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A Day of Reflection

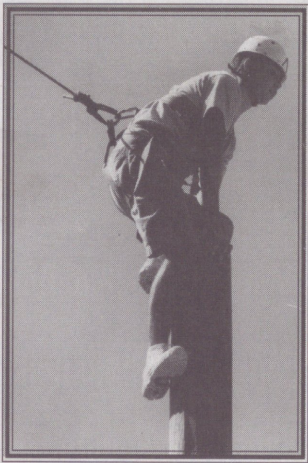
By: Kendra Liss and Sarah Engelbert

As the buses pulled into Camp Timberlake, anxiety filled the air. The students' curiosity was running wild about what was in store for them during the day. The seniors had the first half hour to frolic and wander around the campgrounds. This sparked a great deal of excitement, and the seniors were ready for the day to begin.

The first group activity involved the students writing down regrets of their past high school years and placing them in a basket. Then each student read one of the regrets out loud and put them over a flame allowing it to burn. This was a time for people to express their hidden anger and other emotions. The students were then allowed to go investigate the campgrounds. There were many activities to do during their free time with the obstacle course being the most popular.

After lunch, the seniors were informed that it was time for the challenge course and the power pole. During this time Father Steve also asked the seniors to make a luminaria, write a thank you letter to someone important in their life, and continue to add to their fellow classmates affirmation sheets. This part of the retreat was time for students to bond and to just be kids. Despite all the activities and rowdiness that took place at the retreat, there were fortunately not a lot of injuries. Michael Schure summed up his thoughts on the retreat by saying, "The retreat was a very ear-opening experience." Soon after these activities were finished, Father Steve gathered everyone together for Mass. It began with the students receiving letters written to them by their parents and ended with the celebration of the Liturgy. The room's atmosphere was one of great emotion and tears were shed by many. At the close of the day, the seniors were exhausted but exhilarated after a positive day of reflection.

Photo by: Kendra Liss



Jesse Benda attempts to hoist himself on top of the power pole.

Studs and Duds 2K

By: Chris Wachal

Stud: New York Baseball- Mets and Yankees play in first "Subway Series" since 1956.

Studs: Nader, Buchanan, Hagelin, etc.- In close election, third party candidates may make a difference.

Studs: Serbian People- Riots and violence lead to overthrow of totalitarian government.

Stud: Scotus Student Council- School leadership sells 1,780 rings in charity competition but only manages a tie.

Stud: Healthy Halloween Treats- Granola bars, raisins, and other fiber-rich foods make safer, smarter trick-or-treat giveaways.

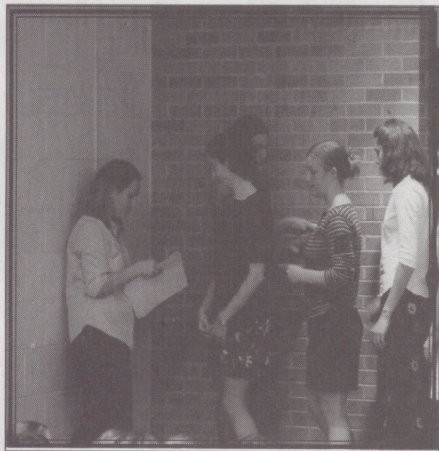
Duds: The rest of us- The Breweries and Royals only have hope in 2001 if the rest of the league goes on strike.

Duds: Gore and Bush- Nobody wins here.

Dud: Slobodan Milosevic- Eastern Europeans must prefer that their leaders have blobs of purple skin on their foreheads.

Dud: North Bend Student Council- They actually almost beat us in something. Keep trying Tigers, you'll win someday...maybe...with some luck.

Dud: Chocolate- Cavities and crowns from sugary Halloween snacks fund the downpayments on Kump and Mancuso's new BMW's.



Congrats to the New NHS Members

Amanda Ott

Ashley Engquist

Casie Behle

Emily Cleary

Jon Schueth

Kari Vaneck

Kelly Novicki

Michael Zalina

Natalie Krings

Nicole Kobus

Rachel Raimondo

Sara Settje

Mikayla Wurdinger

Angela Vavricek

Ashley Pritchard

Chris Wachal

Janelle Janicek

Josh Melliger

Katie Swoboda

Lindee Pontow

Michelle Flint

Nathan Fisher

Nicole Mielak

Renee Beiermann

Tiffany Hanus

A Night to Remember

By: Megan Morris

as they mastermind Ebenezer throughout the play.

Many unusual twists and turns occur, keeping the audience in suspense. Eventually police arrive and all of the girls are freed from Ebenezer. Before it is over though, another likely candidate for the nurse's position arrives. She is the "perfect nurse" and her nickname is the same as the girl who left Ebenezer at the altar, Euphsie.

The play turned out to be a success and for those concerned cast members, Lauren's ankle is on the mend after her fall during intermission.

When asked what they thought of the play Anna Evans replied laughing, "It's fun being senile and crazy; we get to act like ourselves." Lauren Maul responded, "Anna Banana and I had a lot of fun. The main thing we learned is how we'll look and act as sixty year old ladies".

BOO

By: Mike Schure and Travis Fry

It was a cold, dark, and stormy night as Jebediah curled up in his G.I. Joe sleeping bag. Jebediah felt a little uncomfortable being all alone in the night. He pitched his tent not far from the safety of his parents but was unaware of what the night might offer. As Jebediah fiddled with his lantern, his sister Eliza approached with a map in her hand. Eliza claimed she found the map stuffed in the bottom of their parent's sock drawer. The map indicated a spot not far from Jebediah's tent. The two soon set off with their dog named Skittles.

Skittles is not your average house pet; she was born on Halloween and for some strange reason continually ran circles in their backyard. Over the years Skittles has had a nose for danger so Jebediah thought Skittles might come in handy. As their journey progressed, Eliza noticed something a little too familiar about the terrain. Eliza stopped in anger and shouted, "Oh no we have passed by this very same tree four times already!"

"Jebediah let me see the map," Eliza screamed in frustration. Jebediah's head lay low as he explained how he had thrown the map in a nearby river.

"We didn't need it anymore," Jebediah yelled. "It was getting us nowhere."

"You are always so selfish, only thinking of yourself." While screaming back and forth at each other they noticed Skittles was gone. "Bark, Bark, Bark" could be heard in the distance. Jebediah and Eliza raced into the darkness after Skittles. They both came upon an abandoned old shack. Eliza crept inside first, whispering for Skittles. Jebediah began to creep downstairs where he saw something in the corner. Eliza walked upstairs as "Bark, Bark, Bark," continued.

As Jebediah approached the image in the corner, he recognizes it to be Skittles. "Thank heavens I have finally found you", Jebediah exclaimed with delight. Eliza heard Jebediah's happiness and raced downstairs only to see Jebediah's body dangling from the basement rafters. Eliza froze in fright as Skittles sat patiently wagging her tail under Jebediah's body. Skittles slowly rose to her feet and approached Eliza. Eliza was motionless as Skittles gave her a huge lick on the face. Eliza's entire body then began to change. She felt an overwhelming sense of evil take over her body. She found a nearby piece of shattered glass next to her and "BBBBZZZZZZZZZZZ."

"Wake up sweetheart, darling wake up," Eliza woke up to see her mother shaking her. She quickly ran to her window and looked outside to see Skittles running circles in the backyard as usual. BOO!



One on One

By: Rhonda Marxsen

Some students achieve so much at Scotus and some simply shoot for the stars. Senior Leslie Maul is one of these students who has so much to offer the world. She is the Development Chairperson of National Honor Society, the class secretary, and an EME (Extraordinary Minister of Eucharist). Her other activities include REACH, St. Isidore's youth group, and Campus Ministry. Maul volunteers working at the hospital during eighth period and after school. She also works at a low-income health clinic two times a month.

Maul wishes to attend Notre Dame or Rice University in Texas. She plans to enroll in their pre-medical program and possibly go into Obstetrics. Maul went to Boston over the summer for a National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine with 400 other students around the United States. She also was able to visit the Harvard Medical School.

Leslie's greatest challenge is going to school and having to worry about college applications and scholarships, just like several other seniors at Scotus. She is all about the future, but Columbus, her family, and Scotus have all been important parts of her life. Her parents, sister, and friends inspire Maul.

If she could do anything different in her life, she would be more comfortable with herself to share her personality with the rest of the class. Leslie Maul pondered carefully and noted, "The best advice I can give is to make an effort to get to know your classmates because you aren't with them for long."

In a world where role models are scarce, Leslie Maul seems to step up to an admirable role. We are rooting for you Leslie!

Trick-or-Treating Troubles

By: Mike Adelman

ing about all of the candy you would eat tomorrow.

Fast forward nine or ten years. Now you're an adolescent instead of an innocent child. We all know that teenagers tend to follow their peers during these formative years. That can be positive if their peers are trustworthy, caring individuals. It can also be negative if the people they associate themselves with are dishonest, greedy, and uncaring. This can prove especially negative on Halloween Night. Instead of staying out of trouble and having positive fun, the teens who hang with the bad apples crack under the negative pressure and partake in activities that they may feel uncomfortable with. It's tragic to see a once upstanding citizen egging houses and damaging property. It's also a shame that these people are supposedly getting smarter as they get older, but actually partake in illegal (and stupid) activities to entertain their "highly developed" brains. These unfortunate folks have lost the true spirit of Halloween and have been mired by poor decision making and forgotten morals.

The solution is clear. Have good, simple fun. Don't go destroying someone else's property by any means. The victim becomes miserable and you won't gain anything either. What good will it do? Instead, rent a movie, have some popcorn, and help pass out candy to the new batch of trick-or-treaters. Halloween can be safe and fun for everyone if we all want it to be that way.

'Tis a tragedy when something pure and right becomes tainted by the ambitions of the greedy and spiteful. There are several examples of this situation that one could consider: a good student who is corrupted by rowdy classmates, a fountain polluted by industrial waste, or a mint condition car that gets scratched. Fortunately, these particular events are completely made up. Unfortunately, carelessness and ignorance can turn a certain "fun" day into a nightmare. That day is Halloween...

Remember when you were five or six years old and you and your parents would go to the store and choose the coolest Halloween costume you could find? You were so excited that you would have driven the car yourself had your legs been long enough to reach the pedal. Your anticipation would grow and grow as you waited for the day to arrive. Imagining the taste of the candy was enough to drive you mad. Finally the day would arrive, and you had to be the first one out the door. This trick-or-treating business sounded like a pretty good idea to you: walking around the neighborhood, scaring people, and getting candy for it! At this young age, your understanding of Halloween was only positive, you wouldn't dare do anything to displease your parents. You would walk around with your parents for a couple of hours and amass a gargantuan load of snacks and treats. When the festivities were over, you would eat some of the goodies and promptly go to bed, dream

Sister - Sister

By: Molly Engel

Many students attending Scotus have younger siblings that also attend this school. It sometimes is not easy to get along with younger siblings. Personally, I would understand that concept. I am a senior and I have one younger sister, Kayla, who is an eighth grader at Scotus. We have our differences everyday. Many older siblings are encouraged by their parents to give their brothers or sisters rides to places and spend time with them. My sister always wants me to run her places. It gets aggravating because it is inconvenient at times and gas is expensive. Even though we have our differences, I do not know what I would do without her. She listens to my countless problems and tries to help me in every way possible. It seems like my sister does not understand how I feel at times, but she does her best.

I can understand how she feels about her many problems because I was once there. I am shocked at what I thought was important at that age. I have to admit that life does not get any easier with preparing for college, but junior high was a rough time in my life. I remember the countless aches and pains from trying to mature physically and mentally, and many girls in my class excluded me from their parties and at the lunch table. Junior high girls have always managed to form their cliques. From my personal experience, the girls who are mature enough to accept everyone, will find adjusting easier when high school approaches. I noticed cliques usually fall when high school starts. From a senior stand point, I notice that seventh and eighth graders do not look up to us as much as I did when I was in junior high.

Even though we have our occasional "cat" fights, I really enjoy having a younger sister. It is nice having her look up to me because it makes me think before I act. I know one day when she is a senior, she will look back and understand exactly what I went through.

R-E-S-P-E-C-T:

Find Out What It Means to Me

By: Chris Wachal

An epidemic is sweeping through the corridors of Scotus. Not all of us are infected, but all of us are affected. The disease seems to strike the youngest of us at Scotus. It is an epidemic of disrespect. During a not-so-distant time in our school's history, teachers were respected for their wisdom, students were respected for their ideas, and, most importantly, upperclassmen were respected for their experience. That time has clearly passed. A senior can no longer even politely ask someone from another class to leave their lunch-table when the time comes without being harassed. It appears as if the young breed at Scotus is incapable of acknowledging the intelligence of their superiors. They seem to believe experiences have no bearing on status. Due to the differences in what we've gone through, I think it's impossible to put these underclassmen on the same level as the rest of us, like they like to do.

Perhaps the problem isn't with the underclassmen, but with us. Maybe we expect too much. Maybe blind reverence isn't such a good idea. Is it possible that we, the wise elders of Scotus, have become more arrogant and con-

ceited in our thoughts and actions? Maybe our self-aggrandizing attitudes and narcissistic behavior have caused our own humanization. Maybe we've come to embody the phrase, "If power corrupts, absolute power corrupts absolutely." Then again, maybe we haven't been worthy of respect. Perhaps our actions and decisions suggest to young folk that we don't deserve to be looked up to or admired. Maybe the destruction of the senior mystique has been at our own hands. Have we, over the years, mangled our own reputation so severely that we no longer deserve the respect we seek? Is it possible this outbreak of insolence is really our fault?

Nah, blame still belongs to the little people. You underlings had better shape up, too, or there will be some serious consequences down the road. Don't even try to question whether or not my opinion is accurate. I'm a senior; of course I'm right. To you underclassmen we are always right. Then again, maybe that's just me.



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Flavors of the Month

By Travis Fry & Mike Schure

Well it's another month and the flavors are juicier than ever. This month's flavors were dedicated towards Halloween. We asked "you" the Scotus student body questions about Halloween. You answered wonderfully!

What are some of your favorite Halloween costumes?

- Fat men in polka dot bikinis
- A clear raincoat
- Sarah Michelle Gellar, a.k.a. Buffy
- A Pee-wee Herman suit with a red bowtie
- Brittany Spears
- Matt Kudron's white leg hair
- Wade Wemhoff dressed as Jasper
- The old fashioned birthday suit
- Pokemon
- Bob Ross
- Tele-Tubies
- Winnie the Pooh
- Justin Timberlake → Josh Rickert

What are some of your favorite Halloween treats?

- Glazed doughnuts
- Blow pops
- Pez
- Bogey's cookies
- Salted nut rolls
- Chicken flavored pizza
- Nacho cheese
- Razor stuffed candy apples
- Wonka's Everlasting Gobstoppers
- Madagascar Hissing Cockroaches
- Distilled Water
- A box of Tommy Connolly

What are some of your favorite Halloween stories?

