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Summer events make history

This summer many significant events touched our lives and changed our world. A majority of these events will someday be recorded in our children's history books. While they learn of the events that occurred we will be able to reflect back and remember where we were and how we were affected during the summer of 1991.

A major factor in many events this summer was freedom and independence through parades such as "Operation Welcome Home" in Washington. The parade cost 12 million dollars, honored some 8,000 veterans of Operation Desert Storm, and was the biggest victory parade in Washington since World War II.

The Russians were experiencing major changes that affected the entire world. For the first time in russis's thousand year held. Boris Yeltsin was chosen over five other candidates by 60 percent of the voters.

Not only were governmental changes being made in Russia, But geographical changes, too, The republics of Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Moldavia, Georgia, and Armenia elected a non-communistic, pro-independent government. These republics started what they hoped to be their secession from Russia. In another vote by the people it was decided to change the name of the city of Leningrad. A majority of 55 percent effected to rename the city St. Petersburg.

A more violent quest for freedom threatened to divide Yugoslavia. On June 25 Croatia declared it's independence with Slovenia soon doing the same. Both Republics mer with military opposition because of their attempts to secede. Their struggles



Engelbert earns chance of a lifetime

by Kristen Haenggi

He has won many awards.
He's been on national television.
And he even has a day named after him. For many people this is only a dream, but for the "1987 Scotus Athlete of the Year", Pat Engelbert, this is reality.
Engelbert has been with the Nebraska Cornhusker football team since he graduated from Scotus in 1987. Engelbert has noticed many changes from high school to college.
"As an athlete, there is a higher level of competition. Every team you play is really good. There are more intense practices," Engelbert said.

It was the intense practices.

"I put in long hours at the library. You have to get your priorities straight."

- Pat Engelbert wear age practice and are academic All-American.

year starter for the detensive line. According to Engelbert the average practice starts with films from 2-3:15. From 3:15 to approxi-

ored on October 19, simply called "Pat Engelbert Day."

"Mostofthe time the Nebraska seniors are honored by their hometown. It's a tradition," Rick Grubaugh, Scotus Athletic Director, said.

"I'm looking forward to it. It's a once in a lifetime thing and something I'll never forget," Engelbert said.

Some of the day's activities include the Nebraska game in the afternoon and open house that evening in the Scotus cateteria from 8-11:30. There will be a banner hanging across 13th Street that week which will later be taken to the stadium.

"It's a very informatiopen house. It's just a chance to visit with Pat, but there will be a couple of surprises," Grubaugh said.

Even with his success with the Huskers, Engelbert does not see much of an opportunity to go professional.

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see much of an opportunity to go professional.

"I see myself as an average person," Engelbert said, "Married, working in some engineering field in the Midwest in five years."

"I think Pat has done something that very few people will have the opportunity to do and be able to succeed with. It says something about Pat and about the institution he graduated from," Grubaugh said. "The things he learned here from his coaches and teachers reflect on what he is today."

It takes time for Engelbert said. It was the intense practices that made Pat Engelbert a second

by Brian Lueschen

You recycle?! It's more trouble than it's worth!
Americans generate about 160 million tons of municipal solid waste per year. That's enough garbage to fill a convoy of trash trucks reaching half way from the earth to the moon. That much garbage equals about 1,300 pounds of waste per year for every person in the United States or about 25 pounds per person per week.

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One answer to the waste question is to recycle. Americans are becoming more aware of the problem and are beginning to accept recycling as a part of the future. The most popular material recycled is metal

Supply and demand causes the prices of recycled materials to bounce up and down. If the demand goes up, the price goes up; if the demand goes down, the price also goes down.

There is an increase of recycling in the summer due to the consumption of more canned cold drinks.

There are some materials that cannot be recycled. They include items like plastic wrap, oil jugs, and some cans.

Over 50 percent of all food containers are not recyclable," Nelson says. These items cannot be recycled because of the chemicals and poisons they contain which can contaminate other recyclable plastics. By recycling that which is recyclable, Americans could save 25 percent of all money spent on packaging.

There are businesses in Columbus which have begun to use recycled paper to print their newspaper. HyVee and McDonalds use recycled paper to print their newspaper. HyVee and McDonalds use recycled paper to print their newspaper. HyVee and McDonalds use recycled paper to print their newspaper. HyVee and McDonalds use recycled paper to print their newspaper. HyVee and McDonalds use recycled paper to print their newspaper. HyVee and McDonalds use recycled paper to print their newspaper. HyVee and McDonalds use recycled paper to print their newspaper. HyVee and McDonalds use recycled paper to print their newspaper. HyVee and McDonalds use recycled paper to print their newspaper. HyVee and McDonalds use recycled paper to print their proposer until light as with the print the

"Recycling will never prosper until the politics is taken out. Oil companies want to sell oil, not recycle. Glass industries want to sell new glass and not mess with old, dirty glass. Until we Americans demand recycling, the packaging industry will continue to sell us what we do not want," Nelson said.

Five

simple things you can do to help the enviornment:

- have live plants in living areas. Plants filter out air impurities including many cancer causing

- precyle using recycled products. Continue the market allowing recycling to be profitable. (Earth Care Paper Products)

-use flourescent lighting over incandescent when possible. Flourescents use 70% less electricity to produce the same amount of light as well as buring cooler.

- recycle as much as you can. Aluminum, glass, newspaper, motor oil, HPDE plastics, office paper, steel, and tin cans can all be re-

- cut down on water usage. Every drop wasted must be purified by costly chemical processes.



An electrican wires for ceiling lights while construction takes place during August. The new media center will also house a dark room, conference room, additional studying spacefor students and most importantly, a new computer lab which will be available at the beginning of second semester.

Library changes to media center

by Sarah Wemhoff

The expansion of the media center has been on the minds of students and faculty. Workers have been working dilligently all summer to complete the project so the students will be able to have an optimum learning center. As of yet, the media center is not completed, and workers are still laboring to get the job done. Mrs.Pat Whitely, the Scotus librarian, is very optomistic, and said that the media center would be open in the "not too distant future."

A taste of college encourages learning

By J. Chaffee

Developing skills beyond those acquired in high school is a very important part of a student's life. The Nebraska Scholars' Institute (NSI) was established to help students with this process. NSI is a two week summer residential program at UNL. It is for gifted students with of have completed their junior year. NSI offers advanced studies, enrichment sessions, and social activities.

Students wishing to participate in the NSI program must write essays of application. There are three major areas on which the students write their essays. The essays need to be of 300 to 500 words and determine if a student is NSI material.

This past year Jason Citta, Jason Feldhaus, Troy Langan, Demetria Wade, and Sarah Wemhoff were accepted into the NSI program. Wade was invoved in the World Affairs division, Feldhaus and Wemhoff in Integrated Arts, and Langan and Citta in Science and Technology.

Citta, who plans to study premed when he graduates, took such classes as Electronics and Finding the Structure of a Molecule. Citta said he found classes

more interesting because "they had looser teaching techniques and didn't just drill it into you". Citta thought the seminars and lectures gave him the experience of college life.

The World Affairs classes, in which Wade participated, invovled Newspaper, History, Creating a Utopia, and Learning From Everyday Things. Wade said Learning From Everyday Things was her most inte. "sting class. In this class she looked at buildings, dolls, and other things from different time periods. She then had to determine the values of the society the item came from, such as religious or selfish.

Wemhoff and Feldhaus were participants of the Integrated Arts program. This program was for performers in such areas as music, drama, painting, dance, and poetry. Wemhoff, who has played piano for eight years, said Integrated Arts "seemed more of a friendly competition, but everyone tried to do their best."

The NSI program was founded in 1982 by the Nebraska Center for Excellence in Education. It is now part of the University Honors Program. The NSI staff is composed of high school and college teachers and community

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- Jason Çitta

professionals.
"Travel has long been one of my favorite activities," said Joe Watkins. Watikins, who is a Grand Island teacher, has traveled across the United States including Hawaii and has routed Western Europe. Watkins worked with the World Affairs Team at NSI this past year.

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"My love for ideas and meaningful relationships propelled me into teaching,"said Tom Brady. Brady has worked as part of the NSI counseling team for five years.

All Juniors wishing to have the NSI experience should start planning now. Select your course of study and research it to prepare to write your essays in the Spring. As Wade said, "You'll gain a new perspective on learning."



Jason Feldhaus and Sarah Wemhoff gather in a recording studio with the rest of the NSI music group and the Gulizia brothers. Tony and Joey Gulizia are well-known jazz performers in Omaha and have been in charge of the music module at NSI for several years.

Seventh graders book to class

Four minutes.
It's eternity to some, but not enough time for seventh graders.
"It's tougher to run from class to class and make it on time," Trina Kuehler said. Chad Zoucha also said that getting to classes on time would be the hardest thing to get used to.

"The first couple of weeks were pretty scary, but it's getting more fun and easier," Kuehler said.

Not only was moving to a different school a change, but so was the class size. This year's seventh grade class has 83 students.

"It's huge," Kuehler said.

"I get to be with some of my friends that I didn't go to grade schoolwith," Brett Swierczek said. The seventh grade students were welcomed into the schoolby the eighth graders. The eighth graders were "secret saints" to the seventh graders and decorated their lockers and gave them presents or candy.

"Ithought it was nice because you felt more welcome to the school. I liked it because if you picked someone you didn't know, you got to know them better," Carmen Burbach said.

There are also many different activities for junior high students, such as football, volleyball and student council.

"There're a lot of opportuni-

ties that weren't at elementary school," Zoucha said even mentioning classes such as keyboarding.

"There are a lot of new things for us to learn and challenges to face," Burbach said.

There were many rules and regulations for students, but for the junior high there is a new one. Assignment books.

"I don't like the assignment books because they fall apart easily. You have to remember to take them or you get a detention...it's a hassle sometimes," Burbach said.

As the seventh graders become more comfortable with the school, maybe the four minutes will seem longer.

Policies change for '91-'92

by jodi I hefti

On February 14th your girlfriend/boyfriend better not send
you flowers at school, or the school
may outlaw it. One of the niew
policies reads: "The giving of gifts
and flowers is an appropriate way
of showing affection. We encourage parents to exchange gifts with
their children at home. We strongly
discourage the delivery of flowers
and gifts to the school office.

"We haven't outlawed it yet,"
principal Robert Kobza said. " It
just takes up so much of the secretaries time to keep the gifts and
flowers straight."

A second new policy involves
seniors who have not met the
requirements to graduate, nor will
be able to meet the requirements
by a designated time, will not be
allowed to participate in the
graduation ceremony. The old
policy read: Seniors who have
not met the requirements will not
be able to participate in the
graduation ceremony.

"We have been letting students participate in the graduation ceremony if all their work is
done by a certain time, so we
decided to change the policy because we weren't following the
old one anyway," Kobza said.

to Scotus

by Demetria Wade

In the graduating class of 1991 there was a student who was not going to be able to graduate, unless he/she would be able to recieve a little more time. But in the end, he/she did make it, and was able to graduate with his/ her class.

Another new policy involves school parking. The west side of 18th Avenue and the east side of 19th Avenue is now reserved for Scotus employees. Students may use the Saint Bonaventure parking lot, except on funeral days, and they may also park in legal parking zones near the school.

"We have over 50 employees who return every year and deserve a place to park," Kobza said, "we also made more visitor parking on the east side of the school, along 18th Avenue."

"Idon'tthinkthe teachers need anymore parking; they already have the whole back side of the school to park," said senior Paula Welsh. "I don't think parking is a problem," said junior Stehanle Happ, "it might be on funeral days, but so far we haven't really had to worry about that."

The school's absence policies are also changed this year.

The school's absence policies are also changed this year. Instead of being excused or truant they are now excused, notified,

Luisma Garcia-Tobarvela is a senior, hosted by the Sobota family.

After interviews in English and Spanish, an English Exam, and a culture test, Garcia was accepted by American Field Service (AFS) to travel to America.

The idea of becoming an exchange student came from Garcia's father, who also inspired Ignacio (Nacho), Garcia's elder

Student brings culture

and truant.

In the "grade reduction due to excessive absences policy," an excused absence will not be tallied as an absence.

There are four categories under excused absences: 1. Illness of the student or illness of a family member which requires the students presences. A note from the doctor is required. 2. Death in the family, a note from the parent or the guardian is required. 3. Doctor and dental appointment a note from the doctor or dentist is required. 4. College visitation days must be taken before May 1st, and with prior consent of parent or guardian and the counsior. A note from the parent or guardian is required.

A notified absence is any absence in which the school has been notified by the parent or guardian. Any absences that do not meet the guidelines of excused absences will be tallied as an absence in the grade reduction due to excessive absences policy.

A truant absence is any ab-

policy.

A truant absence is any absence without a parent or guardian's knowledge or approval.

The new policies are in effect and all students are expected to be aware of them

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Jr. -Sr. High School Welcomes Our New Students

7th Grade

Bodi Anderson
Cathy Avery
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Daniel Beller
Jared Beran
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Carmen Burbach
Christopher Cielocha
Shannon Cieloha
Kendra Dallman
Phillip Dobesh
Andra Drum
Erin Duffy
Matthew Dvorak
Machael Edison
Jody Eikmeier
Doug Evans
Crystal Foreman
Megan Foust
Michelle Gablenz
Miranda Gipfert
Holly Hasselbalch
Chad Hegemann
Virgil Held
Craig Hotovy
Jason Hughes
Jennifer Jackson
Nicole Jazwick
Craig Jones
Justin Karsk
Christopher Kaup
Jillyan Keller
Sarah Keller

Shaun Krzycki
Trina Kuehler
Jesse Kuhlen
Nicholas Kula
Nicholas Larson
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Jeremy Loseke
Laniece Micek
Wendy Micek
Erin Miles
Michelle Moore
Nicholas Mroczek
Joseph Niedbalski
Matthew Nosal
Rachael Nosal
Rachael Nosal
Kurt Olmer
Matthew Patocka
Jeff Pekny
Audrey Pfeifer
Nick Puetz
Staci Rosche
Nathan Schure
Matthew Siemek
Keri Sliva
Leonard Sliva
Eric Starostka
Tyler Stenger
Jamie Svatora
Brett Swierczek
Nicole Thomas
Julie Trouba
Francis Tworek-Hofstetter
Tricia Van Diest
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Rhea Wemhoff
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brother to come to Scotus three years ago: "Everyone was very happy for me. It is very difficult to be accepted by AFS and it will be a good experience", Garcia said. Garcia arrived on August 10, 1991, in Ornaha, nervous and excited to meet his host family. It was a big change from Madrid, Spain, a city of five million. "Winter will be different. In Spain we get 37degrees F (a winter low). Nebraska will be very different. School has been a lot of fun Garcia. He is taking "fun" classes like chemistry and has made a lot of friends.

Many things about school in Spain differ from Scotus. "Teachers move from class to class, not students, and we have no lockers." To anyone inteerrested in seeing Spain, Garcia has these words, "It is a very good experience, to know another culture, travel, and know people. In Spain, people are open and anyone would have fun, I'll give you my address."

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Junior Amy Tubbs talks with new counselor, Dan Atchison. Atchison is one of five new faculty members this year.

New faces adjust to students

a good career for me to help the students with these needs."
He also mentioned that he would like to see one specific change at Scotus.

"I'd like to see students limited to one study hall, two is too on this year. Five new faculty members joined the staff in August.

Mr. Dan Atchison took over the guidance counselor's position He was with the Loomis Public School system for 14 years before coming to Scotus. According to Atchison , Scotus has three times as many students as Loomis Atchison said that his mother was a teacher and that she often mentioned the special needs of many of the students.

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According to Blaser, she's always enjoyed math. "I want to help others understand it and To sum up NHS and its actions Dobesh said,"We do things to support the school and teachers."

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According to Blaser, she's always enjoyed math. "I want to help others understand it and maybe enjoy it more," Blasersaid.

Mrs. Queen is substituting for Spanish instructor Ms. Felger while she is recovering from surgery.

National Honor Society will be busy this year

by Kristen Haenggi

Good grades aren't the only thing National Honor Society has to worry about.

NHS inductees are chosen by faculty council and judges on the basis of character, leadership and service and, must have a 93% GPA from ninth grade on, according to sponsor Jeannie

for scholarship

Semi-finalist qualifies

Recently senior , Ben Tworek-Hofstetter, was selected to take the SAT for a chance to receive The National Merit Scholarship. Tworek-Hofstetter was chosen because of the score he received on his PSAT.

"I was really surprised. I reaized I got a high score, but I didn't realize the score was high enough to qualify for the National Merit Scholarship." The PSAT, which stands for Pre Scholastic Aptitude Test, is a test taken before the SAT.

The National Merit Scholarship is for the students that receive an above average score on the PSAT.

"My score was one of the highestin Nebraska," Tworek-Hofstetter said.. The score he received was at the top of all college bound students.

There are approximately 6,100 Merit Scholarships awarded each year. The approximate amount of these

Kiser-Jensen.

"I think it's a privelege to be considered a good overall student and person," NHS member Jenny Fremarek said.
"Our main project is the Bowl-A-Thon for spina biflida," Kiser-Jensen said.
This year NHS has some other plans for helping out the community and also the school. "I was student from grades 7-12 needs help they will tutor them during

said of the latest project to Adopt-A-Highway.
"It helps the environment and gives a message that people shouldn't litter," Fremarek said.
Another thing they have planned is the tutor program. If a student from grades 7-12 needs help they will tutor them during study hall or out of school."The people in NHS are expected to help others with schoolwork if they

have problems," NHS member Eileen Dobesh said.

Elleen Dobesh said.

"It's a good activity and can be helpful for a lot of students," Fremarek said.

NHS also sells tickets at volleyball games for a chance to win prizes, such as pizza, if they serve the ball and it hits the pizza box. The money they raise helps them organize activities like Teacher Appreciation Day.

"We always orgainize Teacher Appreciation Day. We make the name tags and give the

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the University of Nebraska at
Omaha. Queen spent the first 15
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interested in having people learn
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"The disipline is so good," Queen
said.

Hmmm. . .

by Amy Louis

). What is good sportsmanship?



"Always giving your best, but if you lose, realizing you gave your best and giving the other team credit. But if you win, don't be cocky about

- Craig Foreman



supportive of teams, not e. You shouldn't cut others negative. You shouldn't cut others down just because they are the opponents." - Jason Feldhaus



"Realizing everyone is out there for the same reason and not being rude because they are better than you or

more prepared."

- Theresa Wemhoff



"Not being so concerned with the outcome. Just so that you tried your best at whatever you were competing." - Laura Liss



"It's a comibination of being a good winner and a good loser." - Mr. Jim Puetz

Summer break can be a time for learning

by Sarah Wemhoff

"Gee, ma, I wanna go, but they won't let me go, gee ma, I

"Gee, ma, I wanna go, but they won't let me go, gee ma, I wanna go home."

These are the lyrics of a song often sung by homesick kids at summer camp. Insome instances, parents send their children to summer camp so they can have some peace and quiet, but in other instances, children decide on their own to go to camp so they can learn new and different skills.

Many Scotus students attended athletic as well as academic camps this past summer. Some of the camps that students attended were various volleyball camps, football camp, cheerleadng camp, unning camp, marching camp, and journalism camp. Many students who went to camp this summer had a positive learning experience. "I learned a lot about working with people and leadership. I learned different marching techniques that we'd never used and different styles each band used." commented Eileen Dobesh, who attended a one week marching

camp at UNL. "We had a good instructor. He taught us things that will help me in the future with the way I write," said senior, Kristen Haenggi, who attended a Journalism camp, also held at the University.

"The best was when we would sit inside and just talk and support each other."

---Eileen Dobesh

Learning also took place at the various athletic camps that were held this summer. "I learned more about the entire track and field and not just long distance," said senior Holly Hunter, who attended a one week running camp at Doane College. "The camps helped me improve my settling," said Tracy Wessel, who attended numerous volleyball camps this summer

Learning was not the only thing that went on at these camps, though. Many friendships were formed. "It was a lot of fun because you got to meet a lot of new people and make new friends," Wessel said. "We worked out three times a day, but the people were fun to be around, so it was bearable," Hunter said. Dobesh can also relate to working hard all

but academically, not athletically. "We had to get up at 6:00am and then go to sessions all day, the only breaks being lunch and supper. During any freetime we had we usually had to study," Dobesh said. However, Dobesh did feel the same as Hunter about the people around you making it bearable. "The best was when we would sit inside and just talk and support each other," Dobesh said.

Many of the Scotus students

said.

Many of the Scotus students who went to camp this summer ended up having a good time even though they were learning or training. "You end up learning, having fun, and meeting many new people. It was a great experience," Haenggi said.



Jeff Tooley receives the blood of Christ from EME Brenda Sliva at the annual Catholic School's Week Mass at Frankfurt Square.

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Real life experiences are retold

Many famous people, including Richard Nixon and Franklin D. Roosevelt, have traveled into the unknown world of the paranormal, that other dimension that defles explanation.

One of the earliest was Andrew Jackson, our nations' seventh president, who one night in 1820, visited the home of John Bell in Robertson County, Tennessee.

Jackson was determined to expose the notorious "Bell Witch" specter as a hoax, or at least a natural occurance, easily explained away. But after just one night in the haunted farmhouse, he went away convinced the horrors were real.

Before he even drank his first glass of welcoming wine, a disembodied voice shrieked from somewhere in the shadows:

"How's that fat old wife of yours? Think you'll ever get Rachel's swollen carcass into the White House?"

Cackling in obscene glee, the thing chucked Jackson under the chin and scampered once again into the shadows.

And for the rest of the night the poltergeist romped through the house, mouthing its ugly jokes about "fat old Rachel."

Nothing could have hurt the future president more. He had threatened to shoot any man who ridiculed his wife's gross obesity-but he couldn't duel with a ghost.

There is nothing unique about Jackson's experience. The American Society of Psychic Research estimate that about 95 percent of the world's population have had adventures in the paranormal at one time or another, though fewer than two percent are willing to admit it.

Understandably, say the researchers, people are wary of the publicity. Yet those who choose to tell the truth find themselves in distinguished company.

Among the well-known names linked to psychic and paranormal activity are:

Franklin D. Roosevelt, who was a strong believer in the world beyond. During a seance after his death he told the famous lirish medium Geraldine Cummins that he had been an interested onlooker at his own funeral!

He said his Scottle dog, Fala, had seen his spirit during the funeral service and had rolled joyfully on the ground, yipping with pleasure.

Incredibly, so

- To the end of her days, Mary Todd Lincoln also believed that her husband's spirit was very close to her.
And incredibly, a picture of her taken in a Boston studio shows Lincoln's shadowy face in the background.
-Beatrice Lillie the renowned actress was plagued for many years by a personal poltergeist that loved to play practical jokes.
When Beatrice's costumes were locked in an empty dressing room, the demon loved to sew up the hem of her skirts so she couldn't get into them.
-During his service with the U.S. Navy, radio and TV personality Arthur Godfrey found his father standing beside him on shipboard. Then there came a gentle touch and the whispered word:"Farewell."





father had just died in the United States.

-Skeptics have scoffed for centuries at legends of the "Flying Dutchman" and other ghost ships believed to be haunting the high seas.

But in October 1492, Christopher Columbus and his crew on the Santa Maria reported mysterious compass disturbances and also a ship "glowling in a mysterious light" hard astern.

And on a photographic assignment northeast of Bimini in 1976, noted photographer Dr. James R. Thorne intended to take some pictures of a spectacular thunderstorm.

To his amazement, one photo revealed an enormous squarerigged salling ship that could only have come from another time and place. The ship is clear on the photograph-but the mysterious apparition has never been explained.

-Richard Milhous Nixon has no interest in the occult, and probably paid scant attention to the prediction of Malcolm Bessent, the famous British psychic.

"Starting with 1972-73," Bessent wrote, "it will be a critical year for the United States.

"Water everywhere, resulting in social upheaval, anarchy and political confusion. The American people will be looking for a new leader."

Most interpreters see "water everywhere" as a symbolic reference to the Watergate scandal.

So you see, even the famous and powerful can be touched by the paranormal-and like the rest of us can find no explanation for its mysteries.

its mysteries.

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"Otis" speaks

by Demetria Wade Holly Hunter

The lights dimmed. The keyboard flickered. The mouse
spelled "O.T.I.S." on the screen.
We knew we had found our beloved school spirit.

"Otlis, bud, how ya doing "we
said in unison just as we had
practiced earlier that fated
evening.

An image instantly appeared
on the wall, flashing the international symbol "Hook em' long
horns".

We had one promite

We had one prominant question as it was painfully obvious Otts was of the midle species. We sighed. "Huuuuaah!" Gaining our composure, we ventured to ask him, "How does it feel to have the majority of the students think of you as a female?"

students think of you as a female?"
His eyes bulged, and his face grew pale...(er). "I did not realize that is the case. I naturally have never thought of myself as effeminate. I've never even been to the Blue Oyster."
We were relieved at the response. He (it?) had not gotten upset or even slightly ruffled.
"Then how is it that all of the alleged sightling have been of older ladies?"
"Oh...I do occasionally invite the dear souls from the cernetary over for company once in a while.

he said.

"What do you do together?"
"We do enjoy a good game of 'hide and go spook.' There's another game in particular we like. It's 'the ol'-pirate-with-the-wooden-leg-chases-the-blonde-damsel-trick.' For some reason the people in the area never stick around for the end of the game, where the damsel is caught." Otts said wickedly.

We looked again at each other, thinking that the interview was going quite well. And people said high school students couldn't do a paranormal interview.

Since Otis brought up the topic of damsels, we pointed our next question in this direction. "So, has there ever been a Mrs. Otis?"
His eyes became dark...(er) and sunk (further) into his-head. It was obvious that is was painful to answer this question but he was brave, and replied, "I was deeply in love with someone a long time ago.

We went out for about 1200 years before HE showed up. I guess we made too much noise one evening because her ex-husband showed up and took her back to her original resting place."

"Where is that?" We dared to ask.

I guess you call it Aquinas, Pould City Aquinas that is,"

ask.

I guess you call it Aquinas,
David City Aquinas that is."

A silence fell over the journalism room. A strong tug was
telt on the hearts of all present

HOPPOP" BIOPE

Your Birthday, Oct. 11, 1991

If you feel yourself looking over your shoulder a lot today, do not dismiss it. It is because someone is out to get you.

Ibra (Sept. 23 -Oct. 23)

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

Do not underestimate a blonde's overestimation of her driving skills.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23- Dec. 21)

Beware of seventh graders they try to get close to you in hopes of gaining some of your maturity (what little that you have).

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Stay away from people with numbers. They will try to divide

Aquarius (Jan. 20- Feb. 19)

Beware of visitors in black cloaks with staffs.

Pisces (Feb. 20- March 20)

If a mirror breaks don't worry about bad luck. Worry about the fact that it broke while you were lookling in it.

Someone close to you is in the line of danger. Do not stand in front of them. Leo (Jluy 23- Aug. 21)

Aries (March 21- April 19)

Taurus (April 20- May 20)

Gemini (May 21- June 20)

Your luck is on the blitz. Avoid driving semis.

Over exertion in nocturnal activities will cause undue problems. Cancer (June 21-July 22)

Do not trust any Pisces today. Pisces' and Leo's stars are incongruent and will only wreak havoc.

Virgo (Aug. 23- Sept. 22)

until a loud BBUUUURRRRRRRPPPPPPP BBUUUNRRRRRRPPPPPP
echoed from the four walls and
back to realify — sort of. It hadn't
occurred to us that ghosts would
have a need to belch.
Perhaps that was our cue to
change the subject! It was suggested that general questions
would be best.
"So, Otis; what's your favorite
color?"

"Grey," he replied.
"What's your favorite food?"
we asked.
"Mothballs."
"Muhat do you look for in a girl

"Clean sheets, long levitation, shimmering smile," he answered. "What's your biggest pet

"What's your biggest pet peeve?"
"Girls who still think they're alive. They need to wise up and face facts -- they're dead!!!"
"Thank you for all the facts we need for an article in Teen Bee-Bop magazine. You'll make us famous with this news! Perhaps New Kids on the Road will invite us over for tea."
Satisfied with our Bee-Bop facts, we moved on to the nittly, gritty dirf facts.
"How long have you been at Scotus?"
"Approximately 1,764,583 years, 34 days, 12 hours, 8 minutes."
"How did you get here," we

"How did you get here," we dered aloud.

"Well, it's actually something I don't like to reiterate to many people because it is quite embarassing. I was walking back to my cave when suddenly a glacier tripped me and drug me several thousand miles to what you call Nebraska."

"The glacier melted, and as I was swimming to the surface of the sea, I was bitten by a prehistoric shark and sunk to the bottom. The place where most of my body landed sooner or later was the site where Scotus was eventually built.

Since the interview had been extended past our caffeine break, we invited him to partake in our ritual guzzling of the carbonated soft drink. It was obvious he was skilled in this ritual from the earlier record-breaking belch.

We raced to Nieds, needing three Diet Pepsi's, but all that was in stock was Diet Coke. We caught three "waves" and rushed back to the waiting Otis.

We handed him the Coke and his reaction was totally unexpected. His eyes flashed anger, and the can exploded all over the yearbook layouts. In a flurry of izzled paper, Otis was gone --- or so we thought.

The computer screen flashed on, and these words slowly pieced together his reason for his sudden departure.

and these words slowly pieced ether his reason for his sudden departure.
"You got the WRONG one baby! Uh-huh! Uh-huh!"

Everybody has his/her own opinion

Supersition vs. religion

okay to mix.'

by: Frank j. Ramaekers III

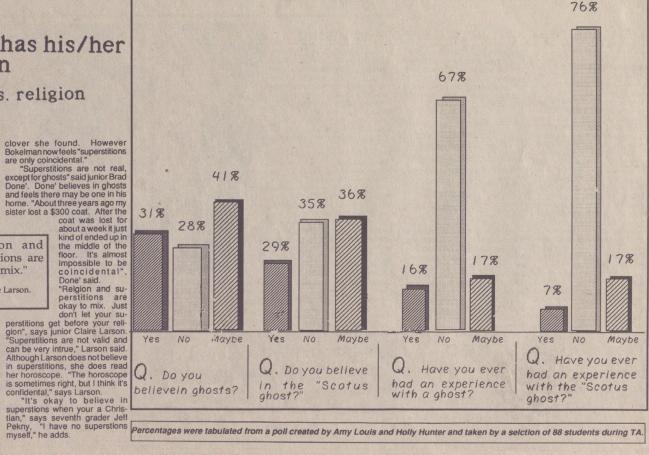
Man has learned very slowly to understand the world about him. For thousands of years some mysterious events have troubled or frightened man. Some of the fear is caused by superstitions which are irrational attitudes or unusual thinking toward the supernatural, natural, nature, or God. Some people such

as Claire Larson say "Superstitions are not real at all."
Superstitions such as horseshoes or rabbit's feet are said to cause good luck while bad luck is attributed to walking under ladders. These are very common superstitions. Not heard as often is the superstition of looking over your left shoulder at a full moon to reveal good luck.
"When I was young I believed in the Bogey Man", said Mrs.

reveal good luck.
"When I was young I believed in the Bogey Man", said Mrs. Bokelman, a junior high art teacher. "The only reason I believed in the Bogey Man was because my parent's told me it was real." Her father also use to give her a penny for every four leaf

clover she found. However Bokelman now feels "superstitions are only coincidental."
"Superstitions are not real, except for ghosts" said junior Brad Done'. Done' believes in ghosts and feels there may be one in his home. "About three years ago my sister lost a \$300 coat. After the coat was lost for

"Religion and supersitions are



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I worked for a Satanist and lived

by Holly Hunter

Standing in the dark "Haunted House" managed by a reformed Satanist didn't exactly give me an overwhelming

reformed Satanist didn't exactly give me an overwhelming sense of security.

I had always had a secret desire to work in a haunted house, to meet the people behind the masks. I knew if I did this, I would rest easier, knowing they wern't the pyschos they appeared to be. So, when Amy and I were invited to work at a Halloween camp, I jumped at the chance. On the first night, rumors flew about this crazed maniac named "Kevin." I passed it off as a way to keep campers in their cabins at night. When we got to the house, I saw a blond boy dressed in a monk's robe.

"Welcome to the house of horror. (evil laugh)"

"Cute", I said, "You really get into your role, don't you?"

He twisted his neck around and tried to stare me down.

Obviously, he didn't find the comment humorous.

"Follow me." He spoke in a voice that reminded me of the parapsycic in Poltergeist.

"Follow me." He spoke in a voice that reminded me of the parapsycic in <u>Poltergeist</u>.
We ended up in the "Mad Scientist" room. Cadavers" were struined across the floor. I was particularly unnerved by the one cut in three sections with blood spurting about a pulsating heart.
A guy dressed as "Egor" bowed to monk boy;.
"Tell them about the cult, Tell them about the cult."
Great. Another person who took his job just a bit too

seriously.

The blond monk raised his hood. A dark shadow fell over his face.

"I was very much into Satan for a long time."
"Hmmph!" I snickered. The guy was 14-tops.
It wasn't as if he could have spent his entire life devoted to

It wasn't as it he could have specificated devil worship.

A glazed look seeped into his eyes and once more I was reminded that he wasn't looking to me for guid nce.

"But now, I'm a born-again Christian, and I have a special spirit friend that keeps me safe."

My guess was that he wasn't referring to the Holy Spirit.

"One moring I woke up and found a cross burned into

my door-so I knew my spirit friend was there,"
His friend "Egor" spoke up again.
"Tell them more, Kevin, Tell them more!"
"My heart leaped into my mouth and then fell into the deepest pit of my stomach. This satanic monk's name was KEVIN? As in Kevin, the camp maniac?.
He looked at his Swatch He looked at his Swatch

'No, we don't have time, my friend, we have visitors

He looked at his Swatch.

"No, we don't have time, my friend, we have visitors coming."

Amy and I were led to a dark room with three holes in the wall.

"All you have to do is reach through the holes and strangle passerbys."

Strangle?

I clutched Amy's arm praying that my 15 years of perfect Catholicism would pay off.

"Don't you worry, I'll be watching over you with my special spirit friend."

He disappeared into the blackness chanting something like "Kill the pig; bash its head."

When the groups went through, it was the b iggest rush to scare the heck out of people as they went by.

Obviously, Kevin learned this too because suddenly, he'd jump out.

"ROOOAAAAR! (evil laugh) You weren't ready for me were you? (more evil laughter)."

Paranoia set in about the third time he did this. Beads of sweat trickled down my face as I began to hallucinate. His spirit friend "hid" in the corner of the room. Arms flailing, daring me to grab one.

"Amy, do you see that thing over there?" I whispered as if the hideous creature wouldn't hear me.

"Calm down, Holly. It's just your imagination."

Two cool hands slithered around my neck and constricted my trachea. Evil laughter surrounded me. Kevin let go and swung his robe as he faded into the night.

Why? How did I get myself into this mess? This wasn't fun, this was life threatening. My theory that haunted house workers were just "nice guys" had been proven wrong. I will never work in a haunted house again because I don't want to know how many Kevins'there are in this world.



Scotus' school "spirit" is questioned

Video Suggestions for the month of October

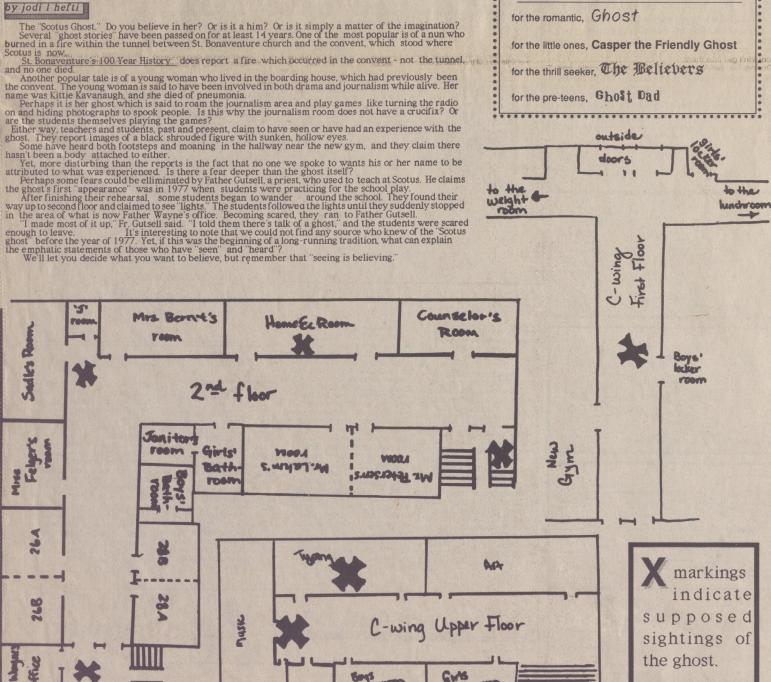
for the romantic, Ghost

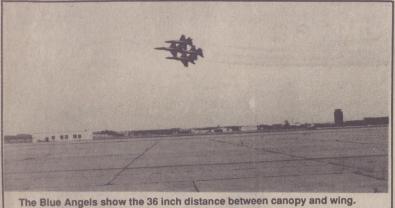
for the little ones, Casper the Friendly Ghost

outside doors

for the thrill seeker, The Believers

for the pre-teens, Ghost Dad





Angels fly to the max

by Brad Wangler

One of my favorite aircraft flown was the AV-8 Harrior Jumpjet. This aircraft is capable of verticle take off. It also impressed me when it went in reverse while in mid air.

This was not the only plane flown. They also flew the RF-4C Phantom which is the main aircraft of the 155th Reconnaissance Group. These aircraft was the Blue Angles that drew many people to the air show this year.

The Blue Angles are an exellent acrobatic team that fly the Navy's FA-18 "hornet."

"The Homet is an exellent aircraft to use for the maneuvers we do," said Lt. Lee Grawn, a native Nebraskan and the pilot of the #2 aircraft.

I have seen the Blue Angles. The Blue Angels came to Lincoln on Sept. 28-29 for the 45th anniversary of the 155th Tactical Reconnaissance Group, the second oldest Air National Guard unit in the United States. It was the first time for the Blue Angles to visit the town of Lincoln.

The Blue Angles were not the only attraction at the air show. They also had many aircraft that had been used in the Middle East crisis. They had these aircraft or the main attractions. It was the Blue Angles are an the Blue Angles are an exellent acrobatic team that fly havy's FA-18 "hornet."

"The Show consisted of everything from the C-5 Galaxy, which is a longe range cargo plane, to the F-14 Tomcat, which is the aircraft used in the movie Top Gun.

Mystery Photo

This year The Rock staff has decided to get the entire Scotus student body involved in the newspaper. After thinking up many ideas, we finally decided on having a mystery photo. The picture will be of something or someone in or around Scotus.

The Rock staff will be giving a prize for the person who can figure out what the picture is. If you would like to take a try, write your Name, Grade, and, your Answer on a piece of paper. Place the paper in the box titled "Mystery Photo," in Mrs. Schieffer's room (rm. 28 A). We will draw for the winner from all correct answers

> Thank you, The Staff







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Scotus students take the stage

By Kelli Woods

On Friday, November 1 an afternoon and evening performance of this year's fall plays will be given in the Memorial Hall gym. This year the cast and crew will present three one-act plays. The plays are "Infancy", "Strawberry Jam", and "The Windov".

Tryouts were held "Juesday September 10 for the casting of parts. "My biggest problem was with who was better than who, the quality, rather than the quantity," said Mrs. Bernt, advisor and director.

The cast this year brings a lot

The cast this year brings a lot of experience to the stage as only three cast members of the 14 have not previously performed in a school production. Even so, cast members do become nervous for tryouts. "Being a senior I thought I might as well try it, I had nothing to lose, yet I still felt a necessary nervousness that's needed to perform well," said senior Jenni O'Neill.
"Infancy" is set in the 1920's

O'Neill.
"Infancy" is set in the 1920's
and focuses on babies acting like
adults and adults behaving like
children. The cast includes senior Jeff Loseke as Officer

"The Blue Angles were exellent!" siad Nicky Jones who also attended the exhibition.
If the Blue Angles ever come to Nebraska again, I know I'll be there, and I'd encourage you to attend, even if you are not interested in aircraft. You will enjoy the show.

Avonzino, senior Lori Sypal as Miss Millie, junior Brad Wangler asTommy, junior Frank John Raemakers as Moe, and senior Kristen Haenggi as Mrs. Boker.

"Strawberry Jam" is a comedy that makes fun of serious events by showing how ridiculous thay really are. Those who will perform in "Strawberry Jam" are senior Demetrial Wade as Mary, senior Sarah Wemhoff as Hester, senior Jenni O'Neill as Mrs. Sanctuary, junior Claire Larson as Dr. Varley, and junior Jim Sokol as Mr. Titheridge.

A unique type of one-act play is "The Window", the characters are parts of nature and only two of them are humans. This play will be presented by the members of the Drama II class. "The Window" will also be performed in competitions. Members of the Drama II class are seniors Jeff Loseke, Jenni O'Neill, Lori Sypal, Sarah Wemhoff, Holly Hunter, Jenny Fremarek, Jenna Mullin and Terra Wondercheck, along with junior Brad Wangler.

Not only are the cast members involved in the production of the play but also lights and sound crew, assistant directors, and

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understudies. Freshman Sheryl Rupp, sophomore Amy Patocka, and junior Jim Sokol will be pre-pared to take on the role as they are understudies for this year's productions.

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Two students with a great deal of responsibility are this year's Assistant Directors Cindy Kuehler and Heidi Krings. They must attend all rehearsals, keep records of ticket sales, oversee all committees and areas of production, along with assuming many other duties. "Being a student director takes a lot of hard work, but the end result, opening night will make it worthwhile," said sophomre Cindy Kuehler.

With so much experience and such a broad range of subject matter the cast and crew are working to entertain their audiences on November 1. "All of the scripts are really good so the enjoyment of the audience will depend on their tastes and how well the actors work together," said O'Neill. "It hink the cast will work really-well together; we're all there because we want to be there and participate," said senior Lori Sypal.

Metallica tries diversity on new album

by Amy Louis

Last summer I was looking for some new music; I chose Metallica's new, self-titled CD. I liked the sound of the first song "Enter Sandman" so well I listened to it twice. The music was somewhat different from Metallica's previous CD's, this one had diversity. In two of Metallica previous CD's... And Justice for SII and Master of Puppets, the music was in a sense, unified. The musical structure and themes connected the songs. The music on Metallica has also changed from the thrash metal of previous CD's. Metallica is not the same metal that it was at first, they seem to be expressing themselves in a more mature type of music. Parts of the

CD show a softer side, "Enter Sandman" which could very easily be called a metal lullaby, is one of my favorites, the intro is great and the music is good enough to keep you enjoying it till the next song. The song's "Wherever I May Roam," "The Unforgiven," "My Frient of Misery," and "Sad but True" fit intoa hard-rock category. They all have good lyrics with great sounds from the guitars that give a great metal sound. Metallica didn't forget the 'headbangers," "Through the Never," "Of Wolf and Man," and "The Struggle Within," are all hard driving songsfor those that have been headbanging with Metallica all along. Metallica has grown up a little and they show it by their new sounds. It provides a mature but kicking rock and roll CD.

Creations, Part II

The 'Rock Staff will be publishing two literary magazines this year and are starting to gather material for the fall issue.

Short stories, poems, essays, artwork, etc. must be of good taste and without profanity and spelling errors. Drawings must be traced in ink or darkly drawn.

Items must be turned into the office of Mrs. Schieffer by November 8th.

If you have any questions, contact Mrs. Schieffer or a member of The 'Rock newspaper

Turner flops in new role

by J. Chaffee

W. I. Warshaski is a short movie which lasts forever. Kathleen Turner plays the starring role of Private Investigator V. I. Warshaski. The movie is supposed to be a comedy-adventure but is more of a bedtime story, putting everyone in the audience to sleep.

Probably the worst part of this movie is Warshaski's inane shoe fetish. I think this is supposed to be a funny part of the movie but only borders on comedy at one point when she asks a hit man, who has just abducted her, why he didn't pick up her shoe when it fell off while he was attacking her.

Warshaski lives in a dirty

apartment building and drives a beat up car which backfires every time she starts it. Her living conditions are probably due to the fact she is hired for one job the entire movie and is only paid a dollar for it.

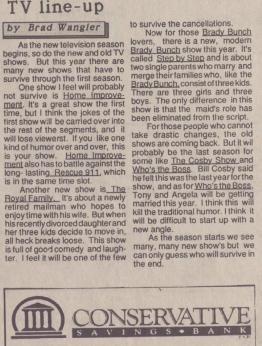
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dollar for it.

