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Art and Technology Combine

by Pat Sokol

We have a new art teacher at Scotus this year. His name is Mr. Chad Crouch. Mr. Crouch grew up in North Omaha. As a student, he has went to public schools and Omaha Roncalli for high school. During his college schooling, he attended Wayne State and studied Fine Arts, then he moved to UNO and majored in art education K-12.

So far, Mr. Crouch is enjoying Scotus. He said "It is a fantastic community and I am very pleased." Before coming to Scotus, Mr. Crouch was employed at Kinko's Copy Center in Omaha. One of his goals for this year is to try to get himself organized. For the students, he would like to start an art club and try to incorporate skills on the computer. Further, he would like to build a strong founda-

tion for the fundamentals of art. Mr. Crouch has four different classes that range from Basic to Advanced Art.

He currently is also the assistant coach for freshman football and is going to help out with boys intramural basketball and junior high track. Mr. Crouch is also a cartoonist. He is working on three strips and would like to go professional someday. He also likes to bike ride and run. At the end of this year, Mr. Crouch hopes that his students will be able to see the world from a different perspective.

This year's masthead, THE ROCK, was made by freshman, Trent Konecky, with the help of Mr. Crouch and a computer. This is a start towards reaching one of Mr. Crouch's goals of having students work with art graphics on the computer.

English and German Classes Face New Challenges

by Travis Patocka & Ryan Eikmeier

Of the many new faces at Scotus, Mrs. Angela Moore, the new English/Journalism teacher, and Mr. Ed Powell, the new German teacher are two of them.

Mrs. Moore has a husband, John, who farms south of Shelby. Everyday, she commutes a total of sixty miles to and from school. Mrs. Moore attended the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, and she received degrees in both English and history. After college, her first job was in Culbertson, NE. Later she taught in Clarkson for two years. Then, she was a substitute teacher for one year. Now she is a member of the Scotus family. She also is the assistant speech coach.

Of her many goals this year, she mentions, "My classes will be reading several novels this year and writing technical papers." She noted that already both juniors and seniors have written essays and are in the middle of read-

ing *Huck Finn* and studying British Literature.

In her spare time she likes to read, work on the farm, and sew.

Mr. Ed Powell, Scotus' new German teacher, was born in Ballejo, California, but moved to Lincoln for his schooling. He spent six years in what used to be West Germany; and eight years as an opera singer for the International Opera House in Zurich, Switzerland.

"Language is a key in breaking down barriers between people and cultures, and in a competitive job market, students need all the extra skills they can acquire," replied Mr. Powell when asked about his decision to teach language here.

Through his experiences in Europe, he decided to become a German teacher. He earned his Master's Degree from Wayne State and taught three years at Walthill High School in northeast Nebraska before coming to Scotus.

Powell teaches German I, II, and III, along with German 8 at Scotus. He is the junior class sponsor, National Honor Society sponsor, German Club sponsor, and assistant director of *The Sound of Music*.

In addition to his activities here at Scotus, his family and hobbies keep him busy. He has a son, Shawn, and a wife, Sue, who currently lives in Lincoln, but will join him in Columbus soon. Powell enjoys tennis and classical music concerts at The Lied Center in Lincoln.

One of his goals for our school is to initiate a foreign exchange program. "I'm trying to get Scotus to start an exchange program with a German school," says Powell, "Scotus students can go to Germany for three weeks and German students can come to Scotus. These cultural exchanges build language skills and help people make life-long international friendships."

Welcome

12th Grade
-Tomas Krystufek

11th Grade
-Gina Humpal
-Chantell Nix

9th Grade
-Luke O'Kelley
-Chad Tichota

8th Grade
-Jessica Bolte
-John Burns
-Ryan Humpal

The "Sound of Music" Heard at Scotus

by Ryan Eikmeier

On Friday and Saturday October 28th and 29th the Scotus fine arts department will present *The Sound of Music* on the Memorial Hall stage. With a cast of twenty-three, this will be the first major Broadway musical the school has staged since *Li'l Abner* in 1977.

"I hope it [the musical] will generate a lot of interest in both drama and music at Scotus. We can show people outside of the school the talent we have at Scotus," says Amy Krance, director of the musical. Krance chose *The Sound of Music* for Scotus students to perform this year because it is a familiar story with an excellent score. "I love the songs. They're manageable and easy to work with—simpler than some of the other big Broadway shows," says Krance.

The Sound of Music is noted for such songs as 'Do-Re-Mi', 'Climb Every Mountain', 'Edelweiss', 'Sixteen Going on Seventeen', and of course, 'The Sound of Music'.

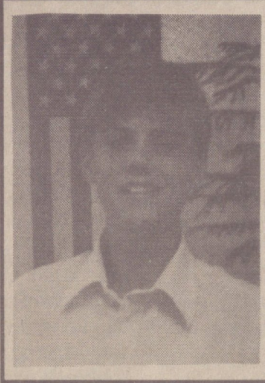
The Sound of Music is based on the story of "The Trapp Family Singers", a family singing group, that performed in Austria in the 1930's. The story revolves around a young girl, Maria, who is sent to look after the Trapp family children and who falls in love with Captain Von Trapp, the children's father.

Erin Miles, who will be playing the part of Mother Superior, said, "I can't picture myself as a nun, but that's why they call it acting. I just hope I get that really high part at the end of 'Climb Every Mountain.'"

TOM CZECKS OUT SCOTUS

by Matt Moseman

Once again we are faced with a brand new school year, and once again there is a new and confused face among the senior class. This year, that face belongs to Tomas Krystufek from the Czech Republic. Tomas arrived in the United States on August 8. He flew from the Czech Republic to New York City where he stayed for a night; to Kansas City where he attended a meeting for American Field (American Field) students in Iowa, Missouri, and Nebraska. He flew to Columbus; one already intending to go into Scouting. He will also be playing soccer in the spring.



Tomas comes from the vicinity of Pardubice, a city with a population of around 100,000 located sixty miles east of Prague. His home, though, is actually in a village three miles from Pardubice.

Tomas became involved in the student exchange program through AFS, although he searched for an organization for several months. "I had the choice of five countries," Tomas said, "Mexico, Germany, Italy, Norway and the U.S." He chose the U.S. because he wanted to learn English and he liked the U.S. He had no choice of where in the U.S. he could go.

"The U.S. is much bigger [than the Czech Republic]," Tomas said. "The food is different, and maybe the people."

Tomas will be an honorary American citizen until July when he returns to the Czech Republic. Until then, one thing along with all the other complex and confusing facets of American teenage life will confuse him.

"Everyone here is either 'Matt' or 'Ryan'."

Congratulations Homecoming Candidates

Candidates for Queen are: Brandi Bulkley, Mandi Guernsey, Amy Johnson, Chandra Legenza, Angie Naughtin, and Andrea Tooley.

Candidates for King are: Derek Bonk, Jason Brezenski, Brandon Drum, Joey Pilakowski, Ethan Shunk, and Denny Sliva.

Niedbalski: Sounds of the 80's Study Hall Teacher

by Julie Blum

In addition to many of the new teachers added to the staff this year, we have a new study hall teacher as well. Mrs. Tonja Niedbalski is an experienced teacher. She has taught at seventeen different schools, kindergarten through twelfth, at Cornlea, Platte Center, Columbus, and Clarkson. She taught preschool at Mary Moppets in Omaha. She has also substituted at Scotus through 1988-1990, the three Catholic elementary schools, and at Columbus Public Schools.

Mrs. Niedbalski's job is to administer the students in study hall. She has a good outlook on her first year at Scotus "The students are good and I get to see a wide variety of them because I am the study hall teacher." Mrs. Niedbalski said. The thing that she enjoys most about being a teacher is, "the satisfaction of seeing her former students do well in life."

Sounds of the 80's

by Travis Patocka

A strange thing happened. About one year ago Time Life Music began to release an entire series of tapes and CD's entitled "Sounds of the 70's". This set featured classic rock and disco tracks. Then, other music companies began releasing their own collections of 70's tunes. And before we knew it, music from the 70's became popular, again. Even now at most dances it is not a surprise to hear "YMCA" by the Village People.

But now the trend has changed. In fact, the trend has moved one decade later. We're talking about the 80's, a time when music really was great. And to make things better, an album set entitled "Totally 80's" has been released to quench our thirst for the music we grew up with. Many of the bands featured on "Totally 80's" include Culture Club, Tears for Fears, and even the oh-so-hard-to-find Bananarama.

Unfortunately, everyone with a recording studio is producing their own 80's tape to tempt us to buy. Some of these tapes are known as "80's Dance Tracks", "Awesome 80's", and the king of them all, "Rock of the 80's Volumes 1 through 23".

Many of the songs have become popular again because

these are the songs that all children born in the mid to late 70's grew up with. Also a lot of the songs on these completion tapes were the early songs that were played on MTV when it first started more than a decade ago.

What do we think about all this? senior, Mike Blum, loves 80's music because, "It's not from Seattle". Enough said. However these songs are great, and I buy the tapes, but it could just be a ploy to cash in on teenagers that had to listen to this music in the first place. It's like being fed food we have already had, we know what it is like, we have all had it before, but we do it anyway. But then again, that is for you to decide.

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Creating Connections—NSI

by Sheryl Rupp*

Summer vacation was not your typical "sun, fun, and no school", for nine Scotus seniors. For these nine students, two weeks of their summer were spent at a special school. However, the Nebraska Scholars' Institute (NSI), went far beyond a learning experience. "NSI was not just like summer school; it was actually hands on experience in the field of my choice," according to Cathy Wemhoff.

NSI was held at the University of Nebraska Lincoln (UNL) campus from June 19 until July 1. NSI is an educational camp, which invites the top 250 juniors from across Nebraska. The nine Scotus students who attended the camp were: Nikki Beran, Kim Dvorak, Ryan Eikmeier, Matt Evans, Jack Haeggi, Rich McPhillips, Angie Naughtin, Sheryl Rupp, and Cathy Wemhoff. Overall, Columbus had 17 people attend NSI, which made us the fourth largest town represented

there, after Omaha, Lincoln, and Hastings.

The two weeks were broken down into two sessions. Each student voted for their favorite classes and seminars beforehand. The classes were one week long each. During this week, classtime was composed of labs, discussions, field trips, and much more. Teachers were actually excited about their field and willingly shared their enthusiasm for learning. They all had a Ph.D or the highest degree available in their field. "NSI was a quality learning experience that you would not be able to get anywhere else," according to Nikki Beran.

Classes were only two and a half hours long each day, so there was plenty of free time. NSI had many scheduled seminars and a variety of other activities to help keep students active. Every evening, we were broken down into the same social groups to discuss our day. "We were told that we would become best

friends in social group. They were right. I knew the 20 people in my social group better than I know some of my own classmates. It's amazing how such a small group of people could become so close in two weeks," according to Ryan Eikmeier.

Despite the many scheduled activities, students still found time to socialize outside of their social groups. Overall, NSI was a great experience. NSI helped us overcome our differences, adjust to the new surroundings, learn about our areas of interest, and most importantly create lifelong friendships.

Scotus Takes on Wahoo Neumann for Homecoming

The 1994 Scotus Homecoming will be held on Friday, October 7th. The football game against Wahoo Neumann will start at 7:30p.m. Coronation will be held after the game on the field. As of this writing, the theme and activities have not been finalized.

Mock Trial Begins Case

by Beth Patocka

Starting a new year with positive attitudes, the mock trial teams must make a few new adjustments. Although Mrs. Podliska, the advisor, would like the team to follow tradition by doing well, there are new rules they have to follow. According to Mrs. Podliska, there is an advantage to these new rules, "all teams will be on the same levels."

Working on the same case about a seventeen year old male, who is charged for DWI, MIP, and consumption of alcohol on a public road; the teams have to decide if the proper procedure was followed at the time of the arrest or not. They are not only competing against other teams but each other. They all have to do well in order to make it to state, which will be held this year in Columbus, on December 16 and 17.

At each meet all the teams need to get all the points they can, in order to continue to the next round. If the teams are unfortunate, they can be eliminated after the first round. To help the teams from being this unfortunate, they get much help from their coaches, during their practices. Judge Whitehead helps coach the juniors and seniors, and Clark Grant helps coach the sophomores. If the teams make it to districts, Judge Steinke will set up a date that will work out for both teams. Districts are usually completed by December 9th.

Members of the teams include:

Sophomores: Jody Eikmeier, Megan Foust, Holly Hasselbalch, Craig Hotovy, Jeremy Loseke, Rachel Nosal, Michelle Wrobel and Angela Zoucha

Juniors: Jill Becker, Heidi Hinze, Jill Kosch, Kelly Kruse, Travis Kruse, Travis Kudron and Rachel Wick

Seniors: Jenny Arp, Nikki Beran, Ryan Eikmeier, Vicki Gubbels, Nate Marik, Matt Moseman, Sheryl Rupp and Cathy Wemhoff



photo by Jenny Arp

Kyle Diedrich underwent a special type of surgery over summer vacation to straighten and lengthen his right leg. The procedure known as ilizarove, a relatively new type of surgery, was performed in St. Paul, Minnesota. The surgery was needed since his leg never healed properly after being broke playing soccer five years ago. He was not able to run cross country, but will play soccer this coming spring.

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Golf Swings Into New Season

by Sheryl Rupp

Practice, practice, practice... that is exactly what the thirteen members of the Scotus girls' golf team have been doing. Everyday, even in the extreme heat, the girls go out and golf 9 holes, or even on occasion, 18 holes. Practice time ranges from an hour and a half to two and a half hours. "Sometimes the long practices get really hectic and strenuous, but we manage," according to junior Kelly Kruse.

The girls' golf team is led by Mr. Mitch Arnold. The 13 members include: seniors, Jenny Hill and Mandy Hurt; juniors, Nicole Bender, Amy Cimpl, Kellie Goettsche, Heidi Hinze, Kelly Kruse, Chrissy Labenz, and Rachel Wick; sophomores, Kendra Dalman, and Erin Miles; and freshmen, Amanda Hilger and Karen Stachura.

So far this season, the golfers are playing excellent.

They have placed first at Stanton, second at the Lakeview-Aurora-Scotus meet, third at Grand Island, and fifth at Aurora. They had a "close" second place victory with Lakeview.

Golfing requires much work and dedication. Also, believe it or not, golfing is a dangerous sport. Flying balls have been quite the problem this year. Take Jenny Hill for example. She was hit in the back of the leg by a flying golf ball at the Stanton meet. The girls have positive attitudes and believe that state is within reach. However, the girls realize that they must continue practicing. According to Karen Stachura, "Practice helps me work on my technique and lessen my strokes."

There are many upcoming meets that the girls are looking forward to. Keep up the good work and have a successful and safe season.

Scotus volleyball spike towards state

by Pat Sokol

Volleyball has started off strong for the Shamrocks who won the Shamrock Tournament played at Scotus. The 'Rocks beat the 1993 volleyball state champions, Grand Island Central Catholic, in the final round of the tournament. The girls received their second win by defeating Seward.

They went on to win the North Bend Invite with a championship win over Wayne, who was rated in the top ten. They continued their winning streak by defeating David City Aquinas. Juniors Mandi Slusarski and Shauna Greiner said, "We have a quick team this year and hopefully it will

be a successful one."