- The story of Wade & Jasper
- Dominic & Taylor
- The trolls under Mike Schure's bridge
- The scary story of Sara, Amy, and Jocelyn running through the public library with Holly, Jesse, and Ann singing, "Jesus loves the little children." They also barked like dogs.
- Mr. Younger's scary stories about bacteria
- Delivering phone books in Hastings on Halloween
- This one time, at band camp....
- When Tony Schwank put cat food on a car
- Headless Horseman
- The one with Bogey and his Blazer
- "I slept in a drawer"
- Tales from the Crypt
- The tale of the Scotus ghost
- The story of Travis' dog, Skittles, getting possessed & running circles in the back yard, puking out seasoned hotdogs.

He Said, She Said

By: Tory Ketter and Sarah Engelbert

He said: Will you remember those Titans?

Well, I sure will not forget that I got to experience a great movie. Remember the Titans is the best movie that I have seen this year. The plot and the message behind the movie, really gave me a good understanding of life in the early 1970's. High School football is loved now, just as it was loved back then. However, there were many negative aspects to high school football portrayed in the movie.

With an African American coach replacing the previous Caucasian coach, many problems arose from this transition. For one, the coaches and players were not up to the idea. However, with strong discipline by Coach Boone, played by Denzel Washington, the team began to be one.

Remember the Titans was not just about football. It was also about trust and faith. The movie displayed a lot of the problems with integration, but it also displayed some of the positives and how we can learn from there.

So without telling about the entire movie, I will conclude. I believe that Remember the Titans is a must see, must rent, and must buy. I give the movie a perfect ten!

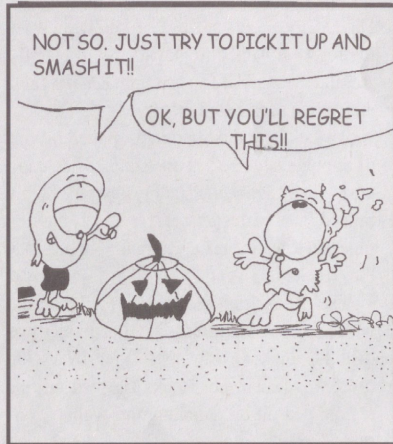
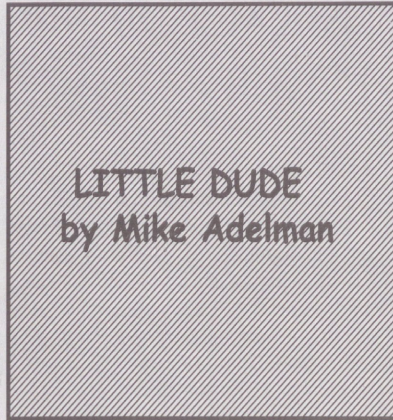
She said:

Picture yourself in a world that existed of only a single race. This is what students in a Virginia high school encountered until 1971. Then a decision was made by the government to integrate the school. This decision not only affected the school but also the extra-curricular activities. This proposed the unthinkable, replacing head football Coach Yoast with Coach Boone, an African American.

Coach Boone took his football camp away from home and assigned an African American to room with a Caucasian in hopes of uniting his players. He told them they needed to talk to each person of the other race and report to him facts they had discovered about them.

After days at this camp, the team finally started to think as one and learned to play together as a team. They returned in high hopes to a town in chaos with racism. They learn together how to set an example and survive.

I thoroughly enjoyed this movie, and I would recommend it to anyone. You do not have to be a football fan to like this movie because the message goes much deeper. This thought-provoking movie takes you back to a time when race was a large issue and mindsets were stubborn. All in all, I found this movie to be interesting and even inspirational. I know that people will not soon forget the Titans.



Find the Halloween terms in the word puzzle.

By: Megan Morris

candy	scare crow
Halloween	demon
ghoul	costumes
ghostly	trick
witch	cackle
haunt	gravestone
spooky	tombstone
spider	vampire
black	orange
treat	werewolf

Mr. Roger's Neighborhood

By: Chris Rogers

Dear Mr. Rogers,

I am a freshman girl who likes to shop at Wal-Mart, but my friends all make fun of me. How can I get them to respect me for who I am and not for where I shop?

Rollback

Dear Rollback,

The first thing that I suggest is that you stop shopping at Wal-Mart. It only makes sense that if they make fun of you for shopping there, then shop somewhere else. But if you like high quality items at rollback prices, be proud of Wal-Mart. Stand up for yourself and show everyone else how great Wal-Mart can be. Good luck and as always, have a nice day.

Dear Mr. Rogers

I am a junior guy, who really likes this girl, how can I get her to notice me without being obvious? Please Help!!

Ike Madelman

Dear Ike

If you like this girl so much, you should want her to know that you like her. You should try to get close to her if you want her to like you. Also, you will then be able to find out the other things that are going on in her life. You must try to get her to like you first as a friend, and once you sense that she does, that is when you make your move. Do everything you can to keep her happy, and always listen to what she has to say. Good luck Ike, and as always have a nice day.

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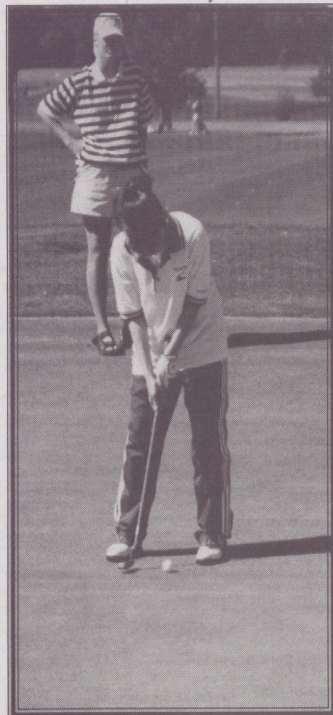
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Photo By: Melinda Hanus



Danielle Bernt prepares to putt at the Scotus Invite.

Swinging Into State

By Melinda Hanus

The girls' golf team ended their season with a trip to State, but before going to state, they earned 5th place at the Scotus Invite, 3rd place at the Oakland-Craig Invite, and 2nd place at Districts.

On September 28, they hosted the Scotus Invite at Quail Run. Senior Megan Cimpl and junior Jenni Morrison each shot a score of 96, but Cimpl beat Morrison and a Lincoln Pius X golfer in a playoff to receive 11th place. Morrison ended up with 13th place. Freshman Danielle Bernt was next on the scoring list with a 97 and 14th place. The junior varsity shot a 501 with a 4th place finish. Sophomore Nikki Kranz led the team with a score of 113.

At Districts, the team shot a score of 398. Cimpl and Morrison were the only two golfers that qualified for state individually. Cimpl received 6th place with a score of 94 and Morrison received 9th place with a 97. Bernt shot a 99, freshman Carla Underwood shot a 108, and senior Rhonda Marxsen shot a 116.

State golf took place on October 9th and 10th in Grand Island, where the top 3 teams and top 10 individuals from each district met. There, the team received 12th place. Cimpl had the best score for Scotus with a two-day total of 193, and did not medal.

'Rocks Roll Into Playoffs

By: Matt Kudron

Six weeks ago the Scotus football team was heading for a disappointing year after a 2-2 start. Then a couple of position changes and a new attitude sent the 'Rocks onto a 6 game winning streak. Their 8-2 record brought the 'Rocks back as one of the states elite teams, and they earned a playoff berth for their efforts.

The road to the playoffs was an emotional and exciting trip. After their homecoming upset loss to Albion, the 'Rocks steamrolled the David City Scouts 52-6. The following week the Rocks travelled to David City to play the Aquinas Monarchs. They dominated the game and pulled off a 28-13 victory.

A week later the Shamrocks pulled off one of the biggest upsets of the state. They capitalized in a huge second half to upset the highly ranked Pierce Bluejays 31-14. It was the first time that a visiting team was ranked higher than the 'Rocks in 3 years.

The 'Rocks finished off the regular season with two more victories. The first victory was over the quicker North Bend Tigers by a score of 28-13. Then the 'Rocks finished out the regular season by defeating the Wahoo Warriors 28-8.

The 'Rocks then travelled to Oakland to take on the Oakland-Craig Knights in the first round of the state playoffs. The "Rocks once again pulled off an upset by defeating the previously unbeaten Knights 34-12.

The six game winning streak involved a complete team effort on both sides of the ball. The next game in the playoffs for the 'Rocks will be a rematch with Wahoo Neumann.

On That Road Again

By: Tory Ketter

Can you say perfect? The Scotus volleyball team finished their season with a flawless 23-0 record. The team progressed greatly throughout the season, which aided in their success.

On Tuesday, October 24, the 'Rocks defeated Class B #10 rated Omaha Skutt Catholic. The 'Rocks took the match with 15-0 and 15-7 set victories.

The Shamrocks continued to show how tough their serving is which tallied ten points over the two sets. Junior Meghan Pile led the team with eight ace serves. Junior Natasha Bender and sophomore Nicole Mielak had two aces apiece.

Leading the offense attack was Junior Lori Beller who led the team with five kills. Senior Kristin Blair had four kills and Pile aided with two.

Senior Kendra Schnieders returned for her second match of the year. Schnieders aided to the victory with three kills and two stuff blocks.

The Shamrock junior varsity also concluded their regular season on Tuesday. The team finished with a record of 15-1. The JV team really showed improvements throughout the season and Coach Petersen will definitely look to some of them next year.

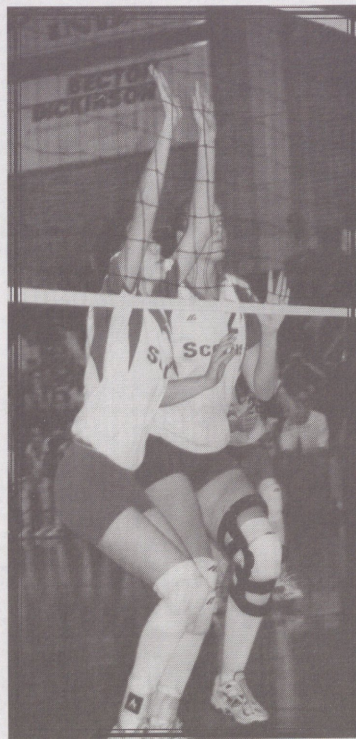
Scotus, ranked #1 in Class C-1, won over Lakeview on Monday, October 30, in the Class C1-8 subdistrict, and met Fremont Bergans' challenge on Thursday, November 2 by winning 15-6, 15-3. With continued hard work and determination, the 'Rocks hope to bring home another Class C-1 State Volleyball Championship.

Photo Compliments of Jackie Smith



Girls' Cross Country Runners flash their gold medals as they celebrate Scotus' first ever State Cross Country Title. Runners from left to right are Molly Engel, Kathleen Ames, Cheryl Biermann, Angela Fischer, Sarah Karges, and Brandi Olmer.

Photo By: Tory Ketter



Senior Kendra Schneiders and Sophomore Renee Biermann prepare to block an attack from Skutt

Footprints In Gold

By: Creative Writing Staff

The Scotus girl's cross country team capped off an undefeated season at State. Scotus edged Gothenburg for the championship 34-36. Molly Engel led the team winning the individual title in a time of 15:39. Angela Fisher delivered a powerful finish of 3rd place in 15:53. A photo finish that determined a Scotus win came from Sarah Karges in a time of 16:51. Sarah edged her way in between two Gothenburg girls. If she would not have beaten one of them, there would have been a tie for first place. The tie breaker would have went to Gothenburg. Kathleen Ames, Scotus' fourth runner, edged off three girls at the finish and placed 30th in 17:18. Brandi Olmer finished 43rd in 17:38, and Cheryl Bierman did not finish due to health problems. This championship made history for Scotus and Mr. Mahoney. This was the first cross country championship for Scotus. Sarah Karges commented, "This championship was a team effort contributed by all six varsity members." Senior Molly Engel commented, "It was the perfect way to end my senior year." In the presence of volleyball and basketball banners will exist Scotus' first cross country banner.

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Grim Reaper Visits Scotus

By: Megan Morris

No one knows when it is his or her time to die, but every person has a mark on the calendar to represent his or her last day alive. Friday, December 1, 2000 was the day marked on the calendar for twenty-three Scotus students and one Scotus teacher. Their "death" was to signify the every fifteen minutes that a person is killed in an alcohol-related crash in the United States.

The Platte-Colfax Counties Safe Communities Organization brought the Every 15 Minutes program to Scotus. Scotus participated in hopes to make their students, faculty, and administration more aware of the danger involved in drinking while driving.

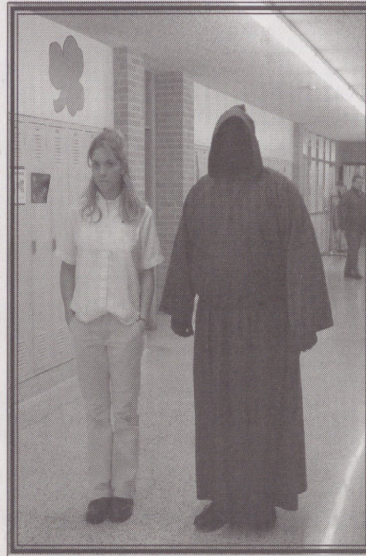
Every fifteen minutes the sound of a gong was heard throughout the walls of Scotus. The gong was to symbolize the death of a person as the Grim Reaper pulled an individual out of an unspoken class. After the "death", the person's obituary was read aloud by an officer, along with a letter written from a parent to their son or daughter. The class was left in surprise and shocked after the officers left the room and many felt uneasy. The "dead" person was then taken to the development office where they read a letter written from their own parent/s. The student then wrote a letter to their parent, which began with "Today I died in an alcohol-related crash. I never got the chance to tell you..." The student's picture was hung in the office window along with their obituary for others to see. They were given a black shirt to wear and were to remain silent the rest of the day.

The students of Scotus each reacted differently to this situation. Many puerile students decided to poke fun at the dead person, trying to make them laugh or talk, even acting like it was no big deal. The program most likely affected these people but they did not want to let others know. Taunting and laughing was just a way for them to deal with how they actually felt. Other students were filled with sorrow as they saw their friend or classmate being pulled out of the classroom, or when their obituary was being read. Many teachers became emotional as their student was taken from class. All in all the whole school probably was affected in some way by the Every 15 Minute program.

The school day ended with an assembly and the 24 individuals were recognized. Following, a presentation from Omaha Police Officer and School Resource Officer Dave Newell occurred. Officer Dave spoke about underage drinking, the importance of having a belief system and not a default system, and the importance of connecting your religion to the "real you". He also asked us "Do you believe that what you believe makes you the person you really are?"

Many people may think the scenario of dying in an alcohol-related crash will never happen to them, but this program has made clear that it has happened and will continue to happen every fifteen minutes.

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Amanda Tworek was chosen by the Grim Reaper during the 15 minute Program at Scotus on December 1st.

