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Swanson scores with new board



The Scotus football team has its eyes on the field while the new scoreboard displays graphics behind them. The new scoreboard was a part of the Memorial Stadium renovation that took place over the summer.

By Brooke Olmer Staff Reporter

Five, four, three, two, one, and the crowd goes wild as the clock buzzes; the new visuals have helped add excitement to home football nes. The new scoreboard was ed to Pawnee Park with the

renovations done to the football field

renovations done to the football field and track.

"The new scoreboard was part of the proposal to redo Pawnee Park okayed in the fall of 2010 by the city of Columbus with the idea that the scoreboard would eventually be paid for by itself with the advertisement that's on it," Activities Director Gary Puetz said Director Gary Puetz said.

The scoreboa

oreboard

estimated to cost about \$250,000.00. Many people were not happy with the expensive cost of the scoreboard, but it will eventually pay for itself.

"It's about \$250,000.00 deal, and the ten sponsors that are on the scoreboard pay \$50,000.00 per year advertising, and they signed five year contracts. In fact, a couple of them signed ten year contracts and with that \$50,000.00 a year; in

five years the scoreboard will be paid for," Puetz said.

The ads and entertainment are organized and put onto the new scoreboard with the help of new teacher Tyler Swanson and his web design class. Today, Swanson keeps busy with coaching and teaching, In high school, he kept busy with football, basketball, baseball, and track. He started coaching at a young age with his little brother's teams.

"I like working with kids. I started coaching when I was in high school for my little brother's teams.

Part of the reason Swanson came to Scotus is because he is friends with religion teacher Tyler Swanson. They attended high school together at Fremont Bergan.

"I really enjoy being here. Mr. Linder had a lot of good things to say about Scotus, so I trusted him and took the job," Swanson said.

It can be a challenge being the new teacher in school, but Swanson feels the staff, faculty, and students have all done a great job of welcoming him.

"Everyone comes out of their way to say 'hi' to me and introduce themselves, and I really love it here."

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Henke defined by attitude, not appearance

By Kylee Soulliere Staff Reporter

Incoming seventh graders have a lot to worry about; getting used to the giant school, hauling around 30 pounds of books all day,

used to the giant school, hauling around 30 pounds of books all day, and don't forget the terrifying fear of being late for the next class. Tabitha Henke is no exception to these worries; however, she has a lot more than just the normal seventh grade worries on her plate this year.

Henke's condition started when her left leg was not growing at the same rate as her right leg. This forced her to have to wear a brace in her left shoe to even out the difference. Henke and her family considered having a pin surgically placed in the right knee to stop any further growth in order for the left leg to catch up, but they decided instead on the "fixator".

"Since my left leg is shorter than my right leg, they have to even it out," Henke said. "I'm going to have this on for 50 days, and when I have it off, my bone will still be broken, and it will take a little bit of time for it to heal."

The fixator is the word that they use to describe the mechanism that was placed inside and on top of her leg to lengthen the bone. In order for the fixator to work, Henke's bone had to be broken. The fixator works by twisting two screws, making them loose and then another part of the fixator is then turned to lengthen the bone, this process has to be done four times a day.

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underway at Scotus testing rug

By Megan Wright Staff Reporter

"It's not a game of 'Gotcha!' it is a means of prevention." These are the words of President of Scotus Central Catholic, Mr. Wayne Morfeld, on the subject of new, random drug testing for this 2012-2013 school year.

With marijuana usage at an all-time high among young people, Morfeld thought it would be a way to keep the students from making bad decisions. "It's not a game of 'Gotcha!'

decisions.

"Based on our research as adults, we found that drug use was part of some student life. We wanted to do whatever we could to eliminate that," Morfeld said.

Morfeld is in charge of the

that," Morfeld said.

Morfeld is in charge of the way the students are selected, but it is 100% random.

"It is a computer program. What I did was take all of the student's grades 9-12 and assign them a number 1-261. Then, the computer randomly selects the names of the students based on the number of students was are testing. number of students we are testing that day. Your name could come up 5 times, or not at all. You never know," Morfeld said.

Along with manning the system to select those names of the students being tested, Morfeld, along with Gary Puetz, Annette Hash, and Janet Tooley will be in charge of actually testing the students. The protocol for the drug

testing is simple. The urine sample is collected using a Monitored Collection System. Prior to entering the restroom area, the student must empty all of their pockets and remove all outer clothing. The student will then be asked to wash his/her hands. The student will then provide the urine sample in a controlled, private environment. If the student cannot give the sample right then, they may return later in the day to complete the test. Any attempts to alter the test will result in being disciplined according to the handbook. After the test is completed, the student must return the test to the designated adult immediately, after which, they may wash their hands. In about 5 minutes, the test should show up negative if the student has nothing in their system. If the test shows up as non-negative, then the parents will be contacted. The parents of the student may then ask to have the test sent to a lab to verify the positive result.

result.

A controlled environment of testing would be considered one of the restrooms here at school.

"The students tested by me are tested in my restroom. A lot of the students tested at the North end of the building are tested in the locker room," Morfeld said.

Forty students were tested this week at Scotus. Out of the 40, everyone's tests came out negative.

"My hope is that everyone continues to pass the tests this whole year. I gave 10 tests this week, and I thought that the cooperation and



Scotus Central Catholic has decided to randomly drug test students and faculty for the 2012-2013 school year. It is a non-negative testing system activated by urine sample.

the attitudes of the students were outstanding. The kids and faculty were really positive about taking the tests. We are just helping our students to make good decisions," Morfeld said.

Two of the forty students randomly tested this week were senior Kylee Soulliere and junior Zach Jepsen. Both passed their tests, but they have different views of the drug testing at Scotus.

"People are making it a

"People are making it a

big deal when really it shouldn't be anything students need to worry about," Soulliere said.

Although Soulliere thinks that the drug testing isn't a big deal, Jepsen finds it unnecessary and

Jepsen finds it unnecessary and expensive.

"I find that the drug testing is a bit much, and for the cost, it might just not be worth it," Jepsen said.

Scotus is the one of very few schools in Nebraska that randomly

drug tests their student body and faculty, but because of the steps that Scotus did to make it happen, other schools have now been taking an

interest.

"I have been contacted by schools across the state for a follow-up on how testing goes this year. A lot of schools wouldn't have the courage to go through with testing their students in fear of the results. I think we are going to like the results we get," Morfeld concluded.

HENKE

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Henke had her first surgery on July 25th. In order to receive the surgery and later treatments, Henke has to travel all the way to Min-nesota to the Shrine Hospital. Henke had nothing but positive things to say about the

itive things to say about the hospital.

"They take really good care of children. You have a problem, and the Shrine Hospital is there to help you out," Henke said.

Henke's second surgery was scheduled because her femur

gery was scheduled because her femur grew back together. What was supposed to be a one hour surgery just to break the bone again, turned into a five hour surgery where she also got a new fixator which is longer in length than her orig-

fixator off by the end of Octo-ber, if everything goes well," Henke said, "but that's where

Henke said, "but that's where all the prayers come in."

Like any other seventh grader, Henke enjoys being with friends and playing sports. Some of the sports she enjoys are softball, volley-ball, and basketball. Henke was a pitcher on the Fire and Ice summer league and is said. Ice summer league and is sad about missing fall ball these next couple months but is looking forward to being on the team again next year.

Henke was asked by Mrs.

Henke was asked by Mrs.
Lahm to come in to her senior
physiology class to talk about
her leg and her surgeries.

"What a class they
are," Henke said, "always
caring about me and asking
me how I'm doing."

Not surprisingly,
Henke's wish is not to be
known as "the girl with the
thing on her leg", but rather for her positive outlook
on life. Henke shows this
positive outlook through her
smile, which always seems to
be on her face.

"I have a really good

"I have a really good attitude; a lot of people say 'Oh Tabitha you are always smiling,'" Henke said. Henke attributes her motiva-

tion to keep this positive atti-tude to the support and love of the people around her, espe-cially her friends and family.

"It's hard going through life, but friends and family get me through it and it's a lot easier," Henke said. it's a lot easier," Henke said.
These next couple months
are going to be difficult for
Henke and her family; the recuperation and physical therapy she will receive will help
her to become the strong and
active teenage girl she was
before her surgery. But she's
not about to give up anytime
soon.

"You just have to keep going through life, and you can't give up," Henke said, "just believe in every-

body you know and don't give

"You just have to keep going through life, and you can't give up; just believe in everybody you know and don't give up cause of fear."

Tabitha Henke

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Even though Mr.
Swanson hasn't had any problems with feeling welcome at Scotus, he faces some challenges when it comes to preparing entertainment for the new scoreboard

scoreboard.

"It's fun; there's been a lot of hard work so far. A lot of things haven't gone the way we thought they would, but it's something new, and it's a new challenge. It's exciting," Swanson said.

At first, people were skeptical about spending \$250,000.00 on a new scoreboard, but after the first home game September 7, Mr. Puetz has heard nothing but resitives reactions

ruez has nearth nothing out positive reactions.

"Before the season started I think there were a lot of people that were cynics. They thought, 'Oh well what do we need anything like that for?' Since Columbus High was out there first, and we've been out there the last few weeks, I've heard nothing but good comments," Puetz said.

Puetz is also pleased with the job that Swanson, his web design class, and the journalism department have done with the new scoreboard.

"Mr. Swanson has done an outstanding job of

done an outstanding job of coming in new and kind of getting pushed into that with his class. I think his class takes a great deal of pride in it, and I know they have fun with it.

I know the journalism class is also involved by providing pictures," Puetz said.

Mr. Swanson's web design class is trying to get the whole school more involved with the scoreboard. involved with the scoreboard entertainment. There is much to look forward to with the new scoreboard, even after football season ends. At track meets, the new scoreboard will have electronic timing that will flash the names, times, and places of the track athletes as they cross the finish line.

Puetz sees nothing but positive opportunities

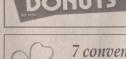
but positive opportunities coming from the scoreboard in the future.

"I think it's going to

be a win win situation, I see nothing but it getting better. I really do. Now we need to get one for the activity center,"



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Seventh grader Tabitha Henke cheeses for the camera. Henke will travel to Missouri in October to receive the surgery that will remove her fixator.

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Scotus gains backbone The Show Must Go On



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Scotus has now stepped up their A-game, and no, I'm not just talking about their volleyball practices. The new year has brought about

known rituals: new grading procedures, our wonderful school lunches, and the annual handbook signing. This year there was something special found in the depths of the handbook, and that something had to do with the regular

"This year there was something special found in the depths of the handbook, and that something had to do with the regular release of our bodily fluids at the snap of the school's finger."
~Carly Burkhardt

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the snap of the school's finger.

Now while some people may view this new drug testing as an invasion of privacy, I don't have a problem with it. Personally, I applaud Scotus for finally

doing something that gives them a little backbone; some edge above the rest. Sure some of the backlash the drug testing receives may not be Rowdy Dowdy all the time, but, truthfully, it doesn't need to be. Scotus doesn't have to please everyone all the time, and isn't trying to, but is simply striving to ensure the well-being of every individual

Why should the drug tests be a big deal anyway? Clearly if you're going to go on and on complaining about it, you might as well walk around with a sign saying you

support the smoking of weed.

Quite frankly, you're going to have to live with the choices that have been new choices that have been put into place, whether or not you agree with them. If you still have your sights set on getting high every weekend, then you're going to have to pay the consequences. Why not instead, kick the habit,

everyone all the time, and with something of this personal matter, they most certainly are going to upset some people's habits. For once though, Scotus has found a way not to upset me, but to actually gain upset me, but to actually gain some of my respect. Threats of consequences are finally being given out, a little more than a slap on the back of the hand; the right pressures are finally being placed on teammates to help influence their decisions, and it seems that Scotus is reinstalling a sense of unity throughout the school. We can depend on each other now; we count on each other now; we count on one another to pull through in a sort, and, in a way, we have Scotus' demand for our pee to thank for that



By Lauren Kuta Guest Writer

As students begin to return to the normality of the daily grind, those involved with the fine arts look forward to the competitive try-outs and the performance of Scotus' annual Fall Play. This year, however, this production will not be held due to the fact that a director could not be found to produce the show.

Scotus has held the

Scotus has held the Fall Play for countless years, and it has lost a piece of tradition that will be sorely missed. This custom brought together students from across the four classes and modeled. the four classes and molded them into a tight community of actors who bonded over the struggles and hardships of together a full-scale

Scotus community together to celebrate the performing arts. People greatly enjoyed the comedic value of the production as well as seeing production as well as seeing their friends, sons and daughters, students, and relatives up on the stage. The Fall Play was an integral component of the multitude of activities that Scotus offers to its students and the loss of it will upset those involved with its production and performance.

Without the Play, numerous students who thrive on acting, several who have participated for three or more years, will have to wait until the second semester to showcase their talents. These students will not have a proper method to express themselves, unable to work to the goal of pleasing a crowd through hard work and creativity. though the process of learning lines and making sets can be stressful, the weeks leading up to the first performance is an excellent learning experience that can inspire students with valuable lessons that they can carry with them throughout their life.

Managing and organizing time while juggling homework, extra-curricular activities, and jobs while practicing for three hours each night is a truly priceless virtue to be able to utilize, and the ability to speak and perform in front of hundreds of people is a skill that some would never master if they did not participate in the arts.

develop creativity by bouncing ideas off of each other participants, utilizing the talents of various unique people to achieve a loftier goal. Without the Fall Play, will lose a piece of creativity that defined its students as well as the school as a whole.

In my personal opinion, this year without the Fall Play is somewhat of a relief. While it is extremely fulfilling to be involved with countless activities, it is also pleasant to have some reprieve from demanding schedules. With an itinerary jammed with homework, other school activities, and preparation for the transition preparation for the transition into college, I desperately need any small sliver of time that I can get my hands on. Even with a tight agenda, I still would have managed to squeeze the Fall Play into my schedule if it were to be held. schedule if it were to be held this year.

The idea of cutting the Fall Play is an uneasy one in my mind. After Mrs. Bernt left two years ago, the One Act production as well as Theater players can elled Theater classes were cancelled because Scotus did not have because Scotus did not have anyone to properly instruct the classes. This year, the Fall Play was cancelled because they could not find anyone to direct the production. Could this chain of events lead to the elimination of other school activities? I certainly hope not

normalizing in students' lives, thespians miserably wait until the winter musical to shine

Patriotism packs a punch



By Brennan Brockhaus Staff Reporter

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America..." Yes, the pledge of allegiance. We say it every morning, but do we even understand it? It's the reason why the United States is the greatest country in the world. It's what separates us from any other country.

Some people think pledging to a little flag up in the corner of the room is ab. To me, those people ald not be allowed to have The pledge is just a small country. It is a privilege to live in this incredible nation. The red, white, and blue are a part of who we are. It defines part of who we are. It defines us. It gives us our freedom, rights, and justice. We live in a nation where opportunity knocks on our door every single day. We need to be thankful for our freedom, and there are many ways we can there are many ways we can

show this.

There are an endless amount of ways we can show our patriotism. They could be as simple as saying, "Thank you God for giving me this country to live in." Or they could be as cool as starting an American Monday theme where you wear red, white, and blue every Monday. Or they could be as awesome as they could be as awesome as duct taping an American flag represent our country. Or one of the best ways is to dress up in overalls, hold American flags, and ride to school on

"The pledge is just a small way to give thanks to this great country. It is a privilege to live in this incredible nation."

-Brennan Brockhaus

the troops overseas. You can be in the troops overseas. Even voting shows patriotism. My point is, you can do anything you set your mind to in this wonderful place. You have the privilege of freedom, and the way you express this can be in any way you choose.

The diversity of all these ideas I just mentioned makes this country amazing. We can do anything we set our minds to. We can go about our own ways to honor our nation. They make the

United States better than any other nation out there. I'm not meaning to sit here and bash other specific countries. I just want to show all the reasons why I love living in the United States. I hate the question that people ask, "If you could live anywhere in the world, where would it her?" Seriously? Why would the world, where would it be?" Seriously? Why would I ever want to leave? This is the greatest place in the world.

To sum everything up, we cannot take what we have for granted. The United States is the best country in the States is the best country in the world. Freedom, opportunity, and home of the brave. I never want to leave this place. I love the United States, and I hope you can appreciate it more too. So next time you're halfway saying the place and halfway saying the pledge and halfway picking your nose, think of this article. Think of this great nation. usa...usa!.

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There's no place like Homecoming

By Claire Fuchser Editor

The 2012-2013 seniors walked their final Homecoming week on a yellow brick road. This year, the hallways were filled with characters from the story The Wizard of Oz. Streamers, scarecrows, and catch phrases from the story filled senior hallway.

hallway.

Student council sponsor Joan Lahm felt that this year's homecoming went extremely well.

"It was one of the best years I'd ever seen. Everyone put a lot of effort into their decorations. They were clean looking they were clean looking, they stayed up all week, and every class took pride in their endeavor," Lahm shared.

Homecoming week kicked off with Luau Day on Monday. Some students dressed to the 'T' when it came dressed to the 'I' when it came to preparing for the Hawaiian Party. Grass skirts, lei's, and other Hawaiian apparel were worn by the high-schoolers.

Tuesday's theme was Rock Star Day. Seniors Brennan Brockhaus and

Brennan Brockhaus and Ian Baumgart roamed the hallways as "Violent J" and

"Shaggy 2 Dope" who are members of the ICP (Insane Clown Posse). The Cox Family went all out and walked the halls as the band

Kiss.

The middle of the week came quickly and Wednesday commemorated the Wild West. Cowgirls and cowboys were found roaming the school as students dressed in plaid wore iease with belt in plaid, wore jeans with belt buckles, as well as boots and hats. Wild West Day may have been a new apparel experience for some students, but for others such as junior Conner Lusche, it was a typical day. Showing up at school in boots, large belt buckle and cowboy hat, Lusche felt right at home in his 'casual' attire.

at home in his 'casual' attire.

"It was nice to be able to come to school and just be me," Lusche said.

On Thursday, the main theme of the week, The Wizard of Oz, was celebrated. Although characters from the movie could be found throughout the corridors, phrases were also seen. Seniors Shayla Wieser, Catherine Swope, Kara Moore and Anna Perault sported outfits and words to the phrase, "Lions and tigers and bears. Oh my!" Others added a twist and dressed

as WIZ Khalifa and OZzie Osborne.

ended with Spirit Day and the infamous Homecoming Pep Rally. The Rowdy Dowdy's were entertained by the cheerleaders and flag corps while they performed their Homecoming dances, which were to also be performed later that night at half time of the football came. Following the football game. Following the performances, candidates were asked to participate in a

Later that night at the football game Scotus defeated Bishop Neumann 42-21. After the game, the crowd moved to the sidelines to watch the coronation of the Homecoming 2012 King and Queen. Although 2011 Homecoming King Ryan Miksch could not attend coronation, fellow classmate oronation, fellow classmate and alum Ryan Ohnoutka was present for the ceremony. Ohnoutka was accompanied by 2011 Homecoming Queen Stacia Rawhouser.

It was a momentous coession for sanjors Kyla

It was a momentous occasion for seniors Kyle Bonk and Christine Reiners. The two were elected as King and Queen by the 9th-12th graders. The sight of Bonk and Reiners standing together on the field was no new sight,



Homecoming King and Queen Kyle Bonk and Christine Reiners the Homecoming game.

as the couple has been dating

for almost 2 years.

Reiners shared that her first emotion after being announced Queen was shock

announced Queen was shock.

"Seeing my parent's faces after finding out that Kyle and I won [was the highlight of the night]. Neither of them thought that I would win. My dad was integers and my mon was just

students and dates gathered in the Memorial Hall Gym for

"I believe the dance went pretty smoothly. I wish the student body would move up to the dance floor a bit sooner because some of them danced maybe an hour, hour and a half," Lahm said.

Because preparation for Homecoming is time consuming and takes a lot of motivation and dedication,

Lahm believes that the student council deserves some of the credit for its success.

"The student council

decorates, and they take care of contacting people here and there. They make it easy for me to get through Homecoming bec they're very dedicated responsible," Lahm said.

Homecoming Week 2012



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The Cox family rocks out in their *Kiss* inspired attire on Tuesday's Rockstar Day during Homecoming week.

Senior Brittany Steiner strikes a pose during Flag Corps' half time performance to "Americano" on Homecoming night.