The team has one returning starter, Carmen Burbach, and five returning letter winners. Carmen states, "I really like the team this year and I know we can keep getting better in so many ways."



photo by Jenny Arrp

Senior Jeff Brakenhoff charges after an Elkhorn Mount Michael receiver

Cross Country teams stride to victory

by Matt Moseman

The heat, the thirst, the pain, the anguish... that is before this year's cross country runners even get off the bus.

Boys' coach, Father Wayne Pavela, is optimistic about this year's team of eight runners despite some slight

drawbacks. "[Sophomore] Jesse Kuhlen is hurt. Without him running, it hurts." Father Wayne said. "There's [already] a gap between the third and fourth runners, and when the number one runner is out, there's a gap between the second and third runners. You can see how that hurts."

Father Wayne had hoped that junior, Travis Kudron, could take Kuhlen's place, but he is likewise struggling with injuries. He hopes that the team can qualify runners for State and finish at least third in the district, but right now, he is mainly concerned with getting "number one and number two healthy."

The girls' coach, Dan Mahoney, is equally optimistic of his 18 member team this year. However, they too have slight problems.

"Right now we have a lot of 'nagging' injuries," Mahoney said. "I think if we can get everyone healthy, we'll be a really good team,"

Senior Michelle Griesman is happy about her teammates. "We become more of a family as the season progresses," she said. "That's cool." She also said that before they can continue winning, though, they have to get over their small physical and mental injuries. "We just have to be strong enough to get through it."

Shamrocks Shutout Opponents 'Rocks not scored on yet

by Amy Price

If you were at the first football game, here is a phrase you probably heard: "The Shamrocks have walked all over their opponents." So far, they have started out the season great, with an impressive 30-0 victory over the Elkhorn Mount Michael Knights.

As the competition heated up, the Shamrocks seemed prepared to take on any opponent. The 'Rocks ran 364 yards, with 44 tries, an average of 8.3 yards per try.

The game had a great turnout with 1500 fans watching the game from Memorial Stadium, "I would rate this game very high," said Coach Jim Puetz.

Stats:

Dustin Buggi 1 run (Chris Langan kick)
Derek Bonk 68 run (kick failed)

Chris Langan 23 FG

Joey Pilakowski 15 pass from Denny Sliva (Langan Kicked)
Derek Bonk 18 run (Langan Kicked)

For those who attended the 'Rock's second game, the victory was not all ours. The 21-0 victory against the Lakeview Vikings was a great victory, but the Shamrocks were not as sharp as their 30-0 win over Mt. Michael.

The entire first half was scoreless, and even though the Vikings did not score, Coach Moss of Lakeview considered this one of the Viking's best played games.

Stats:

Denny Sliva first score, last score 1:30 left
Denny Sliva 1 run (Langan kicked)
Joey Pilakowski 32 pass from Sliva (Langan kicked)
Jeff Beiermann 53 pass from Sliva (Langan kicked)

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Life Chain Linked Despite Weather

by Nikki Beran

On Sunday October 2, from 3:00 until 4:00p.m. students from Scotus Central Catholic stood on 23rd street in the annual Life Chain. The Life Chain is an annual national peaceful protest that the Columbus community participates in to show their opposition to abortion. For the hour, participants hold signs which read, "Abortion Kills Children", "Adoption the Loving Option", and "Jesus Forgives and Heals". Despite the bad weather, approximately 35 students from Scotus took part in the Life Chain.

"I have been in the Life Chain every year of high school, and I really feel like I am helping to make a difference", senior Kristy Stachura said. Many students commented on how they felt as if they were helping to make people understand the true facts of abortion. "It was a great feeling realizing that I was out there helping unborn babies", senior Jenny Arp commented. Students felt that the people that drove by were supportive of the Life Chain. "It was great to have the support of the community. People would wave at us and show their support, there was actually only one person I saw who actually showed their opposition to us", senior Laura Hightower said.

The Life Chain proved to be successful once again in the community. It was also a good way for students to show their Pro-Life concern and faith. "I'm really glad that I could in a small but impacting way, show my support," Arp said.

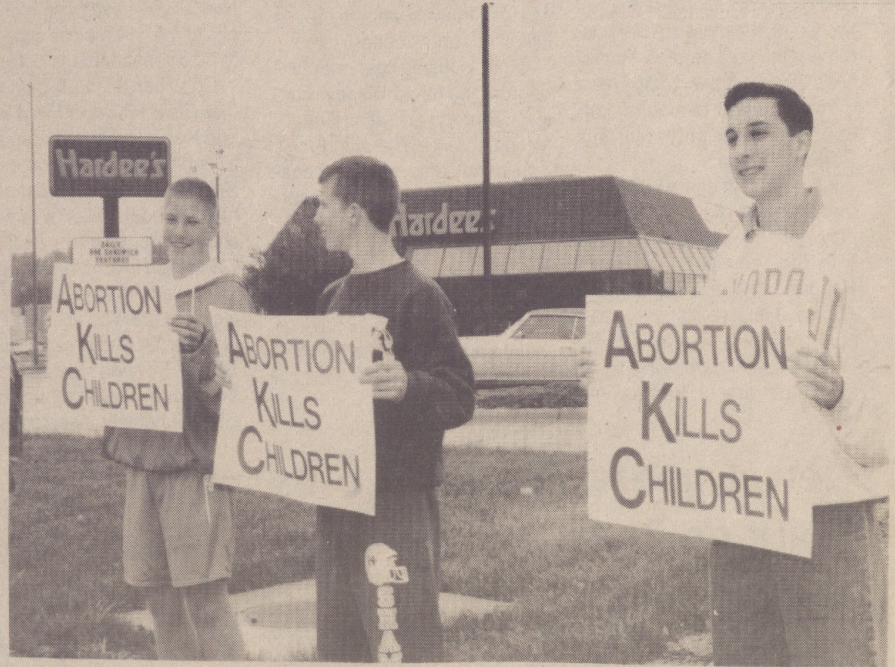


photo by Jenny Arp

Freshman Bode Hill and John Brezenski, along with Junior Travis Kudron, protest abortion in the Life Chain on October 2nd.

Cox "Instrumental" in Music

by Nikki Beran

This year Scotus has gained a new face in the instrumental music department. Mrs. Kristen Cox is the 5-12 grade instrumental teacher at Scotus and the three Columbus Catholic Schools. Mrs. Cox has a degree from Hastings College in K-12 vocal/instrumental music. Before coming to Scotus she taught at McCool Junction.

"I decided to come to Scotus because it has high educational values and a strong desire to enhance the Fine Arts Department," Cox said. Mrs. Cox also feels that she has a lot of support from the school. "I appreciate having the encouragement and support needed to build this program."

This year at Scotus there are only 13 students enrolled in high school band, but Mrs. Cox does not see this as a major

obstacle. "These students will gain a lot of experience this year due to the fact that they are playing music that was written for a 40 member band with only 13 people. This way, no one can rely on someone else to cover their part while they take a break."

Mrs. Cox is excited about the school year and has set her goals. "I want to provide new opportunities for all of my students to be involved. I also want to make band a rewarding experience." Overall, it looks as if Mrs. Cox is off to a great start with the band program at Scotus.

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Naughtin, Pilakowski Reign Over 1994 SCC Homecoming

by Travis Patocka

Homecoming festivities were held the week of October 3rd with the highlight of the activities beginning held Friday afternoon with the crowning of the 1994 SCC Queen and King. Angie Naughtin, daughter of Jim and Lorie Naughtin, was crowned Queen and Joey Pilakowski, son of Ray and Mikie Pilakowski, was crowned King by the 1993 Homecoming Queen, Amy Kuhlen.

Scotus students dressed up under a variety of themes for the Homecoming week. Starting on Monday, Clash/No Match was

the theme. Tuesday, the theme was American Pride Day. Wednesday, students followed regulation dress code, but were allowed to show their commitment to Scotus Youth Against Drugs and Alcohol. This support was shown by the red ribbons students wore on their shirts. Thursday the theme was Backwards Inside Out Day. Friday, Homecoming dress-up week reached its climax with Spirit Day.

On Thursday evening the bonfire was canceled due to windy weather and the Pep Rally was moved to the gym. This did not

dampen the spirit of the Samrocks. The band under the direction of Mrs. Kristen Cox played and the cheerleaders had several activities planned for "unsuspecting" people.

During the halftime of the Friday night football game against Wahoo Neumann, the cheerleader, flag corp, and the senior girls all performed different dance numbers. Coronation ceremony was held on the field after the game. Following the game the annual Homecoming dance was held in the cafeteria at SCC.

Halloween: Ninja Turtles or Power Rangers

by Julie Blum

Halloween is the time when we see children roaming the streets and going door to door asking for a treat. But for every Halloween season, we see a change in costumes. For the last two years, the most popular costume was the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. Now children have a new group of teenage good-doers: The Mighty Morphin Power Rangers.

It seems that some kids have forgotten the Ninja Turtles and only want things that have to do with the very popular Power Rangers. "I don't really like the Turtles because it's just a cartoon, and make believe. But the Power Rangers are really cool." said fourth grader, Laura Johnson.

Here at Scotus, some students do not agree. When junior, Jill Kosch, was asked about the popular group she said, "Who are the Power Rangers?" Junior, Ashley Morris said, "Some people don't know who the Mighty Morphin Power Rangers are, so I like the Turtles better."

Other popular costumes will be from the latest Disney movies: "Beauty and the Beast", "Aladdin", and "The Lion King". You might also see an occasional Fred Flinstone or a character from "Star Trek".

There will always be children that will dress more traditionally as witches or ghosts. However, keep your eyes open for the kids that dare to strain from tradition and dress like the Mighty Morphin Power Rangers.

New Cheers Boost Scotus Spirit As Cheerleaders Work

by Chantell Nix

Cheerleading tryouts were held last spring with fourteen girls being selected to represent our school. During the summer they had a three day camp come to Scotus, which was from the International Cheerleading Association (ICA), and lasted about eight hours a day. In the three days the camp was here, the girls learned three dance routines, five new cheers, and new chants to boost the spirit at pep rallies and games. Summer practices were held two days a week usually on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and lasted about an hour. The girls have learned four routines and hope to have seven learned by basketball season. The cheerleaders will perform these routines during half time at the basketball games. Junior Jeni Bruegger said, "I think that we have a good outlook for this year and we hope to get the school behind us to make it a fun year for everyone." They hope to get the school spirit up and the crowd involved.

The fourteen girls of the 1994-95 cheerleading squad include: Seniors: Kristy Stachura, Michele Griesman, Ginger Janicek (captain), Juniors: Heidi Hinze, Ashley Morris, Nicole Schmeits (co-captain), Jeni Bruegger, Nicole Bender, Sophomores: Angela Zoucha, Megan Zach, Erin Duffy, and Freshmen: Jenny Younger and Angela Laudenklaus. The cheerleaders are co-sponsored by Janie Schmeits, Stacie Bender, and Amy Krance.

by Ryan Eikmeier

You have spent the last eight weekends at Friday night football games or working and you are ready to try something else for a change. It is Saturday night and you grab your friends and a bag of popcorn and head to the movies to see a new flick. Great! Now all you have to do is choose one of the 114 movies scheduled to be released this fall. Ugh!

Consider taking a plunge on *The River Wild* with Meryl Streep and Kevin Bacon. Streep plays a "buff", tough, river rafter, and Bacon the bad boy destined to rock her boat. Filled with watery chills, thrills, and yes, spills, *The River Wild* is sure to be a splash.

If you are not one for the water, test your brain power with Ralph Fiennes (*Schindler's List*) in *Quiz Show*. Fiennes stars as Charles Van Doren, a Columbia University teacher who cheats his way to the top of the popular 1958 gameshow, *Twenty-One*. The cheating is put to a stop by Herbert Stempel (played by John Turturro) who loses to Van Doren

in a match and decides to "press the buzzer" on the scandal.

Okay, so you do not feel like using your brain—it is a Saturday night after all—take a peek at *The Specialist*. Sylvester Stallone stars as an explosives expert who is hired by Sharon Stone to get revenge on the men who murdered her family as a child. Filled with explosions and action-packed adventure, *The Specialist* is sure to be a blast.

Would you prefer a good scare to a big bang? *Interview With the Vampire*, starring Tom Cruise, is probably the most critically-awaited film to be released this fall. This will be the first time audiences will get to see the dark side of Cruise, who usually plays more likeable characters. Cruise plays the part of Lestat, a hypnotizing, blood-sucking, vampire who tries to convert a plantation owner to vampirism. *Interview With the Vampire* has been low-profile so far, but will become high-profile when released November

18.

Another high-profile movie, at least for "Trekkies", is *Star Trek: Generations*. Combining the casts of both *Star Trek: The Next Generation* and the original *Star Trek*, *Star Trek: Generations* will bring together Captain Kirk and Picard. If you are a die-hard *Star Trek* fan do not read the next sentence. Captain Kirk dies in the movie. But characters do have a habit of coming back from the dead—anything is possible on *Star Trek*.

If none of these movies "takes your ticket", do not fret: there are still 109 movies to choose from this season. You are bound to **FALL** into a seat at the movies this **AUTUMN!**

Ms. Krance Directs Vocal Department

by Julie Blum

With Scotus' new emphasis on the fine arts program, a new teacher has been hired for the music/vocal department. Ms. Amy Krance, from Central City, comes to Scotus after previously teaching at schools in Bradshaw and Tekamah Hermann.

Ms. Krance said that she is "very impressed by the administration, faculty, and the kids." "I also thought it was a good opportunity for myself....all of the people are very helpful, nice, and committed." Her only problem here is, "my room was hot at the beginning of the school year, but other than that, nothing."

She is looking forward to her first year at Scotus saying that she will be very busy because this upcoming musical will be her first.

Practices Are Just A "Routine" For Flag Corp

by Chantell Nix

'Practice makes perfect'. At least, that is the adage that sport teams and organizations believe in and work towards. For the Flag Corp, it is no different. This summer, the flag girls practiced so they could perform in the Columbus Days Parade. They have had many morning practices before school at 7:15. "This year, we hope to become closer together and learn some leadership skills." said Heather Buggi, junior member.

This years Flag Corp has twelve members and one alternate. "I want everyone to get along and to learn one routine."

said Amy Johnson. This year, the girls can be found performing their routines during half time at football games and possibly at a few basketball games.

The senior members are: Laura Hightower, Jenny Hill, Mandy Hurt, Amy Johnson, Chandra Lengenza, Jeni Speicher; juniors: Heather Buggi, Debbie Zadina; sophomores: Staci Rosche, Julie Trouba; freshmen: Melanie Bonk, Anne Moser, and alternate Jana Buelt. Their sponsor is Mrs. Kristen Cox.



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NHS: Studying Is Only A Part of Initiation Process

by Beth Patocka

Study! Study! Study! This is what many tenth through twelfth grade students must do to keep up a 93.0 grade point average, in order to be in the National Honor Society. According to Mr. Powell, the sponsor, "National Honor Society has been regarded from its inception as a concrete way to promote high academic standards, a means of insuring a democracy and an instrument for the betterment of the individual and the school. It is designed to create enthusiasm for scholarships to stimulate a desire, to render service, to promote leadership, and develop a character from students of secondary schools." Getting initiated into NHS should be a privilege for all the students, and they all should be honored. "I'm honored to be

in National Honor Society, because it is a well organized organization," said new inductee, sophomore, Megan Zach.