Songs of the Season

By: Melinda Hanus

The Christmas season is here, which means the music department is preparing for the band and vocal Christmas concerts. Each concert is on a different night, so there is a chance to come to two excellent performances by both the band and the singers.

The first of these concerts is the vocal concert on December 14 in the Activity Center. Those participating are 6th grade, 7th grade, and 8th grade students, Shamrock Chorus, and Shamrock Singers. There will be many Christmas songs that sound familiar to the season, but with a different style of the songs. The 6th and 8th grade students will also be singing songs from different ethnic groups. They both will be singing a Spanish song and the 6th graders will be singing an Ethiopian song. All the singers will be shining under the new stage lighting.

The bands continue the music on December 18, when they have their concert. Those participating in this are the 5th and 6th grade bands, the Junior High Band, the Senior High Band, and the Senior High Jazz Band. Some of the bands will be playing usual songs, such as "Jingle Bells" and "Jolly Old Saint Nicholas" by the 5th grade, "Here Comes Santa Claus" by the 6th grade, and "Sleigh Ride" and "O Holy Night" by the Senior High Band. The Jazz Band will be playing "Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire" and "Winter Wonderland." The Junior High Band is putting a twist into the concert this year by playing songs from the Grinch, such as Santa Meets Sousa. Have a very Merry Christmas and enjoy the concerts.

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By: Kendra Liss and Sarah Engelbert

The Christmas survey that was handed out managed to bring out the holiday spirit in everyone who answered the questions. Students thought long and hard to figure out who they wanted to trap under the mistletoe and what accessories they usually put on their snowmen. Although Christmas has changed dramatically throughout the years for Scotus students, one thing stays the same, the Christmas dinner and family traditions of giving and receiving gifts.

If you had to make a new Christmas song what would you call it?

- "Nick Sabs' real name is Lee NamYung." - Shane Goodall

- "A new Christmas song." - Robert Rogers

- "Christ-yeah mas-yeah song-yeah Christmas song-yeah." - Kristan Forney

Who would you like to trap under the mistletoe this Christmas?

- "Johnny Knoxville, sportin' a mullet." - Lauren Maul

- "Sarah Michelle Gellar or Travis' dog Skittles, whoever is within reach." - Matt Kudron

- A whoppin' 98.3% of the students that filled out our survey chose Chris Rogers

What is the best Christmas present you have ever received?

- "Love, peace, and family unity." - Alex DeRuyscher

- "A pair of Faded Glory boots." - Shawn Staroska

If you could make a new flavor of candy cane, what would it be?

- "Peanut butter and banana." - Adam Michaelson

- "Savage sewer water." - Danielle Bernt

- "Hot dog flavored water." - Lee Aschoff

What is the best snow sculpture you have ever made?

- "A snowman eating my dog." - Angie Vavricek

What kind of treats do you leave Santa?

- "Chocolate-covered grasshoppers." - Sheena Zoucha

- "Carrots...my mom is a dietitian." - Theresa Luby

- "Frozen creamed corn on a stick." - Jay Weinand

If you had to pick a scrooge at Scotus, who would it be?

- "Mr. Salyard...he won't even buy Kleenex." - Hollyann Swartz

- "Mr. Jim Puetz, all he said in seventh grade was "bahumbug." - Nikki Stachura

- "Luke." - Angie Boeding

When did you stop believing in Santa?

- "Who is this Santa character you speak of?" - Jason Enquist

- "Probably around age 3, I was a smart little lad." - Jeff Kosch

Studs and Duds 2K

By: Chris Wachal

Stud: Florida Supreme Court- Not since Giligan's Island has there been more attention on seven isolated people.

Stud: Santa Claus- Kris Kringle continues to enrich the Christmastime lives of young children.

Studs: Bush's Lawyers- GOP attorneys achieve apparent victory in U.S. Supreme Court.

Studs: Scotus Athletes- Shamrocks end fall season with numerous awards and accolades.

Stud: The Christmas Story- Simply put, this is the greatest Christmas movie of all time.

Dud: Katherine Harris- Florida Secretary of State counts ballots about as well as she picks a platic surgeon.

Dud: Easter Bunny- Eggs delivered by an animal that hops!? I'm not sure the parents who came up with this one really thought it through

Duds: Gore's Lawyers- Maybe they should've hired Johnny Cochran- "If the chad doesn't fit, you must acquit."

Duds: Lakeview Athletes- Too bad for the Vikings that cow-tipping isn't a competitive sport.

Dud: The new Grinch- Dr. Seuss must be turning in his grave. Maybe they'll get Adam Sandler to play The Cat in the Hat.



One on One

By: Molly Engel

Imagine trying to recover physically and catch up on homework after being gone for two to three weeks of school? Most people in this situation would give up or mentally lose it. Kendra Schnieders chose to overcome her struggles and returned to school and the game of volleyball. As you should all know, Kendra was a valuable volleyball player towards the second half of the Shamrock's season. She missed the first half of the season due to tearing her ACL, but her struggles began earlier her junior year.

Kendra suffered from colectomy during her junior year which required surgery. She was in the hospital for five days, but then returned after four days due to an infection. She returned to school with a lot of homework to make up, and the fact that she would not return to play volleyball her junior year. Kendra did not let her weaknesses hold her down though. She went to the YMCA nearly every day to get back on top. Kendra commented, "I was no where close to being in shape when basketball season started, but I did the best I could."

Focusing on a healthy year was what Kendra was looking for her senior year. On June 17, disaster struck again though. Kendra tore her ACL in a game at a team camp. The disappointment came on strong realizing the chances of her playing volleyball her senior year were slim. Kendra proved this theory wrong though. Going through physical therapy 3 days a week, and going to the YMCA brought forth a fast recovery for Kendra. Recovery for a torn ACL is normally 5-6 months, but Kendra recovered in 3 months.

Kendra is a prime example of how a combination of motivation and will power can make anything possible. She has become a stronger person by overcoming her struggles both physically and mentally. Kendra plans to attend Doane or Wesleyan University to play basketball.

Pick and Choose

By: Mike Adelman

Ah, the commercialization and gift-buying hype of Christmas has gotten off to a fast-paced start, and this month I am giving you a break by stepping down from my soapbox (briefly) to give you the lowdown on some of the hot items that people will be hoping to find under the tree. To start, all of the classics are back this year. There is nothing like seeing the look on a youngster's face after they open a package to find a new teddy bear, action figure, doll, or board game. These great gifts may never become obsolete. Now with the sentimentality aside, let's get down to the good stuff: Electronics. Voice activated robo-dogs? Nearly real toy babies? What's next for the little ones? In video entertainment we find that Playstation (and PS2), Sega Dreamcast, Nintendo 64, and Game Boy Color are all stacked with new release games and software peripherals for the gamer(s) in the house. DVD players, cell phones, and pagers are some other electronic ideas for the technology lover. And who isn't?

Now we cannot just sit around and play with our new toys all day, we would get out of shape. What is the solution? Sporting goods!! Athletic shoes and running suits will satisfy the sports stars in your home. Also for the outdoorsmen (and women) are guns, ammo, warm hunting clothes, fishing poles (for next spring), and a plethora of gadgets and trinkets to make the expeditions more bearable.

There are literally thousands of excellent ideas for Christmas presents out there, and I've only named a few of them, but there is one more important thing to remember: joy. Remember that the Savior of the world was born on this day, not to bring us our computers and stuffed animals, but so we could live in eternal salvation forever. That's the true meaning of Christmas. Whoops, I was preaching again, wasn't I? Well, don't worry folks, I will be back next month with another wisdom-filled sermon for you loyal readers. Now if you will excuse me I have some Christmas shopping to catch up on...

Merry Christmas!!!!



Obsessions

By: Travis Fry and Mike Schure

What are you obsessed with? Do you have that certain something or someone that you just crave? Well here is a list of students and teachers from Scotus Central Catholic High School who have certain obvious obsessions. We challenge you, the student body, to match the students and teachers with their different obsessions.

Mrs. Kosch	Meat
Kendra Liss	Hy-Vee
Sophomore guys	Joe Puetz
Jesse Benda	Flipping wrist to "pack"
Tory Ketter	Peanut butter ice cream
Brandi Olmer	
Cheryl Biermann	Robert E. Lee
Ryan Jarecki	"Jerome" the duck
Michelle Flint	Katie Korth
Mrs. Johnson	Hot Rods
Blake Birkel	Accountability points

Bush Wins!!!

By: Tory Ketter

Some might think that the presidential election was a *gorey* battle, but let us peer through the *bushes* to see what we have learned this election. Every election we learn new things, but this year is really a year like no other.

Now, over a month after the election we finally have an official winner. However, why did it take so long? Even when it was evident that Governor George W. Bush won, Vice President Al Gore continued to battle the court system. Why?

When is it time to throw in the towel and step down? When is enough, enough? I believe that Al Gore went too far, and he should have conceded several weeks ago. I can understand that Gore wanted to be the winner, but the way he went about it was ridiculous. Gore talked about teaching our children that a fair and just election is needed; however, how can we teach our children that it is okay to manipulate the court system until we have succeeded? We cannot teach that and that is why I think he went too far in this election. He made himself look bad in the long run, and I have lost all respect for him. If he was truly a man, he should have taken the loss like a man.

Recently, the United States Supreme Court stopped the third recount in Florida. Furthermore, they baned the recount from happening completely. The Supreme Court voted 5-4 to stop the recount; however, seven of the justices found that the recount would be unconstitutional.

Gore finally conceded and he congratulated Bush on his victory. However, I think there is still tension between the two.

George W. Bush will be taking us into the new year. Regardless if you voted for Bush or the other guy, it is time we get behind Bush and support him for the next four years.

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Flavors of the Month

By: Mike Schure and Travis Fry

The Christmas bells will soon ring and mistletoe will soon be hung nicely over doorways. With this in mind we dedicated this month's flavors towards the Christmas season. We again asked you the student body some questions and you again answered quite nicely.

What do you want Santa to bring you this year?

- Tommy in a box with extra Connelly - anonymous
- Baseball cards - Zach Riley
- My dream babe wearing something hot as he sings carols to me - Amy Ellingson
- A steak, potatoes, stuffing, side order of salad, and a can of Crisco for lunch - Nick Hall
- A rifle so I can hunt with Bogey - Bogey's little friend
- A bucket of beans - Zach Recek
- Puff Daddy - Kendra Liss
- Britney Spears on a silver platter - Jesse Benda
- A certain \$400.00 promise ring from Matt Kudron - Tara Zabawa

Have you been naughty or nice this year?

- Naughty, I beat up little tennis players like Eric Spies - Jesse Benda
- I've been very bad, I farted in Mr. Younger's P.E. class and later failed - Luke Boeding
- Nice, I spread the Lord's word to dying Ethiopians and contribute to the Save the Whales Foundation - Ann Bierbower
- Naughty, I took the cookies from the cookie jar - Ryan Jarecki
- Naughty, I hang out with Travis Fry and Mike Schure, what do you think? - Hobbs
- Nice, because Bogey said so - Bogey's whipped little friend
- Nice, I didn't give my sister any noogies - Tammy Laudenklos

What is your New Year's Resolution?

- To be accepted by my Christian community - Jessica Verba
- To try and hunt with Bogey more - Bogey's whipped little hunting friend
- To give a generous log to all the needy children - Joe Puetz
- To make another New Year's resolution next year - anonymous
- To eat 75 million tacos by Valentines Day - Ann Bierbower
- Never again go with Ross to his cabin - Sophomore boys
- Lose 80lbs - by 45% of all female answers
- Try to control myself in Mr. Younger's class - Luke Boeding
- To find out what this Dominic and Taylor thing is - Dominic and Taylor

She Said...

By: Megan Morris

The *Grinch* brought back many memories from my childhood. I will always remember being scared of that green hairy monster and his twisted evil tricks played on the Whos. For these reasons the story was traumatizing growing up. Now while watching the movie all of those feelings came back. However, this time it was not the Grinch who scared me, but those ugly Whoville characters.

I felt this movie was a little drab and by the second time of dozing off I became more interested in the children surrounding me than the actual show. It was interesting though to see the words of a book acted out on the big screen. At least now I know how the busy Whoville post office relates to our U.S. Postal Service stamping "Happy Who-lidays" on all of our mail.

Bottom line, this movie is a good one to take the kids to because it continued to carry out the real meaning of Christmas spirit and teaches you that Christmas is not about the presents and toys but about being with your friends and family.

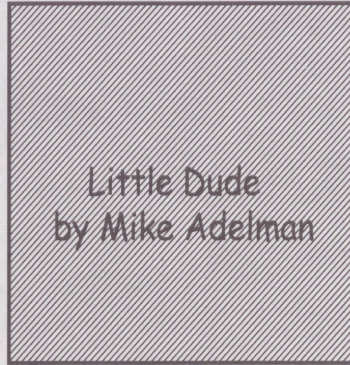
He Said...

By: Mike Adelman

All too often movies adapted from books stray so far from the original storyline that you cannot even tell that they are supposed to be similar medial works. Fortunately, this is not the case with *The Grinch*. Amazingly, the story remains almost completely intact plus a few modernized plot twists. Several quotes from the book are still intact and spoken with the thoughtfulness as if they were being read to a small child. The Grinch, played by Jim Carrey (who portrays him perfectly), hates Christmas and is determined to ruin it for the residents of WhoVile. Only a single little girl is determined to find out why the Grinch hates Christmas. After she learns his painful past, she sets on a mission to heal his "two sizes too small" heart. Surprisingly, this movie deserves every bit of its PG rating (practically bordering on PG-13), with several "explicit" innuendos and gross-outs. I am not sure if this is the way the late (and great) Dr. Seuss intended for his classic to be remade. All blunders aside, *The Grinch* is a nice choice for a flick if you're a kid or a kid at heart. Give it a shot if you need a good laugh or want to relive those memorable childhood moments. **Overall: 7.5/10**

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Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood

By: Chris Rogers

Dear Mr. Rogers,
 Everyday is an ongoing trial for my hair to be the best and biggest it can be. But lately it is falling short of "huge". How can I get my mullet bigger? Do you have any volume tricks?

Sincerely, Enna

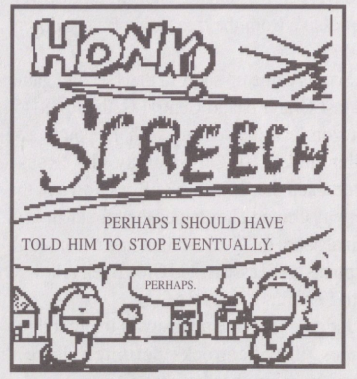
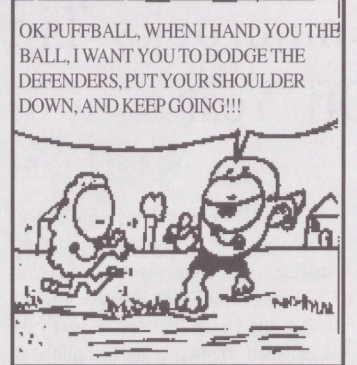
Dear Enna,
 First of all I insist that you use shampoo, clean hair is the key here. Once you have successfully cleaned your hair, you should let it grow. This should take about three weeks since your hair is covered in hair product build-up. Overuse of mousse and gel weighs hair down. Then include 1/4 cup of miracle grow in every meal and sleep with your head in potting soil. Good luck and have a nice day.