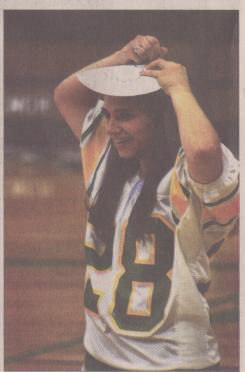
Seniors Jake Gilson and Kara Moore dance the night away during the Homecoming dance.



Mrs. Schaad and Mrs. Zanardi skip down the yellow brick road on Thursday's Wizard of Oz inspired theme day.



Junior Cody Zimmerman runs the ball down the field during Friday's Homecoming game against Bishop



Senior Homecoming canidate Kylee Soulliere at-tempts to draw her dream dress during the Homecoming Pep Rally.



Diverse -City

By Kylee Soulliere Staff Reporter

Diversity. It's a word used often, but I think in our community many people haven't thought about what it actually means. This is because diversity is something that we are not well exposed to here at Scotus Central Catholic, or even in good Catholic, or even in good ol' Cbus, Nebraska. A basic definition is the condition of having or being composed of different elements, especially the inclusion of different types of people.

I'm not claiming to know much about diversity,

considering I was born and raised right here, but I did spend a little over a year living in Omaha. It was one of the first times I ever actually talked to someone who was of a different cultural or racial background than me. I met quite a few African Americans quite a few African Americans
-a couple of them had actually
moved here from Africa, a
few Native Americans, a kid
from Ireland, and also one
from the Virgin Islands.

I lived in a
community and went to

school with these kids; I saw showed their culture through their everyday lives. These experiences changed me a lot as a person because they me how to interact

taught me how to interact with other people, especially people of other ethnic and cultural backgrounds.

A problem that I believe many people have is ignorance. It's not necessarily being racist; it's just not having been exposed to other cultures. Jersey Shore or cultures – Jersey Shore or whatever it is kids watch these days don't count. When you don't experience something for yourself, you tend to believe what you have heard or seen about it. This can lead to problems like false ideas about what a certain culture is like. It's hard, especially here in Columbus, Nebraska, to experience or learn about other cultures and ways of

One good thing at Scotus that happening at Scotus that helps with the diversity in our helps with the diversity in our school is the foreign exchange students. Not only are they learning about our way of life and our culture, but we can also learn from them. Even by talking to one of them for a few minutes can say about the differences in our cultures.

For example, any mention of Japan would have caused former student Mike caused former student MIKE
Wang to go on a rampage
because of his Chinese
background. People who
were ignorant of his racial
background would make
comments about Japan
because they didn't know
any better. It can also be vice
versa. A person who is from any better. It can also be vice versa. A person who is from Japan would be offended if he or she were to be called Chinese. A simple way to avoid this is to let go of our ignorance and be more open and thoughtful of other people's backgrounds.

Letting go of

people's backgrounds.

Letting go of ignorance can be as simple as a talk with a foreign exchange student, including more people in your friendship circle, going on mission trips, and trying to get involved in activities that will help you to interact with a wide variety of people — a diverse group of people. Broaden your horizons.

Program brings new faces

By Kristen Ohnoutka Staff Reporter

This year at Scotus there are four new exchange students from all over the world. They are Gabi Bellini de Souza from Brazil, Sandy Chi from Taiwan, Yi "Sam" Suo from Beijing, China, and Lanny Weiging, China, and

Suo from Beijing, China, and Jenny Vu from Denmark.
Gabi, who is a junior this school year, said "I had to be more organized with all my stuff. Like back home my parents would do my laundry but here I have to take care of it."
It's got to be tough adjusting to a new country. They have to learn a new language, change their usual schedules or routines, and become accustomed to all the

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become accustomed to all the new surroundings.

Sandy and Gabi are both living together at the Demuth family house here in Columbus. They are both in the junior class at Scotus.

"One thing I've noticed is that most people here don't use knives. In Brazil I would never use just my fork to cut something. And when I'm at home eating and my 'parents' bring me food and they don't give me a knife I'm like 'How am I going to do like 'How am I going to do this?" Gabi said.

Though they've had to adjust to a few things, overall they all are really enjoying the experience

Sam is in the fresh-men class, even though he is actually sixteen. He was put into the freshmen class be-cause of the schooling differ-ences between the U.S. and

China. Sam is staying here in Columbus with the Wunderlich family.

"I really like the teachers. The teachers and students are all really nice and welcoming." welcoming."

Another

Another recent exchange student is Jenny. She has come all the way from Denmark and is in the sophomore class this year. She is staying with Mick and Shelia Lewis in Columbus.

"There aren't many cultural differences between the U.S. and Denmark, but one thing I've noticed is there's a lot more fattening foods here in America." Jenny joked.

Cultural differences aren't something we see a

es aren't something we see a lot of living in a small town, especially living in Nebraska. However, believe it or not, these four students have had a

these four students have had a lot to adjust to.

"It's pretty big. Taiwan is such a small country, all the roads and buildings here are so much bigger."
Sandy said .

This may come as a

This may come as a This may come as a shock that some place could possibly be smaller than Nebraska, but really, the population of Taiwan is only about ton of Jaiwan is only about twenty-three million people. The size of Taiwan can be compared to the distance from Grand Island, NE to Sioux City, IA. Size isn't the only difference between the U.S. and other countries; another is school is school.

"In China we don't have to go to different class-rooms for every class. We stay in one room." Sam said.

This is something



Scotus foreign exchange students Sandy Chi, Gabi Bellini, and Sam Suo Yi pose for a photo in the courtyard. They are three of the four foreign exchange students Scotus received through a foreign exchange program. (Not pictured: Jenny Vu)

that many countries do. All four of the exchange students' home countries follow this home countries follow this system. Another major difference mentioned by Gabi is that they do not have homecoming dances at her school. She explains that they have a massive celebration with the students and their parents, but this year's Scotus homecoming was her first dance.

Many people may wonder how anyone from another country would her about such a small town like Columbus, NE. However, believe it or not Scotus has gotten a lot of good remarks from the exchange student program. the exchange student program and some of the students who have attended school here.
"I think we have so much success in the exchange

student program because over the past years we have gotten such high marks from the students who came here. And year after year we keep getting one or two more students, and I think it is because of the experience from forof the experience from for-mer students, and they report back with such positive things to say about Scotus, its stu-dents, and its faculty," Scotus guidance counselor Pam Weir said.

The exhange students also have quite a lot in common with students here at Scotus. They all have Facebook, watch the same television shows as us, and listen to the same music as teens in the

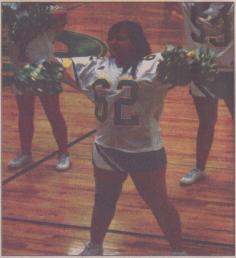
"We don't have a lot of the mainstream televi-

sion channels you have here in America, but we do have shows like *Pretty Little Liars*. But in Brazil, we are only on the first season, so I just watch the episodes of later seasons online," Gabi shared.

The exchange stu-The exchange student program is growing and growing. So many kids from all over the world want to come and stay in another country. There are many things you can do to become active in this program. Your family can become a host family can become a host family can become a host family, you can become an exchange student, or maybe just by introducing yourself to one of the exchange students at school. A way to find out more about the exchange program is through speaking with Weir.

Diversity	White	Black	HIspanic/Latino	Asian	Other	
United States	78.1%	13.1%	16.7%	5.0%	3.7%	
Nebraska	90.1%	4.7%	9.5%	1.9%	3.2%	Sources: Quickfacts. census.gov City-data.com
Columbus	81.5%	.5%	16.3%	.5%	1.22%	Scotus Profile
Scotus	93.5%	.25%	3%	3%	.5%	

Goodrich enriched through exchange program



Quinn Goodrich cheers for the Homecoming pep rally on September 14th. Goodrich returned for her senior year after spending a year overseas learning and touring in Europe.

By Craig Ackman Staff Reporter

There are so many new faces walking the halls this year. While a large percentage of them would be the new 7th graders and foreign exchange students, there is a returning face to there is a returning face to the older students. This face

Quinn Goodrich, who has returned after being gone for

a whole year.

Goodrich visited Goodrich visited a large part of Europe last year by joining the foreign exchange program. She went to Mrs. Weir with questions about joining such a program, and came up with a list of different programs to choose from.

"I ended up choosing Rotary International because it had less paperwork to fill out. Plus, it was really cheap," Goodrich stated.

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R o t a r y
International's program gave
two tours: the Deutschland
Tour and a Europe Tour. The
Europe tour took Goodrich
to many different countries,
including Hungary, Czech
Republic, Austria, Italy,
Switzerland, Monaco, France,
Holland, Belgium, and more.
The tours were taken with
a group, which included The tours were taken with a group, which included 60 other foreign exchange students in the Rotary International Program. These students were from all around the globe, including Austria, Taiwan, Mexico, Brazil and others. She was even lucky enough to have another enough to have American in the program with

"There was a boy from New York in the group as well, so it was nice being able to speak English with him on occasion," Goodrich

During her stay in Europe, she stayed with three families.

"I didn't switch

families because they hated me or anything," Goodrich said. "That's just how the program was set up."

Goodrich also continued some of her hobbies in Europe while she was there. "I played volleyball

while I was there, and I was pretty good. Thanks, Mr. Petersen!" Goodrich said.

Petersen!" Goodrich said.

She also did
Taekwando while she was
there. She enjoyed this even
more in Europe, however,
because it was full contact,
which was not always the case
here in America. Goodrich
went on to say that during
her time there she tore her her time there, she tore her ACL, so she had to stop playing sports there once this occurred.

Schooling is different in Europe. They divide their students into three levels. Goodrich was placed in the top level, so her classes were much more challenging, but school was not the only challenge she encountered.

Before Goodrich

Before Goodrich left for Germany, she did not know any German. At first this made living there very difficult

difficult.

"It's not like I was stupid, it is just really hard learning a new language," Goodrich said.

Goodrich said.

She did not become fluent in the language until after about 6 months.

When going halfway around the world, the culture is different. Part of that culture is the food.

"I really enjoyed the food I ate over there. It was nice not eating chemicals," Goodrich said.

She enjoyed the food

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there because it was not as there because it was not as processed as American food. The only difference was that these foods are basically all natural in Germany.

"I ate foods like meat, potatoes, and bread. I like my bardy swept foods."

meat, potatoes, and bread. I like my hardy, manly foods," Goodrich giggled.
Goodrich made mnay new good friends which included a new best friend Annika came and visited Nebraska this summer.
"It was weird seeing her outside of Germany," Goodrich said, "but it was fun having her here because we could have conversations in German with people sitting in German with people sitting right next to us and nobody could understand," Goodrich

Goodrich initially wanted to go to Sweden. She enjoyed Germany, but if she could do it again, she would go to either the Netherlands or

go to either the Netherlands or Sweden, and she would like to live in bigger cities. Overall, she enjoyed her experience with the places she saw and the people she met.

"I encourage everyone to be an exchange student, and I also encourage everyone to be nice to our exchange students because it is hard to be away from your friends and family for a year. It's not something anyone can It's not something anyone can do. But once you do it, you can go anywhere," Goodrich



By Brennan Brockhaus Staff Reporter

We love (complaining about) sports

Fall is a fun time for Fall is a fun time for any sports fan. Football fanatics are at the edge of their seats as the fourth quarter starts. Baseball spectators are biting their lips in the bottom of the ninth hoping for a clutch hit. The only problem is that all we do is complain about sports. So here are my biggest complaints

biggest complaints.

Being a Nebraskan,
I consider myself a hard core
Husker fan. After the performance against Ohio State, however, I almost wished I lived in Iowa. I was not even sure if Nebraska remembered to put a defense out there when the Buckeyes had the ball. I thought Taylor Martinez's throwing motion Martinez's throwing motion was better at the beginning of the season, but I believe he is starting to revert back to his old throwing motion. Not a good sign for Husker fans. If Nebraska wants to be dominant, they will need extraordinary play from their quarterback. I just hope they can turn it ground and make a quarterback. I just hope they can turn it around and make a big push for the Big X Championship. There is one good thing we can cheer about in college football: Jerry Sandusky will most likely spend the rest of his life in jail after the sex abuse scandal at Penn State has unfolded.

State has unfolded.

As for the NFL, I would like to see some bigger hits. I am so sick of the soft rules. No hitting in the head, no hitting in the legs, no hitting hard. No wonder the Saints went out and paid players for crushing blows. the Saints went out and paid players for crushing blows. It makes up for all the fines the NFL hands out to them. However, I was still antsy for the start of the season. The replacement officials are finally gone so now Green Bay Packer fans can stop whining. There were some major headlines this offseason. I could not turn to SportsCenter without hearing the names Peyton Manning SportsCenter without hearing the names Peyton Manning and Tim Tebow. If you haven't been watching, Manning is a Bronco and Tebow is a Jet. So far, Manning has gotten off to a slow start, while Tebow has not seen much action. The Falcons and the Texans are the two remain-Texans are the two remaining unbeaten teams after five

The hunt for Octo-ber has gone underway. It seems as if it is everyone against the Yankees. They just took a big blow with Derek Jeter's broken ankle. Derek Jeter's broken ankle.
New York is still the team to beat, though. Their roster is loaded from top to bottom. I am sure I could give them a stacked roster if I had eight trillion dollars to spend, too. That's why the MLB needs a salary cap. The Yankees could probably just buy a World Series if they wanted to. Give other teams some opportunities. I'd like to see teams like the Royals, Astros, or Padres playing deep into October. It was a thrill to see the Oakland Athletics in the playoffs. They have the secplayoffs. They have the second lowest payroll of the 30 MLB teams. Having a salary cap would allow more teams to have a chance to compete for the World Series.

Schedule strengthens chemistr



Senior captain Nick Pandorf eludes a would be tackler against Grand Island Central Catholic as fellow senior Derek Lahm looks on.

By Craig Ackman Staff Reporter

the team, every day is a great day to be a Shamrock," stated se-nior captains Austin Wendt and Nick Pandorf.

The football cap tains seem optimistic for the rest of their season, considering their current record of 2-4. Most would look at this as a subpar record, but the team looks at this positively,

considering their schedule has many top-notch teams. "We are disappoint-ed in our record," head coach Roger Krienke said, "but I am disappointed in our ef-

Senior captain Jake Huss shares a similar view with his head coach.

"Our season has been rough so far considering

ch week and getting better, Huss stated.

Huss stated.

Scotus so far has played Aquinus, Pierce, Wahoo Neumann, GICC, and Boone Central. Wahoo Newman is the only team they have played that is not in the top ten in the state.

"We play

good teams every week, and we need to compete with those teams. It tests ourselves and gives us a chance to learn and fix our mistakes," Krien-

All of the captains All of the captains agreed that they did not start on a good foot, but they seem to think their record could still turn around this late in the season. Much of this is due to

their team chemistry.

"Our team chemistry is really good this year.
We have a nice mix of play-

ers from every class. Our seniors have done a great job this year, as well. We need to maintain our good attitude on and off of the field," Krienke

The Shamrocks got their first win of the season against Wahoo Neumann, which was made even better for Shamrock fans by taking place on Homecoming Night. The Shamrocks rolled the competition 42-21.

"We are a closer team this year than any other year I have been here," senior captain Derek Lahm said.

Scotus played David City High on October 5th and won 49-28.

won 49-28.

Even with team chemistry, however, the season's schedule for the Shamrocks does not appear to get easier having to play Lakev-iew and Madison to finish off

for poise success

By Brennan Brockhaus Staff Reporter

Success has been a key word for the Scotus Cross key word for the Scotus Cross Country teams. Both girls' and boys' teams have started out with successful seasons. The girls' record is 87-1, while the boys are 75-21. The girls are currently ranked 1st in the state. They are led by super senior Morgan Benesch who has had the responsibility of taking on more of a leadership role this season.

"As a senior, I feel that Mr. Lahm expects me to

"As a senior, I feel that Mr. Lahm expects me to be a better leader than any other year. Not only do I have to work my hardest every day,

to work my hardest every day, but encourage my teammates as well," Benesch said.

Benesch's work ethic has helped her place first in every meet this season except for the UNK Invite where she took runner up.

"Morgan Benesch is just amazing. The meet that remains is etate and she has

remains is state, and she has

the fastest Scotus girl's time ever on that course. She is just having an amazing year," Lahm acclaimed.

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Lahm acclaimed.

Benesch finished in first place at the district meet on October 11th.

After a 6th place finish last year, the girls are striving for a championship or a runner up trophy this season. This year the girls have a depth that is rarely seen on a cross country team.

"For the girls, it is incredible depth. I told them the other day that we have nine girls who could be on any Class C varsity team in the state. In cross country in Class C, we run six and score four. The team's score is the sum of the top four runners. We have girls running junior varsity who would be varsity on other teams," Mr. Lahm explained.

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This depth has helped lead to the number one ranking in Class C. The only meet they did not win was the meet at Wahoo.

On the boys' side.

the team is led by junior Ivan Chilapa and sophomore Eduardo Lopez. They are ranked 9th in the state, and a ranked 9th in the state, and a top ten finish at state would be a great accomplishment for them. After a championship season last year, the boys are looking to continue their success. Mr. Lahm knows this won't be easy as they lost the majority of their boys' varsity team from last season.

"We were boys' state champions last year, but we lost four of the six varsity runners, so conventional

lost four of the six varsity runners, so conventional wisdom was that we couldn't have as strong of a boys' team as last year, but I still thought we had a really nice team," Mr. Lahm reported.

With state cross country coming up on October 19th at UNK, the team would like as many people to come and help cheer on the Shamrocks.

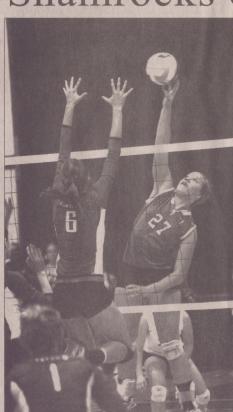
"Everyone should

"Everyone should go support the boys' and girls' teams at state. The cheering really helps," Lopez said.



Junior Ivan Chilapa and Sophomore Eduardo Lopez race as a Lakeview opponent falls behind.

Shamrocks overcome obstacles



Junior Payton Chohon goes up for a kill while mov-ing past a big Lakeview block. Scotus defeated Lakeview on September 25th.

By Kristen Ohnoutka Staff Reporter

The The Scotus volleyball team is continuing the tradition this season by currently holding a 20-1 record. Though they have done well so far, this team has had to face quite a bit of diversity.

"Some struggles we've had to face so far this season are really putting new faces together, finding new spots to fill for the new players, generating a new offense, and trying to get our passing to become consistent. Also, our circuits a hunge discharateses size is a huge disadvantage with some teams," Head coach John Petersen said.

The Shamrocks kicked off the season at the Shamrock Invite in September by winning the whole tournament. Some of the teams they faced were Norfolk Catholic, Hartington Cedar Catholic, and David City Aquinas.

City Aquinas.

"I'm pleasantly surprised with how we've done. We've beaten some really good teams. Can we get better? Absolutely, but I'm pleased so far," Petersen said.

Next, the Shamrocks faced off against longtime rival Grand Island Central Catholic. The matches were all fairly tight, and the game ended up going into four sets.

on top the first two sets, but then fell to the Crusaders in the third Score. Finally, after a long battle and no signs of giving up, the Shamrocks pulled off the fourth set, defeating GICC.

"I think the biggest

"I think the biggest thing is, when we've played really tough matches, that we've competed really well and that we finished. When we really needed to we raised our level of play, played pretty clean, and were really competitive," Petersen said.

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-Coach Petersen
Shamrocks also faced off against some tougher competition as they headed into the Grand Island Northwest tournament. The Shamrocks started off the day

Shamrocks started off the day with a match against, home team, GINW. However, the Shamrocks did not get it done and fell to Northwest, their only loss of the tournament.

"I think we've won all the matches we should, except the team that beat us, GI Northwest, who was frankly, a little better than us," Petersen said.

Though faced

with struggles all season, the Shamrocks look to

Senior outside hitter Lauran Hellbusch returning; as well as starting libero, Alli Bos, returning from a concussion she received at the Northwest

she received at the Northwest tournament.

"Everybody works hard every single day, and everybody makes a difference. Not only the ones who play on the court are a big part of the game, but also the ones cheering on the bench and the Rowdy Dowdies," Hellbusch said.