Studying may play a big part in getting initiated into NHS, but any students in grades tenth through twelfth must first fill out an application. The faculty board, then decides which students will be selected for NHS, by their application, service, leadership, and character. Once the members have been selected they go through an initiation ceremony. This ceremony stresses scholarship, service, leadership, and character. On September 28, this ceremony took place in the Little Theatre, with nineteen students being initiated. "I think it's great how our group keeps get-

ting bigger each year. It's neat to see the students taking academics more on the serious side once in awhile", said present member, senior, Kristy Stachura.

While the members may do much studying they will also do many different activities during the school year. Among some of the activities they hope to do this year include, a bowl-a-thon, raising money for local charities, and sponsoring a jeans day.

The present members include: Jenny Arp, Jeff Brakenhoff, Jenny Bruegger, Amy Cimpl, Jason Cumberland, Kyle Diedrich, Ryan Eikmeier, Matt Evans, Melissa Feldhaus, Larissa German, Megan Gilenkirchen, Shauna Greiner, Michelle Greisman, Vicki

Gubbels, Michelle Hegeman, Heidi Hinze, Jill Kosch, Travis Kruse, Chrissy Labenz, Larissa McPhillips, Rich McPhillips, Travis Morris, Kevin Olmer, Sheryl Rupp, Nicole Schmeits, Theresa Sleddens, Kristy Stachura, Dan Swoboda, Cathy Wemhoff, Shade Whalen, Rachel Wick, and Deb Zadina

The inductees include: Nicole Bender, Brandi Bulkley, Carmen Burbach, Phillip Dobesh, Matt Dvorak, Mike Edison, Chad Gonka, Sara Gonka, Carey Grell, Holly Heth, Craig Hotovy, Nathan Karges, Ashley Morris, Angela Naughtin, Joey Pilakowski, Staci Rosche, Jamie Svatora, Andrea Tooley, and Megan Zach

Student Council Steps Up Involvement At SCC

by Rich McPhillips

In the past few years the Senior High Student Council has stepped up its involvement in school activities. This year's student council hopes to build on last year's accomplishments by continuing this involvement around the school. Already the council has met and discussed many possible goals for the 94-95 school year.

Before any activities were discussed in detail, the hanging of the American flag took precedence. It would be a priority of the Senior High Student Council to hang the flag in the courtyard whenever the weather permits. This responsibility which was started last year, will involve all members of the student council over the course of the year.

Another major item that the council has discussed is the winter dance known as the "Blizzard Bash." The first annual "Bliz-

zard Bash" was held two years ago and appeared to have positive results. Therefore, the council has decided to continue the new tradition. The dance will be on a Friday sometime in December before Christmas vacation.

The student council has been active in other ways besides discussing school activities. Recently, the council attended the annual District Five Student Council Workshop, which was held at Wahoo Neumann. Members had a chance to attend mini sessions converse with other student council members from around the state. While at the workshop Scotus donated one hundred dollars to the "Make A Wish Foundation". The election for district president was also held and John Vyhldal of Scotus

won the position.

Seniors Canoe Race, Trust At Retreat

by Ryan Eikmeier

On Wednesday, October 12th, the Seniors retreated to Camp Luther for a day of discussions, fun, and class bonding. The day consisted of three intense and sometimes emotional discussions about "accepting others and being yourself", "trust", and "family and friends as a gift."

Mr. Atchison, Mr. Arnold, and Mr. Crouch each shared personal stories relating to the topics and then left the seniors open to discussion.

"All the discussions were intense because the teachers added their own experiences," replied senior Jamie Jarecki, "I think of some people differently now after seeing them open up."

Besides emotional group discussions, the seniors also engaged in group activities designed to improve communica-

tion skills. Activities ranged from a "trust walk", where blind-folded seniors were led around by seniors who had their mouths taped shut, to putting together a tinker toy model by having one person look at Fr. Wayne's example and the others having to listen to their directions.

The day culminated in a mass with seniors acting out bible stories, and special letters written by teachers to individual seniors.

"I think we will always remember our retreat. It gave us a chance to appreciate who we are and to respect others for being who they are," replied senior Kristy Stachura, "The canoe races were the best."

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SCC Homecoming Candidates Chosen and Crowned

by Kathy Ewers
edited by Nikki Beran

The king and queen candidates for Homecoming were selected several weeks before the ceremony from the senior members of S Club. From the eligible students, the seniors voted for six girls and six boys. Then, the students in grades nine through twelve voted for Homecoming King and Queen.

Candidate for Queen, Brandi Bulkley, the daughter of Jim and Karen Bulkley, is involved in National Honor Society, Campus Ministry, S Club, and FBLA. She has attended the FBLA state leadership conference for two years. Brandi Participated in volleyball, basketball, track and soccer, and she is on the honor roll.

Candidate for King, Derek Bonk, is the son of Ed and Jocye Bonk. Derek participates in football, basketball, soccer, track, Campus Ministry, FBLA, and S Club. He is a three-sport letter winner. In football, he was voted Most Valuable Underclassman, Junior Team captain, and Senior captain. Derek was first team all-conference, the 1993 team leader in tackles and the Lincoln-

Journal Star and the Huskerland Prep "Player to Watch".

Candidate for Queen, Mandi Guernsey, is the daughter of Don and Shirley Guernsey. Mandi has been involved in track and cross country. She is a member of FBLA, Campus Ministry, Yearbook, Medical Explorers, and S Club.

Candidate for King, Jason Brezenski, is the son of Ed and Thrina Brezenski. He participated in Campus Ministry, S Club, National Honor Society, FBLA, football and soccer. Jason is an Extra-Ordinary Minister of the Eucharist, on the A honor roll, and a member of Academic All-Conference. He was the sophomore class president and was involved in basketball.

Candidate for Queen, Amy Johnson, is the daughter of Charles Johnson of Salina, Kansas, and Mary and Daniel Schartz of Columbus. Amy is involved in volleyball, FBLA, Campus Ministry, Flag Corps, and S Club. She has participated in track and basketball. Amy received the Sertoma Ath-

lete Award, and she is captain of the Volleyball team.

Candidate of king, Ethan Shunk, is the son of Patty Portman of Columbus, and Tom Shunk of Lincoln. Ethan has been involved in basketball, Campus Ministry, and FBLA. He has lettered in football and soccer for three years. He is a member of the Veterinary Explorer's Club.

Candidate of Queen Chandra Legenza, the daughter of Jim and Linda Legenza is active in Campus Ministry, FBLA, Flag Corps, S Club and yearbook. She lettered in soccer her freshman year and has been on the Honor Roll every year.

Candidate for King, Joey Pilakowski, is the son of Ray and Mikie Pilakowski. Joey is involved in football, basketball, track, Campus Ministry, S Club, and FBLA. He is an Extra Ordinary Minister of the Eucharist and a member of National Honor Society.

Candidate for Queen, Angie Naughtin, daughter of Jim and Lorie Naughtin is active in volleyball, basketball, track, Campus

Ministry, National Honor Society, and S Club. She is the Vice-President of student council and the Vice President of FBLA. She was also the class secretary her sophomore and junior years. Angie attended Girls State and received the KLIR Student of the Week Award. She is also a captain of the volleyball team.

Candidate for King, Brandon Drum, is the son of Greg and Denette Drum. Brandon participated in football, track, newspaper, Campus Ministry, and S Club. He qualified for the state track meet and has received many honors in football. Last year, Brandon was named to First Team All-Conference, First Team All-Region, and First Team All-State. He was voted Most Valuable Underclassman, and was Junior Team Captain. This year he is a captain of the varsity football team, and he received the Sertoma Athlete Award and Prep Athlete of the Week. Pre-season football polls rated Brandon #7 in the Midwest and #16 in the Nation. He is pre-season All American and State, and one of the Super Six in the

Omaha World Herald.

Candidate for Queen, Andrea Tooley, daughter of Joe and Jane Tooley, has participated in volleyball and track. She is active in FBLA, Campus Ministry, National Honor Society, and S Club. Andrea has been on the A Honor Roll every year.

Candidate for King, Denny Sliva, is the son of Bernie and Jean Sliva. Denny is an Extra-Ordinary Minister of the Eucharist and captain of the football team. He is involved in FBLA, Campus Ministry, S Club, football, basketball, and soccer. He was also the Sophomore class treasurer.

The crown bearers were Sarah Kieter, daughter of Dan and Belinda Kieter and Kevin Stachura, son of Bob and Jane Stachura.

Joey Pilakowski was crowned King and Angie Naughtin was crowned Queen by Amy Kuhlen (1993 Homecoming Queen). **Congratulations to all the candidates!**

All photos by Jenny Arp

Dating: A Recipe For Love

by Travis Patocka

There comes a time in the lives of people life when we feel a need to open up to new things. Particularly, when these things pertain to members of the opposite sex. Which is the first things that comes to mind are dates. One of the most confusing rituals of adolescence. As the years pass and we learn to partake on this ritual, I have a few words of wisdom.

First, if the person you would like to date is a close friend, it might be a good idea to keep it on that level. Should you decide to date a close friend there is that possibility that things might not work out the way you planned. You must try to prevent hard feelings between this person and you.

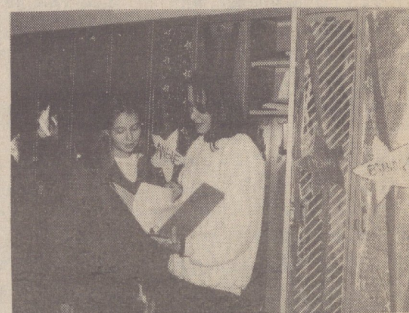
Next, when you do go on a date, try to keep things simple. Go see a movie, agreeing on a title that you both would like to see. Some people would like to

pay their own way, so it is always good to ask beforehand. Make sure you have a good idea of what you would like to do on this date, so things stay interesting.

So, if dating is a new experience to you, it is not always a bad idea to go with another couple. Not only can you talk more openly, but the other couple might have some ideas of what to do should the date seem not as you planned.

Finally, we get to the parents. When you do meet them, just try to relax. They just want to know a little about you. Use this time to acquaint yourself with them. Try to make a good impression despite your nervousness you may be feeling.

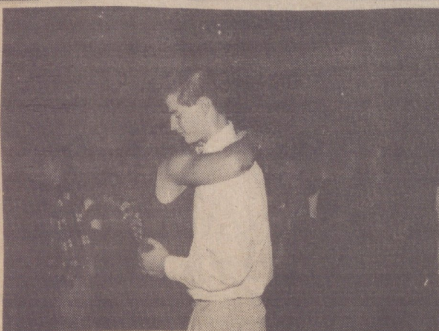
With a few of these tips, your dates with run a little more smoothly, turning it into one of the most rewarding experiences of adolescence.



Top Left: Kristy Stachura in her backwards day clothes. Top Right: Ginger Janicek and Andrea Tooley study Calculus. Senior guys get ready to ring Wahoo Neumanns bell.



photos by Jenny Arp



Top:
1994 Homecoming Royalty; Queen, Angie Naughtin ; King, Joey Pilakowski.
Candidates: Bottom row, left to right, Ethan Shunk, Amy Johnson, Mandi Guernsey,
and Denny Silva. Top row, left to right, Andrea Tooley, Derek Bonk, Chandra
Legenza, Brandon Drum, Jason Brezenski, and Brandi Bulkley. Crown
bearers (pictured in low front) were Kevin Stachura and Sarah Kieter.
Middle Left:
Just a quick glimpse of our "Wild Night" Homecoming dance.
Middle Right:
Brandi Bulkley congratulates Homecoming Queen, Angie Naughtin, as their
memorable "Wild Night" just begins.
Bottom Right:
Queen Angie Naughtin dancin' the night away.
Bottom Right:
King Joey Pilakowski comes on out and dances for the royalty dance.

Scotus Students Share Unforgettable Memories of Traveling Abroad

European Vacation Hot Spot For Summer

by Sheryl Rupp

"Three, two, one - takeoff; no —there is a bird on the plane!" That is how the trip to Europe all started. Since the United Kingdom (UK) does not allow pets to be brought in, the seven Scotus students had a two and a half hour delay until they could officially begin their nine hour flight to Gadwick, United Kingdom.

On June 1 through June 10, seven seniors, led by Mrs. Claudia Kiser, travelled to London, Paris, and Madrid. They spent about three days in each city. The seven all-world travelers included: Mindi Almquist, Brandi Bulkley, Holly Heth, Jenny Hill, Sheryl Rupp, Kristy Stachura, and Andrea Tooley. They went with the Educational Foundation (EF) tour group.

Upon arrival at Gadwick, the group was welcomed by the EF tour leader, "Hi you guys (keep in mind that there are no guys in the group). My name is Shazea; it rhymes with Nausea." What a welcome! She then left the group stranded at the airport. Out of resentment, from then on, she was called "Nausea."

Despite the bad start (and the long bus ride to London) they tried to make the best out of the situation. However, culture shock got the best of them. Motel rooms were small and outdated, no water pressure, adapters burnt hair, and there was no good food—the pizza had no tomato sauce in London; it seemed too hard to take. Yes, the group seemed to be the only ones experiencing problems and always being late. "All we ever did while we were there was complain, but now I really want to go back," according to Andrea Tooley.

In London, the group visited the Tower of London, Big Ben, Westminster Abby, London Bridge, an Elizabethan banquet, and Harrods, where the Queen of England shops. Harrods is a world known designer department store in which you could not shop in shorts; you had to be dressed up. Our group also took an optional excursion to Oxford and Stratford-upon-Avon, the home of Shakespeare.

The tour group then took a ferry over to Paris, France. Here,

they visited the Louvre and saw the Mona Lisa and the Venus de Milo. They also saw the Eiffel tower (at every angle possible) and even took an elevator ride to the top. "What a view! This was the highlight of my trip," according to Kristy Stachura. There was also a boat ride at night down the channel.

In Paris, they adapted to the culture change a little better. They stayed in a bad part of town and one morning witnessed a woman being beat up outside of the motel. A little girl also tried to steal Sheryl's backpack on the crowded subway. The age and innocence of the girl shocked everyone. Of course, the French language was a problem, since no one from the Scotus group could speak French. Versailles was a favorite word to hear with the French accent. The group enjoyed the beautiful palace of King Louis XIV. His gardens and hall of mirrors were breathtaking.

The final destination, Spain, was reached by an overnight train. It was very close quarters with six people sleeping in a closet-sized room. Cards and names said backwards were great pastimes.

After reaching Madrid, things got much better. (McDonald's was right next door.) They visited the Prado, a famous museum, a flamenco dance show, and many shops. The tour group took an excursion to Toledo, which is known throughout the world for its swords and black great.

Finally, the motel was centrally located and more modern. "We still slept with the lights on to avoid seeing the cockroaches," according to Mindi and Kristy. It was not that bad, except for those who were homesick and for everyone who missed normal food. It was a standard joke, "I wonder what's for dinner; surprise, it's bread and water again," according to Jenny Hill. Everyone had packed lots of food but obviously not enough. On the sixth day of the trip Holly exclaimed that, "We already went through six bags of Twizzlers."

