit in the bleachers as everyone else was sitting in chairs- and you weren't about to sing, no upperclassman ever sang- so we thought.

That was only five years ago. I remember that year perfectly. Where did the time go? It seemed so weird having people tell me as a seventh grader to "Plan your life. Think about your future. Time goes fast; make the most of each year and don't wish the best years of your life away." I didn't really listen, I couldn't wait to be a senior. I tried to grow up as fast as I could. But, as for the best years of my

life I'm not sure- I haven't really lived that many.

I look down now on those seventh graders- they seem so small and I find myself asking if I was ever that little? Yes, of course I was but I sure grew up fast. The school, the classes, the books seem small compared to what's in store for the seniors next year. The teachers are no longer just teachers, they are friends and the piles of homework I had in seventh grade I could only pray for next year.

My time here at Scotus is basically over. I've journeyed through about one fourth of my life. It's time for me to move on to what life is really all about.



# Student Life

## Singing is not just for the birds

by Kristen Haenggi

The birds aren't the only ones singing this spring. Girls glee, concert choir, swing choir and various small groups have joined them.

A few weeks ago the singers and pianists went to the district music contest.

"Overall, we did really well," music instructor Lorraine Haupt said. Peter Wemhoff received the best rating for his vocal solo, while Sarah Wemhoff and Laura Liss did the same with their piano solos.

"I've been practicing for a long time, so I was prepared for the competition," pianist Sarah Wemhoff said.

Another group who received the best rating for their trio was Nicki Votava, Pete Wemhoff, and Julie Sladdens.

"Everyone was pretty ner-

vous, but we performed to the best of our ability," vocal soloist Jenni Styskal said.

The musicians were able to share their talent with parents and friends at their vocal concert held on Monday, May 6th in the Activity Center.

"Things went very well. I was very pleased," Haupt said. According to Haupt they had been working on some of the songs for two or three months.

"It was sad to know this concert would be the last one with the seniors," Styskal said.

"I've seen great improvement since the beginning of the year. I will miss the seniors, but am looking forward to seeing talent from next year's group," Haupt said.

Mrs. Haupt also said the junior high is having a talent show and concert on May 20th at seven and encourages everyone to attend.



## ACT offers little TLC

by Holly Hunter

Tension fills the air as students are filed alphabetically into the rooms. Number two pencils are within reach as the group waits to take the ACT test.

On April 13 the junior class and a handful of seniors took the American College Testing. For juniors it was their first experience with the test, and everyone was slightly anxious.

"I didn't want to be there and I thought it would be a long four hours," junior Scott Harmeier said.

Others took a more laid back approach to the test. "I went in relaxed and thought of it as a practice test. I wasn't going to let myself worry about it, because I have so many opportunities to take it in the future," junior Michelle Schmitt commented, "If you concentrate too much on getting a high score, it will stress you out and make you too nervous to do as well as you actually can."

Some students, along with pre-test stress were also a bit miffed with the test altogether. "Colleges put too much emphasis on one test," junior Jenny Fremarek said.

The feelings varied just as much after getting the scores back as did the strategies for the test. Overall people were optimistic.

"Although I was sick, I took it seriously and was a bit disappointed, but I'll keep trying until I get what I want," junior Kelly Slusarski said.

Scott Harmeier gave a brief summary of his scores and attitude, "Math was easy, my English and reading were low. My composite was lower than what I'd like it to be. I think I can do better...I'll bring a watch this time."

For those not satisfied with their score, the next testing date is June 18.

## Let's Chat

by Traci Arlt

### WHAT TEACHER HAS HAD THE MOST INFLUENCE ON YOU IN SCHOOL?

"Mrs. Klingelhofer because I have had to make a lot of choices about school next year and what to do after school."

- Chad Badsteiber



"Mr. Sadle, because I've had him throughout my high school career. He has taught me about history and about life in general."

- Brad Bertsch



"Mr. Sadle because he really taught me about history, and he helps you on your research paper."

- Eric Beiermann



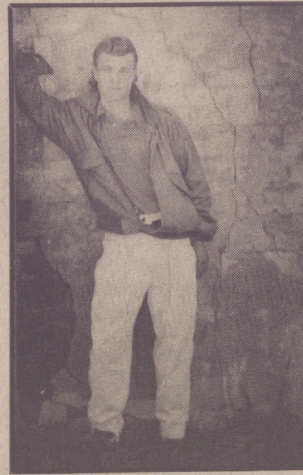
"Mrs. Schieffer because she helped me on a lot of problems in school and changed my attitude about school."