Dear Mr. Rogers,
 I am a 8th grade girl who has problems concentrating in class because the boy who sits behind me smells as bad as a week old rotten carcass found dumped near a sewage plant. How can I tell him this without hurting his feelings?

Sincerely, Waft Queen

Dear Waft Queen,
 First of all you can ask your teacher to move you, but that will just put someone else at risk. The dangers of this crisis are not to be taken lightly. You might try to buy him a bar of soap, or some cologne or deodorant, but it might not work. The best thing to do is just tell him personally, but don't act like you are about to gag or dislike him because of it. Good luck and have a nice day.

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What If?

By: Chris Wachal and Matt Kudron

The following is a look into a world different from our own. We wondered what would happen if a few minor things were changed. This is a look into the world of "What If?"

What if the entire nation held a vote recount in the presidential election?

Would Ralph Nader's historic victory be revealed once and for all?

What if Brock Pilleen would never make "Donny" mad?

Would "Donny" ever speak?

What if neckties were banned from Scotus?

Would Mr. Salyard's head fall off?

What if Mr. Brockhaus never had children?

Would his class be focused on learning the subject instead of discussing the events that he encounters as a parent with his abnormal children?

What if beef was not served during the Scotus lunch?

Would Jesse Benda and Ryan Jarecki panic without the beef and transfer to Lakeview?

What if Robert E. Lee was allergic to chocolate?

Which life obsession would Mrs. Kosch side with?

What if Columbus would get a mall?

Would it come with walls?

What if you knew this article wasn't funny before you read it?

Would you have wasted part of your day to read it?

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Shamrocks Tip Off Year

By: Sarah Engelbert

On Friday, December 1st, the Shamrocks hosted Hastings St. Cecelia to start their basketball season. Scotus gave a strong effort in a 49-43 loss, with Brock Pillen and Derek Torczon scoring 11 and 10 points respectively. Scotus struggled offensively and committed 23 turnovers in the defeat. They were however, impressive from the free throw line, shooting 15-17.

Scotus came up short in their second game against Grand Island Central Catholic 53-45. Torczon lead the scoring with 15 points and Pillen added 10. On Saturday, the 'Rocks entertained the Cowboys of Boys Town in the Activity Center. They tallied their first win with a final score of 75-69. Pillen had a team high 18 points and 7 assists, and Greg Buelt followed with 17 points of his own.

Judging from the intensity of the first three games, the Shamrocks definitely have a promising year ahead of them.



Senior Jeff Kosch takes it to the hole against Boys Town.

Photo by: Sarah Engelbert

Scotus Fall Postseason Honors

By: Matt Kudron

Once again Scotus Central Catholic proved that it was an athletic powerhouse in class C-1. The final rankings and awards show that the 'Rocks are not a push over in any sport. The final for state rankings and postseason awards are as follows:

Football: Final state ranking
5th in the Lincoln Journal Star
6th in the AP Poll
7th in the Omaha World Herald
All-State Players
Jesse Benda and Jeff Kosch
Honorable Mention

Jon Balak, Ryan Jarecki, Joe Puetz, Dana Torczon, Brock Pillen, and Aaron Mielak
All-Conference
Jeff Kosch, Jesse Benda, John Balak, Ryan Jarecki, Joe Puetz, Dana Torczon, Brock Pillen, and Aaron Mielak
Honorable Mention
Cade Kudron

Volleyball: Final State Ranking
2nd in Class C-1
5th in All-Class
All-State 1st Team
Kristin Blair (3rd Team All-Class)
2nd Team

Meghan Pile and Natasha Bender
Honorable Mention
Lori Beller
All-Conference
Kristin Blair and Meghan Pile
Honorable Mention

Lori Beller and Natasha Bender
Cross Country: Final State Ranking
State Champions in Class C-1
Super State
Molly Engel and Angela Fisher
All-State
Molly Engel and Angela Fisher

Girls Golf: Qualified for the 10 team state tournament

CHS Softball:
All-State Honorable Mention
Christa Buettner and Jennifer Kresha
All-Conference
Jennifer Kresha

CHS Tennis: Participant in State
Eric Spies

Diving Into The Hammerlock

By: Kendra Liss

The 2000 swimming season started off with a big splash. Scotus' 2000 swimmers are Tom Gerhold, Laura Janicek, Kathleen Ames, Crystal Lux, Angie Boeding, Jesse Hoeft, and Stacia Jackson. The first swim meet was Thursday, November 30 against Fremont. The swim team showed they were ready to dive into the season by ending the meet with a significant lead over Fremont. The swimmers then swam at the Hastings Invite on Saturday, December 2. The girls finished second while the boys came in fifth. The swim team then headed for the Aquatic Center on Tuesday, December 5 to swim against Lincoln East. Despite the teams' efforts, Lincoln East managed to splash their way right through us. The Columbus relays, which hosted six teams, were held on Saturday, December 9. The boys won first place and the girls, trying their hardest the whole day received fifth. Tom Gerhold had an extremely successful day, being part of two teams that finished second for the day. The next swim meets are scheduled for Tuesday, December 12 at Beatrice.

There is bound to be an abundance of pinning and crossfacing at the wrestling matches this year. The 2000 wrestling team includes Chris Hopkins, Jason Avery, Tommy Connolly, Nick Hall, Shane Kelly, Chris Mahoney, Jared Schademann, Tony Schwank, Nick Soulliere, Jared Swantek, Victor Tira, Grant Pelster, and Chad Trofholz. The wrestling season started off with a meet against Grand Island in which Nick Hall showed his "pinning" talents by winning the match. Then the wrestlers got revved up to go to the Kearney Invite on Saturday, December 2. Nick Hall placed third being the only wrestler to place and Tommy Connolly won his match. The wrestling meet against Lincoln Southeast on Thursday, December 7, was an extreme success for the boys. The final score against Lincoln Southeast was 71-3. On Saturday, December 9, the wrestling team had a match against Hastings. Columbus won the meet and Nick Hall managed to have a successful fourth meet by winning his match. The Junior Varsity was also very happy with their win on Saturday. The next wrestling meet is scheduled for Saturday, December 16 at Bellevue West. The boys unanimously say, "Come to our matches!"

'Rocks on a Roll

By: Tory Ketter

The Scotus girls basketball team is off to a great start this season. The Shamrocks already have victories behind them over Hastings St. Cecilia, Central City, and Seward. However, they also have one loss against them to Lincoln Pius. The team is presently on a three game winning streak that they hope to continue that streak this weekend.

Most recently, the 'Rocks took on the Bluejays from Seward. The team penetrated a strong defense and executed the ball well. The enthused bench during the game, seemed to aid the 'Rocks to victory.

Senior Kendra Schnieders led the team with 13 points and had six rebounds. Schnieders played well on both sides of the ball.

Senior Melissa Schmidt led the Shamrock defense with a game-high six steals. Schmidt finished the game with 10 points and was 70% from the line.

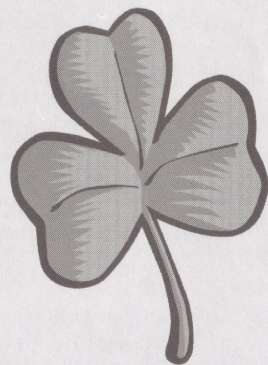
The team was also accurate from the line by making 18 free throws to Seward's eight.

The Shamrocks are scheduled to take on Aurora on Saturday, December 16th. With hard work and determination, the 'Rocks have a solid chance of getting back to State in March.

Photo by: Tory Ketter



Junior Natasha Bender is ready for the next move of a Seward player. Senior Melissa Schmidt watches her back.



Scotus One-Acts Finish an Outstanding Season

By: Rhonda Marxsen

This year's One-Act performance was different from all the others. "After Midnight, Before Dawn" was about the Salem Witch Trials and can be best described as scary, dark, and creepy. It was more serious and depended less on comedy than other schools. It is based on historical realism and relies on death and goryness and shows strong acting with its acting scenes.

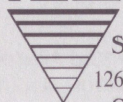
One-Acts is not a competition with a set way of scoring. Every judge is different and you never know what they are looking for. Scotus has a small cast compared to schools who normally average 50-60 cast members. With a limited set and a lack of elaborate costumes, Scotus depended more on acting than spectacle.

Senior, Jon Balak, and sophomores, Anna Evans and Lauren Maul have all been named best actors within this One-Act season. Lauren Maul insists, "I had a quote prepared, but it was mean and hurt others in the feelings." Congratulations One-Acts on a wonderful season.

Scotus One-Acts received first place at their districts, qualifying them for state. Wayne followed with second place. This was the first time in 20 years that Wayne had been defeated by Scotus and the first time in six years Scotus has qualified for state.

At State One-Acts on December 9th Scotus received fourth place. Mrs. Bernt, the One-Act coach for Scotus, stated that the other loaded their set into U-Hauls while Scotus had theirs in the bus

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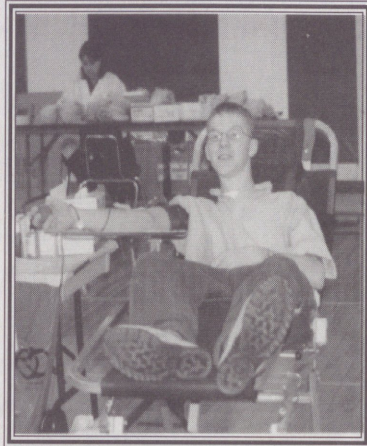
By: Melinda Hanus

This year's blood drive turned out to be a big success, as Generation Generous kicked in. It took place on Tuesday, March 13th in the Activity Center, with many junior and senior students, faculty, and parents helping out by giving blood. The goal of 120 donors was reached, although a few people were unable to give blood.

Many of the students were nervous about giving blood for the first time, but soon found out that it was not bad. "I was nervous and just wanted them to get it over with," said junior Emily Kroenke, "but then it was not as bad as I thought it would be."

The blood each person gave will save up to three people. As the day went on, everyone felt good about helping others. The day of helping save lives was an event that will certainly go on for many years to come.

Photo By: Melinda Hanus



Junior Adam Swierczek is happy to give blood and help others.

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Scotus Honor Band and Choir

By: Sarah Engelbert

Several Scotus students traveled to Concordia University on Friday, March 16, to participate in Musical Arts Day. These students were among competitors from 13 different states and had to send in an audition tape to earn a place in a performance at the Lied Center on Friday night. Steve Ingemansen was selected as a vocalist while Melissa Wangler and Gina Starczek played clarinet and trumpet respectively for the band.

Scotus also attended Conference Honor Band held in Boys Town on Saturday, March 17. Each band in the conference is allowed to select a certain number of members to audition based on the size of the band. The band director from each school then acted as a judge as the students auditioned for chair placements. After the selections were made, the band members rehearsed all day for an evening performance that consisted of six new songs. Scotus band members Becky Hadcock, Ellie Gannon, Miriam Tworek-Hofstetter, Megan Cimpl, Tammy Svatora, Heather Scribner, Jenny Krzycki, Carrie Bargmann, Amy Bergland, Melissa Wangler, Gina Starczek, and John Schueth participated in this concert with John Schueth earning first chair in the trumpet section. Shamrock vocalists Crystal Lux, Steve Ingemansen, and Scott Becker also participated in the performance. This daylong affair displayed the outstanding talent of both the Scotus band and vocal group. The Fine Arts groups deserve recognition and praise for their efforts as well as support as they prepare for District competition.

Speak Well Thy Part

By: Chris Wachal

Any Scotus student, sophomore or older, who has taken speech class knows the feeling of anxiety that rises in one's gut just before speaking. Sweaty palms, deliberate breathing, and fidgeting fingers all seem to show up just before taking position in front of the class.

Believe it or not, there are people at Scotus who deal with this uneasiness at will. The Scotus Speakers spent much of this speech season convincing themselves to not be nervous and be confident. The confidence paid off when they traveled to the District B-4 competition. Scotus won the event and qualified eleven entries for the state meet. Coach Bernt called the number of state entries "surprising" but was obviously happy to be taking such a large group of such excellent speakers. In fact, this year's was the largest state speech team in Scotus history.

On March 15, the team competed in State at UNK. Expectations were high and were greatly exceeded. Scotus qualified four speakers in five events for finals. Although the general team sentiment held that there should

have been more, those who competed in finals were happy to be there. Scotus' highest-placing competitor was Lindsey Pritchard who took second in informative speaking. Jenny Krzycki was the team's only double medallist placing third in serious prose and fifth in poetry. Yours truly took fourth in extemporaneous speaking (although everybody knows it should have been higher). Junior Steven Ingemansen placed fifth in entertainment speaking. Scotus took third in the team standings behind Raymond Central and Gretna. Bernt said, "We were happy to be so successful after such a difficult season."

Obviously, the youth on the team will be improving in the next year, and the Scotus Speakers will have a definite advantage in the years ahead. As one of this year's co-captains, I would like to extend a 'thank you' to all the parents, coaches, and boosters who helped make this speech season a very successful one. As for the future, Scotus appears poised to build on this year's success and take the next step forward. Good luck and Godspeed you merry speakers!

Photo by: Kendra Liss



Members of the student body and faculty get their groove on with Karl Anthony during an all-school assembly.

I Am Who I Am

By Kendra Liss

What most students believed to be solely a "sexuality assembly" turned out to be an invigorating and self-gratifying experience for most. Karl and Jeanne Anthony came to speak and they managed to fill many students with a feeling of excitement and self worth. Karl began the assembly with his guitar, spoke throughout the assembly with his guitar and ended the assembly with his guitar. This factor made for an extremely uplifting afternoon.

Karl's wife, Jeanne, used American Sign Language to interpret all of Karl's songs. Every song that was sung and signed had a meaningful message attached to it that told about the importance of loving yourself and making decisions that will be the best for you and those around you. Karl and Jeanne travel all over the world and have been to the former Soviet Union, Germany, Australia, and all fifty states. The Anthony's kept everyone alert by involving the audience whenever they could. This included bringing out a group of guys, a group of girls, and then the entire faculty to serenade. Karl taught the school a friendship handshake and Jeanne attempted to teach us how to sign a song. The afternoon was based on knowing our value and worth and being able to acknowledge all of our personal strengths. Overall the afternoon was a success.

Studs and Duds 2K1

By: Chris Wachal

Stud: George W. Bush- Tax-cut plan passes the House and appears headed for Senate success.

