

The Rock

To:

Scotus Central Catholic
Junior and Senior High School
1554 18th Ave. Columbus, NE 68601
(402) 564-7165
September Issue



Ginger Janicek, Jenny Arp and Father Wayne along with thousands of other World Youth Day participants walk 5 miles to attend a final mass with the pope.

Floods prove disasterous

by Gina Rongisch

This summer most Midwesterners felt as if they had been transported to an Amazon Rain Forest. Day after day, night after night, nothing but rain. This was especially detrimental to those who worship the sun. "It never fails I'm home and the weather is terrible. At times I felt like building an ark so I could float away to some sunshine. As soon as I left for somewhere my friends would say how beautiful and sunny it was here. Needless to say my deep golden tan I usually have was not one of my best assets this summer senior Jill Kropatsch said.

As we complained here in Columbus people in southern Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri, western Illinois, northeast Kansas, southern Minnesota, South Dakota and Wisconsin were hit

extremely hard by flood waters. Every river from the Missouri to the Des Moines to the "Mighty Miss" spilled over its banks demolishing everything in its path.

In all 8 states 26 deaths were reported due to flooding, at least 100,000 people were evacuated from their homes and the damage estimate a hefty pricetag of \$10 billion (includes crop and property damage). These are just some raw statistics, but how this flood has truly effected millions of people throughout the Midwest we will never truly know until we've been there.

Unfortunately we learned the exact same less as we learn from most disasters, you can never underestimate the power or harshness of Mother Nature.

Papal Woodstock strengthens youth spirit

by Erin Trouba

Mecca, Rome, Palestine, Denver. What do all these have in common? Thousands upon thousands of people have flocked to these places as a religious pilgrimage. Prior to this summer, Denver would have not been included in this list. However, this summer Denver Colorado was the sight of the 1993 World Youth Day.

On August 11, people began to arrive in Denver and the opening festivities of the gathering were under way at Mile High Stadium. Over 200,000 youths were flown and bussed in for the event. People were drawn from all over the world, including Australia, Europe and Asia. "Everyone was happy which created a very friendly

atmosphere during the event," junior Vicki Gubbels said.

Throughout the week youths took part in many activities. There were masses at Mile High Stadium to kick off every day, which were celebrated by all of the the priests and bishops present. "One of the neatest parts of the experience for me was being able to take part in the celebration of the mass," Father Wayne said.

Some of the other activities that were available for pilgrims were meetings with their bishops, visiting art exhibits, listening to speakers and comedians, and going to christian music concerts in the park. During these activities, people had the chance to meet people from all over the United States and around the

world. Exchanging crosses, pins, hats, scarves and a variety of other items that represents your home was a very popular action that took place all week. "I think it's cool that someone in Mexico has my cross now, and I have

"I think it's cool that someone in New Mexico has my cross now, and I have hers."

Vicki Gubbels

hers," said Gubbels.

On Saturday, August 14, the pilgrims set out on a six mile hike to Cherry State Creek Park to celebrate mass on sunday with the Pope. After much confusion, they set up camp and waited for the Pope to arrive for the candle light vigil. "It was a really good feeling to get to see the Pope. Not everyone gets to see him - I feel lucky," Junior Laura Hightower said. Once the vigil was over, and the Pope had left the area, people resumed their social lives, and most tried to get some sleep. Those who slept, had to sleep shoulder to shoulder.

At 2 o'clock Sunday morning the Park became open to the public. "The media was saying

that there were only 375,000 present, but I believe there was closer to 750,000," Father Wayne said. Then at 6 o'clock a wake-up call was given, so that the crowd could prepare for the papal mass.

At 9o'clock, the Pope arrived, and mass began. During the mass is when all the sickness that everyone heard about happened.

"It appeared as if many more people were sick than there actually was because for every person in the infirmary there were 3 or 4 people holding their hand," Father said.

Everyone interviewed said that they thought the trip was worth while despite all the people getting sick.

Scotus Students Offended by Article

Editorial by 'Rock Staff

Upset, outraged, angry. We are not referring to public sentiment about Clinton's new health care plan, but rather we are referring to comments made about an article which appeared in the Columbus High yearbook. The article, as I'm sure you all know, was written to bash Scotus and it's students. It seems that the staff of the CHS yearbook were trying to upset us, and, judging by the sentiment from our students, they succeeded. However, we feel that

there is no reason to be upset, because this article does not make Scotus look bad. Nobody is going to read this article and think any less of our school or what we stand for. Rather, what they will see is a weak, out of place attempt to raise controversy. We say out of place because we think that a school yearbook is no place for something like this. If one wants to do something controversial they should do it on the newspapers' editorial page. Although this matter may have been bet-

ter left alone altogether.

The purpose of a yearbook is to be a memorial to the accomplishments of the students, so that they may be remembered by their classmates. It is also the purpose of yearbook class to teach the students about journalism. Neither of these objectives are met by this article.

For one, this article has nothing to do with Columbus High School or its accomplishments. Nowhere does it say anything good about the school. The fact

that a handful of sophomores think that some things about CHS are better than some things at Scotus has little relevance on the pages of a yearbook. The article appears on a page accompanied by the pictures of the class, yet the focus of it isn't on the students it's on Scotus and the students opinions of it. This also proves our second point that the article does not promote good journalism. It is poorly written, fails to clearly state it's objective, it is out of place, and it is inappropriate.

The administration of CHS is embarrassed, and are investigating as to how the article got into the yearbook. We believe that this issue was handled very well by our students and faculty. In spite of some apparent anger the only action taken was a letter sent to CHS as an attempt to elicit an apology, which they are sure to respond to. We believe that this shall reconcile the matter, and that this article need no further attention, it has already received more than it deserved.

Group Provides Entertainment for Teens

by Matt Moseman

This may be the norm with you and your friends on your average Friday or Saturday night: "What do you want to do?" "I don't know, what do you want to do?" "I don't know. I'm bored." Sound familiar? Well, one sophomore is out to change that.

Mark Spence is president of Connection, a group of area youth who are trying to organize a local teen club in Columbus. The group

was started in March by the Columbus Collaborative Team. Soon the idea was spread around to the area schools and students began flocking to it.

Spence was nominated to the group by Lakeview principal Bob Arp, and was later nominated by the other fifteen members in Connection as president. The group has so far had two fundraisers, both featuring live music. The first was in June at Wishbones' and featured Black Pearl; the turn out was less than expected. The second was held in July as an all day

festival of sorts in Monroe featuring volleyball, basketball

"We're hoping for a Halloween party in October," Connection president Mark Spence said.

tournaments, other games, and a dance at the Monroe auditorium featuring Afterthought. Again, the

turn out was less than expected.

Spence attributed the poor attendance at the Monroe fundraiser to poor advertising and poor planning; the fundraiser was advertised only in local shop windows and few people attended the dance inside the auditorium because the music was loud enough outside and all pop was kept outside.

However, Connection is getting attention. They plan several more fundraisers in the future which will eventually lead to the construction or purchasing of a

building to house the club. One of the prospects has been the Quarhouse located downtown on Eleventh Street which is up for sale.

Right now, the future looks a little slow, however there are plans for future fundraisers. "We're hoping for a Halloween party in October, but we're not really sure," Spence said.

If any senior high students are interested in Connection, call Mark at 564-0160 for information.



Columbus
2601 13th Street
563-3591

Columbus
2714 23rd Street
564-7181

**Bogey's
Music**

\$.50 off all tapes & C.D.'s

\$5.00 off all car stereos!

2509 13th Street
564-4823

With coupon & Students ID Exp. 12-31-93



photo by Ms. Pillard

Football players show off their bald heads for the camera.

Deep Thoughts

How does having a shaved head affect your life?

"I don't have to use a lot of shampoo."

Chris Kinnison, Senior

"I save the environment by not using plastic combs."

Brandon Drum, Junior

"I can get to school because I don't comb my hair."

Chad Mustard, Sophomore

"It makes you appreciate hair, because now we can see how ugly they (the football players) look without hair."

Mr. Gary Puetz, Faculty

Cheerleaders receive superior rating at UCA camp

by Amy Price

Scotus cheerleaders win superior rating at annual cheerleading camp. Scotus varsity cheerleaders: Heidi Staroscik, Gina Rongisch, Jill Buelt, Mary Ingemansen, Ginger Janicek, Kim Codling, Kristy Stachura, Jamie Jarecki, Michele Griesman, and Jill Robak, attended camp at Creighton on July 20-23. After 4 days of hard work Scotus cheerleaders came home with a trophy for overall superior performance.

When asked their views of camp all the girls commented about the amount of hard work, and also the fun and friendships they shared.

When questioned about the qualities of a good cheerleader, Heidi Staroscik said, "Someone who will work hard and try hard." Mary Ingemansen said, "Spirit, enthusiasm, kindness, and someone who will include others."

When asked about what they learned from camp, most of them said, "How to work together as a team!"



SCC cheerleaders are all smiles after receiving superior trophy at UCA camp in July.

'Rocks shave heads

Football players take it off for unity

by Erin Trouba

If a stranger would see this year's varsity football team walking down the street, they would probably think one of two things. One: They are being attacked by a skin-head group or Two: A group of chemotherapy patients are taking a walk. Neither happens to be true.

This year's team decided to be remembered differently than those in the past. Along with a winning record, the team wanted to be remembered for something unique. This also brought the

team closer together.

"We decided to shave our heads for unity among the team, junior Scott Stenger said.

On August 24, 1993, the starting football team met at the Drum residence where Brandon shaved their heads.

"Brandon shaved 13 people's heads and I think it took him about 2 or 2 and a half hours," senior Chris Kinnison said.

This new style has no words, numbers, or designs. It is a clean cut, except for those who chose to have little length left on top. Ac-

ording to head coach Jim Puetz, "The cut is probably more comfortable and it's alright as long as it's all shaved and nothing is shaved into it."

Players have different thoughts on whether or not to let their new 'dos grow out. Stenger said he plans to keep shaving his through the football season while sophomore Eric Sansoni said he definitely plans to let his grow out.

The new styles seem to be effective thus far in the season and we all hope this trend continues. Well on the field at least.

"Say It With Flowers"

Anderson
FLORAL CO.



Quality Flowers
for over 95 Years

Prints Charming
Portrait Studio

Westgate Center
3423 21st Street
564-3456

Rambour Realty Company
A Corporation
MICHAEL RAMBOUR
1554 26th Ave.
Columbus, NE 68601
INSURANCE 564 - 2724

COLUMBUS FLORISTS
Inc.

Phone (402) 564-7174
1671 33rd Avenue
Columbus, Nebraska

Nebraskaland Allied Agency

2472 33rd Avenue Columbus, Nebraska

LITTLE KING \$1.50 off any regular size sandwich
America's Greatest Hero **\$1.00** off any king sandwich
And Deli Too!

Eat In - Carry out - Drive Thru

Weekdays 10:30 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. Sunday 11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Expires 5-31-94 One coupon per customer or visit. Not valid with any other coupon or sale. Offer good in Columbus only.

GOC'S
Photography

1264 27th Ave. * Columbus, NE 68601

564 - 2833

Undefeated 'Rocks edge closer to playoffs

by Sean Schmeits

Touchdown Shamrocks!
If you've been to one of the football team's first three games this is a phrase your becoming quite familiar with. The Shamrocks have walked all over their opponents so far this year, beginning with an impressive 27 to 0 victory over Mount Michael. The Shamrocks then faced rivals Lakeview and Schuyler whom they stomped 63 to 6

and 48 to 6 respectively. Overall the Shamrock offense has scored 138 points while the defense has allowed only 12.

"The number one goal is to reach the playoffs," Coach Jim Puetz said of the team's expectations, "and being 3 and 0 is an excellent start." To make the play-offs the Shamrocks need to win seven or eight games according to Puetz. They may be

well on their way to attaining their goal thus far, but they definitely have no room to relax. "The easy part of our schedule is over, we've got teams like Roncalli and Battle Creek coming up. We'll be facing some hard and stiff competition," senior Ryan Medinger said.

Competition is heating up, but the Shamrocks seem prepared to take on any opponent. "We're a very physical team, especially our

tackles (Brandon Drum and Chris Kinnison) and our fullback (Scott Sobota)...We can match up to anybody physically," Puetz said. Physical indeed, the Shamrock offensive line averages 203 lbs., and it has been proficient enough to allow halfback Jeff Herdzina to finesse his way to a 210 yards per game average rushing. Add this performance to an effective passing game, led by quarterback Mark

Henggler, and you have the most effective offense in Class-B, averaging 46 yards per game. This, along with an equally impressive defense, which has only allowed 4 points per game, and you can see that this Shamrock team is well on the way to surpassing their goals.

Volleyball team reaches for top

by Cathy Wemhoff

Coach Peterson has an excellent team again this year. The volleyball team has quickly come up as #1 in class B according to the Omaha World Herald.

"Our big goal as a team is to be the best possible and achieve our highest level," Peterson said. "I think we have an excellent chance to go to state and to perform well. I am really pleased with the effort and work habits of the team. I enjoy going to practice everyday with this group of girls," he said.

On Saturday the volleyball team played in the Grand Island NorthWest tournament. This was an extremely important tournament because class B's top 3 ranked teams were all there.

In the first round we beat Grand Island Northwest. We also won in the second round against Lexington. However, we were defeated in the third round by Grand Island Central Catholic, ranked #2.

State within reach for cross country

by Cathy Wemhoff

Boys Cross Country has been off to an unexpected good start. "Prior to the first meet I figured we'd be right in the middle of the pack. After the first 3 meets, the challenge of competition boosted them. I think we'll be above average and continue to improve," Coach Fr. Wayne said. "I am a believer that we have the ability to qualify for state," Father said. Their record shows this too.

The boys most recent meet was at North Bend. They came in 6th out of 19 teams, 21 of which were full teams.

Likewise, the girl's Cross Country has been doing just as well. At North Bend the girls also place six out of 15 teams.



photo by Erin Trouba
Jesse Kuhlen, Travis Kudron and Ben Johnson fight for a better placing during a cross country meet.

"As a team our goal is to be achieved," senior team member everyone peaks at the same time
successful and to achieve what Erin Trouba said. "If everybody we should be able go to state,"
no other Scotus team has comes together as a team and

Golfers tee up great season

by Gina Rongisch

This season's Girls Golf team seems to be "teeing" off to success. With returning Varsity members Erin Cimpl, Kellie Goettsche, Jenny Hill and two new sen-

sations Erin Miles and Chrissy Labenz this years team is off to a superb start. They placed 2nd at GI Municipal and had three finish in the top ten, sophomore Kellie Goettsche finished 12th at the Aurora Invite The Varsity broke the school record while beating the Vikings Sept. 14.



Phone (402) 564-7174
1671 33rd Avenue
Columbus, Nebraska

**TOOLEY'S
DRUG &
HOME CARE**

Famous For Prescriptions Since 1928
Free Delivery 564-7205 • 564-7206



Stack-n-Steak

Family Restaurant

"Breakfast Served Anytime!"

Full menu

U.S. 30 Center
Columbus, NE 68601

Phone: 563-2424

**Russ'
Food Pride**

1470 23rd Avenue
Columbus, NE 68601

The Rock

To:

Scotus Central Catholic
Junior and Senior High School
1554 18th Ave. Columbus, NE 68601
(402) 564-7165
October Issue

Scotus shows school spirit for homecoming

by Gina Rongisch

There's a chill in the air, leaves are turning brilliant shades and falling to the ground, it's autumn. With this season comes the traditional and exciting Homecoming Week filled with festivities, costumes, pep rally, football, and last but not least, a King and Queen

This year's overall theme was "Rock of Ages" derived from the Def Leppard song. Jill Kropatsch said, "At an inspirational moment in study hall it just came to me like the Theory of Relativity came to Einstein." After the theme was chosen, a small group of seniors decided to approach the administration about having all 5 days out of uniform.

"Mr. Walding was very cooperative with us when we asked to have all five days of spirit week out of uniform," said Senior Class President Kathy Hegemann.

Spirit Week

With the "Rock of Ages" theme, each day corresponded to a different rock era. Monday was '50s day where students dressed in poodle skirts, rolled up blue jeans and black leather jackets. Tuesday was army day where students dressed in army fatigues. Wednesday was Hippie/Disco day where students dressed in bell bottoms, flowered prints and

beads. Thursday was '80s day where students dressed in pegged jeans, heavy metal attire and for those more original senior high students, 3 piece suits to pay tribute to the Reagan era. Friday was Spirit day where students dressed in football jerseys, Scotus sweatshirts and green togas (for the more unusual students.)

"I liked being able to be out of uniform all 5 days because it gave students a chance to express their school spirit and originality more easily," senior Ann Wieser said.

Hall Decorations

Each senior high class chose a theme to decorate their halls with. "This year we decided to do away with each class having different colors. By the time Freshmen chose, they usually ended up with brown and yellow, so we broke the tradition," senior Heidi Staroscik said.

This year's freshman chose "Bedrock" dealing with the Flintstones. "We wanted to go along with the theme of 'Rock of Ages,' so we chose a theme with the word 'rock' in it," freshman Rachel Nosal said.

Sophomores decided on "Welcome to the Jungle." They decorated their lockers with wild animals and made a River of

Dreams down the center of the hall. Juniors chose "Livin on the edge" from the Aerosmith song, decorating in black and red.

Football game

Probably the biggest highlight of Homecoming was a 40-16 victory over the undefeated Battle Creek Braves. Scotus was ranked 5th in Class B with their 6-0 record, and Battle Creek was ranked 1st in Class C with their 5-0 record.

All things didn't start out so well for the Shamrocks. On the first drive, the Braves ran a 73-yard touchdown, and scored again on their next possession. The Shamrocks began their comeback at the end of the first quarter when Derek Bonk ran 68-yard touchdown. The Rocks kept the Braves from scoring in the remaining three quarters to break their 17-game winning streak.

Other highlights included Jeff Herdzina running 127 yards to become the Shamrocks' single-season leading scorer. His 14 points Friday gave him 138 points for the season. "The record was of my least concern. I just wanted to win," Herdzina said. With 2 regular season games and play-offs left, Keith Neal's 1984 130 point season record will be undone.



photo by Erin Trouba

Rich Tooley and Amy Kuhlen are crowned Homecoming King and Queen at the game Friday night. Rich and Amy were chosen in an all-school vote held Thursday. The other 10 candidates were chosen by the senior class. They were as follows: Tiffany Bock, JoDe Cieloha, Renee Fuhr, JoAnn Speicher, Heidi Staroscik, Mark Henggeler, Ryan Medinger, Gary Rief, and Tim Thalken.

Seniors bug out for day-long retreat

by Sean Schmeits

Retreat!

Last Wednesday the call came, and the senior class answered by spending a day away from the classroom and heading off to Camp Luther for their senior retreat.

Once at Camp Luther the seniors took part in a variety of activities designed to expand their faith and their friendships. "I experienced a tremendous amount of spiritual fulfillment," Nathan Temus said. "It was great to take a day off of school and be with our class," Camie Kudron said.

The themes of the discussions were

acceptance, trust, and family; they were led by Mr. Atchison, Mr. Arnold, and Mrs. Goulet.

"I thought the retreat really offered an opportunity for people to open up and express their feelings," Kathy Hegemann said. The seniors also took part in a variety of activities throughout the day. "I enjoy any opportunity to be blindfolded and led around by two women," Tim Thalken said of the day's activities.

"Overall I thought it was an extremely positive experience for all the students involved," Father Wayne said.



College and Careers

Planning early gives students a head start on life

by Nikki Beran

Ever since you have been a freshman, even though you may not realize it, you have been preparing yourself for college and your future. As a freshman you don't yet feel the pressures of deciding on a college or making a final decision about a career, but you begin the long process of planning what you will do in life after graduation. You may not realize it but an average student in high school year will change their career choice 16 different times. Deciding what you want to do with your life changes as your attitudes and values change throughout your high school career.

As a freshman you are beginning to plan your future by going to an Opportunity Fair. At this Fair, students have the opportunity to see about 50 different jobs and careers, and look for things that interest them.

As a sophomore students take the PLAN exam. "This

exam takes an interest inventory which allows students to map out which fields and careers seem to coincide with their likes and dislikes," Mr. Atchison said. Sophomores also have the opportunity to use the Nebraska Career Information Service. "NCIS is a computer program that allows students to enter specific needs and skills to find careers that coincide with those needs and skills," Atchison said.

As Juniors, students use the Self Directed Searching conjunction with the ASVAB to search for a career. "The ASVAB results help students find out what skills they'll be able to use

in a career," Atchison said.

"When I took the ASVAB test I really had no idea about what I wanted to do, but the ASVAB helped me narrow down my choices," senior Heidi Staroscik said. "As a Junior you will also be given five post-cards and be required to mail them to different colleges. This starts a communication process with different schools," Atchison said. You will also be

preparing for college entrance by taking the ACT and sometimes the SAT exams." Atchison said.

"As Seniors you should start off the year by watching for any

can pick up information on the scholarships in the guidance office. "Filling out scholarships can take a lot of time, but it's definitely worth it if you can get it," senior Trish Konecky said.

Finding a college that is best suited for you can be a real challenge, but there are programs to help you find the college of your choice. "I went to the College Fair and I've gone on a couple of college visits so I can see which college will best be suited for me", Staroscik said.

Choosing a career can also be difficult to do. Some people like Trish Konecky have known since 5th grade what they have wanted to be. "I've always wanted to be a sign language teacher, because it's something that I really enjoy", Konecky said. But as senior Courtney Nosal points out, "Some people are confused like me and have no idea what we want to do. I just need to narrow my choices down."

So as you can see, planning your future is not an easy task. But one person has come up with a solution to all your problems, "I'm just going to marry a millionaire and shop all day!" Nosal said.

Did you know?

-the average high school student will change their career choice 16 times.

-the average adult changes careers at least 5 times.

Area students dance, mingle at 3-school event

by Gina Rongisch

The Hawaiian Sunset dance that recently took place at Columbus High, was considered a success by many. The student councils of Scotus, Columbus High, and Lakeview planned and sponsored the dance which was held October 23.

Approximately 500 students attended the dance, including about 115 from Scotus, according to Mrs. Kosch.

"It was a great experience for us to mingle with the other students from Columbus High and Lakewiew," sophomore Melissa Feldhaus said.

"It is really sad that more people didn't attend the dance; I thought it was better than any other tape dance," senior Jill Buelt said. Many people agreed that if more Scotus students would have attended the dance it might have been more enjoyable.

"I wish my friends would of showed; but it was fun dancing with the underclassmen," senior Chris Kinnison said.

Rambour Realty Company
A Corporation
MICHAEL RAMBOUR
1554 26th Ave.
Columbus, NE 68601
INSURANCE 564 - 2724

COLUMBUS FLOWERS Inc.
Phone (402) 564-7174
1671 33rd Avenue
Columbus, Nebraska

D&L
1851 E. 32 Avenue
Columbus

37 days till
Christmas Vacation

Columbus
Aquatic Center
Swimming Pool
* Lap Swim
* Water Exercise 563-3222
* Red Cross Lessons
* Scuba Diving & More!
* Family Fun & Recreation

DAYLIGHT DONUTS
"Quality you can taste!"

JCPenney
Fashion comes to life
Come see our new fall fashions!
2422 13th Street Downtown Columbus, NE 68601

The Rock
Scotus Central Catholic High School
Columbus, NE
Phone (402) 564-7165

Editors : Rich McPhillips and Gina Rongisch
Advertising manager: Rich McPhillips
Photographer: Erin Trouba
Advertising Accts.: Amy Price
Circulation: Mindy Almquist
Staff Writers: Matt Moseman, Sean Schmeits, Mindy Almquist, Amy Price, Gina Rongisch, Erin Trouba, Nikki Beran, Rich McPhillips, and Cathy Wemhoff
Advisor : Miss Pillard

The Rock is the official Scotus Central Catholic students' newspaper. It is published each month and material is presented as accurately as possible.
The Rock staff does not discriminate against origin, marital status, age, or handicap.

Russ' Food Pride
1470 23rd Avenue
Columbus, NE 68601

CONSERVATIVE SAVINGS BANK
Columbus 2601 13th Street 563-3591
Columbus 2714 23rd Street 564-7181

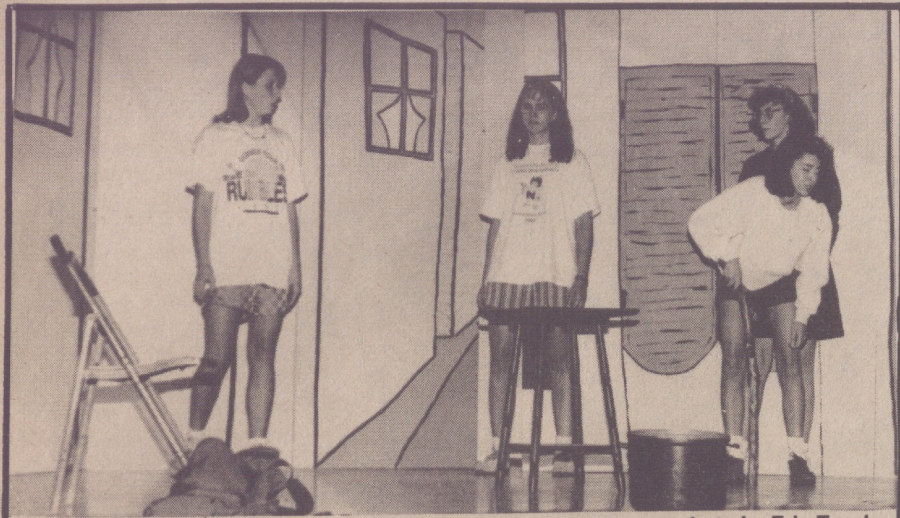


photo by Erin Trouba

Nicole Schmeits, Cathy Wemhoff, Sheryl Rupp, and Jenny Arp practice a scene from "Fog on the Mountain," one of the three Halloween one-act plays.

Jeepers Creepers!

Spooky, funny Halloween plays to open over holiday

by Matt Moseman

The lights go up, the curtains draw open, you get a lump in your throat, and your hands get sweaty. This is what happens to the band of thirty-six senior high students who are hard at work in the fall plays.

The group, led by Mrs. Barb Goulet and Mrs. Jane Zach, consists of twenty-four crew members and twelve cast members including senior Jill Kropatsch and juniors Ryan Eikmeier and Jenny Arp. This is Arp's first year in the plays.

"I've always had a major interest in theater," Arp said, "so I went to tryouts."

This is likewise Kropatsch's first year in the plays, she plays the part of Margaret in "Crossing the Bar". She became a part of the plays because she wanted to be more involved in school activities.

"I thought it would be a neat way to do it," Kropatsch said.

Eikmeier joined the plays for the rush. "Just the experience of being on stage [made me go out] I've never experienced that before," Eikmeier said. "It's fun to be someone else on stage."

Eikmeier said that he plays the "good guy" in "Crossing the Bar."

Mrs. Goulet spent time

working on the plays all summer, picking out which plays to perform, all of which have a light hearted horror theme. What persuaded her to pick out these types of plays?

"It was dictated to me by the fact that the only time we could perform the plays, was Halloween," Mrs. Goulet said. She also mentioned that the format of the theater is different. "There's a difference in the plays this year that it's a dessert theater, so I have people working on who'll cater and just the whole layout of it all."

Goulet said that as far as the crew is concerned, she has mainly a supervisory role. "I develop a timeline for what needs to be done and they have to meet it on their own," she said.

"We don't all get together each meeting," Goulet said, "but we do have periodic update meetings to make sure everything's on schedule. They pretty much have to work on their own schedule. The set design [group] has to come up with it all, I give them set flats, but they come up with some neat stuff."

Well, whatever it is that they come up with, the general public will have to wait until Halloween weekend to find out. The three plays are being performed October 29 and 30 at 7:30 p.m. and Oct. 31 at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$2.50 for Scotus students and staff, and \$4.50 for others.

Eighth grade drama debuts with two melodramas

by Cathy Wemhoff

This fall there has been a lot of energy put into the high school dramas. Amidst all the excitement people seem to have forgotten about the eighth grade dramas. The eighth graders go through a required speech and drama class, as a quarter class. This quarter there are 25 students in the class, taught by Miss George.

They will be performing two melodramas. Soap and Wait 'til the Sun Shines Nellie or So Long, Snivelheart, will be performed on October 29th at 1 p.m. for a matinee performance and at 7 p.m. that night.

"It's hard to find one-act plays with that many characters, and I want everyone to be on stage," Miss George said. She said that her past eighth graders have already performed most of the good selections.

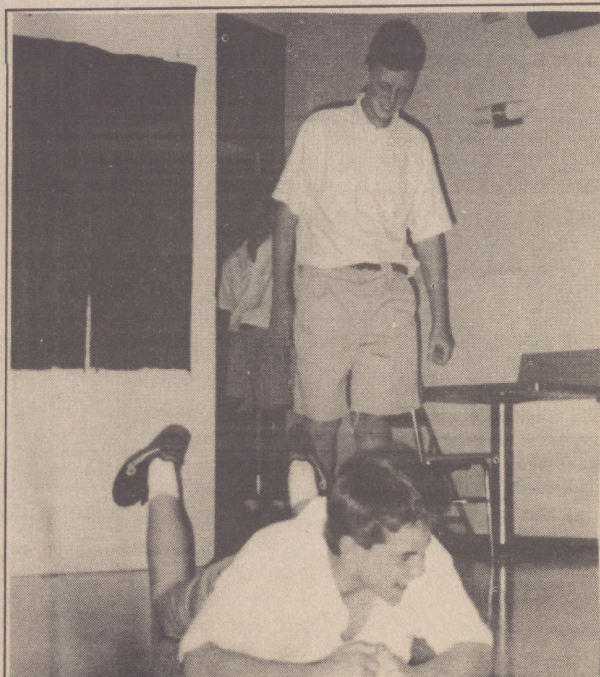
"We have six weeks to get everything done," George said. "Staging isn't a major concern, you can put on a play with out staging," she said. The kids do all the set work, and bring their own clothes and props. With the short amount of time, it is important that the kids behave and are dedicated. I tell them that if they want to get an "A",

they have to do everything I ask them to," George said. "The art department, Ms. Kiser and Mrs. Bokelman help a lot, and they charge almost nothing," George said.

"The whole purpose is so the kids can perform in front of an audience. It gets the kids ready to speak and perform in front of the public and it gets them ready for the senior high," George said. "Before, I never did anything like this. I am very nervous, but not like before. I feel good because I learn speech and what it is like," eighth grader Sheryl Pimentel said. "It helped me to be able to present myself as a different character in front of an audience," junior Jenny Arp said.

"It helped me to work with other people," Pimentel said. "It taught me to respect other people's opinions and how to work with others," eighth grader Debbie Moseman said.

"It was the first acting thing I did that I as able to enjoy and it helped me see that I liked acting, and that I'd like to keep it up throughout my lifetime if possible," Arp said, "It helped me to become closer to my classmates and I got to see the sides of them that I'd never seen before."



Chris Evans (floor) and John Welker rehearse for their 8th grade melodrama "Soap."

Penny's
FLORAL

3629 23rd Street * Columbus, Nebraska 68601 564-9011

LITTLE KING \$1.00 off any king sandwich
America's Greatest Hero \$1.00 off any regular size sandwich
And Deli Too!

Eat In - Carry out - Drive Thru

Weekdays 10:30 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. Sunday 11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Expires 5-31-94. One coupon per customer or visit. Not valid with any other coupon or sale. Offer good in Columbus only.

'Rocks knock off top ranked Monarchs



photo by Erin Trouba

I-back Jeff Herdzina dances his way to one of the many Shamrock touchdowns against Battle Creek.

by Mindi Almquist

In Friday's match-up against the mighty Shamrocks and the Aquinas Monarchs for the conference title, Scotus came out with a 14-7 close victory.

The Monarchs line used quickness rather than size to restrict the Shamrocks to one touchdown at the end of the first quarter, and to keep them from scoring again until the final minutes of the game.

"We were happy to get a win against a traditional rivalry," head coach Jim Puetz said. This victory assures the Shamrocks a home playoff game. Coach Puetz's outlook for the playoff's is optimistic, "I think we have a legitimate shot at doing well in the playoffs."

State cross country Record-breaking finishes at districts push Scotus harriers to State Meet

from staff reports

The girls and boys cross country teams made great strides once again during the 1993 season. Both teams represented Scotus at the State Meet in Kearney.

At the district meet in North Bend, the boys team placed fourth, finishing just four points from qualifying for a state berth. Senior Erik Hash led the team with an eighth place finish for the Shamrocks. Sophomore Ben Johnson also placed tenth to qualify him for the State

Meet.

The Lady Shamrocks placed second at the district meet to qualify the team for the 11th straight year. The girls team was led by Senior Erin Trouba's gold medal placing. Senior Kathy Hegemann also added a top ten performance placing tenth.

Both the boys and girls put forth a great showing at the State Meet held in Kearney on October 22. Johnson placed 44th and Hash placed 57th in the boys Class B race.

Trouba place eighth in a field of 121 to lead the girls team to a third place team finish. This is only the second highest team placing the girls have ever received at State. Other team members and placings included Hegemann in 39th place, 48th place by freshman Jeni Jackson, 51st place by junior Michele Greisman, and sophomores Robin Keller and Melissa Fledhaus placed 71st and 89th, respectively.

Golf team contributes to fall sports success

by Rich McPhillips

Most would agree that the 1993 fall sports season has been successful for all Scotus teams, girls golf included.

As a team, the girls have many accomplishments to show for the '93 golf season. They placed second at the Scotus and Grand Island Central Catholic invites. Against Lakeview the girls broke a school record on a nine hole total.

The outlook for the team also is promising. Although the team will lose senior Erin Cimple, Coach Arnold said "the team will be at least as good, if not better." He added, "If we practice we'll come out strong."

The success of the golf season was also seen at the individual level. Freshman Erin Miles qualified for state compe-

tion and placed 16th out of 68 golfers.

Miles said she has been playing golf for nine years, but has taken it seriously for the last two years. She has competed in many state tournaments before this year.

Coach Arnold stated that if she continues to improve she has the talent to be in contention for the state title. He also points out that many of the other girls returning will be major contributors to next year's success.

JV ends season with impressive 5-1 record

by Matt Moseman

Five wins, one loss, an amiable record for any football season, but this year's JV football team claimed it proudly. They played five away games and one home game under the direction of coaches Grubaugh and Goerlinger, losing only to Norfolk Catholic, a class A team.

The season started out with an unseasonably cold September 7-0 win against Aurora, moving on to a win against Schuyler, an 8-0 loss against Norfolk Catholic, and then wins against Lakeview and David City Aquinas, including two wins against the Monarchs prior and following the varsity win.

Lady 'Rocks fire up for district tournament play

by Sean Schmeits

The Shamrock volleyball team heads into the district tournament next monday with high expectations.

With the regular season over, it's time for the team to prepare for the district and state competitions. The girls are coming off of a winning streak of 11 games, which includes winning the conference championship and a recent victory over 6th ranked Central City. They definitely

seem prepared to take on whatever challenges face them.

"Our goals are very high, we've got enough talent to be right there in the end," head coach John Petersen said. The girls have definitely got the

"Our goals are very high, we've got enough talent to be right there in the end."

Coach Peterson

talent to do well. All five starting hitters have between 73 and 130 kills on the season, and setter Tiffany Bock has 370 assists. "I'm extremely pleased with the overall play. The girls have been ready to play every

match." Petersen said.

Even though the Shamrocks have already seen victories against many of the teams they will see at the upcoming weeks, you can't count the competition out. "There are a lot of teams that have a shot (at the state title)," Petersen said, but as he also said, "We've got a great shot at it." Good Luck 'Rocks.

The Rock

To:

Scotus Central Catholic
Junior and Senior High School
1554 18th Ave. Columbus, NE 68601
(402) 564-7165
November Issue

Shamrocks strike gold

by Erin Trouba

Fall Sports have been an exciting topic of conversation among Shamrock fans this year. Scotus has had athletes qualify for state in every fall sport. The excitement level has grown over the last two weeks as the football and volleyball teams had their bid at the state titles.

A 42-24 victory over Hastings Adams Central gave head coach Jim Puetz his second state championship in 27 years coaching. The first title came in 1984. This win also tied the 1984 school record of a perfect season at 13-0.

The game held at Hastings College seemed to be all Shamrocks at the half with the score of 21-10. But the Patriots showed their stuff after half scoring a touchdown and completing the two point



photo by Erin Trouba

Coach Puetz and senior Scott Sobota rejoice after a thrilling win against Hastings Adams Central at the Class B State Championship.

conversion, which brought the score to 21-18.

Anxiety and nervousness waded through the Shamrock crowd as the Patriots began to show momentum. But two interceptions, a fumble recovery, and 21 more points settled the fears of fans.

Senior Gary Reif picked off the first Patriot pass which set up a Mark Hengger touchdown. Reif then picked up a Patriot fumble and ambled 10 yards to the endzone.

Senior Jeff Herdzina, who led the game with 114 yards rushing on 20 carries, intercepted yet another Patriot pass that resulted in another six points for Scotus. Hengger spotted senior Tony Thomas who found the endzone to make it 42-18.

Adams Central was forced to go a passing game due to Scotus' tough defensive line, led by seniors Scott Sobota and Chris Kinnison, and junior Brandon Drum.

'Rocks take 2nd GICC steals Shamrock shot at state title

by Gina Rongisch

Who would have thought? The Lady Shamrocks are up 11-2 in the third set of the championship round of State Volleyball, the crowd is preparing for celebration and then the Grand Island Central Catholic Crusaders stage a massive comeback.

"I was stunned. At first I still had confidence we could hold them and finish it off. But in the end I was completely shocked," senior Sunny Recek said.

GICC went on to win their fifth state title 9-15, 15-5, 15-11 over the 2nd ranked Shamrocks. The entire crowd stood in awe as they tried to piece together what happened. "As I sat at home and watched the game come to an end, I didn't know if I should turn

off the television or sit and cry," sophomore Melissa Feldhaus said.

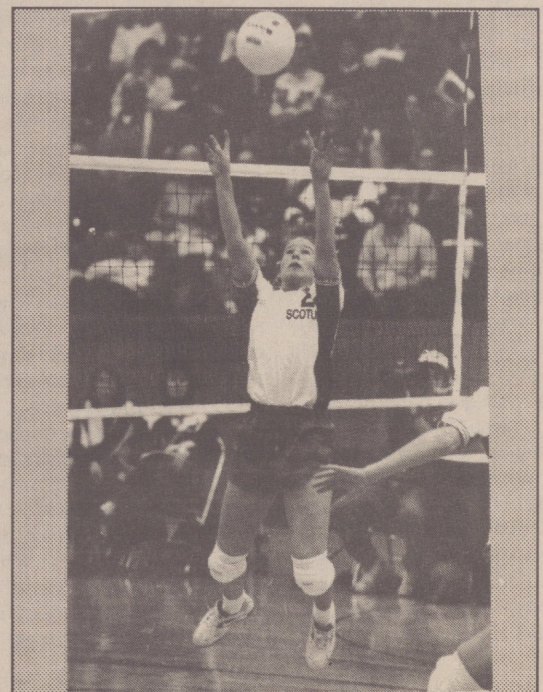
Scotus, whose only two losses came from GICC, finished the season at 26-2. GICC finished with a 30-2 record; one loss coming from the Shamrocks, the only team in the state of Nebraska to beat the Crusaders, their only other loss came to Breese Central, Ill.

In the first round of the State Tournament the Lady Shamrocks started off slow against Omaha Gross but ended with a bang. They dropped the first set 9-15, but quickly finished off the cougars 15-5, 15-3; thus prompting the student body to chant "Drive home safely" and

"Wear your seatbelt" to the obnoxious Gross student body. The semifinal match against Sidney reminded Scotus fans of what this year's team was capable of with a quick 15-3, 15-7 win over the Lady Raiders.

Despite a loss for the 'Rocks in the finals, Scotus still ended up with a 4th place ranking in the all-class standings. That's certainly a credit to the coaches and team.

Now that the 1993 Volleyball season has come to an end, even if we didn't bring home the gold, all of the faithful Shamrock supporters would like to say "We are proud of you."



Telegram photo

Tiffany Bock sets the ball at state tournament.

by Amy Price

After much bargaining between schools, Scotus and Columbus High finally have a swim team. Scotus swim team members are: Erik Hash, Teresa Sleddens, Robin Keller, Melissa Feldhaus, Jill Keller, and Chip Kaup.

"It's a lot of fun. Even though we're from different schools, we're all one big family," sophomore Teresa Sleddens said.

The swim team's first meet is December 2 in Fremont. Sophomore Robin Keller said, "I think it will be a lot of fun and we're all really excited!"

Scotus dives into swimming

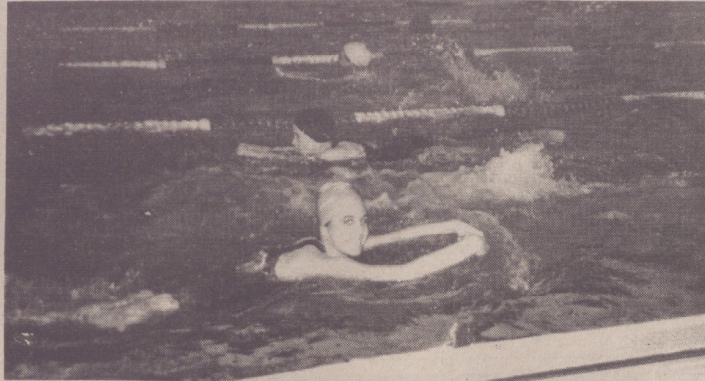


photo by Erin Trouba

Sophomore Teresa Sleddens swims laps at swim practice at the Aquatic Center.

Scotus welcomes student teacher

by Amy Price

Ever since October 1, there has been a new face around school. This new face belongs to Vicki Bruhn. She is completing her student-teaching here at Scotus.

She student teaches Mr. Younger's biology classes as well as physics. She will be leaving at the end of the semester.

When asked what she thought of Scotus she said, "I love it! The teachers are nice and helpful and the students are well disciplined."

Miss Bruhn is a senior at University of Nebraska at Kearney. When she graduates, she plans to teach in the United States for a few years, then she wants to go overseas and work as a missionary.

Students reach out

Elementary students receive drug and alcohol message

by Nikki Beran

On November 1st and 2nd, 20 Scotus sophomores joined sophomores from Columbus High at the YMCA for a two day workshop called REACH. REACH is a program designed for sophomores who want to help people understand the dangers of drugs and alcohol. To be able to participate in REACH, the students need to sign a pledge that states that they will be drug and alcohol free for one year. Past REACH graduates then choose the students who they feel will be able to carry out the pledge, and who will be able to stand up for what they believe in. These students then participate in the two day workshop which was taught by Mr. John Hewett.

Students who decided to sign up, did it for a variety of reasons. "It seemed like it would be a good experience, and it sounded like it would be fun," sophomore Nicole Schmeits said. "I want to be able to help kids in my class. I want them to know that at a party or something, I won't be drinking, and I want them to know that if they don't want to drink, that they won't be the only ones," sophomore Melissa Feldhaus said. At the workshop sophomores participated in a variety of activities. Some of the activities included making posters, presenting skits,

having discussions, and watching films. "My favorite part was presenting the skits. It was also a lot of fun to watch all of the other groups present their skits," Schmeits said.

The experience itself really seemed to give students a positive attitude about themselves and about not giving into peer pressure. "The experience really gave me a positive attitude about not giving into drugs and alcohol and staying away from it," Feldhaus said. Students also seemed to enjoy the speaker. "I felt that the speaker was really cool and a lot of fun," sophomore John Vyhldal said. "He was a really funny guy," Schmeits said. Feldhaus agreed and also added that, "He could really relate to us. He talked on our level and seemed to know exactly how we felt."

Overall it seemed as if it was a worth while experience for everyone who participated. "It was a really fun experience and it taught me a lot," Vyhldal said. "It was a really great experience, and I would definitely recommend it to anyone who gets the chance to go," Schmeits said. The REACH graduates all seemed to agree that this would be a worth while experience for students. "I think that this program should be offered to anyone who wants to

go. It shouldn't be a limited. If more people had the opportunity to go, I think that more people's attitudes would change about drinking," Feldhaus said.

After the students are educated on the facts about drugs and alcohol, they are allowed to put their knowledge to test. The sophomores, in groups of usually three of four students, go around to St. Anthony's, St. Bon's and St. Isidore's to teach the sixth grade students about drugs, alcohol and peer pressure. Now the REACH students will be able to go out and test their new skills. They will be able to help to create a responsible and positive group of people in our community.

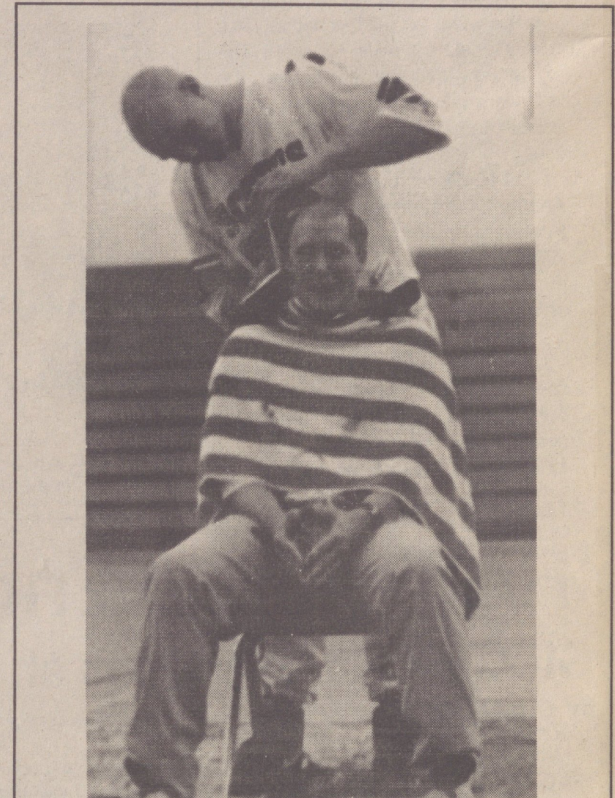


photo by Erin Trouba

Junior Matt Moseman gives a look of uncertainty as his hair begins to fall. "It was the single, most terrible experience of my life," Moseman said.

Prints Charming
Portrait Studio



Westgate Center
3423 21st Street
564-3456

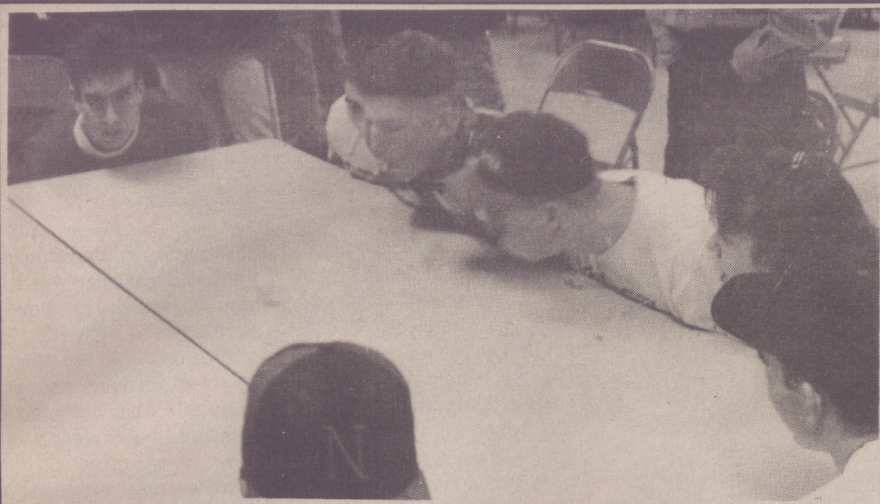
Rambour Realty Company
A Corporation

MICHAEL RAMBOUR
1554 26th Ave.
Columbus, NE 68601
INSURANCE 564 - 2724

LITTLE KING \$1.50 off any regular size sandwich
America's Greatest Hero \$1.00 off any king sandwich
And Deli Too!

Eat In - Carry out - Drive Thru

Weekdays 10:30 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. Sunday 11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Expires 5-31-94. One coupon per customer or visit. Not valid with any other coupon or sale. Offer good in Columbus only.



Juniors take part in a ping pong contest that emphasizes teamwork. The juniors attended their class retreat Nov. 17 in Duncan. Teachers that attended the retreat were Miss Dusel and Mrs. Went. photo by Jenny Arp

Parent teacher conferences induce fear among students

Commentary by Matt Moseman

It is an event that every student fears. Sure they don't mind missing some school for it, but it still sends a cold shiver up their spines and makes their stomachs cringe. What on earth could I be talking about?

Parent-teacher conferences.

Yes, parent-teacher conferences, that horrible event which takes place twice a year that sends students away screaming and parents smiling to school. Most students pray that their parents will forget but during the afternoons of November 9 and 10, nearly every Scotus parent flooded the cafeteria floor in hopes of speaking to their child's teachers.

I can easily remember being huddled in a frightened ball in my room, dreading the moment when Ma or Pa or both would enter the house and yell my name. I'd have to walk out and listen to them talk about how I do fine in my classes, but I could do better if I'd just apply myself. Apply. I hate that word.

I've heard that word approximately 8,463 times in the past five years. Every time I hear that word now I taste bile the back of my mouth and feel like faking an epileptic seizure as a futile shot at getting sympathy.

Now I've gotten to the point where as a junior, my parents have finally grasped that I'm a 'B' student, and no matter how many times they say it, the word apply barely comes into my little high school equation. This can be a sign of hope for the younger classes; this is a sign that, yes, your parents will ease up a bit. The seniors now have only one parent-teacher conference left ahead of them, the juniors have three, and the other classes have a seemingly endless number of them left. And it is to these classes that I extend my utmost sympathy to, especially to the Junior High, whose experiences are only the tip of the proverbial iceberg.

Good luck.

Fall plays are hauntingly good

by Cathy Wemhoff

A Halloween treat visited Scotus on Oct. 29, 30, and 31. Students performed three plays: Crossing the Bar, Beast of a Different Burden, and Fog on the Mountain. Judging from comments heard, the plays were successful, especially the idea of a dessert theatre.

"We have a wealth of acting talent. There's not an outlet for it so you have to give performances to bring that out," Co-director Barb Goulet said.

"I thought the plays were really good this year. I think our school has some really good actors," junior Jill Robak said. "I went to the plays because everybody was

talking about all the effort and time that went into it and I wanted to see the outcome of it all, which in my opinion was good," Robak said.

"You can tell a lot of time went into them - as good as they were," junior Terri Kresha said. "I went because it's fun to watch plays when you know the actors," Kresha said.

"They did a good job with the costumes and props. I think Jenny and Angie should have gone trick or treating," Kresha said. Jenny and Angie both had some rather heavy make-up work done on them for their characters.

"I thought the scenery

was really good. It surprised me because usually the scenery isn't the greatest, I mean everywhere, not just at Scotus," junior Vicki Gubbels said.

"I was very pleased with the way the students took over. I was pleased with dress rehearsal. I became the audience from that point on," Goulet said.

"I like working in an unstructured environment," Goulet said, "people that are creating need to be unrestricted."

Approximately 250 people paid to see the plays along with 35 joining in the bleachers.

1851 E. 32 Avenue
Columbus

Nebraskaland
Allied Agency
247233rd Avenue Columbus, Nebraska

Columbus Aquatic Center
Swimming Pool

- * Lap Swim * Water Exercise
- * Red Cross Lessons
- * Scuba Diving & More!
- * Family Fun & Recreation

Aquatic Center: 563-3222

Phone (402) 564-7174
1671 33rd Avenue
Columbus, Nebraska

J.P. Schmeits, CPA
(402) 563-3538
P.O. Box 1069
322025St., Columbus

The Rock

Scotus Central Catholic High School
Columbus, NE
Phone (402) 564-7165

Advisor : Miss Pillard
Editors : Rich McPhillips and Gina Rongisch
Advertising manager: Rich McPhillips
Photographer: Erin Trouba
Advertising Accts.: Amy Price
Circulation: Mindi Almquist
Staff Writers: Matt Moseman, Sean Schmeits, Mindi Almquist, Amy Price, Gina Rongisch, Erin Trouba, Nikki Beran, Rich McPhillips, and Cathy Wemhoff

The Rock is the official Scotus Central Catholic students' newspaper. It is published each month and material is presented as accurately as possible.

The Rock staff does not discriminate against origin, marital status, age, or handicap.

Family Thrift Center

4300 23rd Street
Colubus - 564-2835
Open 7 am to midnight 7 days a week

Full service Dell
Bakery - Meats
Produce - Pharmacy
Video - Liquor

CONSERVATIVE SAVINGS BANK

Columbus
2601 13th Street
563-3591

Columbus
2714 23rd Street
564-7181

New computer lab construction temporarily on hold for more bids

by Sean Schmeits

In addition to blackboards, overhead projectors, and films, something new is being added to help teachers make classes more enjoyable. The school is presently in the process of putting in a new computer lab on the second floor.

The lab, which will consist of 24 new computers will be used by the business classes. A wall is going to be added in the study hall, dividing it into two rooms, one for class and one for lab. A window will be built into the new wall so that teachers may supervise the lab while teaching another class, allowing the students to work alone. Also, the new computers will be IBM's, which are better suited for business use than the Macintosh's that the school now uses. By relying on one another to help them solve their problems, and by using the latest technology, students will be able to work in an environment that will be much like the one they will experience in the actual business world.

The business classes are not the only ones who will benefit from the new computers. Science and math classes will also be able to take advantage of

the new technology. According to Mr. Scharz, the plan is for half of the computers in the new lab to be mobile. Twelve of the new computers would be available for use in any classroom on second floor. Also, all the computers in school are going to be linked together by a file server. A file server is like a large hard drive onto which all the programs the school uses will be loaded. If you want to run a program, you will download it from the file server in the office. So, if you start a homework assignment on one computer, you can finish it on any other computer in the building.

A technology council met all last year to come up with the idea for the new lab. It is being funded by money Scotus received from the sale of Mory's Haven. So far all that has been done is the wiring along the north wall. However, the school board will vote on which bid it wants to accept, then construction will begin. Mr. Scharz said that he hopes that it will be completed and ready for use by the second semester.

Computer network to permit access to world of information through telephone lines

by Sean Schmeits

Beam me up Scotty. Soon, Scotus students will be able to be transported anywhere in the world via computer.

Of course they won't actually leave their seat, but the new technology that the school is acquiring will allow students to access the information high-ways that connect the globe. The way this is done is over the phone lines on a computer network called Internet.

Internet is a system set up for the purpose of global information sharing. There are literally thousands of sources of information that a student will have access to on Internet. They include such things as a

database of every article published on science in the last 10 years, or a summary of every case that has been heard by the supreme court. All you need is the right phone number and you can have virtually unlimited information on any subject you need.

This technology has only recently been made readily available in the Columbus area, and Scotus will be one of the first to take advantage of it. Mr. Scharz said that the Mac's in the library should be ready to run it by early December. Also the new computer lab will access Internet as well.

More space eases parking crunch

by Mindi Almquist

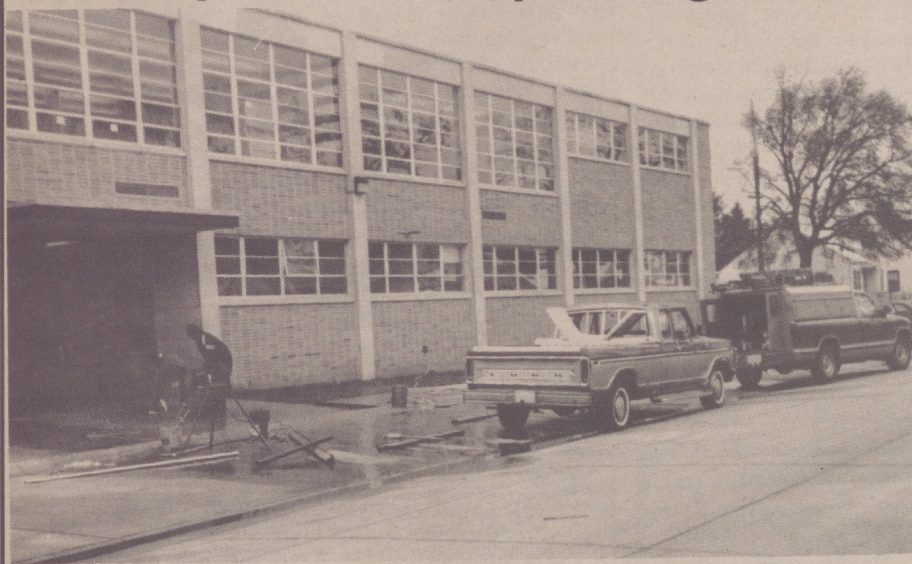


photo by Erin Trouba

B-D Construction workers complete the parking project on North side of the school.

Parking at Scotus is a daily challenge - a challenge that may be slightly eased by the additional parking on the school's north side. The new parking on 16th Street is completed, but not yet assigned, said Superintendent Mr. Scharz. It has not been decided if the 17 new spaces will be for students, faculty, or both. A couple of the spaces may be set aside to be auctioned off at the Gala this spring Scharz said.

At the time of interview Scharz said the \$20,000 project would be complete by Thanksgiving.

The project was scheduled to take a week to 10 days to complete, but was briefly delayed. The new parking will also be very accommodating, not only to those who drive around the block trying to find a parking space, but also to parents who drop their

kids off for school.

"The parking also has a spot so parents can drop off their kids without having to stop in the middle of the street and slow up traffic," said Scharz. The parking will also accommodate the handicapped because the steps at the north doors have now been replaced by a ramp.

Although the parking idea was a good one, it probably won't solve the problem of parking miles away on funeral days, but maybe some day the problem will be solved. Scharz said there is talk about asking residents along 19th Street if they would mind giving the school the space between the sidewalk and the street for additional parking. So until then, good luck on hunting for that last parking space!

**TOOLEY'S
DRUG &
HOME CARE**

Famous For Prescriptions Since 1928

Free Delivery 564-7205 • 564-7206

Russ'
Food Pride

1470 23rd Avenue
Columbus, NE 68601

J.P.S.
J.P. Schmeits, P.C.
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

J.P. Schmeits, CPA
(402) 563-3538
P.O. Box 1069
32202St, Columbus

The Rock

To:

Scotus Central Catholic
Junior and Senior High School
1554 18th Ave. Columbus, NE 68601
(402) 564-7165
December Issue

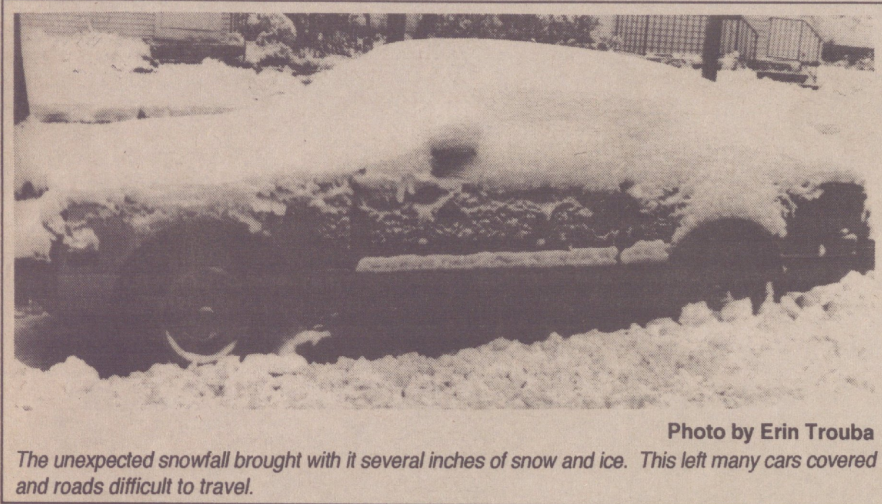


Photo by Erin Trouba

The unexpected snowfall brought with it several inches of snow and ice. This left many cars covered and roads difficult to travel.

Mock Trial

Junior team competes for top honors at state contest

by Amy Price

The Scotus Junior Mock Trial team beat Cedar Rapids for the chance to compete in the state contest, December 17-18 in Papillion.

The team consisting of Jenny Arp, Nikki Beran, Ryan Eikmeier, Vicki Gubbels, Nate Marik, Matt Moseman, Sheryl Rupp, and Cathy Wemhoff has been working on their case since early this fall. This case is about a 17 year old senior, Kris Moss, who is suing the Metro Unified School district, because he feels that the school hasn't taught him anything that he needs to know.

The purpose of Mock Trial is to learn the operations of a courtroom, how a judicial system works, and how to be able to use the information that they have learned and think on their feet. Students are not only asked to

know the trial but they must also be able to present it in a professional manner, said advisor Mrs. Podliska.

Nicole Schmeits, member of the sophomore team, said, "I've learned a lot about the law, and

that there's a lot more to it than just knowing the law, you have to be able to act."

Vicki Gubbels, member of the junior team, said, "You have to keep your cool, and DON'T PANIC!"

Nate Marik said, "My favorite part to play is the main character, because its a real crucial part and its fun to play."

The winning team is selected by two judges who give each team a score. Then if there is a tie the presiding judge must vote.

Advisor Mrs. Podliska said, "A lot of the scoring of the competitions is objectivity. Regard-

less of the year, students will feel that they were judged unfairly."

Vicki Gubbels said, "Everyone on the Scotus team has had an unfair judge, but I think overall, we (juniors) have been judged fairly."

Mock trial extends beyond the school. Attorneys and judges in the community volunteer their time to be coaches for team, scoring judges, and presiding judges. Judge Winkle the initiate of Mock trial in this district died earlier this year.

Although the juniors are the only team from Scotus attending state, the senior team consisting of Tiffany Bock, Ryan Foust, Cathy Hegeman, Jill Kropatsch, Cindy Kuehler, Sean Schmeits, Tim Thalken, and Rich Tooley made it to the second round and lost to Lakeview.

The sophomore team that consisting of Jill Becker, Heidi Hinze, Jill Kosch, Kelly Kruse, Travis Kudron, Nicole Schmeits, and Rachel Wick, also made it to the second round and lost to Lakeview.

Scotus speech team fares well at 1st meet, gains confidence

by Mindi Almquist

In the recent speech meet at Lincoln High, the speech team competed well. Nate Marik won first place in Entertainment, Ryan Eikmeier placed 2nd in Informative speaking, Nikki Beran placed 2nd in Humorous Impromptu, Matt Moseman placed 7th in Humorous Impromptu, and Tim Thalken placed 6th in Extemporaneous Speaking.

"I knew there were talented people and they proved themselves," said speech team coach Mrs. Bernt.

The speech team competed against 21 schools, most of them were larger than Scotus, and for most of the other schools it was their 3rd or 4th contest. Speakers compete for titles in their class as well as overall. For example, a second place overall winner might take home a Class B title.

Nate Marik who placed first with a speech on confusion in modern day life said, "It was the best competition I had ever seen before."

Nate obviously did pretty well against his competition, but he didn't realize how well until he was announced the first place winner.

"I had no idea what place I was going to get. It was great to be up there, but at the same time I had knots in my stomach-BIG KNOTS!" he said.

Besides Nate's speech, Bernt said that the Humorous Impromptu, Extemporaneous, and Informative speeches were Scotus' strengths.

The speech team will continue to improve. "The first meet helps because it shows what good people look like. And as a coach, it gives me new ideas." Bernt said.

What's the outlook for the speech team? According to Bernt, the speech team has a lot of talent, and as for the outlook for the rest of the season, it looks good.

We wish the speech team continued success with the rest of their meets.

Students anticipate Blizzard Bash

by Gina Rongisch

The 2nd Annual Blizzard Bash for grades 9-12, sponsored by student council was held Saturday, December 18. This dance included CD-music and door prizes.

"Last year was very successful. I remember one group of senior girls who danced for hours," student council sponsor Mrs. Kosch said.

Originally the dance was

scheduled for Friday the 17th, but due to finding faculty to chaperone it was moved to Saturday after the Scotus vs. York basketball game.

Last year's dance was considered to be more dressy than a regular tape dance. "I think more students will go and have fun if they don't have to worry about having a date or finding something to wear," senior Jill Buelt said.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Toys just aren't what they used to be

by Matt Moseman and Travis Patocka

Well, once again, Christmas time is rolling around the bend and little ones will be once again hounding mumsy and dadsy for the latest in toys and such items for Christmas.

Over the past few years, toys have changed dramatically in both style and paint schemes. When we were little, G.I. Joe wore camouflage and green fatigues, carried an M-16, grenades, drove a jeep and was happy. How, however, G.I. Joe has fallen prey to the technicolor, spandex, eco-warrior themes that make him a more politically orientated figure than he was before. Yes, G.I. Joe's turning into a wussy.

One of the best things about having these toys were making the gun sounds and noises, but you don't have to do that anymore. Now they have quaint little triple-A battery packs that do it for you. Almost takes the fun out of it, don't you think? G.I. Joe has also progressed into the almost Barbie-esque type of figure that he started out as in the mid-'60s, now twelve inch figures that have real clothes and can go over to Barbie's Malibu beach house for tea and hot tub parties.

Also hopping on the eco-warrior bandwagon are toys such

as Captain Planet and the Planeteers and Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, one of which used to be respectable fun toys for the

planet which can be seen on weekends on TBS and TNT.

It seems now that marketers are trying to push an idea, rather

fresh. Gak sports neon colors and a non-sticky make up which doesn't stick to clothing, hair, walls, your sister, etc.

spend their hard earned dollars on a purple little dinosaur telling kids that he loves them.

Speaking of dinosaur, Jurassic Park, that summer blockbuster is now one of the most popular marketing ideas of the year. They have everything from Gummy dinosaurs to pajamas. Will the dinosaur ever become extinct marketwise? Not likely.

Trolls! Lots and lots of happy trolls. However, Trolls now have an attitude problem, appearing in the form of Battle Trolls! Happy toys now wield axes, daggers, swords, have earrings, nose rings and bad breath. What a positive influence for little children in these, the days of Janet Reno. Not to big brothers and sisters: If your little sister asks for a troll, buy them one of these, you'll feel better.

There's also Aliens, remember cute, slimy little Aliens that burst out of your chest cavity, causing instant death to you and those around you? They now come out in four and a half and five inch sizes, being fought against by characters that died in the 1986 sequel. Death may be forever, but there's always merchandising, and as we all know, merchandising will never die, God help us all.



photo by Erin Trouba

five year old and up in all of us. The Turtles, mutated by toxic slime, are now fighting against that which brought them into existence and Captain Planet and his little cult members are teenagers fighting the polluting of our

than a toy. And to keep with the ecological theme, lets talk about Nickelodeon's Gak. Totally functionless and pointless in purpose, Gak still brings about unadulterated fun, while looking like it will eat through your clothes and

And who could forget Barney? Yes, Barney, Godzilla's nicer, more menacing (pocket book wise), illegitimate brother that forces unsuspecting parents of two year olds into a nightmarish hysteria as they are forced to

Shopping season best in years

by Gina Rongisch

Candy canes, "Jingle Bells," snow, red and green everything. That's right, it is the season of giving-Christmas. With all the Christmas cheer and "The season of giving" going around, retail stores in town are bursting with energetic customers.

"Weekends are usually the busiest-I make more money in

the 4 weeks before Christmas than I do all summer," senior Laura Kosch said. Another faithful JC Penney employee agrees. "We have been getting a lot of hours, but the money has been really nice," senior Sunny Recek said.

Like Penney's, Maurices seems to be experiencing the same rush. "Christmas it defi-

nately the busiest time of the year for us," junior Vicki Gubbles said.

It is not just clothing stores experiencing a boom in business. Menards is spending it's first Christmas in Columbus and everything seems to be going very well. "Sales have really picked up over the holiday season," senior Heidi Staroscik said.

Results of the Christmas "Goat" Giveaway

- 12th= Tiffany Bock
- 11th=Jill Robak
- 10th=Eric Sansoni
- 9th=Nathan Schure
- 8th=Mark Weeder
- 7th=JJ Swierczek
- Faculty=Mrs. Tooley

J.P. Schmeits, P.C.
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT
J.P. Schmeits, CPA
(402) 563-3538
P.O. Box 1069
322025 St., Columbus

Columbus
2601 13th Street
563-3591

Columbus
2714 23rd Street
564-7181

LITTLE KING \$1.00 off any king sandwich
America's Greatest Hero
And Deli Too!

Eat In - Carry out - Drive Thru

Weekdays 10:30 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. Sunday 11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Expires 5-31-94 One coupon per customer or visit. Not valid with any other coupon or sale. Offer good in Columbus only.

CORNER STOP
220-23rd Street

Twelve things folks should learn about Christmas

by Cathy Wemhoff

Everyone is out with the bustle of Christmas and I'm here alone again! I could do my homework, that's something I haven't done for a while, but heck, tomorrow's party day, so why bother? There is much I could do like clean the house, wrap presents, or make cookies, but I just don't feel like it.

Everyone says Christmas is the happiest time of year. Well, they're wrong! Did they ever stop to think of the people who get left behind, or feel left out? To them, Christmas is pure hell.

Just kidding! I love Christmas. Probably not for all of the wrong reasons, but I still love it. I love the feeling of togetherness, and am gullible to look for it every year when it is rarely present. People don't seem to care any more about the effects of their actions on other people. I try to, but often fail.

Besides that, I love getting presents, even if they're tiny, and I love giving presents. It makes you feel good when someone gives you a present especially when they don't have to. Sometimes it's just the gift of caring a little bit that makes the difference.

It feels even better when your able to return the gifts you receive right back, not to the store but by giving them pre-

sents. The best feeling is when you give someone a present who least expects it from you, and you get a gift fight back by the look on their face.

I've learned many things over my vast 16 years of Christmas experience. First of all, it's never a good idea to break your grandmother's pelvis on Christmas, the parent's don't think too highly of actions like that.

Secondly, when you are seven years old, don't try unwrapping presents so that you can see what they are. Parents can tell the difference between a rewrap job by a seven-year-old, and an originally wrapped job by a 37-year-old.

Third, when assembling and artificial tree, make sure never to drop one of those metal wires with plastic pine needles that's supposed to resemble a branch, on your eye. Why? Because it hurts, that's why!

Fourth, if you absolutely must break your mother's favorite recliner, do it about two weeks before Christmas. If anyone can afford it, it makes a wonderful gift idea.

Fifth, no matter how stupid a gift is, act happy, so happy in fact that you say thank you over and over again. If you don't, again the parents will be upset.

Sixth, those little reindeer I

saw flying through the moon simply meant, "Cathy dear, it's really time you went to bed."

Seventh, never, I mean never tell your mother that she just threw away that homemade whatever it was that you gave her for Christmas. It'll just break her heart.

Eighth, it's a very cute photo opportunity when you and your three siblings all have the chicken pox on Christmas. You don't need any decorations on the tree, just you and your siblings' red spots will be plenty. (If you can refrain from itching it long enough.)

Ninth, don't yell and scream at your brother for getting you rocks when you haven't even opened the present yet.

Tenth, don't get really sick, like hospital sick, over the holidays. You'll get so many nativity sets you'll have to rent a storage garage to keep them all in.

Eleventh, never tell the women to hurry up and finish the dishes so that you can open presents because you'll end up doing the dishes for them.

Twelfth, lastly, but not least. Never forget the importance of your family over the holidays because that'd be one sad Christmas.

Deep Thoughts

If you could have anything for Christmas what would it be?

12th= Lots of money

Nate Hegi

Dog

Lisa Zegar

11th= Ninja ZX7

Travis Patocka

A in Adv. Math

Kristy Stachura

10th= Dodge Viper

Chad Gonka

Stereo

Leslie Brock


9th= More money than

Nate. Craig Jones

No Semester Exams

Angela Zoucha

DAYLIGHT DONUTS



"Quality you can taste!"

Russ'
Food Pride

1470 23rd Avenue
Columbus, NE 68601

COLUMBUS FLOWERS Inc.



Phone (402) 564-7174
1671 33rd Avenue
Columbus, Nebraska

Columbus
Aquatic Center
Swimming Pool

- * Lap Swim
- * Water Exercise **563-3222**
- * Red Cross Lessons
- * Scuba Diving & More!
- * Family Fun & Recreation

JCPenney

The flagship company of Corhold, Inc.

JCPenney
Fashion comes to life

2422 13th Street Downtown Columbus, NE 68601

Stack-n-Steak

Family Restaurant
"Breakfast Served Anytime!"
Full menu

U.S. 30 Center
Columbus, NE 68601

Phone: 563-2424

Girls win three straight games

by Sean Schmeits

The girl's basketball team has high goals set for themselves this year. Winning their first three games has set them well on their way. The girl's first game was against Lincoln Pius. The Shamrocks came out on top with a 48-46 win. Then the 'Rocks went on to stomp Omaha Cathedral 83-21. Then, in last weeks game against Seward, Chris Kretchman's buzzer-beating field goal, put the Shamrocks over the top with a 41-39 victory.

"We are very excited and have set high goals for ourselves this season," senior Amy Kuhlen said. With these goals, including the state tournament, the Lady 'Rocks have a tough road ahead of them. They meet their biggest challenge of the year Tuesday when they face Roncalli, who are rated in the top five in the state.

Boys win season opener against Cathedral

by Erin Trouba

The Shamrock boys basketball team started off the season on a positive note with an 84-59 victory over the Omaha Cathedral Cardinals on Sat., Dec. 5 in the Shamrock Activities Center.

Senior Luke Jackson led the way for the 'Rocks with 29 points. Senior Jason Mielak also added 20 points in the win.

In their second outing of the 1993-94 season, the Shamrocks fell victim to the Boys Town Cowboys. The Shamrocks led 55-53 with less than a minute to play when the Cowboys hit a 3-point goal. After two failed attempts by the Shamrocks—a missed shot and a missed free throw—Boys Town hit a free throw with 22 seconds left.

The Shamrocks did not call a time out as to avoid giving the Cowboys to set up a defense. Senior Jeff Herdzina's 3-point attempt was blocked, which gave the Cowboys a 57-55 victory over the Shamrocks.

Jackson once again led the way for the Shamrocks with 21 points and 7 rebounds.

Junior Denny Sliva put the 'Rocks in contention to upset Grand Island Central Catholic on Fri., Dec. 10, by nailing two 3-pointers. His final attempt, which bounced off the rim as time ran out, was shot from almost the exact spot he hit the previous treys.

GICC led by six points twice in the fourth quarter. Scotus led by nine points in the first half and had a 29-25 half time lead. Scotus came back out onto the court with cold shooting. The Shamrocks shot only 35 percent for the game, and made only four of the first 20 shots.

Senior Jeff Herdzina led in the scoring column with 10 points. Sliva finished with eight points and seniors Gary Rief and Jason Mielak had six points apiece.

NU needs quality competition to play with the big boys

commentary by Rich McPhillips

The University of Nebraska football season has a tradition of ending with an honorable appearance in the Orange Bowl or some other major bowl game on January 1st. And the Nebraska football team also has a tradition of ending their season with a loss on that New Year's Day.

Every year the Huskers dominate during regular season and earn national respect—just in time for the bowl game. But this national respect is almost certain to be forgotten by the time January 2nd rolls around. The Big Red has lost their last six bowl games and they are expected to lose the next.

The big question then, winds up being: Why can't Nebraska win the big one? You might say it is the coaching that is the problem, but if you look at coach Tom Osborne's record, you should think otherwise. Tom Osborne is one of the most

victorious coaches that has ever been associated with the game. He has a .803 career winning percentage at Nebraska and has led his team to a bowl game for the last 20 years.

The reason why NU can not win a big one any more has to do with what happens during the regular season. The Huskers do dominate their regular season, but that is against teams such as North Texas and Colorado State.

If Nebraska wants to be competitive with teams like Florida State, who they will play this New Year's Day, then they will have to go up against quality competition before they play in the bowl game.

Despite all this skepticism, some hope still exists. Contrary to what most believe, Tom Osborne has experienced victory in a bowl game. He is fifth when it comes to the most bowl game victories with eight wins.

Move over Broadway!

by Nikki Beran

This year the junior high girls physical education classes are using their skills to create a dance. The unit, which is taught by Mrs. Tooley, is a cooperative learning unit. Usually the freshman and sophomore girls participate in this unit, but because of curriculum changes, the 7th and 8th grade girls now participate.

"This is the first year any seventh graders have done this unit, but it's going well," Mrs. Tooley said.

"I think it's really a lot of

fun!" said 7th grader Kari Kunneman.

To start out this unit, Diane Zomes-Senrod, an alumni of Scotus who teaches dance at Stepa Dance Studio in Columbus, came to show the girls some creative and modern types of dance. After Diane showed the girls examples, it was then their turn to create their own original dance.

Each class draws out an emotion, basic movement and pattern that they will have to include in their dance. Mrs. Tooley

selects the music which is modern and instrumental only.

"I don't want this to be an MTV dance. I want the students to express their own emotions through the dance which they create," Tooley said.

The students usually get 5 to 6 classes to prepare the dance. The rest of the work is done out of class. After five to six weeks, the girls will do their dance for the class. They may use costumes or props to help express emotions.

"It's fun, but we do goof

around a lot," said 7th grader Ashley Van Dyke.

"The product of this unit will be successful if everyone contributes and works together," Tooley said.

The dance unit that the girls are involved with is mainly to help teach them about cooperative learning. "The goal of this project is to have a large group work together and create a successful product," Tooley said. "So far everything is going well, and it's a lot of fun," she said.

Scotus swimmers contribute to team victory

by Mindi Almquist

In the Columbus Relays Swimming meet held Sat., Dec. 11, the boys edged out Norfolk for a first place victory and the girls tied for second with South Sioux City.

Erik Hash, a member of the 850 decrescendo team took first place. Robin Keller and her 200 Medley team placed first

ahead of Norfolk with a time of 2:04.86. Jill Keller and three other teammates won the 200 event in 2:10.47 which was a full four seconds in front of Bellevue West.

Teresa Sleddens competed in the 200 Fly Relay and the 400 I.M. Relay. Melissa Feldhaus swam the 200 Free

Relay and the Final 300 Girls Free Relay. Also at Saturday's meet, Chip Kaup swam in the Freshman Relay and placed 3rd. He was also on the Final 300 Boys Free Relay which placed first.

In the Tues., Dec. 14 meet, Scotus swimmers clocked some personal bests. Teresa

Sleddens swam the breast stroke in the 200 Medley Relay clocking a personal best of 38. In the 400 Free Relay she dropped 4 seconds off her old time. Feldhaus swam the back stroke in the 200 Medley Relay in a personal best time of 38:03. Also in Tuesday's meet, Kaup placed 3rd out of 6 divers. He also received 2nd in the 200 Medley Relay.

Rambour Realty Company

A Corporation

MICHAEL RAMBOUR
1554 26th Ave.
Columbus, NE 68601
INSURANCE 564 - 2724

"Say It With Flowers"

Anderson
FLORAL CO.



Quality Flowers
for over 95 Years

The Rock

To:

Scotus Central Catholic
Junior and Senior High School
1554 18th Ave. Columbus, NE 68601
(402) 564-7165
January Issue



photo by Erin Trouba

Students and Faculty enjoy a hot burger courtesy of Campus Ministry. According to Fr. Wayne about 300 hamburgers and 125 hotdogs were sold Thursday and Friday during semester final week.

Omaha religion trip opens students' eyes

by Amy Price

Mrs. Riley's sophomore religion class took a field trip to Omaha January 5 to learn about social injustice. The sophomores went to such places as the Stephen Center Mission, New Cassel Retirement Center, Strawberry Fields Gift Shop, New Covenant Center, and the Holy Family Church.

"The purpose of the field trip was to develop in the students an awareness of what Catholic Christians are doing. I've stressed to the students that they may not be able to correct

an injustice, but any action they take to restore an individual's dignity is worthwhile. I think they understand what I mean now!" said Mrs. Riley.

While in Omaha students at lunch at a shelter (Stephen Center). They also toured the mission, and saw how close to home homelessness can hit.

"I realized that the stereotypes about the homeless aren't true," said David Svatora.

At the New Cassel Retirement Center, students toured the retirement village. Then they visited an adult day care center, where the elderly (who can't take care of themselves) can stay

during the daytime while their families are at work.

Strawberry Fields is a store where people from third world countries send in materials, and people who are mentally challenged, staff the store and sell the items. Approximately 60% of the money made

through this organization goes back to those third world countries.

"I thought it was a good experience, because we got to see how others are helping the less fortunate," said Julie Blum.

Sister Maureen Connolly at the New Covenant

Center, told the students about the Church's stand on social injustice, and the things that she has done in her lifetime, to help stop social injustice.

"I didn't realize there were so many different kinds of people who were in need," said Ashley Morris.

Holy Family Church is a really old church with an open door mission where students sorted through old clothing that the church gives to poor families who can not afford clothes.

Now students of the sophomore class are more aware of the actions they can take to end social injustice.

"I realized that the stereotypes about the homeless aren't true."

— David Svatora

Zero tolerance law

Officials to enforce stricter penalties for drinking

by Cathy Wemhoff

On January 1, 1994, a new law went into effect in the state of Nebraska. The law involves minors and alcohol. It makes it illegal for a minor to drive with more than .02 blood-alcohol level.

According to Captain Pat Foust of the Columbus Police Department, only one citation under this new law has been made in Columbus.

After one 12-ounce can of beer, a 150 pound male would have a blood alcohol level of .025, even if he took an hour to drink it. For a 100 pound woman, after one beer, the blood-alcohol level would be .045.

The law is referred to as "zero tolerance." The reason the level is .02 is so the driver can consume cough syrup or wine for religious purposes.

To be caught with a blood alcohol content greater than .02, a minor must first be

ticketed for another offense such as speeding. If the driver refuses to take a breath test, their license can be impounded for 90 days. If caught, the minor can be given a permit to drive to school and work if granted by a judge. The offense will not be reported to the Department of Motor Vehicles. If the person isn't caught drinking and driving in the following 30 days, the record will be sealed.

Some Scotus students feel the new law will not have the effect officials are hoping for.

"It won't have that big of an effect because they still have to find the people. The only people who are going to be caught are the ones who aren't careful, and they deserve to be caught anyway," said Vicki Gubbels.

Still others believe that the new law will be effective in

reducing the number of students drinking and driving and that the new law is fair.

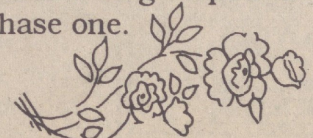
"The people who drink are going to keep drinking, but it puts more of a scare in their minds," said Amy Kuhlen. There needs to be strict punishment if people want it to stop, she said.

The new law is fair because you shouldn't do it anyway, and it will stop people who do it," said Luke Jackson.

Thinking of ways to show your affection for that special someone? Why not send your Valentine a *TELEFLOWER*

**1st flower \$2.00
get a second flower
for only \$1.00**

On sale thru February 10 contact a Band or Flag Corp member to purchase one.



All proceeds go to Band and Flag Corp for future trips.

Clinton's first year comes to a close

by Sean Schmeits

Bill Clinton's first year as leader of this great nation has recently come to a close. His ratings in the polls are rising, but for unknown reasons. Bill Clinton is a president whom everybody seems to have a strong opinion about, most are either strongly for or against him. Yet, it seems that most people have little knowledge of his policies, or what he stands for. In the interest of dispelling ignorance, I will take a look at what he has accomplished in his first year, and where he will be taking us in the near future.

Contrary to popular belief, Clinton did keep some of his campaign promises. He has given some tax relief to new businesses, which will help to create jobs. He has raised taxes on the rich (although he raised taxes on all those making \$120,000 or more, rather than the proposed tax of those making \$200,000.), he has also given a tax incentive to the poor (even though they pay no taxes, they now get money back).

These are things he campaigned with, and said he would

accomplish within 100 days of his election. However, there are many more promises made which have not been kept, some of the most notable of those would be the middle class tax cut. In actuality we in the middle class have received a rather sizable tax increase by way of the new gas tax. He also said he would balance the budget and begin to reduce the national debt, however, the deficit is expected to increase again this year.

Other things that have been accomplished include NAFTA, the Brady Bill, and the policy regarding homosexuals in the military. NAFTA and the Brady Bill would have passed without Clinton's help, and the new policy about homosexuals isn't any different than the old one. So, when we look at what Clinton has done, besides some small business incentives (the effects of which will be reversed by tax increases), Clinton has done little more than raise our taxes.

Between the gas tax and the increased income tax on the rich this years budget has seen the

largest tax increases in history. Tax increases mean less jobs and a slower economy. But tax increases are worth it to reduce the debt, right? Wrong. As I stated earlier the debt will rise once again, higher than any time over the past twelve years.

This may all seem pretty distressing, but everybody knew this is what Clinton would do, the things stated above are the reasons he was elected. The most distressing thing about Clinton is what he proposes to do in the future, enact a national health care plan. If the health care plan becomes a reality it will be the largest government takeover of a private industry in the history of the world (all this from a man who was only elected by 43% of the vote), and would result in huge tax increases.

Nationalized health care has never worked. Many of the countries in Europe whom Clinton is trying to emulate are attempting to switch to our present system. America presently has the best health care in the world. Our people are healthier and live longer than anywhere else in the world. Why would anyone want to change that? The Clinton administration has even admitted that the new system would result in less-quality care for most Americans, but they think it's worth it if the very poor can also receive the same care. What do you think?

Sub-zero temps freeze everyone

commentary by Matt Moseman

Well, semesters are over, the quarter's over, and the second semester and new year have begun. We are at the halfway point of the schoolyear. Unfortunately, that point is sub-zero and has a wind chill factor of negative thirty. We are in the worst winter Nebraska has seen in four years.

I hate cold weather. If you look up cold in the dictionary, it gives you various definitions, the most common of which concerns heat, or rather the lack heat. "A temperature lower than that of the human body." No kidding. Like we need to be told this when we risk having the water in our eyeballs freeze the second we step outside.

This is the time of year when all of the travel agencies go all out with their ad campaigns, flashing pictures of warm, beautiful, sundrenched beaches, with people surfing and swimming and sunbathing. Then when the commercial ends, all you see is Willard Scott standing around a bunch of smiling little snowbirds on ice skates talking about people who are one hundred, fifty-three "years young" today.

And the worst part of this weather is the snow and the ice. One can slide on the ice into a curb and go on driving their car for three days thinking that there's nothing wrong, then they find out that their front alignment is non-existent once the snow dries.

Then I come to school and I hear people complaining that it's too cold, and that they couldn't get their car started, and that they had to wait for ten minutes for their car to warm up. And what are these people wearing to school? Shorts! Shorts and short sleeve shirts! And short socks! The key word here is "short"! Everything they wear is short! They wouldn't be complaining about the cold if they had taken the time to say to themselves "Gee, it looks pretty bad outside, I'd better put on warm clothing."

But no! They go around dressing like it's the middle of August! I don't understand it.

I hate cold weather. I'd rather be out in California right now, dealing with the worst earthquake since '89 than to be here dealing with the worst winter since '89. So, please listen to me, if you're cold put on some warm clothing instead of wasting all of your hot air complaining about the cold. The heat'll do your brain some good.

TOOLEY'S DRUG & HOME CARE

Famous For Prescriptions Since 1928

Free Delivery 564-7205 • 564-7206

Russ' Food Pride

1470 23rd Avenue
Columbus, NE 68601

D & L

1851 E. 32 Avenue
Columbus

COLUMBUS FLOWERS Inc.

Phone (402) 564-7174

1671 33rd Avenue
Columbus, Nebraska

Only 11 days until mid-winter break!

Nebraskaland Allied Agency

2472 33rd Avenue Columbus, Nebraska

CONSERVATIVE SAVINGS BANK

Columbus 2601 13th Street 563-3591

Columbus 2714 23rd Street 564-7181

The Rock
Scotus Central Catholic High School
1554 18th Avenue
Columbus, NE
Phone (402) 564-7165

Advisor: Miss. Pillard
Editors: Rich McPhillips and Gina Rongisch
Advertising manager: Rich McPhillips
Photographer: Erin Trouba
Advertising Accts: Amy Price
Staff Writers: Matt Moseman, Sean Schmeits, Amy Price, Gina Rongisch, Erin Trouba, Nikki Beran, Rich McPhillips, Jill Buelt, and Cathy Wemhoff

The Rock is the official Scotus Central Catholic students' newspaper. It is published each month and material is presented as accurately as possible.

The Rock staff does not discriminate against origin, marital status, age, or handicap.

Nebraska tops charts in winter flu outbreaks

by Gina Rongisch

Yes, it is that time of year again--snow, bitter cold temperatures, and you guessed it everyone's favorite flu season. Some reports suggest that 40% of the nation is sick with some strain of the flu, meanwhile in Nebraska, reports have climbed to 550 cases in a single week, according to the Nebraska Health Department.

In some states the flu hit in August, but most Nebraskans weren't stricken until December and January. The flu outbreak has now spread to all states but four. It was declared a national epidemic in December by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. On January 7, 1994, Nebraska moved to the top of the national scale that measures outbreaks of influenza and flulike illness.

Right now the only confirmed strain of influenza found in the Midlands is A-Beijing, a severe form that is sometimes fatal to elderly people and others who are susceptible to infections.

Symptoms include fever, muscle aches, a headache, a sore throat and coughing. The best treatment is plenty of fluids and bed rest.

As you sit in class and the person next to you begins to cough or complain of a headache, locate the nearest EXIT sign and run for your life.

Scotus Speakers take Class B title

by Jill Buelt

The Scotus Speech team continues to be a strong competitor at their meets. They have improved in most areas since their first meet, said coach Mrs. Bernt.

At the Raymond Central Invite Jan. 15, Scotus brought home the Class B Champion trophy

and the Runner up Sweepstakes trophy.

Individual winners included: Ryan Eikmeier, 1st in informative; Nate Marik, 2nd in entertainment; Tim Thalkin, 3rd in extemporaneous; Matt Moseman, Jenny Arp, John Vyhildal, Nikki Beran, and Nate Marik, 3rd in oral interpretation of drama; Chrissy Labenz, 4th in persuasive; Nikki Beran, 4th in humorous impromptu, Sheryl Rupp, 5th in poetry.

Raffle sales best in years Students outsell themselves

by Nikki Beran

Once again, Scotus students were handed their four packets of raffle tickets and told to go out and sell, sell, sell. Normally when students hear the two dreaded words of raffle tickets, they tend to be hesitant about selling them. But this year, students sold \$17,400.00 worth of tickets, breaking last year's record of \$15,312.00. This year ticket sales for the top sellers were high. The overall top seller was sophomore Travis Kudron who sold 705 tickets. He will receive a CD Player, \$150.00 cash and seven \$20.00 gift certificates to Brass Buckle. Freshman Matt Patocka was the 2nd place top seller with 460 tickets. He will receive \$50.00 Bogey's gift certificate, \$75.00 cash and four \$20.00 Brass Buckle gift certificates. Junior Sheryl Rupp was the 3rd place top seller with 432 tickets. She will receive \$45.00 cash and four \$20.00 Brass Buckle gift certificates. Sophomore Leslie Brock was the 4th place top seller with 112 tickets. She will receive \$30.00 cash and one \$20.00 Brass Buckle gift certificate. There were also big sellers in the Junior High. Renee Boman was the first place winner with 200 raffle tickets. The will receive \$150.00 cash and tow \$20.00 Brass Buckle gift certificates. The second place winner was Jeremy Blahak with

184 tickets. He will receive \$75.00 cash as well as one \$20.00 gift certificate to Brass Buckle. Amy Hash sold 166 tickets for third place. She will receive \$45.00 cash and one \$20.00 Brass Buckle gift certificate. Tony Bierman was the fourth place seller with 150 tickets. He will receive \$30.00 cash and one \$20.00 Brass Buckle gift certificate. Also 11 other students will receive \$20.00 Brass Buckle gift certificates for selling 100+ in raffle tickets.

This year the sophomore class had the highest average of \$51.79. They will have a pizza party on their retreat for their accomplishment. The sophomore and 7th grade class will also be allowed to wear jeans through the week of March 7-11 because they had individual averages of \$40.00 or more. The 7th grade average was \$46.11. The 8th grade average was \$35.27. The freshman average was \$33.22. The junior average was \$23.05. Overall the sales were all very high and profiting for Scotus, despite the fact that selling raffle tickets is not a fa-

vorite past time of most students. But according to the overall top seller, "It's a lot of work, but the prizes make up for it!", sophomore Travis Kudron said.

Intramurals give anyone a chance to be a true star

by Matt Moseman

So you want to play basketball, but you're not as good as Mielak or you're not as tall as Wemhoff. What do you do? You play IBA, Intramural Basketball. It consists of six teams with a total of fifty-three players. The teams have color designations and are coached by members of the senior class and reffed by whoever's around, pretty much.

"I think the black's are going to win," junior Travis Morris said. If you hadn't guessed, he's on the black team.

These games have been going on since January and will end with a tournament on February 20 and 27.

J.P.S.
J.P. Schmeits, P.C.
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

J.P. Schmeits, CPA
(402) 563-3538
P.O. Box 1069
322025 St., Columbus

Rambour Realty Company

A Corporation

MICHAEL RAMBOUR
1554 26th Ave.
Columbus, NE 68601
INSURANCE 564-2724

Prints Charming
Portrait Studio



Westgate Center
3423 21st Street
564-3456



LITTLE KING **\$.50** off any regular size sandwich
America's Greatest Hero **\$1.00** off any king sandwich
And Deli Too!

Eat In - Carry out - Drive Thru

Weekdays 10:30 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. Sunday 11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Expires 5-31-94 One coupon per customer, or visit. Not valid with any other coupon or sale. Offer good in Columbus only.

Stack-n-Steak

Family Restaurant
"Breakfast Served Anytime!"
Full menu

U.S. 30 Center
Columbus, NE 68601

Phone: 563-2424

Congratulations! to Mrs. Podliska and her husband on the birth of their baby, Jarod Mark. He was born December 31, 1993.



The flagship company of Gerhold, Inc.

Columbus

Aquatic Center

Swimming Pool

- * Lap Swim
- * Water Exercise **563-3222**
- * Red Cross Lessons
- * Scuba Diving & More!
- * Family Fun & Recreation

Family Thrift Center

4300 23rd Street
Colubus - 564-2835

Open 7 am to midnight 7 days a week

Full service Deli
Bakery - Meats
Produce - Pharmacy
Video - Liquor

Scotus boys win four straight

by Erin Trouba

Holiday Tournament Championship

Santa answered the Lexington Minutemen's request and gave them their fifth straight Columbus Holiday Tournament title. Lexington beat Scotus in the final on December 28 on the Shamrocks' home floor. Scotus was not able to hold Lexington's offense as the Minutemen scored 68 points to Scotus' 55.

David City Aquinas

The Shamrocks bounced back, however, with a 49-34 victory over David City Aquinas. Senior Jeff Herdzina was the high-point man with 11 while

senior Gary Rief chipped in 10 points.

Schuyler

The Shamrocks then rolled to a 53-46 victory over the Schuyler Warriors. Schuyler stood helplessly by as the 'Rocks went on a 12-0 run with a little over two minutes to go in the half. Scotus went into the locker room with a 37-27 lead thanks to the powerplay by the junior duo of Brian Bertsch and Denny Sliva. Sliva's pass to Bertsch for the layup just beat the buzzer.

Schuyler did pull within three with about four minutes to play. But Scotus was sparked by senior Luke Jackson's jumper.

Junior Jeff Beiermann's basket seven seconds later sealed the win.

Norfolk Catholic

The Shamrocks continued their winning streak in a final spurt victory over Norfolk Catholic. Senior Jason Mielak started a 12-2 Scotus run that dwindled Norfolk Catholic's second half lead and led the Shamrocks to a 59-51 victory.

The 10th ranked Class B Shamrocks forced the Knights commit costly turnovers with a man-to-man defense. The ninth ranked Class C-1 Knights outscored the Shamrocks 14-4. The Shamrocks answered back

by scoring six unanswered points.

Council Bluffs St. Alberts

After coming off of its victory over Norfolk Catholic, Scotus had its first ever victory over St. Alberts. The Shamrocks won 77-59. Senior Jason Mielak led in the scoring column with 16 points.

The Shamrocks played an aggressive game to hand the Falcons their second loss of the year. Scotus dished inside to senior Luke Jackson who scored 13 points. Jackson hit two points off a dunk that broke a 9-9 tie. The Shamrocks then built a 22-

19 lead at the end of the first quarter.

Scotus also led in the rebound column led by Mielak who had eight, while Jackson had seven, and junior Jeff Beiermann grabbed six.

Fremont Bergan

The ninth rated Scotus Shamrocks' late rally was not enough to hold off the Bergan Knights. The Knights scored with 19 seconds to play and held off the Shamrocks' bid at the buzzer.

Senior Luke Jackson led the trio of double figured Shamrocks with 18 points. Seniors Gary Rief and Jason Mielak added 16 and 12 points, respectively.

Lady Shamrocks on victory streak

by Erin Trouba

Holiday Tournament Championship

The Lady Shamrocks probably asked Santa for a chance to play in the championship game of the Columbus Holiday Tournament. Santa pulled through for the 'Rocks, but then left them hanging. The 'Rocks fell victim to class B's #2 rated team and cross town rival, Lakeview.

Lakeview held Scotus without a field goal for more than eight minutes which set the stage for a 45-43 comeback victory. Senior JoDe Cieloha hit the net to break a 16-3 Viqueen run and broke the deficit down to five with 1:29 left to play.

The Shamrocks pulled to within one when senior Chris Kretchman hit a jumper with 42 seconds left in the game.

The Viqueens hit a free throw to put the lead back at two and Scotus had three chances to tie or retake the lead. But Lakeview defensive pressure kept the Shamrocks from shooting the final shot after a defensive rebound and a Lakeview steal ruined the first two attempts.

Wahoo Neumann

The inside play of senior JoDe Cieloha and junior Angie Naughtin dealt the Wahoo Cavaliers basketball team a tough hand. Cieloha and Naughtin combined for 23 points in a 47-34 Scotus win.

The powerhouse duo was called upon during the fourth quarter when Neumann went on a scoring frenzy. But after Cieloha hit the net and Naughtin hit back-to-back layups, the lead doubled to 12.

Scotus relied on the play of its inside players in the second quarter as well, trailing 17-13. The Shamrocks scored 10 unanswered points. Four points came from sophomore Shauna Greiner. Greiner came off the bench to score eight points for the 'Rocks.

The win was secured when senior Amy Kuhlen hit four straight free throws.

Central City

In the Shamrocks' next outing, the girls blasted the Central City Bison 54-22. Scotus held the Bison scoreless for the first 17 minutes 43 seconds as they cruised

to the victory in the Shamrock Activities Center.

The Bison had more turnovers, committing 18, than shots, attempting 15, in the first half. However, they were perfect on the charity stripe going 6-for-6.

Fremont Bergan

The Shamrock defense was definitely on the night Scotus played the Fremont Bergan Knights. The Shamrocks held the Knights to just two points in the final 14 minutes of the first half to build a 25-6 lead going into the locker room.

Scotus seemed a little cold after the first quarter leading only 6-4. But second half quarter scoring gave the Shamrocks the control they needed to cruise to the win.

Senior guards Amy Kuhlen and Renee' Fuhr scored the majority of Scotus' points. Kuhlen had a game high 14 and Fuhr added 12. Senior JoDe Cieloha scored eight points and grabbed six rebounds. Freshman Carmen Burbach led the team with nine rebounds.

Swimmers have taste of success

by 'Rock Staff

The Columbus High/Scotus swim team swept a dual against South Sioux City. Scotus sophomore Robin Keller won the gold in the 100 butterfly.

The swimmers tried to avoid the flu bug to win the boys meet 100-86 against Norfolk. The girls, however, fell victim 104-82 to the Panthers.

The boys and girls now post identical records at 5-2. They both added wins against Hastings. Once again, Keller won gold with her winning freestyle relay team.



Junior Angie Naughtin blocks out for a rebound in a game against the Central City Bison.

by Erin Trouba

The Rock

To:

Scotus Central Catholic
Junior and Senior High School
1554 18th Ave. Columbus, NE 68601
(402) 564-7165
February Issue

Sweetheart Dance Schmeits and Kretchman are crowned

by Cathy Wemhoff

"Straight from the heart" was the theme for Sweetheart '94. The tradition is to choose Sweetheart royalty. The male candidates were Ryan Heimes, Jeff Herdzina, Luke Jackson, Sean Schmeits, Mike Shotkoski, Scott Sobota, and Nathan Ternus. The girls were Jill Buel, Erin Cimpl, Meghan Kluever, Laura Kosch, Chris Kretchman, Camie Kudron, and Tabitha Peterson. The royalty were elected by the student body, and the winners were Chris Kretchman and Sean Schmeits.

Sweetheart night got off to a good start with a victory from both the guys and the girls basketball teams. They played Raymond Central, and it was the boys last home game.

The sophomore class decorated the gym and cafeteria according to their theme. "I liked the decorations, especially on the stage," said sophomore Laura Ingmansen. To provide the music they got Complete Music to D.J. Along with the traditional D.J. there was also Karoke.

"The music was good, and the karoke was a good idea," said sophomore Misty Schmidt. "I thought it was very unique and exciting when they did the karoke," said junior Ethan Shunk.

About the dance in general, there was a rather mixed opinion. "Although I've had more fun at tape dances, Sweetheart was definitely better than Homecoming!" said junior Linsi Peterson.



1994 Sweetheart Candidates back row from left: Erin Cimpl, Nathan Ternus, Laura Kosch, Luke Jackson, King Sean Schmeits, Scott Sobota, Camie Kudron, Mike Shotkoski, Ryan Heimes, Jill Buel, Jeff Herdzina, Queen Chris Kretchman, Jordan and Judd Went, Tabitha Peterson, and Meghan Kluever. Photo courtesy of Goc's Photography

FBLA members work towards SLC

by Gina Rongisch

"FBLA exists to expose the business field to our future business leaders and to develop a connection between area businesses and the students of Scotus." FBLA Treasurer, Jamie Jazwick said it best when asked, Why does FBLA exist?

For the second consecutive year Scotus' FBLA chapter has been awarded the "Largest Chapter for the Mountain Plains Region." With 164 members in grades 9-12, Scotus has the largest chapter in a nine state area. This year's advisors are Mrs. Matz and Mrs. Went. This is the first year Mrs. Rambour has not been an active advisor, but given the time she still helps with many FBLA activities.

February 13-19 was National FBLA week, with this comes different activities. Students grades 7-12 were eligible to enter the "Free Enterprise Poster Contest." Also, during National FBLA week Steve Fremarek from MARC spoke to FBLA members

about starting their own business.

"We had eight students enter posters, and they were all done very well," Mrs. Went said. First, Second, and Third Place prizes were awarded. Junior, Sheryl Rupp received first place and was awarded \$25, eighth-grader, Lisa Hegemann received second and was awarded \$15 and freshman Sarah Keller received third place and was awarded \$10.

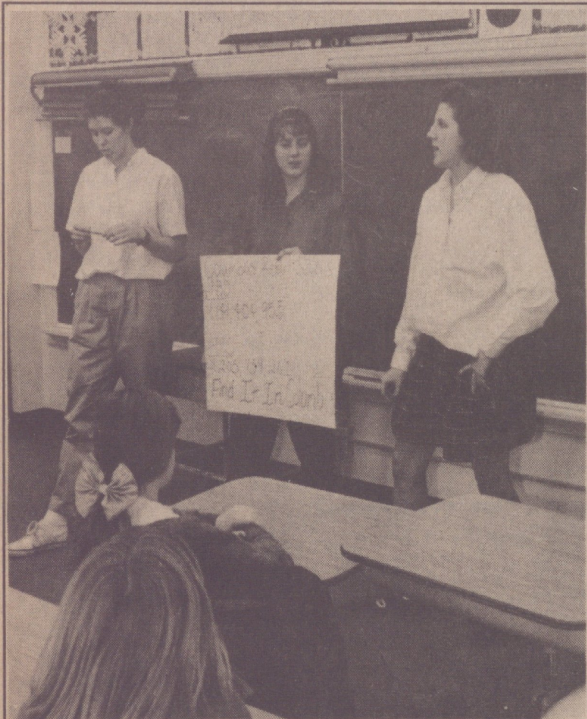
During the last few weeks, while walking down the hall you may have found yourself reading "SHOP IN COLUMBUS." At first you might think Oh No, I am trapped in downtown Columbus but then you realize it is just those crazy FBLA members supporting local merchants. One of FBLA's most recent projects was the one supporting local businesses.

"Dale Collinworth, head of the Chamber of Commerce in Columbus came and spoke to

FBLA members about how important it is to keep our merchants alive by shopping in town," Mrs. Went said. The current FBLA officers went to the three parochial schools and talked with sixth graders about shopping in Columbus. "I enjoyed seeing their reaction to us telling them to shop in Columbus. They all wanted to know 'Where's the mall?'" Vice President, Kathy Hegemann said.

The highlight of the year for any FBLA member is gaining enough points to make State Leadership Conference hosted in Omaha at Holiday Inn. This year Scotus will be sending 32 students to compete in business competitions, listen to speakers, and attend social events April 7-9 at SLC.

If community service, business competitions, social gatherings, and hard work are for you then join FBLA and help the largest chapter in the state grow to be even better.



Sunny Recek, Kathy Hegemann and Erin Trouba present a FBLA speech to Mrs. Marik's sixth grade class at St. Bonaventure grade school. Photo courtesy of Columbus Telegram

"Love stinks, yea, yea"

Valentine's Day exploits the discouraging quest for love

commentary by Matt Moseman

One of the most depressing or most disgusting times of year has just gone by, and we won't have to worry about it again for at least another 300 days. What could I possibly be talking about? Valentine's day. That time of year when people get all lovey-dovey and grope all over each other and are always looking at each other giggling with stupid little smirks on their faces. It's people like these who turn a short little month into a long, painful root canal.

Love, that age old theme that has spewed forth from over poet and every philosopher's mouth. Love, which everyone is supposed to find at one time or another and have until the day they die. Yeah, right.

Someone once said—and I will in no way allude that this person was "wise" in any size, shape, or form—that "It is better to have loved and lost, than to never have loved at all." Whatever.

What is it that supposedly makes love so appealing? The

thought of losing all cognitive function for an unknown time span wherein you become to-

Love, which everyone is supposed to find at one time or another and have until the day they die. Yeah, right.

tally subservient and obedient to "your one true love" scares me. Because that's not the only thing you lose, quite the opposite. The mind is only the first of many things to go.

After your mind comes your money, having to go out and spend your hard earned dollars on candy and movies and renting movies and a Duralog for the fireplace so that you can set that "special mood". Then comes your freedom. You lose all con-

tact with friends and family because you end up spending all of your time with your insignificant other and her friends and family because "that's what you're supposed to do."

Then there's the people who try hard, really hard, and work at it to get stuck in this situation. They work hard to know the right lines, to have just the right amount of charm and such and still fail miserably at trying to get thrown into this situation. These are usually the same people who have friends who have the proverbial "flavor of the month" and get people just thrown at them while you're working your tail off to get someone. Depressing, really depressing. Then people ask you how you spent your Valentine's Day. How do you respond? "Oh, nothing much," and then creep into a corner and sigh longingly.

So, my advice to you out there in La-la Land, if you're in a relationship, get out now. Run, do not look back, just run. At least try and keep your friend around when the time comes to get caught in the giant trap that is love.

School relocation only solution to problem of space

by Brandon Drum

What Scotus really needs is to relocate. The need for more parking and classroom space is becoming a problem. The newly constructed partition splitting room 24 into 24A and 24B made a bad situation worse. The Journalism staff has to use the book room, there are study halls in both the cafeteria and the old gym, and with the new I.B.M. lab. in construction the room to teacher ratio gets lop sided.

But where would we go, and how would we pay for the expansion?

The suggestions are numerous and all are expensive. Buying land around the school to the north or west is out of the question. When Columbus Middle School moved west it was able to buy the land and houses at cost because it was considered to be for the public good. But Scotus would not be able to pay cost for land around the school because it is a private institution.

Another option is to turn the grass and side walks on 15th St. into angle parking like the north side of the building. This would improve the parking crunch, but

the traffic along 15th St. is heavy most of the day which would make it hard to get in and out of the parking.

There are no plans for possible relocation in the near future which is the most frustrating aspect. The only answer I see is to continue with the class arrangements as they are now, and if you don't want to walk a block every morning, the only thing to do is get here early.

PROM NIGHT

- * Prom Dresses
- * Prom Garters
- * Hair pieces
- * Jewelry
- * Gloves
- * Slips




Karen's
BRIDAL SHOPPE
3222 15 Street
563-1022



1851 E. 32 Avenue
Columbus

DAYLIGHT
DONUTS



"Quality you can taste!"

CORNER STOP
220-23rd Street

COLUMBUS FLOWERS Inc.



1671 33rd Avenue
Columbus, Nebraska
Phone (402) 564-7174

LITTLE KING




America's Greatest Hero
And Deli Too!

\$.50 off any regular size sandwich
\$1.00 off any king sandwich

Eat In - Carry out - Drive Thru

Weekdays 10:30 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. Sunday 11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Expires 5-31-94 One coupon per customer or visit. Not valid with any other coupon or sale. Offer good in Columbus only.

CONSERVATIVE SAVINGS BANK



Columbus
2601 13th Street
563-3591

Columbus
2714 23rd Street
564-7181

Russ' Food Pride



1470 23rd Avenue
Columbus, NE 68601

The Rock

Scotus Central Catholic High School
1554 18th Avenue
Columbus, NE
Phone (402) 564-7165

Advisor: Miss. Pillard
Editors: Rich McPhillips and Gina Rongisch
Advertising manager: Rich McPhillips
Photographer: Erin Trouba
Advertising Accts: Amy Price
Staff Writers: Matt Moseman, Sean Schmeits, Amy Price, Gina Rongisch, Erin Trouba, Nikki Beran, Rich McPhillips, Jill Buelt, Cathy Wemhoff, and Brandon Drum.

The Rock is the official Scotus Central Catholic students' newspaper. It is published each month and material is presented as accurately as possible.

The Rock staff does not discriminate against orihin, marital status, age, or handicap.

Spelling Bee

Good spellers to compete for top honors

by Nikki Beran

M*E*L*L*I*F*L*U*O*U*S. Recently, six Scotus junior high students took part in the county spelling bee at the Columbus court house. The 7th grade participants were Kelli Hahn, Shanna Held, Jeff Swoboda and David Walker. The eighth grade participants were Kim Rickert and Kara Kudron. To be able to compete at the spelling bee, the students tested their spelling skills in a spelling contest after school with Miss George.

"There was a big group of seventh graders who wanted to try out. At least 30 or 35 students tried out," Miss George said. But it was a different story in the eighth grade because only two students signed up, although four students could have gone. The spelling bee consists of two main

tests. The first test the students take is a written test. If you score well in this, you then move on to the oral test which determines the winner. The best oral spellers then advance to the state competition.

Each student has a different idea about the tests. "I think that the written test will be the hardest part," Rickert said. While on the other hand Kelli Hahn said she feels that the hardest part will probably be the oral test. To prepare for the contest, the participants have been given books with the words to study. "I study one section every night and then I go over the words I get wrong until I know them," Held said. Studying seemed to be the hardest part for Jeff Swoboda, who competed in the spelling contest last year. "The

hardest part is studying all of the hard words that I don't know," Swoboda said.

The students all seem to be looking forward to the experience. "I think that it is going to be fun to compete with other people," Kudron said. Rickert agreed and added that, "It is going to be fun to meet all of these people." Swoboda liked the rewards that you receive from this contest. "I like getting the ribbons from the meets."

Overall, these students all seem to be excited about the experience. "I think that this is going to be a really good experience for me," Rickert said. Kara Kudron also wished to add, "If you have the chance to, try out! Also, it doesn't matter what happens as long as you try your hardest."

Some students get to say "hello" not "good-bye"

by Jill Buel

Most students say good bye to their parents as they leave their homes in the morning. Others say good bye after being dropped off at the north doors. There are those few students, though, that never have to say good bye. "How come?" you ask. Because either their mother or father is part of the faculty here at Scotus. Whether they are a teacher, administrator, or secretary, more than likely they will come in contact with their parent at least once during the day.

Many of these students have mixed feelings about having their parent work here at Scotus. For senior Laura Kosch it took some time to get used to.

"It's weird because up until last year when my brother was still at home, my family would live in the same house, and every morning five of us would go to Scotus, one to St. Bon's, and one to NPPD. We were all in a two block radius of each other."

When asked if he minded that his mother Marsha Riley taught here at Scotus, 8th grader Chris Riley answered, "I rather that she didn't." Riley took Religion 7 and Adolescent Relationships with his mother. Kosch said she doesn't mind her mother teaching at Scotus "as long as I'm not in her class." Kosch took English 8 and English 10 with her mother. She also added, "If I could have taken them with another teacher, I would have."

Senior high guidance counselor Dan Atchison has twin daughters in the eighth grade. Katie Atchison said that she would feel comfortable going to her father as a guidance counselor. In response Mr. Atchison said, "There are some things that they would probably feel more comfortable talking about to someone outside the family. And I'm glad for that." Katie also said that sometimes it is hard to have her dad in the school because, "if people are mad at him, then they get mad at me."

Though many of these students would probably prefer to say good bye to their parents at the front door, they have come to accept having their mom or dad work here at Scotus.



photo by Erin Trouba

Construction underway: Due to the new Business Lab, the old study hall room has been changed into two separate classrooms.

Ash Wednesday Retreat proves to be a success

by Amy Price

This year's Ash Wednesday Retreat was probably the first in a long time where students actually participated. This year instead of the usual boring stuff, we watched music videos and talked about what the lyrics of these songs are saying to not only ourselves but to other young people just like us.

Mr. Schartz said that the purpose of this activity was to teach students how to evaluate and analyze videos, and to teach them to see the wrong and the right in music videos. He also wanted students to know that

some videos have a message and some don't, that some are obscene, yet others are very beautiful.

Many students feel that the retreat was a learning experience.

"I learned that some videos don't have a picture to explain to the viewer's their message," said seventh grader Anne Donovan.

"Videos can either be done in bad taste or good taste," said sophomore Sara Gonka.

"I learned about the different types of messages videos send," said sophomore Travis Kudron.

IBM lab nearly done

by Brandon Drum


A unique new project at Scotus is close to completion. The new Business/Math lab on the second floor will include a file saver network and allow the computers to be portable.

Beginning next year, one room a month will be equipped with the necessary cable and outlets to connect each computer to a File Saver data bank. The File Saver hard drive will be locked in one of the walk-in office safes. Several new programs will be in-

corporated into the hard drive when the computer is installed, and teachers will be greatly encouraged to take advantage of the new applications.

Eventually the in-school system will communicate world wide through Internet. Each teacher will have their own password for security. Also, if their home p.c. is compatible they could correct papers in the school's data banks. For unstated reasons the new lab will have different door locks, said Mr. Schartz.

Rambour Realty Company
A Corporation
MICHAEL RAMBOUR
1554 26th Ave.
Columbus, NE 68601
INSURANCE 564 - 2724


Columbus Federal
SAVINGS BANK
563 - 3567
Hwy. 30 & 26th Avenue

Scotus student athletes prepare for college sports

by Erin Trouba

While seniors are trying to decide to go college and what to major in, there is a young boy or girl dreaming about playing a college sport. There are a number of seniors who are going to fulfill this dream next year.

There is no question that the level of sports at Scotus is very high. Coaches and athletes pride themselves on the great tradition and ability of Scotus' sports programs. Senior Chris Kinnison says that the playing level at Scotus has definitely prepared him to play at the collegiate level.

While Scotus prepares its athletes for the playing field, court, or course, it also prepares them for the classroom. School work is a major concern of all college freshman. Managing time and activities is essential. Sports doesn't have to interfere with academics.

"I don't feel sports will interfere with my school work. Everything worked out in high school, so it should work out in college," Senior Renee' Fuhr said.

Athletes receive the best treatment while in college. The best food is served and tutors and special help is made readily

"Although sports will take a lot of time, athletes receive special help, so I think I'll come out ahead."

— Chris Kinnison

available to student athletes.

"Although sports will take a lot of time, athletes receive special help with school work, so I think I will come out

ahead," Kinnison said.

While there are literally thousands of schools to choose from, many students feel that size, location, and cost play major roles when deciding to where to attend college. Scholarships are also key ingredients in the college recipe.

"Wayne gave me a good offer, but I also like their program athletically and academically," Fuhr said.

February 2 marked the day athletes could officially start signing their letters of intent. Fuhr said it was an exciting feeling but she was a bit nervous.

"My next four years are definite. It's a good feeling to have my plans organized," she said. Kinnison said he also felt nervousness as he signed but for a different reason.

"I was just wondering if I was signing with the right school. Now I feel confident with my choice," he said.

While there are many seniors who have already signed on the line, there are some seniors trying to make decisions about offers. Graduation is approaching quickly and the athletes and students of the senior class will soon be on their way pursuing bigger and better things.

Lady Shamrocks bid farewell

Girls end season with Schuyler loss

by Amy Price

On February 8, the girls varsity basketball team won 51-35 against Lakeview. Senior Amy Kuhlen scored 14 points, and made 10 free throws in the fourth quarter. Senior Renee' Fuhr scored 12 points.

On February 15 the girls won 55-28 against York. Senior JoDe Cieloha scored 2 points and had 8 rebounds. Sophomore Shauna Greiner had 4 assists. Cieloha, Kuhlen, and senior Tiffany Bock each made 3 steals.

For the Lady Rocks, the district basketball tournament started on a great note. The Shamrocks took on Pierce in the first round of the Class B-4 tournament at Norfolk Community College.

The girls rolled to an easy 51-28 victory which put them head to head against

crosstown rival, Lakeview.

The Rocks held off the Viqueens and made it to the final round. Senior Chris Kretchman scored a game-high and career high 20 points in the win. Junior Angie Naughtin added a dozen points.

The Shamrocks did, however, experience a loss. Senior Renee' Fuhr left the game during the first half with a knee injury.

With the victory over the Viqueens, the Shamrocks earned a spot in the district finals against the Number one seeded Schuyler Warriors.

The Warriors defeated the Shamrocks to earn themselves a state berth.

Although the Shamrocks will not be traveling to Lincoln this year, they are to be commended for their great season. We are proud of you!



by Amy Price

On February 12 the boys basketball won their game against Lakeview. The score was 60-55. Senior Jason Mielak scored 18 points, senior Luke Jackson scored 17 points, and junior Jeff Beiermann had 11 points.

On February 19 the boys lost 55-57 to Central City.

Mielak scored 16 points, senior Jeff Herdzina scored 16 points, and Beiermann grabbed 11 rebounds.

The Shamrocks also tasted victory on the boys side of the district tournament. The boys took on Pierce and won easily. Jackson led the way with 16 points and Herdzina added 11.

Swimmers say first year of swimming "family-like"

by Sean Schmeits

The first year of the Columbus High/Scotus integrated swim team has come to a successful close. The girls team placed 16th at state and the boys team placed 14th.

"Everyone swam really well at state, and reached a lot of the goals we had set early in the season," sophomore Robin Keller said.

Two Scotus students participated on the state level. Theresa Sleddens and Robin Keller traveled with the team as alternates for the 200yd. medley, and Robin swam on the 200yd. and 400yd. freestyle relay teams. Meg Becker of Columbus High was the team's only medalist with a 6th place finish in the 100yd. backstroke.

Besides the team's apparent success, another

important outcome of the season was the success of the inter-school program. The program ran rather smoothly and was a positive experience for all involved.

"At first it seemed strange going over to Columbus, but eventually we got used to it, and it was just like any other sport," sophomore Melissa Feldhaus said. Not only was the program beneficial for the athletic program, but it also helped to bridge the social gap between the two schools.

"Swim team had a real family-like atmosphere, a lot of friendships developed. It was a real positive thing for both schools," senior Erik Hash said.

The Rock

To:

Scotus Central Catholic
Junior and Senior High School
1554 18th Ave. Columbus, NE 68601
(402) 564-7165
March Issue

Chicken cited, ticketed for fowl deed

by Sean Schmeits

Several weeks ago in Columbus, a chicken was given a ticket for trespassing. Well, maybe not a real chicken, but a chicken impersonator. The citation was given to this man because he was part of a protest for animal rights.

It would seem strange to find out that a national animal rights group held a protest in Columbus, but it is true indeed. Recently, ten members of The People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) were in Columbus to protest a convention of the state's poultry producers. The protest took place outside the New World Inn.

The group was there to voice their concerns that chickens are abused needlessly in slaughterhouses. "There are many forms of unnecessary cruelty within the industry; males are sorted out and killed by suffocation, also debeaking and overcrowding. Conditions are so bad that chickens need to be given drugs to stay alive, which is bad for animals and people," said PETA member Kraig



photo by Matt Moseman

PETA members protest cruel treatment to poultry in a demonstration along Hwy. 81.

Johnson.

"The result we're after is the media getting the message out to the public. If people knew how chickens are tortured, they'd want to see it stopped," PETA member Jessica Nearman said.

As soon as PETA members arrived, they were told by police to leave the premises. Protesters claimed that this was a form

of discrimination, but police were acting according to the laws.

"We were called by New World Inn because of concerns about disrupting the banquet," said Columbus police officer John Zavadii.

So the group moved their protest to the sidewalk along Hwy. 81. They held signs and chanted, but most notable was a man in a chicken suit being

chased by a butcher. Later, the butcher chased the chicken down onto the parking lot, signaling the police to action. The officers left their posts at the hotel doors to apprehend the trespassor.

When they approached the chicken, someone from the crowd yelled, "Look out, Plucky, here comes the bloody butcher!" This prompted the chicken to run to the middle of the Platte River

bridge, where he threatened to handcuff himself to the railing.

Police stationed themselves at either end of the bridge waiting for the chicken to move. At one point, the police took the chicken's head and feet into custody, in an attempt to coax him off the bridge. At one point the chicken tried to make an escape by surrounding himself with his co-protestors, but this was unsuccessful.

Finally, seeing no other place to go, the chicken jumped over the railing, and ran down the middle of the highway to his car in Pawnee Park. But he only got about a block away before he was pulled over by the authorities. The entire protest group migrated into Pawnee Park to watch as seven officers debated what to do with the chicken, who had now handcuffed himself to the steering wheel of his car. Officers issued a trespassing ticket and left.

"Apparently they were going to arrest me, but now I just have to appear in court," the chicken said.

Prom

Junior Class prepares for an evening of elegance and friendship

by Cathy Wemhoff

As April 16 quickly approaches, the prom is not so much of a distant dream anymore. The prom committees, along with juniors and seniors have been busy planning for their evening out.

Mass will be at 5:30 p.m. in the chapel, followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. at Johnnies. The dance will begin at 8 p.m., and post-Prom will run from 12:30 to 4 a.m.

The dinner will be buffet style with a menu including shrimp, prime rib, turkey, mashed potatoes, corn, salad, and cherry cheesecake for dessert. The Excel Corporation is making a contribution to the junior class to help ease the cost of the prime rib.

The music committee hired Sweet 98 and Dancin' Dave Swan to D.J. the dance. The decoration committee is ready to set up since the decorations are in.

Joann Schlesinger and Sharon Lehr from Duncan helped the decoration committee come up with ideas to match the theme, "Distant Dreams." They will also be helping on the day of prom.

Post Prom will be held at Boulevard Lanes. The night's activities will include music, games, and door prizes.

Juniors and Seniors have been spending their recent spare time preparing for Prom.

"I have my dress, accessories, and of course him (her date), but am waiting to make and appointment to get my hair done," said senior Cindy Kuehler.

"I'm tanning, and we have the dress and tux picked out," said junior Kristy Stachura.

And we can always count on Tim Thalken for a curve ball, "I'm not going," he said.

Inside this issue

--**MATHCOUNTS**
Students place at state

--**Blood drive**
Students & staff give of themselves

--**Boys and girls track**
Athletes start off season on good foot

Love

Is it really better to have loved and lost?

by Jill Buelt

"How do I love thee? Let me count the ways." This quote from Elizabeth Barrett Browning's "Sonnet 14" describes her ideas of the perfect romance. Some people feel that her poem is the true definition of love. I'm not sure if it is possible to define love, but Browning, in my opinion, came very close. I often wonder how many people actually fall into "Sonnet 14" love.

In Matt Moseman's editorial last issue entitled "Love Stinks. Yeah Yeah," Moseman had absolutely nothing good to say about love. My question to him is, "Have you ever been in love?"

Now don't get me wrong. I'm not saying love is all peaches and cream, but it does have its advantages. Imagine you've been having a really bad day. You forgot to study for your calculus test, your egg babies were mercilessly murdered, and you got a parking ticket for parking on the west side of the building. You feel like curling up in a ball and dying, when all of a sudden your loved one shows up at your house with a smile and a hug. Automatically you feel better and you smile for the first time all day. Your problems seem to disappear and life seems a lot easier. See, love isn't so bad!

Another great advantage to being in love is the great gifts you give and receive on your birthday, Christmas, anniversary, and of course Valentine's Day. Although these presents may leave your billfold a little flat, remember those famous words from the bible, "give and you shall receive."

Now don't get me wrong. I don't think that the size of the gifts or the money spent on them is the most important part of a relationship. It doesn't necessarily mean that your boyfriend loves you less if he got you a t-shirt for your birthday instead of that ring your best friend got. In fact sometimes the best presents are those that come from the heart not the pocketbook.

Love will come and go many times during your life. Just when you think that you've found "the right one", he or she may not be feeling the same way about you. No one said that love was easy or even fair, but I agree with Tennyson when he said, "tis better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all."



I hope you're learning your lesson, Son.

Parents being punished for teens' crimes


by Brandon Drum

Do you think your parents should be liable for crimes you commit? Omaha is proposing a program where parents of children who have committed criminal offenses should be fined. It was based on a successful Southern California program. The ordinance would fine parents from \$200 to over \$1,000 for multiple offenses by their children in a given time period. Parents unable to afford the fines would be required to do community service. I can see my parents out there mowing the city parks.

The proposed ordinance

is being evaluated by the Omaha city council. Something should be done, per-capita Omaha's crime rate is the highest in the nation. But this is not the answer! Parents should not be punished for the crimes of their children. How would the children learn to be responsible? In many situations parents are not influential enough to deter their children from committing another offense. Some parents feel it is the Church's, school's, or government's responsibility to raise their kids for them. Parents are responsible to instill values

and communal ideals into their children, and when their children commit a criminal offense the responsibility of the parents stops there. Children should be held responsible for their own actions.


Columbus Federal
 SAVINGS BANK
 563 - 3567
 Hwy. 30 & 26th Avenue

Student shows pride in quality Catholic education

by Gina Rongisch

Monday through Friday morning my alarm clock sounds, as I roll out of bed and get ready for school I cross out another day and say to myself "One day closer to graduation." As I get in my little, old Escort and drive that same route; park in my "front row" spot and walk those same green halls I begin to realize how much I'm going to miss this place.

How many American high-school students can say that in their senior year they were: State Football Champions, Runner-up in State Volleyball, finished 3rd in Girl's Cross Country and had two very close games in the finals of District Basketball? Some might say it's all luck, but Scotus has proven over and over again what hard work can do on and off the athletic field.

Athletics are not the only star point for Scotus. This year FBLA was awarded the largest chapter in a nine-state region and has contributed a great deal of time and effort to improve our community. Scotus' Speech Team has shown over and over again how "tough it is being talented" with several first place performances. Other groups such as REACH and SYADA spend their time speaking out against drug and alcohol abuse. National Honor Society also works together by helping out around the school and having a special bowl-a-thon for Spinabifada.

What about all the faithful Scotus supporters? This school is what it is because of the support parents, alumni, and Columbus citizens show towards

Scotus. Without the support of St. Anthony's, St. Bon's and St. Isidore's Scotus could be facing the same problems as Omaha Cathedral. With a simple phone call for help, Scotus receives both time and money from supporters who care how this school operates and for the future of its students.

Teachers also play a major role in how Scotus operates. Any teacher who accepts a job at Scotus is here because they care. Those same teachers could get a job at any public school for a higher salary, but they choose to work here. After attending Scotus for six years, I have found that if you need help with something teachers are willing to take time out of their schedule to help. In my opinion teachers are one reason Scotus has become a great place for learning.

As I spend the last couple months here at Scotus I will cherish every last memory. On May 22, 1994 when I finally walk out these doors I will never enter them again with the same feeling. Sure, I will come back to visit and attend sporting events but one thing is for certain I will never be a student here again. As I continue to grow up and enter the work force I will always be proud to say I was a graduate of Scotus Central Catholic.

The Rock

Scotus Central Catholic

High School

1554 18th Avenue

Columbus, NE

Phone (402) 564-7165

Advisor: Miss. Pillard
 Editors: Rich McPhillips and Gina Rongisch
 Advertising manager: Rich McPhillips

Photographer: Erin Trouba
 Advertising Accts: Amy Price
 Staff Writers: Matt Moseman, Sean Schmeits, Amy Price, Gina Rongisch, Erin Trouba, Nikki Beran, Rich McPhillips, Jill Buelt, Cathy Wemhoff, and Brandon Drum.

The Rock is the official Scotus Central Catholic students' newspaper. It is published each month and material is presented as accurately as possible.

The Rock staff does not discriminate against origin, marital status, age, or handicap.

PROM NIGHT

- * Prom Dresses
- * Prom Garters
- * Hair pieces
- * Jewelry
- * Gloves
- * Slips



Karen's
 BRIDAL SHOPPE
 3222 15 Street
 563-1022

Bloodmobile surpasses the goal of 71 units

by Matt Moseman

You walk into a vast expanse of a room filled with people and equipment. You're led to a chair, seated and prepped. Then they shove a needle into your arm and leech from you the lifesource flowing through your veins. Sound like a cheezy sci-fi flick? Far from it. This is the serious and important work that is the Bloodmobile.

The Bloodmobile made its annual visit to Scotus on March 16, drawing out many members of the Junior and Senior classes, faculty, and even some parents. The blooddrive, led at Scotus by Mister Younger, sought to collect 71 units of blood this year. "We started [the blood drives] in the mid 70's, so we're working on 15 to 20 years," Mr. Younger said. "For the past few years since we've hosted it, we've had a real good turn out... One hundred

and one [people] signed up, but some will be deferred."

Mr. Younger went to most of the junior and senior English classes to talk about the importance of donating blood along with a brief overview of what a person could expect when giving blood. It was apparently so graphic that some people, like senior Camie Kudron, passed out weeks before even seeing one iota of blood.

Most people who were helping with the blood drive and

so. "I escort people and take their blood to get sealed, and I catch them if they fall [when walking back]." senior Jill Kropatsch said. "I feel that it's my duty as a member of the community to help." Diane Duncan is the director of the Midwest Red Cross Blood Donor Services and has been with the blood drive for 15 years. She says that she got involved because it was a job that she was interested in doing. She said that

they take care of all of Nebraska, a third of Iowa, and a couple of counties in Kansas and South Dakota. Duncan also said that they go out getting blood Monday through Friday every week.

Most people involved with the actual blood mobile got involved because they needed a job, such as Nick Capoccia who has been involved with the blood mobile for six years. He said that a pint of blood normally weighs between 525 and 620 grams.

One of the elements that the blood mobile has to deal with is getting people to come in and donate. "Sometimes, I think by and large their pretty supportive," Duncan said. "Although sometimes we have some problems."

When it was all said and done, though, there was a total of 96 people who volunteered, 47 of whom were first time donors.



MATHCOUNTS score high at state



by Rich McPhillips

The Scotus tradition of success in academics has recently been proven by the 6th place finish of this year's MATHCOUNTS team at state.

The team includes 8th graders Lisa Hegemann and Sara Kunneman who placed 10th and 6th. For the first time ever, two 7th graders were selected for the team: David Walker and Adam Cremers. The alternates were Jess Swoboda and Aarom Keller.

Coach Mrs. Pekarek said the team was selected in January,

based on test scores.

At the regional competition, Scotus finished 2nd out of 21 teams. In the individual competition, Hegemann placed 5th, Kunneman was 6th, Walker finished 11th and Adam Cremers finished 20th. Keller was the 1st place individual winner among the 30 alternates. The top two teams and individuals qualified for state which was held at UNL March 19th. The four highest scoring individuals advanced to nationals in Washington, D.C.

Penny's
FLORAL

3629 23rd Street * Columbus, Nebraska 68601 564-9011

TOOLEY'S
DRUG & HOME CARE

Famous For Prescriptions Since 1928
Free Delivery 564-7205 • 564-7206

DAYLIGHT
DONUTS

"Quality you can taste!"

"Say It With Flowers"

Anderson
FLORAL CO.

Quality Flowers for over 95 Years

Personal Appearances

Hair Services
Cosmetic Makeovers
Facials
Massage
Manicures
Pedicures
Waxing
Perms
Tanning Bed

3038 33rd Ave., Columbus, NE 68601

LITTLE KING \$1.50 off any regular size sandwich
America's Greatest Hero \$1.00 off any king sandwich
And Deli Too!

Eat In - Carry out - Drive Thru

Weekdays 10:30 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. Sunday 11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Expires 5-31-94 One coupon per customer or visit. Not valid with any other coupon or sale. Offer good in Columbus only.

Prints Charming
Portrait Studio

Westgate Center
3423 21st Street
564-3456

Track

SCC teams consolidate for strength

by Erin Trouba

When you think of spring, what do you think of? Sunshine, warm weather, laying out, summer break? I'm sure all the seniors think of graduation. But for many Scotus student-athletes, spring means track season.

This year, the track team is a bit different. Instead of two teams, the boys team and the girls team, they are combined to form the Scotus track team. Each event is headed by a different coach to provide more individual help with each competitor.

The track season began on February 28 with the first official day of practice. The hurdlers, jumpers, sprinters, weightpeople, and distance runners each headed out with dreams of the state meet and personal bests in their heads.

Meets, the goal of the athletes, began on March 22

with a triangular with Schulyer and Aquinas. The weightpeople attended an earlier meet at the

The boys and girls teams took to the track on Tuesday, March, 22 in a dual and

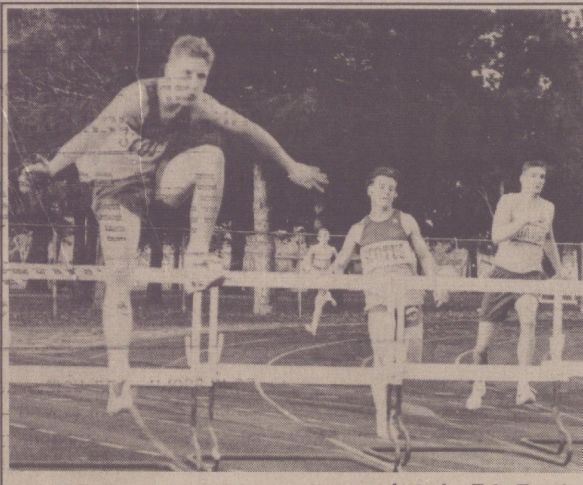


photo by Erin Trouba

Greg Kryzcki hurdles past the competition.

University of Nebraska at Kearney to get a feel for their current level of ability.

Senior Scott Sobota brought home the silver medal at the Invite with a toss of 51' 1". Junior Brandon Drum and senior Chris Kinninson also placed with good throws for the first meet of the season.

On the girls side, junior Angie Naughtin placed sixth with a toss of 33' 11".

triangular against Seward and Aquinas. Scotus won the girls team competition. The girls won seven of 16 events with freshman Audrey Pfeifer leading the way.

Pfeifer won the high jump, setting a new freshman record. Pfeifer also won the 195 hurdles.

The Lady Shamrocks also received wins from Deb Zadina in the 100, Angie Naughtin in the shot put, Jill Kosch in the 200, and Erin Trouba 3200.

The boys won eight of the events, but the Seward Bluejays had more depth to lead them to the win. Scotus did have six people win individual events. Erik Hash in the 1,600, Brandon Drum in the shot put, Eric Beiermann in the 400, Joe Dierks in the 195 hurdles, Dustin Buggi in the 200, and Jesse Kuhlen in the 3,200.

Soccer

Teams enjoying successful third year of sport

by Nikki Beran

The Scotus soccer team recently started out its third year of a successful soccer season. On Saturday March 19, the girls and boys teams traveled to Fremont to take on the Tigers. The boys soccer team beat the Tigers in a 1-0 win. Jeff Herdzina scored the only point of the game in the first half from a corner kick by Matt Nosal. The Scotus soccer team also had to battle the wind during the game. A ball kicked by Ryan Medinger got caught in the wind and nearly went into the Shamrocks own goal. The Scotus team dominated the first half with the wind at its back out shooting the Tigers 16-1. Fr. Wayne felt that passing was the key to winning the game. "I think that we stuck to our game plan and played very well," Fr. Wayne said.

On March 24, the soccer teams took on the York Dukes. The boy's team was able to shutout the Dukes in a 3-0 win. In the first half, Matt Nosal scored assisted by Jeff Herdzina. In the second half Jeff Herdzina scored the remaining two goals, once unassisted and then assisted by Ryan Medinger. Fr. Wayne once again felt that the teams passing played a big part in the victory. "Our passing game has improved. Our passing is becoming far more accurate." Fr. Wayne also felt that the game was a big success. "We talked, worked the ball and passed very

well."

The Scotus girls team also had a victory against the Tigers. They started out their season with a 5-0 shutout win. Mandi Slusarski, Heidi Staroscik, Shauna Greiner, Brandi Bulkey and Amy Kuhlen all scored goals while Jody Eikmeier assisted on Staroscik's goal. Coach Schuler felt that there was a strong team effort in the game. "A lot of it was effort. There was not really one person that stood out." The Scotus girl's team also outshot the Tigers 30-7.

The girl's soccer team also had a victory to claim their win number two. The Shamrocks shutout York with a 9-0 win. Heidi Staroscik and Amy Kuhlen each scored two goals while Laura Kosch, Sunny Recek, Nicole Bender, JoDe Cieloha and Shauna Greiner each scored one goal. Scotus goalies Chris Kretchman, Sarah Fehring and Mandi Slusarski combined for the shutout. Coach Teri Schuller felt that the team played well. "Our forwards up front dominated and our passing was good. We are very well balanced. I can count on anybody to step up at any position and do the job." The Shamrocks also limited the Dukes to only 6 shots while they had 43 shots on the goal. So far, it looks as if both teams are off to a great start for successful seasons.

Russ' Food Pride
1470 23rd Avenue
Columbus, NE 68601

Rambour Realty Company
A Corporation
MICHAEL RAMBOUR
1554 26th Ave.
Columbus, NE 68601
INSURANCE 564-2724

Nebraskaland Allied Agency
24723rd Avenue Columbus, Nebraska

O&L
1851 E. 32 Avenue
Columbus

Stack-n-Steak
Family Restaurant
"Breakfast Served Anytime!"
Full menu
U.S. 30 Center
Columbus, NE 68601
Phone: 563-2424

CONSERVATIVE SAVINGS BANK
Columbus 2601 13th Street 563-3591
Columbus 2714 23rd Street 564-7181

COLUMBUS FLORISTS Inc.
1671 33rd Avenue
Columbus, Nebraska
Phone (402) 564-7174

The Rock

To:

Scotus Central Catholic
Junior and Senior High School
1554 18th Ave. Columbus, NE 68601
(402) 564-7165
May Issue

Scotus students say, 'Europe here we come!'

by Amy Price

Auf Wiedersehen! is what some students will be saying to their classmates this summer. 37 students and 17 adults are leaving for a 13-day trip to Germany, Austria, Switzerland, and Liechtenstein on June 4.

German teacher Ms. Jeanne Kiser said the trip should be "a wonderful experience because I get to see how everyone reacts to seeing these things for the first time." Kiser also said the reason she decided to take the students again this year is "I love my students, and I think its the best all around education they can receive."

"It will be a once in a lifetime experience with people you know," said second year German student Amy Cimprl.

"I am trying to make money so I can shop for things to take, and I'll need a lot of spending money in Germany," said second year German student Megan Gellenkirchen.

The group's plans consist of: going to Heidelberg to visit the old castle and taking an

evening boat cruise; Lucerne—shopping in one of the most beautiful cities in the world, take a cable car and cog-rail train up to the Peak of Mt. Pilatus, one of the highest peaks in the Alps, evening spent walking around the town; Salzburg—a visit first to Berchtesgaden, site of Eagle's Nest, Hitler's hideout, then on the visit the underground salt mines. The next day they will visit the old fortress overlooking the city, and in the afternoon will visit the Heilbrunn Castle with its magical garden; Oberammergau village where the Passion Play is held every 10 years; A beautiful ride through Bavaria to visit "Neuschwanstein", the fairy tale castle of King Ludwig II, the "mad king of Bavaria." Evening spent in Munich; Morning sight seeing trip of Munich, including the Olympic Stadium- afternoon visit to Dachau, the German concentration camp right on the edge of Munich. Evening meal at the "Hackenkeller", a large, typically German restaurant, with entertainment and dancing.; Church

at the largest cathedral in Munich, the Frauen Kirche, afternoon at the Englischer Gartens, the Central Park of Munich, with a beautiful, large beer garden. Evening spent window shopping in downtown Munich.; A trip along the "Romantic Road" to Rothenburg, an old Roman city completely surrounded by a wall. And a beautiful, quaint village with many Christmas shops.

"I am definitely going to buy clothes and shoes," said second year German student Sarah Fehring.

"I am most looking forward to seeing the beautiful landscape," said second year German student Krista Mimick.

"I think I know enough of the language so that Germans will understand me, but I do need to learn how to speak it a little better," said second year German student Stacy Boman.

Then the wonderful 12 hour trip back to Nebraska... and reality.

by Nikki Beran

Bon Voyage! This summer seven students will travel abroad to Europe with Mrs. Claudia Kiser. The students will travel to England, France and Spain. On June 1, the students will begin their journey out of the United States and travel to London. In London they will visit the House of Parliament, Westminster Abbey, Buckingham Palace, Canterbury Cathedral and the English

"I can't wait to see all of the hot foreign guys."

— Jenny Hill

Channel. From London, they will travel to Paris for three more days of fun. In Paris the students will be allowed to see Notre Dame, the Eiffel Tower and the Excursion to Versailles. From Paris the students will travel to Spain to Madrid. In Madrid they will see Bourbons Royal Palace, Flamenco Evening and possibly a bull fight.

Before the trip, a lot of planning and preparation takes place. The first responsibility that must be taken care of is of course money. The trip will cost around \$1,500 for the students

plus extra spending money. Another important factor is packing. "We have met several times to discuss packing and also the travel and language," Kiser said. On the trip, the seven girls

are only allowed to take one suitcase and a carry on bag. "I think I'm going to discover some pretty ingenious ways of stuffing things into suitcases," junior Kristy Stachura said.

Everyone seems to be looking forward to the trip and experience. "I love to travel and I feel seeing another country will be great!" Kiser said. Some students feel that the country isn't the only thing that they will be seeing. "I can't wait to see all of the hot foreign guys," junior Jenny Hill said. Overall the trip should be a great experience and a lot of fun for the group.

"We're all excited about seeing a new country, experiencing a new culture and of course meeting new friends," Kiser said.

Foreign exchange student, Mikiko Tanaka bids farewell to Scotus, U.S.

by Ryan Eikmeier

As Scotus says farewell to its seniors on May 22nd, one senior will be extended twice the goodbyes: Scotus' 1993-94 foreign exchange student, Mikiko Tanaka. Not only will her classmates, but her host family as well, will say their final goodbyes to her as she returns to Japan.

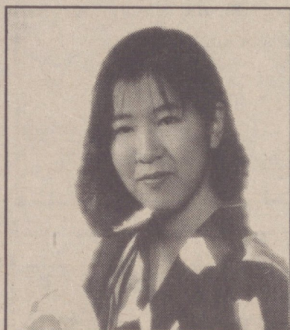
Mikiko (Miki for short), who is from Kagoshima City, Japan, has been living with her host family, Jim and Carol Dake, since she arrived in Columbus a week before school began. She attended college in Japan, but left her studies temporarily, at her English teacher's suggestion, to study English in the U.S. high school system.

"I couldn't use Japanese anymore and it felt exciting to speak English," says Mikiko.

In addition to her language studies, Mikiko has taken up driving as a hobby. Japanese students cannot drive until they are eighteen years old, but American students begin driving two years sooner.

While in the United States, Mikiko has noted numerous differences between Japan and the U.S. "My city (Kagoshima) has long dry spells, but we have plenty of snow in Hokkaido and on the Japan Sea. In winter here, it is very cold," said Mikiko. The biggest difference between American and Japanese schools is that students drive cars to

school in the U.S., but Japanese students take the bus or train.



Climatic and transportation differences aside, American and Japanese students do share one characteristic—they like to have

fun. In Japan, students like Mikiko karaoke for fun, but in the U.S. Mikiko enjoys swimming and shopping.

Japanese foods are also unique to the U.S. Mikiko enjoys eating sushi (fresh or raw fish) in Japan. She tried sushi in Omaha and enjoyed it very much. Mikiko also enjoyed going to prom this year—something she couldn't have done in Japan. "We don't have school dances in Japan. I was so surprised and excited (to go to prom)," she says. Christmas in the U.S. was also exciting for her. "We have Christmas in Japan, but the U.S.'s Christmas is much better. All the houses are decorated with lots of lights, and people give gifts to each

other."

As Mikiko returns to Japan on May 24th, she says she will feel lucky because of her experience of taking classes with Scotus students—an experience which she cannot enjoy in Japan. She will take with her an understanding of the American culture, language, and lifestyle. She has also left a part of her country behind with the students of Scotus. She has helped us to understand her country, her way of life, and in the process has made a foreign country a little less foreign. Mikiko would like to thank everyone at Scotus for studying with her and making her time in the United States memorable.

Senior newspaper staff highlights events, memories of senior year

by Gina Rongisch, Erin Trouba and Jill Buel

"Nice Boyz Nice!" The football team rolled to the Class B State Championship on November 19, 1993 at Hastings College. The gold medal Shamrocks defeated the Patriots 42-24. Well done, boys.

"Whoomp, there it is!" The Lady Shamrocks pounded their way to the Class B Runner-Up Volleyball title. The girls were defeated via comeback by the Grand Island Crusaders. We are proud of you!

"FORE!" Scotus had one girl qualify for the state golf tournament held at Elk's Country Club. Freshman Erin Miles placed in the top 20.

"We run for fun!" The 1993 boy's and girl's cross country teams were well represented at the state meet in Kearney. The girls placed third as a team and the boys placed in the top half of the field. Keep on running!

"Objection, Your Honor!" The junior mock trial qualified for the state meet in Papillion. The young lawyers placed fifth out of ten teams, but have another year to gain additional experience. Good luck next year!



"SPLASH!!" Six students joined the Columbus Scotus swim team and didn't seem to have a problem adjusting. Robin Keller qualified for state on the relay team and did very well. We hope for continued success.

"Boing, Boing, Pass, Shot!" Both the girl's and boy's basketball teams lost heartbreaking district final games in Norfolk. The girls lost to the eventual Class B champions

Schuyler, but ended their season ranked #2. The boys lost a 2 point game to Wayne. Students showed their spirit, but not their style by wearing old pep club shirts to the boys game and donning their faces with shamrock stickers. Keep the spirit alive for next year!

"It's tough being talented!" The 1994 speech team had eight speakers attend the state meet held at UNL. The team had a successful season

placing second at districts. Sean Schmeits and Tim Thalken placed second in serious prose and extemporaneous speaking, respectively. Speak your way to a successful future!

"Team up with business!" Scotus had 32 students attend the State Leadership Conference held in Omaha. Numerous students took top honors in their respective tests. The weekend provided a great opportunity to meet people and gain leadership skills. Remember to work a dinner so you can attend next year!

"Columbus vs. Columbus?" The Columbus Scotus Lady Shamrocks took on the Lady Discoverers in the final round of District Soccer held in Kearney. Scotus fought hard, but was not able to hold off the comeback play of the Discoverer offense. The Shamrocks were defeated 3-2. If at first you don't succeed, try, try again.

"On to State Fellas!" This year's Boy's Soccer team was the first ever to attend the State Tournament held at Bryan high school. The Shamrocks were defeated in the first round

by Burke 3-0. Needless to say, we are all very proud of our state competitors.

"Nothin's gonna slow us down." This year's combined track teams did quite well despite the weather. A total of 12 athletes qualified for the state meet held at Burke High School May 20-21. Best of Luck to the tracksters!

"We really are athletes." The Boy's Golf team started out slow, but ended on a much better note. The Shamrocks placed several golfers in various invites, but only sent junior Brian Bertsch to the State Meet.

As the class of 1994, we have set a high mark for those classes following us. We achieved many goals that we set a number of years ago. The most important being graduating on May 22, 1994. We have worked hard and are now experiencing the success of that work. We wish the best of luck to the new seniors and underclassmen. And remember, success hasn't spoiled us yet!

Deep Thoughts...

What is the one thing you're going to miss most about Scotus?

"The feeling of knowing everyone and knowing that they're your friends." Ann Wieser

"The great lunches" Dan Demuth

"My locker" Monty Schmidt

"Lunchroom food" Nate Hegi

"If you're not doing good, the teachers are there to help you." Jeremy Vanek

"People" Renee Fuhr

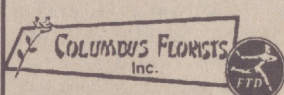
"Sports" Tiffany Bock

"Relationships with friends. I won't miss waking up early." Courtney Nosal

"Neat locker decorations" Chris Kinnison

Rambour Realty Company

A Corporation
MICHAEL RAMBOUR
1554 26th Ave.
Columbus, NE 68601
INSURANCE 564 - 2724



1671 33rd Avenue
Columbus, Nebraska

Phone (402) 564-7174



The flagship company of Gerhold, Inc.



Nebraskaland
Allied Agency
247233rd Avenue Columbus, Nebraska



1851 E. 32 Avenue
Columbus

Class of 1994

Inspirational parting words from senior class president Kathy Hegemann

To the Scotus graduates of 1994:

Wow! 1994 has finally come. It's graduation time, seniors! It seems like just yesterday we were starting one of our many countdowns. For twelve years we have been working to get this far, and now we're here!

It seems so short of a time ago that we were becoming one class in junior high. Our past friendships merged as we met new people, tried new things, and expanded our horizons. Only four short years ago we entertained the senior high thinking 1994 would never come. We've done a lot since then.

Our senior year has been filled with much excitement. After years of preparation it was our turn to shine at the top. And shine we did! With a football state championship and state team placings in volleyball, cross

country, soccer, and basketball, we showed our stuff in athletics. We must also remember our great learning experiences in Mock Trial, speech, band, FBLA, and the many other activities the class of 1994 made better than ever. In addition, the senior class has earned more than \$175,000 in scholarships.

Together we have accomplished a lot over the past six years. Our friendships and memories will never die. As we leave Scotus and continue on, I'm sure memories of the Class of '94 will remain. I wish you all the best of luck as you pursue your dreams. We have always been taught to aim high and I know that each of us will someday hit our target. Good luck to each and every one. May God bless and guide you in the future.

sincerely,

Kathy Hegemann

Kathy Hegemann

The Rock

**Scotus Central Catholic
High School**
1554 18th Avenue
Columbus, NE
Phone (402) 564-7165

Advisor: Miss. Pillard
Editors: Rich McPhillips and Gina Rongisch
Advertising manager: Rich McPhillips
Photographer: Erin Trouba
Advertising Accts: Amy Price
Staff Writers: Matt Moseman, Sean Schmeits, Amy Price, Gina Rongisch, Erin Trouba, Nikki Beran, Rich McPhillips, Jill Buelt, Cathy Wemhoff, and Brandon Drum.

The Rock is the official Scotus Central Catholic students' newspaper. It is published each month and material is presented as accurately as possible.

The Rock staff does not discriminate against origin, marital status, age, or handicap.

Letters to the seniors

Seniors encouraged to look back, look ahead

Dear Class of 1994,

Ten years ago, I was in the same place as you, graduating from high school. I looked forward to the future anxiously, thinking it would never come. I looked back at the past, glad it was finally over, yet sad that I was leaving. Now, I have almost forgotten the reasons I wanted out of high school, but I clearly remember the reasons I wanted to stay—friends, sports, activities, and classes. These are the times that I still look back at fondly.

As I prepare to attend my ten year class reunion, I realize how much I have changed since 1984 and I wonder how much my classmates have also changed. I also wonder what the people in this class will be like in ten years. Will you take the leadership you developed at Scotus to college and the communities in which you live?

As I have told you many times this year, your class leadership has been outstanding. This year's prom theme was Distant Dreams, but this year you have made many dreams come true by being leaders in classes, activities, gymnasiums, and playing fields. We will miss you when you leave, but hopefully, the younger students will follow your example and accept the challenge and responsibility of being positive leaders.

Even though you will no longer walk the halls with us every day, you will live on in those you have influenced. And that is how we achieve greatness and immortality.

Good luck,

Kathy Ewers

Mrs. Kathy Ewers

To the Class of 1994,

My three years as your guidance counselor have been very good years for me. I have enjoyed working with and knowing you. The scheduled visits in my office, the unscheduled visits in my office, the hallway chats, and the out of school 'off the record' talks have given me a valuable opportunity to get to know most of you very well. I see in your class great potential. Your futures will probably produce doctors and lawyers, pharmacists, therapists, law enforcement officials, and business leaders. But more important than all of that, the future will yield a class of strong Catholic Christians and patriotic citizens of these United States of America.

As you continue to grow and mature you must take on your shoulders the same responsibility your parents and your grandparents have

carried to make this world a better place for the generations to come. Your families and your teachers at Scotus have tried to equip you with the tools needed to accomplish this task. We pray that you continue your journey into adulthood using the keys to success that have been made available to you—keys that will open doors to successful careers, successful relationships with others, and successful life choices that are based on your love of Jesus Christ. In closing I would like to leave you with this thought: "In all your ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your Paths."

With Fondlest Memories,

Dan Atchison

Dan Atchison

Russ'
Food Pride

1470 23rd Avenue
Columbus, NE 68601



CONSERVATIVE
SAVINGS • BANK

Columbus
2601 13th Street
563-3591

Columbus
2714 23rd Street
564-7181

GOC'S
GOC'S
Photography

1264 27th Ave. * Columbus, NE 68601

564-2833

Stack-n-Steak

Family Restaurant
"Breakfast Served Anytime!"
Full menu

U.S. 30 Center
Columbus, NE 68601

Phone: 563-2424

Boys', girls' soccer end successful seasons

Boys team qualifies for state competition; lose to state champions

by Rich McPhillips

The 1994 soccer season closed with the boys' team losing in the first round of state, and the girls finishing as strong district runner-ups. Both teams ended their winning seasons with only two losses.

In district competition, both girls' and boys' teams faced, Class A, Columbus High in the finals. This put many of the Scotus players in an awkward situation. Junior Brandi Bulkley said, "It's hard to play

against people you know, especially when you're used to playing with them on the same team."

Senior Ryan Medinger agreed, "I am very glad we won, but it is hard to play a competitive game of soccer against some of your good friends." Junior Denny Sliva added, "It was different playing Columbus because we knew a lot about each other."

The Columbus girls edged Scotus in a 3-2 decision at the district finals held in Kearney. Although the girls lost,

they proved that they could compete. "Everyone thought they would kill us, but they were wrong," Bulkley said.

Despite the disappointing loss, many on the team felt the season was successful. Senior Laura Kosch said, "(The season) went extremely well. We had a lot of depth and talented underclassmen."

Senior Amy Kuhlen agreed, "Our team possessed a tremendous amount of talent, and we all got along really well."

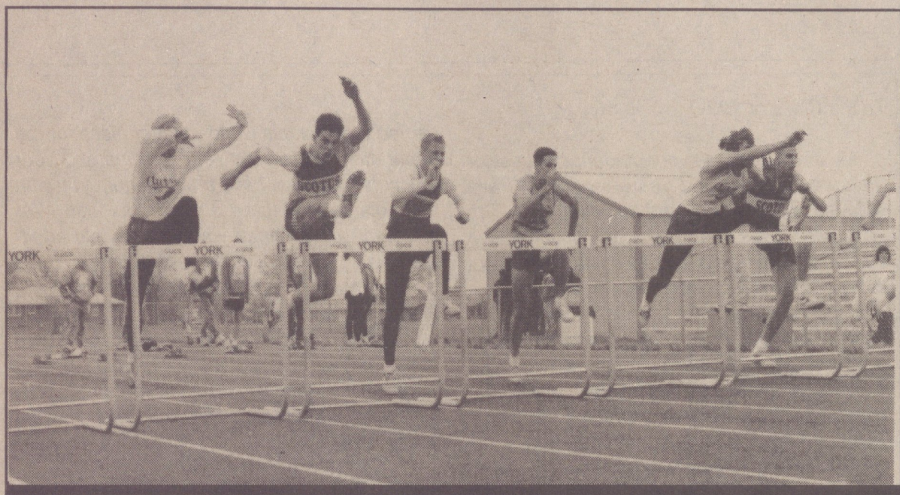
The boys came back from a 1-0 deficit in the district final and qualified for state after defeating Columbus 2-1.

At state, the boys faced the Omaha Burke Bulldogs in the first round. For the last seven years Burke has qualified for state. Burke again proved to be a soccer powerhouse by upending the Shamrocks in a 3-0 match. The Bulldogs then went on to win their second state title.

The future of the soccer program looks bright with depth

of talent returning. "About every position will be returning. If a couple guys step up and take a leadership role they should be going to state again," Medinger said about the boys team.

Bulkley was also optimistic. She said, "I think everyone realizes that the Scotus soccer program, both boys' and girls', has a strong future ahead of them."



Track teams fair well at District Meet

by Matt Moseman

For many members of the 1994 boys' and girls' track team, the track season ended May 12 with the District track meet. All members of the teams qualified for Districts and competed against eleven different teams. Twelve people over all qualified for state, with ten of them members of the girls' team. Boys coach and athletic coordinator Rick Grubaugh thinks that with twelve qualifiers, the team should do fairly well at the State competition May 20 and 21.

"I think we have a chance to go down and score some points," Grubaugh said. "We have several athletes in individual and relay events that are currently in the top six of class B. So if we make a step, we should bring home some medals."

Girls track coach Dan Mahoney seems equally opti-

mistic about State and is pleased with the District results. "We've got ten going down and this is the toughest class B district we've had," Mahoney said. "[We're] just going to go down and run our best times. And hopefully win some medals."

Those members of the team going to state include freshmen Julie Trouba in the high jump and 1600 meter relay, Andra Drum in the 400 meter relay and the 100 meter hurdles—a school record, Anna Beiermann in the 3200 meter relay, and Audrey Pfeiffer who is competing in four events: the 400 meter relay, the 1600 meter relay, the long jump, and the 300 hurdles in which she tied the school record. Sophomores include Deb Zadina who is competing in the 400 meter relay and Jill Kosch who is in the 400,

3200, and 1600 relays. Juniors include Angie Naughtin who qualified for state in shot put with a personal best of 36'6 feet and Brandon Drum who is also competing in shot put. The teams are being led with the senior leadership of Kathy Hegemann in the 3200 meter relay, Erin Trouba in the 3200 meter run, Kim Codling who is in the 3200 and 1600 meter relays, and Scott Sobota who is competing in the shot put and discus.

Prints Charming
Portrait Studio

Westgate Center
3423 21st Street
564-3456

Bertsch heads for state golf tournament: team edged out by Schuyler

by Rich McPhillips

For the second straight year, Junior Brian Bertsch qualified for state. The team missed going to state by only two strokes.

Scotus placed fourth behind Schuyler, and that wasn't enough to earn them a state bid.

Last year Bertsch finished seventh in the state as a sophomore, and Arnold expects Bertsch to place well again this year.

"Brian knows the course and is capable of playing well on it," Arnold said.

The state tournament will be held at Lockland Country Club in Hastings May 23 and 24.

Accomplishments for this year's team include winning the Scotus invite, and finishing as runner-ups in conference.

1993-1994 Athletic Banquet

Male athlete of the year
— Jeff Herdzina

Female athlete of the year
— JoDe Cieloha

Babe Ruth Awards
— Erin Trouba
— Chris Kinnison

KLIR athlete of the year
— Jeff Herdzina
— Amy Kuhlen

Sertoma athletes of the year
— Scott Sobota
— Amy Kuhlen

Shamrock Club
scholarships
— Jamie Jazwick
— Jason Mielak

 **LITTLE KING** \$**.50** off any regular size sandwich
America's Greatest Hero **\$1.00** off any king sandwich
And Deli Too!

Eat In - Carry out - Drive Thru

Weekdays 10:30 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. Sunday 11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Expires 5-31-94. One coupon per customer or visit. Not valid with any other coupon or sale. Offer good in Columbus only.