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New faces are welcomed

by Cathy Wemhoff

Even though the place is the same some of the faces are different. Of the eight new faculty though, it may seem that only six of the faces truly are different. Two of the teachers are siblings of past or present faculty.

Mrs. Whitely left her position as the Media Specialist, but in her place is her sister Mrs. Larson. Mrs. Larson graduated from UNL and currently lives in St. Edward, Nebraska. She came to Scotus simply because that is where the opening was. "The kids at Scotus seem better than public school kids, but don't let that go to your heads," Mrs. Larson said. She has one major plan for Scotus while she's here. "I want to automate the library so there is not a card catalog, and the kids come in and sit at a computer. That's what you get at college so you might as well get it here," Larson said.

The students are warned to watch out for sibling rivalry between Mrs. Podliska and Mrs. King the new chemistry teacher. "I expect my students to try hard and do what I ask them to and I hope to have fun with the students and make them think Chemistry can be fun." Mrs. King said. She also said that so far she likes Scotus teachers and the students, but she said that the building is a little warm. In her spare time she likes to do aerobics, play volleyball, and watch her husband play softball. She graduated from Wayne State College and is from Madison, Nebraska.

Mr. Brockhaus also graduated from Wayne State College and is also from Madison. Scotus had an opening in the Social Studies department so he applied. "I have a great expectation for my students to respect one another, to be willng to learn, and to have fun learning" Mr. Brockhaus said. He will be the assistant coach for Junior High football, and track, also he will be assistant varsity basketball coach. In his spare time he likes to play sports mostly basketball and golf, and he also enjoys reading.

Another teacher that likes playing golf is Mr. Arnold. He also likes to lift weights and read. He will be helping to coach both girls and boys golf.

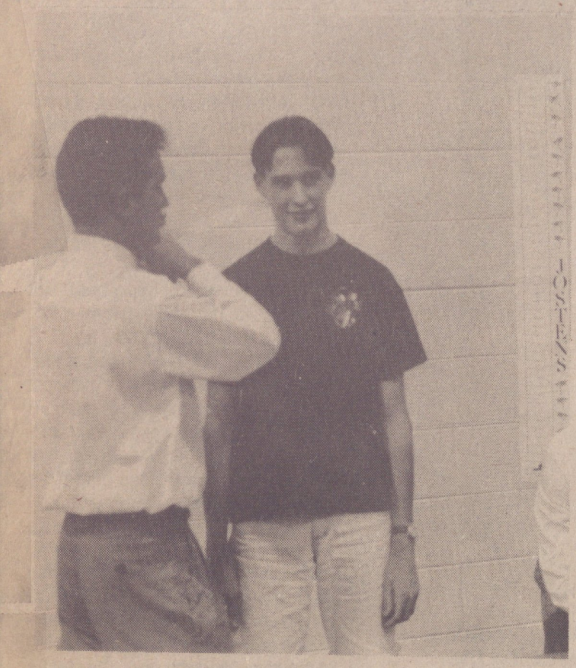
"I decided to teach because I felt I had the talent there, I enjoyed kids and remembered that my teachers always had a a big influence on me. I felt it would be a neat thing to do." Mr. Arnold said. "This year I hope to be the best possible help to my students and help them reach their fullest potential." Mr. Arnold will teach English. He is from Loup City Nebraska and is a new graduate of UNK.

The new Elementary and Junior High counselor, Mrs. Cope, is also a graduate of UNK. "I wanted to make a difference in people's lives and I've always liked kids," Mrs. Cope said. "I hope to become involved with the counseling program and would like to see new things incorporated into the counseling program." She has one daughter in the sixth grade and three older children.

A new face, Mrs. Goulet will be seen in the music department. She is a graduate of UNL and has lived in many different places including Seward, Lincoln, Missouri, and for the past thirteen years in Columbus. "So far the staff is great, very helpful and the students I've met are really nice kids," Mrs. Goulet said, "My #1 goal for the year is to keep the kids energetic and to have a successful musical and other performances." Other than music Mrs. Goulet enjoys athletics and once in a while going to Omaha and Lincoln to see the fine arts productions.

The two other new faculty members are Mrs. Rickert and Mr. Schartz. Mrs. Rickert will be a study hall monitor. She is a graduate of Wayne State College and is from Columbus. "It was something I hadn't done before and I've always admired the school." Mrs. Rickert said, "I hope to get to know most of the students and help the students with poor study skills to improve their study skills." She will help coach seventh grade volleyball. In her spare time she likes to play volleyball, softball, and to read.

Soon all these new faculty members will seem as familiar as the rest. Until then though they are definitely the new people and probably will be treated as such. Hopefully they will like Scotus enough to stay a while because they all seem like nice and friendly people to be added to our school system. Good luck teachers, and have fun!



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Senior Chris Goettsche is measured for his cap and gown on August 21 during orientation.

Schartz sets goals

by Nikki Beran

This year Scotus will be seeing many new faces around school, including a new superintendent. Mr. Daniel Schartz is replacing Mr. Duane Gross, who was superintendent of Scotus for 12 years.

Mr. Schatz went to Pennsylvania State College and then attended graduate school in Washington D.C. He has been at many schools including a school in Arizona on an Indian Reservation. He and his family have recently moved here from Kansas.

Mr. Schartz has many plans and ideas for Scotus. One idea is the "three fold focus for the future," which consists of three main goals. These goals are, to see the "development and increase in faith life," the "development and increase in the number of students who attend Scotus," and the "development and increase in the number of funds that come into the school."

To make Scotus into more of a family, Mr. Schartz has introduced the Quality Family Connection Program (QFC). QFC, which will replace T.A., is designed to "develop self-esteem, relationships, individual and group identity, and a sense of belonging."

QFC will be held once a week in October , November, and December from 11:26 until 11:46. After December, QFC will be twice a week from 11:26 until 11:46. "Students need opportunities to work with and learn how to get along with other students' personalities," Mr. Schartz said.

Mr. Schartz is changing some things about Scotus, but he does like what he sees here. "I like the involvement of people making things work," Schartz said. He is also happy with the way people sacrifice to make things work. " This school exists because of sacrifice, and that's why I feel that Scotus is the best Catholic school in the state of Nebraska," Schatrz said.

Mr. Schartz feels that Scotus has a "deep Catholic culture", and that is very important to the school. "Catholic schools need to teach you how to love and sacrifice, and that's what I see here," Schartz said.

Photo by Jenny Arp

New Superintendent Mr.Schartz starts work on the new school year.

Editorial

Dreams come alive

Rich McPhillips

In Barcelona, the Olympic flame is no longer burning, but memories of one of the greatest Olympics we have seen in a long time, burns bright. You have to admit that overall the Games were an astonishing success for the whole world, even though individual performances may have been frustrating.

Competition rather than politics seemed to set the stage for the positive atmosphere we saw through our television sets. There were no major boycotting countries as in the Moscow and Los Angeles games. Conflicts between bordering countries was not present as in Seoul. Although athletes from the former Yugoslavia had to compete as individuals and not as country men, the world willingly came together for two weeks to compete. That quality alone made the Barcelona Games different in positive way, but there was more.

The use of physical enhancing drugs has always been a problem in modern days. In Barcelona there were no exceptions, yet we saw change compared to previous Olympics. The stricter rules and testing intimidated many drug users to stop, and stopped many from competing. The decreased use of drugs gave the games a clean quality which has rarely been seen.

Along with negatives taken away there was a positive to add. In many events, professionals competed for the first time. For some countries, the new rule to allow professionals, was no change for their Olympic teams. This was true for most communists countries, but for the U.S. it was a chance to finally show the world its best. Basketball was the best and most well known example. The Americans proved that once they got their best on the court the rest of the world was no challenge.

To most American spectators professional basketball is what made this year's Summer Olympics great, but along with many amazing performances and contributions by other nations the Summer Olympics were a success that should be resembled in the future.

AP Photo
Trent Dimas shows his patrotism during the Olympic awards ceremony.

Years pass quickly

Kelli Woods

This is the last, first week of school I will ever experience at Scotus.

I never believed my Secret Senior when she told me that the time would fly by. As a seventh grader the next six years seemed like they would take eons to unfold. Yet I sat in the Little Theater today and listened to talk of ordering senior keys and memory books and planning to order graduation announcements in December.

By that time I will probably even know where I am going to go to college. Graduation will be just around the corner and then I will be on my own.

I never thought this time in my life would come, but here I am. On the top. Head of the totem pole. A senior.

Weather causes bummer summer

by Brandi Buggi

You wake up at 2 a.m. and hear the pitter-patter of rain on the roof. Most of the time it would be a relaxing sound but now you just roll your eyes and throw the pillow over your head. It's going to be "one of those days" you think as you try to fall back asleep amid the crashes of thunder and the streaks of lightening.

Unless you have been out of Nebraska this whole summer, this scenario has happened to us all at least once. "One of those days" includes rainy weather with overcast skies and temperatures between 70 degrees and 85 degrees at the most.

Living in Nebraska, we usually are able to brace ourselves for the worst. Temperatures usually fall between 95 degrees and 105 degrees with high humidity and no rain. Well, I think mother nature has been trying to make up the rain we haven't received in the last ten years in one summer. Every day seemed to be rainy and dreary. The lakes and rivers barely got warm enough for us to swim in, and we could only do that when it was not raining, which was a rare occasion. Many events taking place outside also had to be cancelled or postponed due to the crummy weather. Mr. Mahoney probably won't have to give very many of his speeches on getting cancer from laying out because there were very few days that you could.

It seems each year that as soon as school starts it starts to get warm. No, warm is a mild word for what it will be. Unbearable and excruciatingly hot is much better. Just the fact of being in school again is a shock to the system, but if it is even a little hot, we will be dying because we aren't use to it.

I think this summer has gone extremely fast because it has been so cool and rainy that it hasn't even felt like summer. This has been a totally bummer summer.

Student is missing

by Laura Kosch

Each new school year usually means seeing a handful of new faces among our old classmates. Though not every class may gain at least one new pupil, the senior class is almost always guaranteed a foreign exchange student.

Scotus will be looking for their money back this year because we won't have anyone to share our American culture with. Due to Mr. Kobza's busy schedule, he was not available for comment.

Scott Sobota, who has hosted three such students including most recently Luis Garcia, says,"You learn a lot more about the individual by living with them instead of just being in the same class. You are more exposed to their culture and what they are really like." Sobota, a junior, says it's exciting meeting them and always hard to see them go at the end of the year.

Laura Liss and Keri Stopak, both seniors, say they aren't really disappointed that they aren't having and exchange student because,"We have Mic."

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In a minute....

What goals do you hope to see accomplished this school year?

"I hope that Mr. Schartz becomes involved with the students and teachers to find out what their feelings are."
-Vicki Gubbels

"I hope for success in all areas of sports, especially at the state level, and in academics as well."
-Eric Hash

"I would like to see the football team have a winning season and be number one in the state."
-Kari Becker

"I want to make the varsity soccer team this spring."
-Scott Thomas

Student Life

Seventh graders crunch for space

by Gina Rongisch

Third floor hallways are overflowing this year. The seventh grade class has ninety-four students. The students seem excited about attending Jr. High, but apprehensive about the new schedules. Seventh grader Scott Kuehler, is fearful "that teachers will be mean."

The seventh graders are really looking forward to getting involved in the sports programs. They like the idea of moving from class to class and having different teachers for each subject.

At Orientation Day they were taught how to read a class schedule, given a copy of school rules, and had their pictures taken. Eighth grade students volunteered to help the new students find their lockers and experiment with opening locker combinations.

"I usually start talking to the kids in fourth grade," Jr. High Principal Mrs. Shonka said. By February of their sixth grade year, all students currently enrolled in Catholic grade schools and PRE (Parish Religious Education) classes were invited by Scotus to attend an Open House. The students and their parents were given a tour of the school and information on the educational, and extra curricular activities available for Jr. High students.

Jana Buelt is concerned about "not being able to find classes." Those of us who have attended Scotus for a few years can well remember what it was like that first week when we were the new seventh graders. Our lockers wouldn't open , we got lost, and tardies loomed large. Hang in there Class of '98, only six years to go.

Photo by Jenny Arp

Seventh graders get their first taste of Scotus during orientation on August 21.

Change takes time

Kelli Woods

Open lunch, open campus, and a senior lounge. These were among the suggestions of last year's student council.

"We asked for a student suggestion box, more pep rallies, a school board representative, and for all school assemblies," senior and President of student council Jill Kruse said.

An agenda was made up and presented to the administrative team which consisted of Mr. Kobza, Mrs. Shonka, Mr. Grubaugh, and Mr. Gross.

"They listened to us and said we had some good ideas, yet they didn't seem ready to do a lot with them," senior member John Hain said.

"At the first meeting, on April 1, they appeared interested, yet didn't seem like they would commit themselves to anything. They said it would take a while to digest the information,' Kruse said.

It took until the last day of school for Mr. Kobza to respond to their requests. "We met with him and he told us that we can have more pep rallies, a student suggestion box, and a school board representative," Kruse said.

All school assemblies will also be added in which student council members will be in charge. According to Kruse these assemblies will be to recognize students and academics and groups such as speech team and mock trial that don't get as much attention.

Although some changes have been made, some members are wondering why ideas such as open lunch weren't accepted.

"I felt we had set up a very strict policy for open lunch. The student would have to have been on honor roll and had very good attendance," Hain said.

"By the time you are a senior you are suppose to be preparing for college. Next year we will have to handle a lot of responsibilities yet we are still being led to lunch everyday,' Kruse said.

Student council still plans on being active this year. They are putting on the tape dance with Lakeview's student council and the state convention with Columbus High. They will be doing this under their new sponsor Mrs. Kosch.

"She came in ready to work with us, yet let us work within ourselves at the same time," Hain said.

Working not only with a new sponsor but a new superintendent as well may make the read to change a little easier.

"Mr. Schartz seems open and kind. I feel if we are reasonable with our requests things will be better," Kruse said.

Being new, Mr. Schartz might not want to bend the rules right away. I'm sure it will take time to change things," Hain said.

Students learn away from home

by Ann Wieser

Many students at Scotus are involved in organized sports during the school year. Preparation for the various sports and activities offered at Scotus differs greatly, but the majority of the groups share one common thing: camps. Most of these camps take place during the summer. This summer volleyball, basketball, cheerleading, flag corps, and even an academic camp called Nebraska Scholars Institute (NSI) were available to Scotus students.

The varsity cheerleaders from Scotus went to cheerleading camp that took place July 7-10 at Wayne State college. The squad was very busy during the camp. In the morning and evening the squad had aerobics. The squad also learned three dances and many different cheers that they can use here at Scotus games. The cheerleaders also discussed pep rallies, fund raisers, and how to get the crowd involved in cheering for the team. "It was a lot of fun, but also hard work, and it brought our squad closer together," junior Jill Buelt said. "We met a lot of other cheerleaders from different schools, and we got a lot of ideas from them." The cheerleaders did exceptionally well at the camp. They won grand champs in dance and cheer competition.

Some students from the junior class participated in Nebraska Scholars Institute (NSI) this summer at UNL. This academic camp took place June 14-26. The students took classes, had seminars, and field studies. There were two main categories the students could choose from, Arts and Humanities and Science and Mathematics. These groups were then broken down into different classes. For example, under Science and Mathematics a Computer aided Design and an Ecological Study of Salt Creek were two classes that were offered. Although it was hard work the students attending NSI had two dances and free time. During their free time they couldn't leave the campus, but they played many sports like basketball, volleyball, and tennis. They also went to movies. Over 200 juniors from surrounding Nebraska cities such as Hastings, Grand Island , and Scotts Bluff attended NSI. "I made a lot of good friends, and I've seen many people from NSI throughout the summer," senior Matt Hajek said. "I thought it was fun and a social experience."

Students involved in flag corps also attended a camp at UNL. This camp took place July 17-24 for six days. During this time the squad learned new techniques to use in their marching and field routines, and the correct way to do them. "It was hard work, but it was fun. I met a lot of people and had a great time," junior Erin Trouba said.

Students participating in the sport of volleyball this year attended a volleyball camp here at Scotus. This camp took place July 20-23. There were different sessions that the players could attend. The team reviewed fundamentals like setting, spiking, and hitting. They also worked on many team plays that they will be using this year. "It was fun, and it was a good way to introduce younger players to the sport," jjunior Kathy Hegemann said. "It was also a good review for older players."

A basketball camp was held at Scotus this summer June 1-4. The camp took place in the mornings. The players participating in the camp reviewed basic skills and team plays. Mr. Petersen and Mr. Miller headed the camp. During one day of the camp they had a guest coach from Pius. He ran the team through an example practice that his team uses.

Sports

Photo by Jenny Arp

Football players work on their tackling skills during two-a-day practices.

Practice starts for athletes

Matt Moseman

You wake up to an alarm for the first time in weeks. At first you wonder why your alarm's going off so early in the morning. Then you realize in fear that today is the first day of practice.

Many students no doubt experienced that same scenario Monday morning, August 17, as football, volleyball, golf, and cross-country started two-a-day practices for the '92 season.

"They [two-a-days] are a lot easier than their reputation states,"said sophomore Nate Marik. Most of the sophomores agreed with that opinion on Monday and Tuesday, but that was until Wednesday when the team started practicing in full pads.

Most of the players--seniors, juniors, and sophomores alike--were all looking forward to the opportunity to prove their merit against their classmates and to prove themselves to the coaches.

"I feel that it gives a younger player more experience with the older ones,"said sophomore Travis Patocka.

But why have two-a-day practices? That question has passed many athlete's minds. "For conditioning," said head football coach Jim Puetz. "And there's a lot of learning and teaching involved. Football is not natural. It takes a lot more learning in football before you can play... Tradition." Coach Puetz went on to say that the coaches were happy and that the players seemed to be having fun.

Hopes also seemed to be high with the girls' volleyball team. No one seemed really disappointed in having two practices on the same day unlike the city school's who have three--yes, three--practices a day.

"They're exciting but long," commented sophomore Heidi Van Ackeran. "We work hard."

"At the beginning, you're excited, but by the end you're tired," said senior Brandi Buggi.

Everyone in the sports programs seemed hesitant about their respective practices, but sophomore Michelle Griesman seemed relieved.

"They're a lot better at first because you don't run 10 miles at once,"she said.

With the first competitions still weeks away, practices go on but with high hopes and enthusiasm.

Photo by Jenny Arp

Lisa Johnson concentrates on passing during vollyball practice at Platte College.

Games provide fun

Brad Wangler

"Anyone can play" senior of Dan McGranes Sandmen Jim Springer said ." Slow pitch softball is a game everyone can play and have a good time at," Springer went on to say.

Slow pitch softball was played this summer at Gerrard park.

" I was out there to have fun with my friends and for a little competition" senior of McGranes Sandmen Matt Weiser said.

"It's a chance to just mess around," sophomore of Brian Wessel's Wackers Brian Bertch said.

"Everyone plays and has a good time," junior of Kreshas Black Pearls Heidi Staroscik said.

Everything was not perfect though "Bring bug spray if you have to play outfield" Springer said

"Some people took it to seriously," Staroscik said.

"Losing" was Dustin Buggi,s largest complaint.

"Its a chance to have fun with friends, without adults," sophomore Brian Wessel said.

Photo by Jenny Arp

Laura Kosch, Erin Trouba, Kim Codling, Mindi Almquist and Chris Kretchman get a head start on the cross country season.

Season looks good

by Erin Trouba

It's only 5:30 a.m., and I am already awake anticipating the start of cross country practice. The thrill of finishing a race and cheering on fellow runners comes back to me. I am reminded of my last year's achievements and begin to set my goals for the upcoming year.

Three and a half hours later, I am excited to see the number of runners we have out. We begin to stretch, and looks of uncertainty and curiosity cross over the faces of our new runners. Determination and excitement are seen on the faces of the returning runners.

A chorus of groans is heard from all runners as we begin our workout. Although we were all dreading the workout, we feel a sense of accomplishment as we finish those grueling miles.

We begin to discuss ideas for t-shirts and jackets. The spirit is very high, and I think you can expect the 1992 cross country team to do great things this year.

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Students add color

Rich McPhillips

As you journey through the halls of Scotus you may have noticed the progress of a colorful change lately. The new look is a project being worked on by students in independent art.

Mrs. Kiser, the senior high art teacher, is in charge of the class and the project. She says you must have completed at least two years of art courses before you can get involved in independent art. Seniors Eric Gonka, Carey Henngler Ryan Kobza, and Junior Nathan Hegi are presently involved in this class.

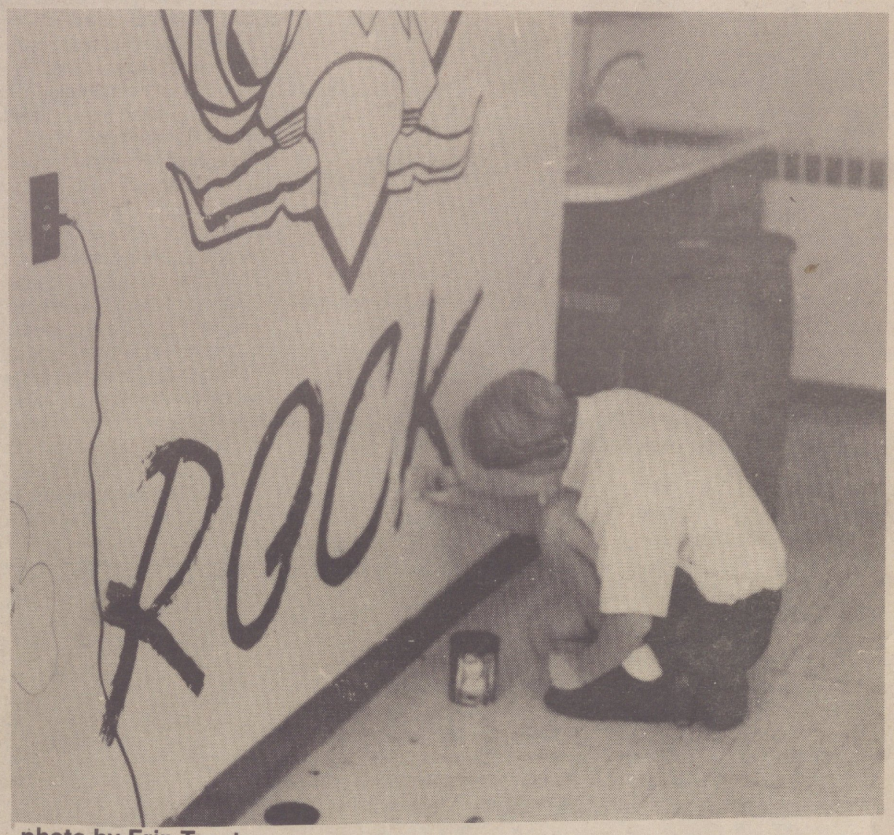
The new look has been something students have wanted for some time now. With permisssion from the administration the students were able to get to work on the art. Kiser says the paintings were the ideas of art students.

The comments regardining the paintings have been positive Mr. Kiser said. She says the paintings give the students a sense of "ownership". "This makes the school feel like a part of their own," Kiser added.

Eric Gonka says this project will "get more people active in independent activities around the school." He says it will hopefully make others want to "do better for the school".

The success of the painting on the VFW building and encouraging suggestions for more paintings had an influence on the decision to decorate within the school Kiser said. She said that the State Accreditation Board also recommended that there shout be more paintings and muriels at Scotus.

Besides the paintings in the concession area and in the weight room, there are plans to decorate the boy"s locker room and the cafeteria with art.



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Senior Eric Gonka adds color and design to one wall in the concession area.

Photo by Jenny Arp

EME's Chris Rickert and Kelli Woods give communion for the first time to eighth grader Jeff Peckny.

Hurricanes cause damage

Rich McPhillips

Life along the ocean has been tough recently for residents in Florida, Louisiana, and Hawaii as hurricanes moved through. Within a month's time two hurricanes,Andrew and Iniki, caused great destruction.

For days, transport planes were leaving Fort Bragg, N.C. full of cargo. Their destination wasn't to a foreign war. Instead they were heading to South Florida where it looks like a war zone after the destructive hurricane Andrew came through. The cargo on the planes has been much needed aid which helped the thousands that are left homeless. Basic supplies such as ice and gas were high in demand and were sold at extremely high prices by merchants.

Florida and Louisiana stood in the path of Hurricane Andrew that hit in mid-August. Andrew left its path in ruins and left thousands of families scavenging for food and other much need supplies. Among the disaster areas Homestead Florida was the hardest hit. In Homestead alone about 250,000 are estimated to have been homeless and $15 billion in damage because of Andrew. In south Florida power was out to more than 750,000 and at least 137,000 in southern Louisiana. The total cost of damage in both Louisana and Florida has been estimated at $20 billion.

Andrew first hit at around 4:30 a.m. near Biscayne Bay in Florida. Later that morning a wind gauge recorded winds at the speed of 164 miles per hour then the gauge broke.

Hurricane Iniki that hit Kaui, the Hawiian Ilsland, also caused expensive damage recently. It has been estimated that the storm, which on September 12, created at least $500 million in damage.

Marine landing ships were there for relief with ice, tents, cots, food, and fresh water to help the thousands of people without homes or power. It is estimated that more than 10,000 houses were severely damaged and 8,000 residents were left homeless. Most hotels and resorts in the area were damaged, sugar fields were flattened and the macadamia nut crop was destroyed.

Sophomore Michelle Greisman studies hard during a study hall.

Spirit comes out

Cathy Wemhoff

We've got "The Spirit" yes we do, we've got "The Spirit" how 'bout you? The yearbook is out, not only with a new name but with many other new things.

"There's a new academic section; we included the junior high with most of the senior high, and there's an index. It's different than any other year," former staff member Kerry Robak said.

"What I've seen I really like. There's lots of originality in it," Robak said. Most people seem to agree that it's a good book.

"I thought it was a new and different idea," Kristin Wolfgram said, but there have also been a few complaints.

"A few areas could have been covered more, but overall, it's a good book," Robak said.

"I think it needs more pictures of the underclassmen," Terri Kresha said. There have also been a lot of complaints about the all famed names.

"The names on the yearbooks are too small. When I finally found my name I was disappointed, and it didn't even show up very well," Ryan Eikmeier said.

The yearbook has one basic meaning for most people who get it. "Because it's my last book, it means a lot to have my whole senior year tied in one book," Robak said.

"It's something to look back on when I get older and see how my life was," Wolfgram said.

"Toward the end we [the yearbook staff] all connected and made a great book," Robak said. "I thought it would be a pud class, but the class ended up being my hardest class. It takes a lot of work and time to put a yearbook together," Robak said.

Students stranded in studyhall

Ann Christine Wieser

We can drive a car, we can go and get married, but we can't go to the bathroom during study hall! This year many new rules have been made for study halls.

"I feel the rules are specific. They rule out pretty much everything except studying." senior Chad Burbach said. Almost all of us can remember a time when you could leave study hall for almost anything. You could leave to use the bathroom, make a telephone call, go to the library, make copies, talk to a teacher, and the list goes on and on, but as the years pass we see our study hall freedoms diminish. Last year in some study halls we had two passes a quarter to use the restroom and two quick trip passes to the library, but this year we have none. We can no longer use the restroom, or go to the library without a pass from a teacher.

"I think they are fair. They set a standard, but the teachers should be flexible," Burbach said. A lot of the effect of the rules on the students depend on the study hall teachers themselves. Some study hall teachers follow the rules by the book, but others are a little more flexible. "In general, I think study hall teachers are too strict," Burbach said, but freshman Sara Fehringer disagrees, "They [study hall teachers] didn't make the rules."

"The rules have about the same effect on me as last year," Burbach said. But while the rules don't have an effect on some students, they do effect others. "I can't sleep when I have nothing to do, I can't use the restroom, or use quick trips," Fehringer said.

"I think the rules were necessary, in some cases. Some teachers had no control, but some did," Burbach said. "Yes, the rules were needed for some people, but not all of them," Fehringer said. Whatever way you look at it rules are rules, and as students we must follow them, at least some of the time.

Brandi Buggi

As we adjust to waking up at to alarm clocks and staying at school until 6-6:30p.m. for practice, we are also adjusting to the longer school days. The school days this year last from 8:04a.m.-3:35p.m.

"I was disappointed when I found out about the longer days because I thought last year was long enough and now since it's longer it's going to be even worse," said sophomore Lisa Wemhoff.

" I thought it was a joke," sophomore Brian Wessel said. The change of time was announced to the students on orientation day and was also published in the Columbus Telegram.

Although she was frustrated with the new schedule Wemhoff believed it would reduce the excessive tardies the school had experienced last year.

"Tardies didn't matter in T.A. because it wasn't a class, and you wouldn't have to make up work."

Both students felt it would be beneficial if a student council representative was able to sit in on meetings where they decide things such as the time schedule.

"The students know how we feel," said Wessel.

"We might be able to tolerate it more, and it might help the way we act in school," Wemhoff said.

Many questions have risen as to what we will do with the extra time if we don't use it for snow days or the heat schdule.

"I hope we get all of the time at the end of the year because it makes the summer longer," said Wessel.

Although there are many different opinions and reactions to the time schedule, one thing is for certain, we will all need to adjust to fit this new time schedule.

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....In A Minute

by Laura Kosch

What's the nicest thing you've ever done for your parents?

"I haven't wrecked the car they bought me yet."
Jenny Hill, 10th

"I sent them flowers for their twentieth anniversary."
Joey Pilakowski, 10th

"In high school, I didn't cause them a lot of trouble."
Mrs. Bernt

"I let my mom come to Germany with me."
Erin Cimpl, 11th

"I was born."
Eric Hash, 11th

"I haven't killed my brother yet."
Jason Cumberland, 9th

"I took them to Stack-n-Steak for their anniversary."
Jeremy Bonczynski, 12th

"I write or call them at least once a week and visit at least once a month."
Miss Felger

Junior high experience culture

Nikki Beran

Junior high students have been able to experience what it is like to have someone from a different country in their classes. Anne Rainer has been taking different classes on the junior high level to learn about America and America's cultures.

This will be the second year Rainer, who is from Germany, has attended Scotus. "I will continue coming to Scotus until I feel comfortable with the language. I'm planning on coming here for another year," Rainer said.

Anne, her husband, and her daughter Lucia moved to Columbus when her husband, who works at Dale Electronics, was transferred here from Germany. " It was very hard to move here," Rainer said because she didn't know much about the language or the culture. "I could not live in a country and not know the language. It is much easier to live here if you can talk to your neighbor," Rainer said.

Sirice she didn't know the language, she decided to come to a school to learn it. "I wanted to improve my English, and I think it is best to learn from a school," Rainer said. She chose Scotus for two main reasons. "Scotus is a Catholic School, and Scotus has a very good name," Rainer said.

"I am really enjoying all of my classes here," Rainer said. The classes that she is taking are English, history, keyboarding, and reading. "My favorite class is history. America is a very interesting country, so it is interesting to learn about the history," Rainer

"I am really enjoying Scotus because everyone here is friendly and helpful," Rainer said. She feels that the teachers are also very helpful. "Whenever I have a question, the teachers will help me," Rainer said.

Although Anne enjoys Scotus, she says that there are many differences when comparing Scotus to schools in Germany. In Germany teachers, not students, move from one room to another. In high school, classes are from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. and then from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. They also don't have a rule of uniforms, and summer vacation is only four weeks long.

As well as differences in schools, Anne also says that there are many differences between the United States and Germany. One problem the United States has is pollution. "I am shocked about the pollution . In Germany everyone takes care of the trash," Rainer said. A good side to America are our roads and streets. "Here, there is more room on the streets," Rainer said.

Overall, Anne is enjoying living here. "This is a very interesting country. I do enjoy living here," Rainer said.

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Interns gain experience

Erin Trouba

Lift weights, go to school, practice after school, work after practice, homework after work, sleep after (or during) homework. This is the schedule of many high school students. Students at Columbus high have another option, to go to work before practice. It is called the work internship program.

Students are dismissed from school early in order to go to work. "I can get a few hours of work in before I have to go to practice." Columbus high senior Jill Buxton said. Whipping up cheese burgers at Burger King doesn't qualify. There are four programs to choose from: marketing education, office occupations, trades and industry occupations, and nurses aid internship program.

This program is offered to seniors only and students must meet the criteria. Students must take and pass the lower level courses that relates to the field of work they are involved in. Another requirement students must meet is taking a senior level course related to the program they are active in. Those students wishing to take part in the nurses aid program must take a course that leads to certification as a nurses aid by the state of Nebraska before they go out into a job station.

You might think that this is an easy way to get out of school early, but Columbus High principal Bob Dierman said, "Students who violate or break the rules of their contracts are removed from the internship with a failing grade."

"Students gain knowledge about finding a job, human relations with supervisors and coworkers, punctuality, dealing with customers, and skills necessary for their job." Dierman said.

"I am gaining first hand experience about my job. Not just about the important things, but about the minor details as well." Buxton said.

Experience and skills are gained by students who are involved in the program. "We have about 22%-30% of our graduating class entering the work force and the programs provide them with the experience and the entry level skills they need to find jobs in the Columbus area." Dierman said.

"I want to go into business after graduation and the office occupations program is giving me the office experience I need to move up in the business world." Buxton said.

Seating arrangements don't sit well

Theresa Wemhoff

Adams, Bundy, Casper, Dundy, and Granger. Alphabetical order again, this seems to be the limit of creativity that possesses some of the Scotus teachers.

From the moment we enter the seventh grade until the day we graduate students of Scotus are told where to sit.

Not only are students told where to sit in class, but in the cafeteria as well.

"I feel stupid, like a little kid because that what we did in elementary school," said sophomore Jamie Jarecki.

Some students may not mind being to the second and third tables in the back row on the left side of the cafeteria, but senior Matt Wieser disagrees.

"We would randomly pick tables depending on our mood. Enforce it on those who need it, like the under classman, let the seniors and maybe the juniors sit where they want."

There are obvious reason for seating arrangements.

They are used to control the mature individuals that sit in the back of class and make rude sounds with their armpits.

They assist substitutes as well.

"As a substitute it's really hard to manage the kids without a seating arrangement," substitute teacher Marilyn Gangel said. "Kids like to switch seats on a substitute. That's a favorite game... I'd much rather have their names."

Jamie Jarecki and Matt Wieser both agree that seating arrangements aren't always necessary.

"I get better grades if I sit by my friends because I can ask them for help and they won't make fun of the questions I ask," Jarecki said. "I didn't have any [classes] that you got to choose your own seat," Jarecki said.

As a senior, Matt Wieser only had assigned seats in two classes excluding Study Hall.

"It doesn't make much difference because most people know each other well enough to talk to who they're sitting by anyway," he said.

Some studies have shown that where students sit in class will affect their grade.

"When you're in the back you sometimes don't pay attention, but in the front you're always alert," Jarecki said.

"I don't think it affects your grade. I sit in the back whenever possible and I still get good grades," Wieser said.

Students were not surprised when they came to school this year only to find Mr. Lahm still loves alphabetical order. Maybe next year A's and F's can switch sides. Fr. Wayne may allow you to choose your own seat, but leaving the from row empty is a "mortal" sin.

"I get better grades if I sit by my friends because I can ask them for help and they won't make fun of the questions I ask."

- Jamie Jarecki, 10

Generation gap affects students

Laura Kosch

Vintage. For some, old clothes or maybe their car comes to mind. To others, it can only be describing the two people who have had the most influence on their lives thus far- PARENTS! Commonly referred to as the 'rents or Old Man and Lady, parents are suppose to set good examples and provide us with guidance that will help up "lead better lives than they did."

Because our parents are a good twenty or so years older than us, there are bound to be some misunderstandings due to what is often called the "generation gap"

Junior JoDe Cieloha says she hates it when "you tell your parents something, and then they hear it from someone else and get mad at you because they don't remember you ever telling them." Hang in there, JoDe- hearings one of the first things to go.

Sophomore Mindi Almquist points out that her parents ask too many questions. I'm sure the female population of Scotus will stand behind you on that.

Chris Rickert doesn't like being compared to other siblings in his family.

Chris Goettsche complains he has no privacy.

Rickert and Goettsche, both seniors, agree that it's very annoying when their parents know they are in a hurry and yet keep delaying them.

Though the list goes on and on, my journalistic conscience won't let me sleep until I tell you what some parents had to say about US.

Mrs. Rickert is "annoyed by Chris' assumption that we always know where he is at- at all times. We really don't know because he's not told us and then uses the excuse that no one was around (he could use written messages). It's o.k., Chris. Those darn little post-it-notes always lose their stick.

Mr. Almquist doesn't like Mindy's sudden change of emotions," while her mother doesn't like her "blowing up at family members." Family members? Mindy, do you have some brothers and sisters we don't know about?

When the kids of the 90's were asked what was one thing they couldn't live without, their answers weren't surprising.

Goettsche replied money; Almquist, her phone; Rickert, T.V. and car; and Cieloha, Taco John's.

As for the parents, Mr. Almquist responded "my 1948 Ford." Mrs. Rickert can't live without her microwave and Mrs. Almquist appreciated transportation to the latest happenings.

Out of the four teenagers I interviewed, two claimed our parents had it easier growing up while the other two said we had it easier.

Goettsche voted for himself in having an easier life than his parents because, "I have a more dominating personality than them. 90's kids rule."

On the other hand, Rickert points out that kids today have so many more problems and things to deal with than people of previous generations.

Another common complaint of both teenagers and parents is music. Surprisingly, no teenagers had a problem listening to "oldies" music. And only two adults had something to say about ours.

Mrs. Rickert says the words and sentences are very hard to understand and there are too many songs about sex and violence in music today. Goettsche's parents "don't like that loud, thrashing, headbanging rhythm."

I also asked the teenagers to define "old" for me. Almquist says you're not old until you're 50. Rickert argues it's 60. Cieloha claims you're old when you quit asking your parents for money. Goettsche simply replied "my parents."

Now that we know what old is, let's see how the parents defined "young."

"Under twenty," Mr. Almquist says. His wife on the other hand feels it's under eighteen.

It's evident teenagers and parents are always going to have some things their not going to agree on. And since the gap is not going to narrow any, it's important that we learn to communicate better.

Mr. Almquist admits he needs to do less preaching and more listening. Mrs. Almquist says she needs to practice more patience and improve the environment for communication.

Chris Goettsche feels communication can be improved if parents "talked once in awhile instead of everyday."

Almquist would like it if "you could tell them things and not get in trouble."

Pep rally starts up excitement

Matt Moseman

You get hauled away from your fourth period class before activity period to go that chaotic, fun, mass of noise which has been around since the beginning of time, well maybe not that long. But without a doubt, pep rallies have definitely been here for a very long time.

It has always been the norm that before a big game, or at the beginning of the sports season that the entire school, junior high and senior high alike, goes down into the new gym and watches the cheer leading squad have their fun and introduce, or humiliate the sports teams.

Seventh graders were looking forward to their first pep rally before it started. But did the seventh graders have any idea as to why we have the pep rallies?

"They get us psyched up for the game," said seventh grader Evan Trofholz.

"It was well organized and enthusiastic," said head football coach Jim Puetz. "It represented all of the fall teams which is good for school spirit."

However, there has been some questions as to whether or not they pay enough attention to the other sports besides football and volleyball. Many students, who were reluctant to go on record, felt that there is more emphasis on football and volleyball.

Mrs. Jeanne Kiser felt otherwise about this year's first pep rally. She did agree that more emphasis was put on football and volleyball in the past but felt that this was different. "They started out on the right foot," she said.

But there has been talk about pep rallies for the extra-curricular activities such as Speech Teem, Mock Trial, and other such activities.

"I think that it would be cool," said sophomore and new Speech Team member Linsi Peterson.

"It's something that the Student Council is working on," said Principal Bob Kobza. "It's more to recognize students for good things that they've done in everything."

So far, such things may still be up in the air, but one thing is for certain, we'll be having a lot more pep rallies in the future.

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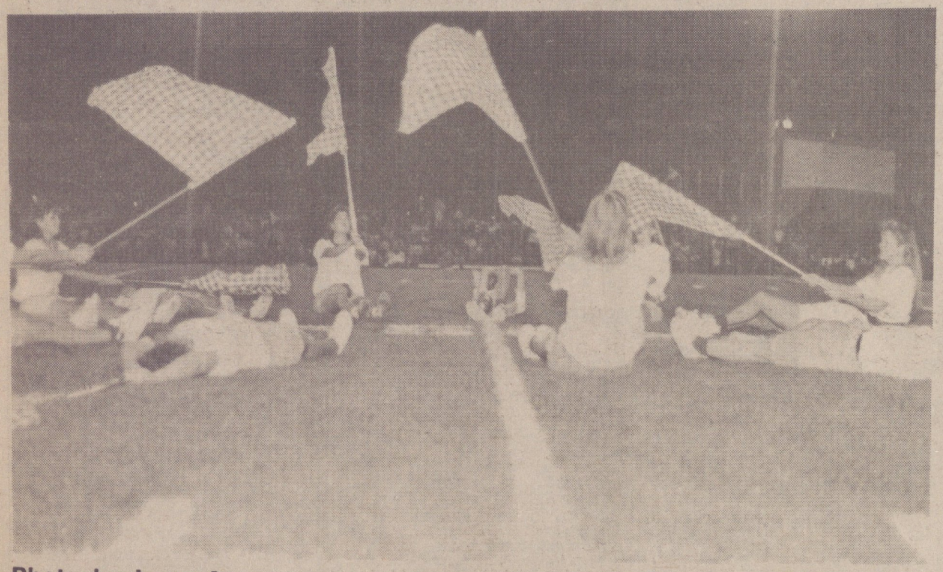
Football players show what is on their minds at the pep rally.