Warshaski is hired by a 12
year old whose father was killed
by an exploding tugboat. The girl
hires Warshaski to find her father's
killer. The murder is linked to a
family business in which the girl's
dad was a partial owner. The two

brothers are the main suspects.

If you do go see this movie, be sure to wake up before the credits, because the only interesting thing in the movie is the fact that nobody does quite what you expect in the end.



Mixed review given for fall

TV line-up

As the new television season begins, so do the new and old TV shows. But this year there are many new shows that have to survive through the first season. One show I feel will probably not survive is Home Improvement. It's a great show the first time, but I think the jokes of the first show will be carried over into the rest of the segments, and it will lose viewerst. If you like one kind of humor over and over, this is your show. Home Improvement also has to battle against the long-lasting Rescue 911, which is in the same time slot.

Another new show is The Royal Family. It's about a newly retired mailman who hopes to enjoy time with his wife. But when his recently divorced daughter and her three kids decide to move in, all heck breaks loose. This show is full of good comedy and laugher. I feel it will be one of the few

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Letter to the Editor

Stolen items leave student bitter

Editor:

I used to think of this school
as a family where I could trust the
people within it, but now I'm not so
sure. For after school practices
we usually leave our bags in the
locker room. The other day my
friend had a considerable amount
of money stolen from her purse. A
few days later someone else had
money taken from their bag. The
sad part of all this is it's most likely
someone from Scotus, someone
who knows the people (she/he) is
stealing from. How can someone
be so heartless?

-- Really Ticked

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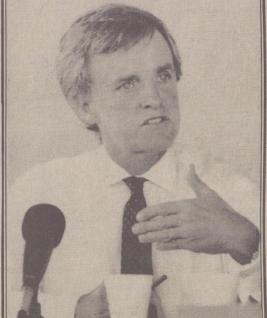
It is sad to think one or two people can break the "family" you feel we have here at Scotus.

There isn't much you can really do to stop what is happening. The best thing for you to do is lock up your stuff and if you can't then ask someone if they will share a locker with you. Also, keep a look out for people who aren't supposed to be in the locker room.

As we all know the seventh commandment states, "Thou shall not steal." The person(s) involved in this may think they are getting away with it, but one day it will catch up with them.

The work goes on

Farming experience is appreciated by student



Senator Bob Kerry tries to become "friends with the nation" after announcing his candidacy against George Bush, one of the nation's most popular presidents.

"waste" of time Searching is not a

by Jeni Chaffee

Being new to town and considering myself a fledgling environmentalist, I inquired about a recycling club within the school. Finding there wasn't one, I went to the next logical place-the phone

to the next logical place-the phone book.

I was seeking to find a place to recycle my aluminum cans, newspapers, cardboard boxes, motor oil, glass, plastic bags, paper bags, milk bottles, and two liter bottles. The phone book gave me three leads. Listed were Tate Hide and Fur Co., Metal Industries Inc., and Nelsen KC Co.

Tate informed me that all they took was aluminum and copper. Metal Industries Inc. and Nelsen both told me that they accepted all scrap metals but nothing else. This solved my aluminum problem but still left me empty handed for my other recycling needs.

Thinking that since these places recycled they might be able to tell me names of other companies that recycled. The first two proved to not be helpful in this way, but the Nelsen KC Co. told me I should call Don Rulo at

told me I should call Don Rulo at Rapid Lube.
I called Rapid Lube and spoke with Don. He told me that they took old motor oil but that was all. He could think of no other places for me to call.
While relating my recycling woeto Mr. Atchison, Mrs. Podliska happened by. Hearing my problem she suggested calling Wal-Mart and Pamida. Thanking her, I did just that.

Both Pamida and Wal-Mart told me that they accepted plastics bags. Unfortunately that was the only kind of plastic they took. Brad Wangler, a fellow staff member, helped me with part of my problem. Wangler, who is a Boyscout, informed me that the Boyscouts help the community to recycle.

"A farmer's work is never done." This is a very true and old saying that I can attest to. In the past five years, I have had much experience in helping around my grandfather's farm.

Rise and shine; the sun is up, and so is the farmer. The first thing on the agenda is to do the chrores and make sure that all the animals are fed and taken care of before going on to the next task.

The next task would be going out to the field to do one of many things during a busy season. In the fall of the year, it's time to wangler said that twice a month the Boyscouts print a notice in The Columbus Telegram stating a day on which they will pick up newspapers. These newspapers must be stacked, in bundles, on the curb, before eight o'clock A.M. The Boyscouts go around the whole city collecting these bundles. They then recycled, but one helpful employee told me I should get ahold of Patricia Johnson at the city offices. She is the head of the Clean Community office. I have tried calling her now and received an answering machine. So, until 1 get ahold of her, I am at a stand-still. I have no more leads, but at least part of my problem has been resolved.

Harvesting the crops takes wany days. Combining the grain that has been produced and filling wagons and trucks to be elevated into the bins takes up a great deal of time.

Of course, as every other worker, we break for dinner. After doner, worker, we break for dinner. After dinner it's back to the field to an afternoon of the same. In the evening, after returning from the field, there are chores to be done of many things during a busy season. In the fall of the year, it's time to to get it ready to go for the next day. Before going to be dwe must make plans for a new day.

With most of the harvesting done by Thanksgiving, farmers have a real reason to be thankful for the produced in the two the produced in the tries of the complete solution to my recycling problem, I tried calling all the waste management companies in the phone book. None of them recycled, but one helpful employe

Pots of water spurt family fun

"All right! Finally a real vacation. Where are we going?" I asked.
"Well, do you kids have any suggestions?" my mom asked.
"How about California," my sister Cathy said.
"How about Washigton D.C."
my political sister Judy said.
"How about Paris?" I said.
All of us kids had several ideas; however, my parents, or should Isay my mom, already had an idea of her own and wasn't even listening to our suggestions. She wanted to go to Yellowstone National Park.

National Park.

She proceeded to make plans for the trip but, of course, she failed to inform us about the plans she made. I found this extremely frightening because now we were going to be led aimlessly for two weeks by our mother, who had frequent spells of memory loss and confusion.

It would be boring if I were to retell all the details of our trip, so I will just share with you the highlights. I think the most fun I had, and I think my brother would have to agree, would be making fun of my mom. I'm not trying to say that all of the preparations my mom made went in vain, because they didn't. She really did do a great job of planning the trip, but we just couldn't resist making fun of the things she said and did.

For instance, as we were driving through Wyoming for what seemed like endless hours, looking at nothing but sagebrush for miles and miles, my mom, out of the blue, exclaimed, "You know, the monotony is very interesting." My brother and I could not believe our ears and we starting rolling with fits of laughter. Anyone who likes looking at endless miles of sagebrush has got to be weird. I think my mom was a little hurt by our reaction to her statement because after that she was quiet for quite some time.

The day we went to see Old Faithful, my mom again showed her enjoyment of terribly boring.

The first few pools of water were about the problem was there were about to area in Yellowstone that had pools of boiling water. And guess what? My mom had to see every inside one of these pots of boiling water. Let me tell you this, spending three days looking at valer. Let me tell you this, spending three days looking at valer. Let me tell you this, spending three days looking at valer. Let me tell you this, spending three days looking at valer. Let me tell you this, spending three days looking at valer. Let me tell you this, spending three days looking at valer. Let me tell you this, spending three days looking at valer. Let me tell you this, spending three days looking at policy by look of the days of the vale of the work of the work of the problem was in Yellowsone to a read the work of the problem was in Yellowsone to a read to see every single on of these pols of boiling water alone.

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Alcohol law needs revamping

by Demetria Wade

M.I.P. D.W.I. D.D. These are ommon terms. Most teenagers and adults know what these leters stand for-a common problem

and adults know what these leiters stand for-a common problem with alcohol.

The law seems simple enough. Don't drink, hold, or carry any alcoholic beverage until the legal age of 21. The arrest rates for Minor In Possesion, Driving While Intoxicated, and Drunk Driving have risen dramatically over the past years showing that youths are notexactly lining up to follow the law. Eight years ago 805 arrests were made by the Nebraska State Patrol for M.I.P. Two years ago that figure had risen to 1,081, and this year there have been 769 arrests by the State Patrol in Nebraska alone, only through July. That means a projected total of 1,400. M.I.P. arrests for one year, and over 300 additional arrests compared to 1989.

Why is it that so many people are being arrested for possesion of alcohol and drunk driving? The most common cry is boredom, "There's nothing to do around here "or "It's too boring!" A probable solution to this boredom is inviting a few (hundred) of your closest friends over and, well, then what? Play Yaltzee? No, not hardly. Stereos are turned up, coolers are brought

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out and the drinks, ranging from beer to hard liquor, are guzzled at alarming rates.

I can honestly say that of all the people I know, there aren't too many who will truthfully say that they've NEVER had a drink. Even those who refrain from the weekend "guzzle sessions," can't say they've NEVER had a sip of something sometime in the past.

Alcohol is a part of life, no matter how bad it is for you, or what age, race, or gender you happen to be. But it doesn't have to lead to the growing numbers of teen drinkers.

It is probable that many of us have at one time been in a situation where alcohol had been served and there has been some mention of police raids. The law now is that even if you are at a party that is busted, and you haven't had a drink, you can still be arrested for M.I.P. Scary, huh? The Minor In Possesion law reads: "No minor may have in his/her possesion or physical control any alcoholic liquor any place including public streets, alleys, highways, etc. owned by the State of Nebraska or any subdivision thereot." Got all that? In English, anywhere alcohol is and you happen to be as well, you are guilty of breaking Nebraska law \$53-180.02.

Many of you are thinking, "So you can be busted. So what?"

Well here's one idea. What if the law was changed to say you could only be arrested and charged if you were in consumption, instead of only possesion? Those who drink could have alchol in their car trunks without fear of arrest. They could go to one of those street parties, and if they weren't drinking, they would not have to bother hiding or worring. A minor in consumption (MIC) law would make sense. Only the guilty would be prosecuted.

There are many other alternatives that attempt to steer youths from alcohol. Funhouses or teen night clubs have all been suggested, but there will always be alcohol available to anyone who wants it bad enough. A MIC law would be straight to the point with no ifs, ands, or buts. If you would fail the means of testing provided at the time in question, you would be subject to arrest, fines and perhaps even jail.

Of course, this would cause heated controversy, especially here in the Midwest.

Some may say that it encourages teen and youths to drink, or to think they could get away with breaking the law. To those who wonder, I'd like to ask if they had any idea how many people in high school do drink. How many parents know what their kids actually do when they claim to "go to a friends house" and "watch movies" on a Friday or Saturday night?

Many people are ignorant of how great a problem teen drinking is. How many teachers know if their students are really sober before school or if the chewing gum is not for flavor but to cover the smell of alcohol?

Minor in consumption is only one idea of how to lower arrest rates. Because its obvious that there is a problem. A large problem that needs a solution.

Homecoming traditions are updated

by Shane Wemhoff

Little Richard, Buddy Holly, and Elivs Presley, these are just some of the more famous musicians played at the 1959 homecoming dance. The St. Bonaventure High School homecoming was located in the old cafeteria which was north of St. Bon's grade school which is now known as St. Bon's social hall.

The 1959 homecoming started with a pep rally on Friday before the game. When the half-time of the game began, the candidates were escorted onto the field and the new king and queen were crowned.

After St. Bon's High School lost the game to David City 25-othe students gathered at the old cafeteria for the dance. The most popular song recalled by a 1959 alumni was, "White Sportcoat and Pink Carnations." At about midnight the dance ended and the students went home.

The homecomings from 1959 until 1966 were basically the same in the ways that they were performed and setup. The only dif-

ferences were that the dance was moved to the gym and the music at the dances changed throughout

atthe dances charged illiughout the years.

The 1966 Homecoming not really in the sense in how activities occured, but the name of the school was changed from St. Bon's High School to Scotus Central Catholic.

Central Catholic.
This homecoming was basically the same as the rest. There was a pep rally before the game. The game was played until half time where the canidates were brought to the field. While the male canidates waited on the field, the female candidates were being driven onto the field in convertibles, where the new king and queen of Scotus were crowned. Scotus went on to win their first homecoming game against Wahoo Neuman.

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it is over the canidates are 'escorted onto the field and crowned. Then the students go to Scotus' cateteria where the dance is held. The 1991 homecoming begins Monday, October 14 with spirit days celebrated throughout the week and will ends with a pep rally on Friday.

At 7:30 Scotus will play North Platte St. Pats. When the game is finished, the 1991 candidates, Shawn Diederich, Mike Henggeler, Matt Naughtin, Kelly Slusarski, Jason Stephan, Jeff Tooley, Jenny Fremarek, Tammy Gablenz, Amy Held, Holly Hunter, Nikki Jones, and Tracy Wessel will be escorted onto the field, and the crowning will take place.

Afterward, the students will return to Scotus where they will dance to the music from "Ultra Sound."



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Cross Country team member Jeremy Kretz runs hard for a good finish at the

Scotus plows Lakeview

Fall sports enter title matches

y Brad Wangler

We are already well into the ason of fall sports. Before you sw it, conference, districts and n state will be here. Everything from feotball to s' golf is being played. As a ole, all the teams are playing to specs and all have been cticing long and hard. The practices have paid off the volleyball team. They ried on their winning record to 0 until experiencing a minor back at the October 5 Seward ite.

vite.

A loss to Lincoin Christian ierthree sets put the first blemish the Shamrock's record. Even ough they have lost many of last ar's starters a step was made a Saturday, and the 14-1 namroscks will continue to strive

The conference meet is fomorrow at St. Alberts in Council
Bluffs.

"The team is strong this year.
We have some strong leadership,"
junior Chad McKown said.

"We have a good chance at
qualifying for state. They take the
top three at districts, and I would
guess we are going to be one of
the top teams," Coach Father
Wayne said.

As for the girls, they are doing
better than ever. "If we have any
chance of winning state while I am
still in school, it is this year,"
sophomore Laura Kosch said.
The girls' cross country team beat
Grand Island Northwest who was
the number two team last year.

Like the cross country teams,
girls' golf is about to partake in
their conference and districts.

After their win over Lincoln
Pius X that took the golf team to 23, they may have a better chance
at districts.

"The scores are so close that almost anyone as a chance at getting to state," junior Christi Wachal said.

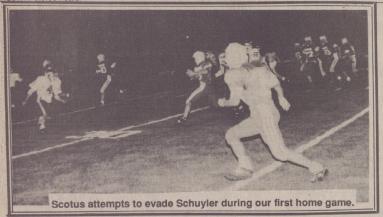
Practice did finally pay off for the football team when they beat Lakeview 21-20 in overtime last weekend.

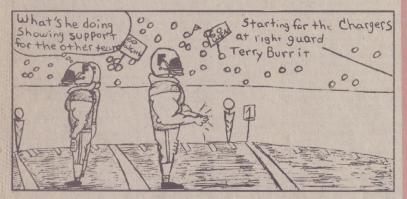
This win did not come with ease, however. The score of 7-14 at half spurred the Shamrocks to make some good plays increasing the score to 14-14 and drawing the game into overtime. The win brings Scotus' record to 1-4.

The Shamrocks must battle Wahoo-Neuman tomorrow night. "The away games motivate us to play better to upset the home team on their grounds," junior Daren Buettner said.

A win over Wahoo-Neuman would encourage an even stronger push to defeat North Platte St. Pats in Scotus' homecoming game Oct. 18.

Congratulations to all fall sport teams. We're watching, and we like what we see. Good luck the remainder of the season!





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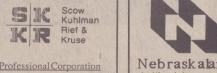
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Hidden talents are revealed

If you think there aren't any artists in Columbus and the surrouding areas, think again. The Columbus Public Library has a very active art group. The basement of the library is used as an art gallery and the president of the art gallery and the president of the art gallery is Helen Blaser.

Blaser, a well-known artist throughout Nebraska, has been painting and drawing since 1957. She says "The high school I went to did not have any art classes." After Blaser graduated from high school she went to Nebraska Weslyn for one year to get her basic courses out of the way. When she left Weslyn, she went to the Kansas City Art Institute in Kansas. While she was at Weslyn she did not take any art classes. Blaser belongs to many organizations, such as the Association is only state wide, but there are approximately 70 clubs in Nebraska Art Clubs. This particular association is only state wide, but there are approximately 70 clubs in Nebraska alone. There is a state meeting each summer and the 70 clubs that are invovled inthis display their artistic talent's. Blaser Is also a due payer of Knink-Bokers. Knink-Bokers is a nationwide association for artists.

Blaser has some of her art work on display at The Garden Cafe in Omaha. Blaser also has a paintini in the University of Nebraska Art Center in Lincoln. Her favorite drawing is of cats, "The

drawing just means a lot to me,"
"says Blaser. "I guess you could
say it's my trademark." Blaser
paints a lot of cats, that's why she
says that cats are her trademark.
Blaser started painting with oil
and then moved to water color. At
the present time she is using
pastels. "I enjoy drawing more,
but people are not interested in
purchasing drawings, they want to
purchase paintings," Blaser said.
About 10 years ago she started
adding water color to her drawings. When asked why she draws
and paints "It gives me satisfaction through the right side of my
brain. The right side of the brain is
the more creative pan of the brain;
Blaser said.

"The reason! paint is because
it gives me satisfaction," said area
artist Amy Sadle. Sadle has been
painting for thirty-nine years. She
started at age twelve. "The reason! took up painting was because
my ancestors were painters," said
Sadle. Frederick Remington, an
ancestor of Sadle, painted scenes
from the west and midwest.

Sadle studied art at the University of sowe and then went to
Rhode is......! University. Sadle
says, "Virginia Cobb was the best
instructor! had. She taught theory
and how to come up with your
ideas." Cobb is known for her
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Sadle has a very famous wood cut of the Statue of Liberty in the Statue of Liberty in the Statue of Liberty in the Statue of Liberty Museum, in New York City. A wood cut is when you take a picture of some object and you carve it from a piece of wood. When you are finished carving it you put ink or paint on the carving and press it on a piece of paper to make the picture. The wood cut that Sadle is famous for is where you are looking up at the Statue of Liberty.

Sadle has received over 275 rewards nationwide. Sadle's art was elected the best out of 200 other paintings. She has won Water Color U.S.A. many times, too. Water Color U.S.A. is a competition for all water color anists across the United States. Sadle has been mentioned five times in America's Who's Who in American Art.

"If you are interested in being an art teacher, a good college to go to is the University of Nebraska at Kearney or Lincoln. But if you are interested in going into fine arts, Kansas City Art Institute is a good college to choose," Sadle said.

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Art is a very important subject to know. Once you learn how to appreciate it you will enjoy to look at it and appreciate the quality of it. Art is important because it enhances your appreciation of the beauty in nature and life.



Johnson Brings out Important Issue

Only homosexuals and drug users get AIDS, right? Wrong! Morefacts about AIDS have been coming out in the open. Just last Thursday sports hero Earvin "Magic" Johnson announced he tested positive for the HIV virus.

This does not mean he has the AIDS disease, but it could turn up

AIDS disease, but it could turn up later.

The HIV virus feeds on the T cells, in the immune system and also takes over the DNA. Eventually this wears down the immune system and basically makes bad cells, according to the Nebraska AIDS Project. Full blown AIDS occurs when three or more of the opportunitive diseases are present. An example of this would be PCP, a rare form of pneumonia. Depending on how well the HIV positive person takes care of themselves helps determine how long before they will get full blown AIDS. According to the Nebraska AIDS project the longest reported time span is ten years. Smoking, drinking, and lack of sleep will quicken the deterioration of the immune system.

groups that transmit the HIV virus," a representative of the Nebraska AIDS project said. AIDS is transmitted through body fluids, such as urine, semen, vaginal secretion and blood, but you cannot be infected through casual contact with others.]

People who are sexually active, most commonly with multiple partners or IV drug users who share unsanitized needles, should be tested. There are two types of testing, ELISA and the Western blot test. ELISA is usually used first and taken twice. The Western blot test is taken when you are tested HIV positive, according to the Nebraska AIDS project.

Johnson has opened many people's eyes to this virus. If you'd like more information on AIDS, you can call the National AIDS hotline at 1-800-342-2437.

Judgement day looms for competition by Demetria Wade

Harley Monroe has been charged with murder in the shooting death of her husband, Jan Monroe. She claims that she is innocent as a result of the Battered Woman Syndrome she experienced during the five years of their marriage.

No, this is not a famous trial soon to be spread over the tabloids, but it is the case for this year's Mock Trial White Team consists of seniors Shawn Diedrich, Jenny Fremarek, Amy Held, Holly Hunter, Jeff Loseke, Jenna Mullin, Jenni O'Neill, and Kelly Slusarski. The group has been together for three years.

"The experience has been a big help, and the team unity is also important," Held said. Other team members stressed these points as well.

"Mock Trial has been a lot of fun," said Slusarski. "It makes you think on your feet."

The Gold Team of sophomores Tiffany Bock, Ryan Foust, Kathy Hegemann, Jill Kropatch, Cindy Kuehler, Nick Moser, Tim Thalken, and Rich Tooley have a good, competitive yeart look forward to says advisor Jack Sadle. "It hink we'll do really well for our first year," said Book.

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"Mock Trial is a great experience, and ti's always been something I've wanted to do. It's really interesting learning how our judicial system works," said Kuehler. Sweral team members stated how well they got along with the others. "Wirning our first case helped boost confidence," "Mock Trial will belp me better understand law," whether or not she studies law in college. "Mock Trial will become a lawyer. McGrane said he did not plan on poursuing a law career



Staff has aides

by jodl HEFTi

Nobody want s to be just another meaningless statistic, yet if you are a teenager and drink, or drink and drive, that is exactly what you will become.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration compiled the following facts. The number of teenagers who died in alcohol-related crashes last year made up 49 percent of total teen motor vehicle deaths. In one year more people are killed or injured in alcohol-related crashes than in combat during the entire Vietnam War.

War.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) presented us with more statistics. They say every 22 minutes a person dies in an alcohol-related accident. They also reported drunk driving is the most frequently reported crime in the nation today.

The FBI said 25 percent of boys and 11 percent of girls 15 to 18 years of age regularly drink

and drive. Also, teenagers make uponly eight percent of all licensed drivers, but they constitute 17 percent of the drivers invovled in traffic fatalities.

If the reason you drink is because of peer pressure or you find it hard to say no, Alcoholics Anonymous(AA) offers tips on drink refusal. AA maintains you should do the following:
-say no first
-use a clear, firm, unhesitating voice
-make direct eye contact
-suggest an alternative: something else to do or something else to eat or drink

else to do or something else to eat or drink -ask the person to stop offering you a drink -change the subject -avoid using vague answers -don't feel guilty about refusing With alcoholism as with other kinds of illnesses, early recogni-tion and treatment are essential. The National Council on Alcohol-ism has done studies to help you

so you can determine if you have a problem. They have put together the following questionaire to help you.

1. Do you occasionally drink heavily after a diapointment?

2. When you have trouble or feel under pressure, do you drink more heavily than usual?

heavily than usual?

3. Have you noticed that you are able to handle more liquor than you did when you were first drinking?

4. Did you ever wake up on the "morning after" and find that you could not remember part of the past evening, even though your friends say you did not "pass out"?

5. Are there certain occasions when you feel uncomfortable if alcohol is not available?

6. Have you recently noticed that when you begin drinking you are more of a hurry to get the first drink than you used to be?

7. Have you recently noticed an increase in frquency of your

memory "blackouts"?

8. Do you often find that you wish to continue drinking after friends say they have had enough?

9. Do you usually have a reason for the ocasion when you drink heavily?

10. When sober, do you often regret things you have done or said while drinking?

11. Have you often failed to keep promises you made to yourself about controlling or cutting down on your drinking?

12. Do you eat very little or irregularly when you are drinking?

13. Have you recently noticed that you once did?

14. Do you sometimes stay drunk for days at a time?

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STUDENT LIFE

Time and talents relieve pressure

by Brian Lueschen

What do you do on your free time? Do you watch TV, listen to the radio, write stories, or collect baseball cards? Almost everyone has a hobby of some kind. A hobby can be almost anything a person likes to do in his or her spare time. People take up hobbies bocause these activities offer them enjoyment, friendship, knowledge, and relaxation. Hobbies can help people relax after a hard days work, and put some play in thier lives, however, some hobbies may take money, travel, and hard work to accomplish. Here is what a few people from around school do for hobbies.

bies.
Magen Zach, a 7th grader, said, "lilike to play sports because my dad played football and basketball in high school, and I decided to try it because I thought it would be fun. I also play volleyball and basketball. I also take plans and dance lessons."

was six years old. I belong to the AYSO."

Betsy Zanding, a seventh, said, "I play a lot of sports. I practice 10-20 minutes a day and 2-3 times a week. I been involved in sports since I was six years old. I started in second grade with practice twice a week. It takes time, patience, and you have to put your mind to it."

Kirby Kudron, a sophomore, said, "I like to hunt. I have been nunting with my dad since I was a young boy. I started when I was eight years old. To do this you need a gun safety course, and it only costs for the gun and shells or ammo. I go every weekend. I really get frustrated when I can't shoot anything."

Monty Schmitt, a sophomore, collects Beatles paraphenelia. "I collect posters, record albums, news articles, and things that pertain to the Beatles. I started at age 12."

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"My parents started the collection and influenced me to continue with it. I keep track of them and follow their current lives in the news," Schmitt said.

One of the problems Schmitt

encounters in his hobby is "when am promised a record album or something of the Beatles and the

eras during the day when I don't have school. I watch prime time in the evenings."

"I love to play sports," said senior, Brenda Sliva. "I started playing soccer when I was six years old. My father was the coach of AYSO. I have played sports for the past 11 years. I want to go to college to become a coach, and I want to be in sports because that is what I want to do with my life."

"I spend about 200 dollars a month," said Fr. Wayne of hishobby. Fr. Wayne collects old records and videotape. "I order them through the mail. I started at age 22 when I took over for my dad, because he collected old records."

Mr. Sadle's hobby is arrow head hunting. "I like to go arrow

age 22 when I took over for my dad, because he collected old records."

Mr. Sadle's hobby is arrow head hunting. "I like to go arrow head hunting. My parents influenced me, and I really got started on it when my children came along," said Sadle. "I have been active for the past 20 years. In order to do this you must like the outdoors. I like it because it's something the whole family can do cheaply because it only costs gas money. My teaching of Economics guided me into this," Sadle added.

Tony Merrill, a senior, said, "I like to farm and take special care of my Troyota truck. I started farming in 1988, and taking care of my trucking in 1990."

Tony said the reason he took up these hobbies was because, "I have to take care of my truck and I just like to farm. My hobbies take time, patience, and skill. My costs depend on how the vehicle runs. If it runs good not much, if it breaks down then it costs more and basic costs like gas and oil."

Merrill farms every Saturday and takes care of his truck every day. He travels to Shelby to farm, but cares for his truck at home.

The choice of hobbies isyours and there are many to choose

The choice of hobbies is yours and there are many to choose from. Hobbies are important because they relieve a lot of pressure when we are stressed out. That is why everyone needs a hobby, so that they can relax and have some fun.

Scotus students are thankful for..... by Kelli Woods

Matt Evans....my good looks Dan McGrane.....sleep

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Q. How would your parents feel if you were going to stay overnight with your friends at State?





"My parents would kick my butt!"
-Amy Held





"My mom would say yes; my dad would say no." -Jason



Fr. Wayne collects spare change

Color us green

by Frank J. Raemakers

event that the Protestant churches push for the hunger cause, "said Father Wayne. "We're supporting something we believe is important."

Before plans were underway for this year's Crop Walk, Reverend Dorsey Ivy of the Federated Church contacted Father. Ivy decided that instead of a "community" crop walk, each organization could set their own date for the event. This factor, along with low participation, and the low amount of money raised last year (\$55.80), were factors involved with student body participation, and the low amount of money raised last year (\$55.80), were factors involved in the decision to make new plans.

Father Wayne met with a group of Campus Ministers that had volunteered to help plan the Crop Walk. Together they decided to have only Father Wayne met with a group of the money is easy to the search of the money is sent to the Catho-lic Relief Services.

Walk. "Father thought it would be one person," said sophomore abt ut Father Wayne has planned to walk a mile for every 50 dollars. A percentage of the money raised is given to the Federated Church and will stay within Columbus. The remainder of the money is sent to the Catho-lic Relief Services.

Students earn a little green

Money. This material possession seems to be in high demand for many teens.

There are many ways teens get money. They mooch it off their parents, rob piggy banks, or get a job, and the latter effort. Campus Ministry will once again participate in the Crop Walk for hunger, an annual event that takes place in Columbus. Campus Ministry has been officially involved with this project for the past four years, yet this year many changes have been made. In the past, individual organizations in Columbus collected pledges for each mile they planned to walk. After raising this money the groups would gather, usually beginning the walk downtown, and form as one symbol of the hunger problems in the world. Among these groups were Father Wayne and the Campus Ministers.

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Mystery Photo #2 Last month's winner was Steve Fleeman.
Please submit your guess for this month's Mystery Photo to the envelope in Mrs. Schieffer's room. Winner will be chosen Monday Novembr 18.

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Most of the money is spent on other, material possessions with as CD's, clothes, food, however, some is saved for college.

Many people who have a job seem to like it. Senior Craig Foreman, who works at Foreman Lumber likes his job a lot.

"I like the people I work with like Jeff Tooley and Jason Stephan," Foreman said. "In the summer you can get a good tan, and it's tun always working with friends even though you don't get a lot done."

Craig works six days a week during the summer. When football practice starts Craig works only on Saturdays. Foreman enjoys working at Foreman enjoys working at Foreman enjoys working at Foreman enjoys working at Foreman Lumber for five to six years.

Teen though Foreman enjoys working at Foreman Lumber like she is not getting paid enough. "I am more valuable—than what I am getting paid, Foreman said.

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Can you believe that Scotus, then called Saint Bonaventure's, started in 1878? It's hard to believe. The school was a small brick building which was two and a half stories high. There were four large classrooms which were ample space for the three hundred pupils. November 4, 1878, was the first day with three hundred pupils and not all of them were Catholic. The soul purpose of the school was to have a quality Christian education for the Platte county and surrounding counties. In January of 1884, a room was added for the nineth and tenth grades and a chapel was added in which the first mass was celebrated on October 30, 1884. In SAVE NOW ON EVERYTHING AT YOUR COLUMBU FRAME FAMILY Thrift Center PRINT AMOND TO A MARION TO A MARION

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It's not my fault

by Kristen Haenggi

Perspiration runs down your tace as you clumsily make your tace as you clumsily make your way to the front of the room. As you turn to face the class, you are gnawing at your nails.

"Start your speech when you're ready," the teacher smiles. Throughout your speech you nervously crack yourknuckles and rock back and forth. When you are done, your teacher points out your cracking knuckles.

"I guess it's just a nervous habit," you say as class resumes.

"A habit is something someone does repeatedly for a long period of time," senior Eileen Dobesh said, "it's something you do whether you want to or not," senior Jenni Styskal said.

Habits range from twirling hair to biting nails to even being organized.

"If they are good habits then I think they can work to your ad-

ganized.
"If they are good habits then I
think they can work to your advantage," Styskal said. Styskal
also said that every person has a
bad habit in some way, shape or
form.

form.

According to senior Tony
Merrill, his bad habit is speeding.

"I want to get where I'm going
fast, but it's bad because you can
get caught and there's a possibility of losing your license," Merrill
said.

said.
Merrill said he has had this habit since he started driving.
"I drink coffee a lot. I drink whole pots by myself," senior Tara Boesch said.
"I have a habit of spazing out," junior Theresa Wemhoff said.

Another "When I get nervous, I bite my nails," Styskal said. There are many different theories as to where habits start. Styskal said that habits start while you are young and Merrill said they develop through other people who you try to be like. According to, Funk and Wagnalls encyclopedia "habits may begin as reactions to a major event, such as a bodily injury, and then continue on other occasions that reproduce certain cues or stimuli from the original event." It wist my hair because my friend always used to do it," senior Amy Held said. "Ithink that everyone has their own personally, their likes and dislikes. Habits develop off of these," Dobesh said. Some habits are noticeable to many people, which may not be Lame Excuse

by Shane Wemhoff







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hair. "I really don't notice my habits. People usually tell me what I do," Dobesh said. Many people have attempted quitting nasty habits, while others have not. "Once you get into a habit, it's hard to stop." Styskal said said. If while reading this article you have picked up some dad habits like twisting your hair, biting your nails and chewing your structive - write a letter to the editor.

Leave your message at the beep

Answering machines are analyzed

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than normal, to make sure you aren't talking to her answering machine. "Hello..., speak up I can't hear you..., thar's because I'm not home, just leave you remessage at the beep."

Sean Martys, a friend of stacey Swierczek, has a long but unusual message. A stranger's voice comes an, "Hello,.... No I'm orly he's not home right now. You need to leave a message, I'll call you back."

This, like a variety of outher messages are often found on answering machines.

Are answering machines helpfulorannoying? For instance, you call you 'friend to tell him/her some very important information, or your parents are making an important bussiness call, and you get "The Machine."

When you call Tiffany Bock don't be fooled, wait a little longer

Movie is 'doctored' un't wait hat the more serious the message gets, the better your chances of the person calling you back."

Movie is 'doctored up' with meaningful storyline

by jODI heFti

Have you everbeen to a doctor and felt like he didn't really care about you? You went into his office to find out what was wrong, and he told you. Then you pay and don't hear from him until your next appointment?

If this has happened to you then the movie The Doctor is for you. It is about a doctor who is cold and mean to his patients and fits the description above. He shows the med-students to have the same attitude toward their patients, and he strongly believes in this until he is dianosed with

cancer.

He sees how he treats his patients through the care of his doctors and doesn't like it.

While undergoing radiation treatments, he meets a friend who gives him a completely different outlook on life. He begins to spend more time with her than his own wife, and this starts to create a problem.

On a scale of 1-10, I give The Doctor a 10. If you have the time, I would go see it, but don't be surprised if the ending doesn't turn out to be completely different than what you would expect.

"The colors made me do it!"

these," Dobesh said.

Some habits are noticeable to many people, which may not be noticeable to the person who is doing it. Some examples would be scratching, a twitching eye, or running your hands through your

It happens everyday. We walk by them, in our own beloved Scotus, as we travel from class to class, but does anyone notice the message our dismal, pale green walls are telling us?

Colors affect our daily lives in more ways than we could imagine. Scientists have proven that certain colors affect our behaviors and attitudes.

There are ten major colors that are used to represent various charcteristics and feelings. These colors are:

white energy, anger, pain
k true love
in lighter shades - warmth
in darker shades - physical
compassion
nge ... mental energy
ow ... intellect, logic

brown natural resources, wealth blue mystery, emotion

....mystery, emotion green purple spiritual growth black the unknown, death, deep hatred

deep hatred

If yellow is the color for learning then why aren't all schools painted a bright shade of this color? Why aren't hospitals a vibrant green, if it truly represents healing?

Many colors have intrigued me in our school. For instance, the colors guys choose from the dress code, can it reflect their thoughts?

As I look around the 7th period study hall I see someone in a blue shirt, bluepants, even blue writing on his socks! So, I asked Nick Puetz, a 7th grader, why he was wearing all blue. His reply was not what I expected.

"Blue is kind of a "flowing' color. It makes people, ya know "loose"." Could this also repre-sent Puetz's emotional side?

sent Puetz's emotional side?
Then I spied Matt Mosemann
wearing a white shirt and grey
pants. It was such an interesting
display of hatred and innocence!
"I like this color (grey) because it's morbid. I wore white for
a contrast," Mosemann said.
Hmmm. That statement could
mean he was a pure innocent kind
of guy or one who likes death and
all that.

If colors of weifers

all that.

If colors of uniforms cause changes, what do the school walls say to Scotus students? Does the brown trim around all of the doors suggest there is a hidden streak of wealth? Well, probably not financially, but what about spiritually?

half yellow, half pink/peach, with the stall doors a unique color of red/purple.

What do these colors mean? Are we meant to find true love or be logical? The red/purple color most amazes me. Red is anger, pain, and energy, and purple represents spiritual growth.

Can this explain why so many doors and walls are vandalized? Would not our spirifual side lead us not to deface property, or is the combination of these opposite colors what causes the "flove so-and-so" messages?

As these examples have shown, the color chart is not 100% accurate. However, the pale green walls are such a color for a purpose to "calm' us and help us "balance" our daily lives.

Perhaps the student council

our daily lives.
Perhaps the student council
could have a special raffle-ticketdoor-to-door-sale, and buy some
REAL paint-like BLACK!

Chaffee and Wangler at the theater

by J. Chaffee and B. Wangler

Jeni: "I've been to lots of plays before. I went to all the plays at my old school. They were all musicals and most of them were pretty good. So, when I went to see the one acts at Scotus I expected it to be basically the same. I was definitely surprised.

"They started with one called Infancy. There were two babies, two women, and a police officer as characters. I thought the beginning was excellent when the police man runs in. After that I was lost for a while. At first when the babies were talking I couldn't tell whether or not the adults could hear them.

"The accents the characters used in this I thought were hilarlous. I don't think I quite grasped the concept of it, though. I think the moral just flew right over my head.

"Basically due to my failure of

state must obey. One stipulates that in any establishment that sells or serves beer or wine, a large pot of hot soup must be seen cooking on the premises.

An even stranger law on the books in Omaha states that a parent can be arrested if his or her child cannot hold back a burp while a church service is in session. If charged with this offense, the punishment is a fine and possible jail time.

Nebraska also has state laws which creates a double standard. It doesn't place any restriction on women from using profanity when angry. However it's against the law for a man to cuss in Iront of a woman.

These laws probably served a purpose when they were enacted and were just never removed from the books, and although they are still laws which a person can be prosecuted for, they are not enforced any longer.

Henry Ward Beecher, an abolitionist leader, summed it up when he said," It usually takes a hundred years to get rid of it.

Poemsels thumbs up."

Brad: "The Window was abstract symbolism of life. The window represents life and Ms. Manifest represents trying to get

through life. I played a rock, one of the elements.

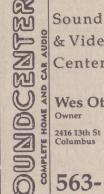
"The first time I read it I thought Mrs. Bernt was crazy. Now, I'm starting to understand it and see how well it could do in competition.

"It was different to be part of

"It was different to be part of The Window because I'm used to school plays being comedies and musicals. Then, this comes along and confuses everyone. The Window we did was okay for a school play, but for competition we need a lot more in it. I can't say that I'm looking forward to playing a rock for the rest of the year, but I hope we go all the way to state. "I didn't think the cast was into it enough and didn't feel the audience understood it. So, I just feel like I must give it a thumbs down." 'It was different to be part of

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Jenl: "On the last of the one acts, Strawberry Jam, I went solo. Brad didn't think he was able to judge this one.
"Strawberry Jam was my favorite out of all three. Not only did i enjoy it, but I understood it. I thought it was extremely funny.
"Mary Titheridge (Demetria Wade) played the part of a stubborn, bossy, old lady very well. Hester Titheridge (Sara Wemhoff) made me want to feel sorry for her, she was such a pathetic wimp.
"I loved the whole story line and thought the ending was the best. I'm positive that Brad would agree with me on this, so I'm giving it two thumbs up."



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Chest shaving is a no-no

Have you everbeen in Omaha wanting to have your chest shaved? If so you had better think twice. An Omaha city ordinance bans barbers from shaving a

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customers chest.

Omaha is not the only city in Nebraska with a few strange laws. Halsey, Nebraska, has a law stating that the town constable can never be rude to the general

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public. The statute says he "must remember his manners".

Barbers working in Waterloo are banned from eating onions between the hours of 7a.m. and 7p.m. A barber who does have onions for lunch can be fined and his shop temporarily closed.

Omaha has many laws that don't seem to make sense by today's standards. Another Omaha law states that "no one is ever allowed to share part of his or her meal in an eating establishment."

ment."
Also, if you are in Omaha and
want to catch the police breaking
the law, watch for cops with their
hands in their pockets. This is
against the law for Omaha cops
and can result in strong disciplinary action and possible dismissal
from the force.

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Lady drivers, watch for your oppurtunity. In Omaha the law states a man has to buy his wife new clothing every time she appears in court, with him, in his place, or on her own, in defense of a traffic violation. The amount to be spent on her attire must match the fine imposed by the judge.

The Nebraska state legislature passed a few laws the whole

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Rule keeps Collins in suspense

by Holly Hunter

when Scotus representatives went to Austrailia to recruit Michael Collins, they never imagined they would get caught.

"They (Nebraska School Activities Association) thought that they went to Austrailia and recruited me," Michael Collins said of the wrong conjecture.
Collins, who is living with his relatives, the Tooleys, transferred to Columbus Scotus from Bendigo, Victoria, Austrailia. He found himself under a 90 school day ban from varsity athletics.
The NSSA rule states" a student shall be ineligible for 90 school days to represent a school in interscholastic competition at the varsity level if the school is located in a school district other than the district in which his/her parents maintain their domicile."

Collins made an appeal and

not as much emphasis on winning, it does mean as much."
Collins plans to go out for basketball this winter but won't see varsity action until mid January because of the rule. "I hope the varsity does well and hopefully I'll be able help the junior varsity in a few games," Collins said.
Collins had his first cross country experience this fall. He said his times in practices were as fast as some of those on varsity. He said he was disapointed and angrybecause he was only eligable for junior varsity, about watching the varsity run but over all the meets were fun. Does Collins hold a grudge about the overruling of his appeal? "They made the rule a long time ago. It has to be the same for everyone. I'm angry about it, but I respect it." Collins said.

They're on the way.

ons.
"We didn't know how good we
would be. When we went to
Cornhusker State Games lots of
teams thought we would go down
because we lost five starters, but
we showed them," senior player

At the be-ginning of the season the players of the volleyball team were not sure of their playing ability, but they had the desire to repeat state again "I feel like I'm part of the team this year. Last year I sat on the bench. This year I play.'

-Tracy Wessel

"it was not likeweknewwe were good; we just wanted it," senior Brenda Sliva said. According to senior Jenni Styskal, "every team is different. We just have to keep up our ability and competitivenes."

In the past few years Scotus

has had successful teams and has gone to State in 1989 and 1990. In 1990 they were the undefeated Class B State Champions.

The past and continuing success of Scotus volleyball is creating excitement. This is an incentive to get more people to come to our games. According to coach John Petersen, "the supporters come to see good volleyball."

"There is a lot of togetherness in this team, not one grouphere, another there. We are all one group," Sliva said.

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one group, "Silva said.
"Eventhough we only have four seniors, we want the best for the team," said Styskal.
"During a game if there are a couple of shanks, everyone gets in a group and says 'shake it off.' Everyone is a leader, not just one person," Sliva

said.
"I am very pleased with what
they have accomplished. They
were a very inexperienced team
to start, and they play very well in
big matches," Petersen said.
"I feel like I'm part of the team

to Petersen. "No one likes to lose, but a sign of how strong a team is is by how well you can rebound after a loss," Petersen said.

"The C.H.S. game was definately a highlight in the season. Playing with the large crowd was a great feeling and got us psyched up and back on track for our winning streak," Sliva said.

The Conference tournament is always good to prepare us for Districts, we are going to give it our all in Districts, the team will have to help each other out and play tough during Districts, according to Sliva.

The team had a good showing alt Conference and creme home the champions. They dominated Boystown and Omaha Cathederal oget to the finals. In finals they beat David City Aquinal for the 6th Conference win in a row.

The team had a good start in Districts. They took out Schuyler on Monday and Tekamah-Herman on Tuesday. On Thursday night they played West Point for the finals.

They finished up the first set 15 to 5 and completed the game with a score of 15 to 11 in the second set. They knocked out West Point in District finals for the second year in a row sending them on their way to State.

Take notice

Girls Cross Country Runs Away with Victory

Imagine Mr. Mahoney bounding down a hill screamine "We got second! We got second!" This is what many people saw on Friday, October 25th at the State Cross Country meet ir Kearney after Mr. Mahoney discovered the girls' second place finish.

Holly Hunter, Jenny Fremarek, Amy Held, Erin Trouba, Michelle Griessman, Mandy Gurnsey, and substitute Laura Kosch are the athletes responsible for this record-breaking accomplishment. These are the girls who qualified for the State meet and led the team to their highest finish ever at a State meet.

The key to this great accomplishment was hard work, dedication, and a family-like team according to 14th place finisher Holly Hunter.

"It was also Helen Reddy's birthday. I think that may have helped a little since we always listen to Helen Reddy before a meet. We had just finished listening to "I Am Woman" before we ran," Hunter said.

"She's our encouragement,"

"They made the rule a long time ago. It has to be the same

for everyone. I'm angry about it, but I respect it." - Michael Collins

State meet. The girls worked very hard and were very deserving," Mahoney said.

"After we received the trophy I turned around and saw my dad and he had tears in his eyes. I thought that was really special," Hunter said.

"I was happy and sad," said senior Amy Held. "I was happy for the team because we did so well, but I was also sad because I wouldn't be part of the team next year, and I would be leaving a lot of memories behind."

Michelle Griessman, a freshman who will be returning to the team next year, is looking forward to the year ahead. "I hope to improve over time and get to know the courses better. I also want to be encouraging to those who are variouser than me." Griessman.

Cardboard pays cash

by Brad Wangler

It started long ago with football and baseball cards. The first cards were tobacco cards that came with cigarettes. As time went by they began to come in packs of bubble gum, but now the gum comes with the packs.

There are many different reasons to collect. "I collect for fun, but mostly for profit," said junior Jim Springer. Profit is something you can get out of cards.

something you can get out of cards.
"Ibought a Nolan Ryan rookie for ninety dollars. It's now worth fourteen hündred dollars," said sophomore Nathan Hegi. To make a profit, card enthusiasts have to collect for a long time. "I've collected when I was about seven to about fourteen. And now, as an adult, I collect again," said faculty member, Mr. Vern Younger.

Although collecting is fun, it can get expensive, according to Springer. "I've spent a couple hundred dollars over the years," said junior Jesse Kosch.

There are many companies that produce sports cards. It started with Topps and Bowman, but as time went by other companies such as Leaf and Donruss have joined in the sports card game.

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Now, collectors can find everything from a fifty cent pack of Topps to a three or four dollar pack of Leaf.

As with anything, there are people who don't like it. "I think it's a waste of time and money," said sophomore Kirby Kudron. But whether you like to collect sports cards or not, the fact remains that collecting sports cards is a popular hobby.

Jenny Styskal and Tracy Wessel stuff the opponents attack. The team will travel to State on Friday November 15.

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After being found not guilty, a teary-eyed Smith thanks his mother, Jean Kennedy Smith, for her support.

Smith rape trial hits home

by Kristen Haenggi

Alleged Victim: He raped me . . . and I thought he was going to kill me (sobbing)
Defense Attorney (Roy Black): Did you at any time forcibly rape (alleged victim)?
William Kennedy Smith: No, I did not.

not.

Smith was on trial for the alleged a 30 year old woman. The trial lasted ten days in the beginning of December in West Palm Beach, Florida.

What made this rape trial stand out from the rest? The name Kennedy. Smith's mother is Jean Kennedy, sister to Sen. Edward Kennedy, sister to Sen. Edward Kennedy's are respected, but for many years they have had a reputation of being 'playboys',' Mrs. Jan Went said.

Some of the better known stories would be the affairs between John F. Kennedy and Marilyn Monroe, as well as Robert and Monroe. Sen. Edward Kennedy also has had his bad moments with the Chappaquiddick incident, where many believed the Senator killed a woman by his drunk driving.

"I'm the one who's on rial. But it's difficult sometimes not to feel my family is on trial for me, and in some strange way I'm on trial for my family." Smith said at a press conference during the

trial.

During cross examination of Smith, prosecutor Moira Lasch brought in the Kennedy family. Lasch: And you know you can always count on your family, don't you?

Smith: If you're implying that my family is lying to protect me, you are dead wrong.
Lasch: You know it's a close knit family, and you can rely on them.

Smith: I'm just going to repeat what I said; I'm telling the truth.

"The prosecution tried to use [his name] against him. By the way he answered the accusations, it increased his credibility," senior Matt Naughtin said. Went felt that the Kennedy name did not help Smith.

Even if Kennedy was left out

Matt Naughtin said. Went feit that the Kennedy name did not help Smith.

Even if Kennedy was left out of his name, Smith was accused of rape, and with that accusation came two completely different sides of the story. The evidence proved the two did have sex, whether it was by consent or not.

During the trial the alleged victim said of Smith, "I said, "You raped me, you know you raped me, You could've gotten any other women if you wanted sex...' and he said, "I didn't rape you.' I said that I called my friends and that we were going to call the police, and he said, "You shouldn't have done that. Nobody's going to believe you."

"I did feel for the (alleged victim) whether she was telling

the truth or not," Went said.

Smith said in his testimony that after the two had sex he had accidently called her Cathie, his ex-girlfriend's name. "She sort of snapped," Smith said, and then she accused him of rape.

After the closing arguments, the jury members spent less than two hours to decide the verdict.

"We, the jury, find as follows. As to count one, we find the defendant not guilty. As to count two we find the defendant not guilty. He jury foreman said on December 12.

"It's not for me to say," Naughtin said of the verdict. Seventh grader Michelle Moore said from what she saw on the news she was unsure whether Smith was guilty.

Columbus residents have to deal with rape because of the two reported rapes.

"A lot more people are concerned (about rape). They are going to be looking out," Moore said.

According to Went, the rape trial might have an affect on

said.

According to Went, the rape trial might have an affect on women who have been raped.

"They might think twice about reporting it because of what they are put through," Went said.

The alleged victim in the Smith rape case released a statement through her lawyer which said, "All that I have endured is worth it if I can make it easier for one woman to make what was for me the only choice I could so that I could look myself in the mirror."

Senior privileges are questioned

The senior year in high school the most celebrated, anticied, and reminicent year of our sor so we've been told. According to three seniors at ous, there aren't too many gos that sets grade 12 apart in the others.

"There's nothing special out being a senior. Everybody is like it's supposed to be the tyear of our lives, but so far, it in the ben so great," said Shawn drich.

Destroy.

Seniors need something to look forward to, some sort of a senior privilege that would make our last year different from all the others," said Bridget O'Hearn.

The majority of seniors feel that there needs to be something anything- that would serve as a senior privilege. Several suggestions have been mentioned from reserved parking areas to a student lounge to an open campus.

dent lounge to an open campus.
Scotus is not the only school in our area to not offer privilelges to seniors. David City Aquinas' principal Dave McMahon said "There really isn't anything that we do for our seniors. They do usually have the first two rows of parking near the locker rooms, but that's mostly because they get there first."

helpful to teach students how to to manage their free time for college," Vojtech said. "There is a permission slip that parents must sign and there are a few parents who say no."

One arguement against open campus would be the additional work for the secretaries, but at Fremont Bergan, there isn't any extra work. Principal Vojtech handles it himself.

Fremont Bergan is not the only school who offers incentives

and other "bonuses" for the seniors.

Grand Island Central Catholic allows two privileges to final year students.

partly because of the room," and partly because of a "small portion of the student body."

"This would probably work better if the lounge was a part of the library, to create more of a study environment rather than just a a relaxing environment," Cooper said. "Therefore, the lounge would be easier to supervise rather than off alone in the cafetraia."

The second program that G.I.C.C. offers is similiar to Fremonts early out system.

"Students may leave as soon as they are finished with their classes for the day. Students just sign out and many use these hours for work."

But even if the suddents don't go to work after school, any senior is allowed to leave.

"We don't use a grade point a verage, because that would discrminate against those students who cannot acheive a certain grade. We do, however, like

To priesthood

"It people smoke, I will leave the place", junior Matt Gonka said. In the Oakland A's baseball team, it is not allowed to smoke. The Coliseum is not a domed stadium, it's a spacious open-air ballpark. The first time you light a

"There's nothing special about being a senior. Everyone acts like it's supposed to be the best year of our lives."

our students to have a passing grade to participate in the Open Campus. Not having a GPA requirement is helpful because it can be hard to police grades," Cooper said.

"I'm comfortable with letting them go. Of course, athletes usually stay in the lounge and study or listen to music until practices," Cooper added. "This method has been very effective."

These are only two examples of other parochial schools who try to allow their students extra privitation could use these schools of Fremont Bergan and Grand Island C.C. as examples in starting brograms for its own student by deadlines are part of the senior of the parachial schools who try to allow their students extra privitation could use these schools of Fremont Bergan and Grand Island C.C. as examples in starting brograms for its own student by deadlines are part of the senior of the parachial schools who try to allow their students extra privitation could use these schools of Fremont Bergan and Grand Island C.C. as examples in starting brograms for its own student by deadlines are part of the senior of the parachial schools who try to allow their students extra privitation could use these schools of Fremont Bergan and Grand Island C.C. as examples in starting brograms for its own student by deadlines are part of the senior of the parachial schools who try to allow their students extra privitation could use these schools of Fremont Bergan and Grand Island C.C. as examples in starting brograms for its own student by deadlines are part of the senior of the parachial schools who try to allow their students extra privitation could use these schools of training and Grand Island C.C. as examples in starting could c.C. as examples in startion could use these schools of tremont Bergan and Grand Island C.C. as examples in startion could use these schools of training and Grand School and C.C. as examples in startion could use these schools of training and Grand School School and C.C. as examples in startion could use these schools of training and Grand School School Sc

Wake up and smell the smoke

Costly habit causes problems

puff you get reprimanded, but the second time you light a cigarette or cigar you will get ejected from the satdium, according to Sports Illustrated.

"Smoke em' if you got em', senior Jeff Micek said.

There are 3000 young people who take up smoking everyday. Ninety percent of all American smokers take their first drap before they 're 21 years old. If most of the 20 million young smokers keep puffing , a quarter of them will end up dying from smoke related causes, according to veryday. Will die a morbid death, junior Amy Proproki said.

It is also very cheap, to buy cigarettes in the United States. In Canada a pack of cigarettes cost \$5.50 as here in the United States

Loseke receives calling to priesthood

by Demetria Wade

Planning for after high school usually starts around ninth grade, but for Jeff Loseke, his life's work has been mapped out since the third grade. That was when Loseke first felt the interest to become a priest.

"I don't know if it was a calling. It was just something came upchurch related - it interested mealot. I think that was my calling."

Even though this is a Catholic school, only two students in Scotus' history have gone on to fulfill the religious vows of becoming a priest.

"The most common question people ask is WHY?!" and "Don't you want to have a family? Of course I do, but if you thinko fit, i'll have more people call me "Father" than most paternal parents.

"Anyone can serve God in whatever they do, but I'm looking for more. I'm making my occupation my life," He said.

Loseke has been in Speech and Drama for four years and he placed second last year at State in Entertainment. Loseke has

Trial, and takes classes like Ad-

vanced Placement Calculus, AP English, Physics, and has been a National Honor Society member for three years.
Even though the priesthood can be a secure career, it can be a scary step to take.
"I'm hoping it will be exciting and there will be a lot of opportunities. I want to be able to touch a lot of people's lives,"



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Scotus receives high marks



Photo by Brad Wangler

Justin Guernsey cuddles with his pet cat, Tiger.

Love your pets as you love yourself

on BOD

Students should be represented

Many students feel that the student body needs to be represented on the Board of Directors(BOD).

"We need someone to bring good ideas to the school," Jill Robak, freshman, said.

"The BOD doesn't know what kids want unless there is a kid there, and the purpose of the BOD is to serve or work for the kids. They can't do that unless there is a student on the BOD giving them a student's point of view-representing the students," Eileen Dobesh said.

Tom Ketter, president of the BOD, said in reference to having a student on the BOD, "It's something we've talked about before."

before."

Ketter added that he has had student's opinions on things such as school uniforms and the soccer program. "We value as much input as possible," Ketter said.

The BOD has had student input before and students have even brought in completed questionnaires as backup, according to Ketter.

uphold the Scotus mission," Ketter said. He added that they also establish goals and objectives for education, review decisions made, evaluate effects of the BOD policies, plan and approve the school budget, take part in selecting school administration, and evaluate the administrative staff. Ketter said the reasons he wanted to be on the BOD were, "I believe in Catholic education and sharing my time. I wanted to be involved with the budget and costs. I thought it was important, and

I thought it was important, and I thought I could add something to

it."
I think a student could add a lot to the BOD. I think students should also be involved in the budget at Scotus," junior Christ Wachal said. Ketter said the way to get the

BOD to consider having a student on it would be to "have the Stu-dent Council come to a BOD meeting with a proposal we could

"No one wanted the dog I have now, so I took it," junior Claire Larson said. "I think the dog came from the circus because it can do all type's of tricks," Larson said. The dog was found the same time the circus was here Columbus Steel

Pets can be an affectuous additive to anyone's life. They can cuddle with you and they can just be fun to watch. Different pets of Scotus students range from amphibians to equestrians.

Dogs seem to be a pet that is in abundance at Scotus. "I love my dog except for when it howls at trains," said Scott Sobota of his Siberian Huskie.

"No one wanted the dog I

by Frank Raemakers

Pride in Shamrocks!

in Columbus.

There are other pets that are not as popular. Pat Sokol, an eighth grader has a lizard that weighs five pounds and is about one long foot. Sokol found it by his house about one year ago.

"Ithink everyone should have a lizard because they're fun to watch," Sokol said.

Justin Guernsey has a more domestic animal. He has a cat named Tiger. Guernsey found the orange catfive years ago in an old, beat-up car.

"I like my cat even though it weighs thirty pounds," Guernsey said.

No matter what kind of pet

No matter what kind of pet students had, they all expressed their affection for it.

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On to state for Senior Mock Trial

The district finals, this year, our attitude. It slid down hill from were between the senior and junior there" said Junior Heidi Krings during the recess while Judge and Jury de-death and the platte County Courthouse was the make-or-break chance for the two Scotus teams; participating in the District Finals.

Before the trial both teams were very nervous. "My hands are sweaty, Ive got butterflys in my stormach," Senior Jeff Loeske said. Senior Jenni O'Neill's face was the high caliber of the competition."

Senior Jenni O'Neill's face was the high caliber of the competition. "Death and flushed at once. When asked a simple question she jumped as if she didn't expect anyone to speak as it she didn't expect anyone to speak as it. "If EEL GOOD!Da-na-na-na-na-na-hi. Like I knew that I would now!" The debate over the murder of Jan Monroe by his wife Harley it Monroe lasted over two hours. "The said very one Lawyer coach and manable." We could have done competition."

Students learn from television hill from the were suited and suited the senior more coaches, and one Lawyer coach and said were alive! We could have done competition."

Students learn from television

by Kristen Haenggi

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You can finally watch T.V. at school! Okay -so it's not exactly "Beverly Hills 90210", but it will keep you up-to-date on what's going on in the world.

"You're watching T.V. in school. It's strange," Paula Welsh said.

During activity period a tenminute news broadcast comes on. There are also two minutes of commercials during this time.

According to media center director Pat Whiteley every classroom has been installed with a T.V. The T.V.'s were given to Scotus free, providing 85% of the students had access to watch Channel One.

"I've been aware of Channel One for about three years through articles and classes I've taken," Whitely said. "I knew it was something we had access to."

According to Whiteley the news is recorded off of a satellite onthe roof automatically between 1:30-2 in the morning and recorded on a VCR everyday.

"Either Mrs. Eikmeier or myself preview it first thing in the morning, and all I have to do is push one button, and it feeds through the preview the news in the content of the province of the preview it first thing in the morning, and all I have to do is push one button, and it feeds through the preview the preview

With young news commen-tators the language is easy to understand and geared toward

"It saves a lot of time if you watch it," Whiteley said.
"If I have time, I watch Channel One. It's pretty good," Jason Feldhaus said.
"I'd rather watch the news at home, because I can keep up with current events without any distractions at school," Shane Pelster said.

Said.
Students have various parts of the broadcast they prefer.
"I like when they talk about styles, clothes, and music," Kristi Sliva said.
Paula Welsh's favorite part of Channel One is the commercials because she finds them interesting.

because she finds them interesting.

According to Whiteley the 11:56 activity time takes a lot of students away from watching if they have meetings. Feldhaus said homework, meetings and sleep sometimes prevent himfrom watching it.

"I'm usually doing my homework," Pelster said.

"I' think it's a good idea to watch it because it alerts the students of what's going on in today's world," Sliva said.

"I'definitely encourage people to watch it," Whiteley said. "Just previewing it in the morning keeps me up a lot better on what current news and affairs are. I find it useful for myself."

School fashion should be updated

by Brad Wangler

There is a dress code here at Scotus. The boys are required to wear dress trousers. They shall be a solid color of navy blue, khaki, or heather gray and require a belt if loops are present. Shirts shall be a solid white or pastel oxford style, with button down collar, and must be tucked in. Girls are required to wear a specified school uniform skirt and sweater. The skirt should not be more that two inches from the knees. They are required to wear a plain white blouse of non-sheer material, with a collar. This is according to the student handbook.

Some students feel the dress code is fair and not fair. "Girls should be able to wear different colored shirts like the boys do," junior Heidi Krings said.

"You should be able to wear dany color you like" junior Ryan Kobza said

Do we really need a dress code here at Scotus? "I feel we

recoming too important in scool, "Ye need a dress code because there are some less fortunate people who can't keep up with the fads. It's also just one of those privilages a private school has. If you don't like it go to a public school," Ryan Kobza said. There are those who don't are for the dress code, "It don't think we need a dress code, it is just a waste of money," freshman Brian Wessel said. "Dress codes are good for schools all around, many East coast public schools are even going to a dress code." Principal Robert Kobza said. "You act how you dress."

The dress code will probably be here for a long time. "I think it will probably get stricter"junior Theresa Horne said. "If you don't like

- Ryan Kobza

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public school."

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Hmmm.

Do you think William Kennedy Smith is guilty?



"No, people are taking sexual assault cases too far." - Mindi McPhillips



"No, no one heard the lady scream - Jeff Cieloha



"Yes, I think he is guilty."
- Ryan Wondercheck





" No, he is a male." - Shawn Diederich

New schedule kicks in

by Jeni Chaffee

Along with Advent this year, December also brought a new schoolschedule. Starting Monday December 2, Scotus began school at 8:00, instead of 8:10. This is an effect of the two snow days on October 31 and November 1.

Last year, due to heat days, Scotus' days were increased by ten minutes, changing the schedule from 8:15 through 3:25 to 8:10 through 3:30. This increased time schedule was carried over to the 91-92 year, because of the amount of shortened days on the schedule, according to Robert Kobza.

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The changed time of 8:00 to
3:30, will continue for the remainder of the school year.
However, next year, the school
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A califion of administrators from the four Catholic schools in Columbus worked together to decide on the method to be used to make up the days. The administrators considered input from the teachers and then got together, presented their four best ideas, and found one all agreed upon. Senior high principal, Kobza, said there haven't been any complaints on the new schedule.

Kobza said the 8:00 to 3:30 change was "one of several satisfactory methods to handle the snow days."

Although Kobza is satisfied

Although Kobza is satisfied with the new schedule many Scotus students are not. "No, I don't like the way we'll make up the snow days. It's gay. They should be built in," sophomore Wendy Mueller said.
"I don't like it because we should have five or six snow days in the year, so if it snows we can take off," freshman Kerry Fritz said.

said.

Some seniors had different ideas of how to handle snow days.
"I think it should be added on at the end of the day, not the beginning. I'll never make it to school on time," Amy Held said.
"Lunch stinks, we might as well cut the time we're there," Scott Harmeier said.

Other students and faculty thought the solution a good one. It's a good way because we don't want to skip vacation time," Jeff Cieloha said.

"It's fine, but, I would have

Mrs. Kruse did not commen on whether or not she liked the new schedule, but merely said, "No time is a good time to make up snow days."

More time means more fun

Extra days off of school!
Scotus has an extra long Christmas vacation this year due to Christmas Day landing on Wednesday. This gives more time for Scotus students and faculty to spend on themselves.
Columbus High and Lakeview's vacation is from December 21 to January 1. Scotus' vacation is from December 21 to January 5. We make up for getting these days off by having to attend classes after Memorial Day, this spring.

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These extra days off are giving some people a chance to get out of town. "We are going to the Bahamas. It will be weird without the snow, but I'm going to get atn," Mrs. Blaser said.

"This year I'm traveling to Scottsdale, Arizona," senior Jenny Fremarek said. She added, "The shopping, weather, men, and

while some people may be getting a tan, others have a differ-ent plan for vacation. "I'm going to Kansas City and then to Colorado to ski," freshman Laura Chaffee

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"I'm going to work and earn money during Christmas vacation. Most of my time will be spent working and sleeping, but it is also a time when I enjoy sledding and snowball fights, if there is snow," junior Matt Gonka said.

"An average vacation day will consist of basketball and friends. I will enjoy the extra time off to spend with my friends," junior Brandi Buggi said.

So remember, while you are sleeping in and lounging around during your extra days of vacation, you could be at school like many other students.

Bald is beautiful

by jOdi heFti shANe wEMhOff

God made only a few perfect heads, the rest he put hair on. Only 25% of the men who are bald are carefree and willing to joke about it, the other 75% of men try to hide and conceal their baldness. As a result, it is becoming harder and harder to tell who is bald and who is not. The concealling of baldness is getting easier everyday. For instance: you can cover it up by a hat or topee; grow the back and sides longer so it will easily be excessable to flop up and cover the showing a hair transplant; or purchasing a special hair kit which supposably regains the growth of hair in thin areas.

Being the Curious George(s)

chasing a special hair kit which supposably regains the growth of hair in thin areas.

Being the Curious George(s) we are, we just wanted to find out what was in "THE" kit. So we went to our local Wally World (Wal-Mart) to find out.

To our surprise, they didn't have anything, something has to be wrong. So we went to Walgreens. They didn't have "THE" kit either, and we didn't feel like staying up all night flipping throught the channels to find a phone number to one of those so called hair growth companies. So we took the next best thing.

For only \$4.99, you can have more hair, or at least look like you have more hair, with Vitalis. Now we have one question (well, at least for now). What do you actually get for \$4.99. Well you get an 8oz (227g) bottle filled with water, peg 150, PVP, PVPV/A, Copolumer, polysorbate 20, biazolidinylunemtriethanolamine, carbomer 940, fragrance, hydrolyzed animal keratin, hydrolyzed animal protein, methylchloroisothiazolone, and

animal protein, methylchloroisothiazolone, and methylisothiazolione. All this and thicker hair for only \$4.99.
Personally I (Jodi) would not use anything on my hair that is 25 letters long or for a two word combination of 46 letters. I know

I would feel differently if I was completely bald and this was my last chance, right? I still don't know, I think with all of those ingrediants I could get used to being bald in a real hurry.

I (Shane) finally figured out why people are bald. Anybody who puts chemicals like methylchloroisothiazolone and methylisothiazdinone in their hair are going to loose it sooner or later. I also think people who try to conceal their baldness are wasting their time and money. Plus it usually makes it more noticeable that they are bald. So my advice to the people who are trying to conceal their baldness is, "Save yourself time and money and face the fact that you are bald."

Some of the advantages of being bald are:

1.) You can always tell the weather first.

2.) If a friend would like to see what he or she looked like, all he or she would have to do would be to look at your head and use it as a mirror.

3.) You don't have as much hairto

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3.) You don't have account wash.
4.) You can save money on hair-cuts and hair products.
5.) You will never have to worry if a piece of hair is sticking out like a sore thumb.

Some of the disadvantages of being bald are:
1.) Jokes may be aimed towards

you.
2.) People may think you are older than you really are.
3.) Your head can get sunburned

in the summer.
4.) Your head gets frost bite in the

4.) Your head gets frost bite in the winter.
5.) Can't keep up with the latest hairstyles.
On a mutual agreement, we have decided that trying to conceal your baldness could be one or more of the following: waste of money, and primarly only used to make yourself feel better.
Our advice to you "BALDIES" is "Save your money and stop trying to create a false image. So take off those topees and hats so you can let your real beauty "SHINE"!

Unbecoming language is prominent

by Holly Hunter

His parents were upset. They were screaming at him. The dark haired teenage replied, "This is buil - (well you can imagine the rest)

bull - (well you can imagine the rest.)
People are motivated to swear by different feelings ranging from angerto happiness. "We swear when we're getting pumped up for a game. We say things like let's on kirk some "junio let's go kick some ___," junio and football player Keith Morris

said.

Sophomore Mike Shotkoski, who claims to swear approximately two to four times daily, uses "four letterwords "sometimes when I'm upset about being grounded."

Swearing is a part of supply the said of said of supply the said of said of

grounded."

Swearing is a part of every-day life for many people. According to Wendy Mueller, it is also becoming increaingly popular with youger people because it makes them feel more adult by swear-line.

Mueller also said she finds it

annoying when people feel the need to swear every other word.

Morris said he wold be turned off if a girl he just met started swearing, and by the same token, he would be just as irritated by a male he just met doing the same.

"I feel like guys get turned off when gilrs swear." Mueller said.

Besides the fear of sexism, there are other dangers involved with swearing.

there are other dangers involved with swearing.
"You might have someone look down on you because of your choice of words," Shotkoski said.
"(A person) might accidentally slip up in front of older people: teachers, parents, and principals," Mueller said and the consequences could be more damaging than the words used.
You might have to sit and listen to your parents go on and on about why a person shouldn't swear.
The moral? Think before you

The moral? Think before you speak. We swear it will help you.



Mystery Photo #3. Guess this, and you'll receive a \$5.00 gift certificate to a business of your choice. Last month's winner was Ted Happ. The photo was an enlarged photo of Jesus Christ as seen in the freshmen hall tapesty.

Graduation brings reality

by jOdi heFti

Counting down the days untill your high schoolgraduation? Kent Kopetzky, a 1989 graduate, says don't.

"Don't get me wrong, college is fun, but it's not like what you see in the movies," Kopetzky said.
"College isn't everything it's cracked up to be. It is the end of the innocence, it is time for you to take responsibilities that your parents had previously taken for you. It is a lot of hard work, 1991 graduate Rachelle Schieffer said. Scieffer said she likes college and meeting new people. Schieffer also said that she often calls home for money, but she doesn't really miss it.

"One thing I miss about high."

miss it.
"One thing I miss about high school is the unity and closeness. You knew everybody, and now I don't," Schieffer said.

1991 graduate Shannon Ternus said she likes college and meeting new friends. "I think it is easier to meet new friends at an all girls school, (College of Saint Mary) because it is not as big as a the University."

1991 graduate Chris Bogus siad, "I really don't miss home. I write or call probably every two weeks, and I also come home about every two weeks."

"The things that prepared me the most for college are the courses I took in high school, and the teachers. The ways they each are similar to the teachers attitudes at the college level," Bogus said.

"I thought that college would be harder than it is. That's not saying that I am getting all A's, but I am doing better than I thought I would," Bogus said.



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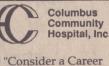




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Thoughts...

What have you done to help the homeless outside of school?

"I found homeless people on a highway in Arizona and gave them transportation to a nearby city."

"I gave the homeless a coat."

Luke Jackson



Jenny Fremarek holds up an ear of corn as other Campus Ministers dedicatedly husk corn to be delivered to the food pantry and other assistance shelters.

Everyone needs a home

Picture yourself celebrating on Christmas Day. Now picture yourself celebrating Christmas without a home. A scary thought, isn't it? Yet it is a reality for the vast number of homeless people in America.

Do you realize that even if everyone in Columbus was homeless there would still be one and a half times more homeless people in Chicago alone?

Since 1980 the homeless population in the United States has doubled every year. This has left an unbelievable million or more Americans without homes, according to Ellen Baxter, Board of Directors for the Coalition for the Homeless.

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Some hold the opinion that these people are just bums and drunks who are too lazy to go out and work. According to Cheryl Gorder's Homeless! Without Addresses in America
half of the homeless are high school graduates, one out of five have attended college, and one in twenty hold a college degree.
Fifty percent of the homeless are families, most of them under age 35. People 19 and under make up 13 percent of the homeless population. Only 5 percent of the millions of homeless people choose such a lifestyle.

Studies done by the government showthat 50 percent or more of the families in America are only two paychecks away from life on the street. In fact, a large number of homeless people still hold regular jobs but are unable to find

affordable housing. These "working poor" are perhaps in worse positions than those without jobs. In Gorder's book it is stated that if families make over \$8,277 a year they can't qualify for federal aid.

Schools often turnaway home less children because their parents are often unable to prove residency in that district. Because of this children show the greatest reaction to their situation. Dr. Ellen Bassek of Harvard found that 47 percent of homeless children become slow in language development, physical development, and emotional growth.

Children are often placed in foster care by public agencies because their families are homeless. Many families refuse to stay in government run shelters or to accept financial aid as they fear their children will be taken away. Teen runaways influenced by problems of alcohol, drugs, and finances in the family, may also end up on the street. A 1983 study by the Department of Health and Human Services found that over 800,000 teens run away from home each year and another 300,000 to 500,000 are abandoned by their families.

In the 1960's changes were made in the admittance policies for mentally ill persons. This was enforced to help mentally ill people, by giving them more rights. This made it more difficult to involuntarily admit someone and it also affected those who had already been admitted against their will. As a result these peop; le were released.

This process was called

"dumping" by some people because 444,000 people were released from mental health care facilities. Thirty-five percent of those released now live on the streets, making up one-third of the homeless people know that food and money come on few occasions. They may sell the few belongingsthey have, do oddjobs, or recycle cans. They may even go as far as selling their own blood plasma. In Atlanta plasma banks allow a maximum two donations a week at \$11 apiece.

Homeless people must accept handouts or eat out of dumpsters if they haven't made any money that day. Many times store owners spray poison on the dumpsters to keep the homeless away. This leaves them either to starve to death or poison themselves.

It is a daily struggle to find a

stave to death or poison themselves.

It is a daily struggle to find a "public" restroom that they are allowed to use; a nightly struggle to stay away from the blanket thieves that roam among the homeless.

The most basic constitutional rights are denied when you are homeless. What do you write down for a phone number and permanent residence on a job application? Without an address you can't get a driver's license or a library card, you can't even get a welfare check or food stamps that would allow them to start over again.

TA representation foods of items were service.

again.
Picture yourself at Christmas
again, at home with presents underthe tree, and picture how lucky

Students clothe the naked

by Jeni Chaffee

As the Christmas season begins with repeated advice on the joys of giving instead of receiving, Fr. Wayne Pavela shows us a way to give to those who truly need it.

Fr. Wayne, with the help of Campus Ministry, opening the processing of the processing the proces

us a way to give to those who truly need it.
Fr. Wayne, with the help of Campus Ministry, organized the canned food TA competition at Scotus. Scotus collected 2129 items of food, they then gave to the Federated Church, which has a food pantry.
Once the canned food is delivered to the Federated Church, it is out of Fr. Wayne's hands and into Georgia Behlen's, who runs the food pantry.
Fr. Wayne and Campus Ministry also sponsored a coat drive. As of December 13, 35 coats had been collected. These coats will go to a Catholic homeless shelter in Omaha.
"I would like to see us hit 100 coats. I would be very pleased, though, if we had 75 coats or more," Fr. Wayne said. The drive ended today, December twenti-

eth.

Fr. Wayne has been running the food drive since he came in 1981. He has had a clothing drive every year for about five years. Last year he organized the blanket drive and ended up with 210 blankets. Campus Ministry grows fresh vegtables to give to the food pantry. This is the first year that Fr. Wayne and Campus Ministry have sponsored a coat drive.

"I think it helps the community, not only physically, but it is also a witness to the community, Fr. Wayne said. "We will have a clothes drive and a blanket drive later in the year, after Christmas."

Many different stores in Columbus have helped with contributions. Wal Mart has given seed for Fr. Wayne's garden and helped with the blanket drive last year. Food 4 Less and Russ' have both also contributed with help and donations to different projects.

"I think it's great we help the poor people," Eric Gonka, a member of Campus Ministry said. He added, "This isn't the season of getting, but giving."

"If you're not part of the solution, then you're part of the problem."

The Best Guests

Then said he also to him that bade him, When thou makest a dinner or a supper, call not they friends, nor they brethren, neither thy kinsmen, nor thy rich neighbors; lest they also bid thee again, and a

recompence be made thee.

But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind: and thou shalt be blessed; for they connot recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just.

- St. Luke XIV 12-14

"Love your neighbor as yourself."

Which one of these is homeless?







Homelessness at home

Comfortably buckled to the plaid back seat of my car, Nick chatted about his favorite tree in the park. It was a "huge" maple tree.

the park. It was a "huge" maple tree.

"It's sooo big and sometimes my brother and me climb it."

My friend Jason and I smiled at each other. Taking care of Nick and his brothers was always— at the least entertaining.

"...and it reaches up to the sky, and one time we..."

Today we promised Nick a trip to the park. Driving past the bank, the temperature flashed on the sign-103 degrees. No wonder sweat was dripping from every pore in my body. No air conditioning, no free time, just humidity and the longest tree story I'd ever heard.

"It's the best tree because...aren't we stopping at 7-11...what was I saying?..."

The small plastic frames of his glasses rested on his tiny nose and his teeth gleamed as he chattered on.

nis teeth gleamed as he chattered on.

"Can I get orange juice? My mom lets me have orange julce Do you like orange juice?" He was tiring but definately charming.

When we arrived at the park, hick sprinted over to "his" tree. "Here it is, Here it is!"

We counted the branches on the tree. We estimated the height of the tree and we drank our orange juice in the "v" of the tree.

"Lets go, Nick, the tree's going to get tired."

"Give me a piggy back ride."

Nick climbed on my back and we gallopped towards the blue bomber.

"I got a joke for ya'...knock,

"I got a joke for ya'...knock, knock."

other person making use of the park. We were making use of his home.

Nick barely noticed him. "He's just sleeping, Holly...Knock, knock."

"Who's there?' The words sllipped outof my mouth without enthusiam.

"Boo!"

"Boo who?"

"You don't have to cry, it's only a joke!" His entire five year old body shook with laughter.

To him, life seemed that simple. He was a giant of eternal optimism.

Nick didn't comprehend that while he was spending his summer playing "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles" and going on make believe camping trips, there were others "camping" on the street: hungry and afraid. Learning more first hand than anyone should be forced into.

"Isn't that the best tree in the

whole world?"

"yes, it is, Nick."

At his age Nick is able to take advantage of visits to the park and a comfortable home to call his own; and I hope by the time he is able to grasp the understanding of the homeless crisis, he will have the courage to take part in finding a solution.

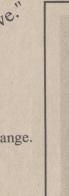


Photo by Jenni Styskal

resentatives bring forward the canned and dry collected during November for the homeless. were dedicated during the Thanksgiving Prayer

"It's better to give than to receive."

... give spare change.



Food pantry helps area needy

The man looks lifeless as he struggles down the street. His nose, cheeks, hands and feet are so frost bitten he can not feel them. The harsh winter air deteriorates his hopes of finding a cardboard box...or something to keep him warm. He is homeless-like millions of Americans.

According to Scott Harmeier a homeless person is someone who has "no job, no income, and no place to go tonight."

A homeless person is "someone who needs desperate help. They are usually poorly showered" and are unsure of when their next meal will be, Kerry Robak said.

"There isn't a set look to them. Some look unhealthy, gray . . . totally defeated. Others have a strong spirit, are cheery and never give up. It also depends on how long they ve been introuble," Food Pantry coordinator Georgia Behlen said. "According to the government 'homeless' is when severalfamilies live in one house."

"It brings me to tears and makes me really upset. I get angry inside that not enough is done to help these people," Robak said.

One way to help the homeless is to donate items to the Food Pantry. The Food Pantry was originally started by the Federated Church and evolved into Platte County.

Behlen has several duties as coordinator of the Food Pantry. The list includes making sure shelves are stocked, talking to different community groups, running food drives, and meeting one on one with the needy people when they come in.

"I have dealt specifically with nomeless families several times this year," Behlen said. For instance, she helped a family of eight who lived in their van for nearly a month.

"People in that situation mostly need a friend, someone who cares," Robak said. "You have to remember they are people, too."

help them in some way," Harmeier said.

Behlen said nearly everyone in the community donates food, usually through school, church, or

in the community donates tood, usually through school, church, or other organizations. People who come to the Food Pantry receive a ten day to two week supply of food and can only come once in six months. They must also prove they live in Platte County in order to receive help.

"Usually food comes in during the holidays, but not this year. I think people just lost track of time," Behlen said after not having enough food for Thanksgiving. Behlen said after not having enough food for Thanksgiving. Behlen said after not having enough food for Thanksgiving. Behlen said this is the first time that has happened. The toughest time for the homeless is November through February. Most people don't think about giving aid when the weather is nice.

"Don't forget us. We need your help year round," Behlen said. "Poverty is always with us, it doesn't change according to season."



Because homeless people aren't just homless around Christmastime, the food pantry needs food and your help the entire year.

Holiday feasts add pounds

by Brian Lueschen

The holidays are a real killer! Food is part of the celebration and the reason we eat it is because it

vacations can make us lazy. We like to eat and sleep. If we don't work, we do relaxing activities that take little energy like playing Pitch, watching TV, or playing Nintendo. The pounds we eat go to our waists, legs, stomachs, and (need we say it) our behinds.

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"I gain weight by 'pigging out'
overthe holidays." Cory Lueschen
said. Bigger meals, candy, leftovers and high calorie foods at
Christmas parties are available at
every turn.

"I gain my weight eating lots
of potatoes with gravy, turkey,
and a whole pumpkin pie with

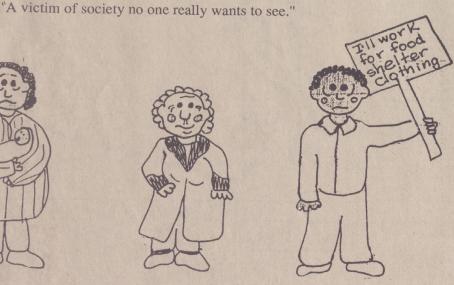
whipped cream," senior Brett Dallman said.
"I tend to eat junk food like cookies," said junior Susan Riley.
"I gain my weight by eating too much and not exercising," senior Jenni Styskal said.
"Sometimes I worry about some of my clothes not fitting right, and I'm always mad at myself. I always wish I could lose," Styskal said.
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ways wish I could lose," Styskal said.

Some look at the extra holiday pounds with optimism.
"It is good to gain weight because it will turn into muscle," senior Jeff Micek said.
Whether we like it or not, almost everyone gains some weight over the holidays because of all the food and beverages around. New Years, however, is just around the corner, and many can then make resolutions to lose those ugly pounds they have put on!







A11 of them.

From leftover veals to recooked meals

by Sarah Wemhoff Kristen Haenggi

"Hey mom, what's for lunch?"
"Well, you have a choice betweenturkey casserole, turkey pot
pie, turkey sandwiches with turkey bread, turkey pudding, sweet
potatoes with turkey chunks and
cold gravy, turkey soup, turkey
kabobs, turkey nuggets..."
"Okay, okay. I think I know
what I want."
"Well, what did you decide?"
"Ithink I'll go to Arby's and get
a Turkey Deluxe."
Every Thanksgiving and
Christmas many go through the
leftover blues when the only thing
to eat is turkey, turkey, turkey,
turkey, and more turkey,
turkey, turkey, and more turkey.
However, the minute you go out to
eat you may find yourself ordering
even more turkey. You might as
well face it, you're addicted to
turkey. So, since you're already
addicted we are going to give you
some helpful tips on what to do
with those holiday leftovers so
you won't have to be the guinea
pig to you'r mom's concoctions.

Spaghetti with Turkey Balls

1 ib mashed turkey 1 tupperware container of cran-berry sauce noodles found in the bottom of

drawer
1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. barley
1 tsp. of whatever elso you have sitting around.

balls and reheat in microwave until it gets that rubberized taste to it. Heat cranberry sauce until it somewhat resembles spaghetti sauce. While you are doing this you should prepare you noodles making sure you wipe the dust off before you cook them. To get the full holiday experience, take out the dishes that are still dirty from Thanksgiving and place yourfood on it.

*To add to this meal, bring out the stale bread and enjoy.

This is a pretty simple recipe.
Take every part of the turkey
that you have left and grind it.
Place it in a bread pan and watch
it grow (in the oven). If it fails to
rise - add yeast. After it is finished
rising, frost your loaf with potatoes. And to add color sprinkle it
with green beans.

This is the simplest of all and also the most tasty.
Slice your leftover cranberry sauce however big you want. Then put the slices on turkey bones and freeze. Wait at least two hours and then you can gobble them up.

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First mash cold turkey into



Drama II students perform their one act play "The Window" on the Memorial Hall Stage. The acting group later took 2nd at the District Competition in Silver Creek. - Photo by Tara Boesch

"I didn't want something that was a standard play."

- Drama Coach Sandie Bernt

One Act scores superior

The crickets begin to chirp. The wind begins to blow. The old woman slowly makes her way to the house. This is the opening scene of drama ll's oneact play "The Window."

"I'didn't want something that was a standard play," Drama Coach Sandie Bernt said. "The basic description is narrative theatre with a simple story line about a lady who has to face death. The elements of nature help her accept the idea that she is not going to live longer than that night," Bernt said.

According to Bernt said. "The beginning of the beginning of the school plays on Now with something abstract from what she saw while they were in drama!.

"It's different. You're used to playing human characters," Brad Wangler said of his element, rock.

"I'm air, which is wind's twin. "I'm not used to being an element. (Wind) and I are the head elements because we have to motivate because we h

According to Bernt they have changed the blocking at least 20 times.

"We've made some major changes, and we've started working on motivation," Bernt said. "The

b e e n really willing to talk to me about her interpretations."

According to Bernt she had seen an extensive interview of Queener in a magazine. Bernt then wrote a letter to her and Queener sent back her phone number if they needed to contact her about the play.

and placed second. December 13th and 14th was State at Grand Island.

"Ifeel it could do well at competition. It needs work, the rough edges need to be smoothed out," Wangler said.

"Ithink it has a better chance of winning than a standard play. Also in my mind this was a challenge for me because I've never done anything with dance," Bernt said.

Other cast members include-Jeft Loseke, grass/man; Jenny Fremarek, tree; Terra Wondercheck, bush; Holly Hunter, water; Jenni O'Neill and Cindy Kuehler, student director/lights and sounds.

A boring way to bond

by Sarah Wemhoff

Eating, drinking, bonding, and boring. What do all of these words have in common (besides ending in ing)? They are all characteristics of work Christmas parties.
There are several purposes to a work Christmas party.
"The purpose is to give the employees a break after their many hours of excruciating work," said Scott Harmeler, employee at Family Thrift Center.

"It's just nice to get together outside the school building," office secretary Kathy Kruse said of the Scotus Christmas party. "It's a special time to socialize and for the school to show their appreciation."

a scavenger hunt," said Sypal.
"We also exchange gifts and play
other games like Scattergories."
"There is usually a committee
that sets up different entertainment for us each year," Kruse
said.

"We bond," Kristi Sliva, former
employee of Dairy Queen said.
"We also play Scrabble or
Pictionary. Everybody usually has
fun. But the food is the best.
There is a ton to choose from and
it all tastes good."

Harmeier was not as excited
about the food at his Christmas
parties. "The meal just stinks. We
have raw prime rib, cold soggy
com, and rock hard potatoes,"
Harmeier said.

He also wasn't very excited
about the party itself. "The best
part is driving around after the
party is over to filnd other employee parties," Harmeier said.

So if you're having fun at your
christmas party and even if you're
not, watch out for Scott and the
other Family Thrifters because
they may be coming to your party
next.

The best and worst presents received

Fester returns

by Kelli Woods

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"Theybring employees closer together and it's an opportunity to have a good time with the people you work with," said Pizza Hut employee Lori Sypal.

There are also many different things that go on at these work parties.

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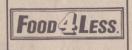
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are currently on the top 40 country charts.

His traditional country-western music is a million plus seller and the most current Ropin' the Wind has sales beaten only by Brooks' No Fences album.

The traditional country-western music is heard loud and clear in "Shameless," a song written by Billy Joel. Currently "Shameless" is scoring not only on country but also pop charts.

"What She's Doing Now," "Burning Bridges," and "Cold Shoulder," are also traditional country songs about love. The song "Lonesome Dove" is a legend told to the sound of a guitar. Brooks also added an upbeat sound, wilder than most country songs, to his albumwith the songs, "Against the Grain," "Rodeo," "Papa Loved Marna," and "We

Bury the Hatchet."

"Against the Grain" tells some of Brooks' thoughts of being yourself, not being afraid of doing something else besides jumping on the bandwagon.

"Rodeo" was the first release of Ropin' the Wind. This upbeat song about the rodeo with catchy lyrics and music that sounds great even if you are not a rodeo fan.

"Papa Loved Mama," with its hoedown country sound, is about a wife and her truck-driving husband who is never home. Papa ends up driving his truck right into the hotel where his wife is with another man.

Brooks' finishes his album with "The River." This song is about a dream of taking the good with the bad, and to do today istead of putting off till tomorrow.

Don't be afraid to go "against the grain" and get Brooks' new album, it is worth puttin' on your boots and chaps and heading down to the store.









Leona loves Christmas

by Sarah Wemhoff

For 13 years we have coura-geously walked through the winter wonderland giving joy to the world singing Noel! Noel! Even when God just Let it Snow! Let it Snow! Let it Snow! we went awassailing through the o holy night wishing everyone a

the o holy night wishing everyone a merry Christmas.
Since 1979 my family has been part of a Christmas caroling group that carols every year on the Sunday before Christmas. This tradition was the brain child of good friends of our family, Chuck and Leona Rogers, but mainly began because Leona loved to do it. She said that she and her husband were part of a caroling loved to do it. She said that she and her husband were part of a caroling group before they were married, and when they moved to Columbus they decided to start a group of their own. Leona has told me that the main reason they started the caroling group is because she loves Christmas and the season, and she believes caroling to people and mak-ing them feel good really brings out the true meaning of Christmas. She said "it helps to keep things in per-

I have to agree with Leona. I have been caroling with the group about 10 out of the 13 years, and

every year that I went was a positive experience. It's great to see the looks on people's faces when we come singing to their door. People are always pleased when we come are always pleased when we come and some even offer us cookies or invite us inside. Leona said that one year a lady even sent her money because she liked them so much.

I think it is really great when people show that much appreciation towards the group and it really

tion towards the group and it really makes me feel good to know that I participated in bringing joy to some-

participated in bringing joy to some-body else.

It's not like it used to be in the old days. You don't see very many peole going door to door caroling anymore. Instead you see them going store to store buying pack-ages, decorations, wrapping paper, bows, etc. and that's a shame. Many people fail to stop and think what Christmas is really about.

Chuck and Leona are two people that have not forgotten the meaning

or Chick and Leona are two people that have not forgotten the meaning of Christmas. It would be great if I could look out my window some Sunday afternoon and see people caroling door to door instead of speeding down the roads with their care resembling Santa's sleight cars resembling Santa's sleigh.

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Cheerleaders are loved

players to do well, to strive for a victory. I also enjoy the way they get the crowd all psyched up and cheering, too.

Everyone has feelings about them. Some people like them; some people like them; some people hate them; and some people don't pay any attention to them. They are called cheerleaders.

My feelings about them are that they are helpful to the players. They are very supportive, and they try to encourage the players to do well, to strive for a victory. I also enjoy the way they get the crowd all psyched up and cheering, too.

Before any game, the cheer-leaders put posters on the lockers of all the players and organize the per allies for special games such as Homecoming.

I think the pep rallies get the student body excited and gets some people to attend the games when they may not have thought they would otherwise.

The cheering Istyle has canged over the years, but my favorite cheer is still "Two bits, four bits, six bits, a dollar. All for Srotus, stand up and holler."

The cheers that include the

them. They are that they are that they are helpful to the players. They are very supportive, and they try to encourage the

T.A. doesn't mean "totally awesome"

one."
There are some people who don't like or want to hear all the noise that the cheerleaders make when cheering or the rim shots and jazz music the band plays during the halftimes and quarters, but I can tell you that as a member of the team on the floor or in the field, we really appreciate it! Thanks girls.



Upset student speaks out

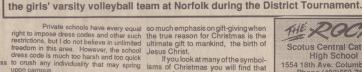
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Every human being's personality perhaps Scotus would starve and in Fernance Scotus would starve and its reflected through his or her dress and imprison the opinions and expression of its haircut. If both of these factors are limited to students rather than allow our student body the degree that they are at our high school, to make changes in some of the areas of this what room is left for the the communication school where changes are most needed. Love,

An Unhappy Duck

by Demetria Wade



Leave the Christ in Christmas

by Brad Wangler

attract publicity

Perhaps these are both the cause, or perhaps neither morals or values are to blame. Eitherway it doesn't really change the present fact of what is happening.

It is necessary for me as a "proper Catholic student" in a Catholic school to say that these condom ads are wrong and, in keeping with the Church's teachings, should never be shown on television, viewed in magazines and books, or heard on the radio. Somehow though as an 18 year old girl amidst all the hype, could turn a blind eye to what happens every day to millions of teens and adults. Sex today cannot only lead to unwanted pregnancies and emotional trauma but even to the AIDS virus and death.

Cheerleaders Christi Wachal and Kristie Puetz encourage the fans to cheer for

of Christ.

If people would look at the true meaning of Christmas again, there would be less poverty on the street of America because people would reach out and share what they have with others just as Jesus did., and the world would be filled with the joy and peace that filled the world the night Jesus Christ was born.



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Facts About Teenage Sex in the U.S.

(as surveyed by <u>U. S. News and World Report</u> magazine,

The Rock staff would like to remind its readers that the Catholic Church does not condone premarital sex or the use of any form of birth control, including condoms.

If you've seen the latest Rolling Stone magazine perhaps you've seen the condom advertisement for Trojan Condoms. The full page ad features Trojan-man interrupts a young couple who is enjoying a romantic dinner in a nice restaurant to hand them a box of Trojan - brand condoms.

In this age of AIDS and other life threatening Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD's), many condom companies have pushed to have their ads viewed on prime time television stations.

Fox 42 network changed their minds and decided to show contraceptive ads when Ervin "Magic" Johnson recently announced that he has the HIV virus.

Though AIDS and STD's have become "household words" teen-agers and other young adults are continuing to have sex. Some 57% of high school students have had sexual intercourse

Half of high school students do not receive in-struction on AIDS

Condoms can cut the risk of AIDS by at least 90%

26% of sexually active 12th graders always use condoms

34% of college males say they have lied in order to have sex

63% of venereal disease cases occur among those under 25

The National AIDS Hotline - available 24 hours a day - 1-800-342-2437.

Condom ads

life, then why shouldn't people, especially teens be taught about the ways to protect themselves?
It's too bad that the Catholic Church will not take a lead in the education of the consequences of sexual promiscuity. The church does have the only sure-fire way to never get pregnant or contract diseases.
Unfortunately abstinance and the church's feelings do not coincide with the feelings of the other portions of the world.

Watching a commercial or reading an article, or hearing an advertisement for condoms over the radio would not cause someone who is abstaining from sex to fall into bed with the first person they see. It would, or could at least have the chance to educate those who are having sexual relations to protect themselves and their partners.

To expect all people, everywhere to abstain from sex until marriage or to remain faithful throughout a marriage is completely ignoring the current statistic. In today's world, one out of every two marriages ends in divorce, and 57% of high school students have had sexual relations.

AIDS will soon be the largest killer of young adults, claiming over 30% of this age group.

Moving from one court to another Bump. Set. Spike. Dribble. Shoot! According to Brenda Sliva the transition between volleyball and basketball is hard to get used to. "It's hard to adjust because they are two totally different sports," Renee Fuhr said. "I think the toughest part is, as the season of volleyball (continues) you keep building more excitement and momentum. You are reaching a climax of the season." Coach John Petersen said, "And then bang! It's over, and you have to start all over again. You're back to square one with a whole new season." Petersen also said it makes it tougher for the first basketball game because it is only a week and a half after practice starts. The variety volleyball members got one week off after receiving the second place trophy at State, before they started two-a-day practices. These were held before and after school. "I don't know if one's any tougher than the other. They're just two different sports," Petersen said. "I think there's a misconception that basketball practices are tougher than volleyball. I don't know if one's any tougher than volleyball. I don't know with the second place trophy at State, before they started two-a-day practices. These were held before and after school. "I don't know if one's any tougher than the other. They're just two different sports," Petersen said. "I think there's a misconception that basketball practices are tougher than volleyball. I don't know if that's necessarily true."

by Kelli Woods

by Shane Wemhoff

If you want to get out of the

If you want to get out of the house and enjoy the cold weather outside and the snow on the ground, there is a sport that will allow you to do just that - snow skiing.

It may look dangerous and hard, but skiing is like learning to ride a bike and as dangerous as driving or riding in a car. Once you have learned how to ski, you can

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driving or riding in a car. Once you have learned how to ski, you can never forget.

There are many advantages to learning how to ski. First, it is a fun recrational sport the whole family can learn and enjoy. It also builds muscles and helps condition the body. While you are riding a ski lift back up the mountian, you have time to sit, relax and enjoy the beautiful scenery.

There are also some disadvantages of the recreational sport of skiing. The biggest disadvantage is the cost. If you don't own your own set of skis, boots, and ski poles, it will cost anywhere between \$200.00 for a used set and \$3,000.00 for a new set. If you don't have that kind of money to dish out, you can rent this equipment. The rent per day on a set of ski equipment is about \$14.00.

Believe it or not the guys at Scotus have the opportunity to play basketball just for fun. This is made possible by participating in the IBA, Intramural Basketball Association, at Scotus. IBA has been at Scotus for over 11 years, "The program had already been established, I don't first boys basketball game.

Intramural causes interest

Life in the fast lane means fun on the slopes

"IBA is a good alternative for the students who enjoy playing basketbal but don't appreciate the ... varsity and JV basketball system and style of execution," senior Shawn Diederich said.

After the sign-up Father sees how many guys are interested and how many teams are needed. The captains of each team are made up of the seniors that played IBA last year and were the highest scorers. The captains

then draw numbers and choose* their teams.

The IBA season consists of each team playing all the others and then playing a tounament. An All-Star game is played against Columbus High's IBA stars at the end of the season.

A relatively small number of people attend the games, usually there are 20 or so spectators but it varies, according to Father.

The purpose of IBA is to have fun and to provide a chance at playing for those unable to play on a varsity team. "My biggest fear is that it will turn into an NBA atmosphere. It's IBA not NBA," Father Wayne said.



Managers earn letters

Renee Fuhr spikes a ball during practice time before

the district tournament at Northeast Community College in Norfolk. The transition between volley-ball and basketball practices is difficult for some.

Lueschen, a three year managing veteran for the Shamrocks, says he likes to encourage the team at half-time and compliment them on their performance after the game.

Besides moral support, they are also responsible at the games.

Besides moral support, they are also responsible at the games for making sure warm up jersies are folded and keeping towels are manager, Brian Lueschen, have many responsibilities. During practices they are in charge of getting the basketballs out of the storage room, setting out the station markers and wet mopping the court.

"They have to be pretty strong. Seriously, wet mopping is a lot tougher than it looks," Kelly Slusarski, a 6'3" senior foward/post said.

- Photo by Jenny Frem

Tourney is journey of fun

This year will be the 10th year of the Columbus Holiday Tournament. This tournament is sponsored by the Columbus Chamber of Commerce.

of Commerce.
The Holiday Tournament is a
basketball tournament which
consists of two divisions, Class A
and Class B. There are four
schools in each division; the three

Scotus boys 53 Grand Island CC 60

Grand Island CC 60 SCOTUS-TheScotus boys were down by only two points with just under two minutes left in the game but Grand Island Central Catholic pulled away for a 60-53 victory over the Shamrock. Mike Henggeler was Scotus's top scorer with 15 points. SCORING ROUND-UP-Mike Henggeler 15, Jeff Tooley 10, Kelly Slusarski 1, Jeff Herdzina 5, Matt Naughtin 7, Scott Sobota 13, Luke

The Chamber of Commerce begins organizing the tournament in Janurary. They hold a wrap-up meeting right after the tournament and send out contracts in Janurary to lock teams into the tournament for the next season. After this, not muchis done with the tournament until October according to O'Neill.

The city of Columbus gives much support to the tournament. The Chamber of Commerce makes a program and designs a T-shirt for the tournament each year.

Many businesses and service clubs also support the tournament by sponsoring one of the teams.

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KLIR sponsors a contest that gives away a new car if a person makes the required shots during the half time of the final game.

The class B division Holions in the past 9 years:

	BOYS	GIRLS				
'82	Fairbury	Ashland / Greenwood				
'83	Fairbury	Scotus				
'84	Lakeview	Scotus				
'85	Seward	Scotus				
'86	Scotus	Scotus				
'87	Seward	Lexington				
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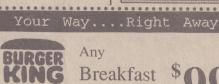
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Clockwise from lower left corner; juniors Daren Buettner, Rashel Morris, Eric Gonka, Candi Mustard, Christie Wachal, and Heidi Krings end the first semester with their eighth period religion final.

Programs increase alcohol awareness

Everyday there are adolescents trying something new, but the new things they try are not always good for them. A lot of students experiment with drugs such as alcohol, cocaine, and marajuana, and this is why programs like REACH (Responsible Educated Adolescents Can Helpi and DARE (Drug Awareness Resistance Education) were created.

REACH is a program which young people become involved in an effort to educate the young people of America on hazards of drug and alcohol use. The REACH program of Scotus is comprised of students from the sophomore class.

Twenty REACH members visit the classrooms of the Catho-

the classrooms once a week through a sixteen week period, during which the police officers teach the grade school students about the different drugs and how to say 'no.'

The sixteen week period is concluded with high school students going to the classrooms. They share their experiences and allow the grade-schoolers to ask questions about their experiences and the different pressures.

"Two of the questions that most stood out were 'Have you ever seen anyone get on a table and dance when they were drunk?" and 'Have you seen any body get beaten up because they wouldn't drink?" DARE member Kristi Sliva said. "It was hard not to laugh at some of the questions, but to them the questions they asked were normal," Sliva said.

It's a map makers panic

by Demetria Wade

Inourlifetimes, many changes have taken place around the world. Lately, with the Tianenmen Square uprising and the reunification of Germany, it appears that the world is opening to a new sort of change - peace.

Just a few weeks ago, what the world knew as the United Soviet Socialistic Republics revolted and formed the new Commonwealth of Independent States.

The nuclear arms race has been a large part of news since after World War II, and because of this, it seems to many, impossible to believe that Russia or the "enemies" are now politically our friends.

sible to believe that Russia or the "enemies" are now politically our friends.

"Even though they took all the statues and pictures of Lenin down to symbolize the change, I think it's a double standard, because I don't believe that things will change", said Junior Keri Stopak.

"They were all hoping for liberation but they didn't think that if you just change one day, there will be chaos unless there is a set plan. They don't have one", said teacher Mrs. Kiser-Jensen.

Chaos is one word that accurately describes the situation in many large areas of the former Soviet Union. The first day after the Commonwealth of Independent States was formed, inflation rose 300-600%: The average Soviet person would have to work about 20-22 hours just to buy one

loaf of bread.
"They need to organize," said freshman Shade Whalen, "Democracy is the only thing that will work in today's society."
Not everyone agrees with the enthusiastic changes taking place in Bussia.

enthusiastic changestaking place in Russia.

"No matter how much they say that they're changing for the better, things are going to remain the same. The food lines are going to be tremendously long, prices will still remain high and the people will still be under a total dictatorship, despite the changes they say they're making.", said Stopak.

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Stopak.
"I don't think the Russians will ever have a democracy. They've learned that the way of life they have now is just the way of life for them," Stopak said.

The revolts recently show that the people of the Commonwealth feel differently.

Perhaps the Democratic change will take only a few years. I personally believe that things will get worse before they get better. More revolts, such as is happening in the republic of Georgia, are inevitable for the power struggle among the republics.

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One idea is to have the presidents of the republics separate their areas into their own country, similiar to what England did with India and Australia, instead of trying to stay together.

Though many ideas about Communism have been shaken, one thing is certain. The new wave of an "open, friendly world" is upon us.

Phobias increase fears Spiders, heights, peanut butter

by Sarah Wemhoff

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Your parents have left for the weekend. You come home after driving around with friends to an empty house and you start hearing scraping on your windows and think you see a shadow. You lock all the doors, close all the curtains, and go to your kitchen where the knives are easily accessible. This is fear and it's perfectly normal. However, if you have the fear of peanut butter sticking to the roof of your mouth, that is abnormal and means you have a phobia; arachibutyrophobia to be specific.

heights, bridges, snakes, and storms.

Jada Huss suffers from one of these common fears. She is afraid of going over bridges.

"I've had this fear ever since I was a little kid. I had dreams of bridges, about falling off one, and I've been scared of them ever since," Huss said.

Nate Marik also has a fear of falling. His fear is not of falling off a bridge but a cliff.

"I'didn't really notice I had this fear until we went to Colorado two summers ago. I felt uneasy whenever I came near a cliff," Marik said. Marik also said that he had a fear of hornets.

"When I was a little kid I got stung in the neck. It swelled up and made it hard to breath. Now I freeze when I see hornets."

According to mental health experts many people don't even bother to try to overcome their phobia because they think it is pointless.

"My fear of bridges is something I can't change. I have my mind set that way," Huss said.

"I've tried to pet cats with other people holding them," Kerry Robak said of her cat phobia, "but I still get scared. I've also tried to tell myself that it's only a little cat but then they always scratch me."

However, mental health professionals say there is a way to overcome these phobias. They say the most effective treatment is exposure therapy, a type of therapy that deals directly with the phobia. By using this approach the patient confronts his orherfear until he or she becomes comfortable with the feared object or situation and are able to act normally when he or she is exposed to the phobia.

So there is help out there for those of you who want it, and for those that don't, WATCH OUT, because that peanut butter is really sticky.

'Heck' week is coming soon Initiates fear for their lives

by Demetria Wade

For years of dedicated work and service on the Speech Team you'd expect to get a trophy, perhaps at least a plaque. Not quite. You have earned the chance to try to survive Thespian Initiation Week beginning
Two years of Speech Team and/or Drama are required to enjoy this dubious honor, which involves dressing up in costume one day, kneeling to Thespians and of course, secret rituals.

"I'm kind of worried about the initiation. I don't know for sure if I really want to go through it," initiate Amy Held said.
Nobody is positive what the initiation process will be like, except of course those who are already Thespian members.

"I think that they're going to try to humiliate us in every way possible. That's why I am uneasy about initiation. Some things I think will be fun, but it's something all Thespians have to go through," junior Christi Wachal said.

"A lot of initiates from last

year tell me not to take it seriously, and to keep a good attitude. But some people said they got mad at their friends. I really don't want that to happen," junior Theresa Wemhoff said.

There seems to be an almost bonding between those who are about to go through initiation. "It's almost like we need to stick together-or else," Held said.

"We'll find out soon enough what it's like. Hopefully we will look back and laugh," Wemhoff said.

Mr. Atchison helps junior Craig Rueschhoff plan his schedule for the new

Curfew sets limits on minors

by Frank Ramaekers

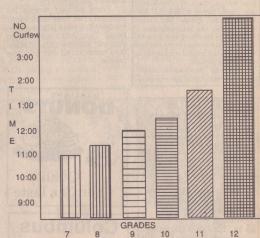
"Mom, I wanna stay out longer than 11.00." This is a very common reply from teenagers when a mother or father tells their child to be home by a certain time.
When teenagers go out on weekends, most of them end up being home by 12:00 or earlier.
"I think there should be some type of curfew that will help the students discipline themselves so they have everything done for school," Father Wayne said.
The longer you stay out the more likely you are to get into trouble. "I don't have a curfew because my mother respects my decisions. If I get too carried away she will enforce one," junior Jim Springer said.
"I think they're good because

Jim Springer said.

"I think they're good because they teach you responsibility," sophomore Tom Dobesh said.

As you can tell by the graph the younger you are the sooner you have to be home. A seventh grader has to be home by 11:00 or earlier and a freshmen has to be home by 12::00 or later.

"According to senior Paula Welsh,"Currews don't really matter because if you're going to do



The above graph indicates the average time inwhich Scotus students, grades 7 required to be home on weekends.

Students cram for stress

cerore semester tests and I will tell you what to study later this week."

Later this week! I don't believe this, no...wait, I do. Every year this happens: teachers tell us that we will need three, four, maybe twenty hours to study for their tests, yet they usually don't give us what we need to study until four days before the test.

Four days. Ninety-six hours. Five thousand seven hundred sixty minutes. Hey that sounds like a lot of time! Think about it though, thirty of those precious hours will be spent in school talking about everything but what will be on the test. Twenty hours will be spent asleep, and that's if you sleep only five hours each night. This leaves 46 hours to study. Less than two days!

Well, maybe 46 hours to study. Less than two days!

Well, maybe 46 hours could be enough, after all that's five hours and 45 minutes to study for each of eight tests. So you sit down to study for a test and it takes five and a half hours just to look up all the information in a two footpile of notes. That only leaves 15 minutes of actual studying for each test.

Ok, maybe you don't need that much time to study for a P.E. test or a Band test, but you need ten times that much time to study for most science and math tests.

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Why do teachers wait until the last minute to prepare us? They have an annual answer to this question: "I know that you won't study until the last minute anyway, so we will review the last day we have class...etc.,etc."
What I want to know is, how do they know we won't study until the last minute? Sure, most people procrastinate a little, but who doesn't? That's it! We don't get the information we need until four days before the test because the teachers have been putting off making up the test.

Don't get me wrong, I know teachers are busy people and have almost as many tests to make up as I have to study for. Still, the week or two before semester tests would be a bit less stressful if we were given more time to study. I believe that the majority of students want to get good grades on semester tests and would make good use of any extra time teachers would give them. With a few more days they could still procrastinate a little and have plenty of time to study, too.

Maybe if teachers made a New Year's resolution to give us over four days to study for semester tests and if we as students resolved not to procrastinate as much, both groups would hopefully benefit in the end result of better grades.



Senior Jason Feldhaus and junior Ryan Kobza serve students during Campus Ministry hamburger bash following semester tests.

the long haul

Drumming for success

It took five bands, some cardboard, and a little help from his friends for Brad Doné to develop his talents as a drummer. Doné, a junior, has played the drums for about five years. "I taught myself how to play. In the beginning I'd spread a lot of pillows around my room, hang pieces of cardboard up for cymbals, and use that as my trap set," Doné said.

While learning to play the

while learning to play the drums he played by ear. "I still don't read music," Doné said.

Two Scotus graduates also played an important part in the beginning. "Tom Jackson and Mike Horne taught me how to twirl drumsticks and how to use the double bass. Mike really helped me a lot," Doné said.

For the past three weeks he has played with the group Borrowed Time, although he says the name will probably change. He is

the youngest in the group of to with the others ranging in a from 21 to 35. Other members the group include Steve Eng Steve Hurt, and Dawn Swobo. Borrowed Time practic twice a week and Done and bass player will often pract additional times. The band pects to start playing their rock rollin bars around Columbus so. "We'll probably play about gigs before we get popular, it we'll extend out of town." De said. Starting wages for the bawill be around \$300 a night a will be split evenly among group.

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After high school Done plans to attend college and continue playing with Borrowed Time.

Done's idols are the drummers Peter Criss of Kizz and Lars Ulrich of Metallica. If his work pays off, maybe someday Brad Done's name will be included among the idols of an up-and-coming drummer.

All guesses for last month's mystery photo (#3)) were incor-rect. It was not a Christmas tree or an ornament. It was an up close and personal look at a poor

ner will receive a gift certificate to any business he / she

wishes . Start thinking no

MTV is blocked out for morality

In the past week we went out to find the ultimate in Mexican food restaurants. Since there are only three Mexican restaurants in Columbus we went to all three: Amigos, El Matador, and Taco

Amigos receives four jalapenos

Arnigos because there were fewer smiles.

Brad, who had the taco once again, found they needed to improve the taco shells broke very easily. To improve the taco they should use a different brand that is not as brittle. He also found the same thing at Amigos of fresh lettuce and fresh cut tomatoes.

Frank ordered the soft taco for the second time, and didn't enjoy it because the ingredients were not mixed up. The soft taco also did not include any sour cream which took away from the taste of the taco. The atmoshere was very uncomfortable and unappetizing. All the tables, were cluttered in one area which made it seem crowded.

After we left the uncomfortable atmosphere of El Matadors, we set off to explore Taco Johns.

Once again Brad had the hard taco and enjoyed the meat which was well distributed throughout the taco. Frank repeated his order of a soft taco and was dismayed to see it was not folded like

Amigos, El Matador, and Taco Johns.

Amigos was excellent and the friendly service was good. Brad, who ordered a hard taco, enjoyed the fresh lettuce and well sliced tomatoes. He felt they could improve by distributing the meat better, in one bite you may get all meat and in another bite you may get all lettuce.

Frank ordered the soft taco and enjoyed how it was folded lifke a burrito in order to keep the ingredients inside. The sour cream, meat, cheese and lettuce were all mixed up, and it made the taco taste better compared to when the ingredients were seperated.

the taco. Frank repeated his or-der of a soft taco and was dis-mayed to see it was not folded like a burrito, and how the ingredients weren't mixed within the taco. The service was fair, but not as good as Amigos. Amigos was extremely friendly. We both enjoyed the fact that the food was prepared in front of us. The atmosphere says "fast food".

The question has arisen if MTV is becoming immoral. Hard rock and heavy metal music, rock stars with tight pants, long hair and questionalbe reputations, flashy women, fast cars, and sexual scenes with beautiful women are all readily available if one turns to channel 32.

Up until two years ago, Columbus residents did not have a choice of any other music video station other than MTV, but now there is the option of VH-1 on channel 41, VH-1 plays a lot of songs from the past as well as adult contemporary music videos.

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Out of the three Mexican restaurants Brad thought Taco Johns was the best. Brad gave Taco Johns four jalapeno peppers (the highest rating). He gave Amigos three jalapeno peppers, and El Matador only one.

Frank enjoyed Amigos the most out of all three restaurants. He gave them four jalapeno peppers. Taco Johns was second best with three peppers. El Matadors came in last with only one pepper.

want their children to watch what is being presented.

"Ithink it's vuglar, crude, suggestive, and disrespectful to both males and females,"English teacher Linda Kosch said. "It's my own personal belief that one's sexuality is special and private and should not be exploited, but rather remain private between two people, hopefully in a close, sincere relationship," added Kosch.

"MTV is dirtier and has better videos than VH-1,"sophomore Steven Shonka said."MTV shows more women with less things on," Shonka added.

"A lot of the videos are sexist," jurifor Brad Done' said. "Sometimes it's too much."

MTV banned Madonna's video "Justify My Love" last year for its crudity and questionable sexual scenes. Other music groups have been limited to showing only their "tamer" videos with changed lyrics or censored scenes.

"As far as music goes, I think

Speakers prepare for

2 Live Crew should be banned from MTV because it isn't anything a ten year old should have access to, "Done' said adding that Adam Curry was his favorite MTV spokesman because "he played more metal music than rap."

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"I like MTV, but we only get VH-1. My parents hate MTV and won't let us get it, so I go to my riend's house and watch it," sophomore Laura Kosch said.

"I love heavy metal, and MTV is the only station that completely satisfies my passion for this type of music. It's flashy," said Laura Kosch adding, "I like VH-1, too, because they play a lot of videos from the 80's, and I like a lot of the older videos.

"It will be interesting to see what type of music today's students will be watching in ten years. I know my tastes in music have changed a lot since I was in high school," English teacher Mrs. Schieffer said.

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Marley's Electric

Scotus Speech Team is speaking up a storm. The 91-92's Speech Team faculty advisor is Mrs. Sandy Bernt. Assisting her is Mrs. Sandy Bernt. Assisting her is Mrs. Jeanne Schieffer. Members of the Speech Team include nine seniors, eleven juniors, four sophomores, and ten freshmen. Bernt, who has been working with the Scotus Speech Team for 14 years, said, "Speech Team for 14 years, said, "Speech Team so sacially for people who are good at speaking. It's a way to compare others' talents to your own."

The Speech Team began competing in January. Speech Team goes to approximately seven contests a year. Competitions are over in March. So, although the Speech Team really only competes for three months,

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they begin preparing their speeches for competition the spring before.

"It's a lot of work, but it's a lot offun,"Demetria Wade, a Speech Team member, said.

To get on the team students must turn in applications the year before. Students choose three areas in which they would like to compete. They then write on why they feel they qualify to compete areas of oral interpretation of drama(OID), duet, humprous prose, serious prose, poetry, extemporary, informative, entertainment, humorous impromtuand original public address.

Speech Team competes at different high schools and colleges throughout. Nebraska. Scotus oceasionally hosts Conference. There have been two Conferences at Scotus since I've been served.

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elt. The candy poll at Scotus
lowed, however, that Snickers
the most favored candy bar.

The other most common snack for teenagers is soda pop. JeffLoseke, Justin Guernsey, and Fr. Wayne a 11

treat is Life Savers.

This is a nation-wide list of the top favorite candies of America put out by the National Candy Wholesalers Association, in Washington D. C.



Scotus Mountain Dew came in first place as the most favored soda pop.

Pop and candy bars are the number one snack because they get sugar into our systems, and give us quick energy.

According to Vitality Digest's "Sweet Talk", the top selling chocolate candies in America are: Snickers, Reese's Peanut Butter Cups, M&M Peanut, M&M Plain, Kit Kat, Hershey Almond, Butterfingers, Nestle Crunch, Hershey Milk Chocolate, and Twix. The top selling gum is Trident Regular and the top selling treat is Life Savers.

This is a nation-

When my grandmother first found out I was going to attend a Catholic school she had some strong feelings about it. We are Missouri Synod Lutherans. My grandmother, as it seemed to me, was afraid I would be engulfed by the Catholic school and lose my Lutheran beliefs.

This could be a possible thought of those who are unfamiliar with the Catholic school systems. I have noticed that many people think Scotus is filled with nuns, however, there are no nuns on staff. Though Scotus does have religion classes and masses, education seems to be the most

Kool" book electrifies reader

by Holly Hunter

Author Tom Wolfe set out to write a book about a felllow author who fled to Mexico to excape certain charges, but found something more interesting.

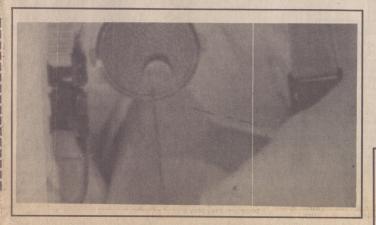
The Electric Kool-aid Acid Test by Tom Wolfe is about Mr. Kesey, the man who's novice work One Flew Over the Coocoo's Nest earned him world-wide recognition and a spot on my "Dam nice book you got there, Bob" list. Kesey after moving back to the states goes to SanFransico (Perry Lane). He and his group of "Merry Pranksters" decorate an old bus and put loud speakers on the tops of the outside could hear them and microphones on the sides so and microphones on the sides so they could listen to the outside speaking in.

Kesey annouces to reporters a new plan-a graduation from acid. This confuses the athorities as Kesey wasn't known for starting the D.A.R.E. program. It also ticks off some acid happy people. Nobody but Kesey truley understands his plan.

His group travels about the country as his plan slowly unfolds. They spend their time The only THING the Merry Pranksters were required to do was-doing his/her own thing. If it was meditatiting-go for it, if it was sitting in the back of the bus naked (as one person chose to do), that was o.k. also.

Acid intake was monitored and often was used for experimental purposes only. Once while parked by an oceanside beach a

lone Merry Pranksteropted to help himself to the "spiked" kool-aid and completely freaked, which has been known to happen when foreign substances enter your body The way it was described made feel like I was a passenger on his bad trip. "Just say no "popped in more than once in this book The "thing" I enjoyed most about this book is the fact that people were encouraged to be nonconformists, that it was acceptable to do your own thing. In today's society , where conformity is the fashion it is very "kool" to be able to snatch a book like this. The Electric Kool-aid Acid Test deserves four asteriks for being UNBELIEVABLE! Greg Brady couldn't have done, a groovier job!



liked Mountain Dew while Mr. Atchison and Kelly Slusarski liked Coca-Cola Classic. In the poll taken at

es David traditions change

years isn't a big deal anymore," senior Amy Held said. She has been going out with junior Chad McKown for two years.

According to Held any girl dating a younger guy feels more mature because girls mature faster.

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"I always yell at Chad 'you're so immature' everytime we fight," Held said.

Sliva and Hunter both felt differently. Hunter said she did not feel more mature because of the age difference.

"I don't think he's immature. He acts more mature than some of his classmates," Sliva said.

The only time age becomes a factor in dating, according to Sliva, is when the person was not 16 or without a license.

"When you're going out with someone youngerthan 16 it's hard to get the relationship closer because you can't go out as much," Sliva said.

Another obstacle couples must face is the older going to college. According to Held, she will need a friend to keep contact with and she knows McKown will giver her the security she needs.
"It will affect me because I won't be able to go out with him as much, but since I'm going to be close to him. . I'Il still be able to spend quite a bit of time with him, hopefully," Sliva said of her plans to attend college in Lincoln.
Sliva said once you are out of high school people don't pay as much attention who's older.
"If you like the person enough, age doesn't matter," Sliva said. Held agreed by saying," I think once you get out of school, age doesn't make a difference. It's not a popularity game anymore. You're just trying to find someone you love and care for and want to spend the rest of your life with."

Hmmm .

Do you think the semester tests should count as 20% of your grade?





They can raise your





Yes, but I think it could be higher because you have a better char to raise your grade." - Brian Groenthal



"No. It's too high for just one test It should be 10%." - Jack Haenggi

My Girl tackles issues

Mackaley Culkin is back, This time as an asthmatic boy who's allergic to everything. He plays
Thomas J, a nerdy but cute, kid
whose best friend is a girl named
Vada Sultenfuss (Anna
Chulmsky) in My Girl. Her name isn't the only thing that's different about Vada. She lives with her father and grandmother (Gramoo) in their funeral parlor.

Vada has many problems, the

least of which is that her best friend is a boy. Every time a corpse is brought to her house, she suddenly seems to have caught whatever disease that

person died from; sort of a hypochondriac with a twist.

Gramoo doesn't speak at all any more, but every now and then she will start belting out different songs, which can cause problems if there is a funeral going on. Plus she's in love with her teacher and is not sure he'll wait for her to grow up so they can get married grow up so they can get married. But Vada's biggest problem is she thinks she killed her mom.

When a cosmetologist named Shelly(Jamie Lee Curtis) comes to work for Vada's dad(Dan Akroyd), Vada thinks she's cool. When Vada begins to suspect something between her dad and Shelly she begins to resent her.

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Curious about why her dad
likes Shelly so much and what
the big deal is with kissing, she
forces Thomas J to kiss her "like
on TV." Afterwards they are both
stunned, and it changes their relationship forever.
My Girl was a beautiful story
about coping with death, child-

My Girl was a beautiful story about coping with death, child-hood and change. None of these things are easy to deal with especially when you are a kid, and My Girl does not pussy-foot around the issues. It takes a stark look at the world and how scary it can be.

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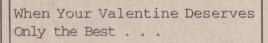
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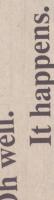
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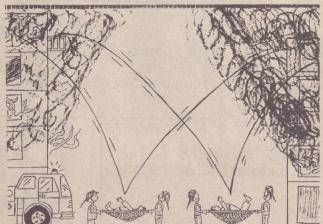






Certified Gemologist American Gem Society







Seniors Brenda Sliva and Tracy Wessel, along with sophomore JoDe Cieloha, defend the Lakeview attack during the Holiday Tournament over Christmas.

Team spirit makes season enjoyable

by Sarah Wemhoff

Adjusting to change is hard for anyone. The girls basketball team had to make some alterations this year, but they seemed to take them in stride, according to Theresa Wemhoff.

"We lost four starters from last year and so everybody had to

"We lost four starters from last year and so everybody had to make a big step up from where they were on the team last year. I think everybody adjusted well," Wernhoff said.

"I think the season is going good because everybody gets along and tries to make practice fun," Tracy Wessel said.

The team is now 6-4 and they've had some tough competition.

"We've played the number

tion.
"We've played the number one, two and seven rated teams in the state. We've played some pretty tough basketball and I think we're a little disappointed that we haven't been able to beat a good team. We would like to be a little

better right now," Coach Petersen said.

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Even though the team is not totally satisfied with where they are at this point, they have made many improvements since the beginning of the season.

"We play a lot better defense and everyone can shoot the ball. We don't just depend on one person," Wessel said.

"In the Holiday Tournament I thought we played consistent basketball, and I think that we'll have a good team by the end of the season if we keep improving," Petersen said. "There are several areas in which we need to improve. Number one, ball handling; then we can cut down on the number of turnovers."

"We could improve on not so many turnovers in the game and our defense could be better, more intense," Wessel said.

Wemhoff said that confidence

was the key for team growth. "We have to become more confident in ourselves and in our abilities and we have to play smarter," Wemhoff said.

One thing the team doesn't need to work on is having fun.

"The team works really hard. Everyone works together and we have fun," Wessel said.

"It's really a good group of kids," Petersen said. "They are very coachable, and they all work hard and are fun to be around."

In recent action the girls trampled over Central City with a

72-35 victory, and the next time you can catch the girls in action during the Centennial Conference Tourney held January 27-31 at Wahoo Neuman and Fremont

Bergan.
"Our goal as always is to win and come out on top," Wemhoff

Olympics - designed to promote education

by Brad Wangler

Every four years since 1896 the best amateur athletes meet from around the world to test their skills. This has been true except for during the two world wars.

The first Olympic games held in 176 B.C. were the basis of the first modern Olympics held in 1896. They were a result of the efforts of Baron Pierre de Coubertin of France to promote interest in education and culture.

Since the first Olympic games, the number of participating nations has increased from nine to over one hundred.

"It's a way to get all the coun-tries together peacefully," fresh-man Ryan Eikmeier said.

"It's also a great way to see new athletes," eigth grader Pat Sokol said, and because of all the publicity it receives, the Olympics produces celebrities. "I remember when Brian Boitano won the gold in figure skating at the '88 Olympics," junior Keri Stopak said.

"I remember Mary Lou Retton on the front of the Wheaties Box after the '84' Olympics," junior Daren Buttener said. Their timely

popularity was due to the Olympic gold medals they received in the Olympics.
This year there will be a new category for future stars.
"More events will be added," Eikmeier said. This could be true considering the first Olympics in

776 only consisted of one event, the 200 yard dash. This year they are allowing NBA players on to the U. S. Olympic basketball

by Kristen Haenggi

I pushed the 'play' button on the tape player as I made my way to the center of the ice.

"And from the United States it's Dorthy Hammel!" I yelled out to the crowd, which happened to be a row of trees in my backyard.

As the music blared I began my routine which mostly involved a few twists and turns and skating backwards, which was good for my age of ten. As the song came to an end and the cheers of the crowd enveloped me, I bowed.

"Thank you!" Thank you!" I ried after I had won the gold medal for my country. I would go in the house proud to be an American and the following day would begin another Olympic competition.

Haenggi slides to a gold medal

well.
"Okay," she answered.
"By the way, I'm from the
United States," I said.
It was then one of my brothers was bribed to come and judge

us.

"And from the United States,
Peggy Fleming," I yelled when it
was my turn. My routine was
more difficult now. I was skating
on just one foot and doing spins in
some places. I always ended in
such a dramatic way, usually with
my chin tucked down and my
whole body sliding across the ice.

"Who won?" I asked, know-

"You did," my brother told

"You did," my brotner told me.
"I did? Wow! That was a close one," I lied and skated around waving at my fans.
We then went inside where we were warmed by the fireplace. With a steaming cup of hot chocolate we watched the Winter

Optimism leads team

Equal rights for women

hit Scotus

Equalrights have finally come to Scotus. For five years now Scotus girls have been trying to institute an Intramural Basketball Association(IBA) league for girls and have failed. Finally the girls IBA tome has come.

On Thursday, January 16, the Board of Directors voted yes to having girls IBA. "They've wanted one here for five years, but have never had anyone who would sponsor it. Now we've got Mrs. Blaser, who will got as or school and played on an IBA team to referee for the girls league.

"There will be senior captains because they have been struggling, but the fight is getting easier. With one win over Norfolk Catholic, the boys' basketball tam is anticipating a favorable finish to their season.

"The team lacks experillation of the top seven players, three of them are sophomores. "The seniors are also lacking experince because they have not played much in toollege. She has also coached eighth grade basketball. Mrs. Blaser, who is perfect for it, "senoir Tracy Wessel said. Wessel plans to referee for the girls league.

"There will be senior captains, but her boys' basketball team is anticipating a favorable finish to their season.

"The team lacks experillation of the top seven players, three of them are sophomores. "The seniors are also lacking experince because they have not played much in the past year, and we need to keep our composure and not press so much," senior Kelly Slusarski said.

Sophomore Gary Rieffeels where training as on school and played on an IBA team the past year, and we need to keep our composure and not press so much," senior Kelly Slusarski said.

The boys team has been drive of the teams will act as or played basketball without all the increased the confidence of the players.

The shooting needs to work on their free training as on school in grades 9 through 12. Some play basketball without all the increased the confidence of the players.

Girls will be divided into teams with approximately ten people on each team. However many girls said.

The passes asid. The teams wi

by Frank Ramaekers

"It's always disappointing to have a loss, but we all tried hard and did our best to win the game," Rief sald.

"Our new goal is to be good at the end of the year. We have played hard and are now understanding and accepting the rules. But we now need to begin playing as a team," Lahm said.
"There are some good guys coming up," Slusarski said. "They are going to be strong. They are going to be a good team," Slusarski said.

The Shamrocks play Fre-

The Shamrocks play Fremont Bergan and anticipate a good

game.
"I think we (both the J.V. and V.) have a good chance of winning. We keep improving, and we're a lot better than what we were at the beginning of the year," Rief said.



Scott Sobota goes up for two during the Aquinas basketball game.

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Candidates campaign against criticisms

by Jim Springer

1992, the time for elections has arisen. Several debates have already been started between the Democrats and the Republicans. Who will win the election bid for the running in November is still in the air. In New Hamspire alone, the Democrats have 47 candidates running in the primaries.

The Republicans are regrouping, trying to stablize the approval of the public opinion. President Bush has recently achieved the lowest public approval rating by a president, according to C-Span, a low 43%.

There are several goals that both the Republicans and the Democrats must strive for this year. The Rebulicans nave stablized a platform based on the reduction of the defecit and the continuing of de-regulations across the board. The primary goal of the republicans is to get

goal of the republicans is to get President Bush re-elected to maintain the White House seat. "I think that the Republi-cans need to get Bush into office. It is proven that an incumbent can do more in office. The Republi-cans will need to stress the Economy and trade,"Jenni O'Neil said.

servative Democrat in office. He will have to push the economy,

and reduce the military. Who-ever develops the best plan to trend established by President Reagan, called the theory of "Free Trade." Free trade is deregulating trade barriers and relying on open trade between other trading partners. As President Bush campaignedfor the help of other nations to lower their trade barri-ers our economy continued to drop. The Government is trying to rebound the economy; becuase each of the political sects of today know, to win the election they as a party must devise a plan to rebound the economy.

I would vote for Kerrey,

because he is from Nebraska and the best person for the job. However, Kerrey is pro-choice and will conflict with the platform of his present party," Jim Sokol

said.

The results of the primaries will show us the possible way that this country is headed. The Republicans must raise the number of jobs and the economy as a whole to win.

As for the Democrats, they must stress the needs of increased domestic policy and aid for home. Which ever group can establish the means of satisfying the public's needs will have the best chance to send their best chance to send their representative to

House for the next four years to lead this country.

get rid of the debt will win," junior Matt Wieser said.

"The Republicans will win and need to stress education in the schools and help the economy. The U.S. needs to export more than importing,"

Heidi Krings said.
"I would vote for President Bush. He has done a good job so far. I would like Democrats to push and get the abortion issue/ law overruled. In my opinion, whoevers slings the most mud will win this year," Jeff Loseke

Columbus

by Jim Springer

We live in a society that has devolped a free enterprise system, and this system has large and small businesses completing the circle of supply, consumption, and need. However, some of the small businesses of our area are feeling the crunch of the recession, especially those that rely on the sales of small goods or war product materials.

The future of D.&.L. and Dales

rely on the sales of small goods or war product materials.

The future of D & L and Dales will be interesting to see as the recession begins to creep into our small part of the world. Also, it the proposed budget cuts in the national defense should occur, it would probably mean an increase in layoffs and higher unemployment.

"Ithink layoffs are going to be a problem, and lead to a lot of people out of work and cash. This will lead to more and more government help via food stamps. I think we will be in a recession for a year, and a half," Junior Brian Groenthalsaid.

"My personal vote is with

Recession recedes into

Kerrey, because he is most in touch with the people. The Democratic goals' should be to stress domestic policy and focus aid forthe homeland," junior Dan

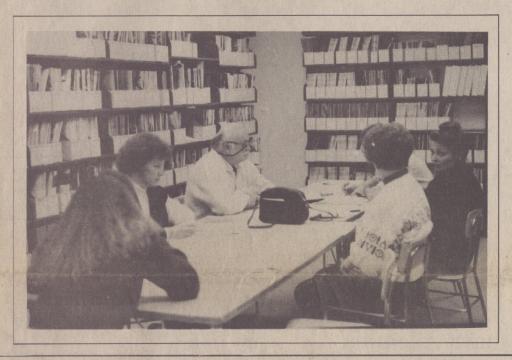
McGrane said.

Critics say that the
Democrats will have to work hard
to dethrone President Bush. In the first place, Bush is in office and already has years of experi-ence to continue his running in '92. President Bush also gained some trust, not necessarily popular vote, with his handling of the operation in the Persian Gulf War. However, as President, he has recently met with his Chiefs of

"Layoffs will occur if our economy doesn't rebound fairly soon. I think we won't see much in layoffs here in Columbus, because the Republicans will get us out of the recession by the time for election this November," Mr. Atchison said.

Some people think that the recession will pass by quickly, but others feel it is here to stay.

"I think the recession will take five years to recover. No one has any money, but when we get a new President, things might turn around," junior Dam McGrane's father owns and is Executive Manager of the H & R Block office here in Columbus. "Dad's business has not been affected yet by the recession, because he deals in the srevice needed by all, helping them with their taxes. I predict that layoffs will be a problem for those consumer-product businesses within the next year," McGrane said



The Early Out day on February 6 gave staff, students, and community members a chance to discuss the NCA Evaluation Committee's report of commendations and recommendations of Scotus. Here, the Governance and Staffing committee discuss the recommendations of increasing pay for teachers and staff as well as the recommendation of the Student Council to have more of a leadership role for the students.

There is more to budget than tuition

Sweetheart nominations hurt feelings

by Frank John Ramaekers III

the fundraising is for and what the money is used for? Well, no need to wonder anymore.

The money is all bud-geted equally among the differ-ent organizations and classes. "The athletic department is self supporting", said Athletic Director Rick Grubuagh. "The

tuition that you pay does not go toward any of the the athletic departments", Grubaugh said. The athletic department thrives off the gate receipts. The gate receipts comprise the money received from all home games.

"Another way the athletic department receives money is through class D track meets", said Grubaugh. The teams competing have to pay an entry fee to be able to compete. The programs are also another way that the

athletic department supplies it's

athletic department supplies it's income.
"Donation's, such as the alumni and the Shamrock Club also help out with the money that the athletic department operates off of," says Grubaugh.

Academically, the tuition that we pay makes up only 29% of the academic budget. The academic budget consists of all salaries, books, computers, and everything else that helps to run

ishes make up 9% of the academic budget, and 20% of the academic budget, and 20% of the academic budget is endowment funds that estates have given to us, as well as donations given to

the school.

The schools academic and athleitc departments are completely separate. So, when we go out to sell raffle tickets and other items for the school, we are actually buying books.

Cousin it (Christi Wachal) dresses for a successful Thespian I nitiation week. Story on page 3.

by Kelli Woods

The nominating of candidates for such activities as Homecoming and Sweetheart call to mind pictures of "jocks" and sports heroes or those who are the most popular intheir class. Where does this leave those students who aren't very athletic and may not surround themselves with a large group of friends?

"There are a lot of hurt feelings, especially when you realize it's just a popularity contest," senior Eileen Dobesh said.

There are a lot of hurt feelings...it's just a popularity contest, " Elleen Dobesh

it would seem logical to honor the

academic students in some way.
"What about all those people
in FBLA, Campus Ministry, and
academic extra-curricular activities? They don't have a chance,"
Dobesh said.

Dobesh said.

"After Homecoming you may still feel you have a chance for Sweetheart, but once that's over, you're done," senior Amy Held said. "I realize I was a Homecoming candidate, but I feel bad

for those that deserved a nomination and haven't gotten one," Held added.

Even though the nominations may stir up some hurt feelings, they are a part of Scotus history that isn't likely to change. "Sure it's a popularity contest. A lot of things are. It's unavoidable," junior Claire Larson said.

"It's always been this way. It's a tradition and it will probably never change, " junior Shella Olmer said.

BEHOLD THE NEWS...WITHIN

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The staff collaborates on Love/ Hate. see pgs. 4 &5.

Editor Haenggi gets "funky" at Marky Mark. see pg. 6.

Brad Wangler trashes the raffle ticket threats, see pg 7

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Subject: Abortion

Misconceptions lie in Roe Case

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by Rich McPhillips

The Roe vs. Wade decision concerning abortion may be one of the biggest debated issues in this election this year, but also the least understood.

Roe vs. Wade, in a very basic and simple definition, is the Supreme Court ruling passed on January 22, 1973, known as Black Monday. This ruling struck down all laws against abortions in all 50 states for the full nine months of pregnancy for social and economic reasons.

Roe was a fictitious name given to Norma McCorvey a young single lady from Texas who claimed that she was gang raped in 1971 and wanted to have an abortion at that time. The laws in Texas in 1971 protected the unborn child with the exception that allowed an abortion to be performed to save the life of the mother on medical advice.

Since McCorvey could not have an abortion because of these laws restricting her, she brought a class action suit challenging the constitutionality of the Texas law which led to the U. S. Supreme Court ruling two years later.

Scotus students were aware that Roe vs. Wade had to deal with an aportion ruling in the LI. S. but were

Scotus students were aware that Roe vs. Wade had to deal with an abortion ruling in the U. S. but were unable to elaborate on this decision. Most of the citizens of the United States have this same knowledge. Incidentally, Norma McCorvey gave birth to a baby girl during the court battle and gave her u Rp for adoption. In 1987 McCorvey revealed that she had lied when she said she was gang raped. In fact, she wa not raped at all but became pregnant by her boyfriend. As a result of one lie, over 27 million unborn babies have been killed by aboriton.

right to life; right to life; right to life; right to life;

Lurch (Jenny Fremarek) and Angelica (Kristen Haenggi) walk to class during Thespian Initiation Week. All initiates were to dress up as members of the Addams Family and act as their character would when a Thespian member addressed them.

- photo by Brad Wangler

by Kristen Haenggi

Foreign auto Rocks U.S. auto

My foreign car is three times as good as your American made car. These are quite often the words used when arguing

the words used when arguing over cars.

Most Americans purchase the so-called "well built car" which is a Ford, Chevy, or Chrylser. These three companies are the "big three" in American auto, but the auto industry in America is slowly dissolving.

The General Motor Comany has closed 13 factories in the past three years. These factories have been closed for one reason: the inferior quality that is put into these American made autos.

The assembly line is what started the downfall of the American auto industry. Ever since the assembly line started, the American autos have gotten worse andworse. This is because the Americans want more autos instead of guality autos. This attitude of greed causes a decrease in the quality of the auto. If we want more autos, some care in the construction will be decreased.

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Males ponder the dance dilemma

by Holly Hunter

lovers day, cupid's hour, the Sweetheart dance- Valentines Day.

What sets February 14th apart from the other 364 days of the year for the young men of Scotus? Senior Bob Brakenhoff said Valentine's Day is a special friend of the female persuasion.

The Sweetheart dance brings the decision making process into full force for both sexes at Scotus. There's the decision of whether or not to take a date.

"You can save money (by going stag)," Sophomore Ryan Medinger said (flowers do cost more than a buck o' five). There's also the possibility of Cramped Style Sydrome developing.

"By going stag you're able to dance with other people. You wouldn't be committed to one girl," Sophomore Tony Thomas said.
"You can dance with lots of people. You're free to do what you want,"

Brakenhoff said.

Sweetheart is a big event of the year said Brakenhoff. "With Homecoming it deals with sports, where Sweetheart can be a romantic situation," Brakenhoff said.

"Sweetheart is probably a little more special than Homecoming because it's close to Valentine's day, but not as big as Prom," Medinger said.

Helping to develop a "romantic situation" would be taking date. "It makes the night last longer and is more exciting. You can do more things with someone than if you didn't have a date," Brakenhoff said.

"That's kind of how Sweetheart is, you're supposed to take a date. It's a dance for couples," Thomas said.

Medinger said coupling up for the evening would make the evening more memorable.

Thomas holds a different special Valentine's memory in the back of his head. "Ingrade school we had to make boxes to put valentines in and someone made a toilet to slip the valentines in." Thomas said.

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Cliques cause separation

dents.

"They can cause a class to not be as close as they could be, especially for their senior year," senior Jeanifer Braunsaid. Beran said if people only hang around certain individuals, they can't become close with their class.

A majority of people feel that cliques become less evident when you become older, but are still there. According to Feldhaus, it is because when you become more mature popularity and cliques aren't as important.

"When you're adults you try to hide (cliques) and talk behind people's backs," Braun said.

According to Feldhaus, a way to prevent cliques would be not to base your opinion on someone on their popularity or what they do to try to impress others.

"I think no matter what, you're always going to have cliques," Robak said.

"Try to be nice to everyone and try to include more people in

"Try to be nice to everyone and try to include more people in what you do," Beran said



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Musicans work toward Grammy

by Kristen Haenggi

"And the winner is ..." These famous words are symbolic to award ceremonies: The Oscars, People's Choice, American Music, and more. Yet to the musi-

People's Choice, American Music, and more. Yet to the musician, the most important award show is the Grammy's, according to senior Jason Feldhaus.

"The Grammy's mean more. They are more prestiglous," senior Sarah Wemhoff said.

"People think musicians have accomplished something if they receive a Grammy, but with the American Music Awards it shows how popular they are," junior Bobbi Werkmeister said.

With the many nominations, people also have many viewpoints. This year R.E.M. topped the Grammy nominations with seven. Feldhaus said they deserve it because they are a positive band that puts out good songs.

ferent people, so there is not a dominating person or group. If Beran could nominate someone for a Grammy she said it would be Bryan Adams with "Everything I Do (I Do It For You)" as 'song of

Bryan Adams with "Everything I Do (I Do It For You)" as 'song of the year.'
Feldhaus said if he could nominate someone, it would be the late Stevie Ray Vaughn.
"He's probably been the greatest influence musically to me," Feldhaus said. "And what a better way to honor musicians than by giving them an award."
"It's our chance to see the musicians that we have admired and listened to receive their deserving awards," Wemhoff said. "By receiving a Grammy, they know their hard work has paid off."
"It shows people's accom-

off."
"It shows people's accomplishments and that they are respected," Werkmeister said.
Many individuals have even pictured themselves as one of those musicians receiving an award. Feldhaus recalls,"I used to imagine myself performing on the show, accepting a lot of awards and giving a lot of thank you speeches."

Scotus may be colorized

by Frank John Ramaekers III

Let's get some color!
What I mean is that the
walls in Scotus Central Catholic
should be painted an exciting
color. The ard department would
like to put some art on the walls.
"The type of art would be
nothing gaudy or untasteful," said
Mrs. Kiser-Jensen, the art instructor. "The colors that would
be used would be soothing colors and there wouldn't be any
outlandish colors such as a neon
orange," said Mrs. Kiser-Jensen.

"The team that came to
analyze the school said that the
students should have more art on
the walls. They said the students
should take pride in their building.
The talent that many of our students have should be displayed
throughout the school building,"
says Mrs. Kiser-Jensen.

"I have several independent art students who would like
to do some art on the walls, "Mrs.
Kiser-Jensen said. In order to do
this, the students need to ask Mr.
Gross if it is possible to paint
murals or some other type of
painting on the walls.

"The areas that would
most likely be painted are the
cafeteria, above the lockers, and

letic mural on one of the walls."

Kiser-Jensen said. There is also a place in the concession area where the art might be displayed. "The murals that would be donewould enhance the learning atmosphere," Kiser-Jensen said.

The places where art can already be seen are in the weight room, above the lockers and in the concession area.

Ryan Kobza recently painted a Shamrock and the phrase 'Home of the Shamrocks' above the weight room door. In the concession area there is a leprechaun on the south wall and above the lockers the grade of the class with a geometric design.

The students that would be nainting on the wells would be painting on the well and the p

sign.

The students that would be painting on the walls would be Mrs. Kiser's independent art students. Her students are Matt Naughtin, Shawn Diederich, Eileen Dobesh, Amy Louis, Ryan Kobza, and Amy Kroenke.

"By spring there may be some art in the old gym", Mrs. Kiser-Jensen said.

Thespians make it!!!

"It's very intriging, mind boggling and

-- Jenny Fremarek

by Holly Hunter

The horror stories of Thespian initiation continued throughout Heck Week '92. It was up to the initiates to decide which was worse- the stories or resilier.

was by which was worse- the stories or reality.

"I've heard horror stories.
I don't think it's quite as bad as them, but there are two days left," Newly inducted Cindy Kuehler said mid heck week.

" I t's more severethan Ithought it would be, " Newly inducted Jenny Fremarek said.

T h e week was kicked

Fremarek said.

The eweek was kicked off with Mond ay's "Smock it to 'em". Initiates were required to wear smocks with large T's on the front and had to be prepared to recite the Thespian motto at any given time. Each project had an object to it said President Jeff Loseke. Kristen Haenggi won the best motto day award. "I wanted to start the week off good, so I decided to be excited about the motto," Newly inducted Haenggi said.

said.

Tuesday was costume day. The iniates were given characters from *The Addam's Family* to dress as. "Once you get used to the critism, it's pretty fun," Newly inducted Brad Wangler said. "On the whole (the

costumes) were better than last year's," Loseke said. Last year's costume day centered around a tribute to *The Brady Bunch*. Loseke said this year's crew is more rebellious than previous years.

"...but rebels get their justice," Loseke said. Part of the Thespian initiation process involves secret rituals and ceremonles.

The new members have different opinions about the initiation. "It's very intriging, mind boggling, and fun...NOT," Fremarek said.

"You feel like yourworking for a goal, instead of having it handed to you," Kuelher said. Thespian

goai, instead or naving it nanded to you," Kuelher said. Thespian initiates are invited to participate in heck week after being reviewed as proper canidates. Criteria includes two years of active participation in speech and drama extra-cirricular activities.

"It's an experience I won't forget.." Kuehler said.

forget.." Kuehler said.
Cindy Kuehler was named Best
Thespian and Brad Wangler was
listed as runner-up.
New troupe members
iare: Jenny Fremarek, Kristen
Haenggl, Cindy Kuehler, Heidi
Krings, Claire Larson, Frank John
Ramaekers, Jim Sokol, Christi
Wachel, Demetria Wade, Brad
Wangler, and Terra
wondercheck.

Future in Writing

by Kelli Woods

a sequined one-piece outfit made of spandex wasn't quite as ap-pealing. My next caerer move was a big one, from baton twiter to lawyer. This idea soon lost it's interest and years of indecision followed

interest and years of indecision followed.

During this time no one asked me what I wanted to be when I grew up", until my sophomore year that is. Then I was bombarded with the idea of a career choice. Career quizzes, career guides, career talks, it all came at once. Suddenly it loomed before

me. Career day!
We were supposed to pick someone in the community with an occupation that interested us and "shadow" them at their work place one afternoon during the

Here it was again, the famous question. What do I want to do with my life? The last few years I had found myself enjoying to write, and doing fairly well with written work in school. I would have liked to "shadow" an author, but how many authors did

I know in Columbus? I decided to visit a journalist from the Columbus Telegram, the next best thing.

I discovered reporting wasn't all that bad, but I knew I would rather work on my own. I decided to pursue a career writing poetry, short stories, maybe even books.

Although no one asked "what do you want to be when you grow up" anymore, career day taught me that now, more than ever, the question needed an answer.





-Photo by Holly Hunter

Fr. Wayne embraces his truck after being without for several days. He discovered his truck had been stolen between 11 and 12 last Saturday night when he was preparing for midnight mass. Police found his truck with a full tank of gas and doors locked in Grand Island. Fr. Wayne joked with his religion classes that if someone needed his truck more than he did, they could have it. Fr. Wayne sald he had to go through a lot of red tape, probably more than the thleves, who are still at large.

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Radio stations report on popular love songs

by Brian Lueschen

Most of the songs that we hear on the radio today are love songs. The number one Rock 'n Roll song is "Everything I Do (I Do for You)" by Bryan Adams. The number one Country Western song is "Friends in Low Places" by Garth Brooks.

The top five love songs for KLIR and Sweet 98 are: Bette Midler's "The Rose," Bryan Adams' "Everything I Do, I Do For You," Rod Stuart's "The Broken Arrow," the theme from

ken Arrow," the theme from Beauty and the Beast, and last, but not least"That's What Love is For"by Amy Grant. The top five country songs are: "Friends in Low Places" and

"If Tomorrow Never Comes" both by Garth Brooks, "Forever is as Far as I Will Go" by Alabama, "Love Me" by Coleen Ray, "Forever and Ever Amen" by Randy Travis.

KLIR, Sweet 98, and KZ-100 said the evenings are the time for requests, and KZ-100 said Saturday night is their request night. KZ-100 said that 79% of their calls are for love song requests.

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It has been said that one out of two marriages ends in divorce and the main cause of breakups is a lack of communication.



Divorce rates are up

by Frank John Ramaekers III

Recently Time magazine published an article about divorce rates revealing that the divorce rates are rising very rapidly in the United States. Out of all the marriages in the U.S., half of them will result in divorces.

The divorce rate is rising because the spouses are not spending enough time together. Besides going to a movie together, couples usually spend their extra time at the office working late hours. The main reason that people get a divorce is during a financial down.

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"They should try to understand each other better before getting a divorce," sophomore Kirby Kudron said.

"I think they should not get married in the first place,"Marik said.
Only 25% of all marriages are counseled before they decide to get a divorce, and many couples find the new living arrangement difficult to adjust to.

"Right after they get married is probably the most common time to get a divorce because they don't know each other that well," said Marik.

Counseling services are available through church organizations as well as through professional services.

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Shattered walls leave broken homes

-by Jim Springer

Jackie sits down to dinner and glances around to see her family at the the table. Her mother was serving the dinner she has spent hours preparing. Jackie passes the butter to her Jackie passes the butter to her brother and smirks at his new hairdo. Then her father tells Jackie that this weekend the family Is going to the lake to have a good resting time. Jackie reminds him that before they can go, both of her parents must attend the musical she has been preparing for the last couple weeks with the constant help of her parents.

To most people in soci-

To most people in soci-To most people in soci-ety this is an example of an aver-age, typical family. More and more of these "ideal" families are becoming a thing of the past; as becoming a tining of the past, as the divorce rates increase so do the number of broken homes. Broken homes are families when one or both of the parents are no longer living in the intra-family structure. Broken homes leave scars that are most noticable to the spouse involved, but more involved are the children that are now out of their family structure.
The spouses' lives and the children's lives will never be the same again. I amfrom a broken home.

At the age of seven, my parents got a divorce. I was not alone in this mess; my sister was one year old. Everyday for the next couple old. Everyday for the next couple years was different than those of kids around me. Being from a one-parent family, you learn to take care of yourself, especially because your only parent must work, or your family will not survive. Having infants, such as my sister, only stresses the situation and those involved. All must contribute everything that they can. It is a life of constant learning, maturing, and sacrificing toa point when all the members learn to be a self-sufficient and reliable among each other.

In Scotus there are several children that are from broken homes. The stories of the families that they came from usually

homes. The stories of the families that they came from usually exist in a similar state. These

people's names that I know will remain unknown, but if you know someone who takes care of

remain unknown, but if you know someone who takes care of themselves, is focused, possibily has a harsh outlook on life, is sensitive to the matters of direct family contact, and has time conflicts with the schedules of "normal" children coming from two-parent, homes he/she is quite possibly from a broken home.

When you come to that point in your life and you meet someone special to you, don't get involved without thinking out the options available to you. Before you get married, make sure you are devoted to that person and will not leave. When you quarrel, make sure that you develop an open means of communication to avoid residual tensions and avoid residual tensions and avoid residual tensions and devestating effects. You should also become active in all parts of your family's activities, considering all members of the family. If you do this hopefully, you will enjoy a happy and sound family. Never threatened by separation and the plague of a broken home.



Women hide abuse

by Kelli Woods

"Mike and I had been dating for about four months. We were going to a hockey game. I had a patient and didn't get home until close to 4:30, I apologized and said I was sorry for being late...Before I knew it he was shaking me and slapping me and he started swinging me around the kitchen. All of a sudden he took me and flung me across the room and I felt myself crashing into the stove. I could feel someone stomping on me and kicking me as I lay there. It sort oftelt like I was drifting in and out of consciousness." Lenore E. Walker documents this case in her book, The Battered Woman. Other cases tell of violent beatings and rampages in which the women in the relationship are victimized. Broken ribs, bruises, burns, and psychological abuse are often the result of these outbursts. Such trivial things as salty food, or misplaced papers set off the abuser. The men that become abusers are often excessively jealous and possessive of their partner. They may go as far as driving them everywhere and forbidding them to have contact with anyone else. These men often had vio-

lent and abusive childhoods and in turn abuse their wife/girffriend. If things are really so bad, why don't the women leave the relationship? According to Walker's book, the women feel it is their fault that the man became abusive. She believes the man still loves her, and in return she still feels affection for the man. Other characteristics of battered women include: having a low self-esteem, feeling the need to keep peace within the relation-ship, and holding the belief that no one can help her.

The battering couple carries on a sharply contrasting cycle of intimacy and abuse. This cycle alternates between the beating phase and what Walker calls the 'honeymoon' phase, in which the man is very loving and sorry for what he did. Following the honeymoon phase the beatings are usually more severe.

The women in these relationships have become experts at masking their problem. It is only in seeing statistics that the problem is unmasked.

The Second National Family

Violence Survey, conducted by Richard J. Gelles and Murray A. Straus, shows the number of affected women in the United States. In 1985 severe wife/girl-friend beating occurred in thirty per one thousand relationships. The survey also found that six wives in one thousand are beaten each year and the average battered wife is attacked three times each year. Violence outside of relationships, random attacks, are also a problem with one in twenty-two women being victims of such crimes each year.

We have become aware of one type of random violence, rape: because of the number of rapes committed in Columbus in the past few months. We realize these are wrong because they are illegal and in the public eye, yet there is more we must discover.

Men and women must learn that if a relationship involves violent physical abuse, it is not right just because they are "in love." If they don't realize it is wrong their relationship will become a deadly mix of love and hate.

"Black Sun" is rising

It is said that strong emotions cause people to do strange things. Hate is causing people to turn into monsters destroying lives.

EliWiesel, author of Night and survivor of Auschwitz, described hate as a "black sun". This black sun incorporated with crime is destroying lives at a surprisingly high rate.

These crimes are usually targeted at groups not included in the W.A.S.P. society. They are targeted based solley on sex, race, creed, sexual preferance, ect. The crimes range from verbal threats, to vandalism, to murder.

Hate crimes are on the rise and groups committing these crimes are amazingly young. Most of these bigots are males under 21 said U.S. News and World Report.

College campuses are in a frenzy trying to slow the hate crime epidemic. Both education through ethnic studies and punishment has been tried with mixed results. Several colleges have used rules limiting racist speech.

But the violence contin-

ppy

s Day

ues. It's not just on the campuses, either. New York City reported an 80 percent increase since 1986. Seventy percent of these were committed by people under 19.

It had always been my goal that each generation would grow less predjudice. It's not happening that way.

We pick up our parents views when we're young and see it as wrong because of our age. To stop the ignorance, the elementry schools need to address this issue and breakdown the stereotypes. Lesson plans should include studies of various ethnic groups history. Part of the reason I feel it has partially failed is be-

the reason I feel it has partially failed is because by the time you hit college age your views are practically set in stone.

Schools are not solley responsible for making ourselves more aware. We must educate our peers, parents, and most importantly ourselves. We hold the key to the future and it is up to us to stop the cycle and breakdown the walls for the next generation.



Even as a child she idolized her brother Greg, causing the countdown to their first separation to be difficult for avounger sister to take.

Rivals battle on home front

The window was empty. The spot where my brother was supposed to be was unoccupied.

I stood bawling and waving at the 7th floor window until my parents dragged me away.

It was going to be strange not having an older brother to kick around. Even though he was only an hour and a half away, it seemed like forever.

Ten.

Greg was my idol. He played basketball everyday at the park, and I'd clomp over to the court in my mini Dr. Scholls. His "neighborhood dirt bike club" designed a course in a vacant lot. I trailed behind on my daisy covered Schwinn. Greg was athletic, I was a spaz.

Nine. By age ten, I was a brat

and a spaz.

"Give me your Pac-Man game, Greg,"

"No. Go play school or

something."

A few days later Pac-

Eight.

He was still my idol, but there was no way he was going to

"You're a nerd, Greg."

No response.
"You're a geeky nerd."
My Judy Blume book hit his head.
"Holly, stop it." He was
calm (like the eye of the storm).

At the detection of faint emotion, I moved in for the kill. "You're a big, geeky nerd!" And two swift kicks to his

nerd!" And two swift kicks to his kneecaps.

Then with one quick explosion of his arm, I was sailing across the kitchen.

"Mom! Greg hit me."
Seven.
Soon Greg was deciding on colleges, and I was trapped inside of headgear. The fighting continued, but his reaction time was slower.

Six.

When the hig day came

Six.
When the big day came,
I played it cool . . .
"Have fun at college."
"Thanks." There was an
awkward silence. "Can you help
me with these boxes?"
"What, you too weak?"
One last slam couldn't hurt.
"Please." I took a good
look at Greg. He looked older.
We picked up a box and loaded
it into the trunk.
Five.

round the trunk.
Five.
The sound of the tires rolling over the road drove me crazy. It was too close. I had to cover my emotions.
"Let's play the name game. Greg, Greg, Bobeg, fananana fo feg..."
"Shut-up." Myfamilysald in unison.

Four.
Everything was on schedule. Greg would be off at college never knowing that I

life on what I thought he would do.

Three.
After geting him settled, the moment came.
Two.
"So long, sunshine." Dad gave Greg a firm handshake.
"Study hard, honey."
Mom gave him a polite hug.
One.
A lump formed on my voice box. My plan to remain calm was aborted.
Lift off. I clung to his arm and blubbered.
"Don't leave, Greg." The tears ran down my face and onto his sleeve. He gave me a kleenex and my parents took me away.
Outside, I looked up at his window, but he wasn't watching.

My parents dragged me across campus while I wailed his name.

One onlooker com-mented, "Greg must be a fresh-

That night, I crept out of bed to call him. His roommate answered. "Greg, it's your sister again."

We talked for a while.
"Holly, I have to go...luv

"Luvya,too, yabiggeek." One small step for us, one giant step for siblingkind.

LOVE/HATE VIDEOS TO RENT

LOVE

Friendship - Beaches Steel Magnolias
Romance - Doc Hollywood Dying Young Family - Dad Parenthood

Who Framed Roger Rabbit Murder - Presumed Innocent

A Nightmare on Elm Street Suspense - Sleeping With the Enemy

Silence of the Lambs

Breaking up is hard to do

by Jodi Hefti

"I feel our relationship can go no further. I still want to be

friends though."
Sound familiar?

friends though."
Sound familiar?
Breakups can take anywhere from a day to a month to a year to get over. Yet, if you are the one doing the breaking up, they may take no time at all.
Juniors Justin Guernsey and Rashel Morris would rather not say why they broke up, but Guernsey admits, "it took a little time to get over."

"It didn't take me very long to get over him, because I kind of liked somebody else," sopohmore Tiffany Bock said. "We broke up because we would get along for a while, then we'd start arguing about the stupidest things," Bock said.
Sophmore Laura Kosch

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broke up with her boyfriend be-cause "it seemed like we were living in two differnt worlds", or so she thought. Relationships can

sometimes get a little boring or

stifling.

"It was kind of one of those things where we went out long enough, and we needed our space," senior Tara Boesch said.

Feelings are hard to adjust to as well and sometimes its awkward when ex-couples see each other.

"We were friends, then we weren" and then we were

"We were friends, then
we weren't, and then we were.
We talk very, very seldomly,"
Boesch said.
"Our friends didn't have
any influence on our decision to
break up," Guernsey said. "We
are naturally still friends, and we
still go out as friends- with other
friends," Guernsey added.
"I never talk to him anymore. He goes to school in
another town," Kosch said.

One of the most difficult parts about breaking up is having to reflect on the reasons for the breakup.

"At first when we broke

"At first when we broke up I was really, really upset, but now looking back, I chalk it up as a learning experience. It was fun while it lasted," Kosch said.

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Every breakup also has its memorable tokens or gifts.

"I have a couple of shirts that belong to him. I offered to give them back, but he didn't take them. He still has some of my stuff, too. They are just memories of the past," Boesch said

said.

"Rashel still has all my stuff, and I have a pair of her earrings that I don't even wear," Guernsey said.

"I want my earrings back," Morris said.

"It's still a very physical relationship though," Guernsey said as he slugged Morris, and Morris slapped him back.

Hearts fly!!

by Brian Lueschen

Valentine's Day is very important because it is a day that is set aside for people to express their love and care for one another. There are several ways to show love for someone else. A person can give someone a box of candy, a stuffed animal, send flowers locally or across the miles to someone. Even money can be a valentine gift, or maybe a kiss.

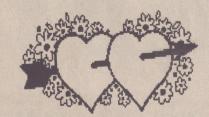
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Preceptor Alpha Omicron, that bakes and delivers heart-shaped cakes for Valentine's Day.

Last year they baked, decorated and delivered 212 cakes. "Money raised goes for community service work and families in need," Joan Lambrocht, head of the project said.

Some bakeries bake chocolate chip or heart- shaped sugar cookies on a long stick, then wrap them in red tissue paper to make them look like long stemmed roses. These are usually sold by the dozen. These are "flowers" a man can really enjoy.

by the dozen. These are "flowers" a man can really enjoy.
Bouquets of balloons can be sent just like flowers. Men enjoy valentines just like a lady does, and balloons are a rather new way to say you care.
Ever since kindergarten I have enjoyed giving and receiving Valentine's Day cards and presents, but the best Valentine's Day gift that I ever received came a day early, a newborn sister



Cost and competition cause crunch to movie industry

by Jim Springer

Batman, Star Trex VI, Hook, and Robin Hood are all great works of popular customs and beliefs of adventures. These flicks were all big money makers, but there are dozens of films that died once they got out of the gates.

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Columbia and MCA theatres are based in the U.S., but owned by the Japanese firms of Sony and Matsushita Electrical Industry Co. The profits from these movies barely helped the two companies reach a "break even" point, according to Newsweek Oct. 4, "92.

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Few people realize the rising expenses of both the actors and the operational costs that go into a movie. Costs of transportation, set design, and salaries of the actors soaring into the multithousands/millions all help to increase of the cost of the movie. The increase of the costs of the movies through our paying a higher ticket price to see a particular movie is called cost-push inflation. Yet, even with the prices of movies increasing and the bill names becoming more and more popular to the younger audience popular to the younger audience of today, millions still go to the

movies.
"I love the movies because they have gone wild. They blow-up buildings and destroy entire scenes, all because they have thrown costs to the wind for they know they will get it back in

sales," junior Ryan Kobza said.
"Robin Hood was a success
because of Kevin Costner and
the popularity he gained from his
performance in Dances with
Wolves," senior Eileen Doesh

"The last movie I saw with my friends and family was *The Addams Family*, and I would like to see more comedy in the movies. When *Batman II* comes out, think it will the Liddy aven like

to see more comedy in the movies. When Batman II comes out, I think it willflop. I didn't even like the firstone. Why have a Batman II?" junior Jesse Kosch said.

There are mixed reviews about the movies, what they need to make it a good movie and what they should keep in so as not to offend too many viewers. However, most of the students mentioned that they do enjoy the movie theatres because they offer choices that the students can't get at home.

"I go to the movies for the atmosphere and the crowd reaction," junior Brandi Buggi said.

One issue which came up again and again was the increase of prices for the Columbus Theatre. Some students can't afford the average increase of prices of most theatres and resort to the alternative of renting a tape for the V.C.R. Several opinions were raised when given the option to rent a movie or to go to the theatre. The general conclusion was that most would rent a movie because of the convenience of watching it at home as

well as the cost factor which is involved.
"I would much rather spend the money to rent a movie where I can see fwo for the price of

I can see two for the price of one," junior Dan McGrane said.
"I would go to the theatre simply because of the quality of the big screen and the stereo sound available at the theatre," junior Jlm Sokol said.

Whether or not the movie industry continues to bottom out depends on how these companies are managed. Will they revamp their procedures after experiencing one of the lowest profit level recorded in years? As the baby boomers have reached middle-age, they are looking for movise that target their interests and dreams.

"I like some of the movies."

"I like some of the movies that are out, but others were stupid. The movies need to improve their quality and become more realistic," junior Jessie Peterson said.

said.
Most students would like to see the costs at the movie theatres come down, and the quality of the movies being shown should be increased to peak public inter-

est. If the movie industry does not work harder on their efficiency, the level of adventure portrayed, and lower costs, the industry will be replaced by the common practice of renting a tape for the V.C.R.

I took a walk on the Wildside

by Kristen Haenggi

"There's no need to fear Marky Mark is here," the band rapped as Mark Wahlberg ran out onto the stage and fans stood on

err seats. The sold-out concert of Marky Mark and the Funky Bunch was January 31 in the Omaha Civic Auditorium Music Hall. Opening for them was Rhythm Syndicate who's hit "P.A.S.S.I.O.N" hit

who's hit "P.A.S.S.I.O.N" hit number one last summer. The crowd had an even amount of males and females present, of those were the "Marky wanna be's" who sported bandanas, hats, or overalls to look like Marky Mark. However, there was no comparison to the kid brother of New Kid Donnie

Marky and his bunch were full of energy and excitement as they went from "Marky Mark is Here" to the funky tune and also the title track to the album, "Music For the

People". Then was the new single "I Need Money." He slowed things down with "Make Me Say Ooh" and also talked to the crowd about the risks involved in having sex as the few parents there looked at each other uneasily. The crowd was soon chanting "safe sex."

Another uncomfortable scene Another uncomfortable scene for the parents sitting next to me was Marky's use of four letter words. However, there were only a few occasions when he used them when he was talking to the crowd and in a few songs.

Marky's trademark has been stripping down to his because the control of the c

stripping down to his boxers, which he did. This led the crowd of girls screaming in pleasure.

"You have to make your fans happy," Wahlberg told one of the Funky Bunch members when he tried to cover Marky up from the

After "On The House Tip" the lights dimmed and the slow re-

whole crowd sang along to the lyrics about the incidents in Bos-

ton.

The tempo picked up and the concert concluded with Marky's number one hit "Good Vibrations" The use of tapes in this concert was evident, but at a minimum. For example, they used a tape for Loletta Holloway's voice in the final song because she was not

there.

The group danced and touched the hands of the fans for awhile before bowing and leaving the stage. As everyone got off their seats, I looked at my watch. I had paid \$17.50 for the ticket plus gas money for the drive to Omaha and the Funky Bunchwas on stage for a mere hour. I need on stage for a mere hour. I need

noney!
I was slightly disappointed at the length of the concert, but after recapping the night I changed my mind. I took a walk with Marky Mark and the Funky Bunch on the "Wildside" - and for the same price I'd do it again.

It's a fireman's life

by Shane Wemhoff

Actors make their mark

by Kelli Woods

Paint brushes in hand they nead toward their destiny. They have come to leave their mark done for every production during my 14 years at Scotus. I know there are some that date back before then, yet I don't know how long the tradition has been practiced," Drama Coach Sandie Bernt said.

long the tradition has been practiced." Drama Coach Sandie Bernt said.

Although it isn't known how the painting of the green room began at Scotus, the practice seems to be a common one in the area of drama. "The Platte College green room has similar paintings. When I was in school we painted after performances too, but our artwork was done on the back of stage flats," Bernt said.

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The artwork at Scotus is a labor of love, as it is usually a volunteerfromthe cast that paints the wall. This year's one-acts will be remembered through the talents of two seniors, Lori Sypal and her assistant Holly Hunter.

"I like the theater and the arts and when I first saw the room I thought it was really neat. When I learned that Brenda Kolas, a Scotus graduate, had done some of the other paintings I wanted to do it and hoped Mrs. Bernt would let me," Sypal said.

"Usually the date and a symbol that represents the produc-

tion along with the students' names are painted. There are a few paintings with just the character's name and a couple that carry both the student and character name," Bernt said.

This year plans include painting shapes to symbolize the three one-acts and also the lights and sound crew. It will read "A Menu of Dramatic Entrees 1991", and will include the cast members' names.

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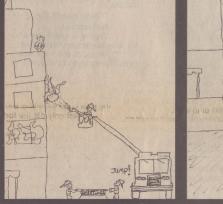
Depending on if the tradition continues and how much wall-space is painted each year there should be enough room for a while according to Sypal. However, someday the walls will be full and the next task will be to find somewhere to continue painting. "I think the tradition will carry on and I do hope we find somewhere to continue the artwork," Bernt said.

"Maybe the paintings could

Bernt said.

"Maybe the paintings could be done on the walls of the two small hallways leading to the stage," senior Jeff Loeske said.

Regardless of where they continue painting, it is important that they do. For once the writing is on the wall they belong to a part of Scotus history. Their names will live on forever, next to those who came before, waiting for those who are still to come, telling the world that for one moment in





Environment effects taste

by Brian Lueschen

My favorite kind of music is country. My tavorite kind or music is country. The reason like country is because that is my enviornment. I live in it. I like to work in it. I live in the country, but not on a tarm. I do have friends and relatives who farm, and I help them. It also seems like everywhere I go I hear country music.

l listen to the radio almost all the time Ilisten to the radio almost all me time. listen to it while doing my homework and chores, going with the basketball team on the bus, and helping to do field work during the busy seasons. I work in the kitchen at New World Inn, and the radio station is on KZ-100. That seems to be the station agreeable to most of the

employees.
I think that it's the beat of the drums or the rhythm of the music that makes a person move. The louder the music goes the faster I can move.

My two favorite songs are: "Oh Lonesome Me" by the Kentucky Headhunters and "I'm Having Day Dreams About Night Things" by Ronnie Milsap.

Some people tell me that all country music is about falling in love, being in love with someone who doesn't love in return, or divorce. Why do they think that is so different from rock'n'roll? Rock'hroll seems to have much of the same topics with a different beat.

Nevertheless, I like country music.

Books "blume" wellness

by Holly Huntter

Attention uppperclassmen:

When's the last time you picked up Judy Blume book. It's probably been a while.

In high school we tend to focus on Steinbeck and Sophoclese. But, think about it-any one of Judy Blume's classics over the basic concerns of individuals in our society. Blubber deals with how it hurts to be shunned because you don't fit the "norm".

Tiger Eyes reveals the trials of the loss of a loved one and growing up. Pick up a Blume book-they grow on you.

Louder is better

by Amy Louis

"Thump, thump, thump," you hear as you are sitting at Burger King eating your dinner. The bass of some peoples' car stereos can be heard blocks away?

Loud car stereos have always been popular, but lately they seem to be booming throughout the town.

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"I think loud stereos are sweet, when you turn it up loud, it really rocks!" senior Scott Harmeier said.

"It seems to be that the louder your stereo, the more popular you are," Rob Ammeter, Sales Manager of Sound Center said.
"People give loud stereos a lot of attention," Harmeier said.

According to Rob Ammeter, the stereos keep getting louder and louder, the speakers are getting bigger and CD's are clearer.

clearer.

In the past four years, since he has been at Sound Center there hasn't been a change in the demand for stereos and equipment. The equipment is just improving so much, what three amplifiers used to do one amplifier can do now, so the stereos are just getting louder, according to Ammeter.

The real good equipment is still fairly expensive, but prices are coming down. The lower prices are, the more people will buy good systems, according to Ammeter.

Almost everyone would like a loud stereo but the cost is an important factor. "It's a waste to spend lots of money on car stereos because your not in you're car that much," senior Jeff Tooley said.

Rentals rocket while movies mourn

by Brad Wangler

With today's modern conveniences nearly every american family has a VCR, and with this there is almost a video rental store in every town. While 20 years ago there was a movie theatre in every town.

Now with today's modern equipment you can go out and get a movie and bring it home to you instead of you going to the movie. With both situations there is good and bad. Take, for instance, the big screen. Here you get surrounded by sound and the good old fashion big picture.

On the other hand, by the time you have left the movie theatre you have spent as much as or even more than ten dollars. You spent \$4.50 at the Columbus Theatre just to get in. Than if you

want to eat you better have \$5.00

want to eat you better have \$5.00 just to get a pop and popcorn.

Nowadays, you can go out and get a movie of your choice, while at the theatre you only have two choices, and this will only cost you a few dollars. Plus, when you go home you can play it when you are ready, you're not set to a certain time. You can also get a \$.50 pack of microwave popcorn, and a \$.50 can of pop. Also, you are in you own Lazyboy instead of being in an old movie chair that has had pop and other unknown things spilled on it.

it. So as you are sitting at home wondering what to do go out and get an old movie of your choice. Or you could go out and get a date and go to the movie with her.

Rush to the theatre

by Kristen Haenggi

He was an undercover cop and a drug addict. This describes the main character in the movie Rush, played by Jason Patric. Patric must find himself a parner to go undercover with whom to buy and take drugs. He chooses the inexperienced Jennifer Jason Leigh whom he teaches to take the drugs. The two are soon involved with the drug underworld and even befriend a man who later helps them to catch a big dealer. Patric and Leigh soon become



Last month's winner was Joe Zulkiski. The reward for guessing the right picture is a five dollar gift certificate to a Columbus business of your choice. Entries have to be turned in to Mrs. Schiefer or a member of the ROCK staff by February 19.

OPINION

Incentive days are not enough

by Brad Wangler

"If you don't sell 30 tickets, you will have to come to school to work of f the amount that you didn't sell while everyone else is out having fun."

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How many times have you heard that this year? Not very many times, at least not until it was too late to sell. Last year when Mr. Jim Puetz and Mr. Gary Puetz had control of it, you heard it everyday, and so you went out and sold your share of tickets. Although this year, that proably wouldn't have made a difference because after four and a half years of always, being asked. and a half years of always being asked to sell something, I began to get tired of

It.
I admit, as a private school
we need fund raisers to get the bills paid,
but it seems that whenever iturn around,
I'm asked to sell something. To top it off,
I'm usually threatened into selling it. "If
you don't get them sold, you'll have to
pay for them."

The people selling aren't the only ones that gettired. The people I sell to are also a littletired of buying.

Sometimes the only time I see them is when I am selling something.

Maybe instead of always ask-ing us to sell the same thing over and over, we could hold different events. We could sponsor events that would involve the students, such as: soup suppers, fun

runs, jail-n-bail programs, etc.

This year the senior class has invited the UNL senior football players to play basketball against a community team to help pay for class expenditures for

The problem of the same-people buying tickets needs to be tack-led, too. Some people even get upset and sales decrease. Most of the time the students end up buying the raffle tickets:

Maybe their should be a raffle wouldn't recieve a side of beef or a supermarket shopping spree. It would be something that would entice the stuAt Norfolk Public High Scnool, the students created a raffle ticket fundraiser with a twist. Students bought a chance to be principal for one school day. The principal took the student's role and aattended all his events and classes will be student was re-

and classes while the student was re-sponsible for sitting in on meetings. The result was very successful.

Varying fund-raising tech-niques would help, that way the kids don't get bored of doing it for the school and they could feel that they are a part. Replacing threats with rewards would motivate me.

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TA Expectations Fall Short

by Amy Louis

Four years ago Scotus started a Teacher Advisor (T. A.) program. One of the reasons for this program was so students could get closer to students from different grades and the faculty. The minutes each day are provided to take roll, read announcements and, well, do whatever.

nouncements and, well, do whatever.

During these past four years, I have been in three different T. A. groups. In these groups I have been involved in many different activities. The activities range from putting jigsaw puzzles together and trivia games to playing cards.

I have noticed that it is very hard to get some of the people

by Rich McPhillips

The New Hampshire Primary is

involved in these activities. Trying to come up with activities for T.A. that everyone will enjoy and participate in seems even harder. In these years, I have not really gotten to know many of the underclassmen at Scotus. Many times when I have tried to get an underclassman involved in a conversation, they have just given a quick answer and said no more. I can recognize them, but I don't know them by name and know almost nothing about any of them. This year, I have been a teacher aid for Mrs. Schieffer during the period she is a resource teacher. There are between four or five 7th and 8th graders in that class. I have gotten to know those students better than I have gotten to know any of the students in my T. A.'s.

In resource, I have learned

about what some of their hobbies are, what sports they go out for and who their favorite bands are. I can easily start up a conversation with them when I see them in the halls or in town.

I understand that it would not be possible for all students to be in a small group like I have, but maybe it is the extended amount of time that I spend with the students that makes the difference. The time that we spend in the same class could be giving us more of a chance to feel comfortable with each other.

Ithink T.A. is a good idea, but some of the expectations seem to fall short. Maybe combining our T.A. and Activity Periodwould give the students and teachers more time to plan and execute games and projects.