They returned home safely,

after surviving flight 911 and its delay after a harsh landing, we each have fond memories of Europe. "I want to go back," quotes Brandi and everyone else seems to agree.

Traveling helped the group broaden their horizons by learning about different ways of life. "We experienced a lot of new sights and sounds. It was interesting meeting new people, especially speaking with other tour directors," recalls Claudia Kiser. Together, the seven girls and Claudia have become closer friends and have developed a book of memories that will never be forgotten. Bon Voyage!

Dance + Culture = Russia

by Sheryl Rupp

Dance.....it is popular across the world. Junior Debbie Zadina and sophomores Betsy Zadina and Erin Duffy attended a dance session in St. Petersburg, Russia. They were asked through their dance teacher Lynette Krumland to dance the Goodwill Games opening ceremony.

The three students went to Russia July 17-24. They spent most of their time rehearsing for the dance. The dance was entirely taught and learned in St. Petersburg, therefore, they were not able to do much sightseeing. They did see the Summer and Winter palace, which housed Peter the Great, and the Hermitage, the world's third largest museum.

All three students were shocked at the conditions. According to Debbie Zadina, "There were cats everywhere because they keep down the mice." "They (the cats) were even on restaurant tables," added Betsy. Erin said that the food was awful.

The dance turned out well, but the girls stated that they would never go back to such living conditions. They were all grateful for their experiences and will forever have great memories.

Flying and Culture Lessons

by Sheryl Rupp

Time (and airplanes) wait for no man. Just ask the group of Scotus students who went to Germany this summer. Pat Sokol, junior, was left behind from the flight from Omaha. He had to fly by himself to catch up with the group.

Well, once again, the Scotus summer travelers started their trip on a shaky foot. The Germany group was led by Jeannie Kiser, the former German teacher, at Scotus. The group included most of her German students: graduated senior, Jeremy Vanek; seniors: Mike Blum, Jason Brezenski, Dustin Buggi, Brandon Drum, Michele Griesman, Matt Honke, Jamie Jarecki, Eric Kluever, Nate Marik, Matt Moseman, Chad Tiaden, Wayne Wemhoff, Kristin Wolfram, Shade Whalen, Pat Woerth; juniors: Nicole Bender, Jeni Bruegger, Heather Buggi, Jason Cumberland, Sarah Fehringer, Luke Fendrick, Sam Graus, Shauna Greiner, Heidi Hinze, Jill Kosch, Kelly Kruse, Travis Kruse, Chrissy Labenz, Krista Mimick, Amy Rueschhoff, Pat Sokol, and Rachel Wick. Keith Brenner, a student from Columbus High, also went along with the group.

This group went with the National Educational Tour Committee (NETC). Since the Scotus group was so large they were led by their own personal tour guide, Alice. "Alice was always happy. She constantly was smiling and was great to be around," remembers Sarah Fehringer. The group also had their own personal bus driver. "A couple of times we thought the bus driver fell asleep. He made the high mountain curves really interesting," recalled Matt Honke.

The tour went from June 4 through June 16. The group visited Frankfurt, Munich, and Grotenberg, Germany. The group also visited Salzburg, Austria; and went to Luzern, Switzerland. "Having visited Salzburg (the setting of "The Sound of Music"), really helps me to get into my part in the school musical," said Michele Griesman.

The group did encounter some culture shock. Public transportation was quite interesting as numerous people recalled how Europeans do not use deodorant or have women shave their legs. "They preferred coins to bills," recalled Eric Kluever. They all gave the advice to bring more money." Knives and clocks were some of the most common purchases. "You even had to pay to go to the bathroom," added Kristin Wolfram. All people agreed that the bathroom conditions in themselves were shocking.

The group was overall satisfied with the lodging. The rooms were small though. Their favorite hotel was Ramada Inn, but their most fun was Hotel Orly.

Most of the group members want to go back. Don't let the foreign language scare you. According to Jamie Jarecki, "Most people knew English." However, the group does have some advice, "Bring extra money and extra food," Jason Brezenski warned, "They feed you mainly hard rolls and soup."

The group will always have great memories. Eric Kluever met a Skinhead (gang member) while Jason Brezenski experienced a little forgetfulness and left his backpack to be stolen at the Hauptbahnhof, a social hall. Jeannie Kiser summed it up best, "Overall, traveling was a great experience. We met lots of new people and had many wonderful experiences."

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Nebraska Football: Clotting Up The Polls In '94

Sports Editorial by Matt Honke

At the beginning of the College Football season, depth at quarterback and strength of the secondary were the major concerns of the Nebraska Cornhusker football team. Since then, things have gotten dramatically worse in those two areas.

Although the team has won its first six games it has lost: a) Tommie Frazier to a season ending blood clot in his leg; b) Scholarship quarterback Tony Veland to the defensive side of the ball; c) Scholarship quarterback Ben Rutz to a junior college in Oklahoma; d) Scholarship true freshman quarterback Jon Elder who went to Wayne State where he eventually quit also; e) Walk-on quarterback Monte Christo, who looked good in pre-season, broke his thumb and is red-shirting.

As for the secondary: a) Starting Free Safety Mike Minter is out by a season-ending knee injury; b) Three year letter winner Sedric Collins quit the team after the first game; c) Tony Veland may leave the Free Safety position to back up the quarterback position.

But, hey, other than that they are fine. However, Nebraska still have some resemblance of the championship team so many sports writers saw in them during the pre-season. The offensive line has been named by many in the nation as college's best. Led by Lombardi trophy nominee, Zach Weigert, this group of four seniors and one junior average 6'4" and 296 pounds. They are regarded as the fastest line in the Osborne Era. Running behind that line is future All-American Lawrence Phillips. Nebraska started the season #1 in the nation running and was threatening to break the all-time rushing yards per game record held by the '71 Oklahoma Sooners at

just over 470 yards a game. The Huskers also shot out to over 120 yards more a game than the nearest competitor on the ground. This cushion should make them the #1 rushing team at the end of the season as well, but still, there is something missing with the loss of Tommie Frazier - the option.

Junior Brook Berringer now has taken over for the hurt Frazier and although he actually ran a faster 40-yard time than Frazier, do not let that fool you. Berringer has good enough speed to be a quarterback; he just cannot scramble like or have the instincts that Frazier has. So what Nebraska has to do with Berringer at quarterback is make some simple modifications to the offense that is more suited to his strengths. That should mean that we can expect to see more short high percentage passes, quick pitches to our running backs, and shotgun.

The receiving core has been a bit of a surprise this year. Originally, thought of as being a good receiving core catching the ball and being a poor blocking group, these men have showed us the ability to block great and the inability to catch the ball. One man who is going to have to step up now is senior tightend Eric Alford. He is Nebraska's best receiver. Many are comparing him to former Husker Johnny Mitchell. Nebraska has ranked in the top five nationally this year in Net Punting, leading our special team effort.

Defensively, it is hard to say how good Nebraska has been. A 31-0 win over then well thought of West Virginia team has turned into a 42-32 squeaker over Wyoming. A sparkle of hope is our rushing defense, where Nebraska has ranked in the top ten nationally. Against Wyoming,

Nebraska stopped their running back, Ryan Christophersen, who was then ranked in the top five nationally, running the ball to 12 carries for zero yards. Our defensive philosophy has always been stop the run first and then make them pass. Unfortunately, that is what has been hurting us this year. Nebraska is not getting the pass rush they need to have, giving the opposing quarterback too much time to throw into our injury-plagued and inexperienced secondary.

Now this might make it sound like Nebraska is done for, but, the one thing to remember about the Cornhuskers is that they are still undefeated and have a good shot for the championship. Football is not won by one player, it is won by a team and the '94 Nebraska Cornhusker football team has the talent, heart, and courage to still go all the way. So in the words of the great Nebraska radio legend, Lyle Bremser, "Man, woman, and child look at them Cornhuskers roll!"

Scotus Golf Tees Off At State

by Amy Price

The girls' golf team teed off for state. The girls received their first ever state qualification. The team has done exceptionally well this year.

At the Wayne Invite the scores were: Wayne 395, Blair 399, Scotus 405, and Lakeview 412. Amy Cimpl placed tenth.

At the Scotus Invite Scotus scored 371, which is the school record. Amy Cimpl recieved second place, Kellie Goettsche got forth, Chrissy Labenz placed seventh, and Erin Miles eighth.

At the District meet, Minden received 380 points, GICC 400, and Scotus 403. Erin Miles placed ninth and Heidi Hinze got tenth place.

State was a disappointment, after doing so well in the season. Junior Amy Cimpl led Scotus with a 96 and sophomore Erin Miles shot a 98. Other competitors from Scotus were juniors Kellie Goettsche, Heidi Hinze, and Chrissy Labenz.

"We'll be back." Coach Mitch Arnold said.

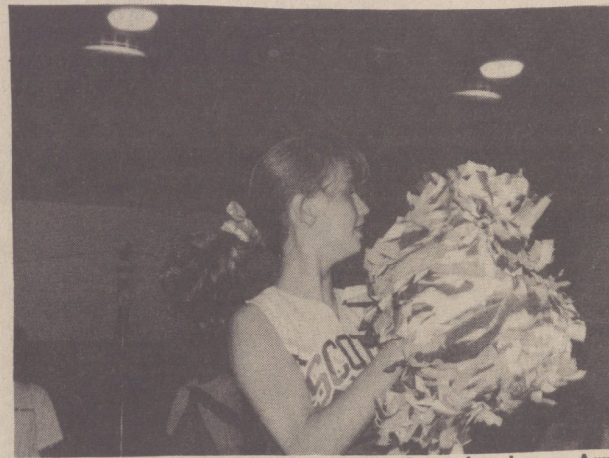


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Senior Ginger Janicek cheers at the Homecoming Pep Rally which was held in the gym. Chocolate and marshmallows were also a part of the fun activities.

Cross Country Season Coming To An End

by Julie Blum

With the Cross Country season coming to an end there is a possibility of making it to state. Both of the coaches are very excited about next year. "We have a very experienced team and next year we should move up in the standings because we have no seniors, so we won't lose any runners," said the boys coach Fr. Wayne.

Cross country is a very demanding sport, just look at what Ben Johnson has to say "I feel like crap, but I'm glad that we're done with that particular meet". Cross country does have its good side, like going out for ice cream when Mr. Mahoney buys which seems to be the girls team's favorite thing about practice. Their main goal is making it to state. "I want to be able to make it to state to run, not to be an alternate, and

I'd like to improve my time" said junior Stacy Boman.

For the girls at the Aquinas Invite, the team finished sixth. Freshman Renee Boman got second place with a time of 15:22, senior Michelle Griesman came in 29th place in a time of 17:18, sophomore Jeni Jackson finished in 32nd place in 17:25, junior Robin Keller received 35th with a time of 17:30, junior Sara Gonka got 44th in a time of 17:57, and junior Jill Kosch came in 50th in 18:20.

At the Conference meet, the team as a whole, finished third. Individual scores were: Freshman Renee Boman came in second with a time of 16:22, senior Michelle Griesman had a time of 18:11 and came in 15th, sophomore Jeni Jackson came in 16th in 18:12, junior Robin Keller got 23rd in a time of 18:45, junior Jill

Kosch received 27th in a time of 18:58, and Sara Gonka came in at 32nd in 19:15.

In the District meet, the team received fourth place. Renee Boman was the only runner on the girls team to qualify for state.

In the Aquinas meet for the boys, received fifth place as a team. The top runners were: sophomore Jesse Kuhlen in 11th place, junior Ben Johnson came in 13th, sophomore Tyler Stenger finished 17th, and freshman Ryan Tooley got 39th.

At conference, the team finished fourth with sophomore Jesse Kuhlen coming in 8th, junior Ben Johnson got 11th, sophomore Tyler Stenger came in 15th, and freshman Ryan Tooley finished in 19th place.

There's No Stopping The Rocks!

by Pat Sokol

There is no doubt that the varsity volleyball team is looking for a return to State Volleyball Tournament this year. As they look towards districts, they hope to keep alive their undefeated season. The volleyball team was also featured on the sports segment of KOLN/KGIN TV.

LAKEVIEW MATCH

The last game in September against Lakeview, the Scotus Shamrocks took three sets to defeat the Lakeview Viqueens 9-15, 15-5, and 15-7.

Carmen Burbach was 12 for 12, Shauna Greiner was 17 for 18, and Angie Naughtin was 15 for 16 at the serving line. Burbach also had 14 kills for the night. Audrey Pfeiffer was credited for 6 blocks.

SEWARD INVITE

The first game in October, the

Rocks ventured to Seward to take the tournament. Their first rival was Seward which they mopped up in two sets 15-7, 15-3. Elkhorn was the next victim 15-8, 15-8. The championship game was also thrashing, as Scotus defeated York 15-9, 15-5.

Seward statistics include Amy Johnson nailing her serves 16 for 16. Carmen Burbach was a game high leader in attacks 18 for 20. Scotus led in blocks at 12.

In the second game against Elkhorn, Amy Johnson, Mandi Slusarski, and Angie Naughtin led in serves. In the attacks column (spikes), Carmen Burbach led with 10 kills and 19 makes out of a total of 20 attempts. Amy Johnson attacked and made 17 out of 19 attempts. Scotus was also able to block Elkhorn's attacks seven times.

The Championship game did

not take the Shamrocks long to show the crowd who was the best. York had to take home the second place trophy by losing 15-9 and 15-5. This win brought Scotus' record to 15-0.

Shauna Greiner set the net on fire by accurately serving 15 out of 16 times. Mandi Slusarski and Carmen Burbach each had 8 for 8 serving completions. The Shamrocks were 88% at the attack line by completing 43-49 attack attempts. Nine blocks were staged against York.

WAHOO NEUMANN

The Shamrocks were able to go home early after easily defeating Wahoo Neumann 15-4, 15-2 in the Shamrock dome. While Wahoo Neumann was unable to get any offense started, Scotus served 91% compared to Wahoo Neumann's 71%.

Scotus was easily able to com-

pletely manhandle Wahoo Neumann with their attacks. Amy Johnson was 14 for 16, Carmen Burbach was 9 for 11, and Audrey Pfeiffer was 7 for 7 in the attack department.

CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT

The Shamrocks traveled to Fremont to play Boystown and Omaha Roncalli in the Centennial Conference. In the first round of the tournament, Scotus came away with serving practice as they trounced on Boystown 15-0 and 15-1.

Shauna Greiner, Amy Johnson, Lisa Wemhoff, Carey Grell, and Mandi Slusarski each served 100%. Amy Rueschoff was 6 for 6 in attacks. With this win, the Shamrocks chalked up 17 games in the win column.

Scotus dominated Roncalli at the serving line again making 43

out of 46 attempts compared to Roncalli's 22 serving attempts. Dominating at the line paid off as the Rocks won 15-1 and 15-4.

Angie Naughtin accurately served 14 out of 14 tries with 2 aces. Amy Johnson had an excellent night in attacking by completing 16 out of 16 spikes with half of them in kills. Blocking was also in Scotus' court with the Rocks setting up 15 blocks.

The last game of the tournament was held 10-11-94 in Fremont against the Monarchs. Scotus took the Tournament by winning 16-18, 15-9, and 15-8. After this, the Rocks are 19-0 and rated No. 3 in the top 10 by the Omaha World-Herald. Amy Johnson led the Shamrocks with 19 kills and Audrey Pfeifer had 13 kills. Shauna Greiner had 38 assists for the night and Angie Naughtin had 10 points for the winners.