Studs: International Space Station- NASA launches newest pieces of floating fortress in space.

Stud: Michael Jackson- Gets Oxford speaking gig then is inducted into Rock & Roll Hall of Fame.

Stud: NCAA Tournament- Upsets and nail-biters earn CBS huge ratings.

Dud: Dick Cheney- V.P. has fifth heart surgery. Sounds like a few too many midnight chili-cheese dog runs.

Dud: MIR- Increased costs force crash of Space Agency's crown jewel. Apparently duct tape prices have skyrocketed in Russia

Dud: Eminem- Loses "Best Album" Grammy to Steely Dan. Apparently his mom and ex-wife were in the voting academy.

Dud: The XFL- NBC is forced to give away ad time, probably because there are more cheerleaders on the field than fans watching at home.



To Peeve Or Not To Peeve... The Lowest of the Low

By: Kendra Liss and Sarah Engelbert

Everyone has a pet peeve, despite what you may think. If you take the time to think long and hard, you are bound to find something that irks you, whether it be a person or something extremely annoying you have to endure on a daily basis. Pet peeves are definitely guaranteed to drive a person nuts. Pet peeves also range in their level of seriousness. They range from things coming late in the mail to people making connections when there are absolutely no connections to be made and the attempts at making the connection have absolutely no relevance to anything. The purpose of asking the Scotus student body what their biggest pet peeve is was to make people look deep inside of themselves to find exactly what makes them want to scream.

What is your biggest pet peeve?

When my sister laughs her hardest – Chelsea Liss

Walking out of religion and hearing Kendra Liss' laugh everyday... **KENDRA!!!** – Josh Birkel

Jeff Kosch – Matt Zach

People that cuss a lot – Austin Zach

PDA, All day in the hallways, especially when they know everyone is watching them and making fun of them – Michaela Klimes

Nick Sahs – Hailee Sahs

Freshmen boys pushing their chairs out to block us at lunch – Girls from Mr. Mahoney's 5th period class

People that call blondes dumb when they themselves are no smarter than a doorknob – Beth Niedbalski

Wade's bragging about how him and Jasper are a thing again – Anonymous

I don't like it when squirrels start chewing on my elbows while I'm doing martial arts – Jon Augustine

When people call me stupid, which is all the time – Tony Schwank

Michael Flatley, lord of the dance... His legs fly about like they are independent from his body – Tyler Roewert

Dustin Becher's head and people who lie about their true love for Amber Chatman... agreeing with everything she says – Anonymous

Whoever's wasting their time reading this – Eric Puckett

Slow people like me who can't answer this dumb survey in less than 10 minutes – Sadie Bolte

People who do not work to their potential – John Petersen

By: Mike Adelman

There are some pretty tough punishments out there. For instance, a person with an untucked shirt or an unbuttoned collar receives a detention, missing a period of school results in notification of the offender's parents and two detentions, and four behavior detentions means you get an in school suspension. These punishments all seem pretty rough, and I'm sure that the ones affected by them would agree with me. However, there is an offense even worse than any of the ones listed above, but the action of the perpetrators goes undetected 99.9% of the time. That offense? Put downs.

It all starts in seventh grade. A young lad (or lass) attends school on the first day with an optimistic attitude that new friends and memories will be made. Unfortunately, this person's joy can quickly be transformed into spite and anger. The so called "cool people" may not like this person's appearance, habits, or ideals, and for those reasons, will spend an unnecessary portion of their time and resources making their victim miserable.

The reason the oppressors take part in these actions is unknown, but I believe often stems from a lack of self-esteem in their own lives. The pathetic part is that anyone who partakes in these actions probably won't even read this article, because they tend not to make the best use of their brains.

This has to stop, folks. Usually no punishments are issued for such verbal attacks, but these attacks often ruin the day of the one being picked on. If you tend to verbally abuse others, think about this without brushing it off with some smart remark: Why do you need to say inappropriate things to someone? You may brush it off five minutes later, and won't feel any different, but you may also ruin the other person's day and go on without giving it a second thought. Are you cool now? Are you happy with what you did? If you are, then you are a truly sick person.

I'm not in favor of harsh punishments, so I'm not suggesting that the school tightens their grip in this area. Rather, I think that students need to make a personal effort to make everyone feel welcome here. If you're reading this and thinking about someone you may have hurt, or pick on often, then think about how they're made out of the same stuff you are. They're people, and just because they don't fit the same mold you do, doesn't give you the right to single them out and try to damage their reputation. If you ignore my words of wisdom, that's fine. You'll get a nice reality check in college when you make fun of that 300 pound football player...



One On One

By: Megan Morris

Megan Cimpl is a dedicated individual who works hard at what she does and overcomes obstacles that get in her way. When Megan was in fifth grade she was diagnosed with Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis. She was unsure what that meant to her future, but Megan didn't let that stop her. Soon, she began taking piano lessons and has continued playing piano for the past seven years.

Megan's desire to make music didn't stop in elementary school either. In eighth grade she joined band and after just one half hour lesson with Mrs. Cox she started marching band practice. Megan has continued to play the saxophone through her senior year.

Megan has started a new hobby of playing the guitar. After only one year of hard work she has mastered the skill, once again, of playing a musical instrument. Megan won't end her music career after graduating from high school. She plans on going to Nebraska Wesleyan University to major in, you guessed it, music education.

Free Music? Not for Long.

By: Rhonda Marxsen


Even if you are not a computer freak, you may still have heard several things about Napster in the news. There are several updates on Napster, but I'm not one to confuse you or myself with all that legal "mumbo-jumbo".


Napster is basically a place where you can download music for free by sharing files with other people. The whole argument is that Napster can't do that without the permission of those who own the copyrights of the songs. The court has basically stated that if the copyright holders (mainly the record companies) do not want their music distributed through Napster they must send an appropriate notice to Napster. Napster then must block those songs.

If you already have the file to a blocked song, nothing will happen to your file. However, others will not be able to download it from you or anyone else. So far a few record companies have sent in notices, but there is still music out there waiting to be downloaded. So the music is still free.


As of now, Napster is now trying to prepare for their new membership-based service that will make payments to artists, songwriters and other rights holders.


I personally object. I love free music. Who doesn't? I think that the artists should be happy for the publicity, but I guess that's not the way it works. All I can say is that the music is still free, so get it while you still can.

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Flavors of the Month

By: Travis Fry & Mike "the body" Schure

Hello flavor fans, this is your April edition of the "Flavors of the Month." We handed out a survey to you the people of Scotus Central Catholic High School located in Columbus, Nebraska 68601. Everyone answered them beautifully.

If you could take a bullet for anyone on earth whom would it be and why?

- Mike Adelman, we need to laugh at someone- Adam Swierczek
- Megan Zarek, because I love Her- Ryan Jarecki
- Superstate, enough said- Superfan
- Mrs. Schaad, because otherwise there would be no reason to live- Tony Schwank
- Splinter, because he gave me the secret of the ooze- Cade Kudron
- JFK...oh wait too late- Mike Schaecher
- Bob Rogers, I would like to give him a better chance at a haircut- Josh Romberg
- Eric Spies, he is the chosen one- Joe "Jedi" Puetz
- Alex DeRuyscher, the legend of the Faded Glory boots must live on- Shawn Starostka
- Tyson Becher, who else will score- Jealous Teammate
- Not Jesse Benda, because the bullet would probably just bounce off him anyway, he is fat- Eric Spies
- Travis Fry, because he is my family and we go to church together- Taylor Harsh
- Kailey McCoy, because she is the reason that I live- Cale Beiermann
- Kendra Liss, because she is my number one fan- Greg Buelt

If you could do your very own Johnny Knoxville adventure, what would it be and explain?

- I would go around with Nathan and pull over women. Then I would take them to my house and read them their rights- Joe "the Jedi" Puetz
- Extra extreme scooting- Jeff Siegel
- I would eat the cafeteria's goulash- Kristin Wondercheck
- I would put on a pair of overalls with three layers of clothes underneath and cover my body with flammable items and light myself on fire- Pyro Punk
- Nude rodeo of champions- Zack Wolf
- I would see if I could fit a cantelope in my nostril- Dusty Bottoms
- Light Tyson Becher's dog on fire and watch him run around- Cade Kudron
- Go to Thailand to get eaten by a frog- Scott Becker
- I would tape myself stealing the Columbus population sign- Gearhead
- Go inside some bread & watch it rise- Shawn Starostka
- I would build the world's largest banana slip & slide and then throw all the government officials down it- Kelli Morrison

What is your motto?

- Always do your homework- Tony Schwank
- You are under arrest- Nathan Malicky
- If you are not cheating, you are not trying- Shane Goodall
- Do you have any food? Lynn
- Don't marry a man for money, just borrow it; it's cheaper- Pam Johnson
- Live each day like it is your last- Mary Naughtin
- Sex is for married people- Dusty Bottoms
- Forget sports and school and just have fun- Kayla VanDyke
- Pain is a weakness leaving the body- Taryn Ketter
- Muchachos- Mrs. Rojas
- Do everything and don't get caught- Shane Kelly
- If you can't afford braces, don't be smiling- Lauren Maul

Mr. Rogers Neighborhood

By: Chris Rogers

Dear Mr. Rogers,

I am a girl that attends Scotus who has never kissed a boy. I do not know how or what to expect when the opportunity arises with my boyfriend. I fear that if I do something wrong he won't like me anymore. I feel like our entire relationship is based on our first kiss. What should I do? Please help!!
~Never Been Kissed

Dear Never Been Kissed,

First of all you have nothing to be worried about. You are not the only person who has had these feelings before. Imagine that you have the face of a fish, your lips are open and moving up and down all the time. There really is not very much to it, once you begin your first kiss, the rest of it should just feel natural. I am sure that your boyfriend is having these same feelings, so your relationship is not in jeopardy. Good luck, and as always have a nice day.

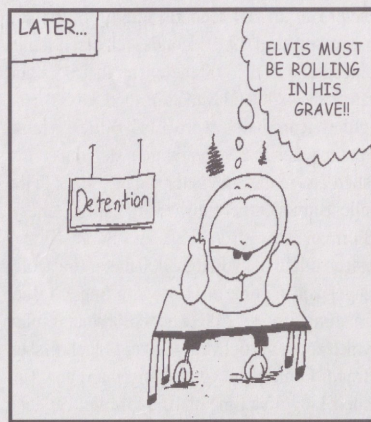
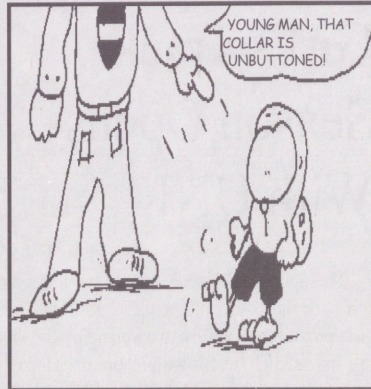
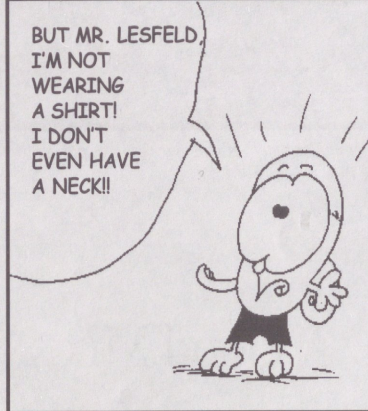
Dear Mr. Rogers,

I am a senior girl who dreams about scary rats. I also love Dave Matthews Band and Tiger Woods. People are always telling me that I am weird just because they disagree with me. How do I get them to stop making fun of me all of the time? How can I get them to just leave me alone because I like strange things?
~Bert Haras

Dear Bert,

If you want people to stop teasing you for the things you like, I suggest you stop being a loud mouth and just keep those types of things to yourself. Just because you happen to like and dream about strange things doesn't mean that everyone else has to know about it. Maybe you just need to accept the fact that you are weird. What kind of a person has scary dreams about rats anyway? Grow up and stop talking.

Little Dude by Mike Adelman



The Mexican

She Said

By: Rhonda Marxsen

What can I say? Any movie that stars Julia Roberts and Brad Pitt is guaranteed to be a hit. Am I right? Actually, I guarantee that this movie will be a waste of your money. I don't care if you want to watch it when it comes out on video; I still wouldn't watch it if I were you.

I have come to the conclusion that this was the type of movie you might watch if you were flipping through the channels on a Sunday afternoon. You might watch it if you had nothing better to do, and if it was free.

Basically, the movie was about a man named Jerry Welbach, played by Brad Pitt, and his girlfriend Samantha, played by Julia Roberts. Jerry had been involved in some secret illegal work, but he was always a complete failure at his assignments. He is portrayed as a not very bright man who was basically a goof-up. His boss told Jerry that he must do one more task for him. This was to travel to Mexico and pick up "The Mexican". This was an ancient gun that was very valuable and had a famous story behind it. Jerry's alternative to the assignment: death. Samantha is furious when she finds out that Jerry is still going to work for them and she breaks off their relationship. Several things take place and Samantha is kidnapped and held ransom for the gun.

I am under oath not to tell you the end, but please don't waste your precious money to find out about it. Believe me, it is not worth it. The movie contains some humor and some very moronic parts. It also contains violence and is therefore rated "R".

Brad Pitt acts too brainless and Julia Roberts can get quite annoying with her non-stop talking. It was annoying and the movie just kept dragging on. I would have fallen asleep during the first 20 minutes, but I stayed awake for the sake of this review. Two thumbs down - no questions asked.

He Said

By: Matt Kudron

Don't judge a good book by its cover. I feel that this statement can also be true for movies. Lately I had the dishonor of watching The Mexican. The movie looked really good from the previews, but the finished product was not what it appeared to be.

My first opinion of the movie (it was probably the same as most people) is if both Pitt and Roberts were in it, it must be worth seeing. The previews on television also showed that the movie looked good.

However, the movie itself was not so interesting. The overall plot was not very appealing. It was difficult to tell if the movie was supposed to be an action or comedy. One of the few bright sides is that the movie was very unpredictable. The events that happened really caught you offguard.

It starts out with a conflict between Jerry Welbach (Pitt) and his girlfriend, Samantha (Roberts). The two apparently love each other, but they are constantly fighting. This time the fight is over Jerry's business dealings. Jerry got in a car accident with a notorious gangster (Gene Hackman). As a result Jerry has to take part in some of his illegal activities, so that Hackman won't press charges. His girlfriend doesn't approve and it leads to a "break up".

Eventually, Jerry travels to a small town in Mexico to recover the almighty pistol. At the same time Samantha goes to Las Vegas, but is kidnapped for safekeeping of the pistol. The movie then continues on with many bizarre occurrences.

This is just a brief introduction of the movie. I'll let you decide if you actually wish to finish it. The best piece of advice that I can give is to wait until the movie comes out on video. It will save you a couple of bucks. I would also give The Mexican two thumbs down.