Recently Shamrocks have added Conference Champions to their list of accomplishments this season. This year's Conference tournament was held here at Scotus, and the Shamrocks took full advantage. They started off the day by defeating GICC in two sets. Next they went up against Lincoln Christian. The Shamrocks struggled The Shamrocks struggled, but in the end pulled off a win and headed into the championship match against number one ranked in C-2, Hastings St. Cecilia. It was a tough two sets, but the Shamrocks took the win and earned themselves another

earned themselves another Conference Champion trophy.

The Shamrocks are looking forward to some tough competition coming up soon. They will compete in the Hastings St. Cecilia Triangular on Tuesday, October 16th in Hastings.

Curtain closed on fall play 2012

Layout Editor

This fall there will be something missing from the stage that has been a part of the Scotus performing arts family for eight years. This year there will be no fall play.

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The reason for the absence of the play is because no one was able to sponsor it this year. There are plans for a play next year though.

"Lorie Sinovic said that is does not work for her this year, so this will be one

year without a fall play, but for the foreseeable future, it will be back on our schedule," Scotus President Wayne Mor-

feld said.

Lorie Sinovic is no stranger to Scotus productions. Sinovic has directed at Scotus 6 times. She has a different hope for the future of the theatre department.

"My hope is that Scotus hires a teacher in the English/Drama/Speech department because the students at Scotus are so incredibly

at Scotus are so incredibly talented and disciplined, and I would like to see them have the opportunity to grow and

work with a person who is on staff and has long term goals for the theatre department. With the 8th grade shows and One-Acts gone the theatre students really need some-one to jumpstart the program one to jumpstart the program again and make it strong. I believe that will make the theatre department flourish," Sinovic said.

Sinovic did say that if she was still needed next year, she will take on the task of the fall play if she has no other time commitment.

The last teacher and director Scotus had was Fa-

director Scotus had was Father Jeff Loseke in 2007/2008.

The fall play usually involves between 20 and 25 students, but last year the fall play lost \$1,400 from all the

Senior Taylor Wiester was a lead in the musical last year and was part of the fall play her sophomore year as well.

as well.

"As much as I'm looking forward to the musical, the fall play gave me a chance to participate in an acting activity in the fall," Wiester said.

Senior Wright has been a lead in the fall play for three years and sical for three years. Wright has a different opinion on this matter.

"I was indifferent really. Ms. Gardner does so much for us the way it is, she deserves a break. Lorie is redeserves a break. Lorie is really busy too. I got to do the fall play for three years, so I'm not worried about it, plus I have college stuff to worry about this year," Wright said.

There are plans for the musical to go on normally this year. The person who has sponsored the musical for the last three years has been Mes.

last three years has been Ms. Gardner, but she was unable

to direct the fall play this year.

After losing two prospects of a director, Mor-feld put a priority on excel-lence in regards to the fall play.

play. "I think it's unfortunate we don't have a fall play; it's something we do value and want to have. At the same time we have to have quality leadership in the plays to have those things. I don't think it's appropriate just to think we throw it together, and it's going to be good. To me, if you're going to do it, you have to do it well or you don't do it at all," Morfeld said.

CHS tennis jumps the net

By Kylee Soulliere Staff Reporter

in a coop for tennis for many years. The six Scotus athletes that participated in this coop-

that participated in this cooperation have completed a successful season this year.

"It fosters cooperation between the private and public sectors of American Education that many people do not get to partake in, and I'm glad that I get to," Scotus senior Ian Robak said.

At the beginning of the season, a ladder system was set up that had the top six people on Varsity, the next six on Junior Varsity, and the rest on Home Junior Varsity. After that, challenge match-es determined the individual

es determined the individual standings on the team for the rest of the season.

"Tennis is in full swing," Scotus senior Craig Ackman said, "but there's been some pretty tough com-petition this year."

The competition this year included mostly Class A and some Class B schools ranging all the way from Lincoln to Scottsbluff. The team has gone to numerous tourna-ments since their official season started in early August, though they went to other tournaments and had open courts and practices during

The tennis team's The tennis team's practices consisted of warm ups, stretching, serving, hitting drills, scrimmaging, and then cool down. Ackman says that the Columbus High School Tennis coach, Coach Scott Bethune, needs them to spend their time working on consistency and technique rather than running, so the rumors of their "easy practices" are true.

are true.

"Coach Bethune knows how to keep the spirits high on the team, he is an easy help, and our team this year is young but that just gives us all the more room for improve-ment," Ackman said. The Columbus Invite and the Fremont Duel are two examples of places that the team has shown improvement. This was the first year that Columbus had an invite and the tennis team took full advantage of it with 1st place. The Fremont Duel was a similar situation where the team won five out of nine matches to win the duel.

"We are going to need to step up our game, because it is a short season, but we plan to end on a good note," Ackman said.

Their short season concluded only half way through the month of October. through the month of October. State tennis took place on October the 11th and 12th. Craig Ackman and Noah Schacher finished their season on the first round with a score of 6-3 and 6-0 in doubles.

"While I'm disappointed with our record this year," Ackman said, "I am not disappointed with the time I

disappointed with the time I have gotten to spend on this team over the years."



Scotus Seniors Craig Ackman and Dylan Kuta partnered up for the Columbus Invite. The tennis team took first place over Lexigton, Hastings, and Kearney

Rocks swing through season

By Tara Starzec Staff Reporter

The girls' golf team has teed off to a great season. Their season began at the beginning of August, and came to a close with the state meet on October 8. The entire team qualified for state, and there were two individual qualifi-

"My favorite part about golf is the people," Car-rie Bartholomew, a senior on the team said. "Everyone on the team is great. They make my day great, and I'll really miss them next year."

This year, there are nine students on the team. Bartholomew is the only senior, and there are three juniors, three sophomores, and two freshmen

The girls' first meet

was the Norfolk Catholic Duel which was held at home. The girls finished in a close second place to Norfolk Catholic with a score of 197. Amy Price led the Shamrocks' varsity with a score of 45, and Emily Allen was not far behind with a score of 47.

The next home meet was the SCC Triangular with Lakeview and Boone Central on September 11. Scotus finished second with a score of 201to Boone Central with a score of 201. Price tied for third place with a score of 45. This meet was the fourth meet in six days for the Shamrocks.

On September 29

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On September 29
Scotus dominated the Oakland-Craig Invite. They won
with a score of 385, and Plainview finished second with a
score of 413. The five Scotus
girls all medaled. Emily Allen came in first place at this

meet. Amy Price came in sec-ond. Nieve Johnson came in fifth place, and Kate Rambour came in 7th. Abby Allen came in 15th place. This was the last meet that the team would compete in before districts.

The district meet was on October 1st and 2nd.
The entire meet qualified for state. The state meet will be held on the Shamrocks' home

"No one knows Quail Run as well as we do, Quan Run as we as we do, so we know how to play smart on it," junior Amy Price said. "Plus, playing on our home course is comfortable and takes away some of the

Carrie Bartholomew has a slightly different opin-

ion on the course.

"We know the course well, but we always say it's cursed," Bartholomew said.

"At the last few meets we didn't do as well as we would have liked."

than t do as well as we would have liked."

The girls' state golf meet was held on October 8th and 9th. On day one, the team was sitting at 9th place with a score of 425. On the second day of the state meet, the team had the same total score as day one. Price led the team and finished with 23th place. Emily Allen tied for 44th place. Her sister, Abby, tied for 63th place. Nieve Johnson finished in 67th place, and Kate Rambour finished in 69th place.

The Shamrocks finished the statement meet in eighth place. This marked the end of the 2012 girls' golf season.

"I can't think of a better way to end the season than by playing in state as a team on our home course," Price said.



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Amy Price takes a swing at the Norfolk Catholic duel. This was the first meet of the season, and the girls took second place as a team.

October featured student: Kyle Bonk

By Brennan Brockhaus Staff Reporter

A lot of students did interesting and exciting activities this summer. Whether it is a summer Whether it is a summer vacation or a fun hang out spot, Scotus students were busy this summer. One person stands out at Scotus Central Catholic out at Scotus Central Catholic for his eventful summer. That man is senior Kyle Bonk. While many students were stuck in C-town, Bonk was in Fort Benning, Georgia for ten weeks to do basic training for the armed forces. To some people this summer may not sound so fun, but Kyle segmed to enjoy it.

"A day in training goes like this: we wake up at 4:30 in the morning, we exercise until 7, and then we eat, and go to the range for shooting, throwing grenades and obstacle courses," Bonk

It was a lot of hard

It was a lot of hard work and determination for Bonk, but in the end it will definitely pay off.

"It's a great job, has good benefits, it keeps you in shape, you get a great tan while you're on the job, you're in uniform, and you wake up ready to go every day," Bonk said.

So obviously there are some great advantages for going into the army. There

are many different branches of armed forces to choose from. Bonk plans on joining the U.S. army. He is confident this branch is the best in the military. He likes all these positive aspects; however, he does mention one negative.

does mention one negative.
"The food is the same as school. Same kind of stuff.
All fruits and vegetables,"
Bonk commented.

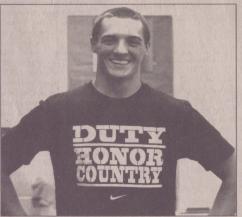
If the food is the only negative aspect of the army then Bonk should not have much to worry about. He will be getting the meiorie. be getting the majority of his college paid for, as well as learning great discipline. As of right now his current title of position in the army is Private First Class. But he has plans

to change that in the future.

"I plan to go to college and become a military officer and be in charge of security," Bonk proclaims.

He believes he will be working with the National Guard. He doesn't think he will be leaving the United States, so that is another bonus. At Scotus, there are a few other students thinking about the armed forces as about the armed forces as well. Nathan Schacher, Jake Gilson, and Bibiana Lopez are all considering joining a branch of the military

"The army is great. It's the best branch in the military," Bonk boasts.



Private First Class Kyle Bonk poses in his Army attire. Bonk spent the majority of his summer in Georgia for basic training.

Where are they now?

Scotus Graduates Crossing Country Lines

Chelsea Bartholomew

Michael Gokie

Kaitlin Roh



Attends Smith College Went to France to study

Chelsea Bartholomew is a 2009 Scotus Graduate. After spending a year attending UNO she transferred to Smith College, which is an all girl's school in Massachusetts. After a year which is an all girl's school in Massachusetts. After a year at Smith, through the school she was able to spend a year abroad studying in France. She stayed with a French host family for the year. During breaks from school she liked to travel around Europe. Now she is spending her last year of undergraduate back at Smith. She hopes to go back to France to visit sometime soon.



Graduated 2006 - 3 years at UNL, 1 year at St. Malo In his second year of formation in San Bartolo, Peru

Michael Gokie is a 2006 Scotus graduate. He spent three years attending UNL. He majored in secondary education and hoped to teach math in the future. After those three years he went to St. Malo in Estes Park, Colorado for a year. There he spent 3 months learning Span-ish well enough to go to Peru. He is currently in San Bartolo, Peru in his second year of formation. He will finish his formation in March of 2014 and then, with more discernment, decide whether he will go to Rome to study the priesthood.



- Attended Macalester College

In Jordan studying

Kaitlin Roh is a 2007 Scotus gradu-ate. She went to Macalester College to study for four years. She won the Fullbright Scholarship so she could spend the 2012-2013 year in Jordan studying the teaching of disabled children there. She has a three part plan that she will follow during her year in Jordan. The first phase is to familiarize herself with the community. During the Kaitlin Roh is a the community. During the second phase she will inter-view teachers and parents of children with special needs, and during the third phase she will analyze all the data she has collected.

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Top choices for 5 game categories

Shooter-Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 2

This game was a best seller. If you haven't heard or played the Call of Duty Series and you call yourself a gamer, you might want to rethink your status. The campaign was great, but I give this game my favorite shooter because shooting noobs on the internet is fun when you have a full Scotus lobby mixed with your older brothers.

Adventure-Elder Scrolls V: Skyrim

This game lets you do basically If you play RPG games, the Elder Scrolls are right for you. This game lets you do basically anything you would want to do in the fantasy world. Slaying dragons, using magic, turning into a werewolf, or just killing evil zombies and other creatures with your sword or bow, this game offers the best experience if you like those medieval adventure games.

Family-Mario Party 2
Instant classic, hands down. I have had so many good nights playing this game with family and friends. It can get pretty intense racing for the most stars by the end. It is clean fun if you don't mind doing whatever it takes to win a regular board game. With minigames ranging from racing a mine cart to punching each other off of the only platform protecting you from lava, this game is a good game for all ages.

Sports-FIFA 10

So I never was a hardcore sport gamer, but the FIFA soccer series was one that I could get into. While FIFA 13 just came out, and I never bought 11 or 12, FIFA 10 is currently my favorite (until I start playing 13 more, or course). Most people tell me that soccer is boring, but I disagree. I can play FIFA for hours. I might just have a small addiction problem...

Racing-Mario Kart 64

This game is the best of both worlds. I would give this game best family and best racing game, but Mario Party had to be on my list as well. Mario Kart will be forever in our hearts for its crazy competitive atmosphere of throwing shells, placing bananas, and activating stars to run people over. There's nothing better than the rush of taking a close first place in a game of Mario Kart.

Where's Tony

The staff of the Rock Bottom took Tony out on the town. If you can guess where he is in this picture, you can bring your answer to Mrs. Rusher's room where you can receive your complementary high five.



Dear Dowdy:

The Dear Dowdy column is a representation of the Rock Bottom staff and not any one author. If your question did not get used this issue, it could still be used in another issue. We had a great response in the Dear Dowdy box; please keep submitting questions!

Dear Dowdy:

I like this boy who just so happens to be two years younger than me. He likes me back. Age doesn't matter to either of us, but his dad thinks that he will get into trouble with me if we date because I'm old enough to drive and he's not. I know that even if we don't end up dating we will still be friends, but how do I gain his parents' trust? What do I do about this situation? What can we do that would make us dating be situation? What can we do that would make us dating be okay with everyone?

Dear QuitePeevedGirl:),

In high school, age seems to be so much more than a number to everyone else. Right now, it can seem like a hard situation to be in; everyone seems to be against you, and all you want to do is be with this person you care about. The thing is, people will talk, and gossip, and they will have an opinion on absolutely every aspect of your relationship. The fact that relationships should be kept between two people seems to be forgotten every day. You're not going to day. You're not going to be able to please everyone, or make everyone okay with your relationship; you shouldn't have to. If you are happy with where you are in your relationship, what everyone else thinks really shouldn't matter.

Conquering his parents opinion is an entire other battle. Parental trust is a huge issue when it comes to a dating relationship. Being two years older than him is likely to strike up controversy at family dinner, and the fact that they will be putting their son's life in your hands, is a big responsibility. Try and get close to the family; spend time hanging out at his house. If he offers to have you over for family dinner, accept the invitation. Be true to who you are when you're around them, and slowly you should start to gain their trust.

If they aren't okay with dating yet, be okay with that Don't runs their

If they aren't okay with dating yet, be okay with that. Don't rush their decision, and enjoy just hanging out as friends in the meantime. Enjoy the time you have now in high school; if the whole situation causes you too much grief, maybe it means you need to analyze the relationship and see if it's worth the trouble or if it's better off you just stay friends. Good luck, Dowdy

Dear Dowdy:
One of our fellow
students uses a fake Twitter
acount to say inappropriate
things about Scotus students.
This really bothers me, but I
don't know what to do about
it. What should I do?

Take That Twitter

Dear Nobama and TakethatTwitter,

Turn her in. No wonder it bothers you; it should. People use twitter all should. Feeple use twhere an the time as a way to say hurtful and mean comments about other people, but that's really what Twitter has become, with all the sub tweeting that goes on. If this girl is using her fake account as a way to talk bad about fellow students, you should report her. Take her fake account, and all the other proof that you have, and show Mr. Morfeld. In the handbook it states that issues like these are to be dealt directly with Mr. Morfeld. If you don't have any proof to hold against her, don't let all of this bother you. If all of it is only hearsay don't let it add any more worry to your life. the time as a way to say hurtful

any more worry to your life.

Bullying is a serious crime, cyber bullying especially, and it happens on the internet all the time. People suddenly become so much braver when they have a correct in front of become so much braver when they have a screen in front of them to hide their face, which causes them to say hurtful, rude, or blunt comments they normally wouldn't. If you want her to stop, you need to turn her in. This goes for everyone: if you're using Twitter, Facebook or any other media site to bully others, you need to stop. It isn't a joke, and the impact your words have on people can last a lifetime.

Sincerely,

TEACHER QUOTES

"So what time do we get out guys?"

"You can't divide by zero. The world will end and the math police will come and get you."

Mrs. Johnson:

"Chicken FaJitas.

Mr. Brockhaus:

"Justin tripled his weight because he ate half of his sister."

"A literal, actual, fat, meow cat. Wow!"

Fr. Roza:

"Not that I have ever had experience being a dog or anything..."



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Teachers with values

Editor

After months of arguing, partisanship, and bickering about who the best person for the United States Presidential seat should be, America voted. Late November 6th, Democratic President Barack Obama was re-elected to the presidency against competitor Mitt Romney.

against competitor Mitt Romney.

During the presidential debate throughout the country, Scotus seniors also debated their political views in Government, headed by teacher Pat Brockhaus. Throughout the first months of the school year, seniors could be found in the computer lab. All through their time there, students completed numerous surveys to see where their political views compared to the top presidential contenders.

"[It can be hard to keep my

"[It can be hard to keep my binions to myself], but it is teresting listening to the senior's

viewpoints," Brockhaus said.

Not only were the seniors able to participate in class discussions, but they also watched the first presidential debate and bits of the

vice-presidential debate.

"We do watch the debates and will probably watch Obama's "State of the Union" address," Brockhaus said.

said.

Although watching debates and doing research about political topics is important, Brockhaus expresses to his seniors that eligible voters should to be concerned not necessarily with what party congress is or what party the president is, but with who can get jobs done, and how they plan to accomplish them.

"It's still their decision [whether to vote for Obama or Romney]. I

to vote for Obama or Romney]. I don't care who you vote for. Well I mean, I kind of care, but vote. It's one of your civic duties," Brockhaus

Pre-election polls taken nationwide showed that the race would be close, and that indeed is

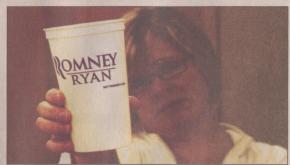
how the race finished. Final results showed Obama's campaign holding the lead at 332 electoral votes to Romney's 206. Two hundred and seventy electoral votes are needed

Romney's 206. Two hundred and seventy electoral votes are needed to win the contest. The popular vote was won by President Obama as well, by approximately 3,000,000 votes; which ended the final percentage of votes 51% to 48%.

"The numbers regarding the public vote you may not think matter with the Electoral College, but the popular vote speaks volumes. Obama won by a huge amount in electoral, but he won by millions in the popular vote. And that says something," sophomore English teacher Becki Zanardi said.

Zanardi could be seen as a strong supporter of the Romney/Ryan campaign during the few months prior to the election. Anyone that walked into her classroom could see the signs, bumper stickers, and plastic cup found on her desk, that represented the running pair.

"I spoke with Mr. Morfeld



Sophomore English teacher Becky Zanardi frowns after the results of the 2012 election. Zanardi along with government teacher Pat Brockhaus have different strategies for teaching about the election.

about how my niece works on the campaign and asked if I could hang a sign in my room, and he gave me the okay," Zanardi said.

Having a classroom next to Brockhaus was another opportunity for political discussion. Almost every

the best fit for the presidency would

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Wrestling debuts at Scotus

By Carly Burkhardt Staff Reporter

For the first time in the history of Scotus, the primary smells coming from the cafeteria do not consist of that day's breakfast and lunches, but consists of new mats and sweaty boys.

November 12, 2012 goes

November 12, 2012 goes down as a day in history for Scotus wrestlers. On that day, Scotus began a varsity wrestling program of their very own; a program many are taking interest in.

"We're a young team, and by young I mean inexperienced. We've got some seniors who are really going to contribute, but for the most part a lot of these guys are infants to the sport," Associate Head Coach Tyler Linder commented.

on the discussion board for

on the discussion board for quite some time now, and the new implementation is not going unnoticed.

"I think that wrestling is a great addition to the Scotus athletic department," sophomore Christain Stutzman.

The hype of varsity wrestling has caught the eye of 26 boys from freshmen through seniors, many of which would not have gone out if wrestling wasn't at Scotus.