T.V. Plagued by Profanity

by Kristen Haenggi

"What did you just say?" the mother replies almost in shock to an obscene word that came from the mouth of her four year old son. He repeats it with confidence of it's meaning.

"Don't you ever say that again!" His mother enforces.
"But, Mommy, I heard it on T.V.!" he replies in tears.

Over the past decade the language used on public television is increasing fast. The reason for this increase is the actual increase in public swearing. It seems these obscene words add emphasis to a story and some people rarely can say something

without them.

If everyorie is saying them, then is it all right for the children to say them? I think not. I think parents should practice what they preach. If they tell their child they can not say "bad" words, then they shouldn't say them either.

Of course, with the profanity on television it is not helping matters. Although it is only a couple of words, it could eventually lead to more. Gone are the days of calling an evil woman a witch. She is now known as a "B" with an itch. This is not something you want your child screaming at you.

The afternoon and early evening television shows on public T.V. should refrain from

using excessive profanity. They should also be used only whenever absolutely necessary, for example, during an intense scene. If this is an unreasonable request, than parents should at least monitor programs their children can watch.

On another viewpoint, I would not want an intense scene to be broken up or lost with the wrongword. For example, if there was a major fight between two friends, I wouldn't want them to use a word like "dang it."

We have to do something about the obscene words before they take over our everyday.life... and television sets.

It pays to buy American

by Shane Wemhoff

Throughout the years of new technology there have been many changes in the manufacturing of automobiles. It all started turing of automobiles. It all started with Henry Ford and his invention of the assembly line. Ford started this mass production of automobiles and it did not take long for foreign companies to catch on to the idea of an assembly line.

Not only did the foreign companies copy the idea of Ford's assembly line they also copied his cars. The foreign cars and American car's both had the same body configurations such

and American cars both had the same body configurations such as the fenders were shaped the same, headlights were positioned and styled the same, but the foreign cars were just a little fan-cier causing them to be more

expensive.

Throughout the years the copying went on, but the foreign cars always seem to be just a little more expensive. Then came Toyota cheaply built death traps which the people of the United States went wild over. Mainly because they ware chean and because they were cheap and good with gas. What Americans didn't realize was when foreign cars got into a head-on collision with an American built car the driver of the American car had a driver of the American car had a better chance of living. Since the Americans were so ignorant and kept buying these little tin cans on wheels the only way for the U.S. car companies to survive was to build cheap cars also. For example the Cheverolet Chevette and Ford Festiva. The competition and demand for cheap for tion and demand for cheap for-

eign and American cars grew and the price also went up. So the foreign carmanufacturers not only increased the risk of death behind the wheel they also ruined the U.S. economy.

Chrysler then came out

Chrysler then came out with the first drivers side air bag to help prevent these deaths. Before you could say Mitshubishi the foreign companies have the air bag also. Chrysler also had the first minivan. Next thing we know every foreign car company has a minivan. Why is it American car

companies always come out with the new idea's and foreign com-panies always copy it? The for-eign companies aren't good at designing and building cars. What they are good at is copying.

Multi What? !!! Candidate without a cause crusades

by Jodi Hefti

You have waited for that glorious day for 16 years. Well, at least, I did. It is your sixteenth birthday, and if you are as fortunate as me, you got a car to drive. Actually it could be your parents', or the bank's, but either way you've got wheels.

So, you go to pick up all

you've got wheels.
So, you go to pick up all yourfriends and immediately they begin to tell you how fast to go, where to turn, and at what point you should speed up to make the yellow light. You begin to suffer from Back Seat Driver Multipolypopus

yellow light. You begin to suffer from Back Seat Driver Multipolynomous. What? Multi.... Could you please repeat that in English? Trust me. I have suffered from Back Seat Driver Multipolynomous. It came in the form of a woman I call "mom."

"Watch out, there is a car coming!"

"Oh. Okay Mom."
Don't get me wrong; my mother is a really great mom. She just worries tooooo much. Well, actually both of my parents worry too much. In fact, all parents worry too much. But, you may be wondering how bad of back seat driver my mother really is. While bringing her home from my

grandmother's via 15th street, she noticed I was driving 27 mph. I thought I was safe by going under the speed limit, but was I wrong!

"Sure, mom."

"Don't smart off to me, young lady."

So, I shut up. I went 15 mph just to make her happy. Again, I was wrong.

Weturned onto 33rd Avenue to go home, and I thought that , according to her rules, I could drive 30.

"Slow down; you're going too fast. You don't need to go 100 miles per hour on the highway. I only want you to go 20. Do you understand me?"

"That's it! Pull over."

"Should I stop in the fast or the slow lane? And may I remind you that we are only six blocks away from home? I think I can ride the brakes that far."

"Fine, but I'm driving from now on."

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ownership of a resturant chain called Grandmothers and Prairie Life Health Clubs. It may be surprising to know that his businesses do not offer health insurance to their employees and his businesses have also been cited with over 100 violations of the Child Labor laws.

The New Hampshire Primary is rapidly coming to date, and Sen. Bob Kerrey doesn't look too impressive in the polls. When Nebraska's Sen. Bob Kerrey announced that he would run in the presidential race, the citizens of Nebraska became excited, but apparently for no reason. They expected their state to gain a good reputation and look important to the nation. Well, Bob hasn't even approached these expectations. If you want to know why Kerrey isn't looking impressive, ask many of the disappointed people he has talked to around the country. According to an influential democratin Los Angeles who helped arrange forums for him, "He's turning of date that changes with the weather. Salked to around the country. According to an influential democratin Los Angeles who helped arrange forums for him, "He's turning of date that changes with the weather. Sould do, he probably would have voted differently. In 1982, while forums for him, "He's turning of governor, he wrote to State Sen. Bernice Labez stating that he opposed abortion. In 1992 cording to an influential democrat in Los Angeles who helped arrange forums for him, "Hel's turning off about half the people he talks to." Even if he isn't turning them off, he sure isn't turning them on. According to many, Kerrey is a candidate wit out a cause. His speechs have not advanced much beyond the routine criticism of Reagan and Bush and his Vietnamdrams stories. that he opposed abortion. In 1992 as a presidential canidate, he said that back in 1982 he didn't know abortionfroma "load of hay". Which makes him very pro-abortion, and Kerrey has even voted to okay the physical desecration of theflag, which is a symbol of our great Bush and his Vietnam drama stories.
Oh, yes, he does know a joke or two.
(Remember the lesbian joke which got him into trouble?)

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Kerrey claims to be the most qualified for president because of his business experience-referring to represent our state?

Players get off on right foot

This year Scotus is adding a new spring sport, soccer. There are many students and parents very excited about this new opportunity at Scotus. The addition of soccer will give more students a chance to play a sport...

"I am going out for soccer this year because of my injury. I lost two years in track and would be behind if I went out for it. I've played soccer for almost seven years," senior Kristen Haenggi said.

said.

With the addition of soccer,
Scotus now offers three spring
sports for boys and two for girls.

"When you have a school like
ours with talented athletes, but

not as many, it might take away from the different sports," boys' soccer coach Fr. Wayne Pavela said.

"This will split the athletes and water the track when we compete against schools that don't have split programs," track coach Gary Puetz said.

The choice of soccer or track may not be easy for everyone. "I think it will be a tough choice for some athletes because they have pride in the track program and also love soccer," Puetz said.

"I feel outside pressures make it hard to decide between soccer and track," senior Shawn Diederich said.

cording to Pavela.

As of this year there isn't a reserve soccerteam. The varsity team will allow 18 members for each (boys and girls') team. The tryouts and final cuts will be made early enough for students to go out for track or golf if they are not chosen for the soccer team, according to Pavela.

Soccer is becoming a very

popular sport, and many schools are starting programs. According to Scotus Athletic Director Rick Grubaugh this year Waverly is starting a soccer program and next year York will be starting their program. No one knows what will come out of soccer at Scotus. We will just have to wait and see what happens in the next few years, according to Puetz.

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"There will be more interest in soccer and the teams will get better and more competitive as the years go by," Diederich said.
The boys' and girls' first soccer games will be March 24 at 4:30 against Omaha Roncalli at Omaha.



The 8A team scores a win over Genoa during their basketball game on Feb. 5.

NU gymnasts prepare for Summer

by Rich McPhillips

Now that the Winter Olympics have just begun, the focus is on albertville, France. Yet, back in the Cornhusker State Francis Allen and four UNL students are preparing for the Summer Olympics to be held in Barcelona, Spain. Allen, the men's gymnastics coach at NU said Bob Stelter, Pat Kirksey, Mark Warpburton, and Tom Schleslenger will be likely to be on the U. S. Summer Olympics team.

team.

The students each carry
a 4.0 grade point average or
slightly below according to Coach
Allen. They practice on the average three hours a day, six days a

In order for the men to qualifyfor the Olympics, they must be able to master all six events they are in. "These four are well balanced in all six events," Allen said. These events are the long horse vault, pommel horse, horizontal bar, parallel bars, rings, and floor exercise.

zontal bar, parallel bars, rings, and floor exercise.
Last year, they participated in the Pre-Summer Olympics also held in Barcelona. Pat Kirksey finished ninth, while Mark Warpburton came in tenth. They didn't qualify for the Olympics there, but Allen said, "they should finish in the top five this year at the World Championships held in May." The top six at this championship qualify for the Olympics.
The University of Nebraska has provided more ovm-

nasts for the Olympics than anyother university. Allen says one
of the main reasons the gymnastics program is such a success is
because of the constant finances
fromthe athletic department.

"Bob Devaney, UNL's
Athletic Director, has never said
'no'," Allen expressed. Allen
pointed out that if it wasn't for the
money provided, the program
wouldn't be such a success. The
provided finances pay for key
scholarships and the employment
of the advanced gymnastics staff.

In the last Summer
Olympics held in 1988, thehighest
an UNL gymnast faired was
seventh, but this year Allen says
these four men have what it takes,
to be the best in the world.

Net sizzles as IBA finals come to Scotus

by Brian Lueschen

The boys' Intramural Basketball Association has some competition. Girls IBA is a new extra-curricular activity for the girls at Scotus.

There are 48 boys and 48 girls involved inthe IBA. There are six teams each of which is identified and named by a different color.

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The competition within the boys' teams is equal. Between the 12 teams, six teams have lost, and six have won. The

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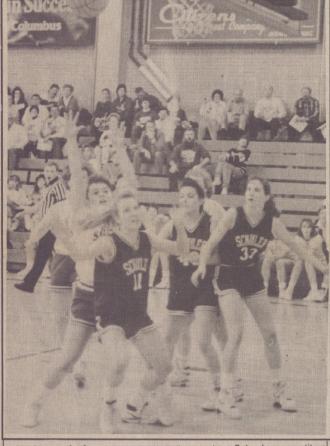
"When it comes to your Valentine

boys play at five, six, and seven p.m. on Sunday. Neither the boys' nor the girls' teams have scheduled practices. The only practice they get is if they go to the YMCA and practice on their

"I think that Intranura-basketball is a good idea be-cause it gives the kids something to do on a Sunday evening. It is also good for them as an experi-ence, so they can decide whether or not to join junior varsity or

varsity basketball," girls' IBA coach Mrs. Julie Blaser said. IBA is important because it "gives the guys something to do and gives them another acdo and gives them another activity, as well as time to work together," Fr. Wayne said. Fr. Wayne also felt that the students benefit by "excercise, work with one another, and friendship."

IBA lasts approximately eight weeks concluding with a tournament for each in March.



Up for grabs! Jamie Jazwick challenges three Schuyler competitors to gain possession of the ball during a rebound. The game came down to the wire, but the Warriors came out on top by one point The Warriors, who remain undefeated, are rated number two by the Omaha-World Herald.

Redskins win the big one

by Rich McPhillips

The Washington Redskins are the new SuperBowl Champions! Well if you're not suprised you're not alone. A lot of people were't including the 'Skins themselves. Washington was picked to win Super Bowl XXVI before the 1991 season began. Coach Gibbs and his team expected nothing less, and they showed it throughout their fantastic season and in theSuper Bowl, the years football finaley.

finaley.
The Washington Redskins dominated on offense with their huge line knownas the "Hogs"

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Posse" by hitting them for two touchdown passes and a total of 292 yards passing. Jim Kelly, the quarterback for the Bills set a new Super Bowl record with 58 pass attempts but he only completed a mere 28 throws.

Thurman Thomas is supposed to be one of the best running-backs in the league, right. Well, his ten carries for 13 puny yards hardly backed that thought, but he did get a one yard touchdown run.

The first break fell in the Bill's fvorwhen Redskin's wide receiver Art Monk had a TD catch called back. After that point, everthing went sweet for the Skins as they went on to win their third Super Bowl under Joe Gibbs. Columbus Aquatic Center & Pawnee Park Swimming Pool

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seemingly easy win with 37-24 score just as in Super Bowl XXII where they also handed the Denver Brouncos their second straight Super Bowl loss.

Mark Ryplen, the Redskins quarterback and the game's MVP had good connections with "The



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Clinton and Bush lead race to November

After many primaries and cacause, it looks like Bush and Clinton will be on the presidential ballot in November. Although both parties have their problems, many think Bush will serve second term but knowing that he will be under close observe.

As we get further into the election year the tension rises between parties and also within the parties themselves according to many analysts. According to these analysts both parties have problems whether it may be choosing the right leader for their party or developing a policy to be elected.

The Democratic Party has had three of its main candidates already dropout. Nebraska Senetor Bob Kerry, one of them, has been judged as not having a plan that people want.

lowan Senetor Tom harkin also a dropout, hasn'i gained enough support from either coast.

Since the New Hampshire through to Super Tuesday, Democrats have been split on who should be the party's nominee between Clinton and Tsongas. Tsongas won most of the vote early on but has now proved to be only a regional candidate coming out last Tuesday only winning two of the eleven primaries and caucases.

The Republican Party has been having problemsof their own. The party members are being split between the loyal Bush supporters and the Buchanan supporters.

Buchanan supporter feel that Bush has not done justice to their party or to the country. Many feel

that Buchanan is only trying to pull Bush back to the right and bring back conservative prin-ciples. But all this has led to a

bring back conservative principles. But all this has led to a heated dispute. It is over whether or not Buchanan should drop out pending upon if he has already sent Bush a message. Some feel that he is tearing the party apart, while others think he is trying to give Bush a scare that he won't forgat has scare that he won't forgat has scare that he won't forgat has seen as seen ing to have the advantage especially after coming out of Super Tuesday winning seven out of the eleven primaries and caucases. Jerry Brown hasn't been to impressive since his first win in the Maine Caucases and

only won one primary.

Bush has easily been winning, but he doesn't have the percentage that is expected for an incumbent president. Buchanan has received around 30% of the vote throughout most of the primaries and caucases. While Bush has received nearly 70% throughout. David Duke the former Klu Klux Klan Member has shown how little support he has. He has received very little of the vote and didn't receive a single delegate on Super Tuesday.

With Clinton gaining votes and Bush standing ground the Noverber election is set between them many elction officals have said. It is expected to be very interesting election but many analysts have chosen Bush to come out on top but probably with a high protest vote.





T i m Thalken, a self-pro-claimed neo-Con-servative

conservative, pro-business Democrat (such as Paul Tsongas) will never win his party's nomination," Thalken

U.S. education major reform needs

by Jim Springer

For hours everyday students sit in their classrooms and busy ourselves with the everyday work of their classes. Sometimes they even wonder what all the tuss is about.

Students go to school to learn new concepts and to try and become a better, smarter person. A normal day seems to take a week at times, but the time spent in school is actually only a third of the average lifetime, and it is usually said to the best time of a person's life.

Scotus students go to

Scotus students go to school from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30

p.m. Gradually more hours and days have been added to the requirements of their educational systems as well as the educational systems of school across America.

This is all an attempt to increase the standards and level at which the students of this school and those others perform and learn

and learn.

U.S. students have tried U.S. students have tried to "out-learn" the competition of other countries for the last ten years, but have placed dead last in all test scores of other developed nations. According to the November '91 issue of Time magazine, Japan is one of the top-rated countries in education, and as one of the biggest rivals of America, has also become an epitome of standard to which the

U. S. compares itself.

"I think they do put more emphasis on Math and reasoning," junior John Hain said. "I think the U. S. schools put way too much influence on how a person feels socially, and this is highlighted in that American students tend to take the easier courses that don't allow them to get used to "pressure."

One attempt to catch up in the race of education has been to add time to the learning day. This effort has fueled the argument that this method only covers up the problems of this nation. They argue that the education problem of the U. S. does not lie in the amount of time each student is exposed to in school, but in the methods and means by which students are taught.

All schcols depend on funds to stay open. The parents of students at Scotus pay a double amount for their child to attend. They pay taxes to help fund public education while also paying tuition to Scotus.

A new governmental proposal in underway to establish Pro-Choice in the funding and management of schools. If this legislation is passed, it will dictate where and what amounts schools will receive for the students taught within their walls.

Under the Pro-Choice bill, each student's parents will pay a set amount determined by the city or state. Then each student would choose which school he/she would attend. In essence, each school would receive the funds of each students that at-

tended their school.

"Pro-Choice proposal is both good and bad. We will only have to pay for school once, but I think that private schools would then have an increase in numbers which would lower the quality of education here, "junior Steve Beiermann said.

The very structure of our school system and the teaching methods used are also problems that need to be dealt with. America needs to resolve the underpaid wages of teachers and change the paradigm in the current teaching methods. To do this Act 2000 Excellence in Education has been established.

According to the December '91 issue of Congressional Digest, this legislation

would establish a percent rating given to each school. The money received by each school would depend upon this rating.

It is believed that this reform would encourage American teachers and administrators to re-think the ways in which they function and perform.

This process is already underway in some schools and Scotlus is no exception. Outcome Based Education is being discussed as a possible plan to incorporate into the system.

"Schools and the education inside them will look vastly different in ten years. It is exciting and challenging to think of the changes that will occur both for us as teachers and for the students of the future," Mrs. Schieffer said.

Merit finalist is named

by Holly Hunter

It feels "good" to be a National Merit Scholarship finalist, Ben Tworek-Hofstetter, NMS finalist, said.

said.

According to Mr. Atchson, guidance counselor, it all starts with the PSAT (test). The students with the top 16,000 scores in the country automatically become semi-finalists. Tworek-Hofstetter said he received the equivalent of a 31 (on the ACT) on the test.

The semi-finalists then take the SAT to cut the numbers to 14,000 finalists. "(The SAT) is

Ben has a real academic strength in language arts and creative writing.

Mr. Atchison

easier than the ACT," said Tworek-Hofstetter who took the test in Grand Island.

During the waiting period, he said he wasn't dwelling on becoming a finalist, but did have some doubts. "I didn't know if my SAT score was good enough," Tworek-Hofstetter said.

Mr. Atchison said that Tworek-Hofstetter has a 50 percent shot at being one of the 6,550 to receive the Scholarship. He said Tworek-Hofstetter has a definite academic strong point.. "Ben has a real academic strength in language arts and creative writing," Atchison said.

As of now, Tworek-Hofstetter is keeping doors open about his future. He is considering attending Hastings College, Kent State, and University of Nebraska at Lincoln.

Hastings College offered him

at Lincoln.

Hastings College offered him
a full academic scholarship for
one year, he said. TworekHofstetter said his post college
plans aren't certain.

The National Merit Scholarship is sponsored by colleges,
universities and businesses.



Conference Honor Band members from left to right include: Amy Held, Eileen Dobesh, Clindy Kuehler, Mike Blum, John Hain, Erik Hash; 2nd row Kelli Woods, Kathy Hegemann, Jenny Arp, Vicki Gubles, and Ryan Eikmeier. Concert will be held March 28 at Fremont Bergan. Story on page 2.

Future business leaders head to state conference

by Amy Louis

"SLC Competitors meet in the little theater at 11:56 today." It seems that you hear announcements for SLC almost every day during February and March.
SLC is the State Leadership Conference that is sponsored by FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America.) The Conference is a large business competition in which FBLA members from all over Nebraska participate.
FBLA members earn points by participating in activities and working the concession stand at football games and working the Mothers Club dinners. "SLC is a lot of fun so it makes all the work and time you put in for points

worth while," senior Bridget O'Hearn said. The members with the most points can go to the competition according to Went. The Corivention consists of individual and group sessions and about 40 tests that students can take. These are business related tests and sessions. There are three large sessions for the entire convention, these are held on Thursday and Friday evening and on Saturday morning. During the last session the awards for the tests are given out.

tests are given out.

Each student that participates in SLC must take 5 to 6 tests. Some of the tests are offered to freshmen and sophomores only,

and some are only offered to juniors and seniors. "The tests are hard but it is good to get used to hard tests for later on," O'Hearn

Which tests the students take are usually determined by how the student does in the business classes they are enrolled in according to Went.

Each year about 30 FBLA members leave after first period on the Thursday that SLC starts. The competition is not just a big party, according to senior Lori Sypal. "You have to wear business attire the entire time, even in the evenings and to the dance.

This year SLC will be held April 2,3, and 4 in Omaha.

Krings bids sayonara to U.S. for the summer

by Holly Hunter

Elation filled her heart when she found out she was going to spend

Junior Heid Krings discovered she was one of four Nebraskans to win a Japanese Government/ Senate Scholarship and was eligible to receive half paid tuition to learn about the Japanese government first

"I was elated. It felt like a big accomplishment. It made the experience worthwhile," Krings said.

Krings spent two months "experiencing" and preparing her application. "I received the packet on September 1, it was due on November 1, and I mailed it in on October 31," Krings said. Inside the packet were mainly medical forms and essay questions, Krings said. The essay questions ranged from "most embarrassing moment" to "how do you deal with failure".

"The hardest one was writing about my family because it's not something you analyze everyday. It was also difficult to write about

I have this vision of a bunch of Americans with cameras. - Heidi Krings Americans running around

something that personal." Krings said.
In her application she also had to research one facet of Japanese life and write about it. "I chose Japanese ancient literature because I am interested in writing," Krings said.

After completing and proofreading, Mr. Atchison, guidance counselor, went over it with her. The student he helped last year was awarded one of the two full scholarships.

Out of the 200 that applied, it was narrowed down to 12 finalists who were interviewed by a committee in Omaha. Twelve days later she received the news.

Since being notified, Krings has a lot of time to think about the cultural differences between the U.S. and Japan. Fish is one of her big concerns. "I'm not a big fish eater and the Japanese diet revolves around fish and rice," Krings said. Another concern is learning/ and/ or understanding the language and fitting in because "I'll be a foot taller than everybody over there.

The recent "Japan bashing" by American citizens might produce a stumbling block. Krings feels she might have to overcome possible stereotypes of the American citizen and will work to overcome them. Krings also invisions a stereotype entering her stay in Japan. "I have this vision of a bunch of Americans running around with cameras," [Krings said.

Krings said.

The good easily outweighs the bad for Krings. She lists being able to live with a different family and attending a Japanese school to be main highlights. She also said it will be interesting to take an in-depth look at the Japanese government.

Although she has never been out of the country, she is hoping to look up some old friends. Krings has had pen-pals in Japan since the fifth grade when she went to a Japanese 4-H camp. "It's going to be interesting to visit with people I haven't seen in five years. It will also be fun to see if they're different person as they are in their letters. Krings is scheduled to leave the third week in June and fly home mid August.



Senior Jenny Fremarek rushes into class late. "Learn to live with it," says Fremarek.

Conference band goes to Bergan

by Kristen Haenggi

They all come from different schools. This time they are not here to compete, but to share their talents together. They are known as Conference Honor

known as Conference Honor Band.

According to sophomore Kathy Hegemann, the band instructors in the conference take turns picking who they want to go. The order the different schools pick is the way they tell where to sit. First seat being the best. Hegemann will be second chair for her clarinet playing.

"[Mr. Niles] based [his choices] on the seats we already were in band," Hegemann.

Junior Kelli Woods gets first seat for her clarinet playing.

"I think this is the most amount of people that have gone in a long time," Woods said.

The group of band members

28 at Fremont Bergan. It is here that they practice all day and at the end of the evening present a concert.

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"The purpose of this is to get all the best people in bands in the conference together to showcase our talent," Woods said.

"It's a learning experience where you get logether and get a taste of other directors," sophomore Cindy Kuehler said,

It "gets a lot of people together that understand band and gives us a chance to work together to set up a concert," Hegemann said.

Woods summed up her feelings on being chosen, "It's an honor."

"It think it's going to be a good experience. I'm glad I get to go," Kuehler said, "A lot of learning is involved, and we get to meet new people."

Seniors get married

by Holly Hunter

A strange look passed over her parents faces as they listened to their teenage daughter say, " Mom, Dad we're getting married." Senior Jason Feldhaus said about

Defilior Jason Feldhaus said about his girlfriend's parents.

According to Feldhaus that was one of the most interesting part of the marriage simulation so far.

The senior religion class is taking an in-depth look at the vocation of marriage, led by Fr...

...marriage isn't just fun and games, it takes a lot of work, understanding and money. -Jason Feldhaus

Wayne Pavela.

The students research everything from discussing how long the engagement period will be to buying fine china to trying to solve simulated problems within the

marriage.
"It will help me figure out living

expenses when I'm out on my own," Jenny Fremarek said. As part of the project, the class completed a worksheet discovering how much daily living costs.

"I've learned marriage isn't just fun and games, it takes a lot of work understanding and money," Feldhaus said.

Everybody is given the option to work alone or with a partner. Many students said they have learned not only about the sacrament, but also about themselves and their partners. "I've learned I'm definitely not ready for marriage," Jenny Styskal said.

"I spend a lot more time talking to her, not just as a girl-friend, but a friend," Feldhaus said.

said.

Styskal also said the simulation will help in the future. "In someways it's helping me prepare for the process you'll go through before marriage," Styskal said. Feldhaus was also responsive to the project and the fact that he's "married" to his girlfriend. "If I end up marrying Chris, we'll know what we're getting into," Feldhaus said.

Marching to a different clock

by Kristen Haenggi

The panicked student races into the school building tucking in his/her shirt as the kick their fallen books ahead. He/she are never on time.

"I'm usually busy getting ready and forget what time it is," junior Sheila Olmer said.

"I like to sleep as long as possible," senior Jenny Fremarek said. Fremarek said she can usually be found running to class in the morning.

"I procrastinate," junior Theresa Wemhoff said. "I never pay attention to what time it is." Many people may wonder if heredity can make a person late.

"My parents are usually on time. It's really annoying," Fremarek said.

"My parents are always on time," Olmer said. Wemhoff said the same of her parents.

If the parents aren't the ones making these students late, then what is?

"I don't estimate the time it will take to get into town," Olmer

eight, it really screwed me up,"
Fremarek said of getting up early.
According to Fremarek,
people think she is not responsible.

"Just because you're not on
time doesn't mean you're irresponsible," Fremarek said.
Sophomore Cindy Kuehler,
who is usually on time, had a
differnt opinion. Being on time
"shows people you care about
what you're doing . . . you're responsible enough," Kuehler said.

Most of these late people
agree they are not late to everything.

"Lately I've been trying to be
more on time," Fremarek said.
"To sports I'm on time, things I
know I have to be on time for."

"I'm usually just late to things
that don't matter," Oimer said
and mentioned when meeting
friends she is late.

"People are sometimes to
uptight to be on time,"" Fremarek
said. "Learn to live with it."

Kuehler had a different approach and advice for chronic
late people. "It's not that hard to
be on time if you make a habit of
it."

Study hall limit is called for

by Holly Hunter

A brown haired boy smiles as he sinks deeper into his novel. A girl tugs at her hair, staring at her math homework. A few others throw "spitwads".

Welcome to study hall. "(The purpose of study hall) is primarily to give kids a chance to work on assignments here at school and still have an opportunity to seek some help," Mr. Atchison, guidance counselor said.

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Atchison has sat in on study halls and has found "too many students come not prepared."

Sophomore Steven Shonka estimated about 50 percent use their study halls for the purpose of studying. "I usually go down to the library and study and talk. We don't screw around too much in Mrs. Went's. She's pretty cool," Shonka said.

"I try to study but usually it's too loud. A few others study but most try to do stuff behind the teacher's back," freshman Ryan Eikmeier said.

Next year, Mr. Atchison would like to implement a one study hall limit. "I feel students are here to get the best education possible and they do that by taking classes, not by sitting in study halls," Atchison said.

"It's good. People might do better academically." Shonka

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There will be few exceptions to the rule, Atchison said.
"Sometimes we have students that need extra time and help,"
Atchinson said. He debated

freshman Ryan Eikmeier said.

Both students and Mr. Atchison have suggestions to improve the study hall environment. Freshman Matt Moseman would like to seethe "abyss of boredom" used to "encourage interpersonal development".

Along the same lines, Eikmeier suggested dividing the room into two sections, those who want to study and those who want to converse. "I would like to see all study hall teachers to follow consistent rules and regulations," Atchison said.

According to Atchison the general consensus has agreed with the one study hall limit. "We want students in class as much time as possible," Atchison said.

Computer lab helps students

by Rich McPhillips

If you happen to be in the library sometime and you hear a ball bouncing or a rain storm, a ball bouncing or a rain storm, you might be interested to know that all that commotion is coming from a computer. Yes, a computer. The new Macintosh computers in the recently completed lab run a screen saver program while they are not being worked on, and some of them-like you might have seen or heard -are quite colorful.

This program isn't the only thing that is impressive about

orful.

This program isn't the only thing that is impressive about the new lab. Although the lab isn't anything exceptional, it does contain some useful and practical recources.

The new computer lab is being put to the test now that classes are being held in the lab after this year after a semester of completion. Mrs. Whiteley said, "Teachers are now able to use the lab for their classes". Some of the classes presently using the lab are calculus classes taught by Tom Salyard, the high school computer application classes taught by Mrs. Podliska and the newspaper staff.

Many of the students in the calculus classes found that the computers were a good tool toward learning. "It helps you understand the overall scheme of things by showing you quickly," senior Matt Naughtin said. Senior Jason

Stephen said, "Its more interesting you get more involved". "I love it. It helps you get a better understanding [of the class]".

The computer application The computer application classes have also been using the new Macintosh computers even though they are still using the older Apple computers for computer basics. Because the computers are able to be used by others the classes are allowed to use the lab only three days a week.

Most students and faculty who have worked on the "Macs" find them to be rather easy to

who have worked on the "Macs" find them to be rather easy to use. "Once you understand the basics, such as opening and finding your way around a file you can operate most other files," Mrs. Podliska pointed out. Although the computers are impressive to the students many found the chairs to be a big thrill. "The chairs are great", freshman Aarron Stenger said, because they rise and lower easily when you pull and lower easily when you pull a knob located under the seat.

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Close-up is to educate

by Amy Louis

A week out of school, without your parents, with many other students from all around the U.S., all at Washington D.C. It must be Close-up.

"Close-up is to educate. The participants learn about the government and how it functions. It is also a cultural and social learning experience," SCC Close-up sponsor, Jack Sadlesaid.

"You get a Close-up book about what's going to be seen and those who read it, I think, had a better time because they knew what was going on," past participant of Close-up, Demetria Wade said.

said.

The participants are broken up into groups that have their ownleaders. These groups travel on the same bus to visit places together.

During Close-up the participants get to visit different monuments in Washington D.C. One of the monuments that is visited is the Memorial Wall. It is the wall where the names of the people who died in the Vietnam War are

shown.
"It was really exciting, especially the wall, everyone was really excited and when we got there it was all quiet and it stayed quiet for about an hour after," Wade

said.

A average day of Close-up starts with breakfast with the entire group and leader. They then go visit monuments with the group. After lunch the groups go to small meetings and talk about current events.

The cost of Close-up may be a factor in pany students made a

The cost of Close-up may be a factor in many students' minds. The total cost is about one thousand dollars, this price includes everything according to Sadle.

According to Sadle an average of six SCC students usually go to Close-up. This year there are 23 students going.

"It will be a great experience for all of us who are going. Washington D.C. is never a boring place," junior Jim Springer said. Close-up is March 8-14 this spring.

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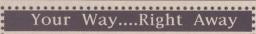
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U.S. needs money

by Brad Wangler

With the U.S. economy at its lowest point since the great depression of the thirties, and the U.S. debt at \$4.1 trillion. The U.S. government needs to make reductions somewhere. The major spot they plan to do this is in the military. By George Bushes plan, defence spending will be cut over this and the next five years.

One spot they plan to cut is the B-2 "stealth" bomber program. This cut will save the U.S. about \$2 billion pure aircraft. They all so plan to cut several carry groups within the next five years. The largest problem I see with this is they will just put these into dry dock also the money from this will not be seen until about 1997. Maybe if when they put them into dry dock they turn the ships into museums thus helping to pay for some of the costs.

The U.S. government also plans to cut a number of military bases around the world one such base is fort hood in California. After they close these bases there is a five year program to clean the base up. So much of the money will not be in the U.S. government for a while. Also there will be many military personnel who will be out of work. The way they hope to combat this is by training the mento civilian jobs. This way they will not have to pay them welfare while they are out of work, but the simple fact is that there really arent any jobs out there for those people, thus they will still end up in the unemployment lines.

The simple fact of the matter is the U.S. government needs to make cut backs some where and the military may not be the best place to cut. Because most cuts will not produce money for another five years, and the simple fact of the matter is we need money for

Police detect Smart conspiracy

by Kristen Haenggi

She found her husband lying in the middle of their apartment floor. He had been murdered, yet why was she more concerned about the stain the blood would leave on the carpet?

The book Teach Me to Kill by Stephan Sawicki is the true story about a New Hampshire couple Gregg and Pamela Smart and their shaky marriage. Through her job as media center director Pamela gets to know 16 year old Billy Flynn. Flynn has a crush on 23 year old Pamela and soon discovers the feelings are mutual.

tual.

During their affair Smart brings up the topic of how she needed someone to kill her husband. Flynn told her to divorce him, but Smart said that was out of the question because Gregg owned everything and she would be left with nothing. After several rejections, Flynn finally agrees

after Smart threatens to dump him.

him. The book takes you through the developing relationship of Smart and Flynn and also other students Smart befriends. You relive the chilling night of May 1, 1990 when four teenage boys go to apartment 4E on Misty Dr. and wait for Gregg Smart to come home from work. When he arrives, they shoot him once in the head.

rives, they shoot him once in the head.

This book gives you great details on the investigation and murder. You read the conversations of Smart actually saying things to incriminate herself after actually the wired.

things to incriminate herself after a student is wired. It is a chilling book of murder and betrayal and makes you empathize with both the Smart family and the seduced Flynn. The book explores an obsessive relationship between an adult and her student and the lives they destroyed.



Last month's Mystery Photo was a computer screen No one guessed correctly. The winner of this month's Mystery Photo will receive a \$5.00 give certificate to any area business. Turn in entries to Mrs. Schieffer by March 23. Thanks for playing!

Brand names cause the blues

by Frank J. Ramaekers

Being "in" seems to be something all teens want to be. In order to do this, teens feel they must buy the expensive brand clothes. Let's go spend \$50 on a pair of Pepe jeans. I like the Lawmen brand better.

This is often the argument when teenagers go shopping for jeans or other brand name clothes. Why pay \$50 dollars more for a brand name pair of jeans that would be just as good as a generic brand jean. Such as Wrangler, Chic, and Britainnica.

I myself, buy most of my clothing in Omaha at Jeans West, where my jeans cost approxi-

mately \$20 to \$25. Where as here, Brass Buckle and Maurices are the only place that sell name brands and teens think that these places are the only places that sell fashion items.

Wal-Mart sells fashion ritems without the fashion price tag. Wal-Mart carries items that are in fashion, but not the name brand items. A fashion jean, the same style, cost \$25 at Wal-Mart as at Brass Buckle the jeans cost \$50. So all you are really purchasing is the little name tag that goes with the jeans or other name brand items of clothing.



Juniors Stacy Borer, Jill Kruse, Jessie Petersen, and Suszi Kudron make a fashion statement on County Government Day which was canceled this year.

Storm thunders success

by Amy Louis

The Storm? Who? You know the song "I've got a lot to learn about love? Many people recognize but the band, The Storm, is just starting to become known. The beginning of the CD sounds like the beginning of Garth Brooks, The Thunder Rolls. After the intro the song is rock instead of country though.

The whole self-titled CD seems to be talking about a relationship that has not been going so well, except for the songs "in the Raw," and "Touch and Go."

"In the Raw" is still about a

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"In the Raw" is still about a relationship, but it is about a man who is at the bar and his girlfriend comes in "Wearing nothing but cowboy boots and a smile." It is actually a very comic song with a great musical background. Iliked the music of this song but the continuous "In the raw," is annoying and the song would be better if the vocals were cut out.

"Touch and Go," is one of the faster songs of the CD. The song is very repetitive and with one touch of the lyrics you get bored and it doesn't seem to go away

for a long time, even though the song is only a bit over three minutes.

"I've got a lot to learn about love," was the first song released from the album. This song is currently doing well on the charts. It is also getting The Stormknown. The song is a combination of a ballad and a hard rock song, with some good lyrics.

"You're gonna miss me," and "Still loving you are two other songs that really stand out on the album. "You're gonna miss me" has about the same speed as "I've got a lot to learn about love." The lyrics worked very well with the music and didn't get as repetitive as some of the songs on the album.

"Still loving you" is a bit slower than "You're gonna miss me." The voice of the lead vocals mixes well with the music of this song and they put you in the mood a person would be in if they were in the situation of the song.

Overall the production of this album is very good. The order of the songs was well thought and it keeps you into the album without getting bored of if.

World is unsafe

by Frank John Ramaekers

Our grandparents grew up in a country experiencing a depression, where children worked to help feed their families. Then they worried when our parents had to deal with the invasion of marijuana, free love and corrupt politicians. They thought they had it bad. politicians had it bad.

Now, our generation Now, our generation deals with everything from lying presidents, for example Bush, to STD's. President Bush said that there would be no knew taxes, what is the capital gains tax then? Today kids commonly hear, discuss and use such words as AIDS, crack, and illegitimate bables. Courses are taught on the dangers of sexual promiscuity.

Today we must worry about the depleting ozone, fellow students carrying guns, and knives and drug or "crack babies". Let's face it, the world is no longer a safe place to live.

Gangs, rapes, and drugs are things students must deal with, even in Catholic Schools. Peer pressure and social status have taken a back seat to more threatening issues.

We must face up to the problems our generation has. We are the one's who are expected to save the environment, get rid of drugs, and find cures for diseases such as AIDS and cancer and provide morally right role models. We should'nt feel the need to be afraid to walk alone at night or carry guns for protection, but we do. We should'nt have to worry about date rape or the animals being threatened by corporations and oil spills. We should'nt have to worry about getting diseases from doctors, from sexual harrassment or commercial airline pilots using drugs. Our nation is quickly becoming an unsafe and corrupt place.

Singers win

by Kelli Woods

During the almost four hour television production Whoopi Goldberg and Bobby McFerrin spoke about AIDS awareness. A member of the academy spike about government plans to reduce art and music in education and the importance of not censoring tapes or banning books. Members of R.E.M. urged audience members to register and vote. No, it wasn't a political gathering, it was the 34th annual Grammys.

Although there was a great deal of political awareness the most important part of the night, as always, was the presenting of Grammys.

Natalie Cole won six Grammys for her song Unforgettable and album of the same name. Those awards included Song, Record, and Album of the Year.

Michael Bolton's When a

Michael Bolton's When a Man Loves a Woman and Bonnie Raitt's Something To Talk About were honored as the best male and female pop vocals.

With seven nominations, R.E.M. came out with just three Grammys. Omaha based Mannheim Steamroller, after three years of nominations, won a Grammy in the category of Best New Age Music for their album Fresh Aire IIV.

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Soviets bomb the U.S.

by Kelli Woods

do so in the wake of a nuclear bomb.

After the Bomb and After the Bomb: Week One, by Gloria D. Miklowitz, are two very powerful books about the emotions that surface during life after the bomb. After accidently releasing a nuclear bomb, the Soviet Premier phones the President of the United States to warn him of the bomb and plead with him not to retaliate. The bomb strikes Los Angeles and was seventy times stronger than the bomb dropped on Hiroshima.

Millions of people are killed and injured. Philip, his older brother, Matt, and Matt's girlfriend, Cara, must get the badly burned Mrs. Singer to the hospital. They soon find the destruction is great, and they must walk over the dead and dying to carry her to the hospital.

Cara. Philip travels on himself and not only gets his mother to the hospital but helps transport water there as well. He learns that he has the streng, to help others. Philip also realizes that the stubbornness his family once ridiculed him for may save their lives.

The story of the Singer

lives.

The story of the Singer family continues in After the Bomb: Week One where Phillip along with the other two teens are moved from place to place until they are sent to a tent cify in the desert. Phillip leaves, determined to find their father, who was working in downtown L.A., the hardest hit area.

Throughout his search Phillip sees the effect such a disaster has on the human behavior. People are only concerned with themselves and don't bother to help one another. Guns are

being carried by many and the savage side of human nature shows as people begin to loot stores and homes, and crimes such as murder and rape are

Some of the scenes

Some of the scenes described by Miklowitz make your skin crawl and your stomach turn, yet she also brings about a very important issue. Throughout the book Philip and Matt debale over whether or not the U.S. should retaliate. Matt felt they should, to teach the Russians a lesson, yet Philip felt they should forgive them and instead make them reduce their nuclear arms.

These two books are very powerful, both in the scenes they depict and the message they convey. After reading them, it makes you realize that working together to establish peace is much more important than working against each other in a race to build up nuclear arms.

Rent the book

by Kristen Haenggi

My weeks of reading finally paid off . . . I was done with the book. Of course, by the time I was finished with the book, the movie was already out in theatres. I set out to watch the movie Flowers in the Attic since I liked the book so much. To my surprise, I was very disappointed on what was projected to me on the big screen. I always thought "based on the book" meant that it was exactly from the book, but I was wrong.

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"Based on the book" means it has a similar story line to the book, but the screen writers add or subtract anything they want to. For example, the movie Flowers in the Attic ended totally different. Their mother fell off the balcony and was hung by her wedding dress. It was so tacky it ruined the entire film. In the book the

children just esacpe from her.

Some people become interested in a book because of the movie, which can be good. Since there is a decline in the number of readers versus movie-goers then maybe this will help renew an interest in reading.

Books let you use your imagination. It is up to you to get the picture of what the characters look like as well as the scenery. With a movie it is all right in front of you, and you don't have to do a thing except watch it.

I personally find the books to contain more details and excitement. They also gives you a chance to fully understand what is going on through narration.

It may take more time to read the book rather than watch the movie, but well worth it.



Freshman Michelle Greisman and Lisa Wemhoff stretch after track practice. Practice runs Monday through Friday from 3:30 to 6:00 p.m. at Pawnee Park.

Golf swings into season

by Shane Wemhoff

The boy's golf team gets ready to tee off for their first meet against Lakeview at Elk's Country Club on April 2.

"The boys are going out on their own to Vanberg until Quail Run opens, which will be at the end of March," said coach Barb Malicky." "Hopefully they can start hitting range balls with the pro at Quail run next week," Mrs. Malicky added. Malicky also added, "There are 22 boys who signed up, and there will be cuts made around March 16th. The team will be cut to about 12 or 15 members."

In the past the team has practiced at the Elk's golf course but will move this year to the newly built Quail Run. "Quail Run will be harder. The first three holes are easy but the back side has a lot more trees and narrowerfairways than Elk's, "Senior Brett Dallman said. "I wish we could play at Elk's, because, we know and can play the coursebetter," senior Jeff Micek added.

"It will be more convenient to have Quail Run as the new course, but Elk's would make the team more competitive,"

Malicky stated. Malicky also added, "The older players have a disadvantage because they are used to the old golf course."

"I think the varsity team will be twice as good this year, and J.V. will be a heck of a lot better," Micke said.

Malickyfeels it is too early to tell how well the team will perform.

form.
"We will come home with
two trophies, seven medals, and
the state champion ship or else
we ain't coming home, seniors
Brett Dallman and Jeff Micek

Track races to new season

by Jim Springer

With the coming of spring comes the beginning of another year of track. For years Scotus has remained a power in the field of track. Several people are returning from last year with strong hopes and expectations aimed high.

Both the boys and girls will have to overcome another obstacle beside the normal hurdles of every track season, and that is the lack of numbers that will be missed due to the new sport at Scotus, soccer. "I think the numbers will be down a little. We will lose some people from soccer, but we have a lot of freshmen coming up," junior Keri Stopak said.

"We will have several

people go to state. We have a strong team," junior Brandi Buggi said.

strong team," junior Brandi Buggi said.

Strong controversy arises when the question of old appears, will the boys be better than the girls this year? Several opinions are already forming, and possible team stars are in question.

"We will be better than the girls, and we will go to State," junior Jesse Kosch said.

"I feel we will be better than the boys because we have a lot more depth than they have," Buggi said.

"I think that everyone will go out and do their best to shine. You never know, there's always a surprise with someone," senior Amy Held said.

"There are no real big stars. The team is one big strong unit. Teamwork is what wins

championships. This year should be exciting," junior Bobby Briggs

Said.

The season is here, and both groups will have to practice hard. Some of the students are in training already. When the gun goes off at the first meet, a new season will begin, and Scotus will aim for another year of success.

"We have the potential to be a very good team again this year. We have nine state qualifiers back this year," Coach Dan Mahoney said.

"This year we have a nice hard working bunch of kids. Each individual must try to increase his or her performance and enjoy satisfaction of improving himself and meeting personal goals," Head Coach Jim Puetz said.

Tyson fights in new ring

by Jim Springer

The ring is filled with chairs as the champ addresses another fight, but this is not a bout of two fighters. The champ is Mike Tyson who now stands for sentencing of the rape of the of Miss Black America.

When Mike Tyson was found to be guilty, the world of sports was moved. No longer will the great Mike Tyson go unchallenged. According to Newsweek Sept. 23. '91, Tyson could be imprisoned until 2055. Anita Hill's case proved to find her alleged rapist to be free, but Mike Tyson is now one of the first "Super Stars" to actually to be convicted of criminal offense.

"I feel Mike Tyson got what he deserved, I feel he was guilty," junior Jim Sokol said.
"Tyson admitted that he did have sex with her but from my point of view, she wanted it. If you ask me, what was she doing with him at 2:00 a.m. anyway? She knew what was going to happen. Also, the 911 call she made sounded so rehearsed. She was reading it from a piece of paper," Ryan Kobza said.

Rape and date rape are two crimes that have been on the rise of today's world. More and more colleges try to protect their students by informing them of the dangers of dating and the risks of a possible date rape, especially with the involvement of alcohol.

After a week of extensive try-outs, the soccer teams were picked.

Only about 10% of raped women report the crime according to a local Women's shelter.

Mike Tyson raped the woman, Miss Black America. He will be punished and will serve time. However, a few people feel that the power of money will find a way for Tyson to go with only a slap on the hand. One rumor is that Mike Tyson will be released if all the proceeds of his next purse would be donated to the Rape Centers across the U.S. The head of the Rape Centers doesn't want the "blood money."

Mike tyson presently can't practice or fight during the sentencing and any appeals. Will

sentencing and any appeals. Will the champ be knocked out of the ring for good?

First soccer team selected by Holly Hunter U.S. performance is overviewed

LATE NIGHT BITES

by Rich McPhillips

Now that the Winter Olympics are over, the U.S. is looking for a better showing in the Summer Olympics. Although the U.S. only picked up a total of 11 medals, they did improve over the meeting in Calgary four years ago. Four of the medals gained were from new sonts added this year short-track better showing in the Summer
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sports added this year, short-track
speed skating and Freestyle skiing.
Some of the U.S. medals
hopefuls such as Dan Jansen fell

won the World Champions, but he
still didn't earn a medal at
Albertville, placing 26th in his
speed-skating event. A.J. Kitt also
had a tough time coming in ninth
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he was the U.S.'s only hope of
medaling in the event.
Despite some of the frustrating finsihes, there was still some
glamour for the U.S.; one to show

short of meeting their dreams. He broke the world record twice and won the World Champions, but he

of, the U.S. hockey team. They were picked to finish in the bottom four, but instead ended up finishing

The place where the U.S. ap-The place where the U.S. appeared to be weakest, was the men's sports. Nine out of the 11 medals that the U.S. received, including all five of the golds, were won by women. Bonnie Blair, in speed skating, Donna Weinbrecht in mongul skiing, Cathy Turner in short-track speed

90

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skating and Kristi Yamaguchi in

U.S.
Although the U.S. finished far behinf the combined German team in medal, they did have there second best finish ever, and despite some critizism, Team U.S.A. is looking toward the future with only a two-year break before the world unites for the seventeenth Winter Olympics in Lillehammer, Norway.

Atter

picked. Both the boys and girls teams had to make cuts and feelings of happiness were expressed by many of the people who made the first Scotus soccer teams."! was excited and happy that I made it." sophomore Wendy Mueller,

who has been playing soccer for ten years said. Others were shocked when they found out. "I was surprised, there were a few players that were better than me that were cut," junior Jeremy Bonczynski said.

Preparation for try-outs varied. "A group of us went to Columbus High on weekends to play soccer," Bonczynski said

Team members were fairly optimistic about the season. "Hopefully we can do something, Iwould like to go to state, "senior LuismaGarciaTobaruela said.

The boy's team includes: Seniors- Shawn Diederich, Luisma Garcia Tobaruela. Juniors- Jeremy Bonczynski. Sophomores- Jeff Herdzina; Ryan Medinger; Jason Mielak; Sean Schmeits; Tony Thomas. Freshmen-Jason Brezenski, Jeff Cielocha; Kyle Diederich; Jack Haenggi; Dan Koch; Rich McPhillips; Ethan Shunk; Denny Sliva; Brian Wessel; Ryan Wondercheck.

The girls team includes: Seniors- Jennifer Braun; Jenny Fremarek; Kristen Haenggi. Juniors- Stacy Borer; Becky Drum; Suszi Kudron; Trish Wielgus. Sophomores- JoDe Cieloha; Renee Fuhr; Laura Kosch; Chris Kretchman; Breya Kudron; Wendy Mueller; Sunny Recek; JoAnn Speicher. Freshmen- Brandi Bulkley; Chandra Lagenza.







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BABKA AERIAL SPRAYING

Juniors and Seniors Set the Night to Music

by Amy Louis

involves a lot of hard work and preparation.

"It took three months to prepare for the one big night," junior Kari Becker said

"We had to use power tools to put the scenes together, it wasn't as simple as we thought it would be," junior Justin Guernsey said.

The '92 Scotus Prom was held at Johnnies Steak House in Columbus. The dinner was held at 7:00 and the dance lasted until 12:00. "Ithink the dinner was really good this year, there was a good variety of food," senior Tony Merrill said.

This wearths my

said.
This year the music was by Complete
Music, this is D. J.'d
music. There was
many different kinds

The most entertaining part

was when Kerry (Robak) fell on her face," senior Terra Wondercheck said.

The parents of the junior class put on a Post-Prom party for all of the juniors and seniors and seniors and seniors and senior dates. This was held at Boulevard Lanes bowling, alley. There was bowling, gambling, pool, pizza, pop, nachos, and M&M's for all.

more dancing

then ever

before,"

Sadle said.

was bowling, gambling, pool, pizza, pop, nachos, and M&M's for all.

There were also prizes for those lucky enough to win them. There were three large prizes given away as door prizes at the end of the night. Scott Harmeier, Ryan Kobza, and Paula Welsch were the lucky winners of a T.V./ VCR, Microwave, and a Phone/Answering machine. "The students beaved very responsible, they came in a good sense of mind," Sadle said. The Scotus students not only acted responsibly but also got along with each other. "It seemed like the problems that have been going on in our class all year were forgotten and ended at prom," senior Jason Citta said.

I'l think everyone partied as one, it was great," senior Nikki Jones said.

According to Sadle this prom was the best in the past seven years. "The reason it was a success was because the students made it fun," Sadle said.



Seniors group to-gether for the class picture taken by Tom Goc (Far right) of Goc's Photography. The Junior senior prom was held on Aprill 11, at Johnny's steak house. The juniors sponsored the dance with the theme of Set the Night to Music.

Happ finds happiness in skating

by Frank John Ramaekers

Skating is a popular activity for teenagers here in Columbus. Jamie Happ is a very active skater here at Scotus. "I have been skating for about nine months," said senior Jamie Happ.
"I wish that Columbus would have some tree of skating

would have some type of skating place to hang out at," said Freshman Ted Happ. Recently

the Columbus Telegram published a article concerning a place for skaters to skate at.

There are some skaters that skate at the old Wal-Mart but

the cops would come and give the skaters tickets for trespassing in estates factors for trespassing according to the article published in the Columbus Telegram."
Lincoln has a lot better places to skate than Columbus," said Ted Happ.

"I used to have a quarter

ramp in my backyard but I did not have any place to put it so I had to get rid of it. I started skating with a friend of my brother's, his nickname was Beaver. I went over to his house a couple of times and I caught on to the techniques they used. Some of the people I skate with are Ben Walline, Howard Cao, and Jason Fry, they are all form Columbus High. As of right now I have never had any major accidents, I hope I don't either,"

said Jamie Happ.
"The kind of skate board
I have is a Adam McNatt board.
Adam McNatt is a professional
skater for Powell Peratta. Here in
Columbus I skate every where
but like I said before, Lincoln has
the best places to skate, "said
Jamie Happ.
Whether you realize it or

not skate boarding has become a serious sport and is moving on full speed ahead.

The world watching 18

South African elections are held

by Kelli Woods

In a country where 5 million whites ruled 30 million blacks, a great deal of change has taken place.

An election held in mid-March in South Africa led to an 85 percent turnout of voters. Sixty-eight percent of those that voted said yes to creating a new system in which blacks, or the majority of blacks, will be allowed to participate. This was a great triumph for the 30 million black citizens who have suffered from Apartheid.

President F.W. de Klerk and his main negotiating partner, Nelson Mandela, President of the African National Congress, have been taking steps since December to work toward this election. They are hoping this will be the last" whites-only" election in South Africa.

Africa.

Although the election brings about a supposed end to Apartheid, there were many other circumstances affecting the yes

vote. South Africans knew that in order for their country to grow, existing economic sanctions must be lifted. The only way this would be accomplished was to end Apartheid in their country. Another influence for voters was the participation of the national cricket team in the World Cupsemi-finals. Again, only if apartheid ended would they be allowed to participate.

would they be allowed to participate.

De Klerk then began the process of planning a multiracial council to advise the government during the planning stage of a new Constitution.

However, late in March the government withdrew its offer to bring black leaders into the already existing cabinet. This withdrawal would leave the power in the hands of President de Klerk and goes against the original plans hoped for by Mandela and his African National Council.

Fight for equality

by Kelli Woods

imagine a time where women could not vote, attend college, or own property. These were the conditions U.S. women faced in the early 1800's. These conditions resulted in the development of the first women's rights movements in the late 1800's.

The first areas women targeted for reform were those of education and politics.

In 1833 Oberlin College in Ohio became the first coeducational college in the U.S. Oberlin continued being a leader in women's rights by also being the first college to award degrees to women in 1841.

With their newly found education and degrees, women began finding their place in the work force. As a result, the New York legislature passed an 1848 bill allowing married women to

ownreal estate in their own name. In the same year Lucretia Mott and Elizabeth Cady Stanton called a local women's rights convention in Seneca Falls, New York. National conventions were then held annually from 1850 until they ceased at the beginning of the Civil War in 1861.

However, the early 1900's brought about the issue of suffrage, or the right to vote. It wasn't until 1920 that Congress passed the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote. In recent years women have continued their flight for equal rights. As we head into the next century women are hoping to secure their rights in the working world. The women of today are fighting so their daughters will not only be entitled to equal rights, but treated equally as well.

Juniors Jessie Petersen, Suszi Kudron and Senior Tony Merril enjoy one of the few times during the day that the stairs are not conjested.

Congestion causes danger on stairs

by Brad Wangler

There are many solutions to the problem Jeff Loseke fells it is just the responsibility of everyone to be careful.

"Maybe they should allow people to go thru the media center, but I can see were that could all so cause problems." Tubbs said

"It be less congested if people would use the left side of the stairwell for going up and the right side for going down." senior Holly Hunter said.

Due to the media center we have lost access to one of the stairs. If you have any ideas how to solve the problem draw them up and present them to someone who is on the student council, who can make a difference.

by Rich McPhillips

The names of the worst 24 checks kiters has been released along with the other members that abused the system. Out of the worst 22 rubber check writers, 20 are democrats.

The Democratic party has been the majority in the House for 38 years and are now catching heat for the scandal. Republican party leaders are using the scandal to emphasize the poor leader by democratis in running the system.

"This is a result of 38 years of Democratic rule," House Minority whip Newt Gingrich said. Many of the democrats have also acccused the scandal as being their own fault. Rep. Wayne Owens, D-Utah said, "We allowed this to happen through our own slopiness."

Jack Russ, the bank overseer and one of the guilty for writing 56 thousand dollars in overdrafts, has resigned. He said that robbers shot him, and he is using this as a pleed that he wasn't fit to run the bank properly. Dispite this, there is speculation that he

shot himself.

Speaker of the House Tom Foley (D-Wash) has also received a lot of criticism, partly because he didn't react more forcefully when the General Accounting Office uncov ered the scandal in 1990. He admits that he slacked off and wasn't more energetic in

1990. He admits that he slacked off and wasn't more energetic in following up.

Since the revalation of the scandal, most of the accused have blamed the bank for lousy record keeping; while others plead ignorance about their overdrafts, while others simply went home to beg for forgiveness.

But in this election year they will need a lot more than forgiveness. They'll need votes and right now people are feeling little sympathy for incumbents. when the pollesclose in Novermber, expect a change. Political experts say the House will see 100 new faces when it convenes next partly because of this scandal.

This may go to show that the poor leadership that is said to be in Washington does not all fall on the shoulders of the Republican President. While people are constantly bashing the president we have members of a Democratic lead House of Represen-

selves the privilage of unlimited checking. This is an insult, to the government and to the people of our great nation.

Checks bounce in Washington

our great nation.

Members of the House of Representatives have given voters another reason to be disgusted this election year. Three-hundred and fifty-five out of the 435 members of the House have written bad checks at the House bank. The worst abuser was writing worthless checks at a rate of

ten exceeded well over ten million dollars.

Although it is claimed that no taxpayer dollar was used to cover the bounced checks, an overwhelming percentage of people think that it is a "big deal." The fact is that our lawmakers have done something that we as their constituents, do not have the right to do.

Student council gets their chance to speak. Read what's up on page 3.

Up! Up! and Awaaay! Space technology flings us into the future, see editorials on page 7.

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S p ec i a l centerspread on censorship. Look to pages 4 & 5 for the scoop!

Summer's up to bat with summer soft-ball leagues ready Check out sports on page 8.

AP more than just prep

Yeah, maybe the classes are a little tough, and maybe the rules are sometimes a little restricting, but Scotus can take pride in being a college preparatory school. "Our graduation requirements are a lot tougher than the state's," guidance counselor Dan Atchison said. "The Department of Education for the state of Nebraska says a high school senior must successfully complete 200 credit hours, but Scotus demands 240 credit hours from its students."

start toward earning their college credits, Scotus offers three Advanced Placement (AP) courses. These are AP English, AP Government, and AP Calculus.

"I try to make the class challenging," AP English instructor Cathy Ewers said. "The classes are more than just a preparation for college. They can actually help the students complete a college course."

In May the students who take these courses have the opportunity to take the test for that learning.

"Each test would allow the students to get three college credits without taking the course in college," Ewers said.

The English test consists of

240 credit hours from its students."

This give thestudents 40 more hours of knowledge to make them better prepared for the challenge of the future.

Math is important in many career fields, and Scotus meets the requirement for math credits early in the student's schedules. "We accelerate math, meaning you can take Algebra I in eighth grade and still have four more offerings for grades nine through 12," Atchison said.

To help students get three college students to get three college. There without taking the course in college." Ewers said.

The English test consists of writing three essays and answering a multiple choice section that contains 65 questions.

As a college prep. school, school school, "the educational opportunities at Scotus place it in a league of its own.

State disappoints speakers

by Kristen Haenggi

"Believe in yourself and all things are possible." This motto led the speech team to a fourth place finish at the State meet on March 27 in Lincole.

speech team since her freshman year.

"We set goals and made about every one," speech coach Sandie Bernt said. Bernt was pleased with the fact that all the seniors who went to State medalled. These were Holly Hunter and Sarah Wemhoff for duet acting; Jeff Loseke for entertainment; and Hunter, Loseke, Lori Sypal and Demetria Wade for group drama. Although the team placed fourth out of thirty-nine schools in Class B, they were hoping for runner up according to Bernt.

"I was very happy we qualified

so many people, but disappointed with the inconsistant judging," O'Neill said. "I guess I'm a little confused about if I should change my coaching technique next year," Bernt said. "The judges tend to like

trying lighter selections in the future. No matter how the team finished, O'Neill is glad she went out

ished, O'Neill is glad she went out for speech.

"It has given me a new confidence and helped me with logic skills," O'Neill said. She also sald it has helped her in writing and being organized.

"It develops so much confidence and poise, it doesn't matter what profession you are going in to," Bernt said.

O'Neill gives this

bernt said.

O'Neill gives this advice,"Speechteam is something that will always help you and you can take with you for the rest of your life."

Cornhuskers beat the Columbus crew

by Kristen Haenggi

They should have signed Jim and Gary Puetz up with the Omaha racers according to Husker senior Pat Engelbert. "When Gary Puetz hit the three pointer, to me that was the highlight of the game," Engelbert said.

sald. The basketball game between the University of Nebraska football seniors and area standouts was a fundraiser for the Scotus seniors to help pay for their graduation ex-

"It's a good money-maker for the towns we go to," Schuyler native and NU senior Tim Johnk

native and NU senior Tim Johnk said.

"It's a lot of fun to go around Nebraska and see all the support we get from everybody in the state and meet a lot of people," Husker Shane Gelken said.

According to NU senior Dan Pleasant, the game is a chance for people who can't get to Lincoln for a football game to meet the players.

A majority of he Cornhuskers came to Columbus because of Scotus graduate Pat Engelbert.

"I wanted to come to the city that raised Pat Engelbert to the man he is. I wanted to see what kind of people he was around his whole life," Brian Brown said. Gelken said he came because of his friendship with Engelbert, but Johnk



Nebraska Senior Keithen McCant jumps for a shot against Chuck Jura as Jim and Gary Puetz run back to help on defense. The Nebraska team beat Columbus 116-106 at the March 19th fundraiser for the Scotus senior class.

had another reason for coming back.

"The most exciting part of the game was just coming back to Scotus High School. I'm from Schuyler, so I've played here before," Johnk said.

The Huskers agreed the Columbus team was one of the toughest they have played. Chuck Jura being a major reason why.

Although this game was a dominated the game . . . but we prevailed," Brown said.

"We've played probably ten games, and this was one of the toughest," Gelken said.

The outcome of the game was than the fundraiser for attending the game. "This will probably be toughest," Gelken said.

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Heroes are admired

by Kelli Woods

Faster than a speeding bullet, able to leap tall buildings in a single bound; it's a bird, it's a plane, it's Superman. Heroes plane, it's Superman. Heroes and role models are often very important in our lives. "A hero is someone you admire and want to be like," sophomore Jill Buelt

whereas are often people you look up to because of a similar interest. Qualities such as honesty are also important for a hero or role model to have sophomore Cindy Kuehler said.

Our choice of heroes is often affected by outside forces. "People find role models in something they like to do or watch, like sports," freshman Dan Swoboda sald. "They might see

them in a movie or on T.V., "Buelt said.

said.

Personal experiences are usually those that bring about the most realistic role models. "My parents are my role models. They've done a lot to form the person that I am and their good morals and values have influenced the way I think about things, "Kuehler said. Role models might be the author of a favorite book or someone you know

Even though the choices range from T.V. actors to our own families, the role models we choose are very important. "They give people the incentive to reach their goals and do their best, "Buelt said.

Where is the flag

by Brad Wangler

What one symbol comes to your mind that represents the freedom that our forefathers fought for? The symbol that represents our democracy. The one symbol that comes to my mind is the American flag. The same flag that used to hang in the court yard that hangs there no more. Why is that and where is it? The same flag that hung at half mast during the Gulf War, and reminded us of the war that was going on half way around the world.

Why is the flag no longer

being hung in the court yard? Is it that the freshman who traditionally hung the flag up feel no responsibility in hanging it up? Or is it that the flag is too old to be hung up. If this is the case, buy a new flag that can be hung back up in the courtyard.

The simple fact of the matter is that the flag is not being hung in the courtyard and it should be. So we will once again be able to see the great symbol of America.

Blood mobile leaves its mark

The fundraiser for the senior class allowed fans of the Nebraska football team to meet their heroes and get their autograph.

by Kelli Woods

"The needles are THIS big, and they shove them all the way up your arm. It hurts so bad that most people usually scream, then they pass out."

This is the kind of encouragement I got the day of the Blood Drive. It was the first time I was going to donate, and a lot of people were trying to psyche me

I was going to donate, and a lot of people were trying to psyche me out. As I approached the nurses station, their taunting words echoed in my head: "Yeah, and this one girl blied to death!" I started to get a little nervous.

Once inside the bloodmobile I saw students laying on the seats and donating. OK, I thought, I'm fine. No screaming, no huge needles' no spurting blood. The nurses who took my temperature and blood pressure were very kind and helped me remain calm.

turned my head away. Sure I was giving blood, but I didn't have to se the needle in my arm. The nurse couldn't find the veins in my left arm, so I had to give from my right one. Again, I turned my head away when the nurse said, "This might pinch just a little." I closed my eyes and felt the slight pinch.

"Mary, Mary, come here!"

"Mary, Mary, come here!"

"Mary, Mary, come here!"
my nurse yelled.
My heart was pounding
as she grabbed my arm. Hooked
up (I still wasn't going to look at
the needle) and saw nurses
standing above me.
"I think we'll have to take
it out," whispered the one called
Mary.
"What's wrong?" Lasked.

"What's wrong?" lasked. "Well, dear, the needle turned over in your arm, It's nothing you did, but it will cause a bruise. Because of the bruise you won't be able to donate enough blood," said my first

She took out the needle and had me cover the needle site while she got an ice pack for my

while she got an ice pack for my arm.

"Would you like to try from you left arm?" she asked upon returning.

"Uh.....no," I said. I thought one try was enough.

It felf funny not being able to give blood after all that. I did get a sticker and quite a colorful bruise to remind me of my experience, though.

When asked if I'll donate next year, sure. I think it's a wonderful way to help someone. Even though I had some minor problems, it never hurt more than the initial pinch of the needle. I guess I'll just chalk this year up to experience, and who knows, maybe Mr. Younger will use my story in his recruiting speeches next year.





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TIMES

The Rock provides good work ethic

Remember: Tom Brokaw, John Tesh, and Barbara Walters all got thei start somewhere. How about you?

\$10,000 plus project needs dedicated students

There is no other school activity that demands the financial and historical responsibility that yearbook does.

"You must be dedicated and willing to work with others. You also need the patience to work under pressure," senior and Co-Editor Kristi Sliva said.

Staff members take photographs and create layouts for the various sections within the publication. Writing skills are a must and mature students are preferred. Speak to Mrs. Schieffer if interested.



Cheerleaders take the written portion of their tryouts during activity period.

Cheerleaders test their skills

by Kelli Woods

They are commonly stereotyped as being a little flighty, and it is assumed that they don't put in a lot of time for their organization. Dispelling these attitudes is one of the goals of a new procedure for cheerleading tryouts.

Last year those who tried out were judged on their cheering ability and a new area, teacher recommendations. This year the girls who try out will be graded 50 percent on their cheering ability, 25 percent on teacher recommendations, and 25 percent on a knowledge of the rules for the sports they cheer.

"As I was still fairly new to being cheerleading sponsor , I met with sponsors from other their tyout procedures and what their squads looked like," said Mrs. Riley.

"The goal is to insure membroshe the squad are enthusiastic, dedicated, and willing to involve the fans and student body more," Riley said.

There are 29 girls who tried out for 22 spots. There will only be two squads this year, as the freshman squad has been eliminated. As a result, freshman will be worked allowed to try out for the JV squad along with sophomores, and the varsity squad will be

composed of juniors and seniors.
All girls in grades 9-12 were allowed to try out if a parent permission slip was signed and turned in to Riley. Tryouts would then be held and judged by a committee. This committee would be made up of persons outside of Scotus that were associated with cheerleading squads. It would also include two senior girls from another school's cheerleading squads.

another school's cheerleading squad.

The written portion over the rules was held in Mrs. Riley's room during activity period on April 7. The ability portion if the tryouts was held on April 15 in the Activity Center.

Student Council makes proposals

by Jim Springer

Some people feel that with the freedom of privileges will come

decision will be made by the admin-istration and the privileges will then be set for the next year's Seniors.

Some people feel that with the freedom of privileges will come certain requirements.

"If feel we need more Senior Privileges. I think as a requirement, the school could run privileges the same as eligibility. To have privileges, you can't flunk any classes," senior Toby Ketter said.

"Some stipulations that some schools have for privileges are that Seniors get their privileges are that Seniors get their privileges would be gone for the year. I feel this could work, and if a Senior would skip school their privileges would be gone for the year. I feel that if Seniors show they are responsible they should be rewarded for their efforts," Mr. Atchison said Last week the Student Council segental privileges are that succent the student Council is getting input to give to the decision. Senior Privileges are presently under the jurisdiction of the administration. From there the administration. From there the administration will make the ultimate decision. Senior Privileges are presently under the jurisdiction of the staff, Student Council, and possibly a committee will be formed to help in the decision.

"After the Accreditation fies," Principal Mr. Bob Kobza said.

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Board approved renewal this year, Several students were requested that the Student Council asked what they thought about the become more involved. The Student Council is getting input to give to the administration will make the ultimate decision. Senior Privileges are presently under the jurisdiction of the administration will make the ultimate decision.

Last week the Student Council and possibly a committee will be formed to help in the decision.

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"Senior Privileges are presently under the jurisdiction of front row parking. After being in the decision.

"After the Accreditation fi

"As you're representative for help this be a better school, better

Students work for free

The red fingernails scraped gum from under the bleachers in the old gym and would continue doing so until detention. Was over with.

Several teachers have caught onto the "working detentions". Students spend a 25 minute period after school sweeping, scraping, and scrubbing the dirt and trash out of various areas of our school.

"I think it's a waste of time to be cleaning. Students come here to learn, so detentions should be spent studying. This school bites." senior Michelle Schmitt said.

For most of the year detentions have consisted of students sitting quietly for a required period of time after school. The students usually study, sleep, or

Hmmm.

What would you like to see in the future in the Rock?

"More human interest that deals more with the small things that happen to people here at school" -Mrs Bernt

"More on the -Luke Jackson

"More on the sports page and more covering of musical entertainment" -Travis Patocka

"There should be less political stories, and more school articles in the Rock"
-Jenni O'Neil

"More people's opinions in the articles" -Kim Codling

"More quotes and -Stacy Borer

FBLA collects trash

by Amy Louis

Adoption has changed a lot in past years. It has gone from children to whales to rain forests and even highways.

The Adopt a Highway program is designed to help keep our highways clean. This program is sponsored by many different organizations, including church groups, youth groups, and school organizations. The program puts up a sign along the highway to recognize the sponsor.

The sponsors first have to contact the Nebraska department of roads in Platte County. Then they need to sign a two year

contract that states they have to pick up trash two times a year. All of the work is volunteer.

This year the Scotus FBLA became a sponsor for the Adopt a Highway program. The FBLA chose this project to complete one of the nine out of eleven projects that are required to be a Sweepstakes Chapter of FBLA.

"The title of Sweepstakes Chapter is the highest honor a (FBLA) chapter can receive. It takes a lot of organizing. Out of about 125 chapters only 23 received the honors," FBLA sponsor Jan Went said.

Some of the projects the

Some of the projects the chapters have to choose from are

to have a State Officer speak to your group, send in an article for the FBLA newsletter, have a March of Dimes fund-raiser, or a community service project of one sort or another. "We chose to adopt a highway for a community service project," Went said.

After the sponsors sign the contract they choose the date they are going to pick up trash. "Before we can go out we have to go through a short safety course about what you should and shouldn't pickup, and general safety rules," Went said.

There were about 20 FBLA members who picked up trash in the fall. They gathered between

35 and 40 large garbage bags full

35 and 40 large galuege of trash.

"It was hard to believe there was that much trash out there," freshman Jenny Hill said.

"After realizing how much trash there is out there, I think twice about littering and destroying our environment," freshman Laura Chaffee said.

"Picking up the trash is samathing I would like to be income the figure of the function of the fu

something up the trash is something I would like to be involved in again because it is fun and helps keep Nebraska clean," Hill said.

The FBLA chapter is planning their next pickup for late April or early May.

No challenge found

ov Frank John Ramaekers III

be a major concern among many Scotus students. Some students

Scotus students. Some students try to avoid these classes while others strive to get in to as many as they can.

Many classes that are classified as "slacker classes", such as Foods and Modern Problems, actually end up being beneficial.

"I took Foods because I thought it would be a blow off. Instead Mrs. Podliska really worked us and I learned lot," senior Jeni Chaffee said.

Other classes are considered "slacker classes" because of the teacher. Students hearfrom other students that one

hearfrom other students that one teacher is easier than another so they try to get into that class. Some teacher are known

for their lack of homework assignments, others for grading on the curve. All these things give

teachers the reputation of hav-ing "slacker classes".

The biggest "slacker class" of all, though, is Study

"A more appropriate name for Study Hall would be sleep hall or sit and vegetate hall," freshman matt Moseman

Some students are tak-ing almost as many Study Halls as classes.

"I have four Study halls.

It's great," junior Brad Done said.
Although no Scotus students seem overly concerned about the amount of "slacker classes" it seems something needs to be done. Maybe more regulations are needed or a stronger curriculum provided.

With college placement

and job competition in the near future it seems a more struc-tured educational environment is



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Lyrics get licked

by Holly Hunter

In the closg

As a private Catholic high school the right to place limits on the music played at school functions exists.

Songs that touch sensitive issues or are borderline to crossing Catholic beliefs are strongly discouraged from being played at school sanctioned events.

One of the songs that has disappeared from play at tape dances is "Shout at the Devil" by Motley Crue. The song was banned for possible satanic messages.

However, looking at the lyrics, there is actually a strong anti-evil message within the song.

"In the beginning" plays prior to "Shout at

actually a strong anti-evil message within the song.

"In the beginning" plays prior to "Shout at the Devil" and sets the stage for what is to come. In the futuristic type tale, we see how people have fallen to the temptations of evil and how as a result the world is in the process of decay. The ones who lived before this he li is h pe r io d h a ve tried to t u r n b a c k.

T h e y have eith e's the wolf screaming lonely in the night he's the tear in your eye Been tempted by his lie He's the knife in your back He's the knife in your back He's the razor to the knife Oh, lonely is our lives of li on for goodness or have spinning round and round But in seasons of wither We'll stand and deliver Be strong and laugh and Chorus:

Shout-Shout-Shout-Shout Shout at the devil grasp of evil.

In the closne st the Work scheduling for Ney in Ingift
He's the blood stain on the stage
He's the tear in your eye
Been tempted by his lie
He's the knife in your back
He's rage
He's the razor to the knife
Oh, Ionelly is our lives
My heads spinning round and round
But in seasons of wither
We'll stand and deliver
Be strong and laugh and
Chorus:
Shout-Shout-Shout
Shout at the devil

Shout at the devil
He'll be the love in your eyes
He'll be the blood between your thighs
And then have you cry for more
He'll put strength to the test
He'll put strength to the test
He'll put the thrill back in bed
Sure you've heard it all before
He'll be the risk in the kiss
Might be the anger on your lips
Might run scared for the door
But in seasons of wither
We'll stand and deliver
Be strong and laugh and
Chorus:

T.V. shows turned off due to

world (Children of the beast) to stand up against the wrongs in their society. It says that youth is responsible for which path to take.

In "Shout at the Devil" the first stanza simply explains what evil is. It shows the obviously disgusting aspects of evil and how evil and violence go hand in hand...

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music: Geoff Workman narration: Nikkl Slxx

explains what evil is. It shows the obviously disgusting aspects of evil and how evil and violence go hand in hand.

The second stanza explains what will happen if you fall into the evil life path. Knitted into the beginning good always overpowered the evils of all mar's sins... sut in time he dusts of hell conditions of the beackest of hates for he whom they feared walfed them... In the dusts of hell conditions of the beackest of hates for he whom they feared walfed them... In the second stanza, are examples of how evil can be hidden. It's sometimes tempting "he"ll put the thrill back in bed...risk in the kiss... "and/ or disguises it self as something good as in false love." He'll be the love in your eye...".

That is why the speaker calls for his/her audience to be strong and stand up against the temptations.

Finally, within the title itself there is an antistends to show strong negative evoid show support.

Also, note the word at within the word shout tends to show strong negative evoid show support.

Also, note the word at within the title. This indicates that the speaker is against the devil, not for him/her.

In the end, it seems odd that this song was banned. Repeatedly it says people should stand up and narration: Nikki Sixx

In the beginning
Good always overpowered the evils
Of all man's sins...
But in time
The nations grew weak
And our cities fell to slums
While evil stood strong...
In the dusts of hell
Lurked the blackest of hates
For he whom they feared
Awaited them...
Now many many lifetimes later
Lay destroyed, beaten, beaten down
Only the corpes of rebels
Ashes of dreams
And blood stained streets...
It has been written
"Those who have the youth
Have the future"
So come now Children of the beast
Be strong
And Shout at the Devil

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Censorship is a cultural clean-u

by Rich McPhillips

The first Amendment of the U.S. Consitution states freedom of religion, speech, press, and assembly. This amendment has assembly. This amendment has been interpreted many different ways and as a result it hurts some because in a way they have lost some of their rights. Lawmakers base much of the censorship laws on thisone paragraphed amendment. Much of the ignorant youth on our society believe we should abolish many of these restrictions of censorship becausethese take away our freedom to express ourselves. But the fact of the matter is, that most of the censorship is needed for the good ofour so-

One of the most common One of the most common disputes of censorship has to do with moral issues such as pornography, songs with obscene lyrics, and other "trash". Some say through this "trash" is their freedom of speech that has been given to them in the Constitution. And many feel that they can not express what they want because of certain censorship laws. Well, their expressions may very well be the reason that has caused moral standing that we have today. we have today.

Rick Duncan a law pro-fessor at the UNL and a con-

stitutional la "Many of the are a cultura society just enviroment".

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Children yield to parents

by Brad Wangler

There are many different types of strict parents. I have heard people complain that their parents are strict because they have to clean their room or do the dishes before they go out until four or even five in the morning.

Then you have those parents who want to know every move and the where abouts of their kids. These are also the parents that leave lists of things for their children to do during the course of the day, yet rarely do I hear these kids complain. And it seems to be that those are the kids that do the best in school, sports and jobs.

It seems to me that those who have strict parents that actually make their children work are the ones who have the kids that actually go somewhere in life. This may not always hold true because I have seen kids

parents beting adopted by their children.

When it comes to school-work, you have those parents that make their kids study for an hour a night. I feel these parents need to look at their child's curriculum, because the student may have classes that do not require that much study time or he/she may have classes that require student, teacher help, thus an hour of homework time would be a waste of time.

Yet, whether you have parents that make you stay at home, study a certain amount of time, come home early, or let you do anything, it still is best if you obey what they say. They are your parents.

Plagued individuals tied to censor's choice

by Kristen Haenggi

Censorship. It has plagued the world for years. In the 50's Elvis Presley could only be seen from the waist up because the way he danced and shook his pelvis. Recent examples of music censorship was Madonna's "Justify My Love" video and the case of 2 Live Crew which made tape labelling an issue.

sue. In some schools book banning has become almost ridiculous with a countless list of books. A CBS Schoolbreak Special featured a story of a high school English class who was reading The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn. One of the Black students felt offended by what slaves were called in the book and complained to the principal. It turned out that every complaint a parent made,

the principal would act on and quietly remove the book from the school.

The T.V special mentioned books like The Color Purple and Grapes of Wrath have been banned. Even Cinderella has been banned in some schools because of the magic that turns her into a princess.

The books and music groups have made me realize how censorship can really hurt an individual. If we are forbidden to read a certain book just because someone thinks it is wrong is against everything in the constitution. We should have the right to choose what we want to read and make the decision for ourselves. And just who is this person that has all the power to say "You can't read this?"

I do not believe that censor-

by Jim Springer

censorship

Shuf that 1.V. on: Tamineu of you watching such a bad show that contains such filth and crime. No longer will anyone watch M.T.V. or any other show that I don't like, and this is an order from your mother! More and more people are becoming offended by the ideas and becoming offended by the ideas and becoming officed by the liceas and beliefs that others have. This is their right, but to limit others to their views and to prohibit the expressing of one's thoughts and ideas is against the First Amendment. One growing way that others have banned or limited personal expression is by censoring of the show viewed on

blasted M. 1.7, all it does is corrupt your mind," a mother may say to an adolescent son trying to relax. This parent is one of the myriads that have at least one show they disapprove of and force with punishment to avoid watching these

shows. This common practice is not limited to the home.

Special interest groups trying to ban shows that strive on questionable morals and bad taste are on the rise. People complain there is to much crime and death on the T.V. Are these people unaware of the fact, that we are living in a very

violent time. The T.V. is expressing what is happening outside your doors. The night life of cities is becoming more and more violent. The facts speak for themselves with the numbers of drugs busts, deaths, attacks, and other violent crimes.

attacks, and other violent crimes. Why should we ban shows or even attempt to? In doing this we harbor the individual of this world from the truths of the outside world.

Cable networks are feeling some the pressure of these interests groups. They must remain a business and tend to the needs of the majority. Now that may seem socialist, but business is serving the many who are going to pay the money to keep the network afloat.

Censorship has been in af-Censorship has been in affect for the past couple of decades. However, more people than ever feel one show may infringe on the rights of others. Due to this fact, some good shows have received criticism and had to close because of bad press and offended crowds. Instead of those destroying these shows, these people can choose not to watch them. It is their choice. If they are worried about the show at home, they can install a lock box to

home, they can install a lock box to ban or limit that channel. Censorship is wrong, if the piece in question fails to directly

affect and slander others. We are censored here at Scotus everyday. The ten minute program Channel One is even censored. How can this school try to convey knowledge to us, yet then harbor us from the facts of this world? That is not right. We deserve to have the self-assertiveness to pick and choose for ourselves. We are taught to be responsible for our actions, spend hours a day learning concepts and equations, but when it comes to the real happenings of the world we are told you can't see that.

One issue that has been censored on Channel One was a clip on Magic Johnson and his speech on Aids. The school felt it was contradictory to our faith, because it spoke of the use of a condom. Aids is killing millions and will kill an entire generation; but we can't watch this show because it isn't important? Did the T.V. ban all viewing of Martin Luther King and his dreamfor the future? After all, his speech was to invoke a revival in black discrimination.

We all need to yield when it comes to the beliefs of someone

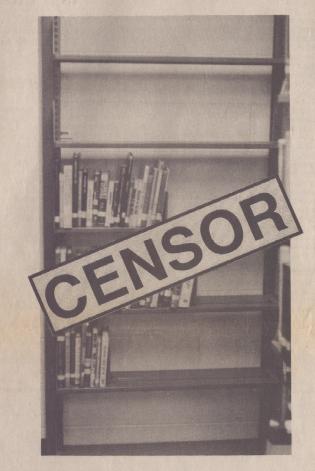
We all need to yield when it else. We have the right to say what we feel, but we must protect the rights of others by not infringing on them directly. To censor is to limit this nation's foundation of liberty and

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nal layer expressed, of the censorship laws ultural cleanup of our just as we woul the

his profession he says very little censorship now it. But most cases does dwal with are cases does dwal with are cases extraligion rights. He example on how a group its at Millard South High were denied the right to fone they ate. This in the censorship laws he had a feel of the censorship is and we must have this Duncan said.



Staff experiences censorship

by Jodi Hefti

In the average community of Skigh (population 50,000), there were three high schools: Rockhead, Point Private, and Wayward. Two of them were public and one of them was a private school. All of the high schools were virtually the same, they all hated each other, and they all were very sports - orientated.

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they all were very sports - orientated.

However, some differences existed in the reward systems within each school. For instance, one had open lunch for their students, and the other had a commons area for their students. The private school allowed their seniors to chew gum, and carry their keys around with them all day.

Some differences affected the journalism staffs at each school as well. For instance, when the big news story that Hobo Joe had the HIV Viruse, was announced all three high school newspaper staff's had an idea to

write about the new news out-break.

write about the new news outbreak.

The two public high schools didn't have to worry as much as the private school did, because they weren't as restricted by certain authorization rules. Point Privat had to determine whether or not to even write the articles, and as a staff they decided to. They wrote, rewrote, and yet still rewrote their articles, and as a staff they felt the articles told the facts while still realning within the limits of the schools acceptance. They were all prepared to take responsibility for their actions.

In the time that Point took to revise and improve their articles, the two public schools were done with their issues and theirs wereat the press.

This is just a sample of the rules and expectations that the private school was to uphold, because of their name, and their backing.

To all the people who think the press goes too far sometimes, consider the alternative.



which ship was involved, where it was destined and where it was bound. It did concede in 1986 that the incident was classifed as among its but

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If the press didn't tell us who would?

Stickers limit freedom

by Kelli Woods

In recent years we have heard more and more about tape labeling, or the indicating of tapes with songs that contain explicit or unacceptable lyrics by placing warning stickers on them. Yet, who can judge what is acceptable and what is not, and by whose standards are these judgments made?

standards are these judgments made?

If eel that all people have the right to produce their own works whether they be books, movies, art, or songs. These works may contain ideas or concepts that are presented in what some may see as vulgar or obscene ways. Preventing people from expressing their opinions, regardless of what method they choose, by censoring their works is also a censoring of their freedom of speech. If we give our government the power to censor works that offend certain groups, there will eventually be so many groups offended by so many different things that the next step will be to ban such creations.

There are people that feel banning such "offensive" works will keep the children of the future safe. How can we be helping the

future generations if we hide from them the power of expressing ideas?

ideas?

Labeling tapes to warn of explicit lyrics may just be the first step in the banning of tapes that a small group of people find offensive. I feel that their opinions should not be forced upon

the rights of others in the pro-cess.

If we continue to allow our government to label, censor and ban our ideas, our children won't be able to appreciate the wealth of knowledge and ideas that all humans have to share. We will take from them the chance to view these ideas and express their own opinions. We will give them instead "appropriate" opin-ions handed down by the gov-ernment, a life full of warning stickers, empty bookshelves, and the black bars of censorship, without the freedom to say it is wrong.

Songs fall short of censor

by Holly Hunter

Ever since cavernan grunted out his first top 40 hit, lyrics have been scrutinized and censored.

Throughout the decades, songs have been accused of promoting promiscuous sex, violence, suicide and Satan, not as a form of art.

The censoring of songs hit fever pitch when the Peters' Brothers (straight out of the Bible belt) began a record burning crusade. They called upon parents to bring their children's "satanic" albums in for a massive bonfire. Several Beatles records died in the process.

Unfortunately, we haven't moved out of the lyrical dark ages. If anything , we've moved further in. Censoring sprees have been speeding up recently, including the banning of rap group 2-Live Crew from playing in a Florida town last year. The group responded with "Banned in the U.S.A., an athem to the freedom of speech in our coun-

try. The group was banned for "explicit sexual references".

For the most part, people today are not permitted to form their own opinions about subjects based on their own moral and ethical code. It has been left up to a small number of individuals to decide what is suitable listening material for ail. For example 2 Live Crew's songs were not being played over the public airways, but at a concert. People were free to leave or not go at all if they found it to be offensive.

The worst part of the censoring is it stops us from thinking. As the censoring rampage continues our choices and experiences are limited. We no longer have the freedom to decide what is right for each of us, because its already been decided for us. Throughout the banning of music we lose the freedom of choice, the freedom that helps us become responsible human beings.

become responsible human beings.

The price of computer entertainment

by Rich McPhillips

It used to be that the Atari conquered the gaming world, but as technology advanced in resolution and gameplay, the world experienced the Nintendo, Genisus, NEC gaming systems and many more. In this time frame PCs were also being used as gaming system. Today PCs could be the best gaming systems because of all of the hardware they can posses.

Computer entertainment companies are now engineering games that are excellent in all aspects of electronic entertainment such as resolution and sound. The drawback for such quality is that a more powerful computer setup is required than in the past which means that people need to scrap their old PCs and get a newer system in order to run some of the newer games.

by Jodi Hefti

"Shut up."
"If you do it like that it'll open in the fire. You'll get burned and die."

Backdraft. How many of you have seen it? My guess is not very many, as it didn't stay at the box office, but I woeld strongly recommend you renting it.

Stephen McCaffrey is a fire fighter, upholding a family tradition of trust and courage in the face of danger.

tradition of trust and courage in the face of danger.

Brian, Stephen's kid brother is a rookie, who went through the academy once and quif the day of graduation. He then rejoins and later graduates. He is young and he doesn't know what to do in the face of danger.

You might think that fire fighting would have been in thier blood. Stephen and Brian prac-

You're doing it wrong."

It was not long ago that a 10-MHz 286 computer with a 40 MB hard drive could run the lastest games with ease. Today a 16-MHz 386 is a little slow on some of the newer game s. Many of the game designers say that the settling point for writing games is now for a 16-MHz to 20MHz 386. And although a 286 could run these games, they would be far too slow for enjoyment.

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A system that is said to be perfect for garning at this time and yet expandable would be a 486. For this system a color VGA monitor would be fine, but you would also need a VGA card of at least 512K of video RAM in order to handle high resolution and more colors.

Most game producers also now adding detailed sound effects and music to their games. You would need a sound card or, better yet, a synthesizer. In this computer you will need a large

tically grew up in the middle of the action, tasting the glory... and the anguish.

anguish.

As a young child, Brian witnessed his father's heroic death in the line of duty, as a firefighter.

Now it becomes Brians

Fire movie receives hot review

hard drive--any where from a 80MB to 120MB--in order to store and run newer games with comfort. Also needed to run newer games at an enjoyable rate is

extended memory (2MB on up is

extended memory (2MB on up is recomended).

One of the year's latest and greatest necessities for gaming is the CD-ROM drive. Although there isn't a lot of titles on CD presently, CD-ROM software is expected to dominate the market in the near future.

expected to dominate the man-in the near future. So how much will your next gaming PC with most of the "bells and whistles" cost? Today inluding a CD-ROM drive someinluding a CU-HOM drive some-where in the range of \$1500 at the very minimum to well over \$2500. This may seem like a lot of money to play video games, but unlike the SuperNintendo, your PC will allow you to type your semester term paper.

in both his brother's and his father's footsteps, in the ultimate challenge of bravery, in a tril that has no jury but by fire.

It will bring Stephen and Brain closer together, closer than they have ever been before. In an ultimate challenge of life, and death..... Backdraft. See it.



Holly Hunter and Jeff Loseke practice for their play Witches, Britches, Rings, and Things for Children's Theatre. The plays have been a tradition of Drama II students for over ten years with Drama coach Sandie Bernt. Performances for the gradeschools were April 21 and 22.

Different Lifestyles offers different choice

by Kristen Haenggi

What do Amy Grant, Michael W. Smith, and Bebe and Cece Winans have in common? They are all contemporary Christian

artists.
The thought that comes to most people's minds when they hear the word "Christian" is a church song. However, most Christian songs are like top 40 songs with Christian lyrics. In fact, some Christian songs are heard on top-40 radio stations. For example, Amy Grant, Michael W. Smith and.

most recently, Kathy Troccoli.

Bebe and Cece Winans' album Different Lifestyles may not have been played on the top 40, but get some help from Top-40 artists like Whitney Houston and Hammer. Hammer raps in the song "The Blood." This album also produced the three chart toppers "Addictive Love" "I'll Take You There," and

Blood." This album also produced the three chart toppers "Addictive Love", "I'll Take You There', and currently "It's Okay."
The CD has a variety of styles including the title track to the album "Different Lifestyles." The song has two possible meanings. One is of a relationship where the

people are opposites yet the other person is the right one for them.

The other meaning is of the person in the song looked to God to change his/her life. Part of the song goes, "You say because, I still ask why/two different lifestyles/ You fill my heart and change my life."

life."
It is very evident from listening to the CD that these two singers have a tremendous amount of talent.
Spread the good news: Bebe and Cece Winans will take you to a different lifestyle and sound of music.









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70's style is still stayin' alive

by Holly Hunter

Aside from platform shoes and disco jumpsuits, the seventies produced a style that would last- good music.

Getting a musical boost from the inspirational sixties, the seventies popped up with a sub hippie disco kind of thing that made everybody want to "boogie down". It was also the first time that artists were able to draw from two generations of

rock.
The seventies bore

The seventies bore hits like <u>Junglelove</u> and <u>Swingtown</u> by The Steve Miller Band. Meatloaf hits the radio with several hits off the Bat <u>Out ta' Hell</u> album. Hard rock was coming out of the shadows with bands like Queen, Kizz, and Areosmith. And thanks to <u>Wayne's World</u>, Queen's 1975 chart topper Bohemian Rhapsody has made a resurgence on today's top forty.

Punk rock groups and their fans were raising eyebrows and hairstyles everywhere. Leading the punk rock pack was England. The Sex Pistols and The Ramones (of cult

There'rs always a black sheep in each musical decade.

classic film Rock-n-Roll High School fame)
were bringing this not so

bubblegummish music into full

And then there was the Bee Gee's...well, never mind. There's always a black sheep in each musical decade. Almost all of the hits of the

Almost all of the hits of the seventies are still popular to-day. Many of the songs requested for major school dances are from this era, such as The Joker by The Steve Miller Band and several Kizz classics

classics..
While the seventies didn't set a definite precedence for the future music industry, that decade brought a lot of closet music out for the public to hear. The seventies music industry shouldn't just be remembered for the disco accident, but for the many variations of rock that were made public



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A look towards the future in space research

Second generation leads toward 2000

The shuttle Discovery has lift-off at the Kennedy Center. It's another beautiful take-off as the shuttle begins yet another mission of the continuing saga to explore the unknown.

From the time of Sputnik and Neil Armstrong landing on the moon, advancements in space technology have continued to develop. With these past victories of early exploration, desire is driving further out, trying to reach the unknown. The exploration of space is limited by the equipment we process. The U.S. needs to continue advancing in various projects, known as "the second generation."

Three projects which are presently underway are the X-29, X-30, and SP-100. Each of these projects is designed to test a theory or unknown fact. Presently all these projects are still being funded but are feeling the crunch of the recession. If we don't fund the tools of our future, how can we expect to advance and use the natural resources provided to us by space? The future of our world lies in the stars. Without this growth we will stagnate and become a globe of overcrowded polluted clones.

The X-29 is a craft devel-

The X-29 is a craft developed for to test the use of frontswept wings. An exhibit has been established to demonstrate the planes ability and size. This "second generation fighter" has the most advanced computer system in the Air Force today, consists of three on board computers to help the plot navigate and control the variables stressed on the plane by having the front-swept wings. Without these computers the plane and pilot would crash. With recent budget cuts, this project is feared to be cancelled. I feel this plane is the future to accelerated speeds and better aircraft. The X-29 is the Wright brothers experiment for the 20th century.

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Another project underway is the X-30. This project was initialized by President Reagan and called the "Orient Express". Riding on the famed rollercoaster might be one ride, but the X-30 will be the ride of the future to space and the orient. It has been estimated this craft will be able to take off in California and land in Japan within two hours, unlike the nine hour travel of conventional craft.

Computers have the advantage because the plane is capable theoretically of reaching speeds up to Mach 25. Our labs can not test projects at this velocity so computers have lead the way. Not only will the X-30 be the fastest man-made object, it will be the first craft to take-off and land on land in addition to entering orbit.

With the continuing exploration of space, the need for deep-space power has brought about the last project 1 consider to be "second generation".

NASA's project titled the SP-100, is an orbital nuclear plant.

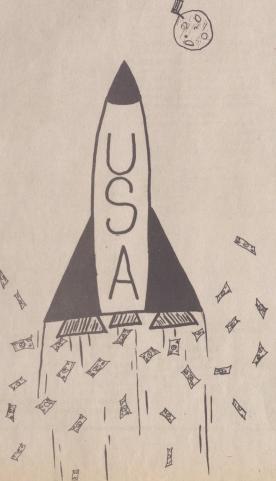
NASA's project titled the SP-100, is an orbital nuclear plant. In the past the former U.S.S.R. developed an orbital plant called the Topaz, but it failed to be self-

sufficient.

The SP-100 is designed to be self-sufficient and requires the funding of yet an unknown sponsor of 1.4 billion dollars this year. All the contracts of this project have expired and the project's future is in jeopardy of being archived (records of all past knowledge recorded-project terminated). Only time and patience will tell if this power of tomorrow will exist.

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All three of these projects need to be funded and continued. We are a growing and curious race. We no longer can stand idle in space technology. We must strive forward and reach for the stars to find "The Undiscovered Country."



Protection in prep school causes ill feelings

by Brad Wangler

Chances are you go to this school to get a good education. I will be the first to admit that, educationally, this is an excellent school. Scotus has some of the best teachers around who do an excellent job in preparing us for college classes. That may be why Scotus is looked at as a college prep. school. But college is not just classes; it is a social life and a new experience away from our parents and the everyday rules of school.

So, as you look at what a college is, you soon realize that this school doesn't suitably prepare us for that world.

How can you expect students to have any responsibility when they are still led to lunch as Frone (402) 563-7165
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seniors. Or, how do they expect us to learn any responsibilities when there are few for us to learn? If we were given the chance to prove ourselves with open lunch, we would either learn to handle the responsibility or fail. At least we would have been given the chance to try.

Also, how do they expect students to form our own Christian opinion about subject such as AIDS and birth control when they shelter us from all these facts? The Channel One story about Magic Johnson was censored.

sored.
Instead of cutting it, why not show it and discuss it with us.
That way we will be able to make

the right decision knowing what the facts are and what the church expects?

We will be expected to make decisions for ourselves in college and if we are surrounded by all of the facts and choices or not told both sides of the story, we may make the wrong decision. We are at an impressionable age right now. Discussion can help us to make the right decisions, like abstinence.

Maybe if we were to be trusted and given the chance to prove ourselves, it would make it much easier for us to adjust to the pressures, freedoms, and responsibilities WE will face in the days ahead.

Space technology is the future for our society

by Rich McPhillips

Inthis time of recession there has not only been proposals for military cuts but also for NASA and the space program.

Many associate NASA only with the landing on the moon and studying other planets. They do not see the use of exploring space. Some feel since we haven't found any life in our solar system, we shouldn't keep funding the program. Well, the space program is our future.

Besides a hope for the future, it is also a major contributor to the present day. If you may think that all that NASA deals with is huge spacecraft and the study of other planets, then you are wrong. In actuality, NASA and its space program has contributed a great deal of practical materials and reserch to our society that we use or may use in the future.

Velcro which is used for numerous amount of things is one example. As astronauts became more and more involved in space, clothing was developed to make it easier to use in space conditions. As a result velcro was

Emotions react to emergency situations

by Jodi Hefti

The house turns silent as we hear the long and deadly ring of the fire phone. There is hardly a peep as you sit and listen to the silence, waiting for an answer to the commonly asked question, "Where are they going?" We should know by now that we can't be answered. So still is the sound of silence. Waiting....

Bleep, bleepidy, bleep.
"Attention Columbus fireman code one-three-zero to 1234 Anywhere Street. Attention Columbus fireman code one-three-zero to 1234 Anywhere Street. Attention Columbus fireman code one-three-zero to 1234 Anywhere Street. Time out 15:00 WXB973." In simplair terms, "Attention Columbus fireman, there is a strucutal fire, and we sen t three men on the call, and no one is left at the station, the address is 1234 Anywhere Street. Time that we went out was 3:00 p.m. and we are signing off of th air for now.

"Dad? Dad, are you going to go? DAD!"
"Bye."

ing to go? DAD!"

"Bye."

"Bye dad, be careful. I love you."

"I love you" are such strong words, and I will admit that before my dad became fire chief, I never said those three little words to him, because I knew that when he got off work at 5:00 he would come home, and our family would be another one of many "Ideal

American Families."

I never really thought about the dangers involved in fire fighting until I saw the movie Backdraft. Wait a minute, that's not true. I did think about the dangers in fire fighting, but it didn't completely control my thinking like it does now.

The thoughts that run.

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The thoughts that run through your head as you wait for some signal of arrival (that they are on the scene of the fire). After they have been there for a while, or it could be immediatly after, you can hear them call for an ambulance. I think about if they will be picking up my dad or any of his volunteer fire fighters, of his paid ment, who are risking their lives by going into smoke filled buildings and buildings engulfed buildings and buildings engulfed in flames just so that someone else may live.

You almost have to admire them for what they do. How many of us could walk into a burning building to save maybe a best friend, your own child, or a complete stranger?

These feelings and emotions run through my mind even if they go to a car accident or a sick call. I don't know why. Well, I guess I do.

Next time you go to make fur if a fireman or even a police man, think twice, "They may save the ones that you love."

Revocation of replay rule ridiculous

by Shane Wemhoff

The National Football League (NFL) has recently decided to remove the instant replay rule for the coming season. This rule allowed time to be taken out to review the play to see if the call the referee made was the correct call. If not, it lead to a reversal.

One of the basic reasons for removing the rule is that the replay extended the game time causing the games to last longer than expected. The other major reason for removing the rule was that the National Football League believed the referees on the field would be able to see more than what the cameras could pick up.

The replay rule does have it's good points also. The

rule made the referees calls fair for both teams so there was no one- sidedness. The camaras may also pick up something that the official did not or could not

For instance, if the referee made a call that was obviously bad, it could be called up to the replay booth for a review and possibly a reversal. The replay also helped with some calls which were called wrong.

The rule caused less arguments between referees and coaches. The replay rule made the game more fair and more interesting to watch.

It's too bad it was abused by poor referees and arguing coaches and ultimately removed from the NFL. I think it will be a mistake.

Concert creates controversy

by Kristen Haenggi

Garth Brooks is coming to Omaha, but not very many other big names choose to come to the river city. It has not so much to do with the city itself but with the facilities the city has to offer.

When word spread that Brooks would be at the Douglas County Fair, fans camped out for up to two days before tickets even went on sale.

The concert sold out its 11,500 seats in a half hour while fans were limited to buy only eight tickets. According to KM3TV, they could have sold many more tickets, for a lot of fans were turned down.

down.

This has brought up the issue of Omaha lacking a large enough facility for the "big names" to make any money. As a result, many fans do not get to see their favorite acts live. Most of the big

acts go to Ames, lowa because of the larger facility offered there. This is an issue also for Columbus residents. Omaha and Lincoln are the major cities in which to see music groups or other forms of entertainment, so Columbus residents must travel there to see them.

Sometimes it is nearly impossible for anyone in our area to get good seats where there is reserved seating or when the tickets are sold in Omaha or over the phone when lines are jammed. Proposals have been made to build a larger facility in Omaha, and, according to KMSTV, Mayor P.J. Morgan would like it located downtown.

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Track season springs in

by Jim Springer

The gun fires into the air and the sprinters take the track. Competition is tight and the efforts levels run high. All lies with the desire and focus to cover the track. Hours of practice are paying of and the race comes to an end.

students try to excel to their top performance levels. After their efforts are completed and the times/distances are recorded places are given out. Competi-tors move on to another level of

Academic scholarships are given to those who excel in school, in the same way-track scholarships are given to those who are good at track events. Colleges are on the look-out for new talent and will give them a scholarship to help them pay for school and to attract these athletes to their school. Some of the closest schools known for this practice are Doane and

Creighton.

"I feel track scholarships are good. It shows dedication in the student and their dedication will help them to excel in college,: senior Amy Held said.

"All scholarships for sports are worthless, they take up money for sports and not for learning," junior Matt Wieser said.

"I think scholarships for track and sports are helpful for kids to go to college. Colleges need scholarships to get students," sophomore Tom Dobesh said.

"Track scholarships are

"Track scholarships are similar to scholarships for other sports and they should make sure emphasis in on academics as well as athletics," junior Dan McGrane said.



(Above) Erin Trouba attempts to pass a North Bend opponent at the Knights of Columbus Invitational.

(Below) Luisma Garcia Tobaruela dribbles past two Hastings players. Scotus won the game 2-0.

has a slowpitch by Rich McPhillips

Summer

When summer is right around the corner with the school year rapidly coming to an end, students are planning for things to do.

Many students have planned to spend part of their summer playing softball. Many students from around the city have formed softball teams for the Godfathers slow-pitch softball league. This includes students that are 15 to 18 years of age by August 1.

Freshman Brain Wesselsaid "It's a enjoyable way to spend the summer." This is Wessel's second year and this year he is a manager for his own team.

Many agree with Wessel's statement although some have a different look at it as does freshman Mart Honke. "It's a great way to get in shape and wear tightis((?)," Honke said.

Junior Chad McKown said, "It's something to do in the summer, and it keeps me out of trouble." Many agree that it is something to do in the summe, but they don't always ave time for it.

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"For a lot of games many people do not show up," senior Jason Stephen said. This also holds true for practices. Because many of the players are not able to show up, we usually do not have practices once games have begun, Wessel pointed out. This is mainly because most of the players have other reponsibilities such as their job. But for some, softball works out just fine in their schedules. "It doesn't affect my schedule that much because I go to work in the morning," McKown said.

Even though many of the players have different comments about the league most all agree that is forfun and something to do in the summer.



Suszi Kudron gains control of the ball during the game against Hastings. The Scotus girls won the game 2-1.

Fields rock with Shamrock soccer

by Jim Springer

The kick-off begins and the balls flies through the air to-ward the patient goalie. Defense is on the mind of the fullbacks as two forwards attack their goal.
Scouts has a new sport this year, Soccer. It took some work to obtain, but both the boys and girls are now in the heat of competition primarily with class A teams. The record of the boys is 1-1. They have played hard and lost by only one point to the runner-up at state last year.
For those who know little about soccer, soccer is a game of coordination of the feet, running, and teamwork. The soccer field is 110 yards with out-of-bounds and the goals for each team setting on the base lines of the fields.

be successful in both track and soccer. Second, we don't have the finances to support both programs. Personally, I am for soccer, but the additional funds for soccer was needed for other existing programs," senior Jenni O'Neil said.

"Out team will be good this year. My personal goal for the team is to end up slightly above .500," sophmore Ryan

"Our goal for the girls this year to develop team unity and win a few games," team captian junior Suszi Kudron said.

Both girls and guys teams are playing hard and hope for a good year of acheivements and gradual staps of impressions.

gradual steps of improvement.

Both teams have eleven players consisting of fullbacks, halfbacks, sweepers, forwards, and a goalie. A goalie. The game consists of 40 minute halves. The object is to score as many goals into the net as possible.

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"Our team overview is good. All the players are really positive and excited to play. It is really a different atmosphere, so for all members of the team have played in all the games. We are doing things together to continue to build team unity of this young team. The fact that we are a young team, we will have a fair amount of success. We will be competitive in the future and this year," Coach Fr. Wayne said.

"I am against the addition of soccer being added now for two reasons. First of all, I don't believe we have the numbers to

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Golfers ups and downs

by Shane Wemhoff

The boys' golf team started the year with their first victory against Lakeview. The varsity team won 173 to 182. Their best finish in two years. The JV team also squeaked by with a close win of 200 to 207.

Brett Dallman, shooting a 41, had the low score for the Varsity and Steve Shonka shot a 46, the low score for the Junior Varsity team.

"I felt they handled the pressure of the first meet well, and their scores stayed consistent what they were in practice," golf coach Barb Malicky said.

Malicky added, "If the teams scores improve each meet, by districts there might be a

chance of having members of the team qualify for state."

"We are one step closer to the state championship," senior Jeff Micek said.

After their first win, The Shamrocks earned 7th out of 14 places at the Pius invite, a good showing for so early in the season, Malicky said.

The Stanton dual was a little disappointing for the team didn't shoot in the high 30s' or low 40s' as was hoped.

The 'Rocks came back with a place of 4th out of 13 schools at the Albion invite. Senior Brett Dallman and Sophomore Tim Talken medled and have played consistently on unfamiliar turf.

Weather also plays a role in the team's performance. The dual with Schuyler scheduled for Tuesday the 21st has been rescheduled for Monday the 27th due to a surprise snowstorm.

This storm also changed the scheduled date of the Scotus invite from Thursday the 23rd to Friday the 24th.

"I'm disappointed in the snow because the guys were doing so well at practices," Malicky said.

If practices and performances go as scheduled, the team can look forward to a probable strong showing at conference May 9th in Omaha, and districts May 11th at Quail Run.

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Gross leaves to further education

by Holly Hunter

Earlier this year, Scotus Superintendent, Duane Gross and his family made an important decision. Mr. Gross decided to resign his position at Scotus to complete his doctoral program at UNL. "From past experience, I've learned it is difficult, if not impossible, to complete my graduate work while working full time as superintendent," Gross said.

His decision brought an end to his 13 year ties to Scotus. Mr. Gross was hired as principal in July of 1979 and was promoted to superintendent in 1980.

"When I arrived at Scotus, my goal was to provide leadership and vision for this institution and to provide guidance and direction, so the school could grow and become the best it could be," Gross said.

As the school grew, so did its accomplishments under the direction of Mr. Gross.

Mr. Gross dicussed at length the accomplishments of which he was most proud. One of them was the religious aspects of the school. "The school has a clear faith focus. Curriculum, campus ministry, celebration, liturgy, sac-"When you're around a place for 13 years, you develop relation-ships. . . I'll miss the kids. . ."

easy decision for Mr. Gross.
"When you're around a place for
13 years, you develop relationships... that are very important.
I'll miss the kids... the people,"
Mr. Gross said.
The sear to replace Mr. Gross
has been a successful one. "A selection committee appointed by the board has conducted a national search for the position. Applicants for the position have been screened and interviewed.
A candidate has been recommended and accepted by the board,"
Gross said.
Mr. Gross has advice for the person stepping into his shoes. "I would advise them to immerse himself in the wealth of tradition and expertise and support of this community while charting a course for growth," Gross said.
Mr. Gross is married to Liz Keamey, a "life long educator in Catholic schools." They have two children: Mary Kathleen, age four, and William, age five months. The family will move to Omaha this summer where Ms. Kearney will be principal at Christ the King elementary school.



As the year comes to a close, Mr. Gross can still be found working at his desk. Mr. Gross will not be returning next fall due to his resignation, but he will remain as superintendent until July 31.

Quickly tardies are becoming a problem

by Jim Springer

by Kristen Haenggi

"I don't want to be a tiger, 'cause tigers play too rough. I don't want to be a lion, 'cause lions ain't the kind you love enough. I just want to be your..." Elvis stamp!?

By early next year a stamp honoring the late Elvis Presley will be available. A young Elvis or an older Las Vegas Elvis. Voting is taking place to decide the winner of these two.

Mrs. Sandie Bernt, who had seen Elvis in an Omaha concert in the early 70's, likes the young Elvis stamp. "That is what made him famous," Bernt said.
"He looks better in that one," freshman Nikki Beran said of the young Elvis.

According to Beran it is important to honor a person with a stamp.
"It's good that they're recog-

stamp.
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Elvis is honored

nizing him," Beran said of Presley who's death was fifteen years ago.
"Music is a big part of our society," Bernt said. "He is a symbol of rock'n'roll."
"I think it's a good idea to pay tribute to someone who had such a great influence on rock'n'roll," senior Jenni Styskal said.
As Elvis was popular when

a great influence on rocknroll," senior Jenni Styskal said.

As Elvis was popular when he was alive his legend is just as big.

"A lot of people got involved.", Styskal said of the voting. Across the nation post offices ran out of the voting ballots.

"It was really big in the news," Beran said. "Usually a stamp doesn't cause this much attention."

Whether the young or older Elvis win, it still pays a tribute to the king and his legend.

"A lot of people liked him and they want people to remember him," Beran said.

Chemicals cause harm

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changes which will affect us next year.

On the first day of school as I walked down the halls, I heard some of the students saying to their locker neighbors "Only 179 days of school left." ONLY!!?

Yet, now that the school year is wrapping up, I begin to remember not only this year but those of years past. Perhaps my memories are similar to those of not only the seniors who are leaving, but also to every student.

Remember in junior high when we'd always try to sneak gum past Mrs. Shonka, and when we had, we felt we had accomplished so much?

When we all took our first steps into the school as 7th graders, we were so low on the totem pole and the seniors were so far at the top. They had to work their way up just as we do, and although it may not have

will occur.

Along with a new school year will come new faces, not only faces of the new 7th graders, but faces of the new 7th graders, but faces of new teachers.

The new teachers that are hired to date are: Mrs. Barbra Goulet, for music; Mr. Patrick Prockaus, for social sciences; Mr. Mitchell D. Arnold for English; and Mr. Daniel J. Shartz is the new superintendent.

Some of the faces we will be seeing disappear are Mr. Jack Poberts, Mrs. Pat Whitley, Mrs. Sue Peterson, Mr. Jack Sadle and Mr. Duane Gross.

We are all anxiously awaiting the 1992-93 school year to see what changes will be made.

Students off to Germany

by Kelli Woods

While most of us are trying to find a little excitement here in Columbus this summer, a number of the second and third year German students will be traveling in Germany. Ms. Kiser-Jensen, a few parents and the German students will be spending 10 days in Germany.

"We leave June 8 and will returnon June 18, "sophomore Erin Trouba said.

"When we land we will land in Munich," sophomore Cindy Khueler said.

In Germany the group will visit many historic places, including Dachau, the site of Jew-

ish concentration camps. Another highlight of the trip will be the shopping.

"I'm excited to go. It will be a good chance to learn about a different culture and expand our horizons," Trouba said.

Besides the usual tripplanning tasks, such as getting a passport, the students also had to raise money.

"Among other things, we held a doughnut social to raise money," Kuehler said.

According to junior Brandi Buggi the third year students sold raffle tickets and also cleaned Sand's office building to raise money for the trip.

It's extremely dangerous, what is it? It's chemical fertilizers.

The most dangerous chemical fertilizer around today is anhydrous ammonia. "It is so dangerous that almost your whole body, must be covered and you may not have a beard," Robert Smith, head manager of Consumer Coop said.

You must have on long sleeved shirt to cover your arms, rubber gloves to cover your hands, and goggles to protect your eyes," Smith said.

"Some loading facilities require that the truck drivers have no beard, because in case of an emergency the seal on the oxygen mask won't seal tightly to their face," Smith said.

There are even social trailers that the chemical is hauled in. They are special pressurized trailers like propane trailers.

Anhydrous is a gas. It is a very cold substance. It is so cold

"Anhydrous burns the skin and causes discoloration; it turns the skin purple," said Robert Smith. "If you should happen to get some anhydrous on you, immediately remove the clothes and immerse that part of your body in water," Smith said.

"When working with anhydrous, filling nurse tanks, applying it, etc., always make sure that there is plenty of water available," Smith said. "There are special permits that every person wanting to buy anhydrous needs to show proof of. There is another special kind of permit hat every farmer is required to have in order to apply chemicals

that every farmer is required to have in order to apply chemicals through the center pivot," said Eugene Bernt.

There is another special permit that is needed in order to apply pesticide and/or herbicide.

"Any dangerous pesticide or herbicide will not be sold without proof of a permit. They are issued by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The

Cancer cases increase as deaths rise

by Jim Springer

Darling come here. You have to put on some sun tan lotion or you will get burnt. You don't wont a red sunburn.

The little darling is an analogy of the society of today. Peer pressure and the fashion of today, dictates that suntans are in. These tans may be in, but they will- and can-kill you in the end.

For hours in the sun, people are laying out and exposing themselves to UV rays.

These rays destroy unprotected skin and can lead to cancer growth. There are two types of UV rays that affect unprotected skin. The first is UVA, which is a long-wave length that penetrates the skin and causes aging, tanning, and sunburns. This type of UV rays leads the way to deep epidermis skin cancers.

The other type is UVB, which is a shorter wave that is residued to not the sun to the sun the sun to the sun to the sun to the sun the sun the sun the sun to the sun the sun to the sun the

The final Mystery Photo!!!! Heidi Krings guessed correctly in last month's issue. The picture was of the center lines on the old gym floor. If you guess this picture correctly and are drawn from all correct answers, you will be entitled to a five dollar gift certificate to a business of your choice. Submit your guess to Mrs. Schieffer by Tuesday, May 26. Thanks to all who have participated in the contests this year!!

Teachers bid farewell to seniors

What a special time in your lives this is, and how swiftly time has passed to bring you to this point! It seems like only yesterday when I faced you as your English teacher. You knew each other so well it scared me. As a class you were like a wall I needed to scale in order to know.

Since then, you have given me many moments to remember most of which are precious, and all of which were important to my development as a teacher.

After being asked to write this, I sat down and let the memories of these last two years filter their way forward. Image after image played like a slide show at one of the masses, and I found myself smilling.

the masses, and nounding smiling.
Bridget and Jada. Do you remember coming to meet me the day before school started last year? It meant so much to be welcomed like that. Thank you. Demetria. I remember when you were in Australia, and I'd read your letters aloud. Your classmates would tell me what a fun person you were. How right they were. It was a pleasure to get to know you.

were. It was a pleasure to get to know you.
Michelle. Your research paper on Anne Sexton comes to mind. How much she reminded me of you, but, oh, how I hopedand still do- that you'd find the happiness she did not.
Craig. The encouragement you gave me when I was down on

teaching. What you said helped me make my decision to try another year. Thanks.

Ben. Your quiet individuality and writing ability. May they both take you far in life.

Eileen. I remember the conversation we had while riding to and from the senior retreat. You're a special person, and a pleasure to know.

Jason C. Lean see the series of the your series.

a special person, and a pleasure to know.

Jason C. I can see you opening the envelope from Mike Ditka and reading his words of wisdom to persevere. I believe you will do just that. Good luck.

Brett, Toby, Jeff, Brian, Shane and Tony. Needless to say, I think of 12 B. I hope you learned a little about how much we affect one another in this world. I know I did. Jenna. Our bantor will be missed next year, and although my advice hasn't always been what you wanted, I know you'll do just tine.

Jenni O, and Lori. You two

you wanted, I know you'll do just fine.

Jenni O. and Lori. You two were my FBLA Santas, and you will remain as sweet in my memory as the candy you gave me.

Sarah. How much we had in common: poetry, piano and personal experiences. May you have the spirit to go farther than I ever dreamed.

Kristen. The State Speech contest. I smile when I think of the fun we had and how much we laughed. You were a terrific editor - and friend.

Holly. Your individuality and creativity. May the gum on the bottom of your shoe always teach you something.

Jenni, Brenda, Tracy, and Tammy. I can see your faces when you won State last year. May life give you just as much happiness as you felt then. Matt, Shawn, Jeff and Scott. Your determination and opinions. I wish for you opportunities to express yourself and to learn from your own expression.

Jason S. The straws you would chew on after lunch last year and the "cat-who-ate-the-canary" grin you'd give when I'd ask you to throw them away. May you never lose your smile.

Jamie, Steve and Bob. I'll remember you three for your smiles and quiet demeanors. You may travel silently, but you will all travel far. Good luck.

Kelly and Kristi. Your dedication to the "good" in all you do and are. It's been a sincere pleasure to have known you.

Troy, Mike and Shane. Why does the word "mischievous" come to mind? Maybe it's because you always look like something's brewing inside your heads everytime I see you. I hope there always is.

The dynamic duos of Terra & Tara and Paula & Kerry. Friendship has meant a lot to all of you. Remember that it is the string that ties your memories to this school. Try not to pull it so hard that it breaks.

Amy L. Our conversations have always meant so much to

have yet to experience it.
Jeni C. I hope that by saying
little, you'll know I'm saying a lot.
Nikki, and Jenny F. You two
seemed like the cornerposts to your
particular circle of friends. I hope
you'll find an equal amount of
strength from those friends you've
yet to meet

you'll find an equal amount of strength from those friends you've yet to meet.

Amy H. and Amy K. How bright your futures are, and how beautiful will be the places you light up!
Jenni B. I shall remember your gorgeous red hair and flery spirit, May God be beside you as you become everything you want to be.
Jeff L. Whatever your walk of life, I know He'll be beside you as you travel. Best wishes.
Jason F. May your future bring sounds to your life that you've never heard before, and may you turn them into the music you've allowed us to see in you.
Louisma. I never knew you but for the day of the senior picture, yet, I know this class has given both of us memories to take with us.

I know it hasn't been what you would consider a perfect year; I don't know as there is such a thing. But I do know that you will face more difficult adversities than what you faced while here, and I pray that God will help you to make the right choices.

May each of you take what we've tried to teach you and use it to make your lives as successful as we all hope they will be.

God bless you out there.

Mrs. Schieffer

I'm having a hard time getting this thing started which is unusual for me. I guess it's because this year I have more mixed feelings and emotions about the graduating seniors. I always experience sad/glad feelings at this time of the year. Part of me is happy and proud of you and your accomplishments and part of me is sad to see you go.

I think it is more of a bittersweet experience

this year though for two reasons - I will never say good-bye to a senior class again - you are the last and that alone makes you dearer to me. Secondly, and more importantly, is the fact that we - you as a class and I - have been through and shared a lot of diverse experiences that tended to bond us together even more.

All 51 of you are more special to me than you realize. Each of you has contributed something to me that allowed me to grow and become a fuller person. When you add that all up I really have to give you a big thank you for sharing your life with me.

I'd like to say something special to each of you but space doesn't allow that. Trust me when I say that Papa loves you because you are special. You have value and are worthy of love and

I want to apologize in advance to each of you for not being able to attend your graduation or the festivities after graduation. One of my dearest friends is celebrating his 25th year in the priesthood on that date. Fr. Miguel really needs my support that day as he hasn't really been accepted by his parish.

Mr. Jack Sadle



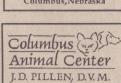




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Cults grow in numbers

Knock. "Good morning sir, I'm here to tell you about a wonderful family. We work, live, and meditate together. We follow our leader, and we want to welcome you into a life you may be'longing for-to be with our family," said the man.

Have you ever been roused out of bed at 6:45 a.m. by a person you don't know, being asked to join their family of friends? Well, I have. If you haven't, then you may have seen all the people selling roses and asking you to help support their cult groups?

Cults are a growing problem and fad in this nation. More and more cults are rising during this time of turmoil in our country.

They have been a part of our history as a nation for years, for if we as a nation limited the beliefs of cults, then we destroy that this nation stands. This is the reason why you must protect yourself. Some of the very first cults existed in the 18th Century. Two of these cults were the Transcendentalists and those people of optimistic views. These cults were based on the utopia ideal of tranguility and peace.

and a threat to you and me.
One cult particularly focused in this area is that of Satanic. Several reports for the last few years have been related to drugs and ritual behavior related to Satanists. I myself have been interfered by cults. For the last three years my family and I have been "stalked". The individual responsible is a known Satanist and a long time cult member.

Times "Safety and sound" in this nation are gone. Cults have now abducted children for their cults and to get attention. In some large cities small children are abducted. These cults will go to any length to get what they want. Some cults have cut all the hair off some girls and changed there clothes. In addition, the child's mouth was taped. They know bounds. The mental state of these people doesn't constant logical rational and therefore convertional punishment is irrelevant.

You must try to protect

Papa says goodbye

"Smile did you forget that

"Smile did you forget that Papa loved you?"

Those once famous words will soon be a part of Scotus' history. Mr. Jack "Papa" Sadle is leaving.

After ten years of walking up to the second floor Papa has thrown his books down for good. His wife Amy and he are moving to Grand Island, Nehraska

"Stupid Lil" Hefti", then any one should be able to get used to the fact of him calling them "my darling" or any other of Mr. Sadle's nicknames. This year I have moved up a step to "Yogi," and it doesn't bother me at all.

Mr. Sadle was a real asset to this school, and he is going to be missed by all of the students who had him when he was the "old" Papa and not the improved one.

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Every year since Papa has been here he has said that this was his last year of teaching, that he was moving. Well, this year he has done it, he has retired.

Part of the decision came after long consideration of the fact that some students took offense to his teaching habits.

In my opinion Mr. Sadle is the best teacher I have ever had, I think I have learned the most from him than from any other teacher.

If I could get past the fact.

Tardy regulations tighten

Now that the year is coming to an end, everyone seems to have an infinite amount of things to get acomplished. At this time of the year getting a tardy here and there becomes a reality for some. The students must realize what possible punishment they may be responsible for.

As the Scotus Student-Parent handbook readon page 20-21:

"The third and every subsequent third tardy each semester will result in detention after school.

Students with excessive tardies will be dealt with more severely. After the inith tardy during a semester the appropriate administration will contact the parent/guardian and student to deal with the problem and appropriate consequences."

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Unfortunately I was unable to receive detentions for their unishment convents when a vari

each tardy.

I feel there needs to I feel there needs to be something done about excessive tardies, but I do not feel that community service is the answer. Since the person has to serve detentions I think that having them clean desks, floors, or other things around the school during the detention would be a better way of punishing those who have had many tardies.

I always think of

many tardies.

I always think of trouble with the law when hearing about community service hours. I'm not sure I can understand why a person should be given a criminal type of punishment for something within the school community. of punishment for something within the school, community service is given out to people for breaking the law. From things such as breaking an entering, robbing a bank, to MIP or DWI. These are violations against the public good, so the community service is repaying the community back for their wrongdoings.

Our school is inde-

are private.

Now the administration is giving out community service hours for something done within the school. Since tardies, in a way could be considered a crime within the school wouldn't it make sense that the student should repay the punishment by doing something to help the school?

How about giving Scotus service work to the students with excessive tardies. This would help keep Scotus respectable looking, and it could be done after school in place of the detentions.



"Papa" Sadle, known for his willingness to listen, takes time out to talk to Amy Tubbs. Sadle, who is retiring this year, will be missed by students

Movement becomes wacko Keep off the grass

wacko is considered a person who freaks if you step on a blade of grass and kill it. When actually you don't do any damage to the blade of grass at all.

Earth Day is a day set a side to look and realize what care about our environment and are working with it to help make our world a more enjoyable place for us and for our children.

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The environment is rapidly being destroyed. We have problems with the depleting ozone layer, the overflowing of landfills, air pollution and a million other things that needs to be repaired to make our Earth a more livable world. It is our duties as inhabitants of the world to help to save the Earth.

An environment list is day.

As an environmentalist is am a member of Green Peace, which is an organization that the Earth. As students we need to the sarth to agift from God and that he expects us to take care of it and not abuse it to take care of it and not abuse it.

An environmentalist like we are today.

by Rich McPhillips

Most people support efforts to rid ground water of pesticides and other hamful substances in order to have pure water to drink. Most people also think we should recycle to cut down on waste. If you happen to be one of those persons you could, by most people, be considered to be enviormentally friendly. But in order to live up to such a title, enviornmental "wackos" believe you should not kill grass lieve you should not kill grass

or drive your car.

There are really many people that think you should not kill grass, literally. This is only a example of how crazy and radical

the enviornmental movement has become.

This may sound a little scary to you, and it should. These types of people want to put the country out of business, because they believe that business and industry will supposedly destroy. they believe that business and industry will supposedly destroy the planet. They think that this country is the reason for some ficitious hole forming in the ozone. How can they stick the blame on someone when there has not been any official evidence that shows any such activity?

When the modern millitant enviornmentalists attack businesses with ridiculous com-

plaints, it forces businesses to maneuver around an obstacle that threatens our economy. an example of this is mining and geting recources from remote places like parts of Alaska. Alaskans say this could help the states economy but theythave been getting opposition. God gave us the earth to use-not abuse- its recources. Buthow can we use these God given recources when the wacko enviormentalists want to set it aside and look at it.

Not only do they attack business ,they also point fingers at cattle and other livestock farmers. They ague that cattle will

destroy the planet because of the large amount of cattle in the U.S. today, but what about the millions of bison that roamed the Great Plains before any of this "ozone depletion" supposedly started?

started?

I want clean water and clean air just like most of the intelligent citizens in America, but when some wacko wants to stop me from murdering grass by playing sports, and tells me that we shouldn't build roads, it makes me wonder what would happen to the country if they they were in power.

Congratulations to Sarah Keller & Stacy Rosche!!

After qualifying with 23 other 7th graders to take the Scholastic Aptitude Test for Duke University's Talented Identification Program, both Keller and Rosche were recognized for their academic achievement and will receive further recognition in Lincoln on June 2. Keller was also invited to the Grand Recognition ceremony to be held at Duke University in North Carolina on June 8.

Land scaping needs work

The school yard has been will be more trees planted around the school yard look more like a home instead of a Father Wayne.

"Campus Ministry has planted all of the trees and bushes. Campus Ministry has landscaped or something like that," said freshman Jill Robak.

There used to be Elms planted around the school javard and all the trees and bushes. There used to be school, "said Robak. "They could have a class that could do the land-scaping for a project or something like that," whether the school pays for the landscaping or their is a fund-scaping that has been did not be compared to the school javard and the school like that is a sea and ever since they died nobody has made an effort to replace them.

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Summer schedule busy

by Kelli Woods

It's finally here. A time to relax, enjoy your freedom, and get away from all the stress you've been experiencing. It's summer-

Although the word summer may call to mind images of laying on the beach or sleeping until noon, for many people the summertime is just as busy (if not busier) than the school year itself.

"I'm on four softball teams this summer and between them all I will probably be playing almost every night," senior Amy Held said.

each once a week, basketball open gym two days a week, volleyball open gym two additional days a week, and weights twice a week. Besides that I am going to St. Louis for a week, Germany for 10 days, and working at Amigo's," said junior Theresa Wemhoff.

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Academic activities and other extra-curricular activities also make-up part of the summer. Camps take place for flag corps, yearbook and newspaper participants, and cheerleaders.
Attending these camps, and participating in other summer activities as well, costs money. In order to make this money, many students also have jobs during the summer.

take a great deal of time for Scotus athletes.

"This summer I have to attend basketball team camp, volleyball team camp, basketball and volleyball leagues at the Y, summer also have jobs during the summer. Even though you may be so busy this summer that you can't wait to get away from it all, just think, school is only 3 months away.



Freshman Brian Bertsch tees off for Districts at Quail Run on May 11. After winning their Conference, the team earned a fourth place finish at Districts.

Spectators spend big bucks

by Rich McPhillips

A rough estimate for a low price five-day package to the

Summer break is almost here which means that the Summer Olympics in Barcelona are also getting closer to the start. Barcelona, Spain has spent nearly \$7bllion to refurnish and build facilities to host the games. There is an expected 800,000 spectors to attend but many more than that will tune in to watch the brilliant international competition.

Now that all that money has been spent on the preparation for the games, all that is needed is for the spectators to show up. But for a spectator to show up. But for a spectator to show up must have thousands of dollars in his pocket.

It takes more than buying a ticket to attend these games. Besides the tickets, you need money for a round trip airfare, lodging, transportation to and from the events and food expenses.

A rough estimate for a

If you can not afford trip or you don't want to leave home, you could watch the summer games on your own television sets and still get a feel of what it is like to be there.

For \$125 Olympic fans can get 1,080 hours of events nonstop-from basketball to synchronized swimming- through a pay-per-view telecast. But even if you can't afford that, just turn on your TV to a major broad-

Strong finish for spring sports

by Brad Wangler

Even though the track team lost people to soccer and it was the first yearfor soccer, both finished the spring season storocky.

tinished the spring strongly.

"I think the soccer teams have done very well-considering the competition they went up against. I think the track team was successful even though they didn't have as much depth as last year," junior Justin Guernsey said.

This feeling was mutual

This feeling was mutual for many people.

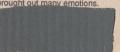
"I feel the track team did pretty good at the track meets," said freshman Ryan Liebig.

"Soccer went well for girls this year. The guys track did good for the individual events" sophomore Luck Jackson said.

This feeling of a job well done was not felt by all.

"The soccer teams could have done a little bit better" freshman Mindy McPhillips said.

This year's spring sports



"I think this season satisfied more people because people were doing the things they wanted to do instead of being forced into track," junior Candi Mustard said.

This year there were some high hopes for districts.

"I think the soccer team does and if the cards fall right, the track team does to," Guernsey said.

"The soccer team does and if the track team performs well we have a chance." Jackson

said.

This year the girls soccer ended with a twelve and four. The boys ended with a eight and seven. The girls track tea finished first at districts. While the boys finished third at the district track meet.

Team ends strokes ahead of last year

by Shane Wemhoff

The boys' golf season has been a successful one. The team showed improvement from last year with better places at the meets.

The team placed first out of five teams beating St. Alberts by one stroke at conference this year, which was in Omaha.

"The course was difficul, t and I didn't play as well as I thought I could," said freshmen Brian Bertsch.
"I felt the team played well on the new course and against the wind," stated Coach Malicky. Scotus placed fourth out of eleven teams this year at districts which was held at Quail Run.
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Junior Keri Stopak runs her hardest to maintain her lead over her Lakeview opponent at a home meet in Pawnee Park.

Congratulations to all the seniors on their accomplishments - especially Kristen, Holly, Amy, Brian and Shane. We're proud of you!!!!! - The Rock staff



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