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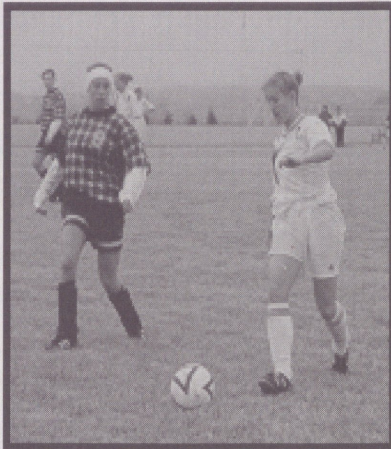
Girl's Track Season Opens With UNK

By: Molly Engel

The Scotus track team started off the season with the UNK indoor on March 15. The girls proved their ability to compete by finishing 3rd out of 10 teams with 69 points. Medalists were Amanda Ott placing 5th in the 55 meter run in 7.64 seconds and 4th in the 200 meter sprint in 29.0 seconds. Kathleen Ames placed 2nd in the 400 meter run in 1:05.5 and ran on the 4x400 relay that finished 5th in 4:36.7 (Other teammates were Lori Beller, Mandi Schumacher, and Steph Lyons). Beller also finished 2nd in the 800 meter run in 2:40.8. In the mile, Brandi Olmer finished 3rd in 6:19, Cheryl Bierman was 4th in 6:22, and Sarah Karges placed 6th in 6:33. In the 3000 meter run Molly Engel won in a time of 11:46, with Angela Fisher finishing 3rd in 12:00. The 4x800 meter relay which consisted of (Molly Engel, Angela Fisher, Brandi Olmer, and Cheryl Bierman) also finished 1st with a time of 10:54. In field events, Kristin Blair finished 5th with a jump of 5 feet, and Kari Gray jumped to a 3rd place finish with 16 feet, 3/4 inch.

The girls also had a 3rd place finish at the Wesleyan Indoor Meet on March 20. The girls competed against 14 teams at this invite. The medalists consisted of: Kari Gray placing 1st in the long jump, Angela Fisher was 1st in the 3200 meter run, the 3200 relay (Cheryl Bierman, Mandi Schumacher, Sarah Karges, Kathleen Ames) placed 1st, Molly Engel was 2nd in 3200 meter run and 3rd in the 1600 meter run, Amanda Ott placed 4th in the 220, Kristin Blair was 4th in high jump, Kasey Sliva was 4th in the 60 dash, Bierman was 5th in the 880, and Beller was 6th in the 880. The girl's next meet is scheduled to run March 22, which is a dual with David City Aquinas.

Photo By: Tory Ketter



Freshman Kelsey Kunneman dribbles passed by a York defender.

A Good Mix

By: Tory Ketter

Youth and experience seem to be another good mix for the Scotus girl's soccer team. The same mix seemed to be evident on last years Class B State Runner-Up squad.

The Shamrocks return just one senior, Melissa Schmidt, and have eight freshmen and seven sophomores on their roster. Junior Natasha Bender is the top returning scorer for the team and junior Meghan Pile is leading the 'Rock defense this season.

Recently, the Shamrocks smothered the York Dukes. The girls dominated the entire game, as the score of 9-0 showed it. The 'Rocks out shot the Dukes 35-1 and held them without one shot in the second half.

Bender and sophomores Renee Beiermann and Taryn Ketter all had two goals apiece. Freshmen Taylor Harsh, Laura Kelly, and Katie Peetz also scored for Scotus. Bender also led in assists with passes to Beiermann and Ketter. Junior Katie Korth and Schmidt each had an assist.

Next of the schedule for Scotus is Lincoln Pius X, which promises to be a learning experience for the team! The rest of the team's schedule will be a challenging one, but playing quality teams like Omaha Skutt Catholic and Omaha Duchesne will only make the team better.

Over the years the Scotus girls soccer program has achieved much success and it is hard to see how this year could be much different.

Returning Experience

By: Tory Ketter

The Scotus boy's soccer team returns nine seniors from a squad that reached the first round of the 2000 State Soccer Tournament.

Senior Cade Kudron is the top returning scorer for the team and solid speed from seniors Tyson Becher, Jeff Kosch, and Aaron Mielak could be trouble for any opponent.

In the season opener, the 'Rocks defeated York 3-2 after a nail-bitter of a shootout. Becher and junior Chris Rogers had one goal apiece. Kudron and sophomore Dustin Becher each had an assist in regulation. The 10-minute overtime remained scoreless, which forced the game into a shootout. The Shamrocks received goals from seniors Travis Fry, Mielak, and Becher. Junior goalie Greg Buelte came up with two huge saves including a solid block from York's last shooter, to give the 'Rocks the win.

The boys will play Lincoln Pius X on Thursday, if the weather holds. New on the schedule for the Shamrocks this year are Omaha Skutt Catholic and South Sioux City. Both games will be a true test of the boys' ability and discipline.

Pre-ranked #3 in Class B shows the respect of the boys program here at Scotus. If the boys can hold their composure, they will surely remain at the top throughout the season.

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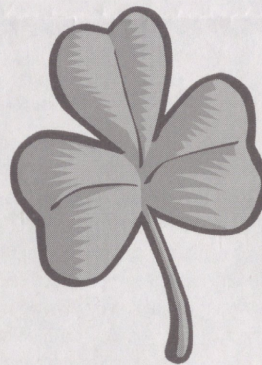
Sophomore Nathan Fisher looks upon the soccer action of Senior Aaron Mielak.


Sophomore Boys Lead Indoor Meets

By: Molly Engel

The Scotus boys finished 8th out of 9 teams at UNK but still had strong leadership. Sophomore Tyler Roewert led the boys by winning the triple jump with a leap of 41-7 feet, and finished 3rd in the 55 dash in 6.6 seconds. Josh Melliger and Kyle Fritz showed their potential by obtaining a pair of medals too. Melliger finished fifth in the 800 meter in 2:15.1 and placed third in the 3,200 meter relay with (Eric Grubaugh, Jake Otte, and Kyle Fritz) in a time of 9:12.5. Fritz also placed 5th in the 1,600 meter run in 5:06.3. Jake Tooley added a 6th place in the 400 meter dash at 58.8 seconds, and Bob Soulliere placed 6th in the 55 dash at 6.80 seconds.

The distance crew ran their way through the Wesleyan indoor on March 20. The 3,200 meter relay (Eric Grubaugh, Josh Melliger, Jake Otte, and Cale Beiermann) finished 2nd at the meet. Melliger also added a third place finish in the 800 meter run. Kyle Fritz came up with a pair of medals by finishing 2nd in the 1600 and 4th in the 800 meter run. The boys are scheduled with the girls for their Aquinas dual on March 22.




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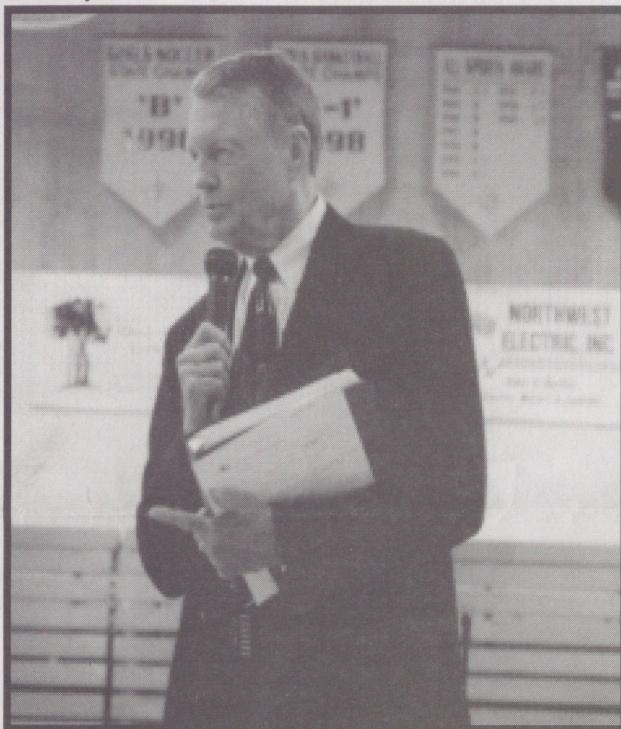
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Photo By: Kendra Liss



Congressman Tom Osborne speaks to Scotus students at a recent assembly.

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Would You Take The Money?

By: Kendra Liss

On Friday, April 6, Congressman Tom Osborne came to speak at Scotus. The basis of his speech was personal character. There were various scenarios and examples that Osborne used to support his topic, one of these being drinking. He started with his personal preference of not drinking and went on to talk about what to do and say if you have friends of family members who drink unhealthily. Osborne also made reference to the school shootings that have taken place during the previous weeks.

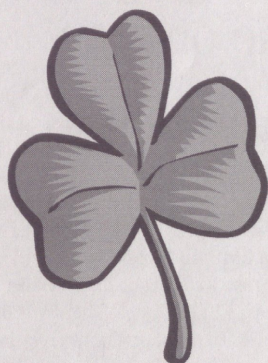
He showed that there is more to character than just doing right or wrong. How you deal with the situations that come your way help define and make your character. However, your actions should not be the basis of your personal character. Understanding how your actions affect others and how they will affect you in the future plays a big role on the size of your character. Osborne spoke very strongly on how your decisions should have a strong moral basis and summed a lot of his speech up with a simple situation. "If you found a wallet full of money lying on the ground, what would you do?"

When Osborne was finished with his speech, he made time for some questions. One of the first questions was "Who is your all time favorite player?" Osborne simply and very wittingly replied, "Jesse Kosch." Another question was "Do you ever regret quitting coaching" and Osborne's reply insinuated that he obviously misses it, but would not change where he is now.

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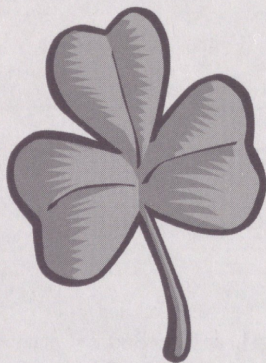
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Gala Tops a New Record

By: Molly Engel

The Spring Gala took place on April 21 this year. The theme this year was "Treasures of Ireland". According to Annette Hash, the Gala served 639 meals this year. The main course this year was prime rib as usual but for dessert the committee served mint cheesecake. The Gala was said to raise \$184,000 according to the computer, but that estimate might be off. Some of the big money makers were the 1937 Dodge Model 57 donated by Chuck and Carol Sand, the hot tub, dinners with the governor, autographed volleyballs, baseballs, basketballs, and golf balls. The car was said to raise approximately \$25,000 this year. Based on the success of the car this year, there is talk of a P.T. Cruiser being donated next year. The winner of the car this year was Tom Kobus, a 1968 alumni, who lives in David City. The school cooks might want to consider hiring Fr. Dave down in the cafeteria, based on his "dinner for six" being sold three times. Do they know something we don't about Fr. Dave's culinary skills? Jake Tooley and Kyle Fritz decided they needed a break from long distance running and obtained the two reserved Scotus parking spots for next year. Overall, the Spring Gala was a success thanks to the hard work of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hroza, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Marxsen, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Miller, John Schueth, and Annette Hash as well as numerous other volunteers!!!

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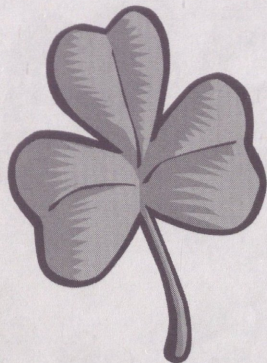
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Slackers!!

By: Mike Adelman

"You're almost there, don't give up!" You can hear this phrase almost anywhere. The most likely place to hear this would be at a sports practice, and rightfully so. But school? Yes, my friend, school. Just like the coach wants you to run all the way to the line and not break down your speed, the teacher wants to see you finish the year with the same quality of work that you have given the first three quarters (assuming your grades are passing).

I will admit it; I suffer the same conditions the rest of you do. I walk in school on the first day of a new year and give it my best, hoping to achieve those good grades that allow me freedom. Unfortunately, as the year drags along I sometimes begin to... *ahem*... "alter" my work habits. I've gone from doing my homework right when I got home to barely getting it done at breakfast the next morning, and praying that the teacher didn't grade it. Heck, I am writing this article the day before it is due, and I have had all week!! (Some time later). I, in fact, just had to go give my brother a ride somewhere. I had poor enough luck to get a flat tire on the way home. I changed that tire and put the donut on, and the donut went flat 500 yards later. I am now sitting here typing this at 10 P.M., with tons of homework due tomorrow. Which brings me to my next topic...

Excuses: The medium of the quitter. I am pretty sure that your dog did not eat your homework last night; so do not tell your teacher that it did. Think about how much free time you have over the weekend. Is it that impossible to sit down for an hour of that time to finish up that little bit of homework you should do? Many think the answer is yes, but I disagree. It won't ruin your if you use your brain a little, and you may even feel just a little bit better about yourself in the morning.

I may not have any helpful homework tips, but I can leave you with this one thought: Will it ruin your summer vacation if you make an effort to do well in school in the last couple of months? I think not. It may even be a benefit since your brain will be nice and sharp. Now perhaps I should take my own advice and get to work....

No Low Blow

By: Chris Wachal

As some readers may already know, an article about The Rock Bottom recently appeared in the Lakeview school newspaper. The article by Nick Goodall criticized the December 2000 edition of "Studs & Duds 2K" for making a joke at Lakeview's expense. The editorial called the statement a "low blow". It pointed to a meeting between Lakeview principal Bob Arp and former Scotus principal Walding which was intended to end inappropriate student behavior at Scotus-Lakeview functions. This conversation led to the now infamous rules prohibiting costumes at basketball and football games. Another, lesser-known decision made at this meeting concerned the schools' newspapers. It was decided then that neither school would publish anything negative about the other in their periodicals. It is apparently the opinion of the Lakeview newspaper that the "Studs & Duds" comment intentionally and maliciously violated this policy.

There are several flaws with this argument. The first is simple lack of information. Since the policy was instated five years ago, Scotus has a new administration, and the newspaper has a new faculty advisor. Neither Mrs. Schaad nor any member of the newspaper staff were aware of this policy. In fact, the inter-school agreement wasn't brought to light until another "Studs & Duds" article was censored by Principal Morfeld. Certainly, The Rock Bottom staff cannot be held to a policy it had no knowledge of.

Another flaw with the Lakeview argument is its insistence that the printed statement was malevolent and spiteful in nature. "Studs & Duds" is a humorous piece intended to satirize all aspects of high school life. It is in no way intended to be hurtful or upsetting to anyone. It only becomes too serious when taken too seriously by the reader.

To quote Mr. Goodall, "You can have a little fun with each other, but nothing should be below the belt." The nature of "Studs & Duds" is light-hearted, and it should not be viewed as any reflection on Scotus students' opinions of Lakeview or any perceived rivalries. Perhaps, as with all great writing, the author's meaning can always be misinterpreted.

Below the belt? Hardly. "Studs & Duds" is not malicious nor is it cruel. The Scotus newspaper staff did not knowingly or intentionally violate an interscholastic policy. Is it possible "Studs & Duds" went too far? It's certainly possible. Should this statement be seen as any great call to action for the Scotus student body to express hatred for Lakeview? Of course it shouldn't! With the facts clear, it certainly seems fair to keep swinging, above the belt of course, and maybe, just maybe, land a couple of solid blows.

Ding Dong

By: Megan Morris

Do you remember the childhood task of placing a bag of candy on someone's doorstep, ringing the doorbell, and then sprinting off to hide and watch them get their treat? I always felt much pride in myself every May Day decorating little bags with markers and puff paint. It seemed I would work all night making sure each bag was just perfect. And for what? I never got paid to do this random act; I never got any recognition because it was "secretive". What would possess me to spend my time and my money on my neighbors, especially since they are all old diabetics?

I guess you could say the task of doing something for a neighbor, and spending your time and energy on them was worth it after seeing them open their door to a bright colorful bag of treats. The act of making someone's day is a great feeling. It's heart warming isn't it?

However, after thinking about this act of May Day, I began wondering if May Day even exists anymore? Do parents let their child go by himself or herself to a neighbor's house? Probably not, but having your parents go with you would be too obvious. Would people even eat your treat or would they inspect and investigate every inch of it, thinking it was poisoned? I guess there must be too many risks involved in doing a random act of kindness anymore. Maybe that explains why May Day activities, or any other form of random acts of kindness are not in existence.

Maybe there is still hope and children really do partake in May Day and other acts of kindness. Hopefully May Day still exists and that childhood memory is being lived on through little, loving individuals who care about their neighbors.



One on One

By: Rhonda Marxsen

When you have great students, you have a great school. Josh Rickert, a senior here at Scotus, has been in many activities.

Rickert is in both football and basketball, but outside of sports he is the Senior class president, an EME (Extraordinary Minister of Eucharist), and a student council member. He is involved in FBLA, Campus Ministry, and Teens for Life. Rickert believes that he gives the most attention to being a class officer, especially this year in planning the upcoming graduation.

After high school, Rickert plans to do one of two things. He plans on going to either Benedictine College in Atchison, Kansas or go to the University of Nebraska-Omaha. Wherever he goes, Rickert plans to major in Biology and to use the degree to get into either a medical or chiropractic school.

Rickert notes that he is very motivated and hopes that this strength will help him advance in life. He believes that with hard work it is possible to succeed. Good morals, good values, and a good set of standards are yet another strength of his. In spite of all his strengths, Rickert believes that in certain aspects of his life he wants things to go his way, but yet he is very team oriented.

It is necessary to allow people into each other's lives for guidance. Rickert mentioned several times the importance of asking others for help. He believes that faith is essential to have in these times.

So here we have this great student. Does this make Scotus a great school? Rickert's experience at Scotus has been great. If he could do it all over again he would stick with this Catholic institution. He is very glad to be a part of the academic and athletic tradition here at Scotus. Rickert plans to be a supporter throughout his life. Once again a great student and a great school go hand in hand.



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- Why do we sing "Take me out to the ball game" when we are already there?
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- Doesn't "expecting the unexpected" make the unexpected expected?
- Why are a 'wise man' and a 'wise guy' opposites?
- Why is phonics not spelled the way it sounds?
- Why do you press harder on the buttons of a remote control when you know the batteries are dead?
- How come abbreviated is such a long word?
- Why doesn't glue stick to the inside of the bottle?

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Mr. Rogers Neighborhood

By: Chris Rogers

Dear Mr. Rogers,

I am a sophomore boy who loses everything, I have lost most of the things that have been given to me. How do I remember where I put things so that I stop making people feel like they mean nothing to me. I need help remembering, or I am done for !!!!!!!

Empty-headed Eddy

Dear Eddy,

Most people will respect you no matter what you lose as long as you can make up for it. Just do extra things for them such as take out their garbage or tell them how much they mean to you. But if you really want to remember where you put stuff, all you simply need to do is write it on your forehead backwards so when you look in the mirror it stares you right in your face. Good luck and have a nice day.

Dear Mr. Rogers,

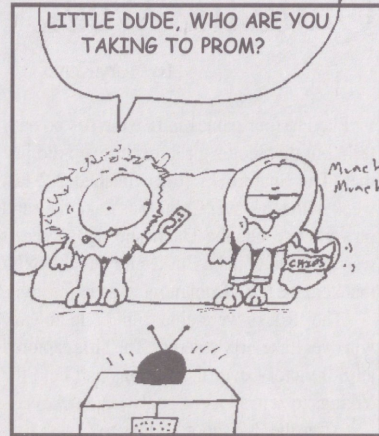
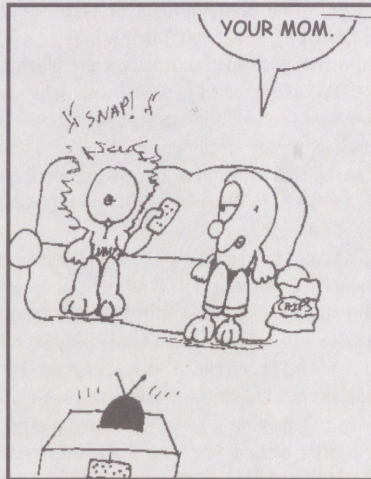
I am a junior boy who is contemplating getting a new hair cut. Lately I have been thinking about shaving my head, but I do not think that it will look good with my body. Everyone is telling me to do it because I promised them that I would, but I think they just want me to do it so that they can make fun of me. What should I do? Please help!!!!!!

Q-ball

Dear Q-ball,

If you promised them that you would do something, then you best do it. You don't want to be known as a chicken who never keeps his word. Just because you are nervous how it will look, doesn't mean that it will look bad anyways. Face your fears and jump off the high dive man. Don't let people control your life, or else you will always be walked over. Good luck and have a nice day.

LITTLE DUDE by Mike Adelman



Joe Dirt

She Said

By: Melinda Hanus

Imagine living most of your life without your family and somehow surviving in the world by yourself. You don't know who your parents are and you only know that they left you alone without even trying to find out where you were. This is what happens in the movie *Joe Dirt*.

Joe Dirt (played by David Spade) is a janitor at a radio station in Los Angeles. He wears torn jeans and tight shirts and listens to bands such as Van Halen and Def Leppard. One day Joe is pulled from his job to talk on a radio show at the station with host Zander Kelly (played by Dennis Miller). At first Zander can't believe the way Joe looks, but soon understands why he looks the way he does and realizes that there is more to Joe than he thinks.

Joe's family left him at the Grand Canyon when he was eight years old. By the time he realizes they are gone it is too late. After getting put into many foster homes Joe leaves a juvenile detention center at age 11. While spending time on his own he meets a girl by the name of Brandy (played by Brittany Daniel). They become good friends and spend time together before he leaves to travel across the country in search of his family. After finding his parents he realizes they are not what he expected.

Joe Dirt is a movie that you would go see if you like good comedies. There are parts of the movie that seem to go on forever, but it is a shorter movie than you may think. The movie, overall, teaches a valuable lesson on why it doesn't matter how a person looks; it is what is on the inside that counts.


He Said


By: Chris Rogers

The movie *Joe Dirt* was as interesting as it was funny. The story of his life shows that anyone who wants it really can have the American Dream. Joe was your average hard core Rock 'n Roller. He didn't have an education or a family that cared for him, but he never gave up and eventually came out on top. He was inspired along the way by the few friends he had, and they stayed friends forever.

Joe Dirt taught me a valuable lesson in how to not judge people by what they look like. At the beginning Joe was a disgrace to humanity, but eventually we found out what had happened to him and that he is a pretty nice guy. His parents hated him so much that they changed his last name to Dirt because they did not want him to bear the family name.

I think that for as silly as this movie was there is plenty of truth to it. Not everyone is given the opportunities we are given, but they still manage to make the best of it. I recommend this movie for people who like comedy and disaster. There are lots of twists to the story of Joe Dirt, but in the end it starts to make sense. Towards the end he becomes suicidal and is ready to jump off a bridge, but Brandy saves the day. He goes on to realize that he had a home in Silvertown with Brandy all along so he decides to stay and forget about the parents that left him at the Grand Canyon when he was eleven years old.

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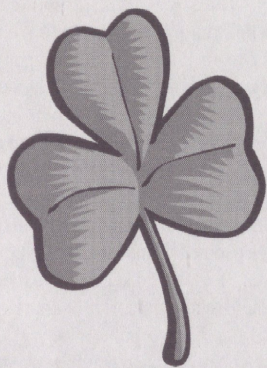
By: Tory Ketter

Playing four games in five days is no easy task, but the Scotus girls soccer team did just that. The Shamrocks (6-2) finished 2-2 last week with wins over Columbus Lakeview and powerhouse Omaha Duchesne. However, it was losses to Omaha Burke and Omaha Skutt that kept the team from moving up in the polls.

The 'Rocks were able to pick up an easy win over Lakeview recently. The girls captured an 8-0 victory over the Vikings and held the Vikings to zero shots on goal.

After the 3-2 shootout loss to Class A #3 ranked Omaha Burke, the Shamrocks had nothing to hold their heads about. Burke was an extremely physical team and the girls were able to hold their own for the entire game. Scotus received second half goals from sophomores Taryn Ketter and Nicole Mielak to put the 'Rocks in the lead. Junior Meghan Pile lead the defense power with her quick speed and quick thinking. However, after a terrible call in the Shamrock penalty box, Burke was able to tie the game with less than twenty minutes remaining. The two 10-minute overtime periods remained scoreless, which forced the game into a shootout. Ally Peetz and Ketter were the only Scotus players able to connect with the back of the net. Even though the outcome of the game was not what was hoped for, it was a much-needed experience.

The 'Rocks are very optimistic of the final weeks to come of the soccer season. It is evident that the team can compete with quality opponents from area schools, but can the girls return to the State Final for the fourth year in a row? It is a goal that I cannot wait to see them attain.



Nice Shooting Tex!

By: Travis Fry

The Scotus boys golf season is finally on their way after a long delay from the weather. The Scotus boys competed in the David City Two Man Best Ball Invitational on April 12. Scotus got 2nd overall with a performance from Tony Bogus and Josh Johnson who shot a 75. Jeremy White and Eric Hall shot a 77 and ended up in 6th place. Combining both scores gave the Scotus A team the runner-up spot with a 152. Scotus B team was 6th with a 160. Chris Hopkins and Brett Wolff got 9th place with a 78 and Tory Ketter and Adam Wick shot a 78 also, but ended up in 10th place after a playoff.

Scotus competed in a dual with Schuyler on April 17. Scotus lost to Schuyler shooting a 183 and Schuyler shooting a 161. Scotus was lead by Hall with a 44 and Bogus and Hopkins both shot a 46. White shot a 47 and Johnson shot a 48.

Scotus hosted the April 19 Scotus Invitational at Quail Run Golf Course. Scotus' varsity shot a great team score of 337 but fell short two strokes to Wayne to take 3rd place. Scotus JV shot a 371 and ended up in 12th place. The top overall finisher was Hall who shot a 77 edging Lakeview's Kyle Jensen in a playoff. Bogus finished 9th with a 82 and Andy McPhillips led the JV team with an 83 and finishing in 12th place. Other finishers were Johnson with an 88, White with a 90, and Hopkins with a 101.

Photo By: Chris Wachal



Senior Jeremy White looks on as his ball gets closer to the hole at the Scotus Invite.

Photo By: Mrs. K



Senior Joe Puetz's muscles are flexed as he lands in the sand during a home track meet.



Slaughtering the Competition

By: Tory Ketter

The Shamrock boys soccer team remain the only team in Class B to be undefeated. Currently ranked #2 in Class B by the Lincoln Journal Star, the 'Rocks could move up to the #1 spot this week.

Recently, the Shamrocks smothered cross-town rival Lakeview, 11-0. Junior Greg Buelt recorded his fifth straight shutout and his first assist of the season. Senior Tyson Becher had a hat trick to lead the 'Rocks in scoring. Seniors Brock Pillen and Travis Fry had two goals each and Fry had one assist. Also scoring for the team were senior Justin Harsh and underclassmen Nathan Fisher and Dustin Becher.

The 'Rocks were able to fire 36 shots to Lakeview's sparse four. The boys were able to control both sides of the field and improved their record to 7-0.

The upcoming week will be a true test of the teams ability by playing quality Class A teams in the Omaha Westside Tournament. However, after beating previously ranked #1 Omaha Skutt, it seems that the boys can handle anyone on the field.

Track Team Wins Schuyler Invite

By: Matt Kudron

The boys and girls track teams have both been working hard all year. That work ethic has been paying off for both teams as they approach Districts. On Thursday, April 19 both teams competed in the Schuyler Invite. The girls got first place out of 8 teams. The boys finished as runner-ups, finishing only 9 points behind the champion, Blair. There were only 7 teams in the boys half of the meet. The entire track finished as the meet champions.

The Shamrock boys finished with 4 gold medal performances. Kyle Fritz won the 3200 meter run, and Bob Soulliere won the 100 meter dash. Mike Zadina also brought in a gold medal in the 110 meter hurdles, and the 400 meter relay team of Soulliere, Brian Malicky, Ryan Jarecki, and Tyler Roewert finished off the 'Rocks gold medal performances. Roewert also brought in a silver medal in the triple jump and a bronze medal in the 100.

Fritz finished 2nd in the 1600 meter run. Senior Nathan Malicky won a silver medal in the 110 meter hurdles. Freshman Eric Grubaugh won a silver medal in the 400 meter dash. Ryan Jarecki and Dana Torczon finished 3rd and 4th in the 200 meter dash, while Josh Melliger finished 4th in the 800 meter run. The 1600 meter relay team of Brian Malicky, Torczon, Melliger, and Grubaugh won a bronze medal for the 'Rocks. The Shamrocks also got 4th place finishes from Tim Siegel, Phil Heimann, and Joe Puetz in the shot put, high jump, and triple jump.

The Shamrock girls also finished with 4 gold medal performances. Kristin Blair began with a gold medal in the high jump. The 3200 meter relay team of Cheryl Bierman, Lori Beller, Danielle Bernt, and Kathleen Ames also finished in 1st place. Angela Fisher crossed the finish line first in the 3200 meter run with Molly Engel getting second. Fisher also led a 1-2-3 finish for the "Rocks in the 1600 meter run. Brandi Olmer finished in second, and Engel finished in third.

The other two relay teams also finished strong for the Shamrocks. The 1600 meter relay team of Beller, Bierman, Mandi Schumacher, and Steph Lyons finished with a silver medal. The 400 meter relay team of Kasey Sliva, Amanda Ott, Andrea Brezenski, and Mikayla Wurdinger won a bronze medal. Bierman finished in fourth place in the 800 meter run. The 'Rocks also got two bronze medals from Amanda Cielocha in the 100 and 300 meter hurdles.