"It's a great move; I had

"It's a great move; I had a lot of kids who I didn't necessarily teach or coach who have gone to Scotus in the past who said they would have loved to have wrestled if we had it in the building. Having wrestling here in the building gives kids the opportunity to wrestle who probably wouldn't have wrestled before. It gives them something to be proud of; you really want to compete for



Freshmen Nathan Tworek and Ryan Mustard try to take down their teammates on the first day of wrestling practice. They are two of the twenty-six out for the 2012-2013 season.

your school, not necessarily for just a team," Linder said

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New comer to the varsity
wrestling program Jake Gilson is
one of the many student who has
taken interest in the new program.

"It made it a lot easier of a
decision to go out for wrestling
because I don't have to travel around
with CHS kids I don't know very
well," Gilson said..

Although the addition of

Although the addition of wrestling to Scotus has made the decision easier for some deciding to go out, others find the decision was

go out, others find the decision was always an easy one.

"Wrestling being at Scotus didn't affect my decision at all; wrestling is wrestling to me," Stutzman responded.

Freehand Markus Dedean

Freshman Marcus Dodso agreed with Stutzman's excitement

"I've been doing wrestling most of my life, and I'm pumped to be wrestling for my school instead of CHS," Dodson said.

Along with the new program, many new faces from outside the building are wandering their

hany new taces from outside of the building are wandering their way in.

"The varsity coaches are Tracy Dodson, who is our head coach, along with myself, who is the associate head coach. Galen Kamrath and Rodrick Boss help as well," Linder commented.

An undeniable addition to the lunch room, apart from the wrestling mats consuming the floor, is the large green record board standing in the corner.

"It's what we call the living record board. Being a first year program, we will set records every single week. We made it easy so

single week. We made it easy so you can just write it in and erase it quickly, so it's kind of a neat deal. It gets the kids excited, and really the coaches are excited to update it every week," Linder explained. As expected with any sport, wrestling has brought with it many

new goals the team hopes to reach.

"It's a pretty new team, so I hope that no one will quit on the team or give up. I hope we do well in all of our matches, and I hope a

couple people make it to state this year," Dodson said.

Gilson has other hopes for the team, "I hope to have a successful season, and that the first

successful season, and that the first year of Scotus wrestling is one to remember."

As the new addition starts off with promising goals, Coach Linder sees future years holding even bigger promises for the team.

"I'd like to see us become established and known in the Columbus community as a powerhouse in wrestling. Lakeview and Columbus High have good squads; we want to be known as the school that has great wrestling, not just good wrestling."

Man down in maintenance

Mr. Hash starts early By Tara Starzec Staff Reporter

The start of the new school year drew attention to many new fac-es here at Scotus. There have been many new students and even a new teacher. Now going into the late fall, many may have noticed another new addition to the Scotus staff.

One of the newest additions to SCC's faculty is Kenneth Hash. Hash will be taking over as head of maintenance officially at the end of the school year, but due to unfortu-nate circumstances, he has already been performing many of the duties that the head of maintenance job re-

quires.

Earlier this year, head of maintenance Ed Goerlinger suffered a shoulder injury. He tore a tendon in his shoulder, and this injury required surgery. Goerlinger's surgery will require around three months of recovery time, so in the meantime Hash has been filling in for him.

Mr. Hash is not a new face to this school, however, he worked at the school before. His first responsibilities involved cleaning in the

sibilities involved cleaning in the cafeteria after the students finished

eating.
"It was a little scary," Hash said. "I actually got thrown into it because the guy who was doing it before me had a heart attack."

After Goerlinger recovers, he

After Goerlinger recovers, he will return to Scotus for the rest of the year. During this time, he and Hash will be working together so that Hash can learn more about the

that Hash can learn more about the different systems (such as heating and cooling) around the school.

Next year, Hash will be taking over Goerlinger's position and his responsibilities. He will be responsible for fixing whatever breaks down around the school from broken desks to the air conditioning.

"We had something break just the other day, and I didn't know how to do it, but I got myself through it. Now I know how to do it in case it happens again," Hash said.

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ELECTION

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"Obviously she's a
Romney supporter and I
would chant, 'Four more
years!' just to get under her
skin, even though I am a
Romney supporter as well,"
Brockhaus said.

Zanardi also shared that

Zanardi also shared that other political discussions occurred not only between her and Brockhaus, but between other teachers as well.

"I have some very close friends that are Obama supporters and they were very happy with the outcome of the election. That's what makes our country so great. We are able to discuss. We can debate without being angry or malicious," Zanardi said.

Throughout the past few elections, Zanardi has tried to determine who she will vote for by using a Christian viewpoint.

"We can't comment on people physically, but as Christians, I think that it's very important that we are united as a church, as a community, to look out for ourselves and for our country regarding what our country is based on," Zanardi shared.

Being a supporter of the Romney/Ryan campaign, Zanardi was disappointed that the pair didn't win the contest, but she is positive that there is a reason for the way that everything played out.

"The 5th Commandment says honor your father and mother. That goes with all authority. He's the president of our country, he's a family man, and we have to respect that. We are called by God to respect that. And it's still in God's hand. God's still in control and we may not like that answer. But that doesn't mean that it's not the answer," Zanardi said.

HASH

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Hash has already been helping out around the school with maintenance duties, but he has more to offer than just that. He is also involved outside of the school building.

"I'm also a volunteer firefighter and EMT [Emergency Medical Technician] as well. I guess if a student drops in the hallway, I'm here to help," Hash said.

Now that he has returned to Scotus, he seems to be finding his place.
"I love working here," Hash said. "I've had other jobs where I wake up, and I don't want to go to work. I have no problem coming to work here."

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Since Goerlinger is hav-ing his surgery, Hash has had to begin having the responsi-bilities of the head of maintenance earlier than was origi-

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Hash changes the nets on the basketball hoops in the Dowd Activity Center. He will officially be the new head of maintenance after this year.

nally planned. There is much to be done around the school building, so having him here is most appreciated. "I think he is doing a great job," Wayne Morfeld,

Scotus' President, said.

Although it is unfortunate that Goerlinger was injured, Scotus is glad to welcome Mr. Hash onto the staff.

DAYLIGHT

helping me to get going here," Hash said. "With Ed having his surgery, it hasn't been a walk in the park, but it's get-ting against surger day." ting easier every day.

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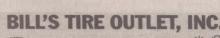


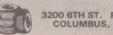
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Music takes a turn for the worst You've got mail



By Craig Ackman

Music over time has as good or bad depending on who you are talking to. If you were to come up to me and ask what I think about the modern music that is played on the radio and is defined as the "popular" music, I would probably just slap you in the

Music used to be cool and mysterious when

they used hidden messages in the songs. Bands that in the songs. Bands that showed skill doing this were the Beatles and Led Zeppelin. Music today is too blunt, and it lacks the talent that it used it lacks the talent that it used to take to make it big in the music industry. Every time I do turn on the radio (which is not very often, considering I have my iPod dock in my car allowing me to listen to GOOD music), the artists talk about getting drunk, smoking weed, and having sex. Not to mention rap these days doesn't take talent like it did back when rap started. There are good rappers out there, but all of the rap on the radio just rhymes one word radio just rhymes one word with itself. Wiz Khalifa and Lil Wayne, I like you, and your music is catchy, but I just don't see the talent with rhyming the "N" word with itself after every line. These people lack the heart to make

modern technology playing a big role in modern music. This takes away the necessity for talent in the artist and puts the hard work and skills on the producer. What is music if the person performing has no talent? You end up with auto tuned and electronically enhanced songs. I find no fun

"What is music if the person performing has no talent?" ~Craig Ackman

in that kind of music at all You no longer have a band. You have a computer. That is not what music is about.

People need to branch off of this so called "popular" music and get a new taste in what they listen to, a taste for real talent and purpose in music. There purpose in music. There are modern bands that have the same vision as I do and

show real talents and skills.
Angels and Airwaves and
the Foo Fighters use real
instruments, and if they do
use auto tune, they can at
least still perform their music least still perform their music fantastically live without it. If you like rap, there are some rappers out there who do show real rapping talent. Timeflies, Eminem, and Tech N9ne don't need to rhyme one word with itself; they have the speed that makes rap entertaining. that makes rap entertaining, and they have songs that are and they have songs that are unique and don't always use the traditional "sex, drugs, and alcohol" lyrics. It's hard to avoid every band that does this now because it is

In my ideal universe, nobody would support this garbage, and the good music would flourish. Then I wouldn't be tempted to do bodily harm when asked questions about current music. current music



By Tara Starzec Staff Reporter

When I was younger, When I was younger, I always wanted to go get the mail. I would search through it frantically hoping to see a letter that was addressed to me. Now that I am a senior, I get mail every single day, but I hardly give it a second glance. I have received mail from multiple colleges singe from multiple colleges since I took my first ACT test in the seventh grade, and it has almost ruined the joy I used to

Feel when receiving mail.

Each letter always seems to be the same. "Dear <name>: Based on your academic achievements,

academic achievements, <name of college> believes that you would fit in well at <name of college>." The only difference between them all seems to be the color scheme.

The problem with these flyers, letters, and pamphlets is that they really do not tell me much about the school. I get mail from places I have never heard of, and the only information I am given I have never heard of, and the only information I am given is the return address and the promise that I will "feel at home". While it is great to make people feel wanted, I personally would rather be given more information about the educational aspect of a school. Unless that

about the educational aspect of a school. Unless that information is given to me, the flyer's only use will be to clutter up my mailbox.

Up until recently, I had a special system for what to do with the mail that I received. If it was a flyer or postcard, it was immediately. I received. If it was a flyer or postcard, it was immediately recycled. If it was a letter for a school I did not recognize and was not interested in, it was recycled. If it was a giant envelope, I would open it to see if there was a T-shirt inside. If there wasn't, it was recycled. If it was a school recycled. If it was a school

that I recognized but wasn't sure about, it was recycled. Basically, unless it was a letter from the University of Sioux Falls or UNL, it was recycled.

A recent situation has caused me to see the error of my ways. While I was doing my homework one night, the house phone rang. My father answered and told me that there was a man named Tyrone who wished to speak to me.

Tyrone was from Nebraska Wesleyan University. He was calling to ask if I had received the letter that they had sent a few weeks prior to the phone call. (I vaguely remembered tossing it into my recycling pile). He told me that he was calling because NWU had not heard from me and they were Tyrone heard from me, and they were wondering if I was going to accept the scholarship that I was offered.

The scholarship that I was awarded was worth \$10,000 a year for four years. That's a \$40,000 scholarship offer that I had decided to recycle without even opening the letter.

"That's a \$40,000 scholarship offer that I had decided to recycle without even opening the letter." ~Tara Starzec

Of course I told Tyrone that I was interested in the scholarship. He told me that in order for the me that in scholarship to become official, I would need to apply

to the school.

Within a few days I finished my application and sent Wesleyan my transcript. Within a few weeks I received my acceptance letter, a scholarship letter that was worth even more than Tyrone had told me and a few sond a few scholarship.

worth even more than Tyrone had told me, and a free t-shirt!

If Tyrone had not called me, I would never have known about my opportunity at Wesleyan. Because he did call, I've made some changes in how I view my mountains of mail. Instead of immediately discarding them, I read them all resparatless of the source of the sour I read them all regardless of where they are from.

I feel that many students ignore the students ignore the students ignored the stude

I feel that many students ignore more than their mail when it comes to college searches. I challenge students to not only open their mail, but also to be open to opportunity. When college reps sit in the cafeteria at lunch, don't be afraid to approach them. Pursue scholarships on your own, and take your future into your and take your future into your own hands. I know I will. I don't want to make another \$40,000 mistake.

Dream preservation for future generations



By Carrie Bartholomew

One night I had a dream. In my dream I was a murderer in a past life, and someone was out to kill me in this life because they tried to kill me in the past and didn't succeed. All-out war broke loose later in the dream. In the end I had to choose whether to save my comrade or dispose of the person trying to kill me,

of the person trying to kill me, then I woke up.

That would make a pretty interesting book, but chances are that in a few months I'll forget all about this dream like I have with countless other aris dreams. countless other epic dreams. There is a way to preserve

all of my dreams though – write them down. That's how Stephanie Meyer got her ideas for *The Twilight Saga* (but my dream books would be ten times better, don't worry). Everyday something happens, whether it is funny, happens, whether it is funny, serious, scary, etc., that I would like to remember later, but I probably won't. There is so much information that gets crammed into my brain that I have to clean it out and put the excess information in the attic, left there to be forgotten for years and years. A very simple way that I could remember all the good, bad, and ugly, is to write them bad, and ugly, is to write them

You can write anything down and keep it for anything down and keep it for the rest of your life. Computers will crash and technology will fail, but writing it down is almost a sure proof way to keep it forever (unless, of course, you lose it, which isn't recommended). Anything can be written down: feelings, funny moments, serious issues, something that someone tells you, dreams, anything. anything.

A lot of young girls

keep diaries. Sometimes when I clean, I open up my old diaries and laugh at the stuff that I wrote when I was eight. It's fun to look back at how simple life was, and all the childish memories with my friends. Baby books are also interesting to look back my friends. Baby books are also interesting to look back on when you're old. I for one am happy that my parents kept a baby book. It's nice to look back at what was going on in the mid 90's. Yearbooks are also great books to have. Not only do they give you everyone's class pictures, but they also say what was going on in that year.

This year I am creating a senior memory

This year I am creating a senior memory book, which is basically like a baby book for your senior year. I imagine when I'm old and gray I would like to look back on the glory days of high school to see what I was in, who my good friends were at the time, and some goofy high school activities my class did.

Another reason to keep a journal of some sort is so that in the future your great grandchildren can read about what their old relatives had done. I am a person who really

done. I am a person who really likes history and learning about my family roots. If likes history and lear about my family roots.

my great grandparents wrote down what was happenin' back in the day, I would be the first one to pick it up and read it cover to cover.

Computers will crash and technology will fail, but writing it down is almost a sure proof way to keep it forever

"Computers will crash and technology will fail, but writing it down is almost a sure proof way to keep it forever." Carrie Bartholomew

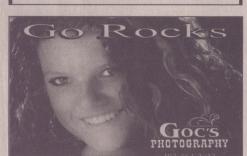
All the memories, emotions, friends, and what's happening in the day and age, all told in one place. Writing all of those down; it could be entertaining to read in the near future, or it could even serve an educational purpose in the much later future. Whatever happens, it's important. One day maybe I'll start writing down my dreams. In the future, remember to read my dream books.;)

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Scotus smiles in every aisle

November 2012

By Claire Fuchser Editor

The main priority of teachers is preparing their students for life after high school in the 'real world'. The 'real world' can entail the classic college experience and the job market. the job market.

During high school, students are often found not only at school activities and in the classroom, but also at their

workplace. Here in town, students from all three high schools are found employed by local businesses. One place that seems to be popular among students is Hy-Vee.

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At this time, Hy-Vee is currently employing sixteen Scotus students. Although the majority of these students work as eashiers or courtesy clerks, others work in various departments throughout the store.

Baumgart can be

Working in customer service.

Baumgart has been employed at Hy-Vee for 72 weeks.

Sophomore Mac Mapes is another Scotus student employed at Hy-Sophomore Mac
Mapes is another Scotus
student employed at HyVee. Mapes not only works
in the front of the store, but
also in the meat department.
Other students that can be
found throughout the store
include seniors Gina Bose and
Charrissa Zuerlein. Both girls
work in Chinese Express.
Bose has worked at Hy-Vee
for 9 months and Zuerlein
for 6 months. Junior Conner
Moran works in the produce
department and senior Nate
Schacher can be found
working in the frozen section.

Throughout the
year, manager Carol Wagner
hires new students to work
in various areas of the store.
Employees such as Baumgart
have been working at HyVee for about a year and half
whereas fellow senior Brook
Frewing has been employed
there for about a pount Katelyn found

there for about a month.

"[I wanted] to work with my boy Squate (Nate Schacher). I like being around

the fun people I work with," Frewing said.
When asking students what they like about working at Hy-Vee, most have praises about the store and others' views have changed throughout their time of employment.

"[In service] I'm supposed to get paid more as well as eating food that gets damaged out. I'm also guaranteed hours. But I always work long shifts and there's less flexibility in my work schedule [because there are a limited number of

people who work in customer service]," Baumgart said. Of course every employee has likes and dislikes about their places of employment, but manager Mandy Moore believes that as high school students, Scotus kids seem to be very hard

working.
"Scotus students are "Scotus students are hardworking kids who are very dependable and always get the job done. They are also willing to stay after shifts and help with busy registers," Moore said.

Scotus students being employed at Hy-Vee, alum can also be seen working throughout the store. Moore is a 1999 graduate as well as sister Lisa McKown (1996 graduate). Fellow manager Kathy Korte is also a Scotus grad.

With so many Scotus faces around Hy-With so many Scotus faces around Hy-Vee, opportunities present themselves for employed seniors and college students. The Hy-Vee Foundation Scholarship is available for high school seniors working at a Hy-Vee or who have a parent that works full-, regular-, or part time and has been for atleast six months prior to application deadline.

High school students applying for the scholarship must be interested in pursuing any course of study that will take atleast a four-year degree to accomplish.

If awarded, the scholarship provides the winning applicant with \$1,000, 'payable in a lump sum to be applied to normal college expenses including

tuition, room and board, book purchases and rentals' (hy-vee.com). Scotus senior Baumgart does not plan on applying for the scholarship.

applying for the scholarship.

"I want someone
who needs it more to receive
it," Baumgart said.

Although Baumgart
has been working at Hy-Vee
for the past year and the hours
can be long, she enjoys it.

"The people are
great. I am friends with
people 10 years older than
me, It has a great atmosphere.

I work so much that I'd almost rather hang out with my Hy-Vee friends instead of my classmates," Baumgart said.

Although there are numerous Scotus students currently work at Hy-Vee, those who have graduated still hold jobs there, such as 2011 graduate James Euteneuer. The employees of Hy-Vee that are students at Scotus Central Catholic continue to strive for excellence in the classroom, on the field, as well as in the workplace.



Sophomore Mac Mapes stocks the freezer section during one of his shifts at Hy-Vee. Mapes is one of the many Scotus students who can be found within the aisles.

Where do you work, and what is the craziest thing that ever happened to you at work?

Senior Austin Wendt and Assistant Manager Doug Liewer work together to stock the front entrance during a night shift. Wendt is one of many Scotus students employed at Hy-Vee.



"I work at my dad's machine shop. One time I put a part in wrong and started a fire within the machine. I put the small fire out and left for the day without telling my dad that the machine was bro-



got free cookies, and did the rain dance so it would rain and we would close.



"I work at T.J. Livestock, which is a feed Aquatic Center. I saved a 40 year old lot. Once, I got attacked by a steer, and man, went down the slides in the rain, another time I got a tractor stuck in a la-

Students balance work and school

By Craig Ackman Staff Reporter

Scotus students are kept busy with their school work and activities, but many students are also taking more time by getting jobs. A survey was taken of the student body 9-12th grade, and 40.5% do have jobs.

Of the percentage that

Of the percentage that have a job, the top three Scotus employers are the Aquatic Center/Pawnee Plunge with 10.6%, Hy-Vee with 8.7%, and Elk's Country Club with 7.7%.

and Elk's Country Club water 7.7%.

"Working at the Aquatic Center and the Plunge is fun, plus I love kids, and its easy money," junior Melissa Thalken said.

While Scotus students aren't the oldest members of society, they know how to help the younger generations. About 6.7% of the

employed students deal with employed students deal with younger kids. Some of these students babysit, while others do reffing and umping sports for the kids. Working with kids can sometimes get a bit crazy, though. "Once while I was babysitting, a kid locked me out of the house when we were playing hide-n-seek," freshman Hannah Thomazin said.

Many students find it eas Many students find it easier to get a job if they have relatives already working there. About 19.2% of the students work under their parents. Many of these students work on farms, but there are a few who are employed in town occupied under their parents at their daily job. Freshman Adam Smith knows all about this working at Jacque-

man Adam Smith knows all about this working at Jacque-line-Smith Photography. "I help my mom with pictures, and we once lit a football on fire for a picture," freshman Adam Smith said.

The food industry in Columbus is pretty popular for Scotus students to apply at as well. About 34.7% of at as well. About 34.7% of students who have jobs here work with food in some way. Jobs in the food business have been found anywhere from A&W all the way out to Reg's 7 Mile Inn. Senior Morgan Benesch works with food in town at Traditions. "I am a waitress, and I like my job because I get free food, and it is just amazing," Benesch stated.