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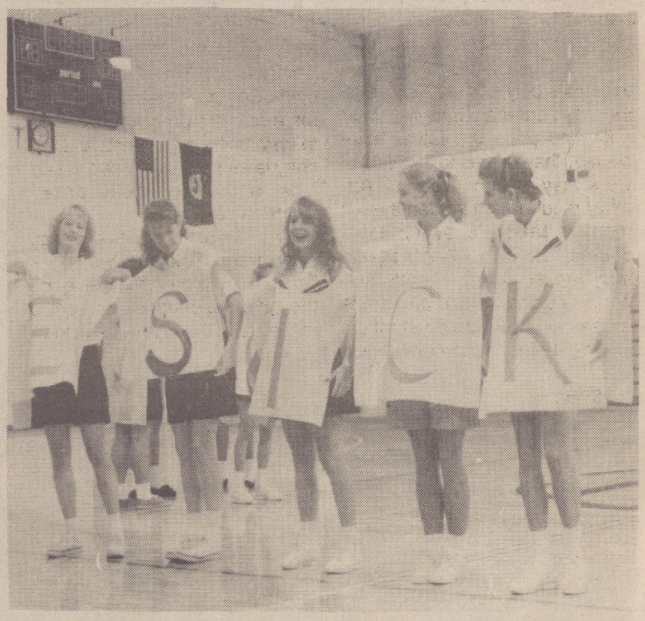
The Flag Corps performs to "Mountain Music" during the Lakeview football game.



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The senior volleyball players show their creativity during the pep rally.

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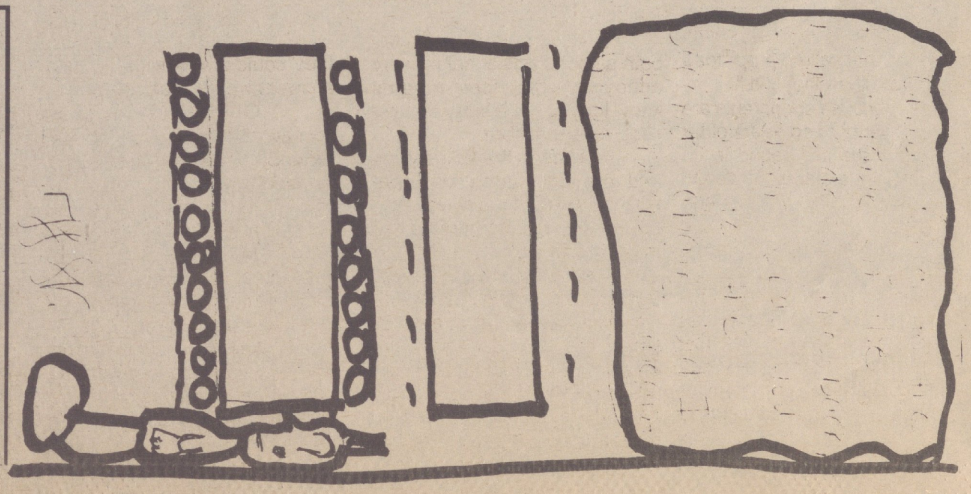

Cars cause catastrophes

Theresa Wemhoff

CRASH! Was that my car? Is my car making that eerie sound? Where's that smoke coming from? Are those cherries for us?

At one time or another we all experience those breath taking moments when we are positive our car is finally going to explode.

Perhaps the gas gage is so far past empty it's almost back to full.

Maybe it was that one time you let your little brother take the car for five minutes and he didn't come home until five minutes after your parents did.

Those that can't drive have not yet come to understand why student drivers put a dollar of gas in at a time. Well, this year it may be because parking in the teachers parking space can become rather expensive.

As a senior, I'd like to know if students are charged for parking in the senior parking space and if not then why?

Is it because teachers are taken more seriously and are of higher priority at Scotus?

Do teachers really need those parking spaces? I for one, have never seen a teacher running through the hall with their coat still on and car keys in hand dashing off to first period!

Parking isn't the only reason students buy gas by the gallon. What is the world record for speeding tickets anyway? Ask Christi Wachal. Rumor has it she broke it the second week she had her license.

We may laugh at those parking tickets and the cop that let us off the hook when we were traveling 30 miles per hour over the speed limit, but hitting the students in the pocket seems to work.

Has anyone seen Jill Kruse park in Nicole Sand's reserved parking space lately?

After his last ticket my brother won't go over 30 in a 55 speed zone.

Perhaps ticketing students for tardies is the next step.

Car accidents are another major problem. Ask Chris Goettsche what it's like to take a breath test at 3:30 in the afternoon as a result of your second accident in two days. I hope his parents are still paying his insurance.

Is there really such a thing as a safe driver? And is a slow driver necessarily safe driver?

To answer this question consider all those aged drivers that cause about five wrecks and ten close calls a day because they drive just a little to slow while going through the intersection on yellow.

If you're trying to avoid an accident, take a little advice. Never drive near the ditches if Kim Codling is driving toward you. She has a soft spot for them and one of two totalled cars to prove it.

The next time your considering suicide because you can't find your newspaper article, your religion journal isn't done or you've just wrecked your parents new car, walking in front of Chris Goettsche while he's driving is always an option.

Car problems, ranging from running over that old lady last Friday all the way to finding a parking place on Monday when they have her funeral are often on the minds of students.

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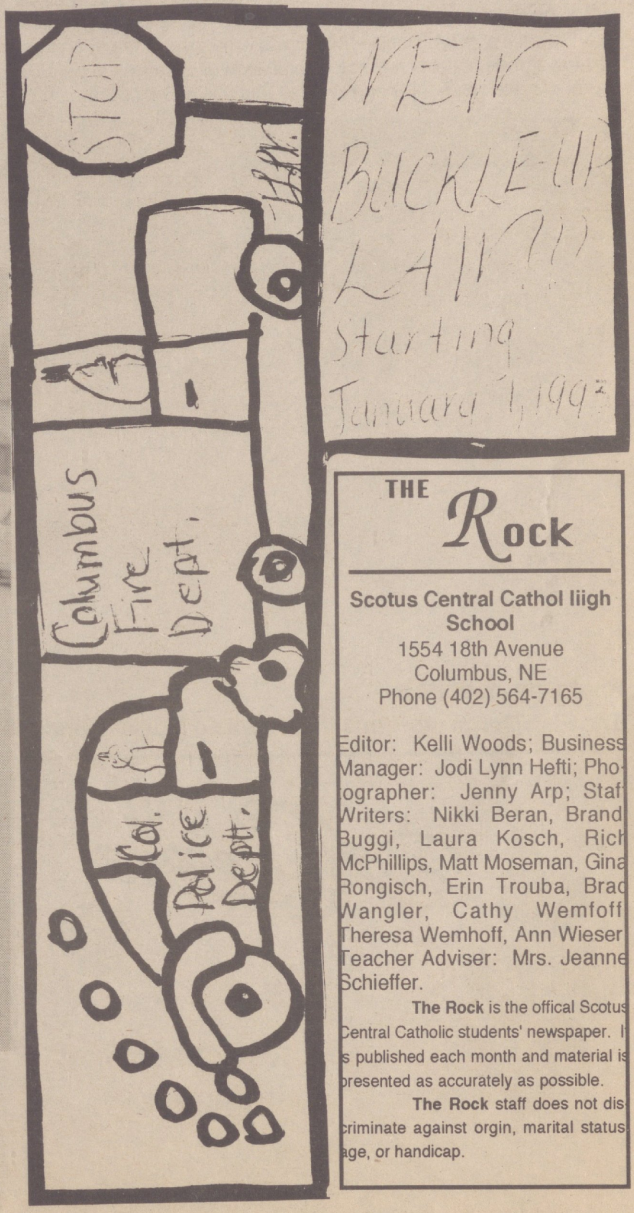

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Juniors Heidi Staroscik and Kathy Hegemann carpool after school.

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Sharing cars cause problems

Erin Trouba

"Are you going this weekend?"

"Yes. Are you ?"

"Yes. Should we take your car or mine?"

This is a familiar conversation circulating throughout the halls on Friday afternoons. Those people with cars are making arrangements on who is going to drive, while those not yet sixteen are deciding whose parents' turn it is to drive.

Most high school students have their own cars. Either their parents buy them or they work to make their own car payments. Junior Tiffany Bock said, "If parents aren't going to pay for the car, they should at least help." Junior Jeff Herdzina agreed, "The students should pay half and the parents pay half."

Students fortunate enough to have their own cars say that it gives them a sense of freedom. "I can go where I want when I want," Bock said. Junior JoDe Cieloha agreed, "It's especially good after practice. I don't have to wait to call for a ride."

There are students who have to share a car. Senior Jesse Kosch said, "It really doesn't bother me." Junior Laura Kosch has a different opinion. "I never know if I can drive and waiting until the last minute to find a vehicle is a pain." The Koschs do agree that having more drivers than vehicles is difficult.

The students who don't have a vehicle feel that they are at the worst disadvantage. "I have to get rides from other people and I don't have as much freedom," Herdzina said. Senior Heidi Krings said, "It's a pain making arrangements to use my mom's car, especially when we both need it."

Most students, those with and without cars, agree that driving makes you more responsible. "You have to worry about getting into a wreck and following the laws, which is sometimes difficult." Bock said. "You have to worry about others as well as yourself," Junior Chad Zach said.

So while some are hitting the streets this weekend, others will be taking Happy Cab home from the movies.

Photo by Jenny Arp

Eighth grader Matt Walters discusses a time to be picked up after practice.

Photo by Jenny Arp

Due to parking problems, such as full parking lots and funerals, students are forced to park blocks away from school.

Smoke shows age

Brandi Buggi

Stopped at a red light, I notice the white smoke coming from under my hood. Fortunately, I'm near a gas station and slowly roll into it praying that it doesn't stop in the middle of the street. As they fix it, I remember telling my dad earlier in the week that it squeaked a lot when I turned, and I thought something was wrong.

"Oh, it's just getting old," he said. This was his typical reply. It always seemed to make sense, too, since it is a 1975 Buick Regal. Being around for seventeen years, it eventually has to get old.

My car, if you haven't seen it already, is a huge maroon thing that gets me where I want to go most of the time. It definately has no beauty to it and has been the butt of many jokes around my household for the past two years. In fact, my brothers and sister call it the red submarine.

I can put up with the squeaks, the creaks, and even the AM radio , but I get very frustrated when it breaks down in the middle of town, and I'm stranded. Unfortunately, this isn't the first time it has happened either. Coming home from work one evening, I had to carefully guide it off 33rd Avenue after the power steering had gone out. I then had to run to a nearby gas station and call my dad for help.

My dad fixed it that time, and he even decided to put in new upholstry. He has put in more money than the car is even worth.

As I watch the mechanic cut a hose and smell the awful stench of radiator fluid, a smile crosses my face.

I finally arrive home safely, and find that my dad isn't home. I did, however, leave him a little note

Dear dad,

I'm serious when I say I need a new car.

Student parking costs money

Brad Wangler

It's two minutes untill the tardy bell rings, and you're still looking for a parking spot. In the rush you park on the east side, and this allows you to make it to your first period class. You think everything is going to be all right. Then at the end of the day, when you're about to leave, you find a parking ticket on your window.

Parking tickets are one of the new rules we have here at school this year. They are for student's who park in the teachers' row and for underclassmen who park in the seniors' row. If you break either of these rules you get a $2.00 fine for the first offense. For every additional offenses it will be $5.00. This is going to be tried instead of the old punishment of a detention. It should work better because it seems you get people's attention a little bit easier when you hit them in theold pocketbook.

If this doesn't work we may have to go to a harder penalty, or maybe we will have to go back to physically moving the cars.

Cough drops pass test

Brandi Buggi

Coughing, wheezing, sniffling, sneezing. Sound like a T.V. commercial? It also is the sounds at school the last couple of weeks. As cooler weather approaches, so does the chances of catching a cold, the flu, mono, or strep. Along with the sounds comes the strong aroma of different cough drops.

Having a bad cold, I found it an ideal time to try the effectiveness of different cough drops. My first trial was of Vicks cough drops. This was because my mom has shoved them down my throat everytime I've had a cold since I was really little. Vicks work quite well except for the fact that they blow your sinuses out. They are very strong, but they come in a variety of flavors. They could also be conveniently stored because they came individually wrapped.

My next cough drops were N'ice. I liked the cherry flavor, but they weren't very effective. They worked a little bit but didn't help my hacking cough. I wouldn't recommend these for a severe sore throat or bad cough.

My favorite was Chloraseptic cough drops. They have a good cherry flavor and numbed my throat. Its only downfall was that it came in a boring box and was hard to store because of the bulky box.

As the cold season quickly nears, take precautions to avoid colds. However, if you receive one, try different cough drops and choose the one you like best. Who knows! Maybe it will be the one I chose. Just don't let your mom go shoving things down your throat.

Students react to schedule

by *Brandi Buggi*

As we adjust to waking up to alarm clocks and staying at school until 6-6:30p.m. for practice, we are also adjusting to the longer school days. The school days this year last from 8:04a.m.-3:35p.m.

"I was disappointed when I found out about the longer days because I thought last year was long enough and now since it's longer it's going to be even worse," said sophomore Lisa Wemhoff.

" I thought it was a joke," sophomore Brian Wessel said. The change of time was announced to the students on orientation day and was also published in the Columbus Telegram.

Although she was frustrated with the new schedule Wemhoff believed it would reduce the excessive tardies the school had experienced last year.

"Tardies didn't matter in T.A. because it wasn't a class, and you wouldn't have to make up work."

Both students felt it would be beneficial if a student council representative was able to sit in on meetings where they decide things such as the time schedule.

"The students know how we feel," said Wessel.

"We might be able to tolerate it more, and it might help the way we act in school," Wemhoff said.

Many questions have risen as to what we will do with the extra time if we don't use it for snow days or the heat schdule.

"I hope we get all of the time at the end of the year because it makes the summer longer," said Wessel.

Although there are many different opinions and reactions to the time schedule, one thing is for certain, we will all need to adjust to fit this new time schedule.

The Mystery Photo is Back!!

Back by popular demand, the mystery photo has returned for another year. The same rules apply. Turn in your guess of where and what the photo is to Mrs. Schieffer by Thursday, October 1. The person with the correct guess chosen will be given a $5.00 gift certificate to a business of his/her choice.

Movie is *Paradise*

Gina Rongisch

After the exciting Scotus-Lakeview Football game and tape dance, Saturday was off to a boring start. I decided to rent a video and be a couch potato. My choice was Paradise with Melanie Griffith and Don Johnson.

The movie gets it's name from the town where most of the story takes place. Johnson and Griffith star as a married couple who are having trouble overcoming the death of their three year old son. Lilly, the wife, agrees to take care of a friends ten year old son, Willard. While Willard is staying with them he enjoys the friendship of a little neighbor girl who is always getting into trouble. The couple, with the help of Willard's child-like honesty is able in the end to resolve their problems and get their marriage back on track.

I really like this movie, the acting is great. The scene's with the two kids are hilarious, but realistic. There is a lot of emotion in this movie, and it keeps you waiting for the next scene to unfold. I highly recommend Paradise to anyone who likes a good comedy-drama.

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New theater premieres

Ann Christine Wieser

Sister Act is here for another week! This is often heard by Columbus movie goers. There is one movie theater downtown that features two movies, but many times we are frustrated to see that the same movies are held over week after week. "I go to movies about twice a month," sophomore Linsi Peterson, "but I don't think our movie theater has a good variety of movies."

We might have a solution to the problem though, a new four-plex movie theater is scheduled to be built in the U. S. 30 mall by mid December "Things are going as planned," manager Joe Rohloff said, " The walls and cement floor have all been gutted out, and they are digging the dirt for the slope in the floor. Some of the framework has also been put up."

"The new movie theater will have brand new seats and a snack bar that will be about twice as big as the one now," Rohloff said, "but the prices for concessions and tickets are still questionable."

"I don't think concessions should be so high priced," Peterson said. Price is a big factor to everyone, but especially teenagers. It is hard to go out on weekends without spending money. "I think I will go to more movies after the new movie theater is built because there will be more movies to see and a better variety because they will have more movies playing," Peterson said.

"Plans for the old movie theater are still under negotiation," Rohloff said, "It's too early to tell what's going to happen." We are excited to see the new movie theater come to Columbus, but the old theater is a part of our community's history.

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Spotlight on Music

Matt Moseman

The city of Seattle, Washington has been noted for many things: the Space Needle, aircraft production companies, and now music.

The Seattle music scene has been alive for many years, but only now is it becoming truly recognized. Its influence has affected many musicians and not necessarily those who live in Seattle. A prime example of this is bassist Duff McKagan of Guns N' Roses.

Most, if not all, of the Seattle bands prefer the alternative rock edge and many take on social issues, such as those reflected in the song *Jeremy* by Pearl Jam a song about teen suicide.

One band though Queensryche, has taken a more political edge to its music which can be heard on their breakthrough album, *Empire*.

But who are the Seattle bands and what is it that defines their sound or style of playing. First, there are many Seattle bands, some of which have record deals, but they don't have enough hype around them. The only times you can usually hear or see them is on Headbanger's Ball on Saturday nights. Thanks to the media and movie world, many Seattle bands are getting exposure on the new *Singles* motion picture soundtrack.

The tape features only Seattle bands, including the now defunct Mother Love Bone, a band which was made up of members from both Pearl Jam and Soundgarden back in the 1980s.

When people are asked why they listen to Seattle bands, it always comes back to the sound.

"I like the slow beat that's in their songs," said sophomore Derek Bonk about Soundgarden and Pearl Jam's music.

There has been no question to the fact that music listeners like Soundgarden and Pearl Jam, yet judging from several surveys put out by *The Rock* to selected students about Seattle music, Nirvana is definitely one of the most popular Seattle bands. Their ultra-alternative style has put them at the top of the Billboard charts and kept them there ever since their hit single *Smells Like Teen Spirit* appeared on the charts nearly a year ago. Their unusual lyrics and seemingly drunken playing style has made them one of music's most charismatic bands today.

Just like Los Angles' before it, Seattle's music scene will grow to full recognition and more upstarting bands will go there to be discovered.

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Students deserve warning

Rock Opinion

Finally the bell has rung and you can go to your locker and grab that candy bar before you have to run off to practice or your job. It may not sound like much, but when you're not going to eat for another three or four hours, it's enough to get you through until dinner. You open your locker and reach for-hey! Somebody took your candy bar.

If you made this discovery you are not alone. The administration searched most lockers and cleared them of any food found.

The administration was not totally wrong in their action as the handbook states: "Food and soft drinks are not allowed other than in the cafeteria, TA, or special class situations."

If the food was intended for between class snacks the administration has the right to remove it, but what if the food was for a class, afterschool, or for eating on the bus on the way to a competition?

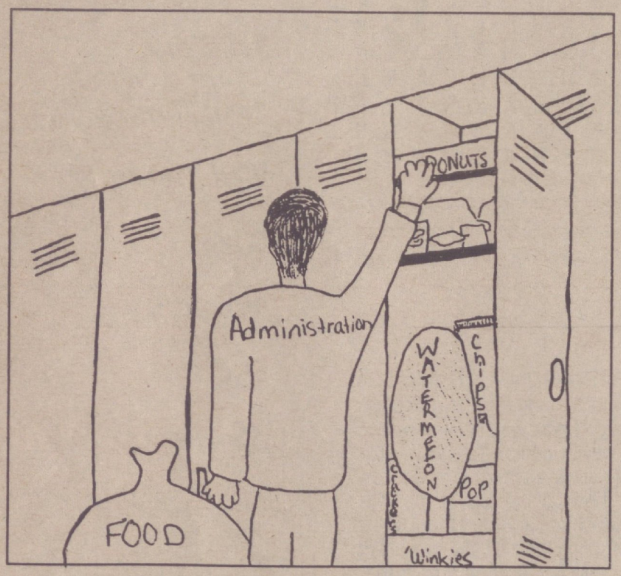
They could not possibly have known what the intended purpose was behind all the food that was removed. Since the handbook policy had not been strongly enforced up to this point the administration should have given students a warning to remove the food from their lockers. By taking the food without warning some students may have lost the food they had intended to eat for dinner. For example, cross country members that bring lunch to eat with the team and keep it in their lockers may have had their food taken.

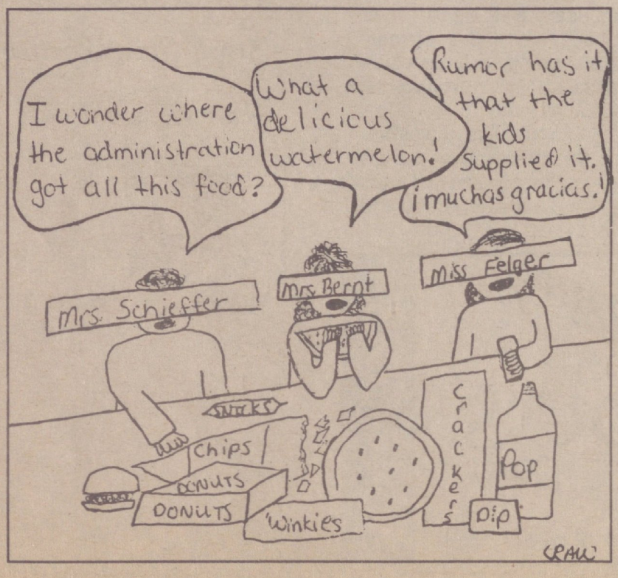
If students had been notified of a search and not cleared their lockers, then the administration could have stepped in.

If the administration just took the food and threw it in a trash can they contradicted what they try and teach us. They tell us not to waste food in the lunchroom and in religion we learn the importance of being grateful for what we have when so many others have nothing. The administration should have allowed the students to reclaim their food and used this action to serve as a warning.

In the future all students should be told when their locker is going to be searched. If a student is informed-yet still has food- it should be taken, but the food should either be given to someone who could use it or given back to the student after a fine is paid. Under no circumstances should any edible food be discarded.

Enforcing this policy from the start may have stopped the problem of keeping food in the lockers. The administration must realize there are times a student will need to bring food for a class or for afterschool and set up some kind of agreement on where this food is to be kept if it cannot be placed in the lockers. If policies are made and enforced and students are informed of them in a reasonable amount of time, there should be no need to remove or waste any food.





Abortion hurts country

Nikki Beran

More than one million children are killed each year because of abortion. When I think of all the lives that are being lost, I wonder what these children would have been like. Would these children have grown up to be scientists, doctors, leaders of the world, or even your or my close friends?

Some people might say that we can't fit these people into our world because of "overpopulation". Others are saying that we need to control our birth rate. After carefully researching this subject, I have found that "overpopulation" is all a myth. The fact is actually a low birth rate and an aging population.

Now the government is also allowing us to kill the elderly and aging, or the people who are a "burden" to us. This is called euthanasia, and it is a big problem in our country. By legalizing all of these killing laws, the government is endangering our country.

All of this has really scared me, so I have decided to do something about it. There are many things that teenagers and adults can do to stop abortion, and abortion related activities. I have attended a National Teens for Life Convention in Washington D.C., where I had the opportunity to lobby our congressmen. Writing letters to our government leaders can have a powerful impact on their decisions. I am also Vice-President of Nebraska Teens for Life. Every teenager can become a member of a Teens for Life group, while every adult can become involved in a local Right to Life group. You can also support pro-life candidates. If a candidate does not respect life, how can you trust them? Prayer also has a very powerful effect. We need to pray for these innocent lives. You can also participate in pro-life activities, such as the Life Chain on October 4th.

There are many things you can do to help protect all born and unborn lives, but the main point is that you have to do something. I believe that someday God will look at you and say not, "Did you succeed?", but "Did you try?"

When people's lives are lost in war, it seems as if the whole country mourns for these victims and their families. Out of the Revolutionary War, the Civil War, World War I, World War II, the Korean War, and Vietnam, close to 1,160,581 lives were lost. This seems like many lives, but compare it to the number of over 28 million lives that have been lost since1973 in the war on the unborn.

Sadly, many people do not stop to mourn for these innocent victims. Instead , they push harder for more laws, keeping it legal to kill them.

Everyone who was born after January 22, 1973, the day abortion was legalized in the United States, is a survivor of the worst war America is involved in, the Abortion Holocaust.

Bush regains support

Rich McPhillips

The year of the presidential elections has been one of variety and confusion, as you all know. Many candidates have contested for the prestigious, but burdensome position. Yet, after a demanding primary season, the selection was narrowed to three main candidates: Bush, Clinton and Perot. And, after Perot dropped out the selection narrowed to two. In this dual Clinton seemed to have the advantage, but after he has been exposed more and more to the nation, he lost his popularity. The American people may be finally realizing that George Bush is the right selection.

Apparently Clinton's popularity has been sinking because his so called moderate image has been proved to be false. His wife, Hillary, and his running mate, Al Gore, have both contributed to this. Hillary has supported and is apart of the millitant feminist movement. Besides being an environmental extremist, Al Gore has proven his liberalism by voting for every spending bill that has been proposed in the Senate.

Bush's image on the other hand is full of truth. His conservative position is what he has always shown and it is what the American people need and want. His family values and positive view of America has helped define this.

This coming election will hopefully show that the Americans are very smart. Once they step into the voting booths, they will come to their senses and realize that they need someone they can trust nd the record that Bill Clinton carries with him could be the factor that causes voters to shift their support to the Bush campaign.

Scotus plows Lakeview - again!

Brandi Buggi

The smell of burgers is in the air. The spectators slowly fill Pawnee Park's football stadium. Football season is in full swing. However, this isn't any football game. It is the Scotus/ Lakeview football game.

"I feel this will be a tight game because we are cross town rivals,"said junior Jamie Jazwick before the game. "There has always been good competition in years past."

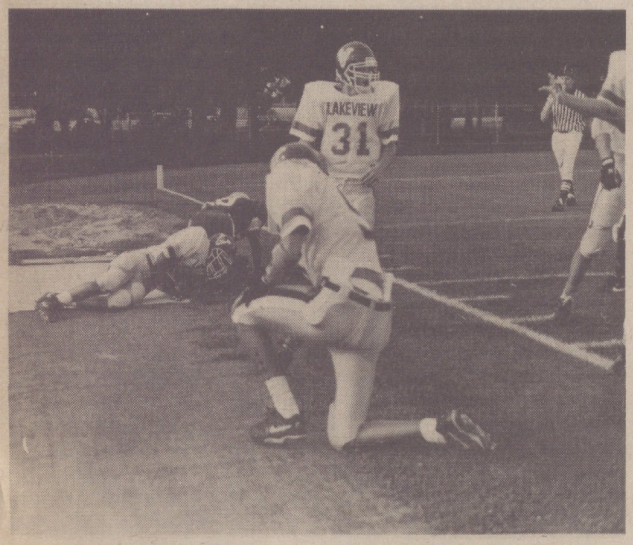
"We use sacred techniques [to prepare for the game]," said junior Gary Rief. These techniques seemed to work.

Scotus jumped to a lead early in the first quarter and never looked back. Not only was our running game powerful, but our air attack was also effective. While senior Jesse Kosch ran for four touchdowns, quarterback Jeremy Bonczynski found John Hain in the end zone with a 38-yard pass. Junior Gary Rief also added a 88-yard run in the fourth quarter on the way to a 51-0 victory.

"I was very happy and surprised," said junior Ryan Medinger of the win.

"I was glad we won by that much because everyone got to play, and it showed who the better team was," said Jazwick.

Some were glad we won by so much and some wish that it would have been a little closer. However, both Medinger and Rief agreed, "We were just happy we won."



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Senior Jesse Kosch gets tackled by a Lakeview defender as two others watch.

Academics vs. athletics

Theresa Whemoff

There is a lot of controversy as to whether or not too much emphasis is put on sports where highschool students are concerned.

Many teachers, parents, and even students will agree that academics takes the back burner even at Scotus.

How true is this statement? There may never be an answer and good points are made from both sides.

The situation at Scotus is different then it may be in larger suburban schools, so I'll try to keep the issue in perspective.

There are obviously a lot of support for Scotus athletics.

The only question is parents and teachers say school is mor important than sports, but how often do teachers ask student athletes how their term paper went as compared to how their game went the night before.

Who gets more recognition the class brain or the class star?

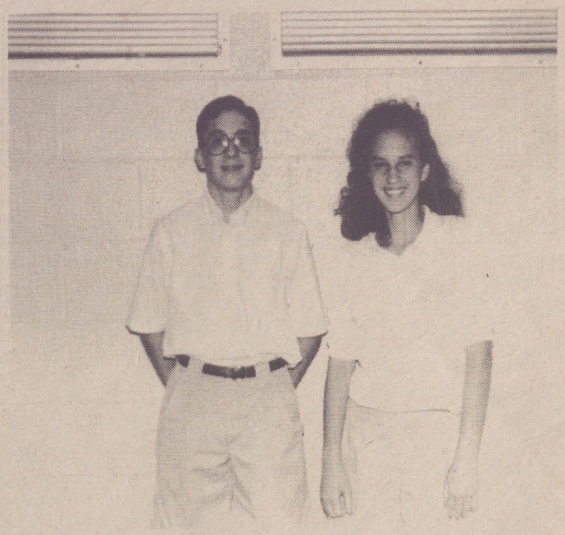
Parents are often guilty of the same thing. They may nag on their young athletes to do their homework everyday, but they often wait until the report card comes out to check out their progress.

These same parents will show up every single game and commend them on their improvement.

In keeping the issue in perspective we must realize that Scotus doesn't have a problem with people graduating that can't read because teachers let them by so they could be in athletics.

At Scotus the class star is often in the top half of their class. The ineligibility list is taken seriously. Studies have even shown that students in athletics often receive better grades than those that aren't.

I don't know if that's true at Scotus, but I'm willing to bet it's true for the majority.



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Travis Kudron and Melissa Feldhaus show thier spirit as being the only freshmen on the cross country teams.

Freshman run for cross country

Gina Rongisch

This year's Cross Country Teams each include just one Freshman. Melissa Feldhaus is running for Scotus Girls Cross Country and Travis Kudron is on the Boys Cross Country team. Both decided to go out for CC for the same reason. The just like to run!

"It was tough, hot and I was nervous," Melissa said. Being the youngest member of the team is a challenge, you're made to sit in the back of the bus, carry the water bottles, and you're sure no one notices you. However, as the season has progressed, Melissa has gotten to know the upper classmen better and feels they have included her as well as respect her goals. She particularly admires Junior Erin Trouba for her outstanding performance on the Lutjelusche Course. "Now we get along real well, they talk and we go out. I'm included." Melissa said.

'" Yeah, going places and being with other teams, " Travis said, when asked if he enjoyed CC. Travis really admires all of his team mates, not only because they are good runners, they also make him feel part of the team. Travis also found the first few practices tough, but has stuck with it and does not feel any pressure about being the youngest team member. "We get along," Travis said.

All eyes will be watching these two runners in the future. With their enthusiasm we expect to see some great performances.

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Volleyball days end

Kelli Woods

Where you come first, you come out ahead. At the bank of Madison, the Bank of Madison.

With my dad at the wheel we would head out into the darkness and the early morning chill. Every morning, if we were on time, i'd hear that jingle on KLIR when we reached the second set of traffic lights. Those were the days of seventh and eighth grade volleyball.

Six-thirty a.m. practices, 4:30 afterschool games and a group of over twenty girls playing for fun in their PE uniforms.

Time went on and the numbers changed. Afterschool practices, 5:30 p.m. games and a little less than twenty girls, still playing their hearts out in freshman volleyball.

Soon it was two-a-days, 7:00 a.m. weights, after school practices, 6:30 p.m. games, and only a fraction of my classmates remained to play. This was the big time. JV volleyball.

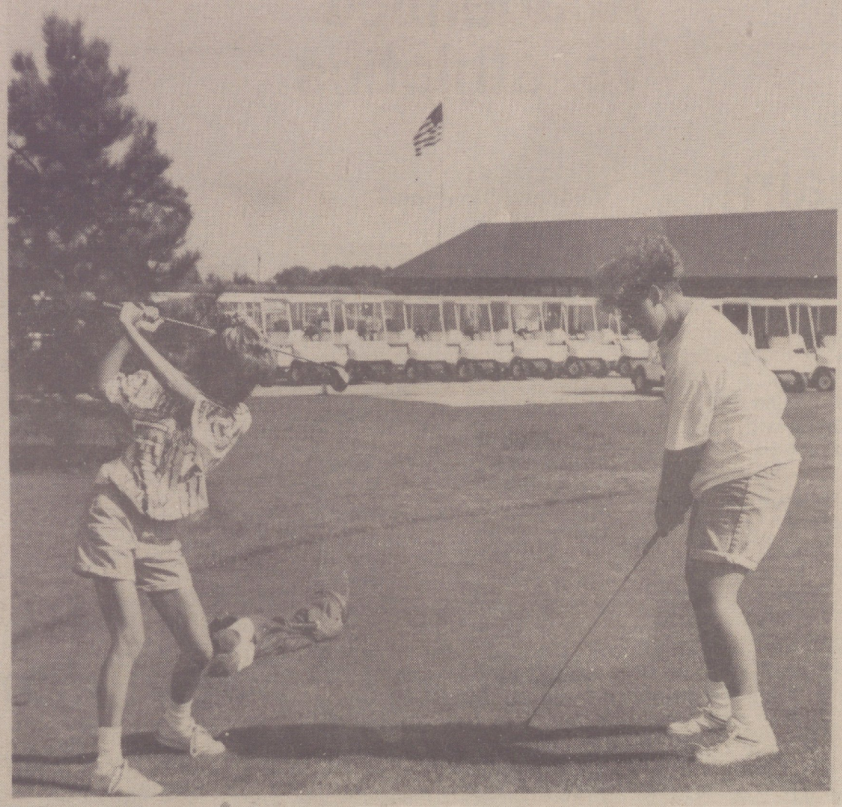
Practice was in the new gym now, just one court away from the varsity side of the gym.

Eight a.m. school, 3:35 dismissal, and Arby's from 7 to close. Maybe on another night I'll have Mock Trial practice at 6:30 or I'll stay at school to work on the paper until 8:00 p.m.

It's like I said, things change. For the first time in six years I'm not playing volleyball. I didn't quit, I just made a decision not to play. A decision that was best for me.

I never got to wear a varsity uniform or play in a varsity game. I'll never know what it feels like to play at home for the very last time as a senior, or what it would be like to do more than cheer from the stands during a state volleyball tournament.

As I watch the team play this year a little voice inside will still say all the things a volleyball player would," free, tip, cover and left-right-left, hit." And every once in a while I still hear that jingle and I know that I'll always be a volleyball player at heart.



Seniors Amy Tubbs and Susan Riley practice their golf swing at Quail Run golf course.

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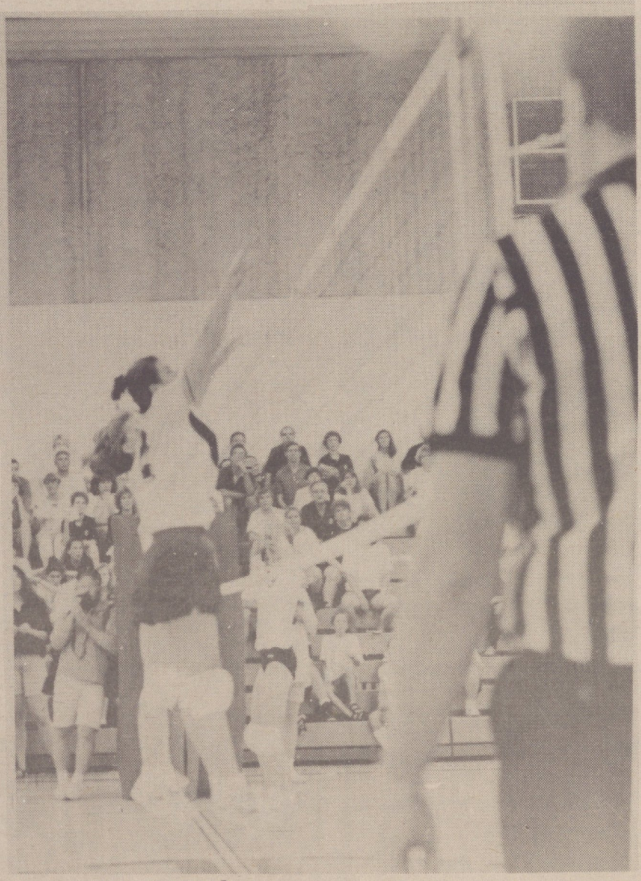

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Juniors JoDe Cieloha and Renee' Fuhr go up for a block during the Columbus High volleyball game.

Volunteers remodel

Cathy Wemhoff

The scent of change is in the air in more ways than one. There are many changes going on in the school these days, one of which is a very welcome and needed addition to the girls' locker room.

"The major reason for the new locker room was that some of the sophmore P.E. girls and all the varsity sport girls would have had to go without lockers," Coach Janet Tooley said. There will be 55 to 65 additional lockers for the girls. One of the drawbacks is that they won't be connected to the current girls' locker room but rather across the hall in the coaches' locker room. Because of the change, a storage space in the varsity boys' locker room had to be cleaned out to make a new coaches' locker room.

The new girls' locker room will be used as the visitor's locker room during home volleball and basketball games. "We are waiting on some parts, but after they show up it should only take a week or so to finish," volunteer design and constructionist Bill Kosch said.

"We extend a big thank you to Bill Kosch and everyone who offered any help in this project," Tooley said. "It's people like these guys who make a difference in our school. They're willing to give time after long days at work, and their sacrafice is deeply appreciated," Tooley said.

The volunteers who helped in cleaning up the coaches' locker room for the girls were Jerry Liss, Terry Hash, Jim Naughtin, Vern Younger, Randy Hinze, Gary Ewers, Paul Jazwick, Tom Buelt, Dan Kuhlen, Rick Grubaugh, Bernie Sliva, Pat Sacket, Jill Kosch, Becky Kosch, Jeff Kosch, Bill Kosch and John Petersen.

"There's been a change in command, and he's willing to work with us," Kosch said.

Along with this change, there are others such as a sprinkler system being installed on the east side of the school, plans for more parking north of the school, enlarging the weightroom, converting some space into office area, and an overall upgrading of the school. Plans also include additional work to be done on the current girls' locker room and possibly the boys' locker room this next summer.

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Johnson shoots again

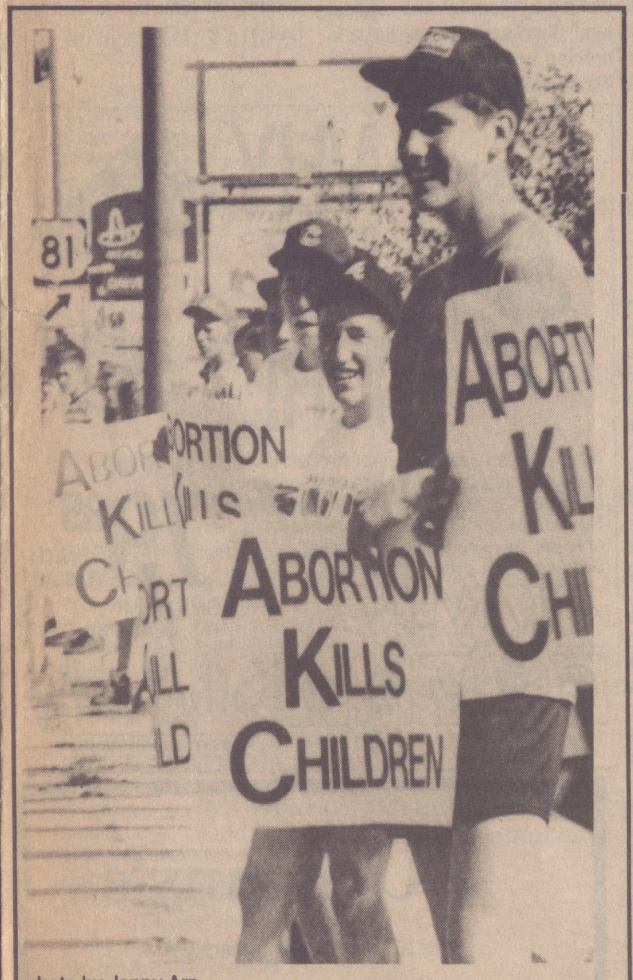
by Erin Trouba

What do Ross Perot and Magic Johnson have in common? They are both making a surprising comeback. Although many people thought that Magic Johnson would never play basketball again, he will. On November 7, 1991, Earvin "Magic" Johnson announced that he tested HIV positive and would retire from the NBA.

Questions came about as to Johnson's ability to play in the 1992 summer Olympic games in Barcelona. The Lakers physician, Dr. Michael Mellmen, recommended that Johnson not play in the Olympics or play professional basketball because of the level of physical activity. But prior to the Olympics, Johnson said he was focused on the gold medal.

Recently, Johnson said that if the Lakers would take him back, he would play. There have been speculations about Johnson's ability to play at the professional level. His doctors say he is in good physical condition right now and his health will be monitored closely. Johnson said he will play as long as he feels he can give 100%.

Johnson helped the Los Angeles Lakers to five NBA championships. He has played in ten all star games, received 3 MVP awards and helped the U.S. Men's basketball team the "Dream Team" to the gold medal in the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona.



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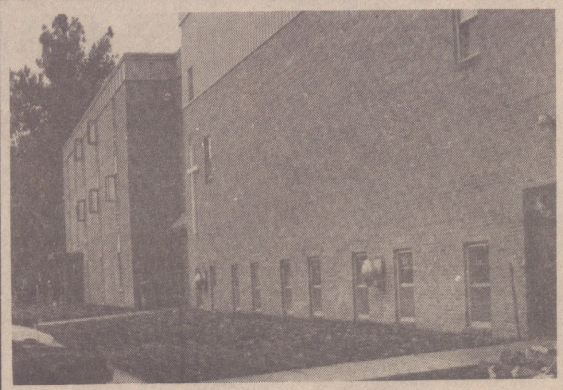
Pro-lifers Wayne Wemhoff, Todd Henggeler, Mark Beller, and Eric Beiermann (in the background) demonstrate at the Right to Life Chain on October 4, 1992

Let there be grass

by Erin Trouba

New grass and underground sprinklers are two new landscaping changes underway outside of school in recent times. Freshman Kellie Goettsche said, "I am aware that changes are being made." Senior Laura Liss agreed, to some extent. "I know something is happening, but I am not sure of what."

For all you who are unaware that anything has changed, the "grass" outside the Memorial Hall doors has been dug up in preparation for new sod. A trench has been dug on the north side of school for underground sprinklers. According to Terry Hash who has been working on the project, "We [the volunteers] are leveling off the ground around the school, laying new sod, and preparing the ground for an underground sprinkler system."



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The grass is greener on the east side of the school since new sod and an underground sprinkler system has been added.

Questions of payment have been brought up. Liss's speculation was, "The student body will probably have to sell something to pay for it." Hash said, "The work is, in large part, being funded by volunteers and contributions."

"I think that the school is tired of the grass looking shabby and worn down and decided to try and make the school look nicer." Liss said. "We decided to do something about the look of the school and fall is the best time to do so." Hash said. All agree that the changes will make the overall look of the school appear nicer and people will think more of the students.

Fr. models morals

by Nikki Beran

This year Scotus students and teachers will participate in many activities with the help of Fr. Wayne Pavela. Fr. Wayne has helped organize many projects and activities at Scotus. He helps Scotus students and teachers become involved with many projects.

One activity that Fr. Wayne helped organize at Scotus was the Life Chain. The Life Chain, which was on October 4, was a chain of people who came out to show their opposition to abortion. People held signs reading Abortion Kills Children, Adoption the Loving Option, and Jesus Forgives and Heals. Approximately 87 students and faculty from Scotus participated in the Life Chain.

"Whether we have 50 or 200 people participate from Scotus, it was a success", Fr. Wayne said. This is the second year Scotus has asked students and teachers to participate. "The fact that people took the time to show how they feel, proved this to be a success", Fr. Wayne said.

Fr. Wayne feels that this is an important event to participate in. "Life is given by God and is precious. We should be thankful that we are here", Fr. Wayne said. Overall Fr. Wayne feels that the Life Chain was a success. "It was a peaceful demonstration, and it turned out to be a success", Fr. Wayne said.

Another important event that Fr. Wayne was involved in was the Crop Walk. The Crop Walk, which was on October 11, is done to raise funds for those who are hungry. This year Fr. Wayne was the spokesperson of the Crop Walk. This included appearances on T.V. and on radio stations.

Fr. Wayne became involved in the Crop Walk in 1987. This year was his sixth year of participating in the Crop Walk. This year approximately 40 to 50 students participated in the Crop Walk. Fr. Wayne also feels that this is a very important event to participate in.

"We need to make people aware that there are people who don't get the nourishment they need each day, and are dying from it," Fr. Wayne said. He also feel that we should become aware of what's happening. "By participating, we witness by sharing what we have," Fr. Wayne said. Overall he felt that this was a very worthwhile experience. "Even though it took me a while to walk, people saw me. The Walk really puts our faith into practice," Fr. Wayne said.

Fr. Wayne is very involved and helps organize many projects and activities. As well as the Life Chain and the Crop Walk, Fr. Wayne is also busy with the Garden, Masses, Prayer Services, Retreats, and numerous other activities. Fr. Wayne is very dedicated to his work and activities. "The work never stops. There's always something to be done," Fr. Wayne said.

photo by Jenny Arp
Homecoming King Craig Rueschhoff and Queen Jill Kruse pose after receiving their crowns on Oct. 9.

Students are bored

by Cathy Wemhoff

Boredom may lead to insanity, whether it be on the weekend or during the week. Why on earth would a weekend be boring? "I hate it when there's nothing better to do but cruise," Junior Sean Schmeits said. "They're too short," Sophomore Ginger Janicek said. "They end. I hate going back to school it just messes me up," Sophomore Mike Blum said.

"Mondays are the most boring. I am tired from the weekend and I hate doing school work, which has proven to be the best cause for boredom," Senior Chris Goettsche said. "The worst day of the week is Sunday afternoon because your dreading Monday and you usually have nothing to do," Janicek said. "Monday, because your stuck in a routine for another five days," Blum said. "Thursday, because it's always the crappiest day of the week, there's nothing exciting happening and it's not Friday yet," Schmeits said.

According to the Nebraska Department of education Tuesday is the most productive day of the week. 53% of people surveyed said they got more done on Tuesday compared to 6% on Monday, 19% on Wednesday, 9% on Thursday, 2% on Friday, and 11% of the people weren't sure.

"Boredom is the state of being almost dead with little or no movement, but a lot of whining and complaining about how worthless life is and you usually won't shut up," Goettsche said. "Doing something that's tedious and just keeps dragging on. It's lost it's excitement and original fun," Blum said. "When there is nothing better to do but watch TV," Schmeits said.

"Best remedy would be to grab a nice big baseball bat, go over to the neighbor's house, go into his or her garage and begin to bash in the windows of his or her new red Lexus until he or she comes out from the house or until the cops come. No matter which comes first, the rest of your day will be filled with fun and educational experiences," Goettsche said. "My parents tell me to clean our the garage and wash the cars. After I finish mowing the lawn and prune the schrubs in the front, or their other personal favorite is to go play dead on the highway, preferably in the middle." Goettsche.

(As you can see Chris Goettsche has been bored often and therefore has a little sign of insanity in him: but is that so bad?)

Students want to dance

by Kelli Woods

The search for something do on the weekend has begun. Not being old enough to drive or to go to dances where is a seventh or eighth grader to go?

One answer is Junior High Fun Night. The first Fun Night was Friday September 25. For fifty cents and two cans of food for the Food Pantry junior high students could play volleyball, basketball, other contests and be eligible for drawings.

"I thought it would be more exciting and worth my time," eighth grader Crystal Foreman said.

"I had more fun than I thought I would," seventh grader Evan Trofholz said.

Although Fun Night is successful, junior High students feel there could be more offered for them.

"The eighth graders want a dance and usually talk the Fun Nights down to the seventh graders," junior high student council sponsor Miss Felger said.

"Fun Night hasn't changed since it started. It's always the same," eighth grade student council member Brett Swierczek said.

"We should have a dance because boy/girl parties aren't encouraged out of school," eighth grade student council member Nikki Thomas said. "Even a dance without slow dancing would be better than nothing," Thomas continued.

"We should be able to dance at Fun Night and listen to the tapes we like," seventh grader Bode Hill said.

Junior high students agreed they would attend future Fun Nights but also offered suggestions to make it more successful.

The last Fun Night ran from 7:00 to 8:30 and students were required to stay the whole time and could only leave with their parents or a note giving them permission to go with a friend's parent.

"I think it should run longer, from 7:00 to 10:30," Swierczek said.

"That way we'd have a half hour to get home before curfew," Hill said.

Other comments were that students be allowed to leave before it is over and also that it not be necessary for their own parents to pick them up.

"The time would be easier to change than changing it into a dance," Felger said.

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Students become entrepreneurs

by Brad Wangler

This semester as in any semester the economics class will be selling a product.

"We will be selling T-shirts with the top ten lies at Scotus," senior Keri Stopak said.

"The T-shirts will probably be between seven and ten dollars," senior Brandi Buggi said. The economics class sells a product every semester in hopes of better understanding the business world. In this business there are a president and a number of different vice presidents. This year the president is Andy Gonka and the vice presidents are Renee Furrer, Brandi Buggi, Kerri Stopak, and Chad Dohmen.

"In the business the students are responsible for the finding and the selling of the product," advisor Mr.Brockhaus said.

Besides the T-shirts the Economics class has looked into keychains, sunglasses, and caps.

Besides the business venture, the economics class will take part in MESE.

MESE is a competition that takes place every semester. In MESE there are teams of two students. Who compete on the computer and are trying to keep a company afloat. In the business simulation they have to put there money into such things as production, marketing, capital, and research and development.

This semester's competition will be in late November or early December, but Mr. Brackhaus has not yet received all the information. Mr. Brockhaus went on to say he feels there are some students who have a chance at participating in the MESE competition this year.

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Rashel Morris, the runner, tries to tell her group how to build a model out of tinker toys at the senior retreat held out at Camp Luther Oct. 21.

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Halloween memories haunt Scotus students

by Matt Moseman

The trees look like hovering creatures, the wind shrieks sharply, and hundreds of little kids don't care because they're too busy running through their neighborhoods yelling, "Gimme, gimme!"

That's right, Halloween is coming up again. That time of the year when little kids go beg for candy, and they get it because they look so darn adorable; despite high school kids who still enjoy going around trick-or-treating as a joke and will hit a house several times with different costumes or masks.

Most people are always able to remember their best or worst Halloween experiences. The same held true for a few of the students here at Scotus.

Sophomore Kerry Fritz could remember two. "When I was about five years old, my parents had taken me out to my grandma's for trick-or-treating. They gave me a couple of candied apples to give to my friends and I lost them along the way with the rest of my candy," said Fritz.

"And last year, my parents had left to take my brother and sister trick-or-treating. Some kids came to the door and all I had on was my robe," she said.

"In seventh grade, we had a Halloween party and I was a football player. When I tried to sit down, the shoulder pads were above my head," said sophomore Jenny Hill.

"My best [Halloween] was when a couple of friends and I made a haunted house in a vacant lot and it was automatic; skulls would pop out of graves and stuff," said sophomore Shade Whalen.

Halloween will keep coming by, and people will continue to have their individual experiences, good and bad, and they will probably always remember them. Hopefully the good will begin to outshine the bad.

Students raise objections

by Gina Rongisch

It's that time of year again, the Senior, Junior, and Sophomore Mock Trial teams are getting ready for competitions. All of the teams agree that Mock Trial is a lot of work, but according to junior Mock Trial member Rich Tooley "it makes public speaking easier, and helps you deal with pressure situations."

"Mock Trial gives you an interesting look at how the court system works, and it's a real challenge," senior Mock Trial member Heidi Krings said.

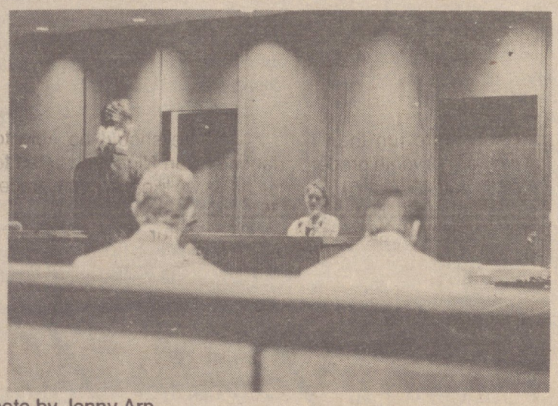
This years senior team is very confident. "Last year we won all but the last competition against the 1992 seniors, and we only lost by a small margin," said Krings. This year the seniors feel they have a great chance at capturing their district title.

"We will be a very strong team, last year went well and now we have experience,"

junior Mock Trial member Jill Kropatsch said. The junior members feel they have a good chance of doing very well this year. "I feel we know more about the judicial system than the average person," Kropatsch said. The juniors practice about two hours together well, and we have a good time every week and then a couple of hours on their own.

"I decided to try out because my aunt was in Mock Trial , and I wanted to prove to Mr. Sadle that I could do something," sophomore Mock Trial member Vicki Gubbles said. The sophomores feel that they have a good chance against the juniors, but they are not sure about the Senior team if they were to compete. The sophomores usually practice for an hour to two hours one to two times a week. "We get along together," Gubbles said.

"It's nice to be able to work with an extracurricular activity, you get to know the students differently," Mock Trial Sponsor Mrs. Podliska said. Just this year Mrs. Podliska took over Mr. Sadle's position as sponsor for the Mock Trial teams . "I mainly coordinate people and places," Podliska said. As you can see Mock Trial takes a lot of hard work and determination, but for twenty-four people grades ten through twelve it's all worth it.



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Jim Springer and Dan McGrane study their notes as Jill Kruse questions Nicole Sand at the mock trial meet against Lakeview.

Scotus liberals support Clinton

by Matt Moseman

Through every four years, the American people must endure that which is the presidential race. Each party believes that they have the best candidate for the job, and this year the democrats believe that their man for the job is former Arkansas governor Bill Clinton.

Governor Clinton, along with wife Hillary, and running mate Tennessee Senator Al Gore and his wife, Tipper, have been currently touring around the country in a motorcade of busses, stopping to talk to the American people.

Clinton has been made out to be the ideal presidential candidate. But what do the common-folk democrats of Scotus think about him?

Senior Dan McGrane sees nothing wrong with the man. "I like his honesty and being able to admit his past mistakes and his willingness to move on," said McGrane. He also believes that he would be a welcome change from the last four years of George Bush. "He keeps saying that he's going to do all of this stuff and that he's going to make all of these changes but why didn't he [Bush] do them the last four years?" Many people agree.

"I think he's an honest man, and even though he cheated on his wife, and dodged the war, I still think he's the best man for President," said sophomore Matt Honke.

Both students believe that Clinton is the best candidate for President. However, they disagree about his views on abortion.

McGrane did agree with Clinton's view about America. "I agree with his views on refocusing America as opposed to foreign issues," said McGrane.

What about the Hillary factor? It has been no big secret that Hillary can speak her mind, and has done so before.

"She [Hillary] is pretty outspoken, and I'm sure that there's a lot of people who don't like her," McGrane said.

Honke and McGrane were also in agreement with Clinton's choice of Gore as his running mate.

"I think that Gore has plenty of experience in politics," said McGrane.

"It was a wise choice, especially because if he had chosen Bob Kerry, it would have blown his family values [standings]. He [Kerry] has had like 20 wives and 85 kids," Honke said.

Neither of the students liked Bush at all. "He's gotten us further in debt, and he chose Quayle," said Honke.

Through all of the interviews, though, Honke and McGrane's loyalty to Clinton was never questioned.

When asked about what Clinton did in Arkansas that could help the United States, Honke said: "He didn't inhale."

America wipes away political mud

by Brandi Buggi

As the campaign trail begins to wind down for Clinton, Bush, and Perot, Americans try to sort out the garbage that they have collected through commercials, the newspapers, and the candidates themselves. Trying to find the true feelings of the candidates has been difficult because of the terrible mudslinging by them and the press during their campaigning.

I don't follow the campaign extremely close and don't know much about the candidates stand on issues. Unfortunately , what I do know is that Clinton supposedly was draft dodging during the Vietnam War and Perot only dropped out of the race to get the great publicity of re-entering in the fall and how awful he is for taking advantage of it. These things are always on the news and on the radio so you can't help but hear of read it.

No matter how hard these men try to deny and prove that the bad things that are said about them are wrong, the media, their supporters, and the candidates as well always make it an issue. As soon as Clinton makes a good point or raises a question about Bush, Bush comes back and brings up the bad things Clinton has done in the past and vice versa.

Why can't Americans just get the straight facts? Why can't Americans judge for themselves what kind a character a man has by what he believes in? The reason is because we are human. When we were little somebody would say, "I got a 100% on my test!" The other one would reply by saying, "Well, at least I don't steal candy from the grocery store." Although this is a very simple example, it illustrates my point. The funny thing is that we are going to have men that play these stupid little games run our country, and try to get our economy back on it's feet! Ironically, there has been mudslinging in campaigns probably as far back as Abraham Lincoln, and we have only fallen into one major depression.

However, we as voters must pick out the reasons why we want a candidate to win. Hopefully, it is not from some accusation dug up by some high-paid campaigner for Bush, Clinton, or Perot. Go out and make the difference—vote!

Voting rocks nation

by Gina Rongisch

In the next two weeks the political scene will change on the national, state, and local levels. Tuesday, November 3, Americans will go to the polls and elect the officials who will run the government the next four years. Although only those eighteen years and older can legally vote, we should all take interest in the future of our country. Dorothy Kyriss, Platte County Election Commissioner, gave the following information on voter registration.

1. You must be eighteen years of age by November 3, 1992
2. To register you must first go to the Platte County Election Commissioner's office , located on third floor of the Platte County Court House.
3. The first question they will ask is if you were previously registered in another county or state. If you were they would have a cancellation of your previous registration card.
4. You would then have to fill out an official registration form, take an oath, be asked questions such as your name, address, and your party affiliation.
5. Last you will be told your polling precinct based on your address.

Voting is one of the basic rights of an American citizen. In the last Presidential election, 77% of Platte County registered voters cast their ballots. In this election Kyriss hopes for an even greater voter turn out so get out and "Rock the Vote."

Perot's popularity proven in polls

by Theresa Wemhoff

A new face reappeared in the election during the last few days of September. Is he just here for the ride or can he really do the job? Who is this mysterious figure?

Texas billionaire, Ross Perot.

"I think he wants to help the country, but he won't be able to do it," senior John Hain said. Hain is an avid Bush supporter but gave some credit to Perot.

Perot has said he is running for the people, and it has been his campaign plan to prove to them that he is the "down-home-boy" who will fix the country's problems.

"It's not like he needs the money," senior Jeremy Bonczynski said.

In his first half-hour commercial, Perot pointed out many of the problems that face Americans. He used graphs and charts to present his information and drive home his point about the nations predicament.

Jon Stockdale is his selected vice presidential candidate; yet, according to media opinion polls he did not have as good of showing as either Quayle and Gore after their vice presidential debate.

Perot's strong points are in business, which became evident during the final presidential debate on Monday, October 19.

Perot felt that Clinton's governing of Arkansas was irrelevant to the presidency compared it to running a little corner candy store as opposed to trying to manage a

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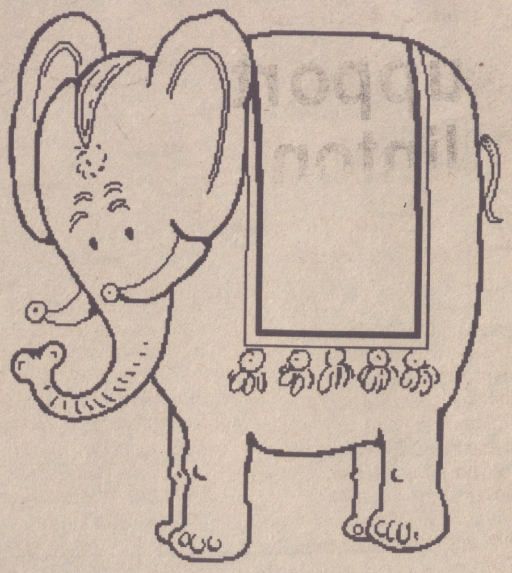
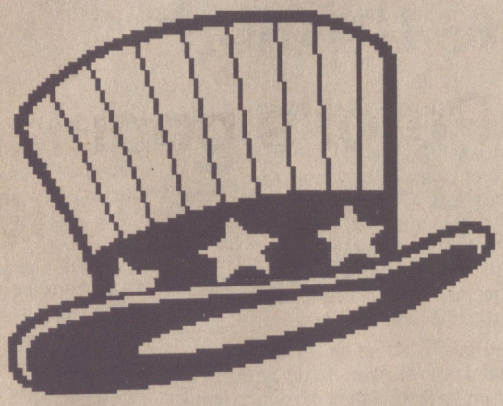
Scotus favors Bush in survey



Candidates	Eligible Voters	Future Voters
Bush	43.5%	45.6%
Clinton	37 %	20.8%
Perot	10.8%	27.5%
Undecided	8.7%	6.1%

There is a .1% margin of error.
Of the 224 faculty and students grade 10 and up, 46 were eligible voters while 178 were not able to vote or would be future voters.



Students side with Bush

by Rich McPhillips

As the election draws near, discussion about the presidential candidates begin to show up more frequently in conversations nation wide, and here at Scotus. The Bush supporters among the students involved in discussion are linked with similar views concerning the candidates and issues.

The common thought among Bush supporters is that Bush has the right qualities as well as experience for the job. His impressive foreign policy record and his positive effort to improve domestic policy are some common reasons why Bush is supported, many of his supporters said. Other reasons include Bush's clean record and his "down to earth" attitude. " Bush doesn't make a fool of himself ," Sophomore Ryan Eikmeier said. He also feels that Bush has the experience that the other candidates don't have.

Bush is supported for another reason. Many dislike the views and principles of Bush's opponents. "Clinton is a skirt chasing draft dodger...and would tax and spend all term long," senior Heidi Krings said.

Junior Tim Thalken says Clinton's running mate, Al Gore is a "Polibot" -a political robot "You type in a issue and you get a programmed speech for an answer," Thalken said.

Many Bush supporters feel Perot has a false image and offers no solutions. Thalken said Perot is more like a moderator than a candidate and his solutions will not work. "

Perot is a quitter," Sophomore Matt Evans said.

Krings says"he(Perot) is a presidential flirt and is toying with Bush and Clinton. She also says he an "Egotistical maniac".

Many that support Bush feel that the debates will help his popularity. "The debates will show the weakness of Clinton as a person and strength of Bush as a politician," Senior Matt Hajek said. Hajek also stated that the people will realize that Clinton is a "slimeball" during the debates.

Although the debates will help Bush, many think the bias news media will hurt Bush and give Clinton a better image. Krings said"(Clinton) has the media twisted around his finger".

Hajek agrees that the media is bias in Clinton's favor. He said, "Clinton is given to much air time."

If Bush is elected for a second term, his supporters feel that his second term will be different from his first, mainly in domestic affairs. "General prosperity will flourish," Evans said.

Krings says that he will do more for the individual and will have "dominance over the Congress."

The theme for this election appears to be" change". The question that has to be answered is: Who is the best candidate to carry out change and what kind of change will take place, Thalken said. " Coming out of the Cold War, facing economic hardship, George Bush has the best plan to solve the economy and leadership going into the 21st century.

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According to a media poll that followed the debates, Perot came in second to Clinton.

Perot is currently more popular than any of the independent canidates that have preceeded him during recent election years.

As a registered voter would he be considered a democrat or republican? "He's more liberal," senior Claire Larson senior.

Originally it was thought that Perot would take votes fromClinton. However, Clinton currently leads in the polls and it seems as though Perot has actually taken votes from Bush.

According to his running mate, Jon Stockdale, Perot is pro-choice.

One of his major goals is to pay off the national debt and to improve the economy. He feels a higher tax should be placed on gasoline to assist paying off this deficit.

"I'd like to see his million dollar butt up against the wall. I'd like to see Dan Rather put him of the spot like he's done with George Bush," said Hain.

During the final debate Perot instructed American voters to vote for the man to whom they would entrust their financial affairs, and he's hoping his business background will convince voters he's the right choice.

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rats) on the left and the Conservatives (Republicans) on the right.

Mystery Photo #Three

Congratulations to Sophomore Kim Dvorak, winner of last month's mystery photo. The correct answer was the eye of the Notre Dame Fighting Irish figure in the concession area. Turn in your guess of where and what this month's photo is to Mrs. Schieffer by Friday, Nov. 6. The person with the correct guess will receive a $5.00 bill!

Chips make ripples

by Brandi Buggi

Coming home from school, you shuffle through the cabinets looking for something to eat. Maybe you want something crunchy but not very sweet. It's a craving that can't be satisfied by anything other than--potato chips.

If you ever go to the grocery store, you may have realized that you don't just have to get plain potato chips anymore. There are rippled, barbeque, cheese balls, and even a lime and chile. There are now even "diet" chips with less oil or salt-free or no fat.

I decided to check out the chips that are meant to taste like other food. My choices were Dorito's Taco flavored chips, Potato Skin's Cheddar-n-bacon, and Pizzeria's Pepperoni flavored potato chips. Not only did I look at the taste, but I also checked the fat content and did an experiment.

While checking the taste, I found that they all tasted pretty much like they said they would. However, if I was to give them a rating, I would say it would have to go pepperoni, taco, and cheedar-n-bacon. I felt pepperoni was the best because you could almost taste it as if it was off a real pizza.

I did a little experiment with it by placing each chip on a brown paper sack and watching after two days how much grease remained. The cheddar-n-bacon chips had the most with taco next and the pepperoni with the least. This directly coincided with the amount of fat in each one. The pepperoni chips had six grams, the taco had seven grams, and the cheddar-n-bacon had a sickening eight grams per serving.

I also tested the chips after two days to see which one remained crunchy and retained its flavor. Again, the winner was the pepperoni chips with the taco second and the cheddar-n-bacon third.

Overall, I feel the Pizzeria pepperoni chips were the best. They seemed the healthiest choice in a health conscious world, and the best tasting ,which everyone is looking for.

Movie shines through

by Ann Wieser

It's one of those days. One that drags on and on as you watch the clock. You're bored out of your mind as you search for something to do! How about renting a movie?!? Yes, this age old tradition. To some it's a last resort, but to others it's an enjoyable way to spend a rainy Saturday afternoon. My selection was Shining Through starring Michael Douglas and Melanie Griffith.

The movie is set during WWII, both in New York and Germany. Personally, I'm not much of a fan for spy and war movies, but Shining Through proved me wrong. It would appeal to almost anyone because it includes romance, suspense, drama, and action. The movie is based on the desire of Linda Vas, played by Griffith, to be an important part to the war. Douglas plays Ed Leiland, a high ranked officer and spy. Their relationship develops from the work place when Vas becomes Leiland's secretary. After one of the U. S. spys in Germany is killed, the need to replace him is so great that Leiland reluctantly agrees to allow Linda Vas to go to Germany as a spy. The obstacles she faces are numerous and great. Through betrayal, bombings, and lies catching up to her, she realizes she is in great danger, but her determination allows her to fulfill her dream of making a difference in the war effort.

I definitely recommend this movie to everyone. Michael Douglas and Melanie Griffith are both superb actors in this movie. The scenes are realistic and action packed.

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Other sports take sidelines

by Gina Rongisch
Laura Kosch

One night while Gina was cheering and Laura was watching a volleyball game, we both noticed the look of pride on the starting sixes faces as their names were called one by one and they took their places in the middle of the court. We realized how much we wanted just once to be recognized and cheered for by all the Shamrock Supporters.

It seems like most teachers know when a football or volleyball player will be leaving from school early, but if you play "other sports," they question your absence. We hate getting dressed up for school and being asked why?

We bet money that if you mentioned a starting volleyball or football name to a junior high student, they would at least recognize their name. However, unless you were a famous runner or golfer, they probably wouldn't have any idea who you're talking about.

Oh, and you know that sign in the New Gym that announces up coming sporting events? Not too long ago football, volleyball, cross country, and golf all had competitions within three days of each other. Surprise, surprise, football and volleyball were first on the list. Now unless we were temporarily blinded (although we had both recently passed our Health Checks with flying colors) golf and cross country did not appear. Not to knock the junior high but their seventh and eighth grade volleyball took precedence over varsity "other sports."

Our advice to younger athletes- make sure you understand the sport you're going out for, and the reasons you are going out for that sport.

Christina Kretchman and Mandi Guernsey show exhaustion as they file through the shoot at the District Meet in Albion.

Magic is no hero

by Rich McPhillips

Magic Johnson should no longer be considered the as the superstar with a unforgettable smile. A loser with a smirk of guilt, would be a better definition. Johnson's announced arrival back into the NBA is a act of selfishness and irresponsibility.

Magic has shown no reponsibility for his actions which caused him to get the AIDS virus. His decision to leave the Commision on AIDS council is a sign of his lack of responsibility off the court. He said he would devote his time to the education of AIDS after he announced he had contracted the virus. Instead he made himself a political figure in this election year and accused the Bush Administration for not doing enough regarding the AIDS issue after leaving the council.

His arrival back into the NBA shows his self-centered attitude because he forgets about all the hundreds of players he threatens. He states that he is the one taking risk by going onto the court. But hundreds of other players take a risk also. The fact that AIDS can be passed by only a simple nose bleed alone, should be reason enough to deter him from playing in such a physical league. Yet, his personal fame is more important.

Dispite his lack of responsibility, the media seems to make him out to be the greatest man to walk the earth. He deserves to honored for his performance on the basketball court. But, his neglence off the court should be frowned upon.

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ANSWER: considered to be the supreme god of the Hindu faith

Stereo types harm others

by Theresa Wemhoff

"What do you call eight blonds in a row?" someone asked. "A wind tunnel," another answered.

We've all heard our share of Polish and blond jokes and the occassional, " I'm a football player, I think." How seriously should these stereotypes be taken?

According to seniors, Stephanie Geilenkirchen and Amy Paprocki, not very seriously.

They both agree with me, however, that stereotypes can get way out of hand.

According to Paprocki they can take opportunities away from people or violate their rights especially when they lead to prejudices.

Geilenkirchen agreed that they can be damaging. She feels that stereotypes can damage a person's ego or self confidence.

Paprocki admitted that she sometimes stereotypes males with a high voice or that act "girly" as being homosexuals.

We know the stereotypes we place on peole aren't fair, but we do it anyway.

Did God intend for physical characteristics to be used as a label?

Just because a guy has a voice above tenor is it fair for us to classify him as a homosexual?

Most will agree that not all blonds are really stupid. Some of the most intelligent students and teachers (for example Mr. Lahm) at Scotus just happen to be blonds.

Some stereotypes are taken more seriously than others.

During Spirit Week high school students were instructed not to dress like "scurves."

Was it because of the stereotype attached to scurves and the attire they wear?

Students could have been instructed to dress appropriately or within the guidelines for the day.

Geilenkirchen and Paprocki both agree that blond and Polish jokes are funny, but it's only because no one takes them seriously.

Why is it that scurve and homosexual stereotypes are taken more seriously?

They aren't fair and through any amount of logic an intelligent individual should see the degrading affects they have on others.

We are all a little different. As Christians we are taught this throughout childhood, but sometimes we forget.

Stereotypes may not only crush a person's self-esteem but they build an impenetratable wall between us and others.

Not all heavyset people are jolly and not every scurve is on drugs.

It's time we realize this and think twice.

By stereotyping groups of people we limit our surroundings and cheat ourselves from a variety of relationships.

Stereotypes in fun are probably okay when everyone knows you're joking, but if you take them as law I hope you eat your words some day.

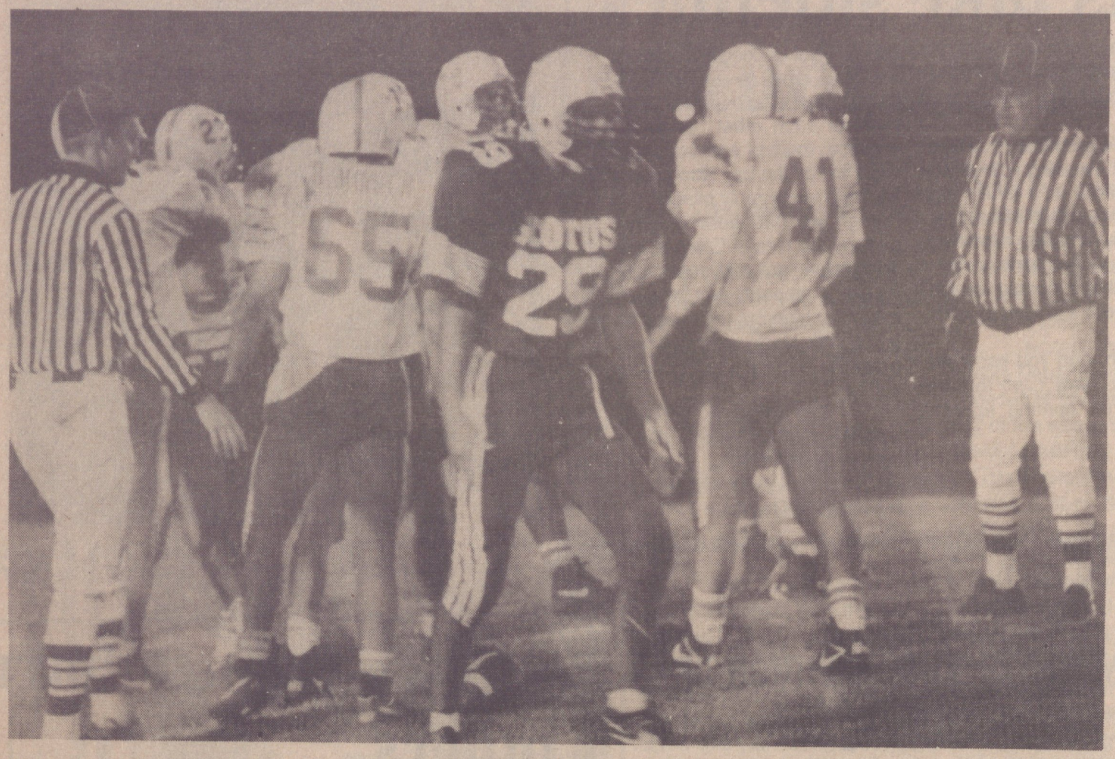


photo by Jenny Arp
Running back Jesse Kosch walks away from the defensive Neumann players as they huddle to discuss the next play.

IBA returns

by Ann Wieser

I was very happy when I heard that Girls IBA was returning to Scotus this year. I participated in the program last year and was very glad to see it come to Scotus. I played girls basketball in Junior High and I found that I loved the game, but I just wasn't talented enough to play on the high school level. I was sad that I couldn't play basketball for a team or feel pride when we won a game, but last year this changed. A group of my friends and I joined IBA and I thought it was a wonderful way to spend Sunday evenings especially since I love the game. Cheering your team mates on and playing was a great experience. I feel it is a good way to bring Scotus girls from different grade levels closer together and it emphasizes teamwork, something we all need.

I like IBA because you get to play the game, but you don't feel the pressure of basketball on a higher level. Most of the teams want to win, but aren't upset if one of their teammates make a mistake or you end up losing the game. You are coached by students from the senior class who don't participate in basketball. Overall, my experience with Girls IBA was a blast, and I highly recommend that if you don't participate in the organized sport of basketball that you should give IBA a try.

Junior high athletes compare then & now

by Theresa Wemhoff

Junior high volleyball

BUZZZ.... Throwing your alarm clock to the floor you rise slowly from bed.

Getting dressed in the dark you pull out a purple pair of shorts and a green and orange striped shirt.

"I remember waking up at 5:00 in the morning so I could go to practice," Jr. High Volleyball coach Jane King shares the same feelings many of her players express.

"I didn't like getting up that early," seventh grader Kim Zegar said.

According to King the girls had a successful year.

"We want to try to get playing time to all the girls so they have experience with the sport," said King.

"Probably the excitement. They're excited at just being out for a team," King said.

"Lots of funny things happen in junior high sports," said King. She enjoyed her first year as the junior high volleyball coach.

"I thought they were nicer than I thought they'd be," said seventh grader Carmen McKathnie.

"They were nice and they taught us a lot," said Zegar. She agrees with McKathnie.

"They try so hard that they end up looking funny to the coaches, but they laugh at themselves," said King.

The girls finished the season proud of their record.

Junior high football

Mr. Salyard once commented to his Physics class that the loss to the Columbus Middle School wasn't effort, but inertia.

"It's fun and it's something to do after school," eighth grader Chad Zoucha said.

" It helps you to learn to remember things easier and for a long time because of all the plays we needed to remember,"Zoucha said.

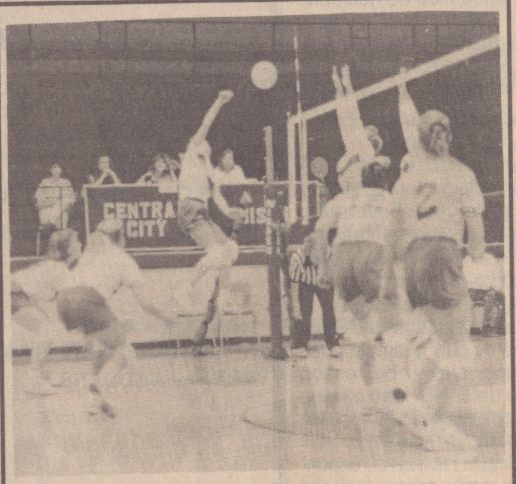
"I've learned to listen better. I think I've improved my playing a little too," Dobesh said.

Junior high sports don't concentrate on the win-loss record a lot. They look more for improvement.

"I remember how we played for fun. It wasn't as important to win as it was to be a part of the team and experience the whole athletic program," said senior Kelli Woods.

Dobesh and Zoucha would like to continue their football career throughout highschool. McKathnie and Zegar felt the same about volleyball.

The best of luck to these young athletes and the teams of which they will be a part.



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Though it may look like it, Jessie Petersen doesn't need an extra lift from the chairs.

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President-elect Clinton celebrates his win withhis daughter Chelsea

Time for change has come to U.S.

by Kelli Woods

Out with the old and in with the new. So went the election of '92.

Although less than 6 of every 10 voters were in favor of Bill Clinton he has nevertheless become President-elect Clinton.

Along with what some saw as a shocking defeat for the incumbent, George Bush, came another realization. For the first time in several terms the members of this nation's administration will be a Democratic majority. Reactions to this news varied.

"Physically I was ill. I was upset and frustrated, but I realized these 4 years will give people a chance to realize we need a Republican in office," senior Heidi Krings said.

"I was at play practice and we watched the results on TV. I was happy but worried that my parents would be upset," senior Claire Larson said.

Regardless of whether they were supporters of Bush, Perot, or Clinton both Krings and Larson felt there were good and bad sides to the election of Bill Clinton.

"There won't be any more trickle-down economics. The only negative thing might be that Clinton won't be able to accomplish all he wants to, and all the Hillary bashing," Larson said.

Krings feared inflation, taxes, and increase in the debt, and dishonesty, yet she felt "there might be more cooperation with Congress."

Once in office Clinton has many issues to be concerned with. "He needs to be concerned about AIDS, education and welfare," Larson said. "Foreign policy and trade are other issues to look at," Krings added.

As for the question of what will come in 1996 we can only wait and see. The only answer we do have, whether we view it as good or bad, is that it is time for change.

Weighting grades weigh heavy on our minds

by Theresa Wemhoff

Weighting grades has been a concern of many students in the past. Scotus currently doesn't practice this optionbut, some feel it would be a positivechange.

The practice of weighting grades would take into account theclass level of difficulty. Classes which are considered "harder" would be given more weight.

According to Superintendent Daniel Shartz, there are several methods currently practiced in schools that weigh grades. In some schools individual class grades are raised.

For instance, if a student received a "B" in a "harder" course it would appear as an "A" on the report card.

The second method would only affect the grade point average. The G.P.A. would increase if a student took classes that were weighed heavier.

"I would like it calculated in the G.P.A. That way if your G.P.A. is higher because you took all pud classes you could be passed up by a student that took tougher classes," Schartz said.

"The G.P.A. is an indication of attitude and effort," Schartz said.

"I'm totally in favor of it," senior Jim Springer said.

"Grades should be weighted because it's unfair to those that take difficult classes and work hard versus those who take pud classes," senior Chris Rickert said.

"Entry level classes and foods and parenting shouldn't be weighted as much. By entry level I mean basic math as compared to physics or calculus," Springer said.

Springer felt classes should be weighted according to difficulty. He also felt that Advanced Placement classes should weigh heavier.

"I don't think it's fair to discredit the amount of work people do in quote "easy" classes," senior Christi Wachal said.

The debate as to whether or not grades should be weighed according to class difficulty is a difficult one. Some classes do takemore time and effort than others, but weighting grades brings to mind a couple of difficult questions.

"The controversy usually centers on how do you determine the criteria for it," Schartz said. "Who's defining weight and what the word weight means?" Schartz said.

"The question that needs to be answered on this issue is how do you rate class material versus the sudents' ability to learn?" Springer said.

Many students agreed that classes such as art, music, and weight lifting aren't as difficult as a math or science courses such as physics.

"It depends on what the person is interested in," senior Becky Drum said. She is undecided as to whether or not weighting grades would be effective.

According to Schartz weighting grades hasn't been discussed in the last two years of board minutes.

"I would be open to any proposals and to study them, if all the criteria were taken into account and studied well," Schartzsaid.

Happy Thanksgiving

"Bells are Ringing" at Scotus

by Nikki Beran

This year Scotus students will be performing the 1956 musical, Bells are Ringing. This musical has 925 performances on Broadway, but was never well known. For the school's production, Mrs.Goulet has cut and rewritten a lot of the play and music. It will be performed at Scotus on February 8th and 9th.

This musical is a romantic comedy. It is about a switch board operator Ella, who is played by Kari Becker. A playwright, played by Daren Buettner, tries to help Ella, and falls in love with her. Sue, the owner of the switch board, is played by Kristie Puetz. Jim Springer plays the part of Sandor. Inspector Barnes is played by Jim Sokol. Francis, Inspector Barnes "sidekick" is played by Craig Rueschhoff. Candi Mustard plays the part of Dr. Kitchell.

Some of the songs that will be performed in the musical are "Just in Time" and" The Party's Over". During the practices before Christmas vacation the cast will be working on the songs. After vacation they will be practicing two to three times a week on the songs as well as the acting scenes.

There is a lot time and effort that goes into a production of a musical. The set design, which Carey Henggeler, Eric Gonka, and Michele Griesman are working on. There are also groups to work on props, lighting and sound, publicity, costumes, make-up and hair, and tickets and programs. These groups are all student generated.

The cast and crew of Bells are Ringing would appreciate the support of the student body. You can support the production by coming to the musical. Your presence would greatly be appreciated.

photo by Jenny Arp

Seniors Jessie Petersen, Jeremy Bonczynski, Stacy Borer, and Chad McKown listen intently as Mrs. Goulet gives them instructions in preparation for the musical.

In a minute.....

What is one Thanksgiving food you can't stand?

cranberries -Lisa Zegar

duck -Chris Rickert

stuffing -Wayne Wemhoff

froglegs -Matt Honke

sweet potatoes -Jill Buelt

turkey -Mrs. Larsen

pumpkin pie -Mandi Guernsey

Sophomores write Omaha North

by Rich McPhillips

The students in Mrs. Schieffer's sophomore English class have recently been doing other than reading short stories or writing in a journal. They have been writing to other sophomores who attend Omaha North High School.

The activity is similar to that of pen pals. Each Scotus student writes to another student attending Omaha North. Eric Sack, an English teacher from Omaha North, and Mrs. Schieffer came up with the idea while they were at awriting workshop at UNL. they discussed that this would be a neat oppurtunity to meet others. Mr. Sack and Mrs. Shieffer wrote a grant proposal for a grant to fund the project.

Most of the students from Scotus see this as neat way to meet other people and learn about their school. "We are able to learn about the differences between schools, Ginger Janicek said. "It has been interesting."

"It is nice to meet someone from a different town", Ethan Shunk said.

"It is a fun way to get to know someone from a completely different school," Kerry Fritz said. "We tell a little bit more bout ourselves each time."

The students said religion, sports, social lifestyles, differences, and gossip are among the many different things they write about.

There are also differing opinionsregarding the project. Some say they don't learn anything or think it is worth the time. "You don't get to know them and we are not learning anything", soph. Kyle Diederich said.

Most agree that they would like to meet them personally. "It would be fun to spend the day with them", Shunk said. Kerry Fritz would like to meet her pen-pal because she sounds like she has a nice family.

Accorriding to Mrs. Scieffer there are plans for the Scotus students to visit their pen pals at Omaha North. The trip will be made hopefully during the first week in January and money from the grant will be used to pay for the expenses, Mrs. Schieffer said.

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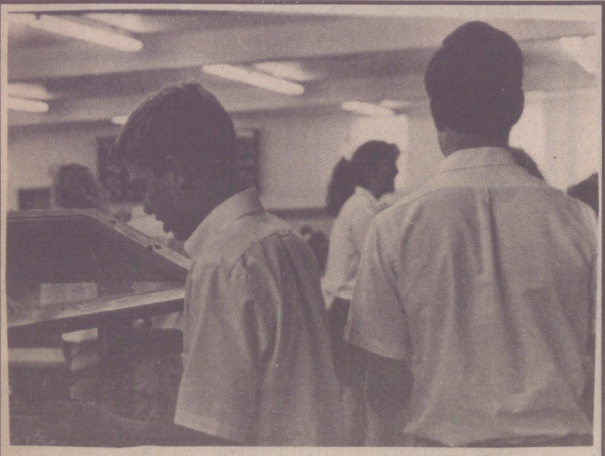

photo by Erin Trouba

Sophomore Brian Bertsch makes himself a salad at the salad bar New sub sandwiches have recently been added to the lunch line There are mixed feelings as to the quality of the sandwhiches Students are still looking for more variety in the lunches. The salad bar offers some selection, but greater variety is wanted.

by Kelli Woods

Potatoes or rice. Potatoes or rice. How many times do we hear this in the cafeteria?

Too many times, is the answer given by most Scotus students.

"We need more variety; even different types of salads in the salad bar would be good," senior Bobbi Werkmeister said.

"Make the more popular meals like tacos, pigs in a blanket, and grilled cheese," senior Heidi Krings said.

Variety is the main concern with most students. If only we had the option of something other than the main meal, a salad, or a peanut butter sandwich.

"We could have Chinese food, although it might be hard to make," Werkmeister said.

One improvement that the cafeteria has seemed to make is that of the addition of sub sandwiches.

"It's a hot dog bun with baloney. It's not very original, but it's O.K.," Werkmeister said.

"Lose the baloney in the sub sandwiches," Krings said.

Other options in the cafeteria could be having different items available in the salad bar on different days, such as baked potatoes, pasta, or even having soup more often. Increasing the variety of foods in the cafeteria would make students more willing to eat a good lunch.

So for now whether the sub sandwiches come in hot dog buns or are made with baloney, we can at least be grateful for a little change of pace.

Mock trial teams plead their case

by Brad Wangler

This has been a challenging year for all the mock trial teams. The seniors, with their appeal and retrial; the juniors, with their lack of trials; and the sophomores with their inexperience. This challenge is also passed on to each person on the team.

"You have to have a good working knowledge of the case." senior Matt Hajek said.

"Not knowing who we were going up against and not having trials for almost a month, there is also a challenge in knowing the rules ,of being able to act, and the ability to think logically." junior Tim Thalken said.

"Putting all the pieces together. There so much to remember and to be able to tie it all into one trial," senior Heidi Krings, said

"Its challenging to find people that will work together and that have the dedication to get all the background material together." junior Kathy Hegemann said.

"It's challenging to out smart the other team and to look at the case in a way they're not going to think of," sophomore Ryan Eikmeier said.

Coming up with the questions to help your side of the case," sophomore Nathan Marik said.

Team work is one of the parts to mock trial. That is needed in order to win a trial.

"We work well together and that has helped us this year," Krings said.

Every teams goal is to go on to take state.

"I feel we have a very good chance at going on to state. Once there, I'm not sure how we will do," Hajek said.

"We have the best chance of any sophomore team," Eikmeier said.

"As sophomores, I think we are underestimated sometimes," Marik said.

"I'm really confident that we will do very well in the future," Thalken said.

"Our team has improved a lot, and if it carries over into next year we will do very well," Hegemann said.

After high school, many of the people felt that mock trial would help them in the future.

"I'm planning on going into law so it gives me a good overview of the legal system in the court room" Thalken said

"It gives us a chance for a lot of court room experience and a lot more common knowledge about how the court room works," Hajek said.

"It gives me a good base since I am going into law," Krings said.

"We get to experience what it is like in a courtroom," Nicole Sand said.

The mock trial teams have been doing very well this year. If you get a chance, come down to the courthouse and watch them plead their case.

Pizza places provide plenty of places for parties

(Apology warranted for "cheezy" headline.)

by Matt Moseman

Driving around Columbus lately, you may have noticed that there are two new pizza places in town. The oneto be first in operation was Little Caesar's Pizza restaurant, found in the brand new Centrum Plaza across from Casey's and Food-4-Less.

Little Caesar's sports cheap and affordable pizzas of which you can get two without stretching your budget. How is Little Caesar's able to do this? By not delivering their pizzas to your home.

To make Little Caesar's more appealing and easier to use, Video-1-Superstoresits right next to it working in conjunction with Little Caesar's. They have installed an intercom system in the video store so that people can go rent a movie while waiting for their pizza. When their pizza is ready, it will also be announced in the video store as well as in Little Caesar's

The second pizza place is a new and improved Pizza Hut built right across the street from the original.

If anyone has been to Pizza Hut on a weekend, they will understand the reason for the construction of the larger facility was to accomodate overcrowding. It may be necessary to arrive early or order pizza ahead of time to avoid waiting for a table.

Mark Sulzle, manager of Pizza Hut said that the new Pizza Hut was built "so that we can better serve the community."

Other reasons for the construction of the new Pizza Hut included planning for the guture, inadequate parking and kitchen space and the need for additional carry out facilities.

Despite the reasons for the new businesses, Columbus residents now have two more places to compliment their Italian palates.

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Students rock out in local bands

by Ann Wieser

There are many students here at Scotus that have musical talent. Some students express their talents in band class and musical groups, such as, Swing Choir, Girls Glee, and Chorus, just to name a few. But some students, including Nathan Marik, Matt Moseman, and Brad Done', took a new approach, they started their own bands.

"During the summer, we practiced almost everyday, but when school started we only practice once or twice a week," Marik said. "We practice twice a week," Done' said.

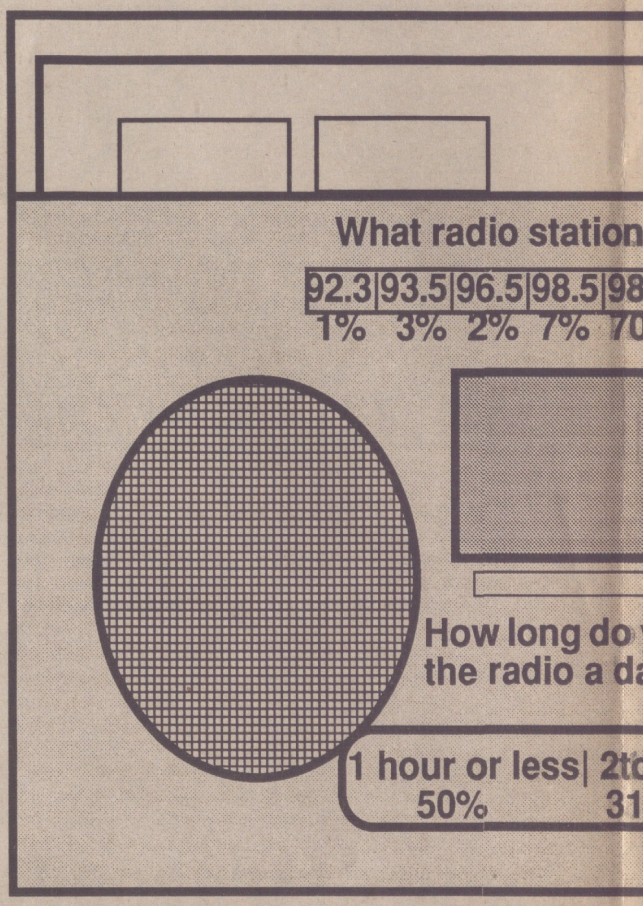
Okay, so you practice, but where? "We usually practice in one of the member's garages, but if things work out, we are going to start practicing in the basement of Bogey's."

Sounds like things are going good for their "unnamed" band, and for Borrowed Time, which is the name of Done's band. "We usually practice at my house," Done' said.

Marik and Moseman were both asked to join their band, and they started practice in early June. They have already performed at the Columbus Days Street Dance, where Marik plays the bass guitar , while Moseman plays the rhythm guitar.

Borrowed Time has been practicing for about a year, and Done' decided to play the drums for this band in order to , "get lots of money." Borrowed Time has preformed in many cities including Genoa, North Bend, the Maximus, and Steve's Place in Bellwood.

These students chose to share their talents through their bands, but whatever way you decide to express your talent, stick with it and give it your best shot .Hopefully in the future we will hear and see more of their bands.



Country music is taking over teens

by Erin Trouba

You slowly climb into your car after a long, hard day. You flip to your favorite rock station hoping to hear some jammin' tunes to pump you up. Wait! What is going on here? This isn't rock-n-roll, it's, it's COUNTRY!

Yes, all of you rock-n-rollers, country music has become the hottest fad from coast to coast. Radio stations have recently switched from the sounds of Guns N' Roses, Boyz II Men, and Mariah Carey to the latest hits of Trisha Yearwood, Garth Brooks, and Clint Black. Stations such as 101.9 KFMQ and 103.7 KXKT, both Omaha stations, have made the switch. "These aren't any of the stations I listen to, but my dad has been complaining," senior Steph Geilenkirchen said.

Even people in Columbus have felt the effects of the country music craze. "I love country music. It is super-relaxing and is easy to sing along to," Geilenkirchen said. "The songs have deep meaning and a good rhythm," junior Erin Cimpl said. Although the country tunes have hit the charts, not all teenagers like the new beat. "I hate country. All those cowboy hat wearing guys sing about is getting drunk and losing their girlfriends. They have twangy voices," junior Richard Tooley said.

> **"I love country music. It is super-relaxing and is easy to sing along to."**
>
> **- Senior Steph Geilenkirchen**

Although country music mania has affected nearly everyone, some feel that it is just a phase and will soon pass. "Country is becoming as popular as rock-n-roll, but rock-n-roll will always prevail," Tooley said. "Country music is super trendy, but true country lovers will stick to it," Geilenkirchen said.

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Heavy metal he head-bangning

by Laura Kosch

On August eighth at Olympic stadium in Montreal, the "reigning kings of heavy metal" performed live in front of 55,000 fans.

James Hetfield, Metallica's lead singer and rythm guitarist, found out that lack of communication can prove to be near fatal in some situations.

Apparently, other band members and stage crew workers made last-minute plans to expand the number of half-pound aluminum powder charges. (Forget the Sandman- Enter Translator!)

Hetfield, unbeknownst to himself, walked right into their path and was "completely engulfed," drummer Lars Ulrich told People magazine.

He used his double-necked ESP guitar to shield himself from the 3200 degree flames. The flames, however, were deflected and shot up his left side doing some bodily harm.

Metallica quit their show and went to the hopital to see what would become of Hetfield.

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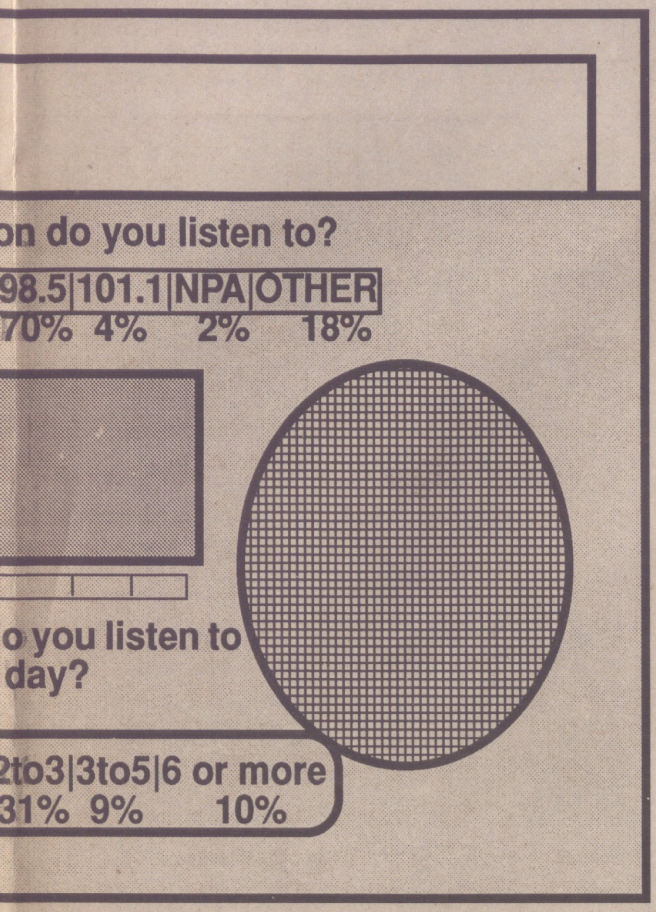
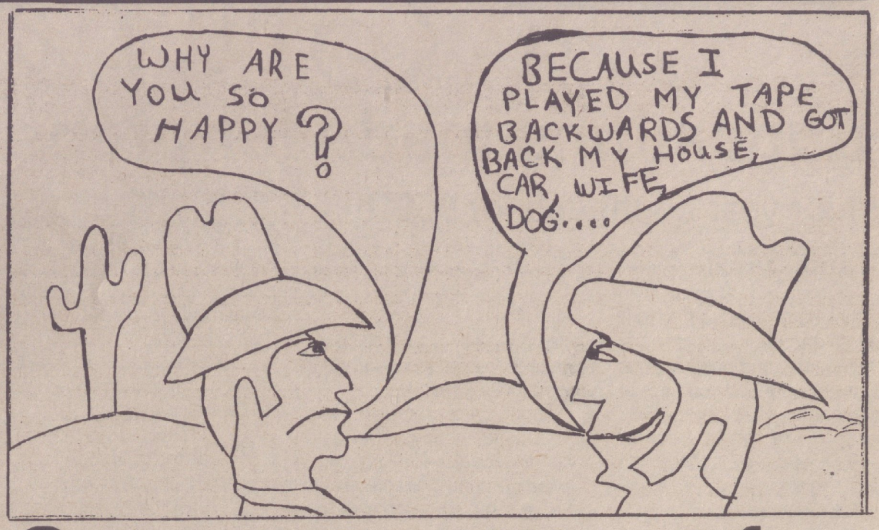
Though doctors sedated him with morphine, he was quoted in People as saying, "I hate drugs. At the same time, if your hand is bubbling, you know that you need





Concerts attract fans

by Ann Wieser

Many teenagers attend concerts of their favorite bands. Teenagers have been attending concerts for decades and they seem to be getting more and more popular every year.

Soon both Damn Yankees and Def Leppard will be preforming in the Civic Auditorium in Omaha. Damned Yankees will have their concert December 1, and on December 22 Def Leppard will preform.

Most musical groups have an opening act that usually preforms for approximately an half an hour to an hour. Slaughter is opening for Damn Yankees, but Def Leppard isn't having a group open for them.

The price of the tickets for concerts vary greatly. A big factor to the price is the popularity of the group. Ticket price usually ranges from $18-25. Another popular tradition that goes along with attending a concert is buying a T-shirt. The T-shirts sold at concerts are usually fairly expensive. Many times long and short sleeve shirts of different styles are available for purchase.

One problem concerts face, especially in Omaha, is that the performances cannot be scheduled on the weekends. A lot of the concerts are scheduled on weeknights, which cause conflicts with some audience members. This is true for both Damn Yankees and Def Leppard, who both preform on Tuesdays. Although scheduling can cause problems, both concerts seem to be very popular among music lovers here in Columbus.

Whether you are planning on attending either of these concerts, you can still hear their songs on various radio stations. Def Leppard and Damn Yankees both have new songs they just released and are rating high on the music charts.

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g crowd

to go and get it fixed." Thanks for the free advice, James. This just goes to show you ***don't*** learn everything in kindergarten.

Meanwhile, back at the ranch...Co-headliners Guns N' Roses took the stage.

They left that same stage after only 55 minutes. Axl called his last three shows off because he had voice problems. This time, however, he claimed it was a faulty sound system.

Needless to say, riots broke out to the point where cars were being set aflame outside. Fourtunately, no band members were injured.

Hetfield, in fact, hopes to be fully recovered by the end of their Europe tour in December.

photo by Jenny Arp

Mrs. Goulet conducts Carey Henggler, Theresa Horne, Brandi Buggi, Stacy Borer with the girls' glee at the opening school mass.

Behavior during mass needs improvement

by Brad Wangler

It happens every mass. Father Wayne has to stop in the middle of mass because of a few people who insist on talking during mass. They come to mass to sleep or just talk. Do they do this to bother others or don't they care about God? If they do this at mass, how do they react to him out side of mass?

It looks like most people think mass is just too boring or stupid. Maybe if they were to take part in the singing or the liturgy of the word they wouldn't find it as boring. Also, maybe they would get more out of it and thus they wouldn't find it to be as stupid as they had thought. Also, when one person starts to sing, it seems to start a chain reaction, where everyone starts to sing and it makes mass more exciting. Maybe not as exiting as Whoopie Goldberg in a nuns outfit but it's close.

Also when you take part in the liturgy, it makes mass go so much faster. Then it doesn't seem like a wasted hour of your time, it seems more like a chance to get closer to God.

When you take part you can also take part, in starting that chain reaction and thus help others grow in their spiritual habits. Thus if you are helping othersget closer to God, you are serving him well, and we all know that. Blest are those who serve God; they shall see God.

Suggestions made for preps

Senior year continues for 90210

by Laura Kosch

Think back (or ahead) to your sixteenth birthday. Remember that feeling of total euphoriua when your parents handed you keys to your very own 1978, three times wrecked, twice rebuilt piece of metal? Don't deny the thought of seeing everyone jealous of you never crossed your mind.

Now, pretend you lived in a place where you could actually wear the clothes you see in Seventeen magazine in public. A place where jaguars are more common purring in the streets than in the zoos. Where school parking lots look like Mercedes-Benz showrooms. In other words-Beverly Hills, California.

I'm sure most of you are familiar with the show Beverly Hills, 90210. It's become a huge hit with teenagers nation wide.

So what is it about this show that makes us tune in every Wednesday at seven? Are we watching in awe as perfect people get into "perfectly bad" situations and squirm their perfect bodies out making it look so perfectly easy? Or do we keep watching because maybe THIS time something REALLY bad will happen to one of them that they won't be able to get out of?

Junior Meghan Kluever watches it because "it points out a lot of real issues."

"It teaches good lessons but they blow everything out of proportion. It's not realistic," says senior Chris Rickert.

Seniors John Hain and Bill Kretz say Kelly Taylor is their favorite character because "she's a good-looking blonde."

Junior Luke Jackson likes Donna better because he feels she's the better looking one. Sophomore Jenny Hill agrees with Luke, but for different reasons "she's hillarious."

As for least favorites, Kretz can't stand Andrea. "She's too smart for the show. They should get a bunch of stupid people." I'll assume Bill's reasoning is to make the blonde's look smarter.

Hain and Hill both hate Brenda. "She seems stuck up," says Hill.

Rickert feels the blonde's get "too carried away."

About the show in general, junior Chad Zach says, "The show capitalizes on the youth of society. There have been many spin-offs by other major networks."

"The show's too dramatic. They're all spoiled brats with a bunch of money," says junior Jeremy Kretz.

Hain simply states, "I can't stand preps with money."

The show will still go on, regardless of people's opinions. However, they are seniors this year so next year could mean some changes.

Kluever hopes the show continues and that all the characters come together.

Bill Kretz doesn't care if it continues or not- as long as they take out certain commercials that advertise certain products pertaining to the female audience.

Hain hopes they all get in a car wreck and Brenda becomes a parapalegic for life. "Put them in a situation where money can't solve their problems."

Rickert would like to see them never be friends again and go off on their own for once.

"I'd like to see them all die on a plane trip to Europe," says an optomistic Jeremy Kretz.

Jenny Hill played matchmaker and would like to see Kelly and Dylan together and also Steve and Andrea. Oh, and she wants Brenda to be killed in a car accident.

I must say Chad Zach had the most creative ending. In the final episode, he would like to see them "go crazy on Rodeo Drive and hold up every store and steal a billion dollar's worth of merchandise. Then they'll sell it to the citizens of Swaziland, Africa."

Am I sensing some negative vibrations, gentlemen?

Zach feels there are too many shows based in California. He suggested a "Columbus 68601."

There was just one more question I couldn't resist asking Chad- would you grow sideburns if you could get a chick like Brenda Walsh? "No," said Zach, "I don't favor the Elvis look."

Mystery Photo Number 4!

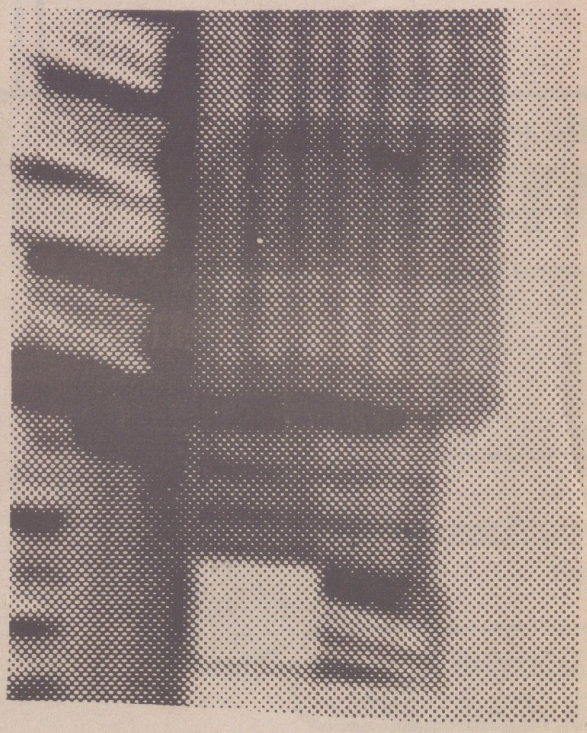

photo by Jenny Arp

Congratulations to Seventh-grader Kim Zegar, winner of last month's mystery photo. The correct answer was the bats in Mr. Younger's room. Turn in your guess of where and what this month's photo is to Mrs. Schieffer by Friday, December 4. The person with the correct guess will receive a $5.00 dollar bill!

Bubblicious goes bananas

by Brandi Buggi

Looking at the racks with bubblegum, I noticed that many of the brands also remain constant. These include Bubblicious, Dentyne, Extra, and Trident.

One, however, that caught my eye was Bubblicious Bananaberry Split. I wasn't quite sure what to expect. It looked as though, when unwrapping the contents, that it had a banana flavor on the outside with maybe a strawberry flavor on the inside. This was all accessed by the colors present. It was actually quite attractive, yet I still hadn't tasted it.

The big moment had arrived, and as my mouth watered, Iplaced the rather large piece of qum in my mouth. My first thought was the inability to chew it without making a lot of noise. It was a very big piece of gum. It really did taste like bananas, but it was hard to detect the berry flavor.

I chewed this piece of gum for about an hour. I had to throw it away because it began to lose its flavor and my jaw began to hurt. One advantage to this gumis its ability not to get hard. It always remains very chewy.

I would recommend this gum to anyone who really likes bananas. This gum would also be good for anyone who is the nervous type or has a big test because you have a lot to chomp on. This would not be good, however, for a junior high student who is trying to get away with chewing gum. It's just too noisy! Based on your needs, desires, and wants you can choose if this is the gum for you.

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The search for a phone

by Erin Trouba

It's 12:55 a.m. and I am about to be late. I desperately search for a public pay phone to let my parents know I am not dead. This seems to be rather difficult, finding a phone I mean. Many restaurants have been recently removing their pay phones-and some were never installed.
Arby's for example, used to have a pay phone conveniently placed right inside the door. You didn't even have to enter the restaurant. To my dispair, it had somehow disappeared. I noticed this a few months ago. I have no idea why the phone was removed, but I was shocked.

Amigo's, on the other hand, never had a pay phone installed. This made it very difficult to call for a ride after I discovered a flat tire. The management was nice enough to let me use the phone behind the counter. After I explained the situation and paid my quarter.

I just noticed this a few weeks ago when I had to make a phone call for the first time since the construction of the new media center. The pay phone at Scotus is in the most illogical place. I had to walk from the C- wing to the office doors, up to second floor, across the floor and down to the pay phone. This caused me a great ordeal. If I could have only cut through the old gym or through the Media Center.

Another thing I noticed was after a volleyball game this year. A student who is not yet 16, and must call for a ride , might as well start walking. There is no access to a phone to call for a ride. The doors are locked to the pay phone and St. Bon's removed their pay phone quite a while ago. So what shall one do?

To avoid using any further energy, a phone could be installed in the concessions area or near the pop machines. The doors to the old gym may be unlocked for easier access to the phone.

So for something to do this weekend, you should consider accepting the mission of searching for a public pay phone. The quest continues.

Media distorts the Bush era

by Rich McPhillips

The bias, liberal news media has lead you to believe that the last four years have been unbearable and worthless. This is proven with the election of Bill Clinton as our next president. The outcome of the election was a result of the constant distortions of the last four years. In actuality the last four years were not as horrible as the media has made it out to be.

The last four years were not the best years of our history, but during this period many great changes occurred under the leadership of George Bush, but the media has rarely focused on that.

During his term some negative events did occur and the media directed most of its reporting towards these events. It was difficult, therefore to see anything successful or positive about President Bush's term.

Under Bush came the fall of Communism in Eastern Europe and the U.S.S.R. The Berlin Wall was torn down and East and West Germany were united. The imprisoned states of the U.S.S.R. were freed from Communism and became independent nations

The highlight of President Bush's term was obviously the victory in the Middle East during the Gulf War. Because of this victory President Bush established better relations with countries and restored patriotism back into the hearts of Americans. With an approval rating as high as 90% in some polls, it looked as though he would have no trouble in the next election.

Nevertheless, once the primaries began early this year, people soon forgot President Bush's accomplishments. The media unleashed an onslaught on his record, concerning the economy and his "no new taxes" pledge.

The American people fell victim to this "Bush-bashing" and gave President Bush sizable protest vote in the primaries. Bush's approval drastically dropped and he never fully recovered from this plunge. Then throughout the campaign Bush was the sacrificial lamb for the liberal media, Perot, and Clinton.

As the media became more involved in the campaign, people were lead to believe that Clinton would be the best person to run the country. And because of the media's constant bashing and distortions of President Bush's record, Clinton slipped into the White House .

Clinton narrowly defeated Bush in the election with only about 42% of the popular vote. This statistic reveals that the majority of people do not trust him. Even though Clinton won, it will not be long before people will wish they were still living the in the Reagan-Bush era.

Letter to the editor

To whom it may concern,

In the last issue of *The Rock*, an article entitled "Other Sports Take Sidelines" was published. In this article two athletes stated their opinions on the support of school athletics. They claim that volleyball and football receive more support and recognition than cross country and golf. We feel that the main reason that volleyball and football receive more support, not recognition, is simply because they are spectator sports.

The quote stating "It seems like most teachers know when a football or volleyball player will be leaving from school early, but if you play "other sports", they question your absence", is proved untrue by the fact that it is a very rare occasion for a football or volleyball player to leave school early. In fact there is only one time the junior varsity volleyball team, not varsity, got out early for a game during regular season.

They also stated "We hate getting dressed up for school and being asked why?". The volleyball team doesn't run into this conflict because we rarely get to dress up. Also, the football team wears their jerseys, so it's quite obvious why they are dressed up.

People do recognize the athletes in the different sports in which they are interested in, contrary to what the article says.

"Oh, and you know that sign in the New Gym that announces upcoming sporting events?" Surprise, surprise they are listed by dates not according to importance.

Our advice to any athlete: go out for a sport because you enjoy it and want to be successful, not for recognition.

The Varsity Volleyball Team

P.S. Our balloons, flowers, and candy are from our parents, not through the school.

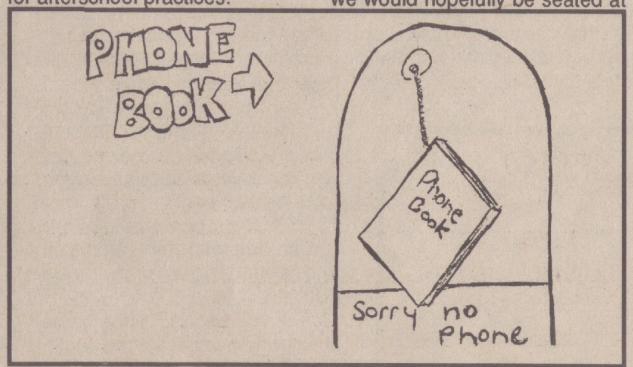
Students hassle with lunch

by Gina Rongisch

Grr! I look back at the clock. It's only 12:10 p.m., I have another 30 minutes before lunchtime; and my stomach sounds like a roaring mountain lion in the Grand Canyon. At the beginning of the school year we were all informed that our lunch time had been moved back. For some students this time was drastically changed from the previous school year. Last year I went to lunch at 11:10 a.m. and this year I go at 12:40 p.m. Some of us will agree the later lunch time has it's good points such as: not being starved for afterschool practices.

Here's the problem: last year all of our lunch times proceeded Activity Period so we had no problems with tardies, in the case that your teacher was running late and didn't bring you up right away. This year there are seven classes who eat right near to the bell. If your teacher is running late and forgets to bring you up right away you're going to be late for 6th period class. Then one week before the end of the 1st Quarter Chemistry and several other classes who have the late lunch were to go down 5 minutes later than usual, but the bell would still ring at the same time. During the 1st Quarter if we left at 12:37 we would hopefully be seated at our table by 12:45. Thus leaving us about 15 minutes to eat. Now if we leave at 12:42 we will be seated by 12:50. Therefore leaving us 10 minutes to eat. Now I am not going to compare us to Columbus High, because we are not Columbus High, but I feel we should receive more than 10 minutes to eat.

Most schools do not have lunch problems like we do, so I suggest Mr. Kobza and the head of the lunch program get together and try to arrange it so all students have an equal and fair amount of time to eat lunch. I feel most students wil agree that eating in 10 minutes and rushing to your next class is not necessary.



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Jessie Petersen and Tiffany Bock congratulate each other as JoDe Cieloha looks for the next serve. Congratulations should be given to every Lady Shamrock for their successful season and State!!!

Memories of participation in sports brings new perspective to Scotus athlete

by Theresa Wemhoff

Bump! Set! Spike! For my first five years at Scotus those words were pounded into my head every fall.

I loved the rhythm, and excitement their sounds had to offer me.

What do they mean to me now?

I watched the girls volleyball team take the district title for the fourth year in a row and felt a smidgen of pain and even a little regret.

Over the years, I have put a lot of time into volleyball. To be among the few privileged enough to go to state, even if only as a bench warmer, would have been a great honor.

For those of you that still asked me when the next volleyball game was and how practice was going I have a little secret to let you in on.

For the first time since I started Scotus my fall pattern changed. I chose to go out for cross country this year instead. I wasn't a bench warmer. I wasn't even allowed to watch from the side of a corn field.

If your legs weren't amputated Coach Dan Mahoney made sure you ran. I was to uncoordintated to jump and hit a ball simultaneously, but running is something I can do without too much difficulty.

I was warned to watch out for cow pies in a couple of fields, but I lucked out and never tripped or even found a single one.

Which did I like better?

Now there's a loaded question I haven't been able to answer yet.

If I were asked to play a game of volleyball or run five miles just for the heck of it; I'd choose volleyball.

If you asked me to make a lifetime commitment to one or the other I'd choose running.

They're completely different sports and hard to compare. Volleyball was a complete team effort, but cross country was more individual.

Volleyball gave me practice in working with others, while cross country taught me more about myself.

This year I learned a lot about self reliance and dignity. At the end of 2.5 miles there's no one there that can help you out and drag you across the finish line.

I was never a star in either, but I wouldn't trade my experiences they gave mefor the world.

Fall sports season comes to end with strong finish

by Laura Kosch
by Gina Rongisch &

This year's girl's cross-country team ended their season by running to a strong finish. Mr. Mahoney coached his girls to a first place victory at districts. From there, it was on to state where the Shamrocks placed fourth.

Leading the team was junior Erin Trouba, who placed 20th among 140 other runners. Other team members who competed at state were juniors Kim Codling and Christina Kretchman; sophomores Mindi Almquist, Michele Griesman, and Mandi Guernsey.

This year's girl's golf team not only set new records, but high aspirations for next year. "We're all excited for next year. We will have a lot of depth and experience," junior Erin Cimpl said. This year the Varsity team carded a 208 against Lakeview to break the previous record. Even though Districts were a bit dissapointing, junior Erin Cimpl qualified for the individuals in the State Meet. "It was very exciting, but I hope next year we will have more confidence and goes as a team," junior Erin Cimpl said. All eyes will be watching the girls golf Team next season.

This year, the football and volleyball teams both qualified for state-level competition.

The football team's first loss of the year was to Class C-1 state champs Battle Creek. The only other regular season loss was handed to them by Wahoo Neuman.

They won their last two very crucial games against Fremont Bergan and Hastings Adams Central to meet Lexington in the state quarter finals. Dropping a 17-10 decision, the team ended its year at 8 and 3.

This year's volleyball team set high goals for State Tournaments, but were spiked down by 23-0 Ogallala in thesemifinal round. They were successful in the first roundby defeating Wayne in two consecutuve sets. The only two other losses came from Grand Island CC and Wahoo Neuman in Tounaments.

BB teams look forward to season

by Brandi Buggi

come to a close, some may say that the excitement is over. For others, however, the fun has just begun. Practices for the basketball season began Monday, November 9 for the boys and Monday, November 16 for the girls. Of course there were exceptions for those still competeing in football and volleyball.

"I am excited, because I think we can have a good season if we all work together," said junior Christina Kretchman.

This feeling of excitment seems to be the same for senior Chad Burbach. "I am looking forward to this season. I feel we will have a good team this year."

Not only do these athletes practice hard during the season, they practice by themselves and with others outside of season to try to be their best.

"I have been playing since last season with my teammates and attend open gym," said Burbach.

"Goals also seem to be an important aspect of the game. "Our goal as a team this year is to make it to state," said Burbach.

"We must all work together and set high goals to be successful," added Kretchman.

The action begins as the girls take on Pius X here on Thursday, December 3, and the boys take on Omaha Cathedral on Saturday, December 5.

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Rich Tooley looks toward the camera while practicing his dribblingskills as basketball teammates practice other fundamental skills.

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U. S. aids Somalians

by Theresa Wemhoff_

Death and starvation seem to cloud over the East African nation of Somalia. Can the "world's police force" fight off an adversary that has already taken the lives of 300,00 and according to the State Department takes 1,000 more each day.

In 1991 Somalia's president for the past 21 years, Siad Barre, was ousted by Ali Mahdi Muhamed. Barre fled the country's capital, Mogadishu, after a month of intense fighting in the capital between pro-government soldiers and the United Somali Congress (USC). According to the Sunday Times of London (Dec. 29,1991) the opposing sides used left over U. S. and former U. S. S. R. weapons.

Somalia is in a state of civil wars that have developed between the numerous tribes of the country. On May 18, 1991, after the replacement of Siad Barre, the northern part of the country broke off in order to form an independent nation.

Since this time groups of outlaws and bandits have formed and the country is in a constant state of chaos. As a result, thousands of Somali civilians are dying of starvation and disease.

International relief operations have been set up to assist the starving nation, but due to feuding Somali warlords and bandits a majority of the food is intercepted and stolen.

To overcome this obstacle the United Nations transported food and supplies to a neutral port in Mogadishu. The plan has been titled Operation Restore Hope. Soldiers were hired from both sides to guard the food on its journey to the Somali civilians. Despite this groups of bandits and warlords still manage to steal a large portion of the food and supplies.

Recently the question has been posed to the United Stated as to what they will do to assist the lawless nation. On Friday, December 5 the United Nations approved of Untied Stated assistance in Somalia.

According to Bush the United States will only be in Somalia for a couple of months. 17,000 U. S. troops were to be in Somalia by the end of last week said White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater according to the Lincoln Star. A total of 40,000 troops are expected to be sent to Somalia in the future.

Some friction has occurred between the United Nations and the United States concerning the role of the U. S. in Somalia. According to USA Today, on Sunday, December 13, Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger denied these alligations.

The Lincoln Star also reported the same disagreement. On December 14 the United Nations chief insisted that American troops should disarm warlord and bandit gangs,but denied that there was any disagreement over the issue.

However, the Lincoln Star went on to report that Fitzwater said that disarmament has "never been a part of our mission, and that has not changed."

Delivering food to the starving Somalis is the only U.S. objective at the present time. The "world's police force" doesn't plan on using its awesome power to control Somalia's playground of madness, but to feed its starving children.

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Wertz takes over as mayor

by Rich McPhillips_____

As the year concludes so does Larry Marik's era as mayor. But with his inaugration on Monday, December 7, the term of newly elected mayor Al Wertz has just begun.

Larry Marik feels that his two terms as mayor were positive and included many accomplishments. "We've had a tremendously strong economy", the former mayor said. He feels he has played a major role in attracting new business to the city of Columbus.

While in office he tried to improve the negative image of a politician. He feels he accomplished this through his involvement in the community and in activities dealing with the youth of Columbus.

Marik says he "totally enjoyed" coming to Scotus and congratulating the students year after year in its success, and he thanks Scotus for being a part of the tradition and pride. He states that we should take the same philosophy into life. "The same things that make you successful in school will make you successful in life," Marik said.

Mayor Al Wertz also praises Scotus and says that it is a very positive school. He encourages the students to become active in government and to have a keen interest in your family and in your church. He strongly believes that religion and morals along with marriage and politics are very important in our lives..

Wertz has been interested in politics ever since he was young. He has been a member of the Civil Service, Served on the Board of Appeals, served on the Planning and Zoning Commission and has been to many city council meetings.

He states that he has no priority agenda but his main objective is "good government." He says he hasn't made any plans concerning a future mall but would encourage one under private ownership and not tax funded.

Wertz feels that the city should not be involved in the formation of a youth center because it would only single out one group of people. "Government has no business to provide entertainment for one segment of a population," Wertz said.

He strongly supports the city code of no loitering on private property or in parking lots. He supports the given right of the owner to remove anyone, with the assistance of the police, who violates this code. His answer to the parking lot situation is: "If you want a piece of property to gather on, get together and buy your own property."

Even though the new mayor is faced with many problems he strongly emphasizes Columbus' excellent standard of living. Wertz says, "Columbus is so far above and beyond any other city that we are compared to."

photo by Jenni Arp

Mic Collins goes for a lay-up as cheerleaders look stuned. For more sports details on the Boystown BB games turn to page 8

Prizes and music enhance CD tape dance

by Brad Wangler

This winter the student coucil will be holding the first annual Blizzard Bash. The dance will be held on December 18 in the Memorial hall gym, from 8:00 untill 11:30.

"We will be giving away CD's, two tapes, and a ton of goodies for door prizes," Student council member John Hain said.

Sophomores Amy Johnson and Chandra Legenza both felt that doorpizes were a good idea.

"It's going to be a good time because it's a first time event," Student councel member Chris Rickert said.

"It will be the first CD tape dance," Hain said.

"The DJs and music are going to be excellent," Student councel Sean Schmeits said.

The dance will cost three dollars per person and four dollar per couple.

"The money will go to the student council and later in the year we donate money to such organasations as Make a Wish Foundation," Hain said.

"There will be a lot of dancing and a lot of fun." Rickert said.

Photo by Mr. Atchinson

The 1992 REACH students are as follows: Michele Griesman, Brandi Bulkley, Andrea Tooley, Angie Naughtin, Carey Grell, Jenny Arp. Row 2 Heidi VanAckeren, Holly Heth, Linsi Peterson, Kristin Wolfgram, Cami Wiegert, Mindi Almquist. Row 3 Denny Sliva, Rich McPhillips, Jason Brezenski, Ryan Eikmeier, Shade Whalen, Matt McGuire

Students REACH to help others

by Cathy Wemhoff

Twenty Scotus sophomores will soon be reaching out to children at St. Anthony's, Bon's and Isidore's. REACH stands for responsible educated adolescents can help America. As members of the REACH program they will educate children on the effects of drugs and alcohol on their bodies. On November 2 and 3 the students went to REACH training at the Federated church's education center, along with about 30 Columbus High Students.

"REACH training had a tremendous effect on me- - The speaker was great and he really got the point across well that you don't have to drink to have fun, and neither does anyone else," sophomore REACH participant Ryan Eikmeier said.

"Most high school kids have already made up their mind whether they're going to drink or not. The only thing I can do is give kids good reasons why they shouldn't drink," Eikmeier said. "At this age people have been taught about drugs and alcohol and they've made up their minds if they are going to drink or not," sophomore REACH participant Mindi Almquist said.

"I think that I can have an influence on the younger kids because they will listen more to somebody who is like them, had the same experiences, closer to their age, and somebody who wants to talk to them rather than some adult who was hired to talk to the kids," Eikmeier said.

"REACH was one of the most interesting and exciting programs I've ever been involved in. The speaker really made me feel like I could make a difference," Eikmeier said.

In a Minute...

If I was hungry enough, I'd eat one.
-Travis Patocka, 10th grade

They look like a voodoo doll for Don King.
-Nate Marik, 10th grade.

What do you think about trolls?

I think they're ugly, but my kids love them.
-Mrs. Bernt

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-Linsi Petersen, 10th grade.

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by Jenny Arp

Matt Evans, Dustin Buggi, Leslie Brock, Sarah Fehringer and other FBLA members take part in one of the many activities held during the annual FBLA party.

Talents shown through band and chorus

by Nikki Beran

On November 29th and November 29th Scotus students participated in Honor Chorus and Honor Band at Platte College. The participants were given music ahead of time which they needed to learn. They spent two days putting the performance together.

There were approximately 60 students in the Honor Chorus, and students in Honor Band. Scotus participants in the Honor Band were Jim Springer and Kathy Hegemann. Participants in the Honor Chorus were Ryan Eikmeir and Kristie Puetz.

They all applied about a month ago, and were picked to participate. There were students participating from all over Nebraska. After the practicing, the groups gave a concert to show all of their talent. They performed the music that they had been practicing at Plate College.

Both groups enjoyed the experience of participating in the band or chorus. "I enjoyed the life of the group, and sheer excitement created by the full ensemble," senior Jim Springer said. "I enjoyed being around all of the talented people," sophomore Ryan Eikmeier said.

Both groups enjoyed seeing talent away from the school. "The difference between singing groups at Scotus and Honor Chorus, is that at Honor Chorus you are working with natural talent, and at Scotus you develop the talent that you have," Eikmeier said.

Each group enjoyed the experience. "At first I was a little hesitant to go, but now if given the chance I would definitely go back," senior Kristie Puetz said. "I thought it was a great experience, it was a lot of fun," junior Kathy Hegemann said.

Term papers cause turmoil

by Ann Wieser

First drafts due Monday! This is a common phrase heard by many Scotus students during the past weeks. Sophomores, juniors, and seniors are feeling the pressure of research papers early this year.

"I like the fact that they are giving them[research papers] now, instead of at the end of the year," junior Jill Buelt said. The juniors this year have a paper due in English and in Chemistry. "It's hard having two papers because both teachers have different standards, and there is a lot of research involved," Buelt said.

There is also a research paper due for students involved in AP English and Modern Problems. AP English is responsible for a paper on a poet and to write about their styles and themes.

"They are helpful because you learn about the topic, but not by writing eight pages on it," senior Steph Geilenkirchen. But some students feel that they aren't helpful because, "life doesn't require term papers," junior Monty Schmidt said.

"I usually put it off to the last minute, even though I feel I am given enough time to finish it," Schmidt said. "I usually plan ahead so it gets done, and I don't have to worry about it," Geilenkirchen said.

Countless students dread the research paper for many reasons. "I don't like researching the topic," Schmidt said. Although this is true students usually didn't have problems picking their topics. "I don't like all the time you have to put into it," Geilenkirchen said. "All the little details you must include are the part I don't like," Buelt said.

Although we don't enjoy research papers, they are a part of high school and college. "I think teachers give us research papers to prepare us for college," Geilenkirchen said. But others feel that their reasoning isn't that sincere. "They give them to us because they have to," Buelt said. "Teachers like to put a lot of work on us," Schmidt said.

Whatever the reason, teachers assign research papers. We will always have them. They cause a lot of stress, and take a lot of time, so the sooner you get started the better off you will be.

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Christma

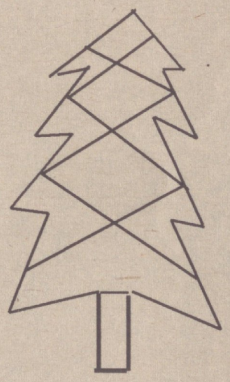
by Theresa Wemhoff

Peering out the window, I searched for the fuzzy, red figure my younger brothers and sisters were convinced was Santa Claus. Still being in grade school, I was anxious to receive my Christmas gifts, but I had long ago realized Santa wasn't the jolly fat man tales made him out to be.

As the night wore on, my younger brothers and sisters began to wear on the nerves of the true Santa, my parents. We were forced to go downstairs or face their wrath. Parading down the steps, we ran into our basement and began playing various games of tag.

At one point, my extremely coordinated brother, (we'll call him Bart for reasons of privacy). Anyway, "Bart" took off running and for a split second looked behind him. Wham! By the time he turned his head back, it was too late.

The mold of the pole Bart ran into would forever be implanted on Bart's face. Instead of getting "two front teeth for Christmas", Wayne lost both of his.



by Jodi Lynn Hefti

"Deck the halls with boughs of holly." Fa la la la la la la la la. "Tis the season to be jolly Fa la la la la la la la la la la." I would really like to know what kind of happy weed the author was on when he wrote that song. How many of your families' houses are actually all that jolly on Christmas day? I can gladly, well, I can honestly say my house is far from it on such joyous occasions.

At my house everyone is running around with their heads chopped off. If you listen really closely you can hear the Christian attitude of the family in the hallways. You can always hear my two older sisters say, "Jodi shut up, and stop being a baby. Stop complaining. You are mom and dad's favorite."

What am I Ebenezer Scrooge or something? Every year, if anything goes wrong, it is my fault.

For example in the year 1984, my dad bought my mom a new car for Christmas. Well it wasn't new new, but it was new to us. Anyway we took it to my grandparents' on Christmas day, I guess to show the family our new edition.

After my sister Amy and I had opened our presents, and she was suppose to be off in a corner entertaining

me, we took our "new" Cabbage Patch kids and we decided to take a walk outside.

We both stood there in the driveway looking at the blue mustang, Amy was 16, and I was 9. I don't really remember the details, but I guess we thought we should take it for a spin, because Amy went into the house and searched my dad's coat until she found the keys.

I can still see her walking out of the green house with a blue keychain in her hands. Boy we thought we had accomplished a lot. She calmly and coolly walked over to the driver's door and unlocked it then leaned over and unlocked my door. I got in and put my seatbelt on and it was probably a good thing that I did, because the Mustang was a stick and Amy obviously did not know that or she never would have tried to start it.

She put the key in and turned it, not knowing that you had to step on the clutch. All of the sudden there was a loud brrrrurrrurrrrp and the car was shaking and rolling backwards, out of the driveway.

Out of the front door here comes my dad running, and Amy and I were beyond scared. If any of you have ever seen the size of my dad, you would be scared to. It isn't that he is mean because in real actuality he is a living teddy bear, but his size is just so BIG!!

Well my dad asks Amy what she is doing, and Amy turned and looked at me and simply replies "Jodi did it." How could I have done it, I was in the passenger seat with my seat belt on, what was it quick change or something?

Well, the moral of my story is... well I guess I don't have a moral but have yourself a merry little Christmas.

by Laura Kosch

My most memorable Christmas vacation was probably the one my family and I spent in Florida. When we first arrived at my cousin's house in Orlando, we were greeted by drums, trumpets and a video camera- a very rude awakening to a two day drive in a van.

While there, we shopped in downtown Winter Park, saw my cousin's school, and spent a whole day at Epcot. It was an absolute blast!

I even got a chance to eat at a Hard Rock Cafe for the first time. It was awesome. I also think I met my first transvestite- our waiter-turned-waitress "Jessica." I just smiled politely because you can never be too sure.

After a week of fun in the sun, we prepared to make the journey back home. We went a whole two blocks when my sister realized she had left something at my cousin's house. Backing out of the driveway again, we once more waved good-bye and started for Nebraska.

What should have been a two day drive was shortened into one really long day. We left Orlando around 11:00 a.m. on a Thursday and pulled into our driveway Friday evening. After all this, there is something I learned that I would like to inform others of so that they don't make the same mistake I did: spending time with your family is fine, BUT NOT FOR OVER THIRTY-SIX HOURS IN THE SAME CAR!!!!!!

by Ann Wieser

Getting up quickly, I ran to find what my stocking held, but to my great despair, it was empty. I ran to my mom's room where she was still asleep. Tears in my eyes I said, "Mom, I wasn't a good girl, cuz Santa didn't come!"

My mom got up and apologized because she forgot to fill them. I was confused, of course, but she made me quickly put my brother's presents in his stocking before he woke up.

Later I told my brother what happened, expecting a reaction but instead he explained that there really wasn't a Santa Claus. He went on to say that our parents were the ones that filled our stockings. I was shocked, and mad that no one told me the truth.

by Cathy Wemhoff

She's fallen and she can't get up, and I'm dead. This slightly altered famous saying describes my most memorable Christmas. It happened about 12 years ago when I was about 3. I don't remember much but what I do remember I remember really well.

It was a typical Christmas at my grandparents house, we ate and then opened Christmas presents, Well, being a typical 3 year old, as soon as I was done opening Christmas presents I was anxious to play with them.

So I was running all over my grandparent's house, with almost no awareness of where I was going or who I was going to run into. I ran smak dab into my grandma, from behind, causing her knees to buckle beneath her. I saw her fall forward, and I knew I was in trouble when she was lying on the floor unable to get up. So I ran. I don't know where I went but I did come back only to see my dad and my uncle carrying my grandma out the door to the hospital. I later found out that I had broken my grandma's pelvis.

by Kelli Woods

Over the river and through the woods to grandmother's house we, well we usually went. For almost as long as I can remember we would go to my grandma's for Christmas. This was one of my favorite ways to celebrate. I got to see all my relatives and the part about receiving presents wasn't too bad either.

Over the presents and through the hall to lay down in bed I went. This was the worst Christmas of my entire life. I was so sick that I didn't even want to open my presents. Yes, something was drastically wrong.

My brother was sick too, but I was convinced that we could make our parents believe we were fine. After all, if I could convince them I was sick when I wasn't, I could surely convince them I was healthy when I was sick. My plan however, was foiled by my brother who had clearly demonstrated symptoms of the flu.

My parents decided we would be staying home. The rest of that Christmas was spent attempting to open presents. Every time I got done opening one present I would have to go lay down and take a two hour nap to regain my strength.

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Christmas would last forever, and I too had wondered what that would be like when I was younger. I decided if the only way to make Christmas longer was to be sick that it just isn't worth it.

by Gina Rongisch

As many of you may already know, I have a precious dog named Mimi. Yes, you read it right, her name is Mimi; she's a french poodle. I decided a french name would be appropriate. She has proved to be one of my most interesting Christmas presents yet.

Three years ago my sister and I decided we would like to have a cute, cuddly puppy for Christmas. Mom and dad were less than thrilled, but decided to give into children pressure. A woman my dad worked with had some puppies for sale, so one cold Saturday morning we all piled in the car and headed for Platte Center.

As we walked in the door the first thing we saw was a white poodle. The woman told us that she was the happy mother of five puppies. She soon showed us to the laundry room where she kept the babies. The one thing that sticks out most in my mind is how small they were. They had been born six weeks to the day we arrived.

"Pick the one you like the most," mom said. It was a hard decision but I chose the biggest one. She had peach colored ears and a cream colored body.

For the past two and a half years I have been thinking about why I wanted a dog so much. I have come to the conclusion that I must have been temporarily insane. That cute, cuddly puppy has become a ten inch twenty-five pound killer dog no longer cute and definitely not cuddly. What she enjoys doing most is going through every trash can in the house, dumping out all the contents, sorting through it for all Kleenex, and then chewing them up and strewing them all over the floor. Fun, huh?

Mimi's not the only animal in my life though, other than my sister I have a thirteen pound cat, Yes we do grow the animals big in my house. When we got Mimi my cat was already two years old, and was less than pleased that she had to live with someone else. (My family was already enough for her.) When the dog was small the cat would just pounce on the dog, but as the dog grew all she had to do was sit on the cat. Watching them fight is definitely entertainment. Maybe I should start to charge admission.

I guess that Mimi is kind of a mixed blessing. She gives me someone to talk to when no one will listen, but drives me nuts every other time.

by Nikki Beran

When you celebrate Christmas with a large family, there always tends to be some confusion. About four years ago while we were celebrating Christmas with our relatives, we experienced some confusion while opening our gifts.

After we ate our big Christmas dinner, everyone was ready to open gifts. One of my uncles quickly grabbed for a present that he thought was his. It turned out to be that he mistook his dog's name for his own name.

He opened the package and found a package of what he thought was "beef jerky". He ripped open the package and started eating it. He then started to pass around the so called "beef jerky".

My grandma who had left the room, returned to see the "beef jerky" being passed around the room. She quickly told everyone that everyone was eating dog treats and not beef jerky. I've never seen so many people run for water faster than my relatives did. After that experience we all carefully checked the name tags on our gifts.

by Rich McPhillips

I stared at the showcase full of rifles in a daze. I dreamed of hunting rabbits with a .22 instead of shooting sparrows with a BB gun. I wanted the Marlin semi-automatic .22 caliber rifle that sat behind glass in a cabinet at Wal-Mart.

The rifle wasn't that expensive and I wanted it for Christmas. But I wondered if my father would trust me with a gun that shot real bullets.

I never rally asked my father if i could have the rifle, but I had given some pretty obvious hints. On Christmas eve I lay in bed losing sleep as I wondered if my father doubted my responsibility and if he had trust in me to carry a lethal weapon.

I awoke on Christmas morning and ventured into the living room. Looking under the tree, I became ashamed of myself. May father did trust me and didn't doubt my responsibility.

by Brad Wangler

The Christmas I will never forget was the Christmas of 1990. As I sat there that night opening up Christmas presents and watching the build-up over in the Persian Gulf on the TV. Seeing the war unfold brought the war so much closer to home that night.

As the threat of the grew war so did the chance of my father and brother going to the Gulf. Also as the threat grew so did the fear inside of me. As the night went on that feeling of fear was almost gone, but it was always there in the distance. That feeling is one that I hope I will never have to feel again ,but as the world changes that fear begins to grow once more. I hope that the Christmas of 1990 is the only one that I will remember in this way.

by BrandiBuggi

My most memorable Christmas occurred when I was five or six years old. My family was watching T.V. in the livingroom. My dad had to work late that night. All of a sudden somebody tapped on the window with a bell. I looked out and it was Santa Claus. I was excited, yet very afraid. When he came in, he wanted me to sit on his lap. I started to cry and ran to my room. I grabbed my teddy bear and hid under my bed. "Santa Claus is wearing daddy's shoes," I screamed.

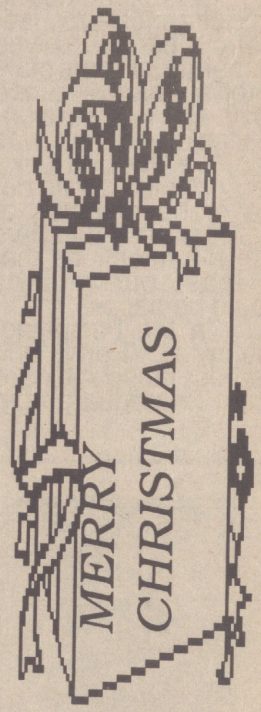
by Matt Moseman

"If you're not careful, you're gonna get sick," my mother said as I continued to inhale the mounds of cookies and potato chips. Naturally I ignored her, as I did with most things of that nature. It was Christmas, how could anyone get sick on Christmas? And who could get sick on Christmas?

I'll give you three guesses and the first two don't count, as my father would say, as to who could get sick.

Yes, I spent my Christmas at Grandma and Grandpa's being sick and throwing up. At least I had brought some of my new toys to play with in my despair.

Through out the night, I sat up in my Grandpa's bed with two liter bottles of Seven Up around me. Happy happy, joy joy.



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MYSTERY PHOTO NUMBER FIVE !!

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Congratulations to the winner of November's Mystery Photo, seventh-grader Evan Trofholz. Turn your guess in for this month's Mystery Photo to Mrs. Schieffer by January 5, 1993.

TERMINAL BLISS PROVES TERMINALLY ILL FOR PERRY

by Laura Kosch_____
Gina Rongisch_____

One night, something strange happened. We both found ourselves desperate for some male entertainment. Since Kevin and Mel were unavailable and Tom was also, we decided Luke Perry would have to do. We grabbed a bag of Starbursts and Twizzlers with the intentions that at least our mouths would be happy.

In the beginning, Johnny H. (Perry) and his best friend Alex are about to graduate from high school. One week before graduation while playing lacrosse, Johnny H. and Alex spot the same girl (Stevie) at the same time. Johnny H. wines and dines Stevie for most of the summer. Problems arise when Stevie falls for Alex, yet she tells Johnny H. she still loves him. Johnny H. proves to be a psychotic nut and becomes obsessed with Stevie.

This movie proved to be an utter disgrace. We wonder why Luke Perry would accept such a terrible script. In the course of this movie, Johnny H. receives a brand new Porsche, which he won't let anyone drive, rapes his girlfriend's sister, does drugs and drinks till he can't drive the Porsche and has to let his best friend drive. The only bright point in this movie is Alex's monotone voice and the great (but unprintable) lines he delivers.

photo by Jenny Arp

Cheerleaders Steph Geilenkirchen, Jill Kruise, Gina Rongisch, Kristie Puetz, Christi Wachal, and Jill Kropatsch perform out of their usual uniforms due to the cheerleading camp they instructed December 12. The camp involved first through sixth grade girls who performed at the half time of the boy's BB game.

Baking brings Christmas cheer

by Brandi Buggi_____

When you think of Christmas, you think of Christmas trees, Santa, and presents. You also think of food! Along with the usual turkey, potatoes, and pumpkin pie for dinner, there are also many snacks.

An all time favorite seems to be sugar cookies in the shapes of snowmen, stars, and Santa Claus. These seem to be popular with young and old alike without many complaints

Another popular snack seems to be candy canes. They taste good and are again a favorite with many people. Not only do they come in the traditional flavor, you can also get cherry, wintergreen, raspberry, and I've even seen butterscotch.

My favorite cookies during the Christmas season are molasses cookies. The moistness and the rich taste of molasses really appealed to me. These cookies also make the house smell good.

The art of baking during the Christmas holiday seems to have taken over many kitchens throughout the U.S. Even just smelling the sweet aromas of cookies, bars, and pies is great but tasting them is so much better. So try something different this holiday season and have a safe and wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Mr. Atchison's Q.F.C. is busy having their discussion day on Wednesday. Members of Mr. Atchison's Q.F.C. that are shown are Kelli Woods, Heidi Krings, Kari Becker, Chris Kinnison, and Cathy Wemhoff.

Q.F.C. is worth the effort

by Cathy Wemhoff

I hear the bell ring after fourth period, and I know I'm off to Q.F.C. I go through the halls and hear people groaning about going to Q.F.C. I have to wonder if these people have even given Q.F.C. a chance?

At first I thought Q.F.C. would be a waste of time. Activity period was my only time to do homework because I have no studyhall. I went to the first Q.F.C. with the attitude that if I have to go, I'll make the best of it.

The first time I thought it was just okay, but as I've gone on I think it's gotten better and better. It's a good chance to get to know people, both older and younger. I think it's neat to see how other people answer questions and to see that they answer them the same way you would.

I'm a sophomore so I know a few seniors and other upper classmen, but with Q.F.C. I have become more comfortable with even more seniors and juniors. I also know some of the junior high kids, and freshman.

I will say, to those who don't like Q.F.C., that it's definitely not the high point of my day, but I don't dread it. I look forward to it. It's a great chance to get to know not only students but that teacher too. It really does make a difference in who you know and who you talk to. Give it a chance, you might like what you see.

Q.F.C. is good idea but needs work

by Nikki Beran

When Q.F.C. replaced T.A., I was disappointed. I always liked starting off the day with T.A., but I decided to give Q.F.C. a try. I have found that I am always open to try new ideas.

I found that I don't hate the idea, but it's not exactly my favorite thing to do either. I do like the idea of discussing a topic with a group. It's interesting to see the view points of other grade levels.

I do feel that it would be more interesting if we had more of a variety of subjects to choose from, for I like the idea of discussing a topic, but it seems to me as if people don't take the discussions seriously. To me, it seems as if people are going into other rooms with bad attitudes. Their attitudes then seem to reflect back on the discussion.

I do have some suggestions to make Q.F.C. more interesting or enjoyable. I feel that we should be able to talk and discuss the subject more as a group, and not be restricted to answering questions that have already been written.

I feel that Q.F.C. is a good idea. With some more time and possibly some changes, I feel that it can become a worth-while project.

photo by Erin Trouba
Laura Liss practices C.P.R. on Annie during Mrs. Malicky's health class.

Christmas is a time for thankfullness

Christmas! Already? It was just Thanksgiving a couple days ago, wasn't it?! And here I am swamped in the mire of pre-Christmas confusion.

When will I finish my term paper? Will my next check cover the presents I want to buy for everyone? Why can't we have a major snow storm and get school cancelled? What is everyone going to do for New Year's? Will Grandma buy me the same pajamas she did last year? Will Mom put crushed pineapple on the ham again? I hate that.

Anyway I look at things, I am not ready for Christmas, and if I do look at things, I see that I amlooking through a very small window.

O.K. so the term paper isn't the funnest thing to write, but at least I'm learning how to write one.

Who cares if I have enough money to buy presents for everyone? There are a million homeless who won't receive a thing.

Wouldn't it be better to have snow on Christmas Eve when my family is home all together around the tree?

And so I don't like pineapple on ham? I'll scrape it off. The people in Somalia are dying for what I take for granted.

Another pair of pajamas from Grandma is better than someone elses clothes shipped to me because mine were lost in Hurricane Andrew.

And I can do anything I want to for New Years or any other time, and no neo-Nazi will harm me for my beliefs.

In other words, I live in a pretty darned good life. This Christmas thing isn't so bad. But before I say "Merry Christmas" I'd like to say thanks to God for what I've got. "Thanks, God."

- Anonymous

Student feels going solo is preferred to dancing as duo

by Kelli Woods

Worrying about what to wear and how to do your hair for "the dance" is something you face as many as three times a year. Anxiety revolves around Homecoming, Sweetheart, and Prom for juniors and seniors. This year however, there is also the Blizzard Bash to prepare for.

Let's see; you've got your outfit, and you've planned how long it will take you to get ready, yet something is missing. Oh yes, the date.

The way I see it, there are four basic kinds of dates. **Number one:** the we've -been -going- out- for- three -years- and -would -die-if -we -didn't -go- together- date. **Number two:** the my- friends -set- us -up -and-he-better-be-good-looking-or-they-are-dead-date. **Number three:** the it's- ten -minutes- til -the -dance -guess -I'll -call- someone- quick- and-dump- them- off- after- we- make-our- entrance- date. Finally, date **number four:** I hate to say the f -word, but : the we've- always-been- friends- and -know- we- will -have -fun- and -hey- it's- better-than- going -alone -date.

Wait a second; going alone? The very thought of it sends some people into shock. (These are generally the people who are going to have date number one.)

Think about it though. No hassles with flowers or pictures. No worrying if they will pick you up on time or still be there to take you home when it's over. You can act as crazy as you want, for afterall, you only have to worry about what you think.

There are a few problems to going it solo, however. Besides the eternal question (And who are YOU taking to the dance?) and the sudden, urgent need for a trip to the water fountain when a slow song starts, there is also the feeling that going alone is something to discourage.

For example couples will only be charged $4.00 for the Blizzard Bash whereas an individual will be charged $3.00. I'm not saying that a dollar is anyone's life savings or that this is a federal case of prejudice, but at times, the idea of having a date is stressed too much. If one chooses to go alone, why must they pay more than those that have dates?

For future dances, maybe those with dates should pay more, afterall, the single people already nave a hard time defending their no date status. In all fairness though, each person should pay the same price, regardless if they are with a date or not. By making this change, those going solo may feel a little less pressure, and those who made dates just to get in cheaper may reconsider and go alone, too.

Who knows, with so many people going alone, the dance might be more fun, even if those drinking fountain lines get a little long.

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Boys'BB team off to good start

photo by ErinTrouba
Sunny Recek shoots the ball over two Boystown defenders as Kathy Hegemann and Jamie Jazwick look for the rebound.

by Erin Trouba

The 1992 Shamrock boys basketball team defeated Omaha Cathedral 71-68, December 5 in the season opener in Omaha.

Senior Michael Collins led the team in scoring with 31 points, 18 of which came from behind the three point arc. Junior Luke Jackson led the field in rebounding with 15. It was junior Gary Rief"s three pointer that pulled the Shamrocks even and gave them the needed momentum to pull out the victory.

The Shamrocks, who had a 3-16 record last season, will look to improve from that record this season. "Our goals are to win the conference and district tournaments." senior Michael Collins said.

After losing 78-50 at Boys Town last year, the Shamrock basketball team was not about to let that happen again. The Shamrocks defeated the Cowboys 86-44 December 12 in the Activities center. The Shamrocks jumped to an early six point lead after Collins and Rief nailed back-to-back three point goals. Collins led all 13 scoring Shamrocks with 21 points. Scotus improved to 2-1 after a 64-52 loss to Grand Island Central Catholic December 11 in Grand Island.

Girls'team uses defense, experience to win first B B games

by Erin Trouba

Experience, size, defensive skills. These are three things the 1992 Scotus girls basketball team has. What, you may ask, does the team lack? According to Coach Petersen, " a proven point guard."

That didn't seem to matter as the lady 'Rocks rolled to a 49-39 victory over two-time defending Class B state champions, Lincoln Pius X. The 'Rocks aiso snapped a 35 game victory streak for Pius X. The Shamrocks, ranked ninth in Class B, have nine returning letterwinners. They will be trying to improve last year's 13-8 record and hopefully spark a state playoff berth.

The Shamrocks are led by senior Jessie Petersen who averaged 9.4 points and 6.4 rebounds last season. Petersen scored 13 points in the Pius X victory. Also scoring in double figures for the Shamrocks was the junior duo of JoDe Cieloha and Renee' Fuhr who combined for 20 points. "We played o.k. for the first game and only a week and a half of practice," junior JoDe Cieloha said.

The Shamrocks took on Omaha Cathedral December 4 in a varsity doubleheader in Omaha. The 'Rocks earned a victory in that game as well. The 'Rocks blew by Cathedral 67-36. Senior Theresa Wemhoff led the team with 17 points and snared eight rebounds. Fuhr threw in 11 points while Cieloha added nine in the win.

The lady 'Rocks cruised to 93-17 victory over Boys Town on December 12. The 'Rocks also set a new school record due to Jamie Jazwick's two free throws late in the game. Cieloha led the team with 26 points while Wemhoff added 14. Point guard Amy Kuhlen had 6 assists. Junior Christina Kretchman led the bench with 19 points.

Junior high girls finish season with good records

By Cathy Wemhoff

As every other time in a person's life, junior high is a time for learning, so is junior high basketball.

For the seventh grade girls, basketball is a great learning experience. It's their first year of real competition, so it's different for them. It takes a while to get used to the routine of scholastic basketball. Once they get in the routine things, go fairly well," seventh grade coach Mrs. Ewers said.

"The season is only six weeks long, so it is hard to do what needs to get done. There's a lot more to learn in order to be good at basketball in comparison to other sports. They have to be skilled at different levels," Ewers said.

The seventh graders finished their season with a good record. The A-team's final record was 6-0, while the B-team's record was 4-0. "The B team improved a lot, even though their record didn't show it," Ewers said.

"There are basically two purposes for the eighth grade. The first is to develop a player for junior varsity and varsity sports, and the other is to give eighth graders a chance to play who wouldn't normally get to play," eighth grade coach Mrs. Blaser said.

The eighth grade has also had a very good season. "They're a great group of girls that really worked hard," Blaser said. The eighth graders ended their season Saturday. Prior to Saturday the A team's record was 5-2, and the B team's record was 3-1.

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Speech team places second at speech meet

by Theresa Wemhoff

Snowed over. Before the Speech Team was even given a chance they were blown away by the weather. On Friday, January 8, sighs of relief were heard throughout the school as nervous speakers listened to the news.

The season opening Speech meet at Elkhorn Valley High school in Tilden was postponed until February sixth.

With ten seniors and five juniors, the team has some definite leadership qualities. One returning senior and two returning juniors were state competitors last year.

Returning state qualifiers included senior, Kelli Woods and junior Cindy Kuehler in informative speaking and Tim Thalken in extemporaneous speaking.

The first competition of the year was on Saturday, January 16 at Raymond Central. Although the team got off to a late start the season still looks promising. The team placed second over all with 80 points.

Nathan Marik came home with a gold metal in entertainment speaking. The Senior O.I.D. group (Kari Becker, Matt Moseman, Travis Patocka, Brad Wangler, and Kelli Woods) received a first place medal as well.

Jim Springer was the only other medal winner. Springer came back with a silver medal in extemporaneous speaking.

Ribbon winners included Cindy Kuehler; poetry, Jim Springer; persuasive speaking, duet (Matt Moseman and Nathan Marik), and Kelli Woods; informative speaking,

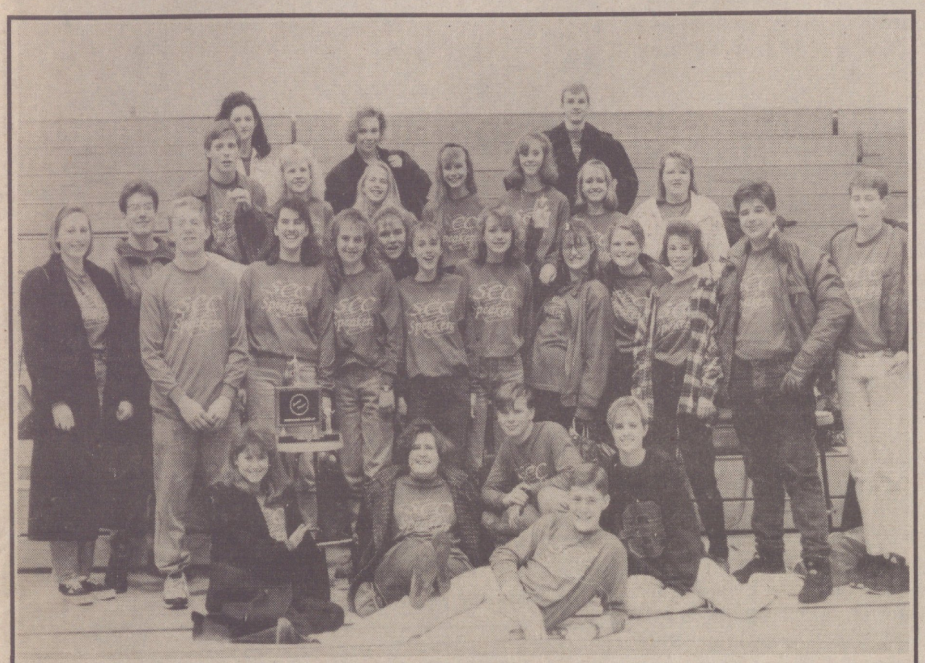


photo by Mrs. Schieffer

Speech team members pose for a picture after their second place finish at Raymond Central.

Rush sweeps the nation

by Rich McPhillips

Dittos Rush! This phrase has been in the mind of millions lately in respect to "the king of talk radio.". He is Rush Limbaugh, and he is sweeping the nation. It seems that Limbaugh is becoming a part of everyone's life either through talk radio, late night television, or though his best-selling book.

Limbaugh draws millions to his attention through his" unique blend of conservatism and irreverent humor." He uses his legendary commentary to analyze such topics as: radical environmentalism, militant feminism and Bill Clinton. His radio talk show has a devoted audience of close to 13 million listeners, and is broadcasted on about 550 radio stations around the country. The Way Things Ought to Be, his new book, has been number one on the New York Times non-fiction best-seller list for 16 weeks. The Rush Limbaugh television show carried on over 200 stations nation wide. It is the number three most watched late-night show behind Nightline and The Tonight Show.

Limbaugh was born in Cape Girardeau, Missouri and was in love with radio ever since elementary school. In the 1960's he became a top 40 deejay and later he hit it off big at KFBK in Sacramento. His show went national in 1988.

His audience includes people from a wide spectrum. They range from faithful followers to skeptical liberals. Many agree that his type of commentary is what makes him so popular. "He educates in an entertaining way," sophomore Travis Patocka said. "He adds humor to his opinions," senior Laura Liss said. Yet some are not as impressed with his view and commentary. "He is totally radical," Mrs. Kiser said. "And he says things just to rile people up," she said. "He is sometimes too absurd," junior Ryan Foust said. "He sounds like a sexist sometimes," Liss said.

Critics say that his popularity will plummet now that there is not a conservative in the White House, and that the election year is over. Liss partially agrees, "His popularity will calm down after the elections, then maybe it will pick up during the next election." Others feel his fame will continue to grow more popular because "there is no one like him". "He will keep informing Americans on conservatism," sophomore Ryan Liebig said. "He is a great leader, and should be President of the United States."

photo by Jenny Arp

Mayor Wertz, Councilman Rongisch, Sara Keller, Chris Kinnison and Catholic grade school students watch as the mayor signs the Proclamation for Catholic Schools Week.

Sunday night action is not the NBA

by Erin Trouba

The sound of dribbling basketballs fill the air. Whistles are blown to signal fouls and cheers are heard throughout the gym. No, this is not a varsity basketball game, it's a boys and girls IBA.

"The IBA league was formed to provide students who like basketball, but don't have the ability or the desire to play at the varsity level, a chance to play," girls sponsor Mrs. Blaser said.

In playing the league, there is a $5.00 fee. This is to cover the cost of stats books, whistles, and basketballs.

League teams are chosen by senior captains in a draft style. The number of players on each team depends on the number of students interested. The season usually ends with a tournament to determine team placing.

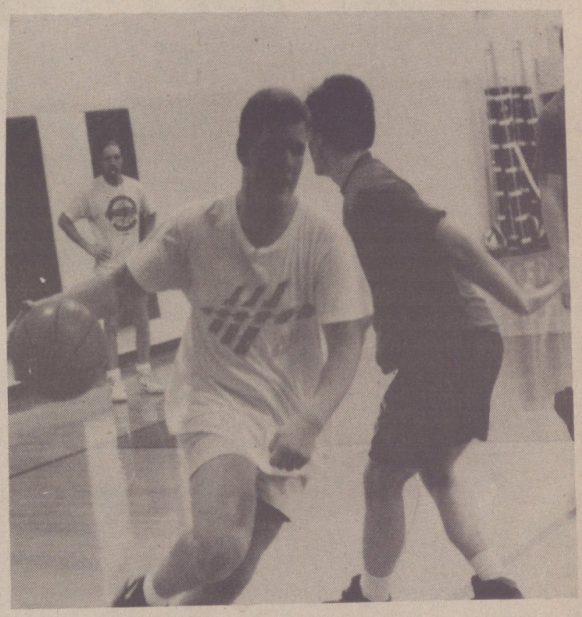
Boys IBA drafts took place before Christmas and play began January 9.

In boys action, preseason pick #6 Kanines upset #4 picked Bandidos. Senior Jesse Kosch led the Kanines in scoring with 43 points. Senior captain Bob Briggs and Senior John Hain tied for scoring with 19 points piece for the Bandidos.

Preseason #1 pick, the Ball handlers cruised to a victory over last place pick Baboons 108-54. In defense of the Baboons, "We'll come together by tournament time," senior captain Steve Beiermann said about his team. The Ball handlers were led in scoring by junior Scott Sobota, who had 39 points.

Another upset in IBA action came when #5 Daredevils upset #3 Roaches in a 44-43 nailbiter victory.

The girls' draft took place January 15 and games began January 17.



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Junior Nathan Ternus avoids defender senior Dan McGrane and referee Bill Kosch waits to make a call during a Sunday night IBA game. The current team records are as follows: Black 2 - 0; Grey 2 - 1; Yellow 0 - 2; Red 1-2; Blue 1 - 2; White 1 - 1; and Green 2 - 1.

Family connections are famous

by Nikki Beran

Bill Clinton, Kevin Costner, and Whitney Houston. I'm sure that almost everyone can identify these people. It seems that in our culture people can easily identify and point out people who are "famous". We are looking up to these people as our heroes or role models. We find ourselves wanting to be like them or know them. I found this to be true during the election this year.

In Omaha the race for Congress was against Ron Staskiewicz and Peter Hoagland. I've never gone around and just told people that my great uncle is Ron Staskiewicz, but during the election time I found myself saying something like,"Oh yeah, he's my uncle". It seemed to really matter to me now that he was my uncle. I suddenly found myself being caught up in the thrill of knowing a "famous person".

In our family we've also had some relatives who know, and who are friends with "famous people". My uncle, who sells insurance in California, came home for a family reunion and mentioned to a couple of relatives that he sells insurance to and has become friends with Tom Cruise, Julia Roberts, and Woody Harrelson (who plays Woody on Cheers). All of a sudden he became quite a few cousins favorite uncle. He had gotten my grandpa an autograph from Woody , and we all wanted one too. Suddenly we found ourselves caught up with the thrill of someone in our family knowing a famous person.

I found that it is exciting to be able to know someone who is famous, and many people know about, but I feel that it is taken out of proportion a lot of the time. I found myself getting really caught up in the fact that I know, or someone I know, knows someone famous. I feel that sometimes people like movie stars or singers are given to much credit. We should look up to people who come up with great inventions or help solve a world problem as much as we look up to television or movie stars and singers.

I found myself getting caught up in this, just like many other people in this country. I found that I needed to look at the things that my uncle Ron Staskiewicz had accomplished instead of the fact that he was now "famous". I feel that we should look at what a person has done with their life instead of them just being famous.

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Past NSI students give positive outlook to juniors

by Ann Wieser

Nebraska Scholar's Institute, better known as NSI, is becoming available to selected students of the junior class. NSI is scheduled to take place June 13-25 at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln. The students who plan to attend NSI will stay in the dorms on campus and participate in classes which fall under two main categories: Arts and Humanities, and Math and Science. What makes NSI so appealing that students want to participate in it during their summer vacation?

"A lot of people that went to NSI before recommended it and said it was a lot of fun, and it was also two weeks away from home," senior Dan McGrane said. Students participating in NSI can take a variety of classes.

"I participated in jazz band which was instructed by the Gulizia Brothers. They were fun to work with and were great teachers," senior Chris Rickert said. Although the students are required to take classes, it was still considered fun. "NSI was the most fun and independent activity that I have ever participated in," McGrane said.

NSI may sound like something you would want to take advantage of, but it does cost money. Don't let this discourage you though, because "there isn't another place where you could participate in as many activities as you do for that amount of money," Rickert said, "and it was definitely worth it."

NSI costs approximately $500, but was considered reasonable due to the amount of time you spend at NSI. "I think the cost is reasonable because NSI lasts two weeks," junior Jill Buelt said. Buelt plans on attending NSI this summer, but she didn't come to that decision easily. "I had to chose between going to Mexico, or NSI. Although I really wanted to do both, I had to chose between the two. I chose NSI because Mexico was too expensive, but I also heard that NSI was a lot of fun, and you have a chance to make many new friends," Buelt said. Chosing between NSI and other activities that conflict with NSI is a problem that many students face, and many decrease the amount of juniors that attend.

"NSI was a chance to meet new people that had the same attitudes as you, and to see how it was like to live away from home for two weeks," Rickert said. Meeting new people was one experience remembered from NSI by those who attended NSI.

"The schedule was set up so you had a lot of free time to talk to others about their schools and how they compared to ours," McGrane said.

NSI is an experience not easily forgotten by those who participated in it. It is an opportunity to experience independence, to learn about many exciting things, and meet countless new people. So don't let this opportunity pass you by.

In a Minute...

What is the best Valentine's Day gift you have received?

"A box of candy and a teddy bear." JoAnn Speicher, 11th

"A card." Dan Cook, 10th, and Greg Wemhoff, 9th

"A Guns N' Roses T-shirt." Dan McGrane, 12th

"Got my car decorated with a big bow, a huge teddy bear, and a half a dozen roses." Lisa Zegar, 11th

"Flowers." Vicki Husmann, falculty

Cupid causes eclipse

by Erin Trouba

The day of candy and flowers has come again. Valentines day is just around the corner.

As in past years, Scotus will be having the Sweetheart dance. This year's festivities will take place on February 5 after the boys basketball game against Wahoo Neumann. The dance will be held in the cafeteria and is sponsored by the sophomore class.

Once again, the sophomore class will be selling candy bars to raise money for the dance. This includes decorations, refreshments, and entertainment. This years theme is "Eclipse of the Heart".

Prior to the dance, coronation will be held in the old gym. 1992 Sweetheart king and queen Tara Boesch and Shane Pelster will crown and 1993 royalty. This year's Sweetheart Court is: Jessie Petersen, Heidi Krings, Nicole Sand, Lisa Johnson, Brandi Buggi, Kristi Puetz, Michael Collins,Chad Burbach, Ryan Kobza, Steve Beiermann, Bob Briggs, and Dan McGrane.

Hard work pays off for mock trial team

by LauraKosch

This year's senior mock trial team's hard work all season resulted in a trip to State. Leaving the 17th of December for Kearney, they faced three hard competitions.

To get to State, the seniors first had to defeat the Scotus junior team in the district semi-finals and then the Scotus sophomores in the district finals round.

Mock trial is different from other contests in that you are not told whether you won or lost after each meet. Rather, after your third competition they announce who made it to the semi-finals. Though Scotus did not, the teams then went up against- Gering, Norris and Ogallalla- all advanced to the final four.

"I was definitely happy about making it to State," attorney Jim Springer said. "Everyone gave 110%- their best," says witness Heidi Krings. "I was really pleased with how well we did."

While the Scotus members had much to be proud of among themselves, is seems a few had high praise for a certain Norris member. "They had a hot babe," double witness Matt Hajek remarked. "Yes, she was an excellent attorney," replied Springer.

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Thinner

thrills readers

by Kelli Woods

Billy Halleck, attorney at law, stands to make an objection and his pants start to fall down. Billy Halleck was scared, he had lost thirty pounds in three weeks.

Thinner, by Stephen King, writing as Richard Bachman, is a book full of evil and suspense. Halleck, after a run in with some gypsies, keeps hearing the word "thinner" as his body slowly starts to fade away.

At first Halleck and his wife think he has cancer, yet all tests come back negative. His doctor then believes that it is some kind of psychological sickness. Halleck soon realizes that losing 93 pounds in six weeks is not normal. With constant dreams of gypsies and whispers of "thinner" echoing through his mind he believes he has been cursed.

Halleck, in a desperate last effort, tries to track down the gypsies and confront them.

As the pounds continue to melt away you are gripped by Halleck's emotional struggles and also the terror filled interactions with the gypsies.

If you don't enjoy the gruesome, blood filled thriller novels, but still enjoy a good chill, the fast paced psychological thriller, Thinner will scare the pants off both Billy Halleck and the reader.

Some like it hot

by Brandi Buggi

Are you one of those **in-between** people? Do you like your hot chocolate warm enough to taste good but not hot enough to burn your tongue? Do you like your chili spicy enough to have flavor but not bring tears to your eyes? Then I've got the perfect salsa dip for you.

The salsa I feel that would best meet your needs is Pace Chuncky medium salsa dip. The mild was a waste of money because it had no taste and the hot made your tongue feel like it was on fire. The medium, however, was just **in-between**. It demanded a drink of water every now and then but wasn't too overpowering. Another good thing was that it lived up to its name as chunky, and it wasn't stuck in one of those cans where you can't see what you are getting. It was in a glass jar in which you could see the chucks of tomatoes, onions, and jalepeno peppers causing your mouth to water and you to want even more. For those health conscious people, it only has four calories per serving and low sodium!

So, the next time you are looking for a great dip and you want something other than your brother/sister try this great salsa dip.

Students dormant during

by Matt Moseman

There are, of course, many students here at Scotus who are involved in both fall and spring sports, and also those who are in winter sports.

There is a considerable gap, though, between fall and spring sports. This leaves the athletes in those sports with a lot of free time. How do they spend that time?

Some students direct their efforts toward activities such as Speech Team or a job. Or they direct more time towards thier school work. It is sometimes common to see an upward curve in grades after fall sports end.

Some students, like sophomore Matt Honke, enjoy sleeping and watching TV.

Freshman John Vyhlidal said that contrary to what was

Born in the middle of things

By Cathy Wemhoff

Well it's almost unanimous. Being the in-between child is definitely the best. Why. "Because parents spoil me the most," eighth grader Jared Beran said. "Because my parents have been through one child an they know what they're doing," Freshman Melissa Feldhaus said. "Because I can do stuff my older sister couldn't," seventh grader Mike Arp said. I also think that it's the best because your parents have the experience with other children, and they rely on older children's reputations to decide wether or not you can do things. Luckily I was blessed with responsible older siblings. Also they seem to get tired, and don't care as much about what you do.

Like everything, being the in-between child has it's disadvantages. Jared says it's being ignored. "I would like a little more attention," Feldhaus said. Mike Arp couldn't think of anything except, "I have to baby-sit my little sister." "Your stuck in the middle," Mrs. Ewers said. I agree with being ignored. This is definitely a disadvantage but also an advantage because you can go where you want virtually undetected.

The younger child gets more attention and the older just gets everything first. Jared Beran, eighth grade

It seems that you see the older and younger children differently depending on where you are positioned in the family. "The younger child gets more attention and the older just gets everything first," Beran said. "The older has it rougher, the parents don't have as much practice. The younger is spoiled, they let him get away with too much," Melissa said. "The older children got more privileges, the get to do more. The younger children are spoiled," Ewers said. As for my opinion, I feel that the older children have it harder because they have to prove their worth, while the younger children have already had their worth proven for them.

It's true that being the middle child has it's disadvantages, but I still think it's definitely the best place in the family is in-between.

Names stick to people

by Laura Kosch

Your name is something name is something you're stuck with for life. Sometimes I wish I could've chosen my own name. But then I figure maybe that's not such a good idea because my tastes change about as often as I eat. I guess I'll just save the names I'd like for myself for my own children.

Do you ever wish aft reaching a certain ag could choose your first name?

Then there's the matter of middle names. If you're a girl and your middle name isn't Ann, Marie, or Lynn, may I ask what your parents were smoking when they named you?

On to confirmation names. Here's the one chance we get to pick a name we like for ourselves and keep forever. I'd like to take a moment and warn all those yet to be confirmed- start thinking of a name early. I put everything off and at the last possible second grabbed a book of Saint's names and randomly selected one. It could happen to you, too.

Cars Cause Troubles

by Matt Moseman

It is inevitable. Every person will have a car accident in some form or another at some point in their life. In the sophomore class, though, some people have gotten theirs out of the way early.

In the last few months, there have been a total of five wrecks among the sophomores (or four actually, considering that two sophomore were in the same wreck).

Sophomore Jenny Hill found it easy to laugh at her own accident. "I've been doomed ever since I turned sixteen." said Hill. "I turned sixteen on a Sunday, failed my test on Monday, passed my test on Tuesday and on Tues- day my brakes went out. My car was in the shop until Friday at 5:30, I filled it up with a tank of gas, and within three hours, the full tank of gas, new brakes, and the car bit the dust.

"But it was pretty cool that everyone going out to [Ryan] Liebig's stopped and gave their opinion on the condition of the cars. But they were all cool about it." said Hill.

And then of course, there is the story of my own personal "incident" with another vehicle. Ask nearly any sophomore and they will be able to tell you in an abrupt and not necessarily correct form what happened to me.

And they will probably laugh when they get to the part about how my mother herself got into an accident not two days before we got my car back. Yeah, life's fair.

And while we waited for my car to be repaired, our family was graced with a cargo van. Again, life's fair.

However, it is of course comforting to know that I am not alone in the Sophomore Crash Course of Fame.

But car wrecks are not limited to sophomores. Senior Heidi Krings has had her share of fender-benders. Her cheesy depictions of the event was as follows:

"I slid, it was slick, visibility was zero," Krings recalled. "I was on a quest, a quest to take two little freshmen home. The roads were my enemy and I knew I had to over come them. Just as Superman feared Kryptonite, Heidi Krings feared people stopping."

Needles to say, Heidi wrecked her truck. She skidded into a pole and wrapped her truck around it. "My license plate fell off," said Krings as an afterthought.

Yes, believe it ladies and gentlemen, you too will eventually have a car wreck or accident. And when you do, perhaps you will be able to look back on it and laugh as these people did.

Stuck in the middle of love...

by Erin Trouba

"So does this mean we broke up?" She asks.

"What do you think?" He asks.

"I don't know what I think." She replies.

"Yeah. We did." He says.

"OK." She says as the tears begin to fall.

This may be a familiar conversation between high school couples. The typical high school couple lasts only a few months.

"Most couples go out for a couple months then break up," junior Jamie Jazwick said. Occasionally, people experience serious relationships in high school. Yet there are pros and cons to these relationships as well.

"I always have something to do on the weekends," sophomore Mindi Almquist said.

"Knowing you have a date for dances and special occasions is great," junior Heidi Staroscik said. But both girls agreed that serious relationships aren't peaches and cream all the time.

"It's difficult to choose to go out with my friends or my boyfriend," Staroscik said.

Almquist agreed and added, "It's hard since we go to different schools." The girls agreed that serious relationships are definitely worth it.

"I like knowing I always have a friend who will listen," Staroscik said.

On the other end of the spectrum, there are the students who decide to try and survive it solo.

"I see the problems my friends at work and school have and I don't want to deal with it," junior Courtney Nosal said.

Junior Lisa Zegar said," I am having too much fun with my friends."

Those students currently **In Between** relationships say they enjoy it.

"I love the fact that I can do what I want without anyone checking up on me," said junior Jill Kropatsch.

"I have more time for my friends, school, and myself," Zegar commented.

While **In Between** relationships say they learn more about the kind of people they want to be. They also learn more about the things they do and don't like ina relationship.

"I don't want a guy who is always checking up on me," Zegar said.

Advantages and disadvantages of both sides of the relationship question have been presented. Whether or not you decide to take on a relationship or battle the world yourself, this gives you something to think about **In Between**.

Beauty takes time

by Brandi Buggi

You have been growing out your hair for a month and a half now. You decided after your hideous cut last time that you wanted a new look--long hair. Everyday you would check if it was any longer than last night. Unfortunately it hasn't grown, it was just more unmanageable.

Guys and girls alike have gone through the awful **in-between** hairstyles phase.

"It is enough to drive me crazy," says senior Kari Becker of her **in-between** hairstyle. "It is the worst before school when you are trying to do it and all of the parts are sticking out."

Sick of the same old thing day after day may drive a person to get it cut, grow it out, get it permed, get it straightened, or get it colored. However, you are not really sure of what it will look like when it is done. Everyday you weigh the good and the bad. **GOOD**--I may attract that certain guy/girl. **BAD**--I may look so bad I will never want to show my face at school again.

If you are a patient person and are creative enough to make your hair look good even on its worst days, I'd say do it! However, if you just need it cut and have this sudden urge to do something different, I'd say to re-evaluate before you go ahead with your decision.

Pen pal project perceived as plenty of pleasant experiences

by Cathy Wemhoff

I'm one of those people who will do whatever, so when we were making the decision of whether or not to go to Omaha North and see our pen pals, I had no opinion. I'd be happy if we went and happy if we didn't. The night before, though, I was really excited, I'd never been to any school other than St. Isidore's and Scotus, and I was excited to see what a big public school was like.

As we drove up to the school I was stunned. I knew that the school was big, but I didn't quite expect it to be that large. I have to admit that I was a little bit scared. I didn't know what to expect from the school or from my pen pal.

Throughout the day I relaxed and began to compare the two schools. I found things that were better at Scotus and things that were worse.

I was very impressed with their computer systems. They have more computers than I had probably seen in my whole life. There were many things that I definitely liked about Scotus better.

One thing I noticed was the lunch. At North I was about a half bowl of salad, Jello, and a choice of a sandwich, a hamburger, or a baked potato. What I ate wasn't near as good as the food we get here at Scotus. It definitely made me appreciate our lunch here, and the choice of a salad bar that we have.

Overall I decided that any school has it's advantages and disadvantages. I am happy in a small school, and think that even though maybe we don't have the courses, I'll do okay coming from a good background at Scotus.

off-season

stated earlier, said that sports "Usually doesn't affect my grades. My grades pretty much stayed the same." Vyhidal said.

Some people stay home after school eating peanut butter sandwhiches and watching *Leave it to Beaver*, others simply sleep. And that's the way it is in the abyss of the off-season.

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Two people who did take the time to come up with unique confirmation names are junior Amy Kuhlen and senior Suszi Kudron. They both chose the name Kateri. Kuhlen picked it because it was original and sounded neat. Kudron, on the other hand, remembered hearing a story about her in the fourth grade which prompted her to later chose it as her confirmation name.

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So while some of us may feel like our names are about exciting as watching MTV with your parents, just remember you can have it legally changed when you're 18.

Entertainment

Mystery Photo Number 6!!

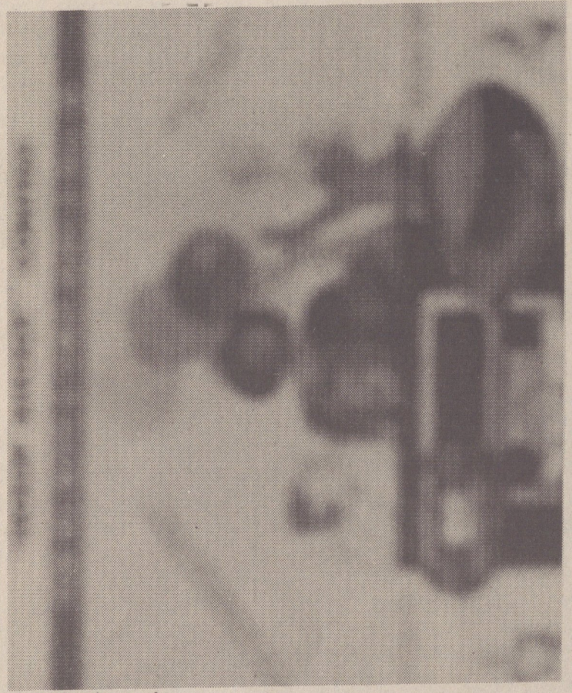

photo by Jenny Arp

The winner of last month's Mystery Photo was seventh grader Bob Petersen. The picture was of an anti-smoking poster in the hallway. Turn in your guesses for this month's Mystery photo to Mrs. Schieffer by Friday February 12, 1993.

Kid still solo in sequel

by Gina Rongisch

Can you imagine a ten year old boy from a suburb in Chicago running around New York by himself? Well believe it or not this is the plot for a new Christopher Columbus film Home Alone 2 " Lost in New York."

Many of you probably remember Home Alone 1 where little Kevin McCalister (Macaulay Culkin) is left home alone while his parents head for Paris. While he is left home robbers decide to hit the McCalister home. With Culkin's creativity and unbelievable intelligence he outsmarts the bandits (Joe Pesci and Daniel Stern). Millions of people went to Home Alone 1 and found it to be absolutely hilarious, so John Hughes and Christopher Columbus figured why not try again.

Home Alone 2 starts out similar with the McCalister's going on vacation during the Christmas Holidays. Low and behold little Kevin makes it all the way to the airport this time, but gets separated from his family and ends up going to New York by himself instead of Orlando with his family. Kevin's parents are collecting their baggage when they finally realize Kevin's gone. It just so happens Kevin ends up with his father's bag and has around a thousand dollars and a Visa card. To make the movie even more realistic Kevin runs into the same bandits who robbed his house last Christmas, but with Kevin's great wit and intelligence he outsmarts them again.

I have to admit, I went into this movie very skeptical, but found it to be quite good. I recommend this movie for children ages four to eleven and for adults who like to sit down and watch a good, clean, PG movie. Two years and millions of dollars later Macaulay Culkin is still a cute kid.

Movies set *sweethe art* spirit :

Some movies suggest a Valentine's theme in the title alone. So if you want to judge a movie by its cover here are some ideas.

- *Love* Story
- Can't Buy Me *Love*
- St. Elmo's *Fire*
- Wild *Heart's* Cant' Be Broken
- Wild at *Heart*

Other movies may not sound like they've been hit with Cupid's arrow but still have a central love theme.

- Man in the Moon
- Beauty and the Beast
- Cutting Edge
- Far and Away
- Ice Castles

Photo by Jenny Arp

Swing choir membersChristi Wachal, Kristie Puetz, Rashel Morris, Bobbi Werkmeister, Kari Becker, Beth Honke, Jessie Petersen, Candi Mustard, and Becky Drumperform Christmas selections during the December 22 instrumental music department's concert.

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Reponsible drinking offers no solution

by Kelli Woods

Previous to the Blizzard Bash, I had heard rumors of the possibility of the use of a breathalizer at the dance. I felt that this would be a good way for the school to make students aware that they will suffer consequences if they choose to drink.

Taking into consideration that it is illegal to drink until you are 21 and the fact that this is a Catholic school, I have always felt that drinking and its side effects-let alone getting caught would be good enough reasons for most individuals to choose not to drink. Although I don't agree with the choice to drink, I do feel students may not be aware of the actions the school can take if they are found to be under the influence of alcohol.

Policies would "help parents see the school as an institution that stands for the value of responsible drinking at the age that the law allows".
Mr. Daniel Schartz

"If someone comes in staggering and acting obnoxious, we may test them," Superintendent Daniel Schartz said about using a breathalizer test.

The school does not own a breathalizer but does have access to one if they feel it is necessary. "It (the breathalizer test) is better than calling the police. It is an approach to work with parents," Schartz said.

Before working with parents, the school must concern themselves with students. "Some students never cause big problems but a million little ones that project the same attitude of non-growth," Schartz said. "For example most people think of detention as a joke, yet we are trying to show that it is serious," Schartz continued.

In an attempt to make students realize the seriousness of bigger problems like drinking, the school is working on a new code to make students aware of the rules that already exist.

A policy that Schartz says "most aren't aware of" is that students can be disciplined for activities they participate in outside of the school.

The new code, though still not complete, will be included in next year's handbook under the discipline policy. One possibility that is being considered is for parent's to sign a Safe Home pledge stating that they will not hold parties for their children with alcohol in their home. The signing of this pledge may become a requirement for attendance at Scotus.

Another consideration in preparing this code is to make disciplinary measures that affect all students, not just athletes. A decision is often made to suspend an athlete for two games, yet this has no affect on other students. The game suspension could still be a guideline for coaches, to make but other disciplinary actions such as probation, suspension, and dismissal would be applicable to all students.

The use of such policies would "help parents see the school as an institution that stands for the value of responsible drinking at the age that the law allows," Schartz said.

It doesn't surprise me that not everyone is aware of the action the school can take. After learning of all the disciplinary measures the school has at its use, I too, was surprised as I feel they are rarely used. To me it seems that incidents of drinking are not handled with the severity they should be.

While it's true that everyone makes mistakes, I wonder how they will ever learn from them if authority figures only give them a tap on the wrist and send them out on their own again.

"It (the breathalizer test) is better than calling the police. It is an approach to work with parents."
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Teaching students the value of responsible drinking at the age the law allows is a start, but I don't feel it is the proper message to send to high school students. If someone hears it is fine to drink responsibly at the age of 21, what will stop them from believing it is OK to drink at any age as long as they do so responsibly?

If drinking responsibly means that the alcohol's influence is undetectable, does it make it any more responsible for a driver to kill someone even if they aren't a staggering, bumbling, drunk? Does this mean as long as you can hide your drinking that it is OK (even if it is against the law)?

I am not saying that the school is all to blame. A lot of the responsibility for teaching teens to stay away from drugs and alcohol is given to parents, and it should be. Parents may not always be strong enough to tell their children no, and children may not always be ready to follow a parent's good example.

Programs such as DARE were unheard of when I was in elementary school, but today they have been established to help enforce the idea of staying away from drugs and alcohol.

I feel this is a step in the right direction. If parents and schools continue to work together hopefully someday there will no longer be responsible drinkers, but individuals responsible enough to not drink at all.

Changes are seen in Raffle program

by Theresa Wemhoff

Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way. Oh what fun it is to sell raffles in the snow. Christmas may have passed us in a dream, but raffle ticket season came again. Time to harass the grandparents or to bribe your younger brothers and sisters.

Why do so many of us fight the cold each year or sacrifice money from our own pocket during the season of the raffle?

In the past it's been due to the threat of coming to school to clean while everyone else is at home snoozing. This year, however, was a little different.

The same incentive program that has been used in the past was instituted again this year. The monetary rewards are always tempting, but even the seniors still hope for that "excused" absence from school.

The major difference this year was that there was no punishment for those who chose not to sell their raffle tickets.

How did this change affect raffle ticket sales? I have never thought that students should be forced to sell raffle tickets, so I am in favor of the change.

I don't think most students at Scotus are responsible for paying their own tuition and may not realize the financial impact their sales may have. Raffle tickets, however, serve a good purpose. The money from their sales is used to support Scotus and help pay tuition costs.

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Sports

Teams find success in tourney

by Brandi Buggi

While some people dream of a white Christmas, the girls and boys basketball teams dreamt of wins in the Columbus Holiday Tournament. The girls fulfilled this dream as they rolled to a 46-24 victory against seventh-ranked Lexington. They then beat tenth-ranked and coss-town rival, Lakeview, 35-27 in the championship game .

Great off-the-bench play by the reserves and stifling defense helped the Lady Rocks in the first game. The second game showed both teams unwilling to let up on defense. However, Scotus' offense lead the Shamrocks to their seventh straight victory of the year.

The boys, however, lost a grueling first game to No.2 Lexington before winning the consolation game versus Elkkhorn. Lexington had a 43-33 edge in the middle of the fourth quarter, but the Shamrocks went on a 11-2 scoring streak only to come up short in the thrilling 74-71 loss. In the consolation game, the Shamrocks came from behind to win the game. Seven Scotus players had at least six points in the 69-59 win.

photo by Cathy Wemhoff

Wayne Wemhoff streaches high above a Norfolk Catholic defender as he shoots the basketball in junior varsity action January 15.

Huskers continue bowl game tradition

by Gina Rongisch

Florida State extended Nebraska's New Year's day bowl losing streak. The last time the Huskers won a bowl game the seniors were in elementary school, Ronald Reagan was President, and Magic Johnson was winning National Championships for the Lakers.

The third ranked Seminoles won 27-14 before a drenched crowd at the 59th annual Orange Bowl in Miami, Florida.

Charlie Ward (Florida's quarterback) completed 15 of 30 passes for 187 yards and two touchdowns. Ward directed the Seminoles to a 20-0 lead in the second quarter. Nebraska got within 13 at halftime and could have been within six had kicker Byron Bennett not missed a pair of field-goals in the first half.

While a drenching rain came down in the third quarter, Ward directed the Seminoles to a touchdown on their first possession of the second half.

Nebraska freshman quarterback Tommie Frazier threw two touchdowns in a 10 for 21 performance that produced 146 yards.

The Huskers pulled back within 27-14 when Frazier directed a 70-yard drive in the 4th quarter. Frazier's 37-yard pass to Dixon moved the Huskers to the Florida State 1. On the next play, Frazier passed to tight-end Gerald Armstrong for the score with 10:24 remaining.

Despite Nebraska's bowl loss, the Huskers ended the season 9-3. Even though the Huskers disappointed us once again, we will always be true Husker fans.

New coaches add new ideas to junior high basketball

by Rich McPhillips

The new season means news players but this year the players aren't the only new faces involved in junior high basketball. Three out of the four junior high boys basket ball coaches are new this year .

Most students at Scotus know Gary Puetz as a football coach and a P.E. instructor, but now he is also coaching the 8A junior high basketball team. Athletic Director, Rick Grubaugh, was looking for a coach, and since Mr. Puetz's son Nick Puetz was on the team he volunteered. But he stressed that this wouldn't be permanent. "This is for one year, and one year only," Puetz said.

So far he said he is having fun, and is satisfied with the team. "I want the team to play hard, have fun, and learn to play," Puetz said.

Coaching basketball is nothing new to Puetz. Puetz said that he has coached varsity basketball. "I am probably doing things like they did in 1975," Puetz said.

Kelly Foss, coach of the 7th grade B Team is also not a stranger to basketball. She coached the Crete Varsity Team before coming to Columbus. She moved here when her husband became the manager of Walgreens. She said that she wasn't involved with any teaching of coaching so she decided to coach junior high basketball.

She said that she likes being involved in sports, and working with the players. Foss said she has noticed improvements of her team. "I want them to become the best individual player that they can be," Foss said.

Jeff Johnson, the coach of 8B basketball, also enjoys basketball, and working with the players. He likes to help them learn about basketball. Johnson, also familiar with coaching before Scotus, was a coach. He coached at District 10 for the last five years. He says he mainly wants the kids to learn and develop through the year.

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photo by Jenny Arp
Senior Mic Collins and Heidi Krings after they were crowned king and queen at the Sweetheart dance which was held February 5.

Squads unite to perform Valentine dance

by Ann Wieser

The Sweetheart dance came and went not to long ago. With the dance came a pep rally to recognize the Sweetheart candidates, and at the pep rally the cheerleading and flag corps. squads performed a dance to express their support for our basketball teams. The squads performed the routine during the pep rally and also at the Scotus/Lakeview game played Saturday February, 13th.

"It was neat how the cheerleaders and flag corps. got together and showed us their talent by supporting the basketball team," junior Courtney Nosal said. The squad's great performance didn't come without a lot of hard work, though. Both the cheerleaders and the flag corps. members had practices at 7 a.m. every morning for two weeks.

"I thought we did really well, but I didn't always enjoy all the early morning practices," junior cheerleader Heidi Staroscik said. During these practices the cheerleaders and the flag corps. members made up the dance together and each squad also did a dance on their own.

"I thought everybody was together really well, and it had good choreography," junior Amy Kuhlen said. "It was the best dance they have ever done." The finished product showed the great talent possessed by both the cheerleaders and the flag corps. members.

The dance was wonderfully done and students hope to see more dances in the future.

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Clinton's plan causes mixed feelings

by Rich McPhillips

Change. Bill Clinton said this word 11 times during his inaugural address and he has spoke of change ever since his campaign for president began.

Whether his change has been good or bad so far is for you to decide, but one thing is for sure: Clinton and his mandate for change has lead to an irregular and controversial first month of presidency. The Clinton administration is finding out that things don't always go as planned as controversial issues range from Bosnia to expected spending cuts.

Some heat began for Clinton during the first week of presidency as he tried to tackle the issue of homosexuals in the military. Many believe that this attempt indicated that he was involved with liberal groups even though he appealed to many voters as being a moderate.

"He is under a lot of pressure from leftist groups that remained quiet during the campaign," senior Matt Hajak said. "It's pay-back time."

Many feel that his first month in office wasn't as fruitful as he vowed because many promises were broken and sensitive issues were discussed.

"He has jumped around issues and broken many promises, yet despite all this, some people still think he is a good guy," Hajak said.

"He tried to pass too much leg, to fast ," junior Kathy Hegemann said.

Other controversy arose over President Clinton's State of the Union Address. People around the nation agreed that his speech was effective, but still others feel Clinton's economic recovery plan will hurt the middle class.

His plan discards the principal of Reaganomics. Clinton plans to raise taxes on the middle class instead of cutting taxes. Although this announcement disappoints many voters, critics claim they knew raised taxes would be inevitable mainly because Clinton is a democrat.

"I expected it," Hajak said.

"I knew he was going to do it," sophomore Travis Patocka.

And although the first days of Clinton's presidency were full of controversy, Hegemann feels this is typical for new presidents.

"He is going back on many promises and the legislation he plans to pass will only please a small population of the country," Hegemann said.

Despite the dissatisfaction that exists, some still believe Clinton is giving a positive effort. Patocka said, "He is trying to raise morale."

We will just have to wait till '96 and then decide if he really was a successful president.

photo by Jenny Arp
Senior Heidi Krings waves to the camera before the Flag Corp performs at the Sweetheart Pep Rally.

Congratulations

To the new parents of *Amber Marie Ewers* 5lbs. 14 oz.

photo by Jenny Arp
Radix members Doug and Dave demonstrate how important the right to life is by showing a photo of Doug's daughter Janae'.

Radix delivers radical message

by Nikki Beran

Throughout the week of February 7th-13th, Scotus Central Catholic Junior and Senior High School participated in Celebrate Life Week. During that week Fr. Wayne organizes activities that deal with Celebrate Life Week. This year there was the traditional Dilly Bar treat and the school also heard from speakers. This year the Pro-Life group Radix came to perform for both the junior and senior high classes.

The group Radix came from Lincoln to perform to the school for a full day. Each class went to the Little Theatre to watch and listen to the group for one period. The members that the school saw perform were Doug, Dave, and Lori. Their topics that they discussed with the classes included, music, movies, television, heaven and hell, chastity, and respecting all life.

Most students agreed that they were a worth while group to have come to talk with the students. "They were better than any other speaker that we've ever had come," senior Sheila Olmer said.

A lot of people liked how they related more to the students than to adults. "I liked how they could relate to people our age. It made you want to listen to them more," freshman Heather Buggi said.

Radix discussed many issues that concern junior high and high school age students. "I thought that they were funny. But they weren't scared to talk about anything," sophomore Mandi Guernsey said. "I liked how they gave different views of what people think," Buggi said.

Overall the school seemed to enjoy the experience of listening to Radix. "I thought that they were a really interesting group," eighth grader Jeremy Loeske said. "I thought they were really cool, but they made me feel like I'm going straight to hell," freshman Kelly Kruse said.

The group Radix will be back to perform in April. In the end it seems as if Radix was a worth while group to have come to Scotus. Many people enjoyed them, and also felt that they had a good message to tell.

Jr. high students learn that *math counts*

by Gina Rongisch & Ann Wieser

Math counts is a junior high school math competition sponsored by Northeastern Chapter of the Nebraska Society of Professional Engineers.

"Math counts consists of three tests including one team test where the students work on the test together," Mrs. Pekarek said. This year the team are Matt Dvorak, Sara Keller, Craig Hotovy, and Mike Edison.

This years competition was held at Platte Campus, where twenty-four teams participated from schools in Northeastern Nebraska.

The team was chosen based on results of a test given to junior high students. Every year four students either male or female are chosen to represent Scotus.

This year's team finished second behind Norfolk Jr. High.

Due to their second place finish they will advanced to the state competition. Individual honors were: Mike Edison 1st, Craig Hotovy 4th, Matt Dvorak8th, and Sara Keller 21st.

Hard work and determination resulted in outstanding achievements at the competition and hopefully this will carry over to State.

In A Minute. . .

How sick do you have to be to stay home from school?

You have to be able to fake vomit, have diahrea, sweaty palms, fake a fever by blowing on the thermometer, pretend your hallucinating, have a loss of balance, or just pass out.
- Sophomore Travis Patocka

You have to not be able to think.
- Junior Tim Thalken

You have to be too lazy to go.
- Freshman Mandi Slusarski

You don't have to be sick at all.
- Senior Sheila Olmer

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Skiers hear call of slopes in winter

by Laura Kosch

Imagine yourself reaching speeds of 50 miles per hour soaring down a mountain with nothing to worry about except staying upright and dodging that unmovable tree fastly approaching you on the right. This is the thrill (and challenge) of skiing.

Senior Matt Hajek has been skiing since the age of six. Since then, he has skied at various places throughout Colorado-Aspen, Breckenridge, Copper Mountain, Keystone, Steamboat, Vail and Winter Park. He says Steamboat is his favorite because of its large size. Hajek credits his brother for first teaching him how to ski.

Another place to ski that Hajek hasn't been to (or forgot to mention) is Estes Park, Colorado. Freshman Kelli Weeder made her skiing debut there after enrolling in ski lessons offered through the resort. Though she was only nine, she vividly remembers the time she attempted to ski a blue. She flipped over and lost her skis and poles. The ski patrol then had to come and get her.

> "We've been planning this since we were sophomores and I'm really excited it's here," senior Jill Kruse said.

Another person who has only skied once and would like to do it again is freshman Pat Sokol. His memories include many bad falls while trying the blacks. Sokol, like Hajek, would like to live in a place that would allow him to ski year-round.

Several senior girls are excited about an upcoming ski trip. They're going to spend three days on the slopes at Breckenridge.

"We've been planning this since we were sophomores and I'm really excited it's finally here," says Jill Kruse. Jessie Petersen agrees with Kruse and adds, "I'm really looking forward to being away from school and with my friends."

FBLA members stand out

by Theresa Wemhoff

For students planning on a business career in the future, this month was the perfect opportunity for them to get a taste of the business world. The week of February 15 through the 19 was FBLA week.

Speakers were available on Monday and Tuesday of that week during activity period. The meetings were open to FBLA members. Unfortunately Matt Waite from Blair wasn't available on Tuesday evening as scheduled, due to the weather. He is the state FBLA reporter. The meeting with waite will be rescheduled for March.

On Monday, Marsha Geilenkirchen, owner of Small Wonders, spoke to the group. She spoke about the steps her and her husband took in starting their children's clothing store. Geilenkirchen also spoke of the factors involved in the every day management of the store.

Jed Brunken, owner of Corner Stop, came on Tuesday to speak of the factors involved in managing his business. Brunken said he had worked in several grocery stores. Besides owning corner Stop, he owns a grocery store in Creston.

Students in FBLA were allowed to dress in their business attire. Many ladies seemed to portray the perfect business executive and a few guys were even caught wearing ties.

FBLA week was to do more than help students look like business leaders, but to actually learn how to be business leaders.

Spring fever strikes the heart of many students

by Kelli Woods

It's that time of year when flu bugs are flying and almost everyone has caught a cold or knows someone who has.

There is another, more serious disease creeping through the halls of Scotus and it will soon spread like wildfire.

You know the symptoms: restlessness in school, struggling to survive in between days off, counting the days until school is out and complaining about the snow and cold. The diagnosis is simple-a case of spring fever.

Spring fever hits at different times for different people but it becomes more apparent during the winter months.

Some victims of spring fever could pinpoint when their first symptoms hit.

"It usually hits during the winter when it is really cold because you want to be warm instead of freezing your fingers," junior Amy Patocka said.

"When there's a lot of snow," sophomore Laura Hightower said.

"Also when the snow melts and then comes back," agreed sophomore Jenny Arp.

Pinpointing the start of spring fever may not be as difficult as pinpointing why we say we have spring fever.

Sophomore Michele Griesman felt this was easy to see because "school will be out in 13 weeks."

The symptoms of spring fever often affect school work. "I get lazy and just want to go outside. I hate being in school and am easily distracted," Arp said.

"I just relax and don't care if homework is correct," Griesman said.

So you finally realize that you too have been struck by spring fever, but how can it be cured?

"Sitting in the house where it's warm and turning the heater up," Patocka said.

"Doing leisure activities," sophomore Kim Dvorak said.

Perhaps the best cure for spring fever was offered by Hightower, "sun".

Even as the snow continues to fall so do the victims of spring fever. Doses of sunshine and even the occasional break from school may help, but after five years or more of spring fever you may just catch an even more powerful illness, senioritis. But that's a different story.

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Running shoes cause exhaustion

by Erin Trouba

You walk into the store. Your eyes briefly scan the wall. You are temporarily blinded by the flashy colors. You have entered the athletic shoe store.

I recently went shopping for new track shoes. I learned my lesson last time of putting it off and ended up paying a sky high price. I decided to truck to the mall in Norfolk to scope the scene.

The Athlete's Foot was the place., The salesgirl, Michelle, was helpful and friendly. She also knew her shoes.

In running, as in any sport, there are many different choices. I tried on eight shoes in four brands in three sizes in 16 colors. The prices ranged fro $50.00 to $150.00. The only person I can think of who can afford $150.00 track shoes is Carl Lewis. And he wears them for 9.2 seconds.

I walked around the store about 75 times carefully examining the fit and support of each shoe. With past experience, I have found Nike to be the best shoe for me. But which type of Nike? There is the Air Hurache, Air Athena, Air Ventura, Air 180, Air Pegasus, Air Head? Michelle, help!

The final decision came down to price. Air Pegasus runs (no pun intended) about $75. The Air Hurache and Air Athena $95.00, Air Ventura $108.00 and Air 180 approximately $125.00. Air head depends upon the hour. since I already own the Air Athena and Air 180, I decided to opt for the Air Pegasus. I hope Michelle was right. Buying running shoe is more exhausting than wearing them.

Shoes unite teams

by Brandi Buggi

If anyone has participated in sports, they can readily admit that shoes can cost a lot of money. There are big factors to consider also. Color, brand, and different styles have posed important questions that many find difficult to answer. However, it has become a little less hectic as teams have opted for a team shoe.

Both seniors Jessie Petersen and Craig Rueshhoff agree that the biggest reason for the team shoe is for team unity. They also agreed that they tend to look at Nike for basketball while Petersen added that Mizuno was the favorite for volleyball. However, brand names aren't the only things these athletes are looking for. The shoes must have an overall good appearance, good traction, good jumping ability, and last , but not least, they must be very comfortable.

Decisions can be hard. Shoes may offer similar features at good prices. Because it is a team shoe, many people may offer suggestions of which they may prefer and why. However, the final decision usually lies with the seniors.

Sometimes it may be hard to find a store that carries the style you want or it may not have the right sizes. As soon as these kinks are worked out and the shoes are bought, most people are happy. Asthe team takes the floor, many peope notice the similar shoes and see the team unity these shoes create.

New trend not liked by all

by Laura Kosch

A new trend in women's footwear this year seems to be those "little black boots." Actually, nothing is really little about them. Some go all the way past the knees and the prices, well, some can go past what your savings account allows. So why do people buy them?

"They're fashionable- especially with tight pants," says junior Renee` Fuhr. "They have that 'big city' look."

Senior Steph Geilenkirchen like the looks of them, too, and says they are a sixties trend slowly coming back in style. She also likes them with leggings as well as jeans.

Junior Tiffany Bock is in favor of the boots but is quick to mention everything eventually goes out of style.

Some people who would discourage you from buying a pair if you don't already own some are freshman Bryan Sypal and seventh grader Mark Weeder. Sypal claims they're too big and too high, while Weeder flatly says they're just plain ugly.

Still deciding what to do? If they look good, buy them. If they feel good, wear them.

Birkensto

by Cathy Wemhoff

Fashion. This is one of many areas Nebraska always seems to be behind in. No time! In fact, Nebraska was ahead of the rest o nation in the great wave of Birkenstocks.

On March 15, 1975, Marla McCab Lincoln opened her store called Footloose & Fa It is thought to be the third store in the United S opened that sold Birkenstocks exclusively.

The McCabe's found their first pa Birkenstocks in California 18 1/2 years ago. loved them. "Her bunions (fashions painful p healed," according to the Lincoln Star, Septe 29, 1992. The couple was looking for a produ sell that they could believe in and Birkenst were the thing.

Paying a high price for sh

by Kelli Woods

You drink the Gatorade, the Coke, eat the Big Macs, and wear the Hanes in efforts to "be like Mike." Yet, something is missing. Oh yes, the Air Jordans.

You rush to your nearest Nike-carrying athletic store to complete the transformation.

Now with your Air Jordans laced tightly you walk to the courts with pride. Once you get there you know you will soar gracefully over your friends' heads spinning 180 degrees left and right and dunking the ball like there's no tomorrow.

OK, so maybe you won't gain ALL of Jordan's basketball abilities but everyone sure will be jealous of your shoes. So jealous, in fact, that they might be willing to steal them right off your feet.

Since the extreme popularity of Air Jordans and other "super-star shoes" has been on the rise, so has the cost of owning them. While most teenagers know a popular pair of shoes can be priced at $100 or more they may not realize the danger in wearing these shoes in certain areas.

Michael Eugene Thomas, a 15 year old freshman at Meade Senior High school in Anne Arundel County Maryland was murdered by a fellow basketball player. Thomas was found strangled in the woods near school on May 2, 1989. Barefoot. Seventeen year old David Martin had stolen Thomas' two week old Air Jordan's before killing him.

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On the first day she sold 17 pairs of shoes mainly to well-wishers. They figured that if they sold one pair of shoes a day they could stay afloat.

Many people thought Mrs. McCabe was crazy for opening a store that sold sandals all year in Nebraska. But the McCabes didn't listen to those people and gradually their business grew.

Today their store is a "name" store which means it carries the entire Birkenstock line. Other stores carry Birkenstocks, but only a few lines.

In the early years of Birkenstocks their were only 5 styles and 5 colors. Today there are up to 46 styles in 54 different colors.

The trend for the 90's is comfort, and Birkenstocks seem to have comfort. And we, in Nebraska have been into comfort for the feet longer then in other places in the country. Due to this we were a leader in the latest fashion trend.

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only sportswear involved in such crimes. In January 1988 a 14 year old Houston boy was stabbed and killed after an argument over a pair of tennis shoes.

Raheem Wells, quarterback for Detroit Kettering High was murdered by six teens who stole his Nike sneakers.

Perhaps someone thought Thomas was a Blood, or that Wells was a member of the Crips. Maybe they just wanted the shoes. But why?

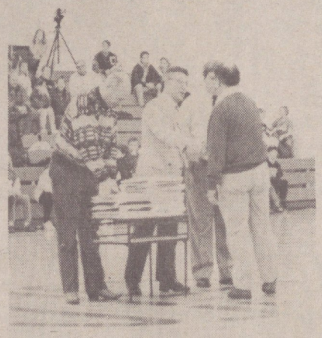
How can you want an article of clothing so bad that you will kill for it?

One answer was given by 22 year old Michael B. Green in the May 14, 1990 Sports Illustrated.

"The shoes, the jackets and hats are just symbols; everybody's got a symbol. I can drive down the street and point out a gang member just by the way he or she dresses... It's programmed into your brain that Bloods are the enemy. Every time you see a red rag, you shoot. After a while, it's automatic."

It's cool to be Catholic!

Scotus students celebrate Catholic schools week



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Superintendent Schartz presents plaques of appreciation to the advertisers who bought signs for the New Gym during halftime of the Lakeview BB game.

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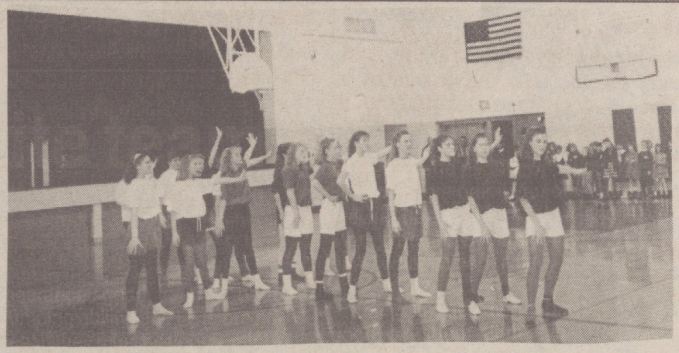
Students were recognized during Catholic Schools Week mass for their raffle ticket sales for Shamrock Night. Here, Principal Kobza presents sophomore Terri Kresha with a check for $30.00 for being the fourth highest seller in the high school.



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Catholic Schools Week began its celebration with an open house held in the Scotus cafeteria and Memorial Hall. Here, eigth grade girls demonstrate a dance they made up for a unit on cooperative learning in P. E.

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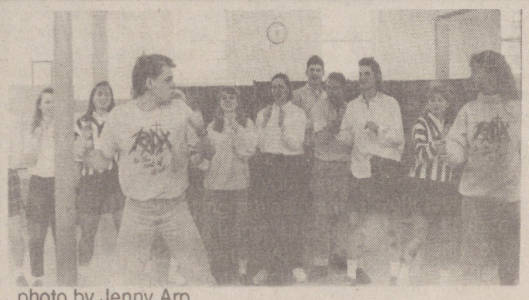


photo by Jenny Arp
Radix performers liven up lunch during their visit to Scotus during Catholic Schools Week.

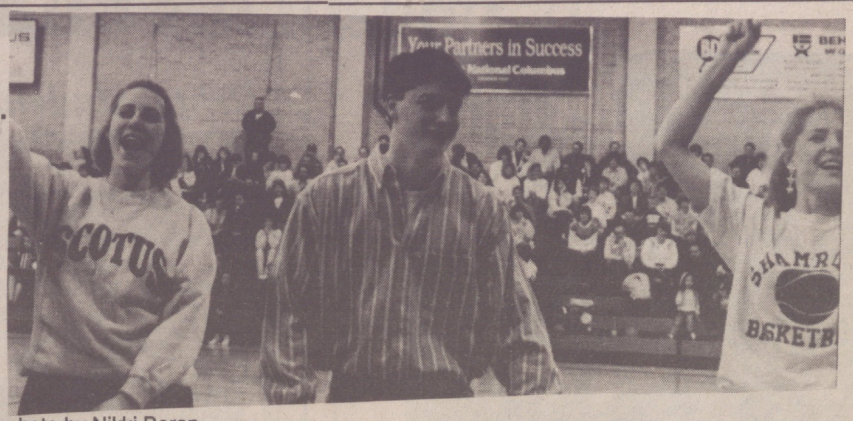
Regular Pepsi clearly preferred cola choice

by Theresa Wemhoff

In a world of smoggy questions there's one answer that's crystal clear. Regular Pepsi is the answer-the mirkier the better.