Scotus Shamrock's Football Team (6-1) Going Into David City Aquinas Game

by Chantell Nix

The second ranked Scotus Shamrocks (6-1) will play undefeated David City Aquinas this Friday night to regain their number one title.

York

The fifth game of the 1994 football season against York, marked the half way point of the goal of reaching the State Playoffs. Scotus came out on top 19-7. Scotus passed for 84 yards and 161 yards rushing.

Eric Kluever made eight unassisted tackles, Jason Brezenski and Dustin Buggi had five, Denny Sliva and Chad Mustard were also credited for four unassisted tackles. There were a total of six sacks on the York quarterbacks. Denny Sliva had 73 yards rushing, 84 yards passing and three touchdowns. Ryan Fleischer had 59 yards rushing, Dustin Buggi rushed for 24 yards.

Wahoo Neumann

As the undefeated, number one ranked Scotus team took on Wahoo Neumann for their homecoming game, who would have thought the game would have been decided with only minutes left in the ball game. The nail-biting game ended with Scotus on top 10-7. This close game ended with Scotus down by four in the fourth quarter with only two minutes left in the game. Senior, Joe Pilakowski, made the game-saving touchdown which shot the Shamrocks out on top by three points.

Scotus rushed for a total of 235 yards. Derek Bonk, senior, rushed for 185 yards; senior, Ethan Shunk, rushed for 45 yards. Denny Sliva, senior, passed for 85 yards, which was the total passing yards for Scotus. Credit junior, Chris Langan, for

scoring 4 points on a field goal in the second quarter and for making the extra point on the touchdown.

Battle Creek

The game that pitted Scotus against Battle Creek had a disappointing ending for the Shamrocks. After a close game with Wahoo Newman the previous week with the Shamrocks coming from behind with only two minutes left in the game. Although, Scotus won by three points, the Shamrocks finally met their defeat at Battle Creek. The final score of the game was 24-7. Scotus had 186 yards rushing. Senior, Denny Sliva, rushed for 121 yards. Senior, Derek Bonk, rushed for 53 yards and ran in one touchdown. Chris Langan had the extra point. Senior, Jason Brezenski also ran for 16 yards rushing.

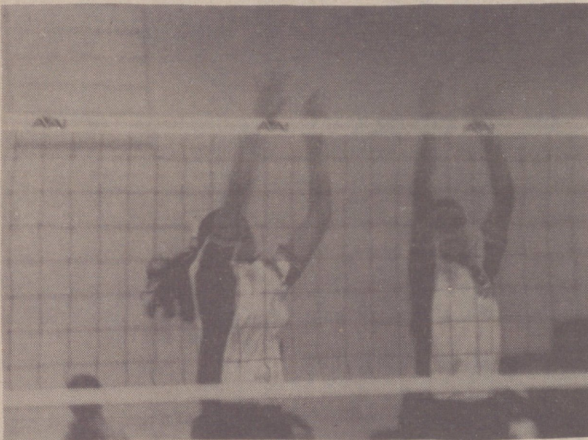


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Scotus volleyball players go up for a block in the Conference Tournament.

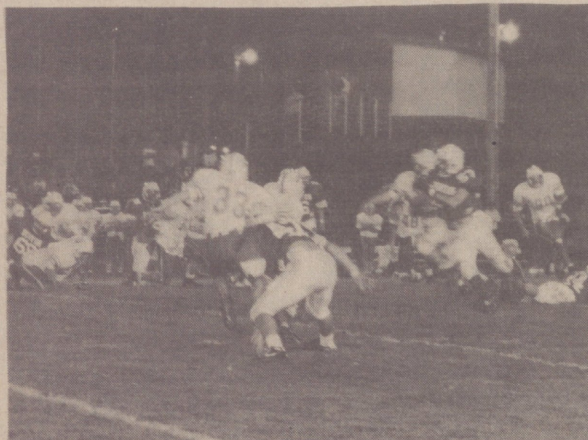


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Joey Pilakowski and Scott Stenger try to block their opponents while Derek Bonk darts for yardage.

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Michael and Lisa Marie?

Can the marriage of the daughter of the "King of Rock" and the "King of Pop" really work?

by Amy Price

The "King of Pop" and the "King of Rock & Roll's" daughter together make what? The wedding of the century. Michael Jackson, 35, and Lisa Marie Presley-Jackson, 26, were married in the Dominican Republic on May 26, 1994. The two have known each other since Elvis took Lisa Marie to see the Jackson 5 in 1973. They kept in touch through letters and phone calls; their adult relationship started in November of 1992.

"It seems like the whole thing just came up out of the blue, I never knew they were dating," said sophomore Niki Thomas.

Lisa Marie, was formerly married to rocker Danny Keough, with whom she has two children, Danielle and Benjamin. The two were married in 1988, and divorced just 18 days before she married Michael.

With Michael and Lisa Marie, money is no object—she will soon inherit her father's \$150 million dollar estate. Jackson paid \$15-\$20 million for the child molestation charges without blinking an eye.

"I think that the marriage was for publicity so everyone would forget about the molestation charges," said junior Travis Kruse.

"I think the media put too much emphasis on the private lives of Michael and Lisa Marie," said junior Jill Beller.

The two jetted to a deluxe spa, Casa de Campo, in the Dominican province of La Romana. Then to Viva La Vega as the two proceeded to get married by civil ceremony.

Now the only question left unanswered is Why did Lisa Marie and Michael get married? Was it for love? Or was it for publicity?

"I think all the media coverage will destroy their marriage," said junior Krista Mimick.

Final Judgement: Senior Mock Trial

by Beth Patocka

Long hours and hard practice has paid off for the senior mock trial team. The seniors went on to the State Competition in Columbus on December 16-17 after defeating Wahoo in the regional finals at Schuyler on December 5th.

On Tuesday, November 8, the sophomores lost against Columbus High, and on Monday, November 14, the juniors lost against Lakeview. "I was disappointed against our defeat against Lakeview, because the competition was so

close," said junior Jill Becker. Although losing was a negative experience for these two teams, sophomore Holly Hasselbach said, "It was neat to argue with people. I like that."

To determine which team wins, there are two scoring judges at the competitions. The judges will then be given a form which is provided from the State Bar Association. On this form they will give points according to the criteria from the performance.

"Serpent" Slithers Superiorly at State

by Ryan Eikmeier

Scotus' 1994 one-act play, *The Serpent*, took first place at the November 15th Silver Creek One-Act Invitational.

The play, directed by Mrs. Sandie Bernt, has a cast of seven Drama II students, including Jenny Arp, Nikki Beran, Nate Marik, Matt Moseman, Cathy Wemhoff, Laura Hightower, and Jamie Jarecki. The tech crew consisted of Mike Edison, Jill Becker, Terri Kresha, and Ryan Eikmeier.

"Many plays (at one-act competitions) are standard—with specific plots," said cast-member, Nate Marik. "Our play is not the norm. It's a breath of fresh

air, something different. The judges like it."

The Serpent, written by Jean Claude Van-Italie (not Van Damme), is a form of open theatre which involves an elaborate ceremony based on the Bible's book of Genesis. The "actors" (called participants in this play) do not play the roles of specific characters, but adapt themselves to different "caricatures" as the story evolves from a reenactment of famous assassinations to the garden of Eden.

The Serpent went on to state competition at the Johnny Carson Theatre in Norfolk on December 8th. The play production placed Superior.

Juniors partner up for memories and egg toss

by Beth Patocka

On November 16, the junior class spent their day, at the parish center in Duncan, for the annual retreat. This retreat is to help the class to become closer and should be a memorable event for the students. According to Travis Kruse, "it was a great learning experience, that I will never forget." The day started off with everyone trying to get to know each other better. They did this by choosing a partner and asking them questions. After having to remember the answers to these questions, they then moved so many seats over to a new partner. During the day many other activities took place including an egg toss, a sharing game with yarn, and ended with mass.

Bonding is one of the more important factors that usually takes place at the retreats. This bonding was shown through the different games Father had planned for the day. "I think a lot of people bonded more. I think they talked to a lot more people they normally wouldn't. Some of the activities we did were the same as other years, but we still made it fun, because our class gets along really well," said Megan Gilenkirchen.

Along with Fr. Wayne, Miss Dusel and Mr. Crouch were chosen to go along with the juniors. This was also a great experience for them along with the juniors. Mr. Crouch said, "I was happy to share their experience with them."



Merry
Christmas
and
Happy
New Year!
from
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"Sound of Music" more than a memory

by Ryan Eikmeier

Silence. *The Sound of Music* no longer fills the musty air of the barren stage. I walk down center hoping to feel the warmth of a spotlight and the din of a crowd that once lined every seat in the gym; there is nothing.

I swore for weeks that I could not wait until this was over. It is now. Despite the hard work, I don't have anything to show for my efforts. I didn't get a trophy, I didn't get a scholarship, and I didn't win an Oscar. So why did I bother coming to 6:30 a.m. practices and stay until 11:30 P.M.? Why did I spend the long hours memorizing lines? Why did I spend eight weeks creating a character that would "die" after only two performances?

I can't give you a single reason. I can't say I did it for love of theatre; I've never even taken an acting class. I can't say I did it for the credit; I didn't expect that this play would be any better than any other play that Scotus has staged. I certainly didn't do it because I enjoy the challenge of seeing how many hours I can go without sleep while I memorize lines at night.

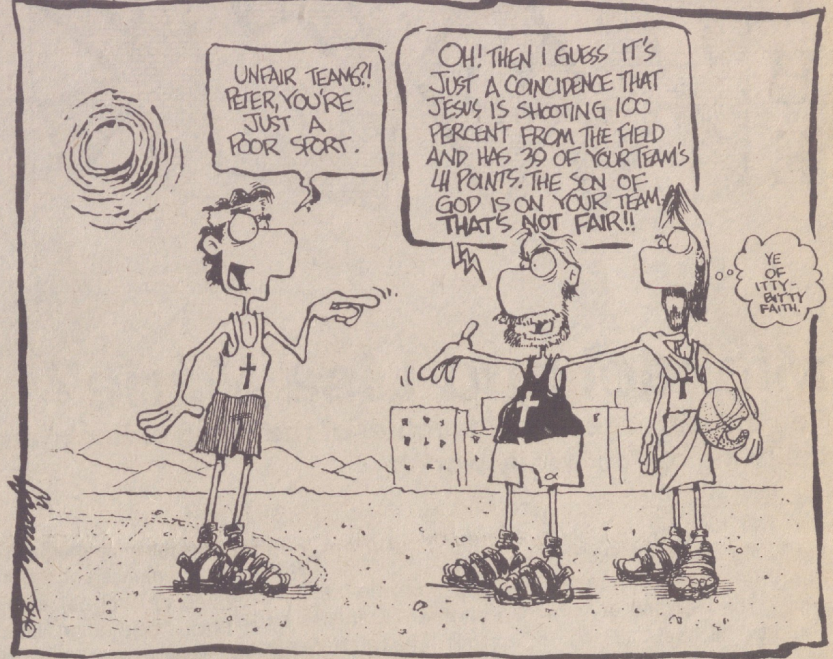
I did it because I thought I could make a difference. The arts have never been a top priority at Scotus—at least

among students. I can't say I blame them. I wouldn't want to be a part of a program where teachers only stick around for a year at the most, where you can count the members of the band on one hand, and where the choir is met with great laughter instead of great applause. But this year was different. The school made a conscious effort to improve, and that they did.

Over 1,200 people attended both performances combined. That's a giant increase from the mere 150 people that attended last year's play. I realize that 1,200 would be just an "average" crowd for a sporting event at Scotus, but it does show that Columbus does have an interest in the arts at Scotus.

I have received numerous compliments on the show and I'm very proud of everyone that chose to get involved. I hope the school will continue the new "tradition" we started this year and not let another seventeen years pass before the next major show. The next show has been scheduled for the spring of 1996. My only regret is that I won't get to be a part of it, but you can bet I'll be in the audience, remembering the glow of the spotlight, the music, and the applause of the audience.

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All I Want For Christmas is...

by Julie Blum

The Christmas season is approaching fast and you need to put up your tree, hang your lights, bake cookies, and then you have to find enough time to go shopping for gifts. Shopping for presents can be the hardest thing to do during the Christmas season. You never know if the gift you give to someone is what they really

want. If you are having this problem, here is what some of the people at Scotus really want for Christmas.
 "A plane ticket to Bermuda."
Mr. Arnold
 "A new T.V."
Ms. Dusel
 "A new boyfriend that gives me lots of stuff."
Vicki Gubbles
 "Speed."
Krista Mimick

"For this year to be over."
Mandi Guernsey
 "A Raffi poster."
Jill Becker
 "New car stereo."
Lenny Sliva
 "Money or clothes."
Renee Boman
 "A lot of CD's."
Andrew Ingemansen
 "Vacation to Hawaii."
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Students Swing at StuCo Sock Hop

by Matt Moseman

For the past several years, it has been common for the Student Council members of Lakeview and Scotus to merge together to sponsor a sock hop for both schools' students. Recently, Columbus High has been let in on all the fun as well. There have been a total of three three-school dances, the most recent of which was held at Scotus on November 5. This was the first time a three school, student council dance was held at Scotus. dance sponsored by

The dances were started by former Scotus teacher, Jack Sadle, and Lakeview.

The responses of students at Scotus to this has been positive, as it gives the students a chance to hang out with their friends from the other schools, or at least meet new people. "[It's good] if you know them," said senior, Sandy Fischer, "[But] I think that everyone stays with their own groups."

Lakeview Senior High student council member

Mark Spence agrees with Fischer's statement. "I think it's a good chance for people to get together, but they tend to stay in their own groups."

These three school dances economically do very well. However, there is not a very large turnout of Scotus People. For example, at the last dance there was only a total of perhaps 10 to 15 Scotus seniors, and not all of this number was present at the same time.

No matter how the student councils—most importantly our own—work on promoting these dances, there is still a bit of apathy throughout the senior high, aside from the sophomores and freshmen. The juniors and seniors who do attend, are happier driving around the mains or just gathering at each others homes. Does the student council plan on doing something about this?

"Yes, but we haven't discussed it," said Scotus student council sponsor Linda Kosch. She also said that while turnout overall for Scotus students at the November 5, dance was good, it alters with where the dance is held. While Scotus and Columbus High turnout was good, Lakeview was less; while dances held at Lakeview have a higher Lakeview turnout and less Scotus and Columbus High.

SCC Student Comes Out of the Closet

by Rich McPhillips

I have been meaning to talk to someone about it for a long time. I'm still not sure about letting the whole world know, but I have to let it out. As a child, I was severely hurt. I have been scarred emotionally as a result. About now you are probably wondering what happened. No, I wasn't abused or sexually molested. In some ways it was worse: My parents never bought me a pair of "moon boots". (You know, those soft, colorful boots that every kid had for recess during the winter.) Instead they went to the local TSC store and bought me a pair of those black rubber boots with the steel clamps. I hated those boots with a passion, but my mother had no sympathy. She said those black ugly boots were waterproof and would last longer. I didn't care. **Everyone** else had moon boots! (When I say "everyone," I'm not making a generalization. Really, every kid in my class had them.)