While food is popular for teenagers to work with, some students have found their way to some more uncommon jobs. Sophomore Cade Nichelson works at Geno's Ice.

Ice.

"I think it's pretty obvious what I do at my job,"
Nichelson said. "However, I work with a conveyor belt and my hand got stuck in it once."

Odd as it sounds, he is not the one who takes the un-



Senior Jake Gilson flashes a smile while handing a customer some 'good mood food'. Gilson is currently employed at Arby's and is one of many Scotus students that work at fast food restaurants in Columbus.

common cake. Sophomore Joe Sonderman is currently employed at Pheasant Hollow Taxidermy.

dermy.

"My boss is actually my hbor," Sonderman stated.

People usually want to get jobs in fields that they are interested in. This worked out well for Sonderman consider-ing he likes to hunt.

"I haven't done work

Sonderman said, "because I haven't hunted any animals that are worthy of a place or a wall, yet."

Apogee appeals to adolescents

"Hi, my name is Pauline, and I'm calling on behalf of the Lupus Foundation. I'm calling to let you know that there will be a donation truck in your area on Friday, November 23rd collecting boxes and bags of clothing, books, dishes, or any other household items. I was wondering if you'd be interested in donating any of these items today."

Conversations like

this spark up across the country on a daily basis with persistent Apogee personnel on the calling end. Behind the closed doors of the old the closed doors of the out Wal-Mart building, over 800 hundred Apogee employees, many of which are Scotus students, have been hired to take on the job of something more than the misconception

"Apogee calls behalf of various nonon benair of various non profit agencies and asks for donations such as clothing, books, dishes, knick knacks, or any other household items," Senior Quinn Goodrich said, an Apogee e m p l o y e e employed there since before her trip

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"We do not ask for monetary donations, although most charities do accept them," Senior Genesis Corral stated, who also is an employee of Apogee and has been employed there since

Long hours consume the job life of a regular Apogee employee, with some shifts lasting over eight hours.

"My job is pretty boring. You sit in a little cubicle with a computer monitor, keyboard, mouse, and a little box with buttons

and a little box with buttons that controls your headset," Goodrich responded.

Working on the job for some employees can seem long, yet others have a positive outlook about their job

talk about how Apogee is boring and that i t

sucks, and it is that way if you decide to have that perspective, but personally I like Apogee. It's easy money, and although it can be boring, you have to make it fun," Corral said.

There are many interesting characteristics specific to Apogee, and for starters, their phone number isn't even listed in the phone

book.

"Apogee doesn't
even have a sign outside of
the building," Corral stated.
Goodrich went on
to add, "Some calls can get
really weird, there are a lot
of Spanish comments I don't
understand, and I've seen
ladies fighting in the parking ladies fighting in the parking

"Ive gotten some werid phone calls before. Once, some guy asked if I was Asian and asked for my number. A nother g u y

Sophomores Briana Kouma and Queze Campos along with seniors Genesis Corral, Quinn Goodrich, and Tara Starzec all work at Apogee.

asking if we could give him a bike," Goodrich laughed.

Although there are some abnormalities, there are some definite positives that come with the job.

come with the job.

"I get paid ten
dollars an hour to sit on my
butt and call people while
doing something productive
like homework or reading.
It's such an easy job, and you
can also miss a lot of days
without getting fired," Corral
stated.

"I don't have to deal with people in person," Goodrich went on to say. With the positives there are some negatives that come with calling strangers

across the country.

"You have to deal with some mean people with some mean people without taking any of it personally," Goodrich explains.. encounters are capable obeing endured over the phone

being endured over the phone.

"The people that
work there know nothing
about personal hygiene. We
share calling headsets and
sometimes they have hairs
left on them from the previous
person who used the headset.
I've heard of people who have
worked at Apogee that have
gotten ear infections; personal
hygiene is just something that
isn't considered when hiring
workers at Apogee," Corral
said.

"I wish we weren't so secluded in our cubicles," Goodrich explained about one of the personal drawbacks of

After all the calls have been made, and upset Americans have been dealt with, Apogee truly isn't anything more than the remains of a used to be Wal-Mart inhabited by those in

Mart inhabited by those in need of a job.

"Hi, this is Pauline again, and I'm calling back on behalf of the Savers Foundation this time. I'm calling to let you know that there will be a donation truck in your area on Friday, December 7th collecting boxes and bags of clothing, books, dishes, or any books, dishes, or any other household items. Oh? We were supposed to take you off our calling list the last time I called?



Teens juggle jobs By Kristen Ohnoutka Staff Reporter

"You need a job!" "I can't pay for you forever!" "Get off your butt and get a

If you're like me then this is something you hear often from your parents. All summer they were starting to sound like a broken record, so I gave in and found myself a job! And...I hate it. Parents don't help much

when it comes to getting a job. All summer they would complain to me how I needed to get a job, but to me it was a

scary thought.

I didn't want to get a job.

It seemed too adult for me. I just wanted to stay home and let my parents take care of me, but I had to face reality and realize I couldn't do that forever. No matter how badly I wanted to. So I summoned courage and got an

application.

The whole The whole interview process is probably just as brutal as the actual work. It literally took all my strength literally took all my strength to force myself to get an application, but I did it. Honestly, going to get an application isn't even hard. I scared myself into thinking it was going to be terrible, but it really wasn't.

After a day or two, I returned with my application all filled out. However, something I didn't think of, and may sound dumb now, but I filled it out in bright red ink. That was a no-no. I didn't get

I filled it out in bright red ink.
That was a no-no. I didn't get
in trouble for it or anything,
but you could just see the look
on the guy's face that I had
done something wrong. Oops.
About three weeks later
I received a call from the
business asking me to come in
for an interview. I set the date

business asking me to come in for an interview. I set the date and had an immediate sinking feeling in my stomach. What happens at an interview, what do I wear, do I need to bring anything? All these questions were spinning around in my head.

Basically, if you are going to an interview, be the following: open-minded, organized, and intellectual. When they ask you questions When they ask you questions be sure you express yourself confidently even if you're not sure about an answer, fake it. Dress nicely, like you were going to church. Finally, if you are in sports or any kind of activity, it is a good idea to bring a calendar that has all your future events on it, so that they see how organized. your future events on n, so that they see how organized you are, and so you can let them know right away when you are available.

Now if you are someone looking for a job or

considering leaving a present job I would suggest finding a place that does not serve food. Working in the food business can be hard-labor, demanding, and not to mention, disgusting. Some good places to consider are some of the shoe

consider are some of the shoe stores in town, or maybe some sport shops. You could even apply to places like Menards, Earl May, or a local beauty shop. Any of these places of business would be better than working in the food service industry.

Becoming a young adult and showing your parents and others you can take care

and showing your parents and others you can take care of yourself is part of growing up, and a job is a good way to achieve that.

Nationwide Statistics

19% OF EMPLOYED YOUTH WORKED IN THE RETAIL TRADE INDUSTRY IN JULY 2012.

26% OF EMPLOYED YOUTH WORKED IN LEISURE, HOSPITALITY, AND FOOD SERVICES.

> The youth employmentpopulation ratio for men was 51.9%, and for women was 48.4% in July 2012.

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Scotus Statistics

32.7% of Scotus students work in leisure, hospitality, and food services.

40.5% of Scotus students are currently employeed.

19.2% OF SCOTUS STU-**DENTS ARE EMPLOYEED** BY THEIR PARENTS

Seniors cook up some business

Editor

Swope and Anna Perault are

Swope and Anna Perault are sharing their confectionary talent. This past June, the two girls began a cheesecake business which they entitled, **C&A Cheesecakes.**

"It basically started off with Alise Perault's graduation party for Anna, and my brother Zeph's wedding reception for me. After that, together we made them for a wedding rehearsal dinner, which really started it," Swope said.

it," Swope said.

The number of cheesecakes the two make together has increased with the start of the school year.

the start of the school year.

"In the summer we were making them every couple weeks, but during school we have been doing it every weekend," Swope said.

Decoration on the cakes is also an option. There is no extra charge for the

design put on top of the cake.

Right now, C&A
Cheesecakes has a variety of
flavors available for purchase
at the price of \$35.00 for a
regular size, 24 count original
cupcake size, or 48 count mini
cupcake size.

"In the

summer we were making them every couple weeks, but during school we have been doing it every weekend."

~Catherine Swope

"We have a list of kinds we've made before [15 flavors], but we also take special requests," Perantashared.

shared.

While still at the starting months of their business, Swope and Perault decided that they would stick to cheesecakes until at least the end of the school year.

"Cheesecakes are

time consuming enough, and I feel like we should stay focused on them and not try and take on too much," Perault said.

Perault said.

Although
cheesecakes are the main
element of their trade,
lasagnas have also been on

Because their business has just kicked off, the new entrepreneurs have had some business, but not as much as they would appreciate.

"If you would like to

order any cheesecakes please call us! We would be happy to make them for any occasion!" Perault said.

Senior Catherine
Swope decorates
sample-sized
cheesecakes.
Swope and fellow
senior Anna Perault started their
own business
this summer. The
business is called,
C&A Cheesecakes.





WE BLEED GREEN

By Brennan Brockhaus Staff Reporter

We call ourselves the Rowdy Dowdies. What does that mean? By definition, 'Rowdy Dowdy' really means a large boisterous crowd. The Rowdy Dowdies have become Rowdy Dowdies have become a culture here at Scotus. We have considered ourselves Rowdy Dowdies since I was an eighth grader. It is a tradition that has been going on for five years. We were called Rowdy Dowdies when the new own was gratefully the new gym was gratefully named the Dowd Activity

the new gym was gratefully named the Dowd Activity Center after the Dowd family. Being a Rowdy Dowdy at Scotus has plenty of meaning. It takes a lot of passion and pride to be a Rowdy Dowdy. Time and effort are a big part of having school spirit. If any school is willing to sacrifice their time and effort to bleed green, it is Scotus Central Catholic. We make having school spirit fun and a tradition that can be carried on each year.

each year.

One way being a Rowdy One way being a Rowdy Dowdy is so attractive is how fun it is. I love going to the volleyball games to cheer on the 'Rocks! It is a great way to be with your friends, as well as cheer on Scotus to victory. Being in the cheering section and hearing how loud we are is fantastic. Having a we are is fantastic. Having a great volleyball team year in and year out certainly helps too. I hope the same can be said by the student body for watching the football and basketball teams. In every sport, the Rowdy Dowdies are

sport, the Rowdy Dowdies are loud and supportive.

The Rowdy Dowdies have become a legacy that needs to be carried out every year. Each senior class has done a tremendous job in the cheering sections. Underclassmen learn from the older kids and take on the role of leading the cheers when older kids and take on the role of leading the cheers when they are older. This is just a testament of how willing our student body is to succeeding at sports. The students performing the cheers care just as much as the athlete playing the sport. In a way, we are all in this together. If the volleyball team loses, the whole Scotus body has lost. If the volleyball team wins, then the whole Scotus body is victorious. Not one person takes the fall. Not one person

is victorious. Not one person takes the fall. Not one person gets all the credit.

As of right now, I only own one Rowdy Dowdy t-shirt. I got the t-shirt from being in S-Club. S-Club seemed to have died down the lett county were. last couple years, but it will be making a much needed comeback. There will be meetings for students to attend that will teach them cheers that will teach them cheers and good sportsmanship. I have decided to help design the next Rowdy Dowdy t-shirt to help carry on the legacy. We are currently working on the t-shirts now, so within the next week you should be able to see a picture of them. The shirts can be ordered in Mr. Linder's room. Make sure to wear them for basketball games!

Twice is nice Girls' Cross Country team takes 2012 state championship

November 2012

By Brennan Brockhaus said.

Staff Reporter

Back to back championships are hard to come by in any sport. But this is something the Scotus cross country team can now boast about. Last year, it was the boys on top of the Class C-1 podium. This season, it was the girls' turn. They posted an outstanding 118-1 record, when the lone loss came to Plattsmouth, a team from Plattsmouth, a team from

Class B.

The girls' team was led by senior Morgan Benesch. She capped off her high school career with a second place individual finish at the State meet at UNK. Although Benesch did not get the first place finish she had hoped for, Coach Merlin Lahm was still pleased.

"I think my hopes

Lahm was still pleased.
"I think my hopes
were the same as Morgan's
hopes. I thought she had a
chance to win. We had a plan
for her to help her beat a girl that she had not beaten before. In the end, that girl was just the better runner that day. But, she had a really stellar high school career," Lahm

The girls, along with Coach Lahm, came in with a confidence that wouldn't be matched by any other C-1

"Honestly, I knew we could win. I thought that we had the best team in the state. No one had really come close all year long. But the state cross country meet is a different animal. I've seen some really unusual things happen at the state cross country meet," Lahm said.

On this particular day, Scotus did exactly what it had to do to bring home the championship. There were two medalists for the Shamrocks. Benesch came in second, while sophomore Jessica Schaecher finished 13th. Depth played a huge part "Honestly, I knew

Jessica Schaecher finished 13th. Depth played a huge part in the Shamrock's success. The next four varsity runners all finished close behind. They included sophomores Carly Fehringer and Kelsey Kessler, senior Shayla Wieser, and freshman Jessica Lahm

"Depth was the key.
The key to our success this year wasn't the six girls who ran at state, but the nine girls who could all be on the varsity

The Girls' Cross Country team flashes a number one sign as they celebrate their state championship.

team. The competition we had between those girls made it so much better during the course of the year,"

The second place finish for Benesch capped off a remarkable high school

cross country career. The team keeps track of the times run on each course. Benesch has the fastest time on every course typically run on. Upon hearing that Scotus had won the state championship, Benesch could not believe it.

"It took a long time for it to actually sink in. This is something I've dreamed of happening since my freshman year, so to end my high school career with achieving this goal I couldn't be more excited," Benesch acknowledged.

Rocks give final fight



By Brennan Brockhaus Staff Reporter

The Scotus Central nolic volleyball team was knocking on the door of another state title. This time they fell just short. The girls

played three top teams in the State Tournament. With all played three top teams in the State Tournament. With all the tough competition in Class C-1, the girls fell to number one seeded Kearney Catholic in a thrilling five set match.

The first match was against rival Grand Island Central Catholic. Scotus ended up prevailing after five

"I knew it would be a real

dog fight. It certainly turned out to be that way. At certain times, both teams played well and at other times both teams made too many errors Fortunately, we were able to find a way to win, so I was proud of their effort," Head Coach John Petersen said

Coach John Petersen said.

The next hard fought opponent was Ogallala. The first set made a huge difference in the win as Scotus went on to win by a slim margin of 26-24. They put it on cruise control after that, sweeping Ogallala three sets to none.

The third match proved to be a little too much. The Kearney Catholic Stars came out seeking revenge from

out seeking revenge from last season's state title match. However, Scotus would not go out without a fight. "Kearney Catholic has all

"Kearney Catholic has all the tools. They are big, very experienced, and very athletic so I knew that we had to play our best match of the year to compete with them. I think that we did. I was so proud of the effort that the girls gave. It was fun. We worked really hard. We had many big defensive plays and hig kills. defensive plays and big kills.

It was just an outstanding effort," Petersen said.

Scotus was by far the

best team the Stars faced all

season.

"We were underdogs against Kearney Catholic, and we took them to five sets. We were the only team who did that this season. I

was very happy finishing second. Kearney was a great team, and we were pretty inexperienced," senior Lauran Hellbusch said.

The Rocks were led by junior Payton Chohon with twenty two kills in the state title match.

"We ended the season on a good note by playing the best we could and not going away from any games with 'what ifs," Chohon said.

Scotus finished the season with a 25-4 record. They took the runner up trophy in Class C-1. Coach Petersen gives a lot of credit to not only the players, but also the Rowdy Dowdies, cheerleaders, parents, and band.

parents, and band.
"I have to give credit to all of them. Looking back to the first game against Grand Island Central Catholic, there were men in charge of sportsmanship who came up and talked to us. They said our student body is amazing, and we really were. It rives and we really were. It gives us such a lift. I don't know how many points it is worth, but it is fun to play in front of," Petersen acknowledged.

finals Mock trial takes wo to

By Kristen Ohnoutka Staff Reporter

Months and months of preparations, hours and hours of hard work, all for one chance to perform. This is how the world of mock trial goes. Teams from all around Nebraska spend countless Nebraska spend countless hours on their case, and if they do not win their first competition, their entire season is over.

season is over.

On November 16-17 four Scotus mock trial teams performed at the Platte County Courthouse in Districts for their lives, and now only two survive; including the senior team.

team.

This year's senior team made it through the three rounds of Districts, defeating Lakeview and Aquinas along with a bye for the first round, and they have now made it. and they have now made it to finals, which will be held

sometime this week.

"We've done fairly
well considering we weren't
able to practice as much as
we want," senior attorney
Katelyn Baumgart said.

Practice wasn't the only

Practice wasn't the only obstacle in their way. Many of the Scotus teams this year have lost and added many new members, including the senior team.
. "Honestly, I

. "Honestly, I was expecting our season to be over a lot faster than it has because of all the adversity we've had to face, but now that we're in the finals it's just kind of like, 'Let's do this thing!" Baumgart said.

The senior team will be going up against Scotus' junior team sometime this week to determine who will be advancing onto the state competition.

The Scotus junior team defeated Aquinas, Howells

defeated Aquinas, Howells junior varsity, and Howells

varsity to get into the District finals.
"I think we've

"I think we ve accomplished everything we needed to accomplish, and we all came together besides lots of problems, and I think we've had a very successful season." junior attorney Emily Allen

The junior team was another team that had to face lots of change when it came to new members and rearranging

positions.

"At the beginning of the year I was pretty confident, but then a lot of problems began to surface, and I became a little skeptical, but we have done a good job and have improved drastically since the beginning of the year," Allen said

The junior team will be facing off against the senior team; however, the two other Scotus teams seasons' have

The sophomore team lost in the first round to the varsity Howells team; however, the end score was only a two point difference.

"I think our team did really good. We worked really hard even though we lost in the first round. We can always find ways to improve," sophomore attorney Allen said.

Even though they did not make it as far as they wanted the sophomore team is looking forward to next year, and is hoping for better results

as juniors.

"I'm hoping we'll get better and win a couple matches next year, and maybe make it to the finals," Allen said.

Another Scotus team whose season has ended abruptly is the freshmen team.

Even though it was their first time going into the mock trial competition, the

"It's "It's definitely been furl. It's a little funny though, always having Mrs. Rambour telling us how we'll probably lose this year because we're freshmen, but she would always compliment us at practices about all our hard work, which makes it that much more fun,Krist" freshmen witness Hannah Thomazin said.

Despite the loss the

Thomazin said.

Despite the loss the freshmen will be back next year, ready to take on the competition again. However, the junior and senior team will be preparing to face off against each other very soon.

This year will be the third year in a row that a Scotus team has made it to the state mock trial competition. The District finals will be held sometime this week at the Platte County Courthouse the Platte County Courthouse here in Columbus.

IHS inducts new members

By Carrie Bartholomew their graduation.

*NHS helps Layout Editor

At the beginning of every new school year, the National Honor Society in-ducts new members. The core of the new inductees are core of the new inductees are from the sophomore class, but students from the junior and senior class can get inducted also. This year there were 24 students inducted; two from the junior class and 22 from the sophomore class. Altogether, there are 75 students in NHS. To become a member NHS. To become a member of NHS the students first must qualify and go through an application process

To qualify to be in

To qualify to be in NHS students must have a cumulative GPA of 93% or above. Then the student must fill out an application. The completed application is then reviewed by a faculty council. If the student's application is accepted and their grade remains a 93% or above, they are inducted into NHS and are able to remain in NHS until

make good decisions and mo-tivates me to keep my grades up," NHS Secretary Kara up," NHS Moore said.

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It is possible to be removed from NHS. If the student's GPA drops below a 93% for a semester, they are given another semester to build it back up past 93%. If they are unable to keep their grade the required amount for 2 semesters, they are removed from NHS. Another reason students have been taken off NHS is because they have acquired a strike according to the handbook. the handbook

NHS members sponsor many activities throughout the year. The biggest event that they do is candy selling. Every year before Christmas break, NHS members sell candy for 50 cents so students can give a Christmas

we have used the candy mon-ey to buy gifts for children in need and that list gets generat-ed through our community at the Holiday Co-op, and they give us information about it and the money goes directly back to kids in need in our community," National Hon-or Society sponsor Jane Du-sel-Misfeldt said.

sel-Misfeldt said.