Up ahead for the 'Rocks is the Centennial Conference Track Meet on May 5th in Hastings. They hope to keep on improving as they prepare for the District Meet in Pierce on May 10th.

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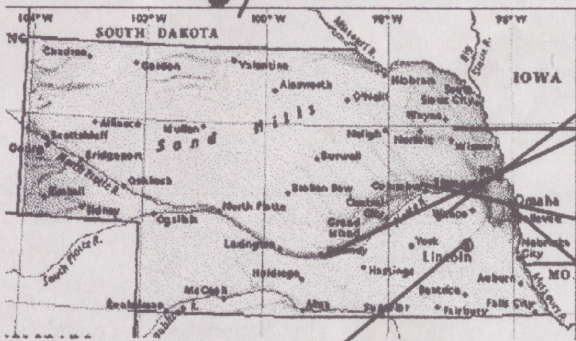
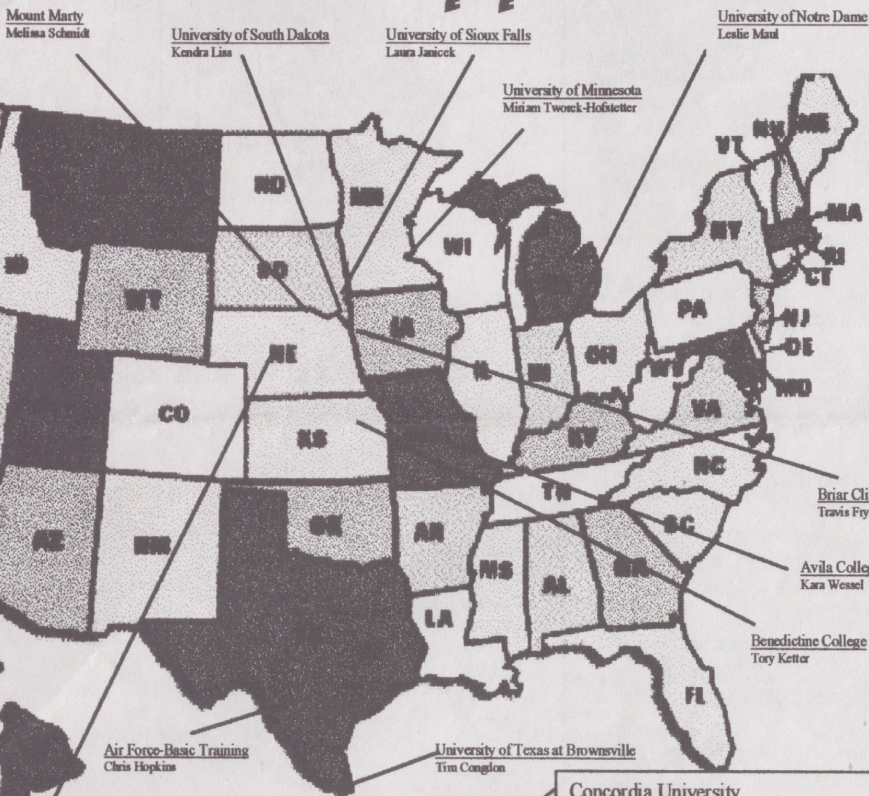
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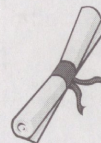
BACCALAUREATE MASS

When: May 18, 2001
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GRADUATION

When: May 20, 2001
What time: 1:30 pm
Where: Scotus Activity Center

Class Colors
Green and Silver



Class Flower
White Lily

Class Motto
"To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream, not only plan, but also believe."
-Anatole France

Class Song
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An End to the Chapter

By: Rhonda Marxsen

The numbers on the chalkboards are declining. We are into the single digits, holding our breaths until the last day of school. We are holding our breaths until graduation. The announcements have been sent and some of the graduation plans are still pending. Your parents are practically losing sleep due to the preparations. It seems like only yesterday I was writing an article welcoming you all to your senior year and already I am saying goodbye.

How was your senior year? How was your time at Scotus? Many feel that they will always remember high school while others can't wait to leave it behind, but yet it was you! Scotus was a part of you! Some for six years and some for less. It has been a large chunk of your life. Some of us are close and some of us are indifferent to each other, but at least we were here together. Some of us may see our class as another routine. Do you happen to think that this graduation is "not a big deal"? Normally I'd let you think what you want, but sorry that's wrong. Yes, a graduation takes place at Scotus every year, but it only takes place once for us. So be proud of your accomplishments.

There is too much that needs to be said in this good-bye article. I have too much to say about our class, but I don't think I would be able to put any of it into words. In one way or another each of you were a part of another student's life.

An Ani Difrancio song called "Soft Shoulder" keeps rotating through my mind and the last part of the lyrics remind me of our final chapter. "...And they had barely said hello and it was time to say good-bye."

Remember When...

By: Kendra Liss and Chris Rogers

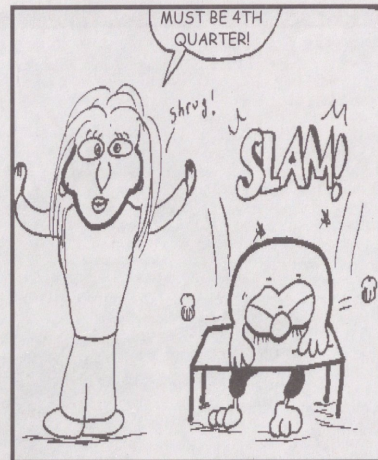
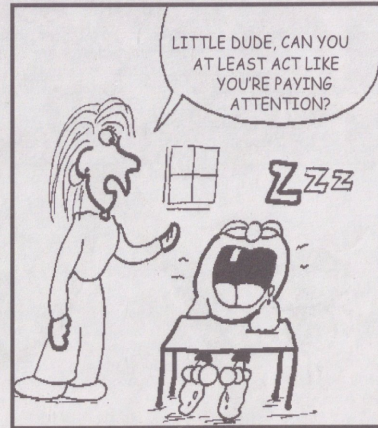
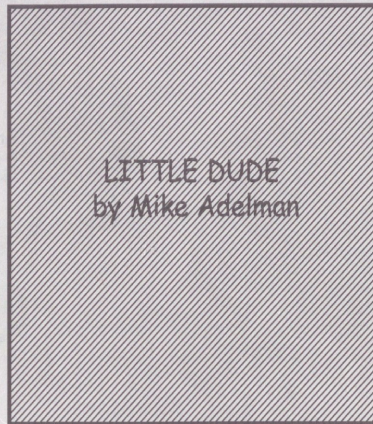
- ~Quick witted, clever, and SAAR WARS!
- ~Donny beating up Brock in Religion
- ~THE DEAD END!
- ~The almost evil football at Joe's house
- ~The 8th grade shopping spree at Casey's & Wal-mart
- ~Truth or dare at Harsh's cabin
- ~Rear-ending Mr. Morfeld
- ~Sleeping in Religion
- ~Going to Excel for Modern Problems
- ~Having a baby in Parenting
- ~The fat bald man on the bench in the Hay Market
- ~Camel
- ~61023
- ~Peach prom vests
- ~When Megan's shoe was gone
- ~Alex videotaping us
- ~Future Spanish orators
- ~So, can you eat a bagel?
- ~Mike "Walsworth"
- ~Mr. McGill, wait-wait
- ~Mrs. Blanco throwing chalk at us
- ~Almighty anacondas

Leaving It All Behind

By: Chris Wachal

In times of transition, it is just as important to look back as it is to look forward. As we leave this place called Scotus, we find it necessary to recognize all the little things we wish we could take with us, but know we can't. These are the things that helped make Scotus Scotus and helped make us the Class of 2001.

- ~We'll miss the chants at basketball games.
 - ~We'll miss doing our math homework in the halls the morning it's due.
 - ~We'll miss our numerous coaches yelling at us for our own good.
 - ~We'll miss the twenty-minute run.
 - ~We'll miss the fifteen-minute pep rallies.
 - ~We'll miss the "DR" being in the announcements every single day of the year.
 - ~We'll miss Mr. Schartz's toupee.
 - ~We'll miss Fr. Steve's explanations of the roots of every word mentioned in class.
 - ~We'll miss "muchachos" and sweet diaries.
 - ~We'll miss Tory's no-carbo diet and laugh.
 - ~We won't miss Kendra's laugh.
 - ~We'll miss Mike the Mullet.
 - ~We'll miss saying the pledge of allegiance every morning.
 - ~We'll miss Mr. McGill's "Oklahoma". We won't miss The Grapes of Wrath.
 - ~We'll miss eating a hearty meal for \$1.50.
 - ~You can't get that deal everywhere.
 - ~We'll miss staring out the window into the lovely courtyard.
 - ~We'll miss the air conditioning.
 - ~We'll miss Geocodes, mole money, and patty paper.
 - ~We'll miss "Over There" (except for Jeff, he'll still get to hear it).
 - ~We'll miss Mrs. Schaad trying to act like she's going to punish the rowdy students.
 - ~We'll miss Mr. Brockhaus' "Now, you guys gotta realize...".
 - ~We'll miss Travis adding his name to every song.
 - ~We'll miss the smell of cinnamon rolls on goulash days.
 - ~We'll miss Julio, Miss George's cat and Fred, her motorcycle-crazed husband.
 - ~We'll miss Mr. Salyard's "Woo-hoo" and bubbles.
 - ~We'll miss DeRuyscher's killer boots.
 - ~We'll miss Molly sleeping through every class.
 - ~We'll miss Mr. Younger adding letters in words where they don't belong.
 - ~We'll miss parking inches from each other just to avoid parking fines.
 - ~We'll miss Bonnie trying to keep us in alphabetical order.
 - ~We'll miss "Studs & Duds" and "Flavors of the Month".
 - ~We'll miss tucking-in our shirts and buttoning our collars down.
 - ~We'll miss the religion department's ridiculous binder requirements.
 - ~We'll miss all the inside jokes that only make sense to us.
- We'll miss all these things and many others too numerous to mention. We say good-bye and move forward, always remembering those things that define who we are and who we will become.



Senior Phrase Match

By: Molly Engel

Try and match each senior with their common phrase!

- "Dude!"
- "After the video!"
- "How do you spell ...?"
- "Where are all these emotionally deficient girls?"
- "But...It's not a fake tan!"
- "Molly, wake up!"
- "61023?"
- "GTH!!!"
- "It's a schwanker."
- "No Diggity!"
- "That's pretty mellow."
- "Don't take away the silver bullet."
- "Like I said before, in this video..."
- "I don't know... prally"
- "CAAAAT!"

- Travis Fry
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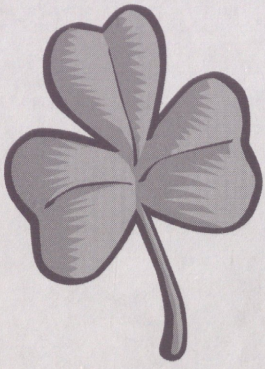

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On to State

By: Tory Ketter

The Scotus girl's soccer team is headed back to the State Soccer Tournament for the sixth straight year. The team brought home the State Championship in 1998 and have followed up with Runner-Up finishes in 1999 and 2000. This year, the team could fall in either one of those two categories.

In the district final against Schuyler, the 'Rocks cruised to an easy victory over the Warriors. Earlier in the season, Scotus had a little trouble putting away Schuyler in their 6-3 win, but this game proved to be no contest. The 'Rocks came away with a 3-0 victory. For the entire game, the Shamrocks controlled the ball and it rarely crossed midfield. Underclassmen Kelsey Kunneman recorded two goals and Taylor Harsh added one.

The 'Rocks completely shut down the Warrior attack by keeping Schuyler from taking a single shot on goal and taking 28 shots of their own.

Even though the Lincoln Journal Star ranks the team #1 in Class B, the girls still have a tough road ahead. The 'Rocks will take on Ralston in the first round of the state tournament. If the girls win that game, they would have the possibility of played powerhouse Omaha Duchesne. Earlier in the season, the Shamrocks were able to defeat Duchesne, 2-1, but the next match would be a true test of the Shamrocks abilities.

Through the season, the girls soccer program has accomplished great things. Even if the girls do not go all the way at the state, they have already showed that they can plan against any quality team. Hopefully, the Shamrock power can lead them to the state final and bring home the Class B State Soccer Championship! Good Luck girls...Take State!!!

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'Rocks Return to State

By: Tory Ketter

After coming off a tough loss to rival Schuyler, the Scotus boys will still make it to the State Tournament. It will be the fifth straight year the boys have made an appearance down at State.

Scotus (12-1) entered the game undefeated and ranked #1 in Class B by the Lincoln Journal Star and the Omaha World Herald. Schuyler was ranked 10th, but the teams matched up evenly and fought to every ball. It was a penalty kick that gave the Warriors the 0-1 win over the 'Rocks. The Shamrocks were able to apply more offensive in the second half, but Schuyler's goalie would not let anything by.

Despite the loss, the Shamrocks will enter the State Tournament as the wildcard and will take on Grand Island Northwest in the first round. The two teams have previously met, with the 'Rocks taking home the 5-0 win.

Luckily for the Shamrocks, their loss came now, rather than in the first round of the state tournament. The boys know they can be beat and this experience will hopefully turn up their intensity and determination to bring home the state crown.

Through the season, the boys have held the #1 position and proved they can play and beat anyone that walks onto the field. However, it will be a tough road ahead because as always, everyone is out to beat the powerhouse of Scotus. The state title would be a great way to finish an almost flawless season. Good Luck boys...Take State!!!

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- Molly Engel - 800 Meter Run
- Cheryl Bierman - 800 Meter Run
- Lori Beller - 800 Meter Run
- Kathleen Ames, Lori Beller, Cheryl Bierman, Mandi Shumacher - 4X400 Relay
- Kathleen Ames, Lori Beller, Cheryl Bierman, Molly Engel - 4X800 Relay
- Kristin Blair - High Jump
- Stephanie Lyons - Pole Vault
- Amanda Cieloha - 100 Meter Hurdles

Boy State Qualifiers

- Tyler Roewert - Triple Jump
- Mike Zadina - Triple Jump
- Jesse Benda - Discus
- Eric Grubaugh - 400 Meter Dash
- Ryan Jarecki - 200 Meter Dash
- Tyler Roewert - 100 Meter Dash
- Kyle Fritz - 3200 Meter Run
- Craig Pekny - 110 High Hurdles
- Bob Soulliere, Dana Torczon, Ryan Jarecki, and Tyler Roewert - 4X100 Relay

The Shamrock boys finished with a third place score of 66 points while the girls left with a fourth place standing after earning 71 points. Sixteen athletes will compete in 13 different events on May 18th and 19th at Burke Stadium. Good Luck...Bring home the medals!!!

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