At school, I dreaded recess in the winter. Everyone else loved it because they could sport their new "moon boots." It must have been a great experience, taking your

shoes off and slipping your feet into those soft, puffy moon boots. I, on the other hand, had to keep my shoes on and pull the heavy, rubber boots over the top. By the time I got one of my boots on and clamped, everyone else was already picking teams for snowball wars or building a snow fort. After I finally made it outside, I ran as if were Sasquatch, since each boot was about 10 pounds and nearly as long as a ski.

Now that I have told everybody the horrible truth I will probably be ridiculed and made fun of. That's okay; I can take it. And if I am a failure in life, I will have a good excuse. I was deprived of one of childhood's greatest possessions: The joy and comfort of "moon boots".

Crystal Water - It is not what you think

by Travis Patocka

Within the last couple we rarely hear of Raves.

years, a variety of music has risen and fallen off the chart. These types of music include grunge, chant, and reggae. Now, a form of music called rave, has been quietly flooding the radio in several forms. Just listen to Sweet 98, and you will see my point. Much of the "commercial" dance music played on the radio is a variant of the rave, or techno as it is also known. Some of these "commercial" bands include Culture Beat, Crystal Waters, and Technotronic.

Rave has its origins in Europe where it was played at large parties called Raves. The music is characterized by fast, repetitive, loud beats and a chorus or a few verses. The music spread to America, and within just the last couple of years, its popularity has grown tremendously. But, here in Nebraska,

Most American Raves took place in California and New York, but were quickly busted by police because of drugs, trespassing, and public disturbances. Raves still exist today, secretly, in abandoned warehouses and buildings which are hard for police to break up. Even though, we do not have Raves here in Nebraska, at least we have the music.

So, if you would like to check out something different, the album I recommend as an introduction to rave, is by a band called The Movement. One of their most popular songs entitled "BINGO", has been played at tape dances here at Scotus. The best time to catch rave on the radio, is during the Saturday Night Hot Mix on Sweet 98. Many rave songs contain the same beat and a chorus of lines such as "Dance until you can't dance no more," and "Let the beat move you." Luckily, each band uses different instruments and beats per minute, it adds variety. With the fusion of pop, techno and rave, the future of this music looks promising indeed.

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Pius & West Holt Victims of Scotus Girls Basketball

Lady Shamrocks Show Defensive Dominance

by Pat Sokol and Travis Patocka

Lincoln Pius

The Scotus girls basketball team started the season with a victory against Lincoln Pius. This was a home game played on Thursday, December 1st. The Shamrocks leading scorer for the game was Senior, Angie Naughtin, with 11 points. Senior, Carey Grell; Junior, Shauna Greiner; and Sophomore, Carmen Burbach, scored eight points each. As for rebounds, Senior, Angie Naughtin, led with 10 rebounds. Sophomore, Rhea Wemhoff, had 6 rebounds.

The girls displayed a strong second half defense, while the execution of the second half offense shall improve as the season contin-

ues. The score at half-time was 24-12. When all was said and done, Scotus celebrated a 42-32 win over the Lincoln Pius girls basketball team.

Coach John Petersen said that the team will keep on improving, while with only one week and one half of practice, the girls could only give all they had, which gave them the win. Coach Petersen said "This was an excellent start for us."

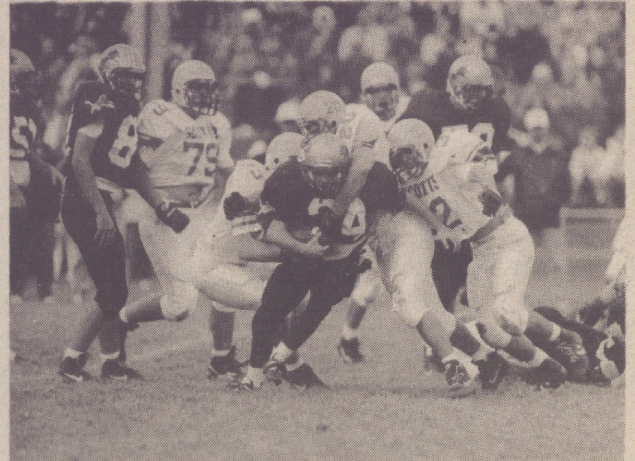
The Junior Varsity girls were defeated 31-30 with a three pointer scored on them with eight seconds left in the fourth quarter.

Atkinson West Holt

For the second game of the season the Scotus girls brought home a win. Scotus Shamrocks traveled to Atkinson West Holt to take the win 41 to 26. The game was played on Friday, December 2nd.

Sophomores, Carmen Burbach, scored 12 points, and Rhea Wemhoff scored 8 points.

Leading rebounders were Rhea Wemhoff with eight, Carmen Burbach and Junior Shauna Greiner with five rebounds each.



The Scotus Football team defeated Norfolk Catholic 9-0 in the quarter finals of State Playoffs, but were unable to contain David City Aquinas by a score of 20-14 in the semi-finals. The Scotus Shamrocks ended their season 8-4.

Players that were voted on the All Nebraska Centennial Conference were: Derek Bonk, Brandon Drum, Ryan Liebig, Joe Pilakowski, Scott Stenger, Chris Langan, and Chad Mustard. Players who made Honorable Mention were Jason Brezenski, Dustin Buggi, Dan Swoboda, and Matt McGuire. Brandon Drum was named C1 Player of the Year and made All State. Derek Bonk, Chad Mustard, Ryan Liebig, and Scott Stenger made Honorable Mention All State.

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Swimmers Start Season One Lap Ahead

by Julie Blum and Beth Patocka

On Thursday, December 1st, the swim team, consisting of Columbus Public and Scotus students, competed for the first time at the aquatic center, against Fremont. The boys and girls both won with Chip Kaup getting third in diving, and Robin Keller placing first in all four events. Jill Keller also placed third in diving and second in the 500 free style, and Teresa Sleddens placed first in the Medley relay, first in the 100 breaststroke, and second in the 100 butterfly. According to Junior, Teresa Sleddens, "Everyone on the team works hard to support one another. Team unity is very important and that is one thing that makes the swim team so fun!" Their next meet was Saturday, December 10th.

Swimming takes dedication from all the team members, especially with practices. They have practices from 3:45 to 5:45 Monday through Friday, and 6:00 to 7:00 on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. On Tuesday and Thursday, they have weight training from 6:00 a.m. to 7:15 a.m.. Senior Michele Greisman said, "I am glad I went out for swimming. It takes dedication and builds character."

The members of the swim team include senior: Michele Greisman, juniors: Robin Keller and Teresa Sleddens, sophomores: Chip Kaup and Jill Keller, and freshman: Jake Dowd. Mr. Sanderson is the head coach with Mr. Duin the assistant.

SCC V-Ball Spikes Their Way to State

by Nikki Beran

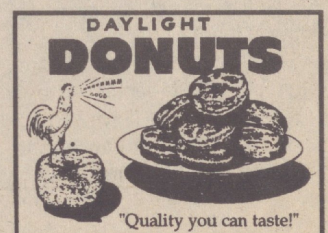
With a 27-1 record, the Scotus Varsity Volleyball team finished their season by becoming the 1994 State Volleyball Runner-Up Winners. The Shamrocks went into the State Tournament, by beating Wahoo Neumann 15-1 15-2, rated #1 in Class C-1 and #3 in the state. At state, the Shamrocks beat Imperial 15-3, 15-7 and Auburn 15-8, 15-3 to go into the championship round against Grand Island Central Catholic. The Shamrocks lost in three sets to GICC 11-15, 15-6 and 9-15, giving the team the only loss during the entire season.

Along with a great season, many accomplishments were also gained. Senior Amy Johnson was named to Super State 2nd team by the Omaha World Herald and to 3rd team Su-

per State by the Lincoln Journal Star. She was also named to 1st team All State in C-1 as well as All-Conference. Senior Angie Naughtin received Academic All-State, All-Conference and All-State Honorable Mention by the Lincoln Journal Star in All-State. Sophomore Carmen Burbach was named to the 1st team All-State in C-1 by the Omaha World Herald and the Lincoln Journal Star. She was also selected for All-Conference. Junior Shauna Greiner set a state record in class C-1 by having 48 set assists in one match against GICC. She also received All-State and All-Conference Honorable Mention awards. Sophomore Audrey Pfeifer was named to All-State and All-Conference Honorable Mention standings.

Records at Scotus were also gained by the players. Shauna Greiner now holds the Most Set Assists a Season Record with 580. This same record gives her the #5 spot in the Set Assists (Career). Amy Johnson holds the #3 spot in Ace Spikes a Season with 194. In Serving Points (Season) Angie Naughtin is #6 followed by Amy Johnson #8 and Carmen Burbach #9.

Overall it was a great season for the Lady 'Rocks and we congratulate you!



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Band Members, Katie Atchison and Jake Dowd, along with many others play for Pep Band at numerous basketball games under the direction of Mrs. Kristen Cox.

Gala: "Round-Up '95"

By Ryan Eikmeier

On Saturday, April 29th, Scotus will *lasso* up a herd of people into the Scotus Activity Center *corral* for the 14th annual spring gala. The event, which is expected to draw a crowd of about 600 people, is set to the western theme of "Round-Up '95."

Seven tables of items will be available at the silent auction including: health/fitness, holiday, mens', ladies', children, college, and hearth & home. A highlight of the grand auction will be the autographed University of Nebraska 1995 National Championship football.

Rick and Tami Grubaugh, Tony and Jeanne Raimondo, and Bob and Lee White are this year's host couples. The silent auction is expected to begin at 4:45 p.m., with the grand auction following after a dinner of "Dodge City Strip."

The spring gala is Scotus' largest fund raiser and tickets are available by calling Scotus. "It will be a very casual, relaxing, fun evening," says gala chairperson, Rick Grubaugh.

FBLA celebrates special week

Leaders get down to business with school and community

By Sheryl Rupp

Scotus Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) involved both school and community as it celebrated National FBLA Week. February 12-18, was the designated recognition week, but Scotus started its special week one day early with the community. On Saturday, February 11, members were invited to a Youth Summit, which discussed future events for teens in Columbus. However, the week officially began with a page ad in the Columbus Telegram. The Scotus FBLA Chapter is the second largest in the region, with 201 members.

At school, the festivities continued when members found treats on their lockers everyday of the week. Each treat centered around an FBLA daily theme. Monday, a meeting was held, while on Tuesday, members were allowed to dress in business attire. The teachers were also treated on Tuesday to a faculty breakfast, which FBLA sponsored. Wednesday peaked the special week with "An Evening of Entrepreneurs". This was a panel consisting of 12 local entrepreneurs who shared their secrets on starting and operating a business. This discussion was open

to both students and members of the community. Thursday, the Scotus FBLA sponsored a Sweetheart Raffle, with all proceeds donated to the Tourettes Syndrome Foundation. Friday's events closed the week with a posting of members eligible for the State Leadership Conference in April.

The Scotus Chapter has Mrs. Jan Went and Mrs. Phyllis Matz as its advisors. After FBLA Week, Scotus has helped to make FBLA known and recognized not only at school, but also in the community.

Opportunity knocks at College Fair

By Julie Blum

The Scotus 9th grade class was joined by 1400 other students for the Opportunity Fair. The Opportunity Fair was held at Ag Park on February 13th from 9 - 4 pm. This fair included all schools from the Columbus area. The fair was to help students find out which area of profession they might be interested in.

There were 63 career pre-

senters from around the area and they talked about their different jobs with the students. The 9th grade class had already gone over the different careers in class, so they knew what they might be interested in when they arrived at the fair. At the end of the day, there was a drawing for prizes which were furnished by the presenters for all students in attendance.

Happy St. Pat's Day!



\$15,446 collected by SCC students

By Julie Blum

Top overall ticket seller for the January 28th Shamrock Night was Matt Patocka selling 322 tickets. The second highest ticket winner was Tony Bierman who sold 250.

The Sr. High top sellers were:	Prize
1st Matt Patocka sold 322	\$150
2nd Shannon Cieloha sold 130	\$ 75
3rd Niki Thomas sold 108	\$ 50
4th Chris Cieloha sold 81	\$ 30

The Jr. High top sellers were:	Prize
1st Tony Boerman sold 250	\$150
2nd Sara Peterson sold 144	\$ 75
3rd Ben Foreman sold 122	\$ 50
4th Joey Citta sold 105	\$ 15
4th Sara Patocka sold 105	\$ 15

The Sophomore class won the pizza party and the Sophomores and 7th Grade qualified for jeans week during the week of March 6-10.

1995 Shamrock Night Raffle Ticket Winners:
 \$300 Shopping Spree was won by Bob & Vicki Arp.
 One Half Side of Beef was won by Dan Korger.
 One Semester Tuition was won by Bob & Vicki Arp.
 19" Color Television was won by Barb Torczon.

"Convictions of the Heart" sets stage for Sweetheart

By Beth Patocka

On February 3, 1995 Complete Music set the music to this years Sweetheart Dance, with the theme being Convictions of the Heart. Winning the basketball game against Wahoo Neumann, helped to set the mood when Nick Costello and Jenny Hill were crowned King and Queen. Other Sweetheart candidates included Mindi Almquist, Brian Bertsch, Jeff Brakenhoff, Michele Greisman, Carey Grell, Matt Honke, Ginger Janicek, Rich McPhillips, Cami Wiegert, and Ryan Wondercheck. As in other years

this Sweetheart was a lot of fun, although some people have said that this was the best Sweetheart Dance yet. According to sophomore Matt Patocka, "I thought this years Sweetheart was better than last years." Complete Music did a good job by playing what students wanted to hear, so that they were all out there having a great time. According to senior Mandi Guernsey, "I thought the music was really good. I think that everyone enjoyed it, because there weren't a lot of people standing around."

By Ryan Eikmeier

Winter is winding down, but the action is far from fading at the local *Center Four Theatre*. Check out these box-office, and video hits, if you are in the mood for some popcorn and a night at the movies.

Legends of the Fall is already a hit, at least to hoards of women who are swooning over Brad Pitt, the actor-turned-sex-symbol star of this old-fashioned movie. Although Pitt steals the movie, Anthony Hopkins gives a fine performance as Pitt's father. The story, based on Jim Harrison's novella, revolves around three brothers who are in love with the same woman, played by Julia Ormond. Some parts of the movie come off as overly sentimental, but on the whole, *Legends of the Fall* is an epic saga you will not want to miss.

Adam Sandler will star as lazy, but entertaining adult who heads back to grade school

to earn his place in his father's will in *Billy Madison*. Billy, who earlier dropped out of school, must hit the books again as he progresses through all twelve grades of school. The catch is, he has to do it in six months. Although this film may not be on the same level as *Legends of the Fall*, it is sure to be a comic hit.

You can look to see Sharon Stone on-screen as a gunfighter in *The Quick and the Dead*. Stone gets out her boots, chaps, and guns to outwit Gene Hackman, Gary Sinise, Kevin Conway, Lance Hendriksen, Roberts Blossom, Pat Hingle, and Kevin David in this western epic. By the way, Stone has decided to clean up her reputation in *The Quick and the Dead*. She reportedly refused to "disrobe" for director Sam Raimi.

Although you are too late to catch *The Lion King* at the theatre, you can catch it on video if you missed it the first time

around. Disney will release the film on video in March, and it is sure to join the ranks with Disney's other classic hot-sellers. Simba, a young lion cub (voiced by Jonathan Taylor Thomas from "Home Improvement"), must avenge his father's death at the hands of Scar, the ruthless villain. Loosely based on William Shakespeare's play, "Hamlet", *The Lion King* boasts five new songs by singer/songwriter, Elton John.

If none of these movies "takes your ticket", you can wait until summer for Kevin Costner's *Water World*, and Disney's *Pocahontas*, or check out one of the dozens of other movies that will surely spring out at you!

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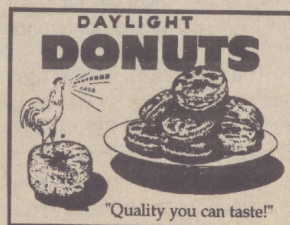
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Students dance the evening away to the music of Complete Music.





Candidates Jenny Hill and Matt Honke walk to the Sweetheart crowning ceremony.



Standing: Carey Grell, Brian Bertsch, Mindi Almquist, Queen Jenny Hill, King Nick Costello, Cami Wiegert Rich McPhillips, and Ryan Wondercheck. Second Row: Jeff Brakenhoff, Crownbearers Mauren Jackson and Michael Bonczynski, and Matt Honke. Third Row: Ginger Janicek and Michele Griesman

Compact disc defeats cassette

By Pat Sokol and Travis Patocka

Within the last few years, we have seen technology exceed that of our forefathers. When it comes to high-powered audio components, we have benefitted. As small children we grew up with vinyl. Records were simple, cheap and came along with a small storybook. After time, our favorite follow along records, such as Mousercise and Star Wars, sounded scratchy and unfortunately, deteriorated as time progressed.

Then came along cassettes. They were very compact and easy to use. You could record yourself singing along with Mousercise. Some of the best music we ever had was on cassette. But as time went on, the cassettes would lose fidelity and would sound just as bad as the records we loved only a few

years earlier.

Now we are grown up, and we have the compact disc. The first CD player I ever saw was around 1986. I had no idea how to operate, nor did I have any idea as to how it worked. But when I first heard it, the sound quality was amazing, and I could skip to songs with the touch of a button. The only drawback to the CD player was the cost of CD's and the player itself. But as time progressed, CD's became semi-affordable along with the players.

Now when we get our cars we are faced with a dilemma: CD or cassette. Pat Sokol and I decided to do a head-to-head comparison on car tape players and CD players. The results we found might be enough to con-

vince you to purchase a in-dash CD player. Here's our results....

The Pioneer Premier Single Disc CD has feather-touch buttons and a quick access to songs. The sound quality is extremely clear, loud and crisp. Skips in the music are rare. At \$500.00 it is superior to cassette.

The Alpine Cassette Player CD is less expensive than the Pioneer (\$350.00), but the sound quality is not as clear. Though this machine is simple to operate, you must wait to access the next song.

With these simple tests we showed the typical consumer the pros and cons of each format. It all comes down to whether or not the buyer is willing to spend the extra money for the latest in state of the art technology.

If you don't care for either of these formats, then check out Mini-Disk. It is a new music format that stores music on small CD's. MD has yet to take off in America. We have our doubts about this format due to the popularity of CD's. But who knows, only time can tell.

Magnificent ministers

By Beth Patocka

Working in the garden, selling concessions, and planning masses are only a few of the activities Campus Ministers participate in. At the Catholic Schools' Week Mass held on Thursday, February 2, 1995 Fr. Wayne and Mr. Crouch, co-sponsor of Campus Ministry, recognized those Campus Ministers who had helped out with seven or more activities. Those students who

did not reach the seventh mark at the last mass will be recognized in the upcoming masses. These awards are presented to show that the students' work is being appreciated and recognized. According to Jenny Podraza, a senior who received recognition said, "I think these awards help to motivate the Campus Ministers to be more active in Campus Ministry."

STUCO warms things up

By Nikki Beran

Nebraska winters are known for their unbearable temperatures, and those temperatures are definitely felt around Scotus. But recently the Scotus Student Council began selling sweatshirts which are an acceptable part of the uniform. The sweatshirts are being sold for \$25.00 in navy blue, hunter green and dark grey.

Rich McPhillips, president of STUCO, proposed the addition of a sweatshirt to the Scotus School Board. According to the student council advisor Mrs. Kosch, "sweatshirts are more versatile and more popular than the uniform sweaters". Laniece Micek

agreed by adding," The sweatshirts are much more comfortable".

Student Council has been working on this project for the majority of the school year. The design was voted on by the members earlier in the year. While voting, the simplicity and cost was held as a main issue.

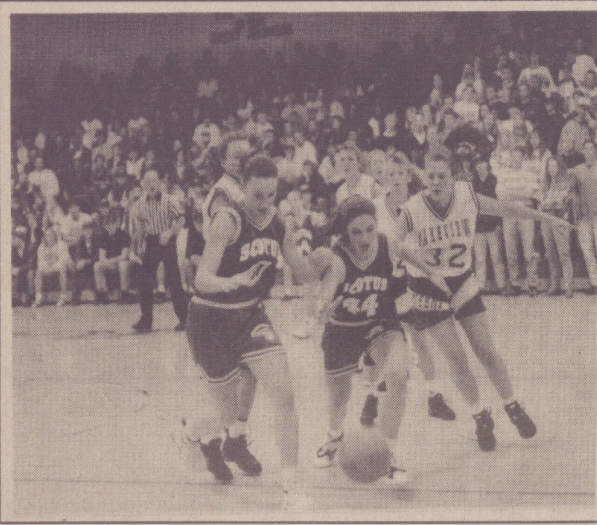
Overall, Scotus Students are pleased with the new addition. "I think they're cool, except it would have been great to have them before our senior year", senior Linsi Peterson said. New students also welcome the change. "Now I won't freeze!", seventh grader Dawn Beran said.

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Senior Angie Naughtin and sophomore Rhea Wemhoff hustle after a loose ball during the subdistrict final against Lakeview.

Rocks plow Viqueens in Subdistrict final

By Rich McPhillips

Scotus faithful crashed the Platte Campus Activity Center in good spirits to see the number four Shamrocks take on the number five Lakeview Viqueens for the Subdistrict championship. Although the Shamrock student body sparked the night with excitement wearing green apparel and funky costumes, the real entertainment happened on the court.

The Rocks bolted to an early lead and never looked back as they plowed Lakeview with a 45-27 victory. The win came three days after the Scotus victory over

David City High.

The thrashing of the Lakeview Viqueens was a result of an explosive inside game by the Rocks. Angie Naughtin, 13 points; Rhea Wemhoff, 11 points; and Kim Rickert 9 points combined for 33 of Scotus' 45 points. Other scorers for the Shamrocks

were Brandi Bulkey, Shauna Greiner, Kristi Korth and Rachel Wick.

With the win over Lakeview the Rocks moved one step closer to State. On Friday February 24 Scotus will face Wahoo for the District championship at Schuyler.



Junior Chad Mustard shoots a jumper as seniors Brian Bertsch and Wayne Wemhoff pursue a rebound.

Scotus swimmers qualify for State

By Sheryl Rupp

The swim team, consisting of students from both Columbus High and Scotus, has done an outstanding job this season. Their long-term dedication has paid off, especially for five out of the six Scotus students who are eligible to compete at the State competition. Scotus swimmers include: senior, Michele Griesman; and state contestants: juniors Robin Keller, and Teresa Sleddens, sophomores Chip Kaup, Jill Keller, as well as freshman, Jake Dowd.

Practice is very intense for the swimmers. They have an hour practice every weekday morning at 6:00. On Tuesday and

Thursday mornings, their practice consists of weight lifting. However, on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, there also is a two hour practice after school. According to Jake Dowd, "Swimming is great fun. The Columbus High students enjoy the Scotus kids that swim with them. Plus, it gives you something to do other than sit around all day and be lazy." Michele Griesman adds, "I love it...it's a great work-out for track."

As they say, practice makes perfect. The girls won second at the conference meet as this was definitely their best perfor-

mance. The boys added to this success by placing first at conference five times in a row. The work-out still continues, for the long-awaited State competition is on February 23. Preliminary State swimming is on February 24, while State swimming finals concludes on February 25.

As an inside joke to the team, Chip Kaup, when responding about swimming adds, "Yeah-uh-you know, um- Geezz-well, a yeah!" These astonishing words perfectly sum up the great season of swimming. The coaches, Paul Sanderson, Paul Duin, and Bonnie Keller, as well as the students, deserve compliments on a "job well swum".

Scouts end Rocks' Season

By Rich McPhillips

The Shamrocks experienced a dramatic end to their season in their second round of subdistrict play with a loss to David City High.

The Scouts jumped to an early 17-9 lead by hitting their first eight field goal attempts. Nevertheless the Rocks never relinquished the game. The Rocks use the inside rebounding dominance of senior Jeff Beierman and junior Chad Mustard to keep

the contest close.

The Omaha World Herald preseason listings had the Rocks ranked number four in Class C-1. The height advantage of this years team posed a serious threat inside for all teams challenging the rocks. On the perimeter, seniors Denny Sliva, Brian Bertsch and Joe Pilakowski lead the attack.

VFW Rocks claim indoor division title

The VFW Rocks Soccer team finished their indoor soccer season with a 5-2 victory over Norfolk last Wednesday night. The Rocks ended the season with only one loss and were league champions for the Boys 19 and under division. The competition included many Lincoln and Omaha teams.

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Seniors celebrate prom one last time together at the New World Inn.

Seniors...giving you a piece of our minds

by **Sheryl Rupp**

Out of the 78 members of our senior class, 70 students filled out a survey on Monday, May 8, in order to help us discover more about our class. Of the surveys taken, some areas were left blank, while other areas received more than one vote. Only the top three choices of each category are listed.

Favorite class: 21 Visual/Performing Arts 17 Science 10 Business

Least favorite class: 24 Math 22 English 6 Science

During Study Hall, you most often: 23 Go to the Library 19 Study 18 Sleep

Are you going to attend college? 70 Yes

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Are you going to attend college? 70 Yes

Is this college in Nebraska? 63 Yes 7 No

If yes, what town will you be in? 30 Lincoln 16 Columbus 8 Kearney

What will you be majoring in? 13 Business 9 Health Industry 8 Engineering

Do you feel that Scotus has prepared you for college? 64 Yes 4 No

Do you feel that the teachers truly care about their students? 60 Yes 8 No

Do you feel that the Administration follows the policy of the Student Handbook and disciplines students accordingly? 39 No 22 Yes

Favorite Radio Station: 38 "The Edge" 14 "Sweet 98" 8 "96 KX"

Favorite place to hang out: 36 Friend's House 5 Your House 5 Parties (Write in)

Favorite fast food place: 26 Burger King 22 Taco Johns 9 Arbys

Favorite pizza place: 43 Pizza Hut 17 Godfathers 5 Valentinos

Favorite past time: 37 Watching TV 22 Listening to the radio 5 Reading

Favorite movie: 24 "Forrest Gump" 22 "Lion King" 4 "Freaks of Nature" (Write in)

Place of work: 17 Grocery Store 9 Fast Food Place 7 Restaurant

Do you enjoy your job? 55 Yes 15 No

Do you plan to work a lot this summer? 61 Yes 4 No

Least favorite thing to do: 37 Be Stuck at Home 16 Go Cruising 14 Watch TV Commercials

Congratulations Class of 1995!

Good Luck!

Tomas Czechs out of Scotus

by **Beth Patocka**

The time here is coming to a quick end for Tomas Krystufek, our foreign exchange student. July 7 will be the last day here in Columbus for Tomas and July 14, will be his last day in the USA. When he gets back home he will have to retake his senior year. He knew that he would have to retake it, but he is not pleased with it. When he leaves he is going to miss the Sobotas, Scotus, friends, and the teachers. He said, "The teachers here at Scotus are very nice and friendly. The students are very nice and friendly too, it is fun to be with them." He did not have any complaints about Scotus except for maybe the uniforms, but that was no big deal for him. The teachers and students are what he liked the most about Scotus. Classes have been

easier for him, although some are pretty much the same. He has enjoyed his classes, especially English, Speech, and Calculus.

He is looking forward to going home to see his family again, and eat Czech food because, "it is the best." He would, however, like to stay in the USA and keep on studying here because he likes it here. The thought of going to college here has crossed his mind. Getting into college here is much more easier than in Czech Republic. The students apply to the colleges there, but the colleges only accept a small percentage of the people. In Czech Republic you have to take selection exams and your grades play a large role in getting accepted into college. If Tomas would stay in the USA to go to college he would not have

to retake his senior year, but he said, "to stay here, however, is not possible, because there are many obstacles." When he goes to college he plans to major in business.

Tomas' time here has gone by fast, and things went better than he expected them to. When asked how he likes the people in the USA he said, "People in the USA are really friendly to each other, which is not really the same in Czech Republic." On school nights his free time here has been spent studying, while on Friday and Saturday nights he hangs out with his friends, watching movies, or reading. According to Tomas, "This was the best year of my entire life. I'm glad I could stay here." We will miss you Tomas, and good luck.

So long, Scotus

by **Ryan Eikmeier**

Finished. Over the past six years I have completed what can only be described as *The Scotus Experience*. What is *The Scotus Experience*? I can't tell you. I can't tell you what a Scotus education should mean to you or begin to tell you about everything I have learned, the teachers who have touched my life, or the importance of Catholic education. I will not tell you what a special place this is or how unique the students here really are; you have to find these out for yourself. To put a label on this experience would imply that *The Scotus Experience* is the same for everybody. It is not, and it should not be. Scotus is what you make of it.

No, I cannot tell you how to make the most of Scotus, but I can tell you that Scotus will make the most of you if you put forth the effort. You have probably heard this tired phrase a million times: You don't realize what you have until it is gone. As I gradu-

ate this year, I am beginning to realize what an incredible school Scotus is. Let me explain....

It was the beginning of my senior year and I could not wait to graduate and move on with bigger and better plans. I wanted it ALL: the Ivy League college, the big city, and life in the fast lane with up-and-coming people. Be careful what you wish for—you just might get it. In April, I was accepted to Northwestern University in Chicago, Illinois—my dreams of leaving Nebraska were coming true.

As I stood on the shore of Lake Michigan basking in the beauty of Northwestern's campus and the Chicago skyline, and as I walked through the historic Ivy-covered Northwestern arch that had no doubt seen the likes of such famed Northwestern graduates as Charleton Heston and Shelley Long, I had the feeling that Northwestern was *definitely* the place for me. Call it fate, but I also had an eerie, instinctive feeling that this was *not* the right

time in my life to be at Northwestern. Sometimes you have to go with your instincts, and my instincts were telling me to go back to Nebraska and come back in four years to grad school at Northwestern.

When I got back to Columbus I realized what was missing from Northwestern: Scotus. *People care about people* here at Scotus. Northwestern is more concerned with academics, money, and social politics than with actual people. Ask yourself this—Without *people*, do money and academics *matter*? You can try to escape from Scotus, you can search the world over trying to find a bigger, better, wonderful life filled with excitement and money, you can go to Harvard or Yale or wherever your dreams may take you, but *you will always be a part of Scotus, and Scotus will always be a part of you.*

So what does this have to do with *The Scotus Experience*? You have the opportunity to grow here, to find out who you

really are and what is important to you, to become more than you thought you could ever be. Make the most of it—my four years went by fast. It is my sincere wish that you will discover what *The Scotus Experience* means to you and above all else, that you will discover some truth about yourself or the world before you leave here.