Crystal clear may look healthier, but in truth it's not. It has the same sugar, same caffeine, the same everything except taste. What it may gain in appearance it definitely lacks in taste. Crystal clear Pepsi tastes like carbonated water with a dash of sugar.

Some seem to prefer the new Crystal Clear Pepsi with its imitaion Pepsi taste. However, if what you're looking for is a taste of the old and the only soda left on the shelf is Crystal Clear Pepsi and Coca-Cola, well, the mirkier the better.



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Seniors Heidi Krings, Ryan Kobza, and Jessie Petersen show their enthusiasm and try to fire up the crowd at the Fremont Bergan boy's basketball game.

Mystery Photo Number Seven!!

photo by Jenny Arp

There was no winning entry submitted for last month's Mystery Photo. The photo was of a poster for a free-throw contest. Submit entries for this month's Mystery Photo contest to Mrs. Schieffer by Friday March 12, 1993.

Dirt masters grunge style

by Matt Moseman

Since the beginning of time, man has celebrated his existence and thanks to the gods through music. They would dance around huge bonfires and sing to their gods.

But now, as the number of gods has slowly dwindled down to a mere few and music is now not just for celebrating to the gods, man is left in a slight state of confusion.

What should he buy at the music store?

Thus comes the nearly as old music review, designed to assist those who cannot afford to buy tapes that they will probably never listen to again.

The first tape we will review is Alice in Chains *Dirt*. This is the second album from those Seattle grunge masters. This album is in the classic Alice in Chains style: heavy bass beats, thrilling guitar riffs that at some times make you hair stand up, and of course those eerie and morbid song lyrics sang in the way only Layne Staley, the band's lead singer could. However, this is not the second music release from Alice in Chains. In the summer of 1992, they released an acoustic EP titled *Sap*. Although this release was enjoyed by many, it did not receive much notice and was left undisturbed by most music enthusiasts.

The first release off of *Dirt* was a song called "Would?" which was written in memoriam by Alice in Chains's lead guitarist, Jerry Cantrell, for the late Andrew Wood, lead singer of the band Mother Love Bone, who died in 1990 of a drug overdose. This song was first released on the original motion picture soundtrack for the movie *Singles*.

Those people who have the group's first album, *Facelift*, will find that the band has not changed its playing style in his two year hiatus and will also discover that *Dirt* is a much slower paced album, but still keeps the same grunge style for which Alice in Chains is famous.

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Mrs. Riley is presented with an award by school board president, Mr. Tom Ketter for her 10 years of dedicated service to Scotus.

Tickets seem unfair but do teach a lesson

by Erin Trouba

It had been a long day and I was anxious to get home. I walked out to my car and to what before my eyes should appear? A parking ticket..

"Oh no! Darn! was a cry I heard from not too far away. Junior Tiffany Bock was holding a similar piece of paper. I jogged over to compare tickets. "The above listed violations $5.00 if paid within 5 days. $10.00 if paid within 6-15 days." was printed in capital letters.

Where I was going to come up with $5.00 in 5 days was beyond me. Why should I have to? I was parked in a popular parking spot for many late comers to school. They had never received a ticket, why should I? The answer is: my luck had run out.

The day I received my ticket was also a funeral day. I arrived at school early for flag corps practice and decided to park close to school. A little too close I guess. My ticket was for parking in the "colored legend". How could I see the colored curb when the snow was covering it? The police officer who issued my ticket must have thought the sign my car was parked behind should have been a pretty good indicator. Yes, I was parked illegally. Yes, I deserved the ticket. but why did **that** officer have to drive by **my** car on **that** day?

In talking with other students, I have discovered that several others received tickets the same day I did for parking in popular spaces. What gives? Unless you park in Egypt and walk 6 blocks to school, you must park illegally. But I guess laziness is no excuse for breaking the law. From now on I shall make sure my car is 30 feet from stop signs, 20 feet from crosswalks, and 20 feet from intersections.

Students are dissatisfied with new license plates

by Gina Rongisch

While driving down the highway I come to a crashing halt as the light turns red. There it is right in front of me, no not the man I'm going to marry ,but a small change in my boring world.

Next time you go to the courthouse to pay your personal property taxes you will be issued two new license plates. "I like them because they're different, we needed a change," junior Jill Kropatsch said. The new plates picture Chimney Rock on the left and the city of Omaha on the right. The old plates show a windmill on the left surrounded by sandhills, with a bight blue sky.

"I don't like them because they're too much like the old ones, we need more of an obvious change," junior Kathy Hegemann said. I figured most people would find the new license plates refreshing , but to my amazement most students did not see the need for change.

I personally like the new plates, they give a certain sense of population. That may sound strange, but the old plates were typical for Nebraskans. They made us come across as nothing but open land and farms everywhere. The new plates show industry and cities as a part of our lives. The new plates show we are not all farmers who wear overalls and listen to AM radio all day. Most people say this is a small and needless change, but we have to start somewhere.

This is not a life or death decision so if you choose to stay impartial that's fine with me. Junior Sunny Recek, like most teenagers, had a very open and honest quote on the new license plates "Big Deal."

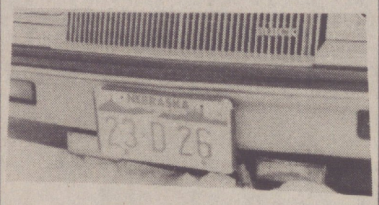

Photo by Erin Trouba

New license plates are seen on cars in Nebraska everywhere.

Student feels she's prepared for the next level of education

by Kelli Woods

You've all probably heard it before, and you may or may not have believed it. When you are a junior or sophomore it seems like you will never reach the top, yet you always here the people up there saying "oh, it goes so fast" and "enjoy it while you can" or my favorite "your class will become so close".

I hate to break it to you, but that's not the way it goes, at least that's not how it's going for me.

Now don't get me wrong, you should enjoy it while it lasts but don't enjoy it the wrong way. Most people mean smoke 'em if you got 'em or party until the night before you head off to college.

When I say enjoy it, I mean it. Because the one thing the people who have made it this far weren't lying about was that it really does go fast. Take your classes seriously (and take classes that will really help you because this is the cheapest they will ever be) and for that matter your homework, too.

That may sound like a nerdy thing to say, but with less than three months of school left one of the hardest things to do is make myself do my homework. It is getting to the point that I am afraid I have so much other things left to do before I go that homework seems to fall near the bottom of my priorities. I figure, hey I have been accepted where I want to go, so why bother?

I realized though that it does matter. It wouldn't look too great if you've been getting good grades for five and a half years and then you suddenly can't even pass a simple quiz.

Enough preaching about homework, I'll move on to something else. Scholarships, I don't know which is worse.

My friends that were seniors last year never prepared me for this so if you have never heard it take note. You will, if you have any common sense or have parents who are freaking out about college, have the joy of wondrous hours at a typewriter. You will write essays, answer questions and type your name, address, and social security number so many times that even if you get amnesia you will remember them. You will have the pressure of meeting numerous deadlines and finding teachers and adults willing to write you good recommendations. (Hence, another reason to keep up with the homework.)

While some people count down the days with tears in their eyes saying how much they will miss every last person in the class so dearly I simply count they days 'til I can move on with my life. There are about 10 or 15 people I will truly miss (remember, we can't all be best friends) but I am ready to go on with my life.

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Athletes prepare for track season

by Brandi Buggi

As the weather gets warmer, tthoughts turn from snowball fights to watergun fights. Students and teachers begin to get anxious for the end of school. We also move from basketball season to the spring sports of track and soccer.

Track always seems to have a good turnout. It fits many individuals as you may be good at jumping for the long or high jumps, throwing discus or shoput, sprinting, hurdles, or long distance. If you are unable to make the soccer team, you may still go out for track.

Many people prepare in advance for the seasom so they can compete at their best.

"I stay active by running before the season," says junior Kathy Hegemann who competes in the middle and long distance running.

Running, however, isn't the only way to prepare for track. Freshman Luke Fendrick also lifts weights.

"I hope to be the best freshman shotput thrower this year," says Fendrick.

Track is filled with many memories as many sports seasons are. Good things happpen throughout the year that leave an impression on a person.

"The best feeling when competing is finishing a race," said freshman Jill Kosch.

Kathy Hegemann believes that the worst part of track is the weather. "Sometimes it [the weather] is really bad," says Hegemann.

Track season is quickly approaching, and it looks as though it could be another good one. Good-luck to all participants and coaches on a successful season.

photo by Jenny Arp

Senior Becky Drum brings the ball up the court in the rivaled game against Lakeview on Feb. 9. Scotus girls go into Districts with a 16 - 3 record.

'Rocks show their stuff in districts

by Gina Rongisch & Ann Wieser

The Lady Shamrocks finished the basketball season with a 47-30 win over York. Despite three disappointing losses to Wahoo Neumann, Schuyler, and Raymond Central this season has been a good one for the girls' basketball team..

photo by Jenny Arp

Gary Rief successfully completes a reverse layup at the Fremoht Bergan game.

This season has also been an improving year. With the Shamrocks starting only two seniors. "There have been some very obvious improvements, that everyone can be proud of, junior Kathy Hegemann said. One improvement that we all still remember is the loss to Wahoo Neumann n and then a total turnaround in Conference Finals as the Shamrocks shocked the Cavaliers with a loss.

"Districts are going to be very tough this year with such teams as Lakeview and Schuyler," junior Renee' Fuhr said. The Shamrocks played their first district game Tuesday, February 23, at Columbus High against Aurora. Afterward Centennial took on York at 8:00 p.m.. Since Districts are so close to home, brave the cold and snow to cheer our Lady Shamrocks on to a win!

The guys basketball team ended their season with a 67-58 win over Central City Saturday February 20, 1993. Ending the season with a 9-9 record leaves the team's chance at Districts questionable.

"There was a lot of tough competition throughout the season, and especially in Districts," junior Sean Schmeits said. The Shamrocks played their first District game Saturday February 27, 1993, at Columbus High.

We all know the outcome of a game depends a great deal on the support from the team's fans, so go and cheer your guys basketball team to a win.

Reasons for golfing vary

by Matt Moseman

As soon as the snow melts from the golf greens and the birds return to the trees of Quail Run, the 1993 boys golf team will return to the course to tee off.

Several members of last years team are returning including sophomore Brian Bertsch. Bertsch said that he has been playing since age nine and enjoys it.

He says that he enjoys it as opposed to the other spring sports offered because: "I'm not fast, and I play soccer during the summer, so this way I get to play golf and play soccer."

Junior Tim Thalken, who has been golfing for eight years, had a more "relaxed" reason for playing golf.

"It's a more relaxing game," said Thalken. "You can pretty much go at your own pace."

> **"It's a more relaxing game. . . You can pretty much go at your own pace."**
>
> - Tim Thalken, junior

Sophomore Shade Whalen was more logical in his explanation. He plays "Because I'm better at it [than soccer or track] and I like it better."

New golf coach Mitch Arnold is optimistic about the golf team despite the thick layers of snow covering the golf courses and preventing practices.

"We're hoping [to start] by the middle of March," Arnold said. "Our first meet is in the beginning of April"

However, Mr. Arnold had not planned on coaching when he applied at Scotus. "I golfed in college and when I applied for a teaching position they offered me a position to coach golf," he said. "I hadn't planned on coaching when I applied, but when they asked me to coach golf, I accepted without hesitation."

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Flood leaves it's mark

by Rich McPhillips

The coming of spring has its consequences and unfortunately some years are worse than others. That was the case this year as ice jammed the Loup River causing flooding south of Columbus.

The warming temperatures on Saturday March 8, caused ice to break up along the Loup River and then it accumulated, causing a two mile long ice jam. The flooding south of Columbus caused U.S. Highway 30 and 81 which becomes 33rd Avenue to be closed from the viaduct to near the Platte River. According to officials the Loup River hasn't flooded this severely by Columbus since the mid-1960s.

Residents of both Wagner's Lakes and Whitetail Lake were evacuated as a result of the ice jam. Residents of Wagner's Lakes were warned at 2:45 a.m., and then later that night again. On Tuesday night a mandated evacuation for Wagner Defense due to the threat of the dike breaking.

Sophomore Ethan Shunk, Wagner's Lake resident, felt the evacuations were necessary but he said they became "annoying." Jack Henggi, who is also a resident there, said, "They (Civil Defense) handled the situation pretty good, except on the first night."

The dike withstood extreme pressure as ice was close to one foot from the top, in some areas. Tuesday night the ice shifted near the Black Bridge and some water reportedly "splashed" over. Once this happened, residents living from Sixth Street and south were advised to evacuate.

On Tuesday Governor Ben Nelson flew over the area an declared it a disaster area. By doing this, he allowed the use of the Army National Guard if needed. The National Guard was used on Wednesday to keep sightseers off the dike. They were responsible for the part of the dike that stretches from the sewer treatment facility to the Black Bridge. Senior Brad Wangler was among the soldiers involved in the task. He felt that what they did was necessary because the dike was unsafe and some people foolishly dared to climb onto the ice. "The people must realize that the ice could shift at any time and the dike isn't a safe place to be," Wangler said.

Once the ice jam broke, the flooded area south of Columbus was "drained" very quickly according to the officials. After the water flowed back into the river the damage it caused in the area was easily seen. Part of one lane on U.S. Highway 30 was washed out, as well as a large part of the truck weigh station near the highway. Many business and home owners also suffered expensive damage.

Although the ice jam caused a lot of damage, this freak of nature was a sight many people had to see. Hundreds crowded the Loup River bridges to witness such an unusual sight. Shunk said, "It was exciting and exhilarating, knowing that you are seeing the force of nature."

The Loup River after ice backed up for several miles, causing extensive flooding south of the Loup River.
photo by Gina Rongisch

Appearance is only skin deep, was the theme for Ash Wednesday Reatreat. One activity consisted of placing a grocery sack over your head as shown by several enthusiastic students.
photo by Jenny Arp

State lottery bill finally passed

by Theresa Wemhoff

Jackpot! A state lottery bill was finally passed by the legislature and signed by the governor on February 24th.

The bill, called LB 138, was voted on by the public last November. The majority of the citizens favored a state wide lottery. Nebraska has been slow in passing the legislation due to the opposition of various senators.

According to the February 25th issue of Unicameral Update Senator Don Wesely of Lincoln and Senator Ernie Chambers of Omaha felt that all gambling activities should be eliminated. Chambers felt that Nebraska should allow gambling for everybody or nobody. "Then there is at least consistency in the state's policy," he said.

Senators supporting the bill responded that they felt those opposing the bill and wishing to amend or delay could have done so in the first two rounds of debate.

There are presently lotteries in 35 other states. Many Nebraskans participate in these lotteries. Nebraska's lottery will prevent some of this money from leaving the state.

Various senators and citizens were anxious to pass LB 138 and to get the state lottery rolling. They felt the sooner it's instigated, the sooner Nebraska will experience it's financial rewards.

Presently a committee has been appointed to iron out the wrinkles in the lottery. As of yet no specific purchase points have been designated. It is also unknown how soon the lottery will be put into affect.

Congratulations

Tim and Jeanne Schieffer on the birth of their daughter,

Emily Frances 6lbs. 2oz.

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NHS raises money for Alumni Appeal

by Laura Kosch

On March seventh, several National Honor Society students volunteered their time to take part in the Seventh Annual Alumni Fund. The students had to make calls to former Scotus students and ask them for donations.

Senior Dan McGrane said it was a little hard at first and a bit awkward, but most people are nice and are more than willing to donate some money.

Also feeling some jitters was junior Amy Kuhlen. "At first I was a little nervous, but actually it wasn't too bad. It as kind of fun talking to people all over the U.S."

Junior Jamie Jazwick added that some people thought it was great that the students were calling. McGrane agrees adding, "It shows people that the students care about supporting their school by giving up some time to call."

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One thing besides donations these students got out of this new experience is practice at using communication skills. Kuhlen found out the friendlier you sounded the better response you'll get.

Jazwick feels this was good practice for the future because in most jobs you need to communicate with different people. McGrane discovered alumni of Scotus still care about what is going on today. "It was different and you get time for 'small talk' because most of the people are interested and ask you about what's happened here this year."

Speakers hear the call to state

by Ann Wieser

Congratulations to the Speech team members! Competition at Districts made Scotus proud advancing an O. I. D. (Oral Interpretation of Drama), and Jim Springer in Extemporaneous Speaking to State competition this year.

"I think my O.I.D. group has an excellent chance of being in the top three, as for Springer no one can ever tell," senior Brad Wangler said. The O.I.D. group includes Kari Becker, Brad Wangler, Kelli Woods, Matt Moseman, and Travis Patocka. State competition takes place Friday, March 26 for all Class B school competitors.

"There was a lot of competition this year, and there were a lot of excellent speakers at Districts," junior Cindy Kuehler said. "A lot of times the decision of who won came down to a personal preference by the judgebecause it was so close. There were many of us who metaled and just missed going to State." Although some students didn't make it to State they still feel the season was very worthwhile.

"Speech team is a great way to perfect public speaking, and you meet some really interesting people," junior Tim Thalken said. Many of the students in Speech team feel that it is an experience that can be very helpful in relieving stress when speaking in front of a group of people.

"Speech team is an excellent experience. You learn the skills you need to communicate, and along with meeting new people you also form unforgettable bonds within the team," junior Cindy Kuelher said.

Preparations for compititons begin in the spring of the previous year by choosing topics for the area you are competing in. Revisions are made throughout the season until a smooth presentation is accomplished. "Countless hours are put in and one can only get as much out of it as they put in. Most of the work is done totally independently, but there is also a great amount of team unity and support," junior Cindy Kuehler said.

Although Speech team is strenuous it is also very rewarding, so if you have good speaking abilities, want to gain more confidence in front of a crowd, or want to improve your public speaking give Speech team a try

Youth Gathering shakes Scotus

by Brandi Buggi

This year Scotus is going to be the sight of the 1993 Youthquake. The youthquake will take place on Sunday, April 3, 1993. Fr. Wayne, who is organizing this year's youthquake, is planning a day of fun for a large group of people.

"We are inviting all Catholic and public schools outside the Lincoln and Omaha areas so we could be getting anywhere from 300-600 people. I believe there will be 150-200 people just from Scotus," said Fr. Wayne.

The day starts off with registration at 1 p.m. Radix will then give the Keynote Address at 1:30 p.m. after which people will be able to attend three workshops. There will then be a prayer serviece before eating at 5:30 p.m. A dance will follow at 7:30 p.m.

The theme for the year's youthquake is 'Life Abundant.' "We chose this theme because we hope that this retreat will be a preparation for the Pope's trip to Denver in the fall," said Fr. Wayne. The rally in Denver has the same theme.

There is a lot planned for this day. Hopefully, there will be a large turnout and everyone will have fun. This day will prepare you not only for the trip to Denver, but just allows you to get together to have fun.

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Student "Wowed" by Les Miserables performance

by Kelli Woods

Walking into the Lied Center I knew that something spectacular was going to take place. From the opening act every moment was full of songs.

Les Miserables is a beautiful story by Victor Hugo that is made even more touching by the emotion filled songs throughout. It is the story of Jean Val Jean's life. In the beginning he is released rrom prison by Javert who vows to get his revenge.

Jean Val Jean and Javert meet several times throughout the story and their conflicts, though exciting, seem to take a backseat to the love triangle between Cosette, Eponine, and Marius. Cosette has been raised by Val Jean in a promise to her dying mother many years before.

Eponine and Cosette had lived together when they were younger. Eponine was the rich and spoiled daughter of the innkeepers. I couldn't stand the young eponine because of the way she treated Cosette, yet by the time they had both fallen in love with Marius Eponine's life had changed and she was worse off than Cosette.

Eponine soon become my idol. She loved Marius so much that she even helped him get a letter to Cosette. In songs like "On My Own" she told of her great love for him and this was my favorite song.

Not only was there romance there was also comedy. Songs such as "Master Of the House" and "Lovely Ladies" were lighthearted and had the audience laughing.

The costuming, lighting, and especially the elaborate stage design which included a revolving stage and moving scenery made you feel as if you were right there with Jean Val Jean.

Les Miserables totally impressed me and as I walked out I hear several people say what probably best sums up the experience: WOW!

In a minute...

What did you give up for Lent and why?

Chocolate because it is something I thought I could do without. Carmen Burbach, 8th grade

Biting my fingernails because it is something I do a lot of. Jamie Held, 9th grade

Chocolate because it is something I eat a lot of and it would be difficult to give up. Jeni Speicher, 10 th grade.

Pop, my car, and living indoors because that's how holy I am. Chad Zach, 11th grade

Nothing because I could never do it before so I didn't this year. Craig Rueschhoff, 12 th grade.

Nothing, but I am working on an attitude problem. Mrs. Podliska, faculty.

Students anticipate SLC

by Nikki Beran

This year 30 lucky students will be able to attend the State Leadership Conference otherwise known as S.L.C. Mrs. Rambour and Mrs. Went will take the students to the Holiday Inn Convention Center in Omaha to compete. The convention will be held on April 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. This year over 2,400 members of F.B.L.A. chapters in Nebraska will all be at this conference.

The activities that the students will be involved in are business related tests, keyboarding skill tests, computer applications, business graphics, and accounting tests , just to name a few. " By participating and competing in these activities, it is a great chance to test their knowledge against other students," Mrs. Went said. There will be awards on Saturday night for these activities.

The students who will be participating have worked hard all year in order to attend S.L.C. There is a point system that determines who can attend and who can't. By doing things like helping at concessions, participating in community service projects, attending meetings, and working at dinners, you can earn points. This year you had to earn 133 points or more to attend, compared to the 95 points that you had to earn last year.

To meet new people, there will be a dance on Friday night. " It's a great way for them to meet other F.B.L.A. students," Mrs. Went said. Over the three days the students will meet a lot of new people. " I hope I can meet a lot of new friends," sophomore Kim Dvorak said.

This years team has a lot of goals set. This year they will again be competing for the Sweepstakes Award for the seventh year in a row. This award involves completing a variety of activities throughout the year. Some of the activities include a community service report, having a state officer speak at a meeting, and writing Congress people to support vocational education.

There are many people who have also set many individual goals. "I want to get honorable mention in the creed," said sophomore Kristy Stachura. " I want to do my best in everything I compete in," Dvorak said.

Everyone who is going expects to have a great time ,and learn a lot. " It should be a very worth-while experience," sophomore Sheryl Rupp said. " It will really help me get a feel of what the business world is like," Stachura said.

Overall it will be a good experience for everyone. " It will provide a large variety of ideas for everyone," Mrs. Went said. " I hope it is as fun as last year," Stachura said. " I'm going to try to get more sleep than last year, but that probably won't happen!"

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Teams have personal superstitions

by Nikki Beran and Cathy Wemhoff

In the beginning there were approximately 33, by the end there were only 8. Eight people left to bond as a Mock Trial Team and to represent the Sophomore class. The first task is to get to know each other well enough to be able to work as a close knit group.

We had numerous meetings in the beginning where nothing was accomplished. But by the end, we has become together into a successful group, and with this closeness came many memories.

The most prominent memories are of our superstitions, traditions and luck. We acquired these during the vast amount of time that we spent together. These charms included often said sayings, certain objects, a prayer, and a Top Secret pretrial ceremony. This included things such as Thriving on Chaos. A book we found that seemed to be more of a title for us than the book.

During these times of chaos, that seemed to occur at every meeting we had, certain words or sayings were yelled out in frustration or stupidity. These words became a form of luck that were said for encouragement before every meeting and trial. Some of these sayings include, "You foolish mortal, you have no gavel", "Power to the popcorn", and "Unfortunately Chris Bowman jumped out the third floor window...", just to name a few.

Many of these sayings combined created a prayer that we used for luck before a trial. Not only did this prayer use our lucky sayings, it also dedicated the trial to people who were special to or inspired us.

Even though we are a very superstitious team, we have found that it also takes talent and dedication to be successful.

by Laura Kosch
Ann Wieser

"I am woman!" " All hail Helen Reddy!" " Hold your breath!" "Go Rudabaggers!" These phrases all help fill the girls Cross Country season with many memories that stay with them throughout high school.

Our obsession with Helen Reddy was started a few years back by Holly Hunter, a former CC stand out, who pronounced herself a certified Republican hippie. She then tried to convert her fellow runners by hypnotizing us to the tunes of Helen.

Along with her love of Helen, Holly introduced many new sayings and traditions that are still faithfully followed by the CC girls today.

The girls follow certain rituals when going over railroad tracks and underneath bridges. Our chants are sacred and can't be printed.

Before every race the team gathers before the starting line in their allotted 3X3 box and puts their hands together. Usually a senior gives a short pep talk and a prayer is recited.

Throughout the season the girls become close, and each year more traditions are invented.

by Matt Moseman

The football team also has their own manner of distributing luck. It is now commonplace to see a small bonfire on the football practice fields surrounded by fifty or so football players the day before a game.

The bonfire would center on a specific object which would represent the other team. Then it would be burned as an offering to the "gods".

After a successful home game, the busses would drive past the "holy practice fields" to pay homage to the gods.

Cheesy? Perhaps. But Scotus did make it back into the playoffs this year.

by Brandi Buggi

Although you have to have a great deal of talent to competewith other high schools competitively in sports, a bit of luck is also involved. Volleyball is no exception. A referee's call in the middle of a set may determine the whole course of the game. Or a "lucky" shot may spark a team who may have thought they didn't have a chance. This year's volleyball team tried to improve their luck throughout the year by acting on superstitions or doing things that had brought them luck in the past.

One of the superstitious things that we did throughout the year was that we rarely wore our warm-up shorts. We believed that we usually played better when we didn't wear those shorts before our games. Another thing that we did at the end of the season was wear identical ponytail holders. However, the luck wasn't believed to work unless all teammates were wearing these.

As many teams do, we also said a prayer before each game. Although this prayer was mainly said so that we all could play to the best of our abilities, we all hoped that this prayer, in some way, may bring a little bit of luck.

Many people also did individual things each time such as sitting in the same bus seat, wearing the same underwear, or wearing the same ponytail holder. Whatever we did it must have worked because we had a great season.

by Kelli Woods

Last year was my first year on the Speech Team and I was amazed at the amount of good luck tactics that were employed before a meet.

The one that sticks out most in my mind however was that of the Blarney Stone. Before the District Meet last year Jenni O'neill, who has since graduated, started the passing of the Blarney stone. Each member of the speech team was to kiss it to receive a little luck of the Irish for our meet.

Another good luck charm was the portable peephole, a handy little object created by another graduate of last year, Jeff Loeske. The District locker posters all included a little portable peephole of our very own.

I guess I even became a believer. I wore the same dress to every meet and was constantly teased about it. Nothing could stop me from wearing that dress, not even when the skirt split all the way up the back at the Norfolk Invite. I was "lucky" to find a girl in the restroom with a box of fifty safety pins and after a few alterations I was on my way.

I was given the "most superstitious" award last year and the Blarney Stone was handed down to me.

This year the good luck charms still circulate.

Sophomore Jenny Arp bestowed us with "dots" or notebook reinforcement rings for good luck. They have been placed everywhere from our clothes to our scripts.

Another tradition that was started long ago was the buying of stickers to place on the inside back of the binder of the OID (Oral Interpretation of Drama) scripts. For example the senior OID stickers are being placed in the shape of a cross.

In fact, the senior OID is probably one of the most suspicious groups. Before every competition we all must touch the lucky two millimeter purple guitar pick that sophomore Matt Moseman believes will help us defeat our competitors.

The blarney stone made its reappearance on this year's Mach 15 bus trip to Districts at Lakeview. As the stone was passed around the bus most of the speakers kissed it for luck as well as following other road trip rituals.

Before departing we pray three Hail Marys as a team for a safe trip and a victory. On the ride we alert each other to upcoming railroad tracks and touch a screw on the bus for good luck as we cross. As we journey home we are led by junior Tim Thalken in a rousing speech team rendition of Billy Joel's "Piano Man."

As we approach the hallowed halls of Scotus once again it has usually been twelve hours or more since our early a.m. departure. We head for home and know that next week we are lucky enough to do it all again.

Luck Review:

The Lucky Penny is tested for all its worth

by Kelli Woods

"Find a penny pick it up, all day long you'll have good luck," I said as I picked the penny up off of the couch in the newspaper room.

It was fourth period and I hadn't had either an exceptionally good or bad day so I thought this would be the perfect time to test the power of the penny.

With the lucky penny in my shirt pocket I headed out the door, ready to face whatever challenges the world would throw at me. I would laugh in the face of disaster, triumph over evil, leap tall buildings in a single bound, understand calculus, woah, guess I'm getting a little carried away. Let's just say I was prepared to have a good afternoon.

Well QFC led me to a Speech team meeting which was a lot of fun. We all wished one another good luck for Friday's meet but that's all the closer I got to luck in that twenty minutes.

I journeyed on to fifth period. In my cheery mood (thinking I had some luck coming) I greeted someone and was answered with "Go to," well you know the rest. OK, not such a lucky thing. I thought maybe this whole penny thing is just a joke.

We were getting our Psychology tests back (which I had forgotten to do much studying for) and...penny don't fail me now...I got a 95. Alright! Score one for the lucky penny. No, wait. Before I marked that one down I re-evaluated. My luck had obviously come on the day of the test, not the day I got it back.

So, with it's luck potential untapped my penny and I went to lunch. Nothing. I made my way back to Psychology to get my books at which time I was shoved into the wall, hitting my shoulder against the heat register. The pain brought tears to my penny, for the rest of my day was no better.

No major tragedies occurred, but I didn't win a lottery or become enlightened in the use of definite integrals to find area under a curve either.

As for the lucky penny theory I didn't become a believer that day; but I'll still always pick them up if I find them. I guess it's better to have no luck and be a penny richer than to just have no luck at all.

Trinkets bring luck

by Cathy Wemhoff

It is obvious that man is superstitious. Without realizing it, almost every man has their own private rituals, and if they were to fall out of their "pattern" they feel they would falter in their lives.

Superstition comes from the Latin word *superstes* , meaning outliving or surviving. This definition alone implies that man believes that there is power greater than man, and if you are to survive in this world, you must get this power on your side.

Many things are thought to bring the powers onto your side. They are commonly known as good luck charms. Even though most people know that these charms don't really bring luck, they still use them to boost their confidence.

The most important thing about these charms is the apparent power that they hold. How do these things acquire their power?

One way is by association. An example would be something given to you from someone special, and therefore the feelings that that special person has for you will bring you good luck.

There are two different types of charms. Those that are the luck bringers and those that are the protective charms. The luck-bringers are rarely discussed in times of crisis for fear of them losing their power. However the protection charms are more openly discussed because they are there to scare off the evil spirits.

Competitive situations are very intense situations and they provide a healthy ground for the growth of superstition. In most cases the charms of people in competitive situations are seen as lucky in the participants minds. They are seen as lucky because of an association with an important success in the competition. It is very common to see competitors always wearing the same shirt or bringing the same pen.

Everybody, even if they don't realize it, has their own beliefs. They have things that they may not see as charms but in reality they use them as charms.

Studentslook death in the eye

by Matt Moseman

Death. Some people will tell you that you will have a close run in with it at some point in your life. Some students here at Scotus already have.

Junior Matt Korth was once clinically dead for three hours.

"When I was two years old, I had to have open heart surgery. They had to stop my heart for three hours. The blood was still going everywhere, but my heart wasn't going," Korth said.

Sophomore Nate Marik evaded tragedy when he was five years old. A drunk driver sent his family's van into a ditch, and then followed it into the ditch and struck the van head on.

The van was on fire and as the van went into a ditch, Marik, who was in the back seat, was enveloped by the back seat and protected from the flames. He escaped the wreck with only a few scrapes and bruises. Virtually unharmed compared to his mother who suffered a broken arm, his sister who suffered a head injury, and his brother and father who both died.

Although it's not of such a scale, I can relate. When I was about six year old, I had to undgergo a third eye operation. When I was put under, the anesthesia caused a heart murmur in my heart.

This means that both sides of my heart were pumping at the same time. I was put into an intensive care unit and my heart beat was regulated.

My endeavor was not as bad as others, but everyone knows that until their time comes, death will be toying with them.

Good Luck Survey

	Yes	No	Sometimes
Do you believe in luck?	80%	12%	8%
Do you believe in fate?	71%	26%	2%
Do you have an item you consider lucky?	33%	67%	
If you see a penny do you pick it up?	51%	26%	23%

Lenten meals seem fishy

by Gina Rongisch

Cheese, tuna 'n noodles, fish, pasta. Cheese tuna 'n noodles, fish, and pasta. Does anyone pick out a pattern? Well most likely, if you're a good Catholic, these will be your choices for the next Lenten Fridays. For some eating no meat is like pulling teeth, but for others fish is always a tasty option.

Being that I am a faithful fish eater I decided to have my own little taste test. First I chose three different kinds of fish: Van de Kamps-breaded squares, Mrs. Paul's-breaded fish fillets, and Fresh Fish from Food 4 Less.

Van de Kamps cooked up nice and looked quite presentable, but as I bit into the fish I noticed a squishy sensation. I know that sounds rather unappealing but I only print the truth. After that disaster I moved on to Mrs. Paul's breaded fish fillets. They didn't look quite as nice but they did taste better. Right now the score stands Mrs. Paul's 1 and Van de Kamps 0. Finally for the Fresh Fish. This fish was definitely the best tasting of all three, but you must be on your toes as you eat. After just the second bite I was shocked or should I say almost killed by a small fish bone (about a half and inch long and a half a centimeter thick).

After trying several brands of fish I have concluded that unless you're really hungry for fish don't eat anything you can buy in a grocery store. As for the rest of Lent either "Hit the Hut" for cheese pizza or "Go fish" at Long John Silvers.

Mystery Photo Number eight!!!!

photo by Jenny Arp

Congratulations to seventh-grader Mandy Hughes, winner of las month's Mystery Photo contest. Turn in your correct guesses to Mrs. Valentine by Friday April 2, 1993 for this month's contest.

Clapton wins big at Grammys

by Matt Moseman

The Grammy's have always been a showcase for recognition for the works of those who have made great accomplishments in the music industry through the year. This year's Grammy Awards were no different.

It was no big surprise that veteran rock and roller Eric Clapton won a number of awards split up between his hit Unplugged album and his single "Tears in Heaven", written for his late son, Connor, who died in 1990 from a fatal 52 story fall from his mother's penthouse apartment.

This was a terrible loss to Clapton, as Connor had given him a new sense of life. Connor's birth was Clapton's reason for going into rehabilitation for his alcoholism.

Country music phenomenon Billy Ray Cyrus walked away empty handed, but did perform his hit song, "Achy Breaky Heart".

Funk metalists Red Hot Chili Peppers won a Grammy for "Give it Away", which they performed with their former manager, George Clinton, and his band. This strange set-up filled the stage with two drummers, several guitars, a horn section, and several bass guitars.

Country music star k.d. Lang succeeded in crossing over to pop music by winning a Grammy for her song "Constant Craving".

Rental rates two thumbs up

by Brandi Buggi

Being as there seems to be nothing to do much of the time in Columbus, watching movies during the weekend has become an enjoyable pasttime. However, it is only enjoyable if you choose a good movie. This can be a rather tedious and difficult task. You my have heard from a friend, neighbor, or other acquaintance that a certain movie was good. Or, on the other hand, you may try to choose a good movie from what the back of the movie cover says. This is difficult. You must have some idea going into a video store what you are looking for whether it be comedy, drama, or horror. I always head for the drama section and that is where I found Late for Dinner.

Late for Dinner is a combination comedy/drama. It is the story of two men, Willie (Brian Wimmer) and his somewhat retarded best friend and brother-in-law Frank (Peter Berg) whose lives become chaotic shortly after Willie's marriage to his sweetheart Joy (Marcia Gay Harden) in 1962. The adventure begins as the two men are chased for a crime they didn't commit and get caught up in an experiment where they are frozen until 1991. Everthing aged except them, and they have trouble with everything they encounter.

This movie is enjoyable for people of all ages. It is interesting and moves along quickly. This movies receives two thumbs up.

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New Q.F.C. rules cause turmoil for students

by Theresa Wemhoff

Trapped!

Yes, it's true. Every day after fourth period you must trudge to the dreaded QFC. Time for that two foot tall seventh grader to face the eight foot senior he plowed into after school yesterday. For me it's a time to see my long lost sister that I never seem to encounter at home.

Despite the fact I would much rather spend that twenty minutes in what I would consider a more productive atmosphere, QFC isn't a waste of time. QFC's are to provide an atmosphere in which students from different grade levels can become acquainted and maybe even friends. Yes, it's true seniors are actually seen in the hallways talking to members of the junior high.

I think QFC families are more effective than the previous TA, but I also think the new QFC rules are unnecessary. Two twenty minute periods of bonding a week is effective. I don't think it is necessary for students to be banded from seeking assistance form teachers on Monday, Tuesday and Friday.

It is difficult for many students in athletics to make time before and after school to meet with teachers. Younger students that can't drive may find it hard to make time before or after school. Their ride may not be willing or able to adjust their schedule to get them to school earlier or to wait for them after school. Many students car pool and scheduling a meeting with a teacher before or after school will affect more than just their schedule.

It is also difficult for students that do drive to adjust their schedule. For instance, a lot of people depend on me for transportation. In the morning I take not only my brothers and sisters to school, but our neighbors as well. Changing my family's schedule is no problem. They're family and I have the right to inconvenience them. My neighbor's, however, are a little different. If I leave half an hour earlier the other grade school children I drive to school need to find a new ride. If I bring them to school at 7:30 they will be forced to stand outside the school in the cold for a half an hour until the doors open. Immediately after school my sisters often have baby-sitting jobs I need to drive them to.

These problems may seem trivial, but the schedule of one person may affect a lot of people. They are probably fixable, but it would be more convenient if students were allowed to receive assistance from teachers in QFC on Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday. Many students use this time on those days as a study period any way.

Retreat causes students to think

by Erin Trouba

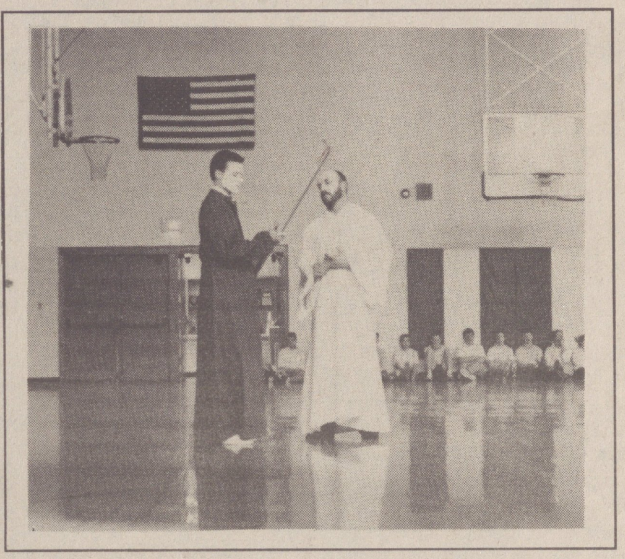
The all school retreat has come and gone, but I think that this year was one of the best retreats Scotus has ever had.

We may not all have gained the most from the retreat, since we all take different things seriously, but I thought this past retreat gave us all something to think about. Whether we want to admit it or not, this retreat really made us as students more involved and kept us on our toes.

I admit, when asked to place a paper sack over my head, I felt pretty silly. I decided to be a sport and do it anyway. I think the desired effect was to make us see how equal we all are. Once again, it all depends upon how seriously you took the activity.

The ads that Mr. Schartz brought in to use as examples really made me think as well. Although some times I thought that a little too much was read into the advertisements, I thought the goal was good. Some of the ads were really difficult to see the desired product and it pointed out how the media does, in fact, control our thoughts, words, and actions.

Overall, I thought that the retreat was very positive and we were all given a chance to speak our minds. I hope that the retreats continue to become more and more positive in the years to come.



Disrespect doesn't get students anywhere

by Cathy Wemhoff

Everybody snickers when we have to learn what respect is in a variety of classes. I am no exception. I, too, often get frustrated that we take the time to learn about respect over and over again, when it should just be common sense. But I have noticed in the past few weeks that there are definitely some people who need to learn about respect because they obviously don't know what it is, or they do but don't have the maturity to live with respect in their lives.

I don't mean to pick on any certain group, but there is definitely one group of people that have the biggest problem with respect, the junior high, boys and girls alike, but especially the boys. I have seen a lack of respect to many groups of people coming from the junior high. They have no respect for the senior high but the most amazing thing is the lack of respect for themselves.

When I was in junior high we would bow down for the senior high, we would literally step aside if they wanted through. We would never, I mean absolutely never dream of ruining their property or saying anything bad to them. We would never mouth back like we were the superior and not the inferior. Sure there are always the exceptions, but I've never seen as many as I have this year. I'm just wondering how a junior high person would feel if he or she were told off by a third grader. You might feel a little disrespected? Maybe you should consider that the next time you're in contact with a student from the senior high.

Now, to the lack of respect for themselves. I would think that the one group for the junior high to respect, would be themselves. In junior high I felt that the only people who knew what life was like were my peers.

I was very surprised at the Ash Wednesday retreat when junior high students were called to the front, and their responses were booed. Not only does that hurt the people who were up there, but it doesn't say much for the people who are booing. To me, those who have to make fun of others are afraid of being themselves.

I've also been observing the junior high during activities such as basketball games. They seem to think it's more fun to practice their disrespectful behavior rather than to watch the game and cheer for the team.

Overall I just want to say to the junior high that you are noticed, and it's probably not the recognition that you want. I know that there are many people who notice your disrespect, and because of your disrespect, they find themselves having a lack of respect for you.

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Mic Collins shoots a free throw during thel State Tournament. Scotus fell to Hartington Cedar Catholic in first-round play.

Students get a kick out of soccer

by Erin Trouba

The basketballs of winter have barely been put away and already the soccer balls of spring have been in action for three weeks.

This year the girls had about 30 girls try out for the varsity squad. Unfortunately, this means that nearly 12 had to be cut in order to fit the 18 member squad. Tryouts were held the week of March 1-5. The 1993 girls varsity team is as follows: Seniors-Becky Drum, Suszi Kudron, and Trish Weilgus. Juniors-JoDe Cieloha, Renee' Fuhr, Laura Kosch, Christina Kretchman, Amy Kuhlen, Sunny Recek, and Heidi Staroscik. Freshmen- Nicole Bender, Sarah Fehringer, Shauna Greiner, Chrissy Labenz, Teresa Sleddens, Mandi Slusarski , and Rachel Wick.

The Lady 'Rocks take to the field in their season opener March 25 against York in York.

The boys had try out for the varsity squad. Tryouts were held the same week as the girls. The final rosters wre posted on the north doors on Saturday, March 13.

The 1993 varsity boys soccer team includes: Senior-Jesse Kosch. Juniors-Jeff Herdzina, Jason Mielak, Ryan Medinger, and Tony Thomas. Sophomores-Derek Bonk, Jason Brezenski, Jeff Cieloha, Kyle Diedrich, Jack Haenggi, Dan Koch, Rich McPhillips, Ethan Shunk, Denny Sliva, Brian Wessel, and Ryan Wondercheck. Freshmen- Ben Johnson, Scott Thomas.

Boys compete for state basketball title

by Kelli Woods

One, as the old song says, is the loneliest number. Nobody knows this better than the boys basketball team.

On the way to number one you must take it one game at a time. One game, one chance. One minute thirty-four seconds left and the game is tied at 47.

One foul, one missed free throw, one successful free throw.

The game ends 48-47 and the Shamrocks lose by one.

The Shamrocks led for most of the game, with seniors Craig Rueshhoff, Chad Burbach, and Mic Collins combining for 29 points, but saw Hartington Cedar Catholic come from behind in the last four minutes.

Although the Shamrocks led 32-24 at halftime, they failed to score in the first 2:55 of the second half. Five turnovers in the final eight minutes were committed, yet in the first three quarters only seven were made.

With 1:41 to play, Cedar Catholic's Scott Heine made a steal, passing to Eric Mueller who was fouled by junior Luke Jackson. Mueller missed one and hit the second and Cedar Catholic made a follow shot to tie the game.

Later, Mueller stole the ball and was fouled by Jason Mielak. Two successful free throws sealed the victory for Hartington.

The loss left Scotus 12-10 on the year and ended the Shamrocks season best four game win streak. Although the loss didn't allow the Shamrocks to continue their journey to the finals they will always be number one to the Shamrock fans.

Tracksters hope determination, hard work pay off

by Nikki Beran

And they're off! So far they have been running through the cold, the snow, the ice, and the flood waters. This year the Scotus boys and girls track teams have been out and running, hoping to accomplish their goals fo r this season. This year the track team has tested their skill in the first track meet which was held on March 23.

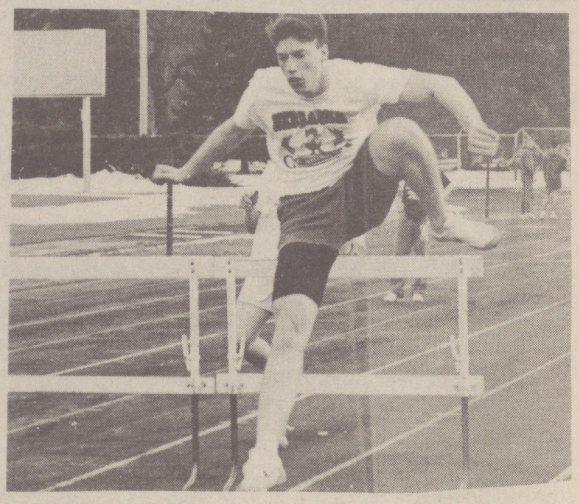
To be able to have track meets there is a lot of work and dedication that takes place. Before the fun of the track meets can take place, there has to be work. " I like the meets and competitiveness, but I don't enjoy the practice," sophomore Jeni Speicher said. " Sometimes we run so hard that we puke," sophomore Matt McGuire said.

Throughout these practices the track teams have set many goals for themselves. " I want to improve on my personal best from last season," Speicher said. By improving on her personal best, Speicher would like to "be able to reach 5" in the high jump". Another student who has set goals for herself is sophomore Linsi Peterson. "I would like to be able to improve my time on hurdles," Peterson said.

Each athlete goes out for track for many various reasons. " I like it because it's an individual sport. You can set a goal for yourself and work at it," junior Eric Biermann said. " I like how you have to push yourself and not rely on others," McGuire said.

Overall the track teams feel that they will have a successful season. "We have a lot of returning state qualifiers from last years team, and some of our younger athletes have improved. I think we will have a successful season," girls coach Mr. Mahoney said. Athletes also feel that this will be a competitive season. " It will be very competitive, and I think I myself, as well as the team will be successful," Biermann said.

This year the track teams again have a lot of talent. "We will do really well because we have a wide range of talent," Petersen said. It looks as if the track season is off to a good start and successful season.



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Ryan Kobza practices his form during a recent track practice. March 1, 1993 was the start of track practices and soccer try-outs

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D.C. welcomes SCC

by Cathy Wemhoff

From April 4 to April 9, four Scotus Students attended Close-Up in Washington D.C. Nikki Beran, Brandi Bulkley, Lisa Wemhoff, and Wayne Wemhoff went, with Mr. Graubagh as their sponsor. Close-Up is a chance to get to know people from all over the country and to see the different views.

"It was great meeting people from different states and seeing how where they lived affected their attitudes and opinions," sophomore Nikki Beran said. "You meet a lot of great people. Some you agree with on issues and others don't," sophomore Brandi Bulkley said.

"I went to Close-Up for a couple of reasons. One is that everyone that has gone has said how much fun it is, and second I wanted to learn more about some of the government issues and procedures plus to get different opinions on each issue," Bulkley said.

"It was great meeting people from different states," sophomore Nikki Beran said.

"I learned how to be a lot more open minded in issues and I learned more about the country and about government in a week than I've ever learned before," Beran said. "The main thing I learned was how prejudiced I was toward gays. After finding out we were in a gay book store, I always found myself making sure I wasn't around any gays," Bulkley said.

"It really made you think when you're out in different neighborhoods and actually experiencing events. You see how the government actually works instead of just reading it in books," Beran said. "If you get a chance to go, take it. I think everyone would enjoy it and get a lot out of it," Bulkley said.

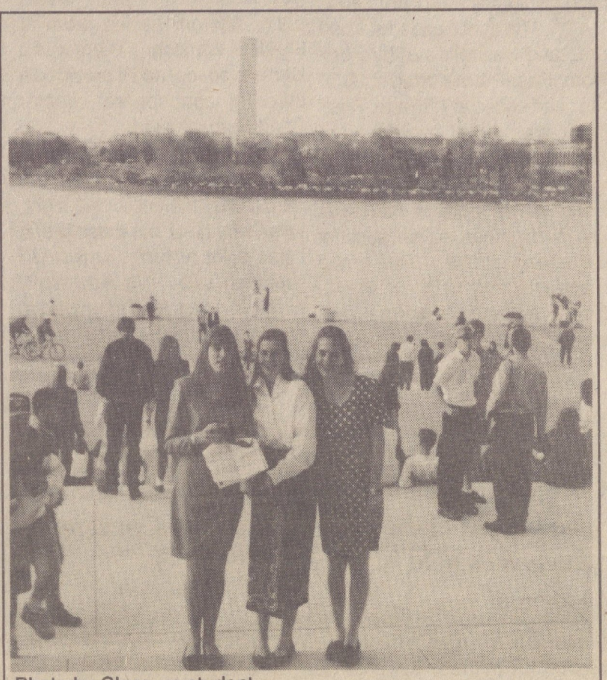

Photo by Close-up student
Nikki Beran, Brandi Bulkley, and Close-up friend pose in front of the Washington Monument in Washington D. C.

Yeltsin struggles for power

by Brandi Buggi

Over the last year, as the Cold War has ended, Russia has gone through changes. These changes, however, haven't always been easy for the Russian people. Poor living conditions and food shortages have caused the people to get angry at their leader, Boris Yeltsin.

Yeltsin, president of Russia, has recently encountered a power struggle between himself and the Russian Parliament made up of hard-core Communists not ready for the changes and hardships encountered. Recent efforts to impeach Yeltsin have fallen short. A recent vote to put Yeltsin's ousting on the agenda didn't even reach majority approval. It then became apparent that a two-thirds vote needed to directly impeach him would be near impossible. Yeltsin, speaking to an emergency session, told of his mistakes yet felt that the whole responsibility didn't lie on him. He pointed out that three branches of the government, including the Constitutional Court, had commmitted several violations that had also hurt the economy.

"It is not fair to accuse only the president," he said in a brief, impromptu speech.

Russia's Congress, dominated by hard-lined Communists, held another session to discuss and debate a reforandum on whether the president or the lawmakers should rule the country. The referandum was approved and will be put to the test on April 25 as Russian voters go to the polls to make the decision. They will also vote on whether or not they support the economic reforms begun by Yeltsin in early 1992. Yeltsin was angered by these questions, feeling he should be able to ask questions of his own.

Yeltsin was hoping help was in sight as himself and President Bill Clinton met in Vancouver, Canada for a superpower sumit the first week in April. President Clinton's main objective in the summit was to keep Yeltsin in power so as not to return to a Cold War rivalry. Clinton offered needed help to Russia and Yeltsin because he felt that Yeltsin was the key to the changes in Russia. If Russia happens to slip back into Communism, it would hurt all of the nations, especially the United States.

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Prom leaves wonderful memories

by Nikki Beran

On April 16 at the New World Inn, Scotus students had a "Wonderful Tonight" at the 1993 Prom. Before the dance, there was a dinner at 7:00 at the New World Inn. The dance started at 9:00. The music was Dee Jayed by the Knights of the Turn Table.

The dance ended at 12:00 a.m., and was followed by Post-Prom. Post-Prom started at 12:30 a.m., and ended at 4:30 a.m. Post-Prom was held at Boulevard Lanes. There were door prizes given out throughout the night. Along with door prizes, there was also food, games, a silent auction, and grand prizes. The grand prizes included a TV, VCR, microwave, and a phone and answering machine. Junior Jill Buelt won the TV. Junior Renee' Fuhr won the VCR. The microwave was won by Junior Jason Mielak. Kathy Hegemann was the winner of the phone and answering machine.

It seemed as if many people enjoyed having prom at New World Inn this year. "It was really different having prom at the New World Inn. There was a lot more space, and it provided a different atmosphere", senior Chad Burbach said.

Overall many students seemed to have enjoyed the dance. "By the end of the night, I was very tired, but it was great. I had a lot of fun", junior Jill Kropatch said. " It was really exciting. I was kind of scared at first, but once I got there I had a great time", junior Heidi Staroscik said.

After prom many students continued the fun of the night, by going to Post-Prom. Many people seemed to also have a lot of fun at Post-Prom. " Post-Prom was ten times better than prom", senior Matt Hajek said. " It was really a lot of fun. It was great to just relax with all of my friends", Staroscik said. Overall everyone seemed to have a lot of fun at Post-Prom. Matt Hajek also wished to add that ,"to all who saw our fish, Job and Ezekial, they are both alive and well".

Overall it seemed as if the whole night was a lot of fun. " It was a once in a lifetime experience", Kropatch said. "I'm really looking forward to next year."

photo by Sheila Olmer

Waiting in anticipation for the dinner and dance to begin are seniors Chad McKown, Bob Briggs, Chad Dohmen, Brad Wangler, Matt Wieser, and Jim Sokol.

Congratulations to the following FBLA members who placed at the State Leadership Conference which was held in Omaha April 1-3.

8th Job interview- Steph Geilenkirchen
Honorable Mention Job Interview- Brandi Buggi
Honorable Mention Keyboarding Knowledge- Kristy Stachura
Honorable Mention Business Communications I- Sheryl Rupp
6th Business Calculations-Chad Burbach
8th Proofreading- Sheryl Rupp
6th Keyboarding Knowledge-Melissa Misuraca
Honorable Mention Economics- Chad Burbach
Honorable Mention Keyboarding Knowledge- Debbie Zadina
Honorable Mention Business Calculations- Kathy Hegemann

Prison Observed by Students

by Gina Rongisch

Field Trip. Those two words to most of us revive grade school memories of the Stuhr Museum and State Capitol. When we spent the entire year thinking of where we would go and what we would do. For 19 junior and seniors field trips didn't just come about in grade school. Mrs. Kosch's Modern Problem's class spent two hours touring the Lincoln Correctional Facility.

During the two hours students were allowed to talk to Steve Von Minden, the head of the Correctional facility, walk through the Sex Offenders section of the prison, and question a rapist and burglar. Definitely experiences most people will never have.

As we arrived at the facility the first thing most of us noticed was the size and newness of the prison. As soon as the vans were parked and locked we headed for the entrance. Many students noticed the constantine wire (a type of barbed wire, with razors every few inches , and also the ability to close you up), used for deterring prisoners from escaping. When we entered the building we were told to remove all jackets and purses. Then we were stamped with a clear stamp-read under ultraviolet light. Next we were shown to a conference room where large tables and several chairs were set up. Soon Mr. Von Minden came in to give us some prison statistics and tell us how to act around the prisoners such as not giving out our names, addresses, schools, or phone numbers. Next we entered the actual prison where we were led down a flight of stairs and through several doors. "I was shocked by the size of the cells , they were very small," said junior JoDe Cieloha. Most of the prisoners had rooms that were 9' by 7' with bunk beds. After visiting the cells we were led to the chapel where we talked to a rapist and burglar.

" I was surprised, he was not the stereotypical rapist," junior Jamie Jazwick said. We were allowed to ask him questions while he told us his life story. Finally we were led back to the conference room where Mr. Von Minden answered some final questions.

This trip was truly a great experience, it opened our eyes to what prison is really like. Aside from all the jokes all of us realized prison is not a place we would want to spend any lengthy amount of time. On a lighter note, junior Rich Tooley said, "It was like de ja vu to me."

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In a Minute.....

Where is your dream vacation spot? Why?

The Rocky Mountains in Colorado, because I love to ski.
Kristen Wolfgram, 10th

London, because I have a few pen pals there and think it would be a beautiful city.
Claire Larson, 12th

Europe while visiting Mediterranean beaches, because Europe is an exciting place and I want to get a good tan on the beach.
Jamie Jazwick, 11th

Australia, because I like their accents.
Sarah Fehringer, 9th

The beach, because I like to sun.
Sara Lueschen, 7th

The beach, because there are lots of guys.
Julie Trouba, 8th

AP tests challenge students

by Matt Moseman

All students must face the inevitable roadblocks of educations that are tests. But some students have chosen to take these tests on by taking on harder classes. The Advanced Placement classes are classes that spur the intellectual talents of the students in them.

"The purpose [of the AP tests] is to ready them to take the Advanced Placement exam which gives them the opportunity to test out of college classes," said Mrs. Ewers of about the tests.

"We've had them apply for the class; for this application they must write an essay, have teacher reccomendations, and go through an interview," Mrs. Ewers said.

The tests will be held the morning of May 10. Mr. Atchison takes the students to an area outside of school so that the students aren't interrupted by the school period bells.

We send out our luck and best wishes to these college calliber students in the AP English, government, and calculus classes and hope that they do well.

Thespians endure initiation week

by Theresa Wemhoff

Last year the Adam's Family, the year before the Brady's!!

What's next?

"We considered themes as a group and Gilligan's Island won," said senior Claire Larson.

Every year Thespians make a spectacle of students brave enough to become Thespians.

Why?

"I have an interest in acting and speaking and I enjoy developing my abilities in those areas," said senior, Claire Larson. Larson was initiated last year.

"Just so I can put someone else through the same pain as I've been through," said sophomore Nathan Marik.

For a little over a week they practice their acting and speaking abilities until the final climax on Friday when the demanding initiations come to an end.

Every year Thespian initiates dress up as characters from T. V. shows or some basic theme. This year Gilligan's Island was chosen.

"I suggested Star Trek, but I don't know how much that was considered," said Larson. According to Larson different sitcoms or movies with strong characters that work as a group are considered for initiation themes.

Thespians to be this year included Matt Moseman who was the Skipper, Sheryl Rupp was Mr. Howl, and Jenny Arp was his (her) wife. Nikki Beran was the innocent farm girl, Mary Ann, and Cathy Wemhoff was Ginger. Nathan Marik was the infamous Gilligan.

According to Marik initiation consists of giving speeches and skits. This year a soap opera was performed as well. Initiates must also dress up like an assigned character associated with the theme.

The activities we have the initiates participate in relate to the development of their acting and speaking abilities," Larson said.

In the past initiation has been trying for some future Thespians. "This year we used more of a positive influence. Initiation was less strict and less structured," Larson said.

"I felt that we (as initiates) had spent more time an initiation; more time after school in activities. Last years group was bigger and it allowed for more input concerning initiation activities," Larson said.

Marik felt Heidi Krings was the most demanding.

"Everyone else was really laid back when they told you to do something, but Heidi was always yelling at you," Marik said.

"Overall I felt the effort on the part of the initiates was good. Some were better than others. I am glad to know that people like them will continue the troupe after I graduate," Larson said.

Scotus students Tom Dobesh, Erin Trouba, and Chad Mustard along with other students attending the Youthquake participate in an activity designed to increase their faith.

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M&M's melt into the future

by Cathy Wemhoff

Shopping for candy used to be simple. You could feel like M&M's, so you'd go to the store and be faced with the simple decision of wether to get plain or peanut. Now when you feel like M&M's you have to decide between plain, peanuts, peanut butter, almond, and mint. For some people this is a very hard decision, so like me, they end up getting all 5 different kinds.

The first kind I tried was the mint because this was the only kind I have never had before. I don't really know what I was expecting, but it sure wasn't what I got. I bit into a Mint M&M and my immediate thought was of Thin Mint Girl Scout Cookies.

Second I tried my favorite, the peanut butter. These always remind me of Reeces Pieces, except with a little more chocolate. After this I tried the Peanut M&M's. These are basically the same as peanut butter except for a different texture and a more peanutty taste. Fourth I tried the almond. I didn't really like these, but I'm sure that if I liked almonds in the first place I might like this type of M&M's better.

The last type I tried were the traditional plain M&M's. These taste a lot like chocolate chips but with the added sweetness of the candy coat. So after I got done eating all the different types of M&M's, I definitely felt full. However I wished that the initial decision to buy them would have been easier, then I wouldn't have felt quite so full.

Barney takes over television

by Laura Kosch

It's a bird, it's a plane,it's...it's...The Big Purple Idiot! The what? That's right, while we were out getting educated at institutions like Scotus, Big Bird lost all his friends, fell into a barrel of purple dye and was reincarnated as Barney the Dinosaur.

Not only does Barney sing, dance and act, he also appears and disappears as he pleases. Where the ball and chain are when all this is going on has never been clear to me. Did I mention he's bilingual?

Barney, along with his sidekick Baby Bop, prey on young kids around three to seven years old. Together they warp minds into thinking life is just one big playground- without adult supervision.

Several students have already formed their own opinions about Barney. Senior Laura Liss says the tapes being played in stores are very annoying and deter her from shopping.

> "Even though it's stupid it's neat for little kids."
>
> junior Jamie Jazwick

Junior Jamie Jazwick agrees with Liss but adds, "Even though it's stupid, it's neat for little kids."

Though Barney's approval rate doesn't seem to match even half that of Bill Clinton's, who are we to judge? I don't remember it now, but I'm sure there was a time when I would've laid my life on the line for Big Bird.

Someone who does appreciate Barney's talents is Coach Janet Tooley. Her five year old daughter loves watching Barney tapes and wearing official Barney attire. Tooley claims Barney is just as good as Seasame Street. But being the fitness fanatic she is, she noted Barney's getting a little thick around the middle. I guess Big Bird's no lightweight either. Hmmm- I wonder who would win if a fight broke out between the two?

OLD VS. NEW: TH

Memories of records shattered

by Theresa Wemhoff

Out with the old and in with the new! Remember back in grade school when we jammed to Big Bird counting to twelve on our favorite record.

Times changed and while some of us stuck with Big Bird others may have turned to Tiffany, Boy George, Cindy Lauper, and Prince. Regardless of whom we listened to the records were put away and the tapes were taken out.

No longer did you have to worry about scratching your records or accidentally breaking them in half. Big awkward records were out. Small, convenient, and portable tapes replaced them.

Whether it was the muppets or Madonna it was now possible to take your music along with you. Jogging, driving or in the middle of study hall; tapes could be taken along played in cars or used in portable head sets.

Then... came the cassette discs. They were still portable, had better sound but were easier to scratch and more expensive.

Due to their fragileness and exceptionally high costs users are much more careful with their C. D. They are never found thrown about the floor unless they're shattered.

Drivers treat their C. D. with such care that they may forget that they are driving. In the end they may loose both their C. D. and their car if they're not careful.

If you want to preserve you muppet soundtrack as long as possible tapes may be the better choice.

Barbie can't support herself

by Kelli Woods

In just 34 years Barbie has gone through some amazing changes. Since her introduction in 1959 at New York Toy Fair this Mattel beauty has risen to extreme popularity.

Over five-hundred million Barbies have been sold in 67 countries and one is bought almost every two seconds. Barbie has a wardrobe that grows at 100 outfits per year and the possibility of over 200 accessories. Her life is now covered in both *Barbie* magazine and the coffee-table book *Barbie: Her Life and Times*.

The first Barbie was your typical American teenager, yet as time went on so did Barbie. She is now a young woman and can be seen carrying a briefcase or practicing medicine, not just splashing around in a bikini with Ken.

And now, about that bikini....Not many teens could keep one of those on. In fact Marylin Motz an associate professor at Ohio's Bowling Green State University says Barbie's figure is physically impossible. If copied to scale she would measure 33-28-28, and not be able to support herself.

Other negative reactions to Barbie came when the Teen Talk Barbie was programmed to say "Math Class is tough." Several feminists groups felt this wasn't projecting a positive role model and was stereotyping girls. M.G. Lord who is writing a book on Barbie defended her by saying that just because math is tough it doesn't mean you have to drop out of school.

So with all that either cleared up or no longer important, Barbies's only other flaw was the fact that the only Barbies advertised had blond hair and blue eyes. However in August 1990 Mattel announced it would produce multicultural Barbies and feature them in more ethnic ads.

Now in 1993 we can look back through the food and bad times Barbie has had and still see her as a positive role model for women in this so-called man's world. But remember boys...Barbie is the pilot and Ken is her assistant, afterall he's only an accessory.

G.I. Joe goes lunar

by Rich McPhillips

Think back to the days when toys, looked like toys. You could look at G.I.Joes and know that they were actually military action figures.

Today, something seems to be lacking in modern action figures. For example, today's G.I. Joes look more like the Teen-age Mutant Ninga Turtles, than an army soldier.

There are G.I. Joe figures with names such as Cess Pool, who has a cracked skull and goo plastering his body. What ever happened to the traditional Sergeant Slaughter.

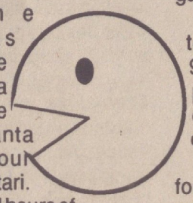
Not only are the character's being distorted but the vehicles are also taking on new and unusual changes. The fighting soldiers used to fly infighter jets and maneuver tanks on the battle fields. Today, it isn't unusual to see G.I. Joe riding in a lunar vehicle with blue hydraulic jaws in the front.

Although the evolution of yesterday's toys may not have turned out the way you would have liked, they have become more advanced and complex than ever before.

Pac-Man crunches Nintendo

by Kelli Woods

The evolution of the video arcade bestowed upon us the age of Atari.



One Christmas back in the '80's (yes a whole decade ago) Santa brought our family an Atari. After "several hours of fun-filled family entertainment" over the course of the next year the Atari had lost it's excitement. Sure I had my favorites, like Donkey Kong, Super Breakout, and the ever-famous Pac-Man but there was only so much of that little yellow guy I could take.

Soon the advent of technology brought us into the 90's with Nintendo. Nintendo possessed a higher degree of detail and clarity than its predecessor.

Santa had come through for us again and brought the magic of Super Mario Brothers into our home. Once again the enjoyment lasted for a few marathon days of playing during Christmas break and then dwindled significantly after that. Soon the Nintendo had met the same fate as our once beloved Atari.

From the standpoint of success in the business world Nintendo has been more successful. With spin-offs such as Super Nintendo and the Game Boy and high competition with Sega Genesis systems, Nintendo has marked its place in the world of home entertainment games. The Atari, I fear, has been almost forgotten.

While I still feel that Atari can become a bit annoying the same holds true for Nintendo. When it comes right down to it I'd still have to say my favorite is the little yellow guy.

1970's 1980's 1990's 2000 ?

HE TIMES THEY ARE A CHANGIN'

Ren and Stimpy sweep nation

by Matt Moseman

In the beginning, there was "What's up Doc?", "You're dispic-able", and Acme everything. Now there's "Happy, happy, joy, joy.", "You stupid idiot!", and Gritty Kitty Litter

Most people will recognize the first quotes as being those of Looney Tunes characters, those famous cartoons from the 40s, 50s, and 60s. And nearly everyone will identify the others as being those seen on *Ren and Stimpy,* a brash series of cartoons seen on Nickelodeon and MTV.

But which cartoons are better?

In one corner, you have the Looney Tunes. Their mostly made up of cuddly woodland creatures and farm animals who thrilled audiences with subtle dialog and outrageous sight gags.

In the other corner, you have Ren and Stimpy: a greedy, paranoid, psychotic Chihuaua who listens to opera records and collects rare and incureable diseases; and an idiotic, stupid cat of dubious breeding who belongs to the Loyal Order of Stupids. They thrill 90's audiences with loud and outrageous everything, there's no subtltey here, folks.

"It is the most utterly disgusting show that I've ever seen. I enjoy shows like that."

Derek Bonk-sophomore

Sophomore Travis Patocka, who happens to own a pair of *Ren and Stimpy* boxer shorts, watches the show because "It's different than most shows on TV," Patocka said. "And I enjoy how twisted it gets sometimes. It is really funny."

Sophpomore Derek Bonk is also a fan of the show. "It is the most utterly disgusting show that I've ever seen," Bonk said. "I enjoy shows like that."

Ren and Stimpy also showcases other characters such as Powdered Toast Man, a superhero who is made up of--you guessed it--powdered toast. But this superhero tends to fly backwards and uses human "gas" as propulsion.

Ren and Stimpy also has its own marketing department. During a normal episode of the show, you will see an ad for Log. "Yes, Log. All kids love Log." Log is a piece of wood. That's right, a good hefty chunk of wood taken right from a tree.

And who could forget Gritty Kitty Litter. Gritty Kitty Litter is the only cat litter on the market with a prize inside! You can find a bolonga sandwhich, a fake toe, a *real* toe, and a shaved yak litter box carrier.

And that's *Ren and Stimpy.* All that and more is waiting for those of you who still haven't experienced the phenomona and haven't sang along with Stimpy's favorite song.

'Roos are remembered

by Cathy Wemhoff

On the playground we were able to see many different colors, even though we had a dress code. This was due in part to our choice of shoes, many of which were Roo's. These shoes came in many dfferent colors ranging from pink to blue.

Today on a playground you would see shoes very similiar to the sportsshoes that we wear. They have brand names like Weebok, and Nike. They cost almost as much as the shoes that we wear now.

One good thing about the Roo's was their handy littlepocket. This could be usedtostore things like rocks, or an occasional coin found on the ground. Not many shoes can say that they have the handy little pocket.

Today you canstill get Kangaroo's. I've seen them in hiking boots. They still have the handy little pocket on the side. The hiking boots were basically like any other hiking boots, except for the pocket. Granted there arenot many things that would fit into the pockets, but if you happen to have loose change and nopocket to put it in, you would have a place toput it besides in your sock.

With the shoes for children today, they would have no place to put their little treasure that they find. Also there would not be the variety of color on the playground. Everything evolves though, so our children will surely be wearing something different than anything we can imagine.

Guns N' Roses rocks sold out Omaha crowd

by *Matt Moseman*

On Saturday, April 10, the unbelievable happened. Guns N' Roses played to a sold out crowd at the Omaha Civic Auditorium. Now this at first may not sound very unbelievable, but what is unbelievable is that the city of Omaha allowed them to play.

For quite a long time, Omaha had refused to allow Guns N' Roses to perform in Omaha. However, some rumors had been going around that Omaha was to be the starting point for the seemingly ending Guns N' Roses tour. Then Omaha pulled out and the tour was started in Minnesota.

Omaha then refused to let them play because of the destructive following the Gunners had earned. For example, the well known St. Louis show where W. Axl Rose, the band's lead singer, cut the show short because of a lack of security. Then there was a show in Montreal, Canada where the show was cut short due to poor sound from the monitors.

In both cases, rioting followed the shows with heavy looting and costly property damage.

But at whatever the cost, tickets for the Guns N' Roses concert went on sale at ticket outlets at nine o' clock on Saturday February 20. Saturday afternoon, futile hopes of being one of the first eighteen hundred people through the door to get access on to the floor.

Little did we know that people had been gathering outside the Civic Auditorium over an hour before we had even left. We found good parking a block away and waited for about an hour outside the auditorium.

We bought twenty-five dollar shirts and tried to catch a shirt being launched by members of the squad from 93 K-Rock, a local radio station, who were using a giant slingshot to send T- shirts into the crowd.

At six-thirty, the doors opened and people flooded towards the doors, eager to get inside. As I entered the auditorium, I was frisked for the first time. It was...different.

At eight forty-five, the opening act, Blind Melon, came out and played for forty-five minutes. The crowd didn't take them all that well, they enjoyed them at first, but soon got tired of them and started cheering for Guns N' Roses to come out. Blind Melon's lead singer soon shut them up by threatening to stay on stage for another forty-five minutes.

After waiting for over four hours, through Blind Melon, boredom, and a fight that broke out on the floor in-between bands, Guns N' Roses emerged and subsequently blasted our ear drums and corneas with heavy sound and a blinding light show.

They played five songs, mostly off of their first album, *Appetite for Destruction*, and then the stage went black. Some members of the crowd started to anticipate a riot, but then saw the roadies bring out a couch and different guitars. Guns N' Roses then broke out into an unbelievable acoustic set.

Unlike their other shows, this concert consisted of only the six Gunners; Axl Rose on vocals, Slash on lead guitars, Gilby Clark (replacement for Izzy Stradlin' who left the band a year ago last Thanksgiving) on rhythm guitars, Matt Sorum on drums (replacement for Steven Adler), and Dizzy Reed on keyboards.

They ended the show with a guitar solo followed by "Paradise City" and a cartoon, parts of which can be seen on MTV as a station identification ad.

We returned to Jesse's truck where my friend, Mark Spence, a freshman at Lakeview, and I rode in the back end of the truck, oblivious to the cold as we shouted the fact that we had seen Guns N' Roses and sang "Attitude" over and over again all the way back to his hotel.

It was a good day.

photo by Jenny Arp

Congratulations to last month's Mystery Photo winner, seventh grader Sheryl Pimentel. The picture was of junior cheerleader Gina Rongisch. Turn in your guesses for this month's Mystery Photo to Mrs. Schieffer by Momday May 10, 1993.

Dew dumps the caffeine

by Brandi Buggi

"What's the point?" This is a recent comment I have heard about the latest change in the pop war--Caffeine Free Mountain Dew--available in regular or diet. This confuses the customer even more.

Many people around school can't figure out why Pepsi-Cola would want to change their highly caffeinated and sweetened Mountain Dew to something totally contrary to their image. Mountain Dew has always been known to give you a boost of energy when one is needed, especially around semester test time.

The reason is quite obvious. Parents, the major purchasers of large quantities of pop, wouldn't buy Mountain Dew because it caused their children to become wild. Although the children love the taste, parents wouldn't buy it. This caused a decrease in sales, thus the change. I'm sure there are other reasons, however. The health conscious probably enjoy the caffeine free pops because they don't want many "extras" in their diet.

I also like the change. Because of health reasons, I'm not supposed to have caffeine. Now, because of the change, I can enjoy the great taste of Mountain Dew without the caffeine.

Even if you don't like the change, and only drink Mountain Dew because of the caffeine, regular Mountain Dew is still available. However, if you love the taste and don't want the extra caffeine, this is just what you need to try. It still has the same great taste but without the caffeine.

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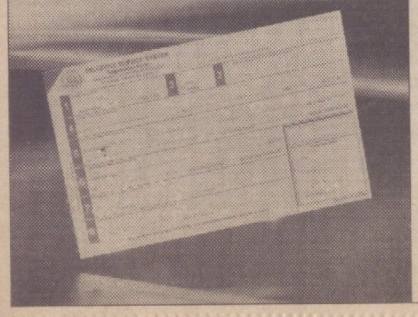

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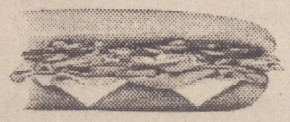

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Letter to the Editor

Dear CATHY WEMHOFF, PAPER STAFF, AND SENIOR HIGH,

First off, Miss Wemhoff, the junior high was, well, to put it lightly, offended by your article. As for our so called "problem" about respect, we have none. We realize what respect is, and whether you realize it or not, we often show it. All of the junior high understands that everyone is entitled to it. We also realize we occasionally do the wrong thing. Truthfully though, is you senior high so perfect?

We, most of us, do respect senior high, but see no reason to bow in their presence. As for moving out of the way in the hall, it is the school's, right? Not ours, not theirs? So aren't we all entitled to it? When you "mouth back" as you said in your article, isn't something derogatory said to you first?

To the senior high, we apologize- - - as we see it, respect is something that has to be earned before it can be given. The article written by you was in a way disrespectful to us...and you're right , disrespect doesn't get us anywhere.

Concerned Readers

If you have any response to this letter of any other issue in the school please write and turn your letter into Mrs. Schieffer. We do reserve the right to edit letters before they are printed.

New rules bring mixed feelings for students

by Theresa Wemhoff

Rules, rules, rules and more rules. Will they never end?

Recently a new discipline policy was mailed out to the parents. It included new discipline measures, stricter rules and a clarification of old policies.

What was and is the major purpose of the guidelines?

"Students at Scotus Central Catholic will make every reasonable attempt to conduct themselves in a manner worthy of the name Christian. The administration will discipline students when necessary to obtain Christian formation within students. A system of deterrents is set up to correct those who err and to protect the rights of others."

This opening paragraph sets the tone for the entire letter. The first time I heard of it I felt it sounded rather strict and unnecessary.

I have, however, reread the letter and for the most part it seems rather fair. A major difference included in these guidelines is the right the school reserve to enforce all rule whether they were committed on or off campus.

I disagree with this practice for several reasons. First of all, it is double jeopardy. In many cases the school is only notified of misconduct if law enforcement is involved. In these cases not only will a student be obliged to conform to community and family repercussions, but those from the school as well.

Secondly, I feel it is the parents responsibility to discipline their children for unacceptable behavior that takes place outside of school or off Campus. Perhaps the administration could contact the parents and a mutual effort could be made to correct the behavior, but in the end I feel the responsibility lies in the hands of the parents.

The rules aren't really that drastic or strict. They simply encourage behavior that has been expected of us our entire life.

The letter is somewhat repetitive. It states that students can be punished for "engaging in any activity on or off campus forbidden by law." It also states that students can be punished for stealing, selling illegal or illicit drugs, malicious destruction of property, or a conviction of a felony. All of these are illegal anyway and are covered in the rule previously stated.

All in all I think the letter made some very good points and doesn't demand over righteous behavior.

by Erin Trouba

The drive to be unique is often times difficult. Some students cut unique hairstyles, others wear wild earrings in order to make their mark. Yet there is one student who made his mark permanent by having a tattoo placed on his body.

I have, as well as others, have purchased the fake tattoos that eventually wash off. Senior Ryan Kobza said he wanted his to be permanent.

"I got a tattoo because I've always wanted one and I was in the mood to get one so I did it and I plan on getting more," Kobza said.

In talking with other students, the most popular dream tattoos range from roses to snakes. I have heard many people comment that they would like one placed on an ankle, hip, or shoulder blade. Kobza said his is "southwest of my bellybuton."

No matter where on the body it is located, the prevailing question seems to be, how much will it hurt?

"It hurt pretty bad at first, but then you become numb in that area," Kobza said. Kobza received his tattoo in July of 1992.

I have always wanted a tattoo, but my parents have felt otherwise. Sophomore Heidi VanAckern said she had the same problem.

"I have wanted a tattoo for two years, but my parents said they would kick me out (of my house) if I got one," VanAckern said.

I don't really see the problem as long as it is done professionally and the tattoo is tasteful.

"My parents knew I was going to get one and they didn't care," Kobza said.

My parents feel that getting a tattoo is a decision that I will regret later is life.

Another question that arises is where to get it done. VanAckern had plans to get it done in Omaha before her parents stepped in. Kobza had is tattoo done at Ralph's Hungry Eye in Lincoln. Kobza questioned the possibility of contracting diseases through the needles but was reassured by Ralph.

"Ralph is a really nice guy with 12 years experience. His materials are all hospital sterilized," Kobza explained.

The final concern that people have is cost. Cost depends on the size, amount of detail and color. Kobza's small rose cost $20.00.

Whether I have a crazy 'do or funky earrings, the dare to be different quest still continues. My hair will grow back, but a tattoo is forever-yet I still want one.

ACT's cause tension for students

by Erin Trouba

The tension is in the air. Pressure mounts and everyone is on edge. I walk into the room with many others carrying the same two number two sharpened pencils.

I am escorted to a table and told I will be joined by someone later. I look around and see people laying on the table, obviously exhausted from the night before. Others sit wringing their hands and desperately trying to remember the formula for the area of a circle.

A few minutes later, a young looking boy is escorted to my table. I asked him his age and he replies with a shy, "thirteen". Oh no. I'm in trouble now. This thirteen year old will do better on this test then I will.

The tests books are handed out as well as the answer sheets. We are instructed to fill the ovals in with our name, address, city, school, age, and date of birth. The same information we have filled out since the second grade.

The first test begins and I am in trouble already. For some reason, the sample question seemed rather easy compared to additional questions on this test. The math test got worse and the social studies, well let's not discuss it.

After taking two tests, we got a ten.minute break. I discussed the temperature of the room and decided if it was must colder, my blood would freeze. Back to the tests.

Finally, the tests are finished. We are free to leave and I walk out with my friends and decide the only thing I got right was my name, I think.

For all students that will be taking the ACT test for the first time next year, take the advice of getting a good night's sleep. Then again, I could sleep for a week and I don't think I would do any better.

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Soccer teams on winning roll

by Gina Rongisch

Winning is the name of the game for this years boys' and birls' soccer teams. Both teams are undefeated and looking better with each win. The season opener for both teams was against York, despite the visitor status, the Shamrocks ran the field like it was their own. The boys won 10-0 and the girls held their own with an 8-1 victory over the Dukes.

Since York, the boys have also beat Omaha Cathedral 8-1, Elkhorn Mount Michael 4-0 , Hastings 10-2, and Plattesmouth 5-1 with several more games coming up within the next few weeks.

The girls have also been just as successful beating Valley/ Waterloo 2-0, Omaha Cathedral 5-2, Hastings 8-0, and Plattesmouth 3-0 with more games to come.

District and State competitions are already on the minds of both the Boys' and Girls' teams. "I think we have a good chance for qualifying at the State level," sophomore Jack Haenggi said.

Crowd support is also becoming a big deal for both of the soccer teams.

"I enjoy going to the soccer games. I feel the soccer teams deserve just as much support as every other support," junior Jill Buelt said.

Both teams feel the crowd support helps them get into the game more. Keep up the good work faithful Shamrock supporters and cheer the soccer teams on to State!

photo by Kelli Woods

Full-back Jason Brezenski defends against the offensive attack of an aggressive forward in the soccer match against Gretna on Saturday, April 11 held at Platte College.

Junior Tony Thomas member of state team

by Ann Wieser

Playing soccer for just Scotus isn't enough for junior Tony Thomas. He is also a member of a team called the Olympic Development Program (ODP) for the state of Nebraska.

The team is coached by Bill Koepen, University of Creighton's assistant soccer coach, with the help of Rob Boermick, Creighton's Athletic Director. The team practices once or twice a month on Saturdays or Sunday s in Omaha.

"Along with practices, there is a camp for us during the summer before we can play any games,"Thomas said. The team plays different states from the U.S., and if they are the best state team in the nation, they have the opportunity to play internationally.

Tryouts for the team consist of many different drills involving dribbling, ball control., shooting, one on one, and a short scrimmage.

Thomas learned about the team from his club soccer coach, Jim Douglass. Students under the age of 17 could try out at three different times. One tryout was in Omaha, another at Lincoln, and one at Kearney where approximately 35 people tried out.

> **It's unbelievable how great being a part of this team makes me feel.**
>
> - *Tony Thomas*

"I had no clue if I was going to make the team," Thomas said, "I didn't know how many people tried out in Omaha and Lincoln. All I knew was that I played well in Kearney, so I got my hopes up."

"It's unbelievable how great being a part of this team makes me feel."

'Rocks win three in a row

by Kelli Woods

Although underwater golf may have threatened this year's boys' golf team the courses are drying out and the Scotus golfers are in full swing. Members of this year's team include: Chad Burbach, Eric Gonka, Matt Hajek, Ryan Heimes, Sean Schmeits, Steve Shonka, Nathan Ternus, Tim Thalken, Rich Tooley, Brian Bertsch, Ryan Fleischer, Shade Whalen, Mike Fleischer, Chad Gonka, and Travis Kruse.

The highlight of the season so far includes capturing consecutive first places in the Albion Invite, the Schuyler Dual, and the Shamrock Invite. The Shamrocks placed Shade Whalen, Eric Gonka, Tim Thalken, and Brian Bertsch in the top 11 with a 342 to down O'Neill by 10 strokes at Albion.

The Shamrocks will tee off at the Lakeview Dual and the Lakeview Invite at home before traveling to their next away competition.

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