- Theresa Horne



"Miss George because she has helped me with my attitude about school and life in general."

- Brad Done



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# Editorials

## The 'Rock' staff earns their 'A'

by Jenny Hansen

Come on admit it, almost everyone is guilty of it. You've taken a class just because you think that it will be an easy "A". Well, that is the case for some classes, but not Newspaper. No, it's not impossible to get an "A" in Newspaper but there are several requirements that you must meet. First of all, you must meet all deadlines and be able to work with all classmates and always put forth your best effort.

The Newspaper staff has 14 unique individuals to make the paper the best it can be, each time it is published. The work of the Newspaper is very complex. Each step is very important but may seem like nothing to some people. First trying to decide if the paper will be a four or eight page paper is determined by how many and what kind of articles are written. Everyone then must pick out a few articles that they feel they would enjoy writing about. Next the students (not the teacher) must decide deadlines for the interviews, first and second drafts and the final copy. "The deadlines are the toughest for me to meet," Layout Editor Holly Hunter said. "Getting the interview done isn't always that easy. Some people that need to be interviewed are impossible to track down sometimes," Student Life Editor Traci Arlt said. Everyone races around and

tries to meet their first draft deadline and while some can't wait to hand theirs in, others might make up various excuses to try and get out of why aren't finished yet. After two or three rough drafts, the final copy is ready and needs to be typed in to the computer. By this time, everything is ready to be laid out where we all do various jobs such as deciding what article goes on what page and what pictures we should use. From there, the disk is taken down to the Educational Service Unit where they copy it on another disk. Then it is taken to the Telegram where it is printed out and is ready to be picked up or delivered to Scotus. Even then the work isn't done. The Staff must fold and

stuff each paper with a flyer and get at least 200 papers ready to be mailed both in and out of town.

In order to make each paper a success the class must work together. "Some people put more effort into it than other," Sports Editor Kristi Sliva commented. "Due to the small Journalism room-people need to put all problems aside in order for us to get things done," Editorial Editor Kelly Peterson replied.

The paper this year is quite different from the previous years. "I really like it, it's a good paper," senior Eric Pinger said. The ROCK Staff tries hard to make the paper the best for each student and hopes you've enjoyed it!

## Movie is 'no problem'

by Kristi Sliva

Next time you are watching the neighborhood children thinking "they have problems", think again. Until you have seen the show **Problem Child** by then you haven't seen problems.

This movie is a fun-filled, excited movie suitable for the whole family. It is about a child that gets passed around from family to family; when he was first born. He ends up in an orphanage where no one likes him.

After about a month he got adopted by a high-class family. The family doesn't start off on the right foot and the mother wants to send him back. By the end of the show the father and son bond together and show what being a family is all about.

I think I would have to give this movie "two thumbs up". For its composition, humor, and for how well it kept you awake and listening for the whole movie. So next time you want a funny yet warming show rent **Problem Child**.

## SCC teachers receive Oscars

by Traci Arlt

Since we all viewed the 1991 Oscars, the newspaper staff decided to work off that theme and have our own SCC Oscars at school. All voting was done by the newspaper staff and all nominees consisted of faculty members.

The winners have worked long and hard to earn these awards, and this is **The Rock's** way of thanking them for their year's work and accomplishments.

There were 12 categories to be voted on, with four faculty nominees in each category.

The first category was the best female hair style for 1991. After taking a look at the different styles, the landslide winner was Mrs. Rambour.

"This is a dream of a lifetime come true. Thank you for your support!" Rambour said.

In the category for best hairstyle in the same division, the winner was Mr. Leiningner. (Fr. Wayne did come in a close second.)

The third category was done in appreciation of the more relaxed and leisure classes. All four nominees came in close for the award with most "laid back" classes, but the winner is,

Mr. Mahoney. Congratulations Mr. Mahoney on this award.

In the category for best handwriting, all four nominees were tough to choose from, but the best handwriting award goes to Mr. Lahm. Even though we see his writing expressed through numbers, he responds, "Gosh, I don't know what to say. I am totally dumbfounded. If I do have good handwriting it is purely accidental."

Even here at Scotus, there are those teachers who you just can't help to pick on every once in awhile. We pick on these teachers because they take it so well and all in good fun. The most female picked on teacher was Mrs. Johnson and the most picked on male was Fr. Wayne.

As we see teachers every day during the week, we may not notice what they are wearing. However, the best dressed award goes to Mrs. Schieffer. She always seems to come up wearing new and trendy clothing each day and usually never wears the same outfit twice. It may not seem important to males what they wear, but you've got to notice Mr. Jim Puetz, he was awarded best dressed male.

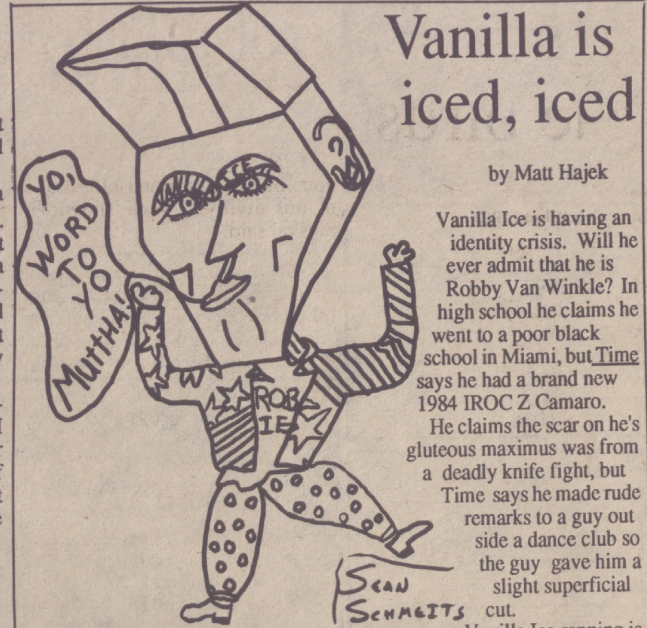
The next two categories are very prestigious and deserve a lot of recognition. The teachers, both male and female, with the best personali-

ties are Mrs. Bernt and Mr. Sadle. Personality is very important and makes the students feel more comfortable with the teacher. Thanks and congratulations to Mrs. Bernt and Mr. Sadle.

The last two winners were the toughest to decide. They were best looking male and female. We think each teacher has their own personal beauty, but these two will run away with the Oscar this year. The best looking female of the year is Mrs. Went. "Oh, what a shock. What a surprise!. I would like to thank the academy (newspaper staff) for this fine honor. I would also like to thank my parents to whom I owe this prestigious award. Once again, thank you very much." Went said.

Mr. Petersen was chosen best looking male of 1991 but he responds, "I am too old to even think about that anymore."

No one goes away empty handed. Actually, we, the students, are the ones who are awarded with your knowledge. A special thanks to all the faculty members from the 'Rock staff.



## Vanilla is iced, iced

by Matt Hajek

Vanilla Ice is having an identity crisis. Will he ever admit that he is Robby Van Winkle? In high school he claims he went to a poor black school in Miami, but **Time** says he had a brand new 1984 IROC Z Camaro.

He claims the scar on his gluteous maximus was from a deadly knife fight, but **Time** says he made rude remarks to a guy outside a dance club so the guy gave him a slight superficial cut.

Vanilla Ice rapping is as common as an ox in a horse race. It is a barrier that can't be broken. Vanilla Ice is a bad rapper that got lucky with "Ice Ice Baby," but "Play That Funky Music" is the most pathetic song I've ever heard. It sounds like they taped the band practicing and called it a song.

The only reason Vanilla Ice made it big is because teen-age America wanted a white rapper. Most kids like rap, and when a white guy performed it, they felt they could relate to it better and bought the tape. Younger girls also think he is cute so they buy the tape. If Vanilla Ice were a black the media wouldn't have paid as much attention to him, and he wouldn't have become as popular.

Vanilla Ice is annoying to me because he thinks he is a good rapper. He acts cocky like he's a big stud. I despise Vanilla Ice.



### Have a safe and fun summer!

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# Sports

## It's time to change tradition

by Toby Ketter

For some time now there has been talk of Scotus getting a new sport added to the athletic program. The sport is boys/girls soccer, and it would be played as a spring sport. Before soccer is added to the program the school board must vote on it. "Soccer has been one of the main

topics at the meetings lately," president Tom Ketter stated, "We are trying to decide whether or not soccer would be a beneficial sport to add."

For several weeks there have been petitions and surveys passed around school and sent home to parents. The surveys are mainly to see how students feel about soccer and if they would play if soccer was added.

Parents were also given surveys to see how much support Scotus would receive from them. Junior Shawn Diederich commented, "With the great amount of students and parent support evident in the petitions and surveys, I feel that the addition of a soccer program, as an option to the limited spring athletics present now, would be a tremendously beneficial and worthwhile athletic program. At least it would give us (the students) a chance to play soccer."

In the past years soccer teams have been established throughout the state at the high school level. Students at Scotus have wanted soccer to be a sport here for sometime. "I wish Scotus had soccer sooner so I could have played, but I still hope the younger kids get the chance to play," said senior Michelle Shotkoski.

Columbus is a town full of talented soccer players. AYSO provides kids the opportunity to play soccer while they're in grade school, but once in high school they are too old for AYSO to provide them with a soccer program.

If Scotus had a soccer team in its athletic program, more students could get involved and scholarships could be offered to students to play soccer at the college level. If soccer is added there would be one more sport in which students would have a chance to continue Scotus' winning tradition.



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As teammates watch, Joann Speicher takes a leap toward a win for Scotus.

## Running off with victories

by Kristen Haenggi

Senior leadership and surprises are two ways to describe the boys' track team. "Seniors Kris Almquist, Chris Mustard, John Iossi, Eric Pinger, Fred Maguire and Joe Quatrocchi are outstanding leaders," Coach Jim Puetz said. As a coach he is optimistic about the track season.

"A lot of surprises. That's what always makes Scotus track interesting," Puetz said of the performance of underclassmen and mentioned such freshmen as Jeff Herdzina, Tony Thomas, and sophomore John Hain, whose abilities have benefited the team.

"We look for several surprises...surprises are what give you depth and a little more power," Puetz said.

The boys' received a first place finish of the Scotus Relays. "Some of the better quality teams in Class B were there and we won by twenty points," Puetz said.

Puetz credits his veteran coaching staff along with the boys' abilities in a successful season. Coach Vern Younger, who works with hurdlers, has been working with the track team for 24 years and Coach Gary Puetz, who works with weightmen, for 15.

"Coach Merlin Lahm has done an outstanding job with the jumpers," Puetz said.

The team has overall great tradition and Coach Puetz considers them in the top 10% of those in Class B. He has many expectations for his team and hopes they will reach them.

"The ultimate goal is to have fun. I think that's really important...another is to do our best. These are vague, but they're the kinds of goals we set, something we can reach," Puetz said.

Coach Puetz also thinks each individual has to set his own goals to improve. "If you really work hard, you can reach your goals," Puetz said.

## Girls stride for success

by Kristen Haenggi

Trying to improve both as a team and individually are two standards Coach Dan Mahoney would like to see set for the girls' track team.

"Before you get any better, you

have to set goals for yourself," junior Jenni Styskal said, and getting better is what the girls' track team is doing. At the beginning of the season the girls ran away with first place finishes at both the Scotus Relays and West Point Invite.

"[We're] doing very well, so far," Mahoney said. "[We] have a good group of seniors this year...good leaders." The seniors on the team are Kari Beiermann, Darlene Rinkol, Kristi Sobota, Megan Tooley, Nicki Votava, and Wendy Whalen.

"The seniors set a good example for us. Next year we're going to try to do the same," junior Tammy Gablenz said.

Coach Mahoney said they also have a lot of talent from the younger girls, such as freshmen JoDe Cieloha, Amy Kuhlen, and Kathy Hegemann.

"We expected to have depth, but it was just a question whether our returning letter girls were going to improve," Mahoney said.

The Scotus girls are going to be very competitive against other Class B schools according to Mahoney. He feels uncertain how they will do at Districts and State.

"The State meet is very questionable. It's just way too early to tell how we're going to do and how many qualify for state," Mahoney said, which refers back to the setting of goals. "We want to improve individually and as a team...the two go hand in hand."



Kim Codling struggles to finish her race at the first girl's track meet.