I would like to end this essay with a poem I found hidden on the back cover of my Northwestern application. I think the author had Scotus in mind when he wrote it.....

*Your days are short here;
This is the last of your springs.
And now in the serenity
and quiet of this lovely place,
touch the depths of truth,
feel the hem of Heaven.
You will go away
with old, good friends.
And don't forget when you leave
why you came.*

So long, Scotus.
It's been real.

A special gift for mothers

by **Sheryl Rupp**

Lace, flowers, hearts, and lots of Elmer's Glue...it may sound like a strange combination, but to 93 seventh grade students, it has been their top priority. During second semester, the seventh graders have been assigned a project that will long be cherished by many mothers—a Mothers' Day book of poetry. Miss George, the Junior High English teacher, has been overseeing this project for ten years.

This year, the books were composed of haikus, limericks, and ballads. They used various techniques of writing such as similes, personification, and metaphors. Miss George required that the opening page of the book started with a poem entitled..."To my mother". The books were then bound together in Study Skills. The students used a variety of materials to construct their presents.

Miss George takes great pride in all the books, "I've never seen anything mean so much to the kids. It is good to see them feel satisfaction." By the students' excitement, it looks as if many mothers will also feel the satisfaction of being appreciated.

In search of new opportunities

by **Nikki Beran and Pat Sokol**

This year Scotus will regretfully be losing three members of our faculty. Miss Larson, Mr. Crouch, and Mr. Arnold will be pursuing new opportunities. Miss Larson, Scotus' Spanish teacher, will be leaving to experience all the wonders of traveling and will eventually earn her Master's degree. In her two years she enjoyed working with students and faculty.

Mr. Crouch, head of the art department and assistant director of Campus Ministry, will be exploring other avenues to reach his goal of becoming a syndicated cartoonist. He is looking into the possibility of teaching in the Omaha Public Schools System. Mr. Crouch felt that there are so many moments that were positive during his year here that it wouldn't be fair to isolate one. Some of his memories include: Sharing with his 7th period class first semester, experiencing Denny Sliva's pass to Joey Pilakowski against Wahoo Neuman, giving technicals in IBA games, and many more that are too numerous to list. The friendships he shared with the students and helping them with their artwork will not be forgotten.

Mr. Arnold, English and Yearbook advisor, will be getting married and moving to North Carolina where he will return to graduate school to get a Masters degree. During the past three years, Mr. Arnold has formed "close personal relationships with many students".

The 1995-96 School year is going to be a big change for students with the new teachers and positions of the faculty. Gary Puetz will be the new Activities Director. Gary is excited about his job with the upcoming new Centennial Conference. He said, "With the conference aligning into two new divisions, making schedules will be a challenge." Gary is going to drop his physical education classes except for a couple of weight training classes in the morning; he is also regretfully not coaching track, but will keep coaching football.

There are four new teachers: Kevin Dodson from North Platte, a UNL graduate, will be replacing Mitch Arnold. Joan Lahm, the wife of Scotus' Math teacher, Merlin Lahm, will be a new addition to the Religion department. The new Spanish teacher, Tia Brandt, graduated from Wahoo Neuman High School and attended Benedictine College. Heidi Kamrath, the art teacher, graduated from David City High School and attended UNL.

Teachers get the last word

To the Class of 1995,

The time has finally come for all of you to get on with your future and your lives. Your experience at Scotus has given you a good foundation for you entrance into the world of higher education. You should be able to compete well in the academic world if you put the God given ability into practice.

Your experience at Scotus has given you a good foundation to be a functional member of the church. Many of you have been active in Campus Ministry and in the faith. This will surely have an effect on your life in the future.

Your experience at Scotus has netted you many friends, acquaintances, and memories. Let all of these things be part of your future. All of the experiences of the past and present helps to make you who you are and will be.

I thank you for letting me know you, coach you, teach you, and pray with you. You are a very fine group of fellas and ladies. I wish you all the best now and for the rest of your lives.

**God Speed,
Fr. Wayne**

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Scotus Graduating Class of 1995,

First of all congratulations. Listen to those words and take them to heart. They are given with sincerity and respect for what you have accomplished. As you leave Scotus, and receive your diploma, I ask you to think about something for a moment and linger if you can through the excitement of preparation and celebration of your graduation.

On graduation day there will be many people there to honor you for your accomplishments. None will be more important than you parents, family and friends. However, also in the audience, will be some of the faculty. You won't really understand this, but graduations for faculty are not the easiest thing to attend. It's not that they have something more important to do or work to prepare or that they are not interested. For those present it's not that they don't want to be there for your graduation. It's much deeper and maybe you won't understand, but try.

When you name is called for graduation and you walk across that stage, your high school life flashes right in front of each teacher's mind. Each teacher questions and remembers things that happened between the two of you as teacher and student, as coach and athlete, as director and actor or actress, as friend to friend. The flashbacks can range from total joy on your face when you learned something new or aced that test you thought you were going to fail, to disappointment and frustration when you struggled, failed and gave up. The flashbacks can range from watching you jump up and down giving each other hugs and high fives to holding you heads when championships were within grasp and slipped away. Flashbacks include looking at you as that goofy seventh grade student and the man and woman you are today. Flashbacks include the time you shared something very personal because you trusted and the number of students who never trusted and made reaching out very difficult, and even impossible. Flashbacks include observing you at school liturgies and wondering if your really understood and appreciated what was happening. The list could go on and on.

Seniors, graduates, you are the only thing teachers have to measure their own success. When you started Scotus in the seventh grade or whenever you started, each teacher had as their personal goal to help you become the best Catholic educated person possible. When you walk across that stage and receive your diploma, a part of each teacher and coach is walking there with you. They want to be proud of what they have done to help you earn your diploma. The faculty is happy for what you have accomplished, but there is always the question the "Could I have done more?"

Graduates of Scotus 1995, this is a great time for you and it should be. With all the excitement and all the preparations you have to make, and if you think its the right thing to do, take time to sincerely thank the faculty. I have known them for two years, and the Scotus Faculty has given you their best.

Mr. Walding

Dear Seniors,

In front of me is a blank paper that I am supposed to fill up with some writing that will leave an impression on the Class of 1995. So do I need three major points? How long does this have to be? How many points is this worth? Seniors, you may have questions concerning college, life, and the future in general. In some respects they will all be answered; yet, at the same time, new questions will always surface. Be prepared.

I am reflecting upon approximately the past 170 days. Think back to the first week of school, especially to those who were in my class, what were your first impressions and how have they changed? Think back to your own actions, what do you suppose were my first impressions of the Class of 1995? What a year it has been!!

Some grown-up part of me wants to leave you some advice. (When you get to be my age, you have the authority to do the same.) As you enter the work force, college, or whatever direction you decide upon; remember to Set Your Standards Above The Rest. Don't fall into the trap of being mediocre. Too often, once you have lowered your standards you have also lowered your morals. Think about it. You are responsible for your own life.

I do wish all of you the best of luck in your future endeavors. I pray that God will guide you and keep you safe. May all of you use you God-given talents to the fullest and get the best out of life. You have just started the life-long practice of learning.

Take care

God Bless

Mrs. Angela Moore

Dear Class of 1995,

Remember the eagerness and expectation with which you arrived six years ago when you entered Scotus. You were eager seventh graders wondering what this school and life would be like. Would the teachers be nice, could you remember your locker combinations, would you fit in? I hope, you have learned that you could succeed with determination and perseverance. You have done more than fit in; you have shaped our school with your presence and achievements. The leadership shown by the class in victory and defeat has make an impact on the students and staff that will remain long after you leave our halls and classrooms.

You have definitely influenced me, and I will never forget your class. You are special to me because we all arrived here the same year. You were the first athletes I coached in basketball and track. We all learned together, and you helped me become a better coach and a better person. Then you were writing in my English class with vocabulary tests and conference corners. We all have changed a lot since then, and now you will graduate.

You are anxious to leave, for it is time to move on to new and hopefully exciting challenges where you once again will feel like that little seventh grader who is experiencing so many new and often frightening opportunities. You will have new questions and you'll struggle to find the answers. Your motto says to never regret the things you've done, and I'll add, remember what you have done and what you've learned from your successes and failures. No matter where you go or what you become, remember where you came from. Remember who you are. Remember.

Fond wishes,

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Tracksters keep improving throughout season

By Julie Blum

On April 27 the Scotus track team competed at the Lakeview Invite.

The results of the girls team is as follows:

Audrey Pfeifer, Second place, Long Jump.

Deb Zadina, Third place, 100 M run.

Reene Boman, Third place, 800 M run.

Reene Boman, First place, 1600 M run.

Andra Drum, Second place, 100/110 Hurdles.

Julie Trouba, Lisa Hegemann, Jill Kosch, and Audrey Pfeifer, Third place, 1600 M Relay.

Lisa Hegemann, Julie Trouba, Sara Atchison, and Reene Boman, First place, 3200 M Relay.

The results of the boys team is as follows:

Brandon Drum, Second place, Shot Put.

Brandon Drum, Second place, Discus.

Matt Beller, Third place, High Jump.

Jesse Kuhlén, First place, 1600 M run.

Jesse Kuhlén, Second place, 3200 M run.

Chad Mustard, Second place, 100/110 Hurdles.

The results of the Knights of Columbus meet, held on May 2, are as follows:

Angie Naughtin, Third place, Discus.

Audrey Pfeifer, First place, Long Jump.

Julie Trouba, Second place, High Jump.

Angie Naughtin, Second place, Shot Put.

Rhea Wemhoff, Third place, Triple Jump.

Andra Drum, First place, 100 M Hurdles.

Deb Zadina, Second place, 100 M run.

Reene Boman, First place, 800 M run (new meet record at 2:23.67).

Lisa Hegemann, Third place, 800 M run.

Scotus, Second place, 3200 M Relay.

Audrey Pfeifer, First place, 200 M Hurdles.

Jill Kosch, First place, 200 M run.

Reene Boman, Second place, 1600 M run.

Deb Zadina, Audrey Pfeifer, Becky Kosch, and Jill Kosch, First place, 400 M Relay (new record at 51.93).

Scotus, Third place, 1600 M Relay.

The results of the boys team is as follows:

Brandon Drum, First place, Shot Put.

Pat Sokol, Third place, Shot Put.

Brandon Drum, Second place, Discus.

Matt Beller, Second place, High Jump.

Matt McGuire, Third Place, High Jump.

Joey Pilakowski, Second place, Triple Jump.

Jesse Kuhlén, Second place, 3200 M run.

Joe Dierks, First place, 110 M High Jump.

Chad Mustard, Second place, 110 M High Jump.

The results from the girls Varsity at Conference are as follows:

Angie Naughtin, Second place, Shot put.

Angie Naughtin, Third place, Discus.

Jill Kosch, Second place, 200 and 400 M run.

Lisa Hegemann, Third place, 400 M run.

Reene Boman, Second place, 800 M run.

Lisa Hegemann, Third place, 800 M run.

Reene Boman, Third place, 1600 run.

Andra Drum, First place, 100/110 Hurdles.

Andra Drum, Third place, 300 Hurdles.

Becky Kosch, Andra Drum, Robin Keller, and Michelle Gablenz, Third place, 400 M Relay.

Lisa Hegemann, Julie Trouba, Jill Kosch, and Reene Boman, Second place, 1600 M Relay.

Jill Kosch, Reene Boman, Lisa Hegemann, and Julie Trouba, Second place, 3200 M Relay.

The Scotus girl track team took home the team championship after the varsity conference.

The results of the boys team is as follows:

Brandon Drum, Third place, Shot put.

Brandon Drum, Second place, Discus.

Matt Beller, Third place, High Jump.

Jesse Kuhlén, Third place, 3200 M run.

Joe Dierks, Second place, 100/110 Hurdles.

Chad Mustard, Third place, 100/110 Hurdles.

Joe Dierks, Second place, 300 Hurdles.

Greg Krzycki, Jerod Beran, Dustin Buggi, and Matt McGuire, Third place, 400 Re-

lay.

Dustin Buggi, Joe Dierks, Greg Krzycki, and Matt Beller, Third place, 1600 Relay.

On Saturday, May 6th, the Freshman boy's track team placed first at the Frosh Conference.

They were lead by the first place showing of Ryan Tooley in the 3200, Evan Trofholz in the pole vault, and the 1600 m relay team.

Congratulations State Track Qualifiers!

Joey Pilakowski, triple jump
Chad Mustard, Triple Jump
Brandon Drum, Discus

Angie Naughtin, Discus
Joe Dierks, 110m Hurdles,
300m Hurdles

Deb Zadina, 400 m relay

Jill Kosch, 3200m relay,
400m dash, 400m relay,
1600m relay

Jesse Kuhlén, 3200m run

Audrey Pfeifer, 300m low
hurdles, long jump, 400m
relay, 1600m relay

Andra Drum, 100m high
hurdles

Julie Trouba, high jump and
3200m relay

Lisa Hegemann, 3200m re-
lay, 800m run, 1600m relay

Reene Boman, 3200m relay,
800m run, 1600m run,
1600m relay

Becky Kosch, 400m relay

The State Track Meet will be
held Friday and Saturday, May
18 and 19, 1995 at Omaha
Burke.



Soccer seasons close at semifinals

by Rich McPhillips

The Scotus soccer teams watched their seasons come to a close at district semifinals. The lady 'Rocks ended the year with a record of 14 -2 while the boys team finished at 13-3.

In the girls semifinal match, Scotus went up against Omaha Westside. The ninth ranked Warriors defeated the girls by 2-1 margin. Although the Shamrocks lost in district play they were still in the hunt for a wildcard berth at state. Because of the outcome of other matches the girls never got the chance to participate in the state tournament for the first time.

The girls only other loss was to Marian in the finals at the Omaha Roncalli Tournament during regular season play.

The boys final game came against Millard North on the artificial turf at Benson High School. The Mustangs struck early in the first and second halves to defeat the Shamrocks 2-0. The Rocks only other losses were to Grand Island at the York Tournament and to Lincoln PiusX.

Golfers still battle weather

by Pat Sokol

The boy's golf team had a tough time with strong winds and temperatures in the 40's during the Scotus Invitational April 26th. Shade Whalen led Scotus with an 82 for the sixth place medal.

The next meet was on April 27th at the Lakeview Invite at the Elks Country Club. Shade Whalen finished third with 81, Chad Gonka was ninth with 84, Bode Hill finished 11th at 85, and Brian Bertsch held on for the 15th place with an 87.

Scotus dual against David City on May 1st was marked as a win with Brian Bertsch leading the way. He shot a nine hole round of 36 to lead the Scotus golfers. Shade Whalen shot a 38, Chad Gonka shot a 42, Nate Karges came in with a 43, and Bode Hill ended with a 42.

The Albion Invite was on Monday, May 8th. Shade Whalen and Chad Gonka tied for sixth and Whalen beat Gonka in a play-off to put Gonka in seventh. The team ended up fourth.

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