This year NHS is buying ten children Christmas gifts with the money raised from last year's candy sales.

"This activity helps me learn leadership skills and how to make decisions that benefit the group, and not just myself," NHS Social Director Anna Perault said.

NHS also sets up a blood drive in the spring for students who want to donate their blood to the Red Cross.

"I hope that as many students as possible can donate and continue to donate. I have had students who had

students can give a Christmas
present to their friends. The
past years the members have
sold candy canes, but this year
they are switching it up and
selling fun sized candies.

"The last two years

students as possione can describe the continue to donate.

I have had students who had helped with it one year and realized that it wasn't that bad, and they donate on their own or donate the next year.

So hopefully if we get enough hate and continue to donate. I have had students who had helped with it one year and realized that it wasn't that bad, and they donate on their people on the road to donate the Red Cross won't be begging all the time to try to get donors," Dusel said.

With such a large group of students a lot can be done

to better the school and cominity.
"I have enjoyed being

the honor society sponsor; it's usually a very good group to work with. They are very helpful and volunteering; I really couldn't ask for a better group of students to work with. They are also very busy and that makes it more of a challenge. It's really just

trying to make the busy bus-ier really, and that's why we don't do a ton of things, but what we do I just hope that as many of our members can force the issue of getting in-volved," Dusel said.



National Honor Society officers Amy Price and Craig Ackman participate in the candle ceremony at NHS induction night as the students who were inducted watch from behind. Twenty four new members were inducted on November 5th.

Catholic students unite at youth rally



Seniors Hannah Harrington and Derek Lahm enjoy the humor of guest speaker Doug Brummel at the Archdiocesan Youth Rally. Over 500 teens from 38 different schools/communities attended the Youth Rally.

By Brooke Olmer Staff Reporter

On October 28th
over 500 teenagers from
38 different schools/
communities came to Scotus.
All 500 teens had one thing in
common; a love for God. This
year, Scotus was chosen to
host the Archdiocesan Youth
Rally.

Rally.

"We've had such great participation from Scotus students and the Columbus community and we have gotten great support from the Columbus community with food and workers so they asked us to host it. They like coming here," Belinda Keiter said

As the teens started their fun packed day, they got the opportunity to socialize with other teens that they've met at previous faith-centered events.

events.

"It's a good way for them to unite with the other likeminded teens that are faith-filled and want to grow in their faith, and they

can reacquaint with people that they've met from the different things they've gone too from the March for Life, Steubie conferences, Quest, JC camps, and TEC; they get to see those teens that usually tend to participate in faithfilled events," Keiter said.

Among the 500 teens were many Scotus students. A handful of students even helped host the event.

Senior Hannah Harrington said, "I was one of the MC's (along with D-Rock Lahrm). We basically were put in charge of letting everyone know what was going on throughout the day." The MC's even had the privilege to announce the key note speakers, which were one of the main events of the day.

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"Tony Melendez and his band played for the group. Tony used his feet to play guitar because he was born without arms, and Doug Brummel spoke as many different characters throughout the day," Senior Derek Lahm said.

The keynote

speakers were a big part of the faith-filled day, but they weren't the main part of the

weren't the main part of the day.

"Mass was the main event with the Archbishop and that was wonderful," Keiter said.

Most teens also took advantage of confession and adoration that was offered throughout the day in the media center and in the chapel. Another interesting part of the day was when Father Paul Hoesing, the vocation director for the archdiocese, led a discussion with a teen panel. Scotus' own Dan Strecker was on the panel.

"I answered faithfilled questions asked by Father Hoesing," junior Dan Strecker said.

Scotus will not get the chance to host the Youth Rally for another four years. It is held every other year and is alternated between a rural and urban location.

"It was a great way for people to grow in their faith and I feel that people really did," Harrington said.

November featured students:

Seniors transform east side

By Kylee Soulliere Staff Reporter

Starting out in kindergarten with two dozen or so St. Bonaventure girls, Troop 365 has dwindled down to its three remaining Girl Scouts. While they may now be small in number, they have made a big impact on the appearance of Scotus Central Catholic. While their physical labor started the week school got out in summer 2012, they have been planning this addition to the look of Scotus for two years now.

Brittany Steiner, Char-rissa Zuerlein, and Lauren Kuta made the addition of the Mary statue on the East side of Scotus to complete their Gold Award project for Girl

troop "The troop brain-stormed different ideas for our Gold Award," Charrissa Zue-rlein said, "and we had a list from Mr. Morfeld of different things to do at Scotus."

The Gold Award is the

highest achievement in Girl Scouting. This award is only open to high school girls, and it is a challenge to change the world, even if it is only a little

part of it.

It is a seven step project usually used to solve a community problem, not just short term but also for the future. The seven steps of the project take a lot of time and effort which makes it the prestigious award that it is known as. The time that is usually set as a minimum of Gold Award projects is 80 hours, which does not include the time spent on the required Journeys or the Silver Award. ect usually used to solve a

"The troop brainstormed different ideas for our Gold Award, and we had a list from Mr. Morfeld of different things to do at Scotus."

Charrissa Zuerlein

Because it was a big project, and since it was for the landscaping of Scotus, it took them a while to raise the money and ask permission to do their project. After this had been done, they sketched the needed blue prints. Then they needed to order the flowers and find volunteers to help. ers and find volunteers to help them. The last step of course

was all the dirty work. This was not the Girl Scouts' first landscaping project though, so none of these stages were

so none of these stages were new for them.

"We landscaped St. Bon's a few years ago, and we really liked it so we just want-ed to do it again," Brittany Steiner said.

To come up with the

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To come up with the money for the Mary statue, the flowers, and the rest of the project, the girls dug into their troop account and also raised money by selling bracelets. These bracelets they made themselves.

To maintain the upkeep of the statue and the area at

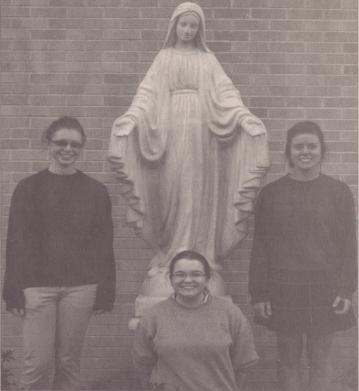
To maintain the upkeep of the statue and the area, at the end of each school year, the Student Council will be in charge of the needed re-land-scaping and cleaning up. This part fulfills the requirement of the Gold Award that the project will help the community in the future.

The main goal of the

the future.

The main goal of the Gold Award is for the participants to discover, connect, and take action to become a leader in their community.

"From this project," Lauren Kuta said, "I learned that it takes only a few people with a passion to help and serve to make a massive difference. serve to make a massive dif-ference in their community."



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Seniors Charrissa Zuerlein, Lauren Kuta, and Brittany Steiner pose in front of their project with pride. These three are the last Girl Scouts in Troop 365, which started 12 years ago.

-Where Are They Now?-

By Brooke Olmer Staff Reporter

Riding to the very tip of South American on a green Triumph Tiger motorcycle, hiking through the dangerous jungles of Thailand, and touring Europe for three months by the use of a Euro rail train pass are all examples of a traveler's dream. This kind of excitement isn't just for true adventurerers like Bear Grylls from the Discovery Channels show Man vs. Wild. The truth is Scotus graduate Jeremiah Grell not only partook on these adventures, he also led travel tours around he also led travel tours around

he also led travel tours around the country.

Jeremiah Grell graduated in 2000 and first became interested in traveling after going on a Scotus sponsored mission trip to the Dominican Republic.

"My first international trip was during

"My first international trip was during my senior year when I went on a Scotus sponsored mission trip to the Dominican

Republic and lived with a Dominican family for two weeks and helped build latrines. This trip sparked my passion for travel," Grell said.

After high school, Grell attended college at Chadron State and graduated with a degree in biochemistry and minors in Spanish and Math. Grell knew that he loved to travel and soon after graduating from college, he got his dream job as a tour guide with Trek America. He wasn't exactly sure what this job was all about, but he seized the opportunity to travel.

"I had no idea what I was doing or where I was going, but I would take small groups (13 passengers or less from all around the world) on trips from 1 to 8 weeks going to National Parks, cities, and other tourist attractions," Grell said.

Since tourist travel in the U.S. is seasonal, the Trek America job provided Jeremiah with 3-4 months off

per year to travel on his own.

"As I traveled I would meet up with and stay with passengers from my trips

in their home towns. Our roles were reversed as they became my tour guide," Grell

said.

His first big trip was a backpacking excursion through Europe. He would use a Euro rail train pass and travel to different countries throughout Europe. Some of the highlights of his trip were the highlights of his trip were going to the British Museums in London, seeing the Berlin Wall in Berlin and Auschwitz in Poland, drinking beer in Munich, visiting the Colosseum in Rome, riding a bike down the Champs Elysees, and watching bullfights in Barcelona, Spain

His next big trip was down under; he spent a month touring across the outback and East coast of Australia. After his Australia trip, he took a three week trip around New Zealand.

New Zealand.

"New Zealand is by far the most beautiful country I have ever visited. I highly recommend it," Grell said.

His New Zealand trip ended, and he then flew to Bangkok, Thailand where he hiked through the jungles

Photo Courtisty of Jereman Greel

Scotus Alum, Jeremiah Grell, poses on his motorcycle in South America. Grell
has traveled to South america and a variety of other countries also.

and flew to India, traveled by train to Agra to see the Taj Mahal, Varanasi to visit the Ganges River, and then by bus to Kathmandu, Nepal and its Buddhist temples.

Two of his latest adventures include his 2002 Triumph Tiger Motorcycle. In February 2010 Grell rode off on his motorcycle to travel to

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the tip of South America. This trip included traveling through the countries of Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama, Columbia, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, Chile, and Argentina. During his latest trip in July, he traveled to the tip of Alaska and back to Nebraska on the same

motorcycle.

Grell has met up with many of his friends on these adventures, and he has also made many new friends from around the world.

"I hope to keep travaling for the rest of my.

"I hope to keep traveling for the rest of my life. Next on the list is a bicycle trip through Africa," Grell said.

Iony

The staff of the Rock Bottom took Tony out on the town. If you can guess where he is in this picture, you can bring your answer to Mrs. Rusher's room where you can receive your complementary high five.



craigslist By: Craig Ackman
Top choices for 5 band categories

Everyone knows the Beatles. Something most people may not know about them is that their music basically influences every type of music today. My love for them goes beyond their actual music, but the fact that some of my favorite modern bands wouldn't play the way they do if it wasn't for the Beatles. I strongly believe the Beatles will be listened to for many years to come

Alternative - Angels and Airwaves

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Blink 182 is a big deal to our generation, but Angels and Airwaves is even better. Their music is super chill, and it has positive messages as well. Tom DeLonge is my idol. His voice is distinctive and you can recognize it from a mile away. If you like his voice while he was in Blink 182, there is good chance you will like it with Angels and Airwaves. Their electrical guitar work is also unique and sounds awesome with the fading work they do. I would say they are my #1 band right now

Rap - Timeflies (Tuesday)

Go look these guys up when you get home today if you listen to rap. They are not very well known yet, but their talent deserves to be recognized. They write their own music, plus they remake popular songs and make them even better. It is always nice hearing familiar beats and with new and unique lyrics to them. A good rapper can gain respect with their ability to freestyle, and Timeflies delivers with their weekly freestyles on YouTube and at live concerts. I also look at them with even more respect because I have met them in person, and they are pretty funny guys. They even signed my CD!

Country - The Avett Brothers

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This also may not be the traditional group that people who like this genre listen to. These guys are super good at making country enjoyable for those who may not even like it, like me. They have such unique ideas when it comes to writing music. They also have crazy stage presence when they perform live. They jump around the stage with lots of energy, they scream sometimes when they really get into their music, and they even connect with the audience by talking to them between songs. If you like blues, bluegrass, rock, or country, these guys can satisfy your music craving needs.

I was never much of a pop music kind of guy, but let's get real here. Michael Jackson has inspired so many people and has written some really catchy songs. Let's also not forget how crazy his dance moves are. Who doesn't wish they could dance like Michael Jackson? The moon walk is legendary. I would kill to be able to dance like him, but I'm stuck with my lame hopping and fist pumping. Many people hate him just because of all of his court cases, but putting all that aside, Michael Jackson deserves to be the King of Pop. With his unique voice and his dance moves combined, it is a title well earned.

TEACHER QUOTES

Mr. Lahm:

"Radians are just odd ducks."

Mr. Brockhaus:

"Go get a gallon of milk because we're out of eggs."

"They could say that the sun is purple, and they'd believe it because they're dumb."

"Yeah, I'm lounging, hence the lounge pants."

"Everyone now has to wear pink fuzzy slippers...or mauve maybe."

Mr. Salvard:

"All hail the math gods!"

Dear Dowdy:

The Dear Dowdy column is a representation of the Rock Bottom staff and is not any one author. If your question did not get used this issue, it could still be used in another issue. We encourage you to keep writing questions.

Dear Dowdy,
How should I prepare for
a part time job interview?
What do I wear? Say?
Bring?

Dear No Name,

In order to prepare for an interview, you must first consider a few things; first consider a few things; namely the atmosphere you will be in. If you are applying for a job at The Buckle, you would want to wear clothing from The Buckle to the interview. Likewise, if you are applying for a job at a place like Hy-Vee, you would want to wear clothing like khakis and a nice shirt or polo. Also don't worry; dressing up nicer than you're used to is never a bad thing for an interview!

In an interview, the

for an interview!

In an interview, the employer will be looking for qualities in the prospective worker that will work well with the other employees. The reason for this is that you would be working with these other employees on a daily basis, and the employer is always looking for ways to maximize efficiency as much as possible.

To answer your

To answer your question about what to bring, less is best; leave your purse, phone, or other items in your

car or at home. Some of the only things you should bring with you are a resume, your calendar, and then maybe a pen and notepad also.

With regards to what you should say, just be as respectful as possible. You should shake their hand firmly when you introduce yourself, make eye contact and also be confident. Be sure to thank them for their time, remember: you want them to be your employer so do as much as you can to make a great first impression!

Formore information and tips on how to prepare for an interview and also the interview process itself, check out the internet because there are many helpful websites out there!

Good luck Dowdy

Dear Dowdy,
Thanks for the advice on that boy! So I've got a new problem! I like to hang out with this large group of friends but two of my friends suddenly started to hate each other. I can't just choose sides or lose either of them! What do I do? How do I make both of them happy? of them happy? Sincerely, Quite Peeved Girl

Dear Quite Peeved Girl,

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It sounds like
you are in a pretty tough
situation. You don't want
to choose one friend for fear
of losing the other friend
or vice versa! To be quite
honest with you though, it's
not fair to you if either one
of your friends tries to make
you chose one over the other.

you chose one over the other.

A true friend wouldn't want you to lose your other friends! How are the other friends in this large when the other friends in this large group handling the situation? Maybe talk to some of them about it and see if you all could come up with a solution together. Also, you should encourage these two friends of yours to try and work through whatever it is that has come between them. Don't get yourself caught in the middle as it is not your problem or your fight.

If it comes down to it and these two friends, just will not make amends, then try hanging out with them at separate times. You can't always please everyone else,

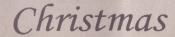
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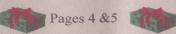
Sincerely,

Dowdy



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Seniors Brennan Brockhaus and Ian Baumgart along with sophomore Queze Campos do the "Gangnam Style" dance during a halftime performance. There were thirty-eight people on the court for the guy/girl dance this year.

Gangnam go

By Tara Starzec Staff Reporter

The Scotus Flag Corps has been trying to keep their halftime performances different and interesting. The routine for the varsity girls' basketball game on December 11th was no exception. They doubled their numbers and performed a guygirl dance to PSY's "Gangnam Style". The last time that the flag corps did this type of a routine was two years ago when they danced to "I Got a Girl" by Lou Bega.

This year's routine was different than the previous routine in a lot of ways. For example, the routine was choreographed by many of the seniors on flag corps. The routine from two years ago was choreographed by Desiree Johnson, a dance instructor at Barb's School of Dance and Desiree's Dancers. It was a different experience choreographing for such a large group of people.

"There were five of us who choreographed the dance,"

group of people.

"There were five of us who choreographed the dance," Bridgette Brune, a senior on the team said. "With all of us throwing out ideas, it went a lot quicker than

The guys learned the routine on Sunday, November 18th. They were also expected to come to morning practices from December 3rd through December 7th.

"Learning the routine was actually harder than I thought it would be," senior Ian Baumgart said. "There were a lot of moves to remember."

remember."

While the guys were trying to remember the routine, the girls were

"It was difficult to fit everyone in the gym and give each person enough space so that the flags

wouldn't hit each other," Brune

Even though there was less room to move in the gym, the flag girls were happy to have the guys there.

there.

"Doing a dance with the guys added a whole new element. The guys added a lot of fun to our ordinary practices," Brune said.

The final dress rehearsal for this routine was the morning of December 11th.

"I was really nervous before the music started, but seeing everyone move to the other side of the gym really got me excited.

of the gym really got me excited. It was a lot of fun," Baumgart said.

impact on the performance, and the guys weren't the only ones to notice. The girls on the flag corps also were influenced by the crowd's enthusiasm.

crowd's enthusiasm.

"Seeing the entire student section move to the other side of the gym to watch the guys made it ten times better, and everyone was cheering the whole time!" Brune said.

Brune said.

During the performance, the guys and girls were all smiles. After the routine was over, they left the court and went up to the band room to watch the video of their performance. The applause and cheering that went on throughout the video implied that people were pleased with their

throughout the video implied that people were pleased with their performance.

"It was really fun because it was an upbeat song that everybody knew," Brune said.
"The audience got into it right away, and the guys did a great job."

The only way that the flag.

job."
The only way that the flag corps can keep doing guy/girl dances is if there is enough interest from the male student

interest from body.

"If a flag corps girl ever asks you to do a dance with her, do it," Baumgart said. "It was a lot of fun."

Lottery loses leverage

By Claire Fuchser Copy Editor

Scotus is always looking for Scotus is always looking for ways to improve. Not only improve in academics and athletics, but also in the quality of the building. By having fundraisers such as the Annual Appeal, Scotus Education Fund (SEF), Shamrock Lottery and support from Scotus Mother's Club, the Shamrock family is able to keep up on the maintenance of the building

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On the evening of December 11th at halftime of the boys' basketball game against Omaha Concordia, Scotus' annual Shamrock Lottery drawing occurred. The Shamrock Lottery drawing occurred. The Shamrock Lottery has become a key part in fundraising that the school has every year. Scotus Development Director John Schueth headed the event.

"Our goal was \$10,700. And that's based on how we did last year. We didn't think we could raise our goal just by saying, 'Oh we want more money this year'. So we looked at how many tickets the students last year sold, and we thought, 'let's shoot for this'," Schueth said.

The winners of the drawing were as follows: \$500 to Joe and Stacy Chohon, \$300 to Eric Shemek, \$250 to Bill Flint, \$200 to Bill Cremers, and \$100 to Andy Jakubowski. The total ticket sales were \$8,940.

Each year, a goal is set and the proceeds go to different projects around the school. This year the targeted goal was based on last year's amount raised and how successful the fundraiser was. The money raised this year will go towards renovation of the physics classroom. For the past few years, teacher Tom Salyard has asked about the possibility of purchasing twelve new chemical resistant lab tables. the possibility of purchasing twelve new chemical resistant lab tables.

Holiday miracles drive through Scotus

By Carly Burkhardt Staff Reporter

Undeniably, the Christmas season is the happiest time of the year. Little boys and little girls of all ages anxiously await the arrival of Santa Claus and his bag of toys, mothers decorate their houses with festive colors, and fathers cut up firewood to burn in the fireplace on Christmas Eve. Unfortunately not all families have the luxury of this "Christmas image" so many have come to know.

Every year Scotus takes part

Every year Scotus takes part in giving back to the community, participating in The Miracle Minute, Holiday Spirit Co-op, and the Food Drive all around the holiday season.

Drive all around the holiday season. Although some projects may seem like they take hours of work, giving back to the less fortunate can in some cases take simply a minute.

"We've been donating to Minute for some worthy cause probably for the last seven or eight years; it doesn't really take a lot of planning. Students have to put up posters, and they created the buckets; other than that it's just a matter

approval with the administration," student council advisor Joan Lahm

student council advisor Joan Lahm said.

Each year during a home basketball game, members of the Student Council race through the crowd trying to come up with as much money as they can in a minute.

"Many years ago at the State Convention the service project chosen was the Make a Wish Foundation, so we started off with that. Eventually we decided to go a little more local, and now we have to go back to general. It's really something I don't want to lose because I think it's part of giving back to people," Lahm stated.

This year, the Miracle Minute was done at the boys' varsity basketball game against Concordia High school, with a total of \$402 collected in a single minute. Along with donating to the Make a Wish Foundation, Scotus students take part in the annual Holiday Spirit Coop.

NHS members each year

NHS members each year decide what organization they want to donate to, and although the

is make sure the students either have the money or are going to donate the money. It used to be a few years ago that every NHS member would contribute so many dollars, and then we would do our fundraising, and we would decide what to do with the money then. In the past years the officers thought that instead of every Honor Society member having to contribute, they could contribute by doing the fundraiser," NHS advisor Jane Dusel commented.

Around Christmas every year, NHS members can be spotted throughout the halls trying to sell

NHS members can be spotted throughout the halls trying to sell candy canes, and this year candy bars, to eager kids in junior high and the entire school. The money made from the sales is totaled and then

from the sales is totaled and then used to buy gifts for children in need each Christmas.

"The officers decide every year what to do, and I back up their decision. It's been one of those things that have just sort of stayed with us because it is such a good way to give back to our community and give back to those who are in need," Dused said Dusel said



Freshmen student council members Rachel Miksch and Brady Pryzmus work the crowd during the Miracle Minute at the boys basketball game on December 11th. The group earned \$402 for the Make a Wish Foundation.

forth the money themselves, a total of six kids were able to be shopped for. Now, with the candy sales, ten kids are able to receive Christmas presents thanks to the fundraising

When all the Christmas candies are counted, and the minutes surpass miracle, it leaves one final giving

process to be done. The week before first-semester finals each year marks the beginning of the Food Drive. The Food Drive is headed up by Fr. Roza who works hard to encourage students to bring food for those in read.

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MIRACLES

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"We have traditionally given to the Simon House because it's associated with the St. Vincent de Paul societies of the three parishes

the St. Vincent de Paul societies of the three parishes here in Columbus, and because they also do a really good job of distributing food to people who need it, in a way that they really need it," Fr. Roza said.

The winning total of food collected this year went to the senior class, who averaged 17.2 points per student.

"We do it every year because the Simon House needs the help, and we are people who are able to give that help. Also because it helps us to better ourselves or better understand, at least in some small way, the impact we can have on other people's lives even when we're even when

young," Fr. Roza said as his final thoughts. "You don't have to be older or in power to make a significant difference in people's lives, and this is just one easy way to do that."

LOTTERY

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These lab tables will be more appropriate for the physics class and the different experiments that they do throughout the year.
"Hopefully this would get done over Christmas break; so between semesters. But the tables may not come in time so we may have to

in time so we may have to wait till later," Schueth said.

In recent years, new desks have been purchased from Central Community from Central Community College at a reduced price and have been placed in different classrooms around

the building. Future plans for Shamrock Lottery are to continue to renovate each classroom with new desks classroom with new desks and eliminating the dividers between classrooms. The elimination of dividers began during the summer of 2012 with the help of a few staff members and faculty. Scotus was able to save money by having the teachers remove the pre-existing barriers and adding walls.

The tables in Salyard's room will be moved up to third floor and placed in Spanish teacher Gail Bomar's room.

room.
"[Bomar] thinks that it'd 'Homar I talk to be easier to instruct students in another language if they were in groups like that. We'll get rid of some of her yucky desks so we'll actually take care of another classroom," Schueth said.

The money left over after

The money left over after purchasing the new lab tables

will go toward replacing the west door of the weight room. The door and frame alone will cost approximately \$5,000, so there will be just enough to complete the task.

"That door has been there

"That door has been there for a long time, probably since that building was built. It leaks air and probably isn't the most secure door in the world; we want to improve our safety as well as become more energy efficient. We've already replaced the windows and new flooring and new equipment of course. But now we want to finish it off with the door in there as well," Schueth said.

In the past, students

In the past, students have been the one's asked to sell the tickets. Tickets were given to the parents and were given to the parents and were asked to give them to their sons and daughters so they could sell them. This year the development office tried something different. "This year we gave them to the parents, and they were the ones in charge of selling the [Shamrock Lottery] tickets," Schueth said.

Because of the new tactic being used, an incentive was included for the parents who sell a certain amount of

"For every book of tickets the parents sell, we're going to put their name in another drawing. After we get everybody's books sold and we know who's sold them all, we'll do the second drawing, and the winner will be awarded with an iPad2 or \$300 cash," Schueth said.

Parent winners of the second drawing were Fred and Donna Hoppe, who will have the choice of deciding

between the two prizes.

In the past when selling tickets were student's jobs, numerous incentives were offered for those who

completed the task. Cash prizes, days off of school, and even pizza parties.

"The school board doesn't allow days off anymore because this is supposed to be a place where you learn and not where you have time off. The cash prize this didn't seem to work and the cash prize this didn't seem to work and the cash prize this didn't seem to work and the cash prize this didn't seem to work and the cash prize this didn't seem to work and the cash prize this didn't seem to work and the cash prize this didn't seem to work and the cash prize the cash this : thing didn't seem to work, and the pizza parties didn't really have any effect either. These were offered for the class that sold the most tickets and no one seemed to come so that kind of phased out," Schueth

"The really neat thing is that a lot of people believe in this school. They think that what you're getting in a Catholic education is special and they want to support it. We don't have to ask too hard, people really want to beln us. people really want to help us out," Scheuth said.



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By Claire Fuchser Copy Editor

With beginning, comes the urge to finish. This is true for many people, and for students, it can be applied to their desire can be applied to their desire to get out of school. Everyone is told to have their stuff done on time in a certain fashion. But when hurrying takes over finishing projects correctly, problems arise. We sometimes get sidetracked by our priorities and forget about the other people around us. When getting something done, it needs to be finished as soon as possible, and we find

Relax, rejoice, replenish

Getting senior pictures taken was an absolute blast, and I wanted them back right away. College reps have been away. College reps have been sending numerous postcards and letters strongly suggesting that I apply to their schools. The rush that every senior feels about going to college and wanting to graduate from high school is exhilarating, but it can also be exhausting. From the stresses of everyone telling me that one form must be turned in by a certain date and others need to be turned in before that, and that pictures take time to edit and homework and projects

and homework and projects still have to be done; I just want to be able to sit back, relax, and quite frankly, do nothing. Because I'm a senior, I am especially looking I am especially looking forward to this holiday season mostly because that's what I have to do: NOTHING!

The craziness

can be put behind me, and I'll be able to savor the time that I have at home over break. That's what is so great about the holidays, especially the Christmas season. It gives people a chance to slow down and just enjoy the people account the Purity of the people account the peop and just enjoy the people around them. But what I've come to find is, not everyone does that. People are all so busy shopping and trying to get the best deals for a holiday that is still up and coming. People are putting up decorations, some still have to work, and others are working

work, and others are working on projects.

I wish that people would be able to step back, look at what they have that so many don't, and appreciate everything around them. Not only appreciate what they have, but appreciate what they don't. Everyone needs to enjoy what they have because in a flash it could all be gone. To me, that's what Christmas time is about.

Sure, I'll come home for Christmas a year from now and spend time with my family, but the holiday rush will still come about. It's good to slow down once in a while and not worry so much about the problems we all face. Of course issues won't so away. course issues won't go away just because people are at nome with their loved ones, but it at least gives us all time

but it at least gives us all time to think about everything that we're blessed with.

I guess what I'm really trying to say is that our world has become a place where everything needs to be done perfectly and as soon as possible. Keeping up with the times is a top priority in society, but that doesn't mean that we shouldn't set aside time for ourselves and stop the rush. After all, if people hurried to get everything done hurried to get everything done all the time for the rest of their lives, they wouldn't be able to sit back and enjoy what other

True friends worth the wait



By Kylee Soulliere Staff Reporter

When I first came to Scotus in seventh grade, there were seventy kids in the class. I remember being that awkward little seventh grade girl who wore a huge baggy sweatshirt and shorts that went down to her knees. I was scared of everyone and everything, and I didn't really know what to expect. The idea of all the new people and trying to make new friends scared me. Coming here from St. Bonaventure, where I had When I first came to scared me. Coming here from St. Bonaventure, where I had the same friends for seven years, and then trying to make those new friends was hard

Looking back now I realize that we were all those awkward little kids who ran from class to class trying not to be late. Seventh grade was a big year for me, it was the year that I met the people that I would be going to classes with for the next five years, the people that I would be graduating with, and the people that would become some of my best friends. At that time, I was just trying to survive. Looking back

Eighth grade was a lot different from my seventh grade year. I already knew everyone so I was a lot less awkward. I remember having two distinct groups of friends. I hated how I couldn't hang out with them at the same time. It was not so much that they were cliques or anything rather than they would just do different things. I always felt torn between the two groups because I loved hanging out with both of them; however, I never really felt like I was really a part of either of the groups so I just kind of floated At that time was just trying to find my

place.
Freshman year was a whole different spectrum.
My best friend was a senior, so I spent most of the year hanging out with people that were two or three years older than me. I loved this because than me. I loved this because most of them did not go to Scotus. Outside of school and activities, I rarely saw most of the kids from my class. I didn't feel that pull between the groups anymore, and I felt as though I was actually fitting in somewhere. The fact that I was at least two years you were them my friends. years younger than my friends meant that they could drive while I couldn't, and they had a lot later curfews than I did. a lot later curfews than I did. Freshman year was probably the hardest year for me, and although I told myself I was happy to be hanging out with my new group of friends, I knew I wasn't being myself around them. I was really just missing the kids from my that time, I was just trying to tell myself I was happy.

I left at the end of my freshman year, and came back to Scotus for the start of my junior year. I had missed my class during that year, and I was happy to be back. However, everyone back. However, everyone had changed sophomore year. People who I had thought would never make certain choices, were getting involved in that lifestyle. It shocked me to see how much everyone me to see how much everyone had transformed, and those spots in those groups that I had always considered myself at least a little part of had closed up while I was gone. I felt on the outside of everything, and that made it hard for me to get back into hancing out with

class and wishing that I could feel like I fit in with them. At

that made it had for the very back into hanging out with people. I felt like I had been kicked back to seventh grade, and that I had to start all over with the friend issue. It was especially hard because of the choices I refused to make the choices I refused to make because of what I believed was right. At that time, I was just trying to fit in again, find my place, and tell myself I was happy.

All this surviving and fitting in and finding my place and telling myself I was happy and starting all over again got me right to the place I am at today. I found my best friend this past summer. With her I found that place where I didn't have to try to fit in,

I didn't have to try to fit in, where I didn't have to tell myself I was happy. I could be myself around her; I didn't have to worry about turning down any of her offers to hang out because we shared the same ideas of what a fun weekend was. We both help other, we both love to laugh, and most importantly; we both love thrift shopping. It's still weird to think that we've been going to school together for four years, and now our last year together we realize all that we have in common.

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~Kylee Soulliere

It just goes to show that you can find your friends in the places you least expect, in the places you have already looked, and the places you have overlooked. Life is rough, but if you stay true to who you are and what you believe then you will, eventually, find those people that will stand by you and be your friend because they believe and have the same morals as you. It may take five years to finally find your place and fit in and be morals as you. It may take five years to finally find your place and fit in and be happy, but it's worth the wait. It's better to be alone and searching for those friends while being yourself, than to be surrounded by people being someone you are not.

You just broke my soul



By Brooke Olmer Staff Reporter

"What do you want to do

don't care, you "How about we go to a

"No, that's a stupid idea, movies are boring."

How many times have you come up with an idea that's been shot down?

More than likely everyone has had their ideas shot down more than once and for some more than once, and for some people they've had their ideas

How does this make you feel?
The obvious answer is not very good. It really annoys me when people ask other people for their advice or opinion, but then reject their input as soon as it leaves the person's mouth. Why even ask someone to give their input on a topic if you know you're going to shut them down?

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It also annoys me when people ask advice on a decision they have to make even though they already know what they're going to decide. There is no use in asking someone for their advice if you're not going, to listen to it and just do what you want anyway. If you're going to ask someone for their advice, you should actually take time to stop and listen to it. You never know, it could help you see situations from a different angle and maybe even make a better decision.

There are also the people that think their way is the only way. We all know someone

way. We all know someone who thinks they are better than others, and that their opinion is the only one that matters.

They won't even take the time to listen to what others have to say because they already have their mind set in stone. These types of people are usually the people that will argue their opinion no matter what.

These people need to take a chill pill and relax. Who cares if someone has a different opinion or idea than you? It's no big deal, just relax and let them think what they want. This is usually the case in politics. Usually, a person's mind is set on who they want to win an election, and there is really no point in arguing with them. So you might as well, just listen to what they have to say; you never know, their reasons might amuse you.

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There are also certain times where someone feels passionate for something so they choose to share this with they choose to share this with the wrong person, and that person makes them feel as if what their excited about is stupid. If someone decides to share something they find exciting with you, try and act

enthusiastic for them. Don't break their soul and act like what they are excited about is not important. Just let them have their moment and be happy, even if it has nothing to do with you.

Sometimes, when a teacher asks for their input on a topic, some students are afraid to share what they have to say. This is more than likely caused by the people I just described. The students are afraid to share what they have to say because they think their afraid to share what they have to say because they think their idea will be shot down. There is really no use in judging someone for their opinion on something. A person's opinion is a person's opinion. No big deal. We all just need to learn to respect it.

No one wants their ideas to get shot down. It can burt

to get shot down. It can hurt to get shot down. It can hurt their feelings and maybe even make them think twice about sharing their opinion. So the next time you ask someone for their advice, opinions, or idea, actually listen to it. You never know, their idea might actually be better than yours.





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Cyber Monday controls Christmas

By Carly Burkhardt Staff Reporter

In the past seven years mething magnificent s happened, something credible; something that as happened, something acredible; something that as changed the world: Cyber Monday. All across the world, Cyber Monday has given the experience of Christmas shopping a new meaning. The innovation of the internet has made way for a new shopping experience: less hectic mothers, screaming children, and grumpy salespeople are found throughout the aisles of

countless department stores.
Originating in 2005,
Cyber Monday gave way to a
new generation of shoppers. According to Superpages. com, almost 300 million shoppers showed up online this year. With deals on deals on deals, the allure of cyber deals can be hard for even the most frugal shopper to resist. With some iPads selling for \$30, flat screen televisions at 80% off, and countless other incredible deals, shoppers swarmed the site of CyberMonday.com this year.

Everyone has come to know, and either love or hate, the kick- off to the Christmas shopping season, Black the kick- on the shopping season, Black Friday. Countless crazy, saleshocked Americans stake out for hours on end with the hopes of getting endless gifts for bargain prices. Black Friday started early

this year, with doors opening on Thanksgiving evening in most stores. According to Cnet.com, the stores that opened the doors early saw a 21% increase on sales alone. Large retail and department stores have to open their doors early to compete with the cyber world. The insanity that has become the dread for most department stores is easing up just a tad. Although they did see an increase in the number of shoppers, the retail sales dropped by 1.8 percent. With this seemingly small drawback they step aside to a new champion of the

tis' Yes, Yes, tis' true, Cyber Monday is on its way to surpass Black Friday; a Cyber Christmas is emerging. This cyber holiday, although extremely popular, is taking away from one of the main essences of what Christmas time used to be. Christmas buying season.

Christmas shopping, although time consuming, is a great way to build community and build up morale. Sitting alone in a dark room at home shopping on the computer is by no means going to lift Christmas spirits. Although it will lift up the weight in your wallet, actually getting out into stores and shopping for gifts is a great way to see the gifts is a great way to see the Christmas spirit throughout a community, in contrast to being alone and shopping. One of the beautiful

One of the beautiful aspects of Christmas is the online, it is almost impossible not to be in a good mood. That's part of the magic of Christmas; it somehow allows everyone to put aside differences and brings people

almost every woman out there would agree, than spending hundreds of dollars shopping. Although outrageous sums of money are spent every Christmas, it has become a symbol of the Christmas season.

As years progress, the amount of shopping that will be done on line is sure to increase; stores will have to open earlier and earlier, mark down even more items, and do their best to lure shoppers in if they want to compete with the cyber world.

Whether or not most people are buying online or

in stores, the numbers show that the Christmas season has taken off. According to CNN money, an estimated 52.4 billion dollars was spent on the four day weekend following Thanksgiving alone. As easy as it is to get caught up in all the spending and the deals in stores and online, having fun while doing it and sharing that fun with others is what



Christmas food worth the weight

By Tara Starzec Staff Reporter

The end of the semester is only a few days away, and that means winter break, Christmas, and a great deal of ous goodies. Christians forward to Christmas to celebrate the birth of Jesus, but the die-hard food fans are looking forward to something else as well. They are awaiting all of the special

foods that will be prepared for

Christmas dinner.

The main event of Christmas dinner is of course, Christmas dinner is of course, the main course. The many regions of the U.S. have different ideas of what a good Christmas entrée should be according to All Recipes. The Pacific coast prefers seafood, with California having a particular interest in fish tacos. The rest of the country struces over whether ham argues over whether ham or turkey should be served. Southern states prefer to serve

both ham and turkey, and the northeastern states preferred turkey. The Midwest prefers ham, and it happens to be the only region in the U.S. that

does so.

Every great person comes with a posse. In the same way, every great entrée is accompanied by delicious side dishes. Out of the top five Christmas side dishes according to Food Network, four of them involve potatoes. Other popular sides involve green beans, biscuits, and

cranberry sauce.

It's finally time for the Christmas feast finale; desserts. Santa is coming to town, so many prepare for his arrival by baking Christmas cookies. Food Network rates gingerbread cookies as the most popular cookies for Christmas, and sugar cookies are the next most popular.

After the meal, many people regret the quantity of food that they consumed. There is a popular myth that people gain massive amounts

of weight over the holidays. Thankfully, *CNN* was able to debunk this rumor. *CNN* declared that people with a healthy BMI (body mass

over the homes those who are overweight may gain up to five pounds.

One to two pounds does not seem like much, but if it isn't worked off it can add over the years. While up over the years. While enjoying the holiday cuisine, keep portion control in mind. At the same time, don't make

year to enjoy extraordinary foods. Everyone should enjoy their Christmas break and take advantage of all of the opportunities provided. Sure, all of that holiday eating may cause some weight gain, but so what? Christmas cookies are worth doing a little extra

What special traditions or other things does your family do during the holidays?

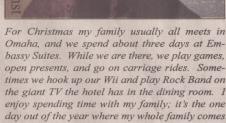


'My family every year combines Christmas and Thanksgiving because we can't stand each other for two whole holidays. We call this holiday Thank-mas. We go to a hotel and have a gift exchange, charades, and go to the light show in downtown

"On Christmas Eve my family comes to our house, and we eat chilli. After this we exchange a few gifts, and then we do whatever for the rest of the night. This usually involves everyone trying to play video games like Mario and Guitar hero. After we are done with that, we all watch 'A Christmas Story' and drink eggnog. In the morning we go to my Grandma's house for homemade cinnamon rolls



For Christmas my family usually all meets in Omaha, and we spend about three days at Embassy Suites. While we are there, we play games, times we hook up our Wii and play Rock Band on the giant TV the hotel has in the dining room. I



hristmas traditions unwrapped

Layout Editor

Most people have Christmas traditions: stockings, Christmas trees, Santa Claus, etc., but not everyone knows how these started or why peo-

Ple still do them today.

Catholics know that
Christmas is celebrated because it was the day that Christ the Savior was born, but early Christians didn't know for a fact that he was actually born on December 25th. The early Christians picked that date to rival their close neighbors, the pagans in Rome. They had a

celebrate the winter solstice.
Those Christian traditions
gradually made their way all
across the world.
Everything that people do

today in America comes from traditions from all around the globe. Americans have all those different traditions because America is a nation of

mmigrants.

According the History.com, the Christmas tree comes from the Germans.

Many people valued trees that stayed green in the winter, so early Christians brought them into their home. A protestant

given credit for putting dec-orated candles (now it's the Christmas tree lights) on his tree because he saw the beau-ty of the stars one night when he was preaching.
Santa Claus was the real

Santa Claus was the real person, Saint Nicholas. Saint Nick gave away all his possessions to poor children. During the Renaissance, he was the most popular saint in Europe. The Dutch name for him was Sinter Klaus. When the Dutch came to America they brought Jolly Old Santa Claus with them.

The hanging of stockings

dren would leave their shoes by the fireplace in honor of the feast of Saint Nicholas. Over the years it gradually developed into hanging stock-

Sending Christmas cards to friends is also a big tradi-tion. This tradition started tion. This tradition started with a man in England who took advantage of new post offices. Christmas cards became an instant hit with everyone after the first card was

Poinsettias were first introduced to the United States in 1828. This native Mexican

Joel Pointsett, a minister Mexico. This Christmas wer was named after Pointin Mexico.

together in one place.

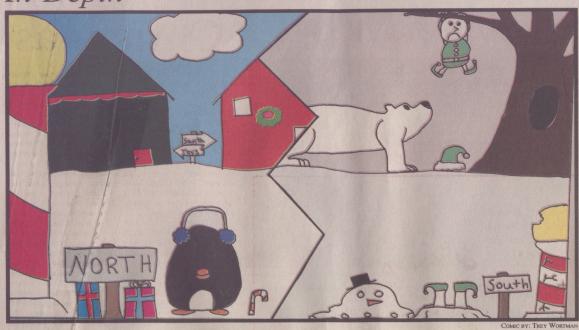
The Yule log is another The Yule log is another tradition. This comes from Norway. They would burn a log to celebrate the sun's return after the winter solstice. Because of the burning of the Yule log, the fireplace has become a traditional scene when people think about Christmas. The Yule log is also the reaches. The Yule log is also the rea-son for log shaped cheeses and other deserts during the

Besides Christian tradi-

this time of year, there are also other cultures that celebrate The Jewish people celebrate the eight days of Hanukkah. The seven days of Kwanzaa is also celebrated around this

time.

Christmas is full of traditions. Traditions in America
come from all over the globe,
but families add their own traditions to the already existing
traditions. Everyone has their
own flars to give to the tradiown flare to give to the traditions. Every family is unique



Have a harmonizing holiday

By Kristen Ohnoutka Staff Reporter

From Bing Crosby's "White Christmas" to Justin Bieber's "Mistletoe" the holiday season seems to have become another chance for celebrities to make some major cash off of a holiday album, but we don't mind, especially with such memorable songs that so many people have come to grow up with.

"Every year since I was about ten I have watched White Christmas and Holiday Im during the holidays. I love Bing. Crosby's voice in both movies, and my mom always played the album at Christmas," Mrs. Schaad said.

This year the top three Christmas albums according to About, com's Top 10 New

This year the top three Christmas albums according to About,com's Top 10 New Pop Christmas Albums of 2012 were: Various Artists' "Holidays Rule", Lady Antebellum's "On This Winter's Night", and Rod Stewart's "Merry Christmas. Though these aren't the classics, they are definitely worth giving a listen to this holiday season.

However, many would say nothing can truly top the Christmas classics.

The top three Christmas jams of all time, according to Rollingstone's Top Christmas Songs of All Time, are: John Lennon's- "Happy Xmas (War is Over)", The Pogues-"Fairytale of New York", and Queen's- "Thank God it's Christmas".

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Whether it is the classics or the new hits, Christmas music is a big part of the holiday season. However, not everyone enjoys the cheery, jolly tunes of the winter time. In fact, some would prefer a Christmas without it.

"I am not a big fan of Christmas music unless it is on a few days before Christmas. They play the same They play the same songs only different people singing them, and they start playing them so early it gets old really fast," Mr. Swanson said.

fast," Mr. Swanson said.

It may be hard to believe that some people could not enjoy Christmas music, especially around the

music, especially holiday season.

Holiday music, however, is generally considered "obnoxious" to some people. "obnoxious" to some people. According to Victoria Williamson, Ph. D, many people tend to dislike this style of music because of what she calls 'the mere exposure effect'. Meaning, too much "Rudolf the Red-Nosed Reindeer" and it's bound to get old.

Williamson's theory can also be applied to songs from

Williamson's theory can also be applied to songs from everyday life, like "Gangnam Style" or "Call Me Maybe"; which are constantly on replay on local radio stations. After about the twentieth time hearing the same song people tend to think 'Alright that's enough.'

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Besides this opinion, Christmas music has been proven in many studies to make people happy. According to Psych Central Online Organization, scientists have tested and resulted that 1 out of 3 peoples' moods changed positively after hearing some of Frank Sinatra's "Have Yourself a Merry Christmas".

Holiday music is a big part of many peoples' Christmas seasons. Whether you jam out to it every time you get in your car, or you plug your ears once you hear the terrible, jolly beats coming through the radio waves, Christmas music has been around forever and is here to stay.

About.com's Top 10 New Pop Christmas Albums of 2012

Various Artists

Lady Antebellum

Rod Stewart

Blake Shelton Cheers.

John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John

Tracey Thorn

Colbie Caillat

Scotty McCreery

August Burns

Christina Perri

Rollingstone's Top Christmas Songs of All Time

"Happy Xmas (War is Over)" John Lennon
"Fairytale of New York"

The Pogues
"Thank God it's Christmas"

Queen
"All I Want for Christmas is You"

Mariah Carey
"Santa Claus is Coming to Town"

Bruce Springsteen
"Peace on Earth/Little Drummer Boy"

David Bowie and Bing Crosby
"Blue Christmas"
Elvis Presley

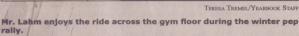
"Father Christmas"
The Kinks
"Wonderful Christmastime"

Paul McCartney
"Christmas in Hollis"

Run-DMC
"Happy Xmas (War is Over)"

The number one









Tis the season

By Kylee Soulliere Staff Reporter

The hype for the Christmas season starts long before the season itself. Christmas candy and decorations are sitting out prior to the Thanksgiving turkey even being carved. On Thanksgiving instead of having a big dinner and sitting around with the family afterwards reclining with their bulging stomachs, people are having a Thanksgiving lunch so that by four in the afternoon they can be camped out in lines for the Black Friday sale. It has come to the point where people would stand for hours in a line waiting for a four dollar movie rather than stay home and spend that time with their family.

I want to go back to the time when it used to be a season for giving, but it's become a season with people more concerned about getting. It's sad. From Thanksgiving until Christmas, America has commercialized everything a person encounters. Ads on the television, newspaper, and magazines are trying to give deals and reminding about all the items that are supposedly needed for this season and the upcoming year.

I want to go back to the time where Christmas was about family and spending time with the people who meant the most to you. When the season meant getting together, eating a big dinner, opening presents, and drinking hot chocolate and mixing it with candy canes.

drinking hot chocolate and mixing it with candy canes.

I want to go back to the time when a person could say "Merry Christmas" to anyone on the street and receive a warm smile and a returned "Merry Christmas". What happens instead after this person wishes a Merry Christmas, in most cases, is a glare and a snide "Happy Holidays". Even Wal-Mart greeters are required to say "Happy Holidays" are required to say "Happy Holidays" because anything else is no longer socially acceptable.

socially acceptable.

I want to go back to the time when people didn't get affronted by the littlest differences in opinion. When mentioning or writing "Xmas" instead of "Christmas" wasn't so offensive to some people. They think that you are just trying to "X" out "Christ". But if they really knew their facts they would know that this abbreviation has been about for hundreds of years even present in this abbreviation has been about for hundreds of years even present in religious writing. The origin of this abbreviation comes from "X" which represents a Greek chi, the first letter in "Christ." Most everyone is unaware of this Greek origin so they just believe that "Xmas" is mainly for the commercial convenience of omitting "Christ" from "Christmas", which in some situations is the case, but not all use it with that intention.

I want to go back to the time when I was a kid. Ten years ago kids were a lot more grateful and respected the season and all that it stood for. My parents gave me the best Christmas I could have ever wanted, every year.

could have ever wanted, every year. It wasn't the presents; it wasn't the food; it was having the whole family there and enjoying that time together. Don't get me wrong, the presents and food definitely made it a lot better, and I'll admit I got upset when I didn't get all the presents I, wanted, but I still knew that the season wasn't

So this Christmas, take it back to that time when all those instances would happen. Make it a season about giving. Make it a season would happen. Make it a season about giving. Make it a season about family and enjoying that time together. Say "Merry Christmas" on the streets to strangers. Respect other people's beliefs and ideas especially during this season. Put aside any hard feelings, don't start those pointless arguments, and just remember to have a good time. Be grateful for the presents you do get, but don't let the material aspects define your happiness this season. Remember; 'tis the season for whatever you choose to make of it.



Bowls add excitement

By Brennan Brockhaus Staff Reporter

A common tradition that many families take part in over the holidays is watching the last of the college football games. The bowl games are filled with excitement and wild finishes year in and year out. Plus, there is plenty of money to be going around filling out all the Bowl Pick 'em's. Here are some of my predictions that should be a thrill to watch this Christmas

LSU vs. Clemson in the Chick-fil-A Bowl. This the Chick-fil-A Bowl. This matchup will feature a high powered offense from Clemson and a stout defense from LSU. LSU has faced a from LSU. LSU has faced a brutal schedule being in the SEC. Clemson hasn't faced as tough of a schedule, but this will still be a fantastic game to watch. Make sure to pick the Tigers in this one.

Oregon vs. Kansas State in the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl.

in the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl. Oregon boasts one of the most explosive offenses in the country. They average just over 50 points per game. Kansas State also puts up a large number of points, and they have played tougher competition. Look for this game to be high scoring with little defense. Whoever has the ball last will get the win. I flipped a coin, and Oregon came out on top.

Texas A&M vs. Oklahoma in the AT&T

Texas A&M vs.
Oklahoma in the AT&T
Cotton Bowl. Two impressive
quarterbacks will take part
in a showdown in Cowboys AT&T Stadium. Heisman trophy winner Johnny Manziel leads his football team against Landry Jones. These are two good quarterbacks that will look to take their team to the next level. Both teams come in with a five game winning streak, but the Aggies will prevail. Switching conferences have greatly benefited Texas A&M. A bowl win will be the icing on the cake. Heisman trophy

the cake.

Georgia vs. Nebraska in the Capital One Bowl. There are many doubters out there saying the Huskers will get blown out against Georgia. They have a strong case after the Big X title game. However, it will be a much better game than people expect. On paper, the Huskers match up quite well with the Bulldogs. It will be a close game and a fun one to watch. The Bulldogs come in with a little bit more fight, though. They get the close win.

Notre Dame vs. Alabama

Notre Dame vs. Alabama in the Discover BCS National Championship. This is the game everyone has been waiting for. Notre Dame Manti Linebacker Manti Te'o won many awards for his spectacular defense. On the other side of the ball, Eddie Lacy will look to Lacy will look to wear out Te'o and the rest of the Te'o and the rest of the Fighting Irish defense. Many critics think Notre Dame isn't a championship caliber team All season, Notre Dame has found gutsy ways to win, found gutsy ways to win, and they'll find a way against the Crimson Tide in the championship game.

Practice pays off for swimmers



Scotus senior Brandon Hahn competes in the butterfly at the swim meet December 4th. Hahn is the boys team captain this year.

By Claire Fuchser Copy Editor

For the Columbus High For the Columbus High Swim team, a new era has dawned. From the ventilation problems at the Aquatic Center to seeing a hometown legend graduate, the CHS sport has begun to start anew. The swimmers began their season with numerous meets and even more practices.

meets and even more practices because of the five weeks of

two-a-days that were held. But it paid off when the girls placed first at the Hastings Invite December 1st. "[The meet] was a great indicator of how the season

will progress as we were up against all the teams in our conference and won," head girls coach Annie Peters said.

The Columbus Relays were held on December 8th at the Aquatic Center. Seven teams, including Columbus, from across the

Columbus finished overall

with 4th place.
"The meet on Saturday
was a lot of fun. It includes
lots of nontraditional
events, and we allowed our upperclassmen to choose some of their own events. There was a lot of energy," Peters said.

Scotus has two returning seniors this season: Brandon Hahn and Jill Bonk. Both seniors have been members of the swim team since they

"Jill has been a great athlete and team member over the past four years. She really enjoys swimming and is a very positive role mode! for our younger swimmers,' Peters said.

Although the team is young, the girls' team is really excited for the season.

excited for the season.

"We look forward to placing well at conference (1st) and having a good show at state. Laura [Miksch] is in the standing to win gold in her events," Peters shared.

Last year was the first time Miksch had been seen at the top of the medal stand at.

the top of the medal stand at a state appearance. With last the top of the medal stand at a state appearance. With last year's graduation of brother, Ryan, the boys are also looking forward to having many good showings at state. "Boys are doing well. I am looking forward to taking unite a few from the boys."

quite a few from the boys' team to state," head boys coach Chris Lovci said.

As boys' team captain,
Hahn's job is to be a leader for

the team in and out of the pool. Marked by his numerous state appearances, Hahn has been a high scorer for the team since

his freshman year.

"Brandon has been a contributor for the team for several years. I am proud of his dedication and sticking

conference and take as many to state as possible. We also hope to develop the younger swimmers so they will be swimmers so they will be the top swimmers in years to come." Lovci said.

Besides having a swim team, Columbus High also

has a diving team. Diving at CHS is still fairly new, but there are many students who

"Diving is in its 3 "Diving is in its 3rd year back as an event for CHS. At this time we have no Scotus divers, but both Scotus and Columbus Divers got the eventback on track. Columbus Diving has shown the state swimming community that we are a player in diving," Lovei shared.

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Even though Columbus Divers have never made a showing at the state level in the past, each coach believes that it is possible to send divers this year.

"With strong returning divers, I would hope to see Columbus qualify for state diving for the first time since the program started," Peters said.

said.

The swimmer's nappearance at a meet is Thursday, January 3rd Lincoln High.

Young Shamrocks find success

By Brennan Brockhaus Staff Reporter

There were many ques tion marks as to who would step up this year for the Scotus boys' basketball team, but they have found players willing to fill the roles. The boys have a much new look and a young team compared to last season. The boys started their season with a home win November 29th against stings St. Cecilia by a

Hastings St. Cecilia by a score of 66-40.
"I thought that by winders are by 26 points, ning that game by 26 points, it gave us a confidence that we could be a good team and better than we could ever imagine," head coach Jeff Ohnoutka said.

Ohnoutka said.

The team has just two seniors, Derek Lahm and Brennan Brockhaus, and two juniors, Nathan Ebner and Derek Kaslon, but get quite a bit of help from underclassmen. The team is also led by sophomores Garrit Shanle and Grant Lahm. Lahm le and Grant Lahm. Lahm is looking to improve on his success from his freshman

"I'm looking to be a

just a scorer, but a player

just a scorer, but a player who gets assists, rebounds, and steals," Lahm said.

The team's second win came against Guardian Angels Central Catholic in a shootout by the score of 83-73. The game was close through three quarters, but the Shamrocks proved to be too much in the fourth. G. Lahm led the team with 32.

points in the contest.

Scotus then went
on to defeat rival Grand Island Central Catholic in a
defensive battle. The 'Rocks
proved their toughness in the
50-47 triumph. Ohnoutka attributes their success to team

tributes their success to team chemistry.

"We play really well together. I think we have real good chemistry. We get really good play from our starting five, but the guys who come off the bench have filled roles well," Ohnoutka stated. Senior Derek Lahm can also testify to the good team chemistry.

"Our chemistry is fantas-

Our chemistry is fantas tic. We play together really well as a team, and we work really hard for each other," Lahm said.



Senior Derek Lahm looks for an open teammate against a GICC opponent. The Shamrocks have gotten off to a fast start early in the season.

recently Omaha Concordia 70-56.
The game was won because
Scotus was able to get out and run. This is a new part of tactic. He has taken over as the assistant varsity coach and head junior varsity coach

"He has been a nice addition to our team. He has helped us with our running game. He has a strong bas-ketball knowledge, so he has been a great asset to us,"

Ohnoutka commented.

Over the weekend, the Shamrocks beat Pierce and Battle Creek, improving their record to 6-0. On Tuesday, two unbeaten teams will battle as Scotus takes on Wayne in the Dowd Activity Center.

Girls shoot for winning record

By Kristen Ohnoutka Staff Reporter

It has been nine years since the Scotus Girls' Basketball team has had a winning record before Christmas, and with their three and three record, the Shanrocks have one last chance Tuesday against Wayne to accomplish that.

The lady shamrocks have fallen to Hasting's St. Cecilia, Guardian Angels Central Catholic, and Pierce. However, the shamrocks have defeated the following: Omaha Concordia, Battle Creek, and Grand Island Central Catholic. The Shamrocks have worked very hard to accomplish a winning record before Christmas, and are still hoping to do so.

"We have tried really hard this season to have a winning record before Christmas, and we also are working to get to the championship game for our conference tournament,

our conference tournament, and we are working really hard to make it to State and perform our absolute best if we get there," Head coach Jarrod Ridder said.

The Shamrocks may have lost three games, but they put up a good fight against defending and past State championship teams like Guardian Angels Central Catholic and Hastings St. Cecilia. Cecilia

"We've lost some really tough games, but our record in no way defines our ability to compete. We have the potential to be great. We can't dwell on the losses, all we can do is move forward and work even harder," senior Anna Perault said.

Despite not having much practice time before their first game against Cecilia, the Shamrocks kicked off their season with a good performance and close score Their next match up was

against the returning D-1 State champions, Guardian Angels Central Catholic. The Shamrocks held the Guardian Shamrocks held the Guardian Angels to a score of 50-42, which was something they were hoping to accomplish coming into this game, considering the Guardian Angels average a game score in the eighties.

"The biggest hurdle we always have to face is the amount of practice time we

amount of practice time we have before games. We only had eight practices before our

game, but we've done

first game, but we've done well handling the minimized time we've had so far this year," Ridder said.

The Lady Shamrocks' theme this year is "One Goal" and after last year's season ending game, the girls are ready to get back to the State Tournament, and to have

ready to get back to the State Tournament and to have another shot at Boone Central. "Our goal as a team is to make it to the State Tournament, and to be successful there and do our best, and we've just got to work hard every day to try to accomplish that," Ridder said. With only three seniors on the team: Alyssa Foltz, Anna Perault, and Kara Moore, their main goal was to make a good transition from volleyball season and be a team right away in the basketball season.

"I never knew how much I was going to miss volleyball until it ended. The thought of me no longer playing volleyball at Scotus is has started I know I will have the same feeling when it's over, and that thought motivates me that much more

motivates me that much more to practice hard and always try my best," Moore said.

This is 'Goach Ridder's fourth year as head coach of the girls' basketball program, and he is looking forward to a great year this season.

"I'm very happy with how we've done. There's always room to improve and I'm excited for the rest of the year," Ridder said.

The Shamrocks face off

The Shamrocks face off against Wayne on Tuesday, December 18 at home.

Concerts bring more than music

By Craig Ackman Staff Reporter

Music is a big part of anyone's Christmas celebrations. The Scotus band and anyone's tions. The Scotus band and tools from the Scotus band and tools from the Scotus band and tools from the Scotus band and to the semester with a concert performing Christmas tunes. Both groups have their concerts before the break, but

audiences.

One surprise that occurred during the band concert was that it didn't occur in

the usual location.
"This year, the concert was held in the Activity Center. This was nice because all of the bands had a lot more room to perform," band instructor Kristen Cox said.

In past years, the band and vocal concerts took place in the old gym, but due to scheduling conflicts, the band department was informed their concert would be in the new gym. The band concert also happened on a Mon-day. In years before this, the band concert was held on a Wednesday. Cox seemed to think this worked to their ad-

think this worked to their advantage.
"I think the new gym worked well because each band had more room to set up," Cox said.

The music played at the concert turned out to be slightly different than concerts in the past.

slightly different than con-certs in the past.

"The jazz band played more songs this year. The high school band also played a Manheim Steemroller song that I have conducted before," Cox said.

The surprises didn't ston

The surprises didn't stop there for the concert, though.
The seniors of the high school
band all chipped in and bought
Cox a Christmas gift, which
was a coffee machine that the was a coffee machine that the students found out was on her Christmas wish list. After she opened her gift at the concert, her daughter Camille Cox sang a song for the crowd. While the audience was cap-tivated, Santa Clause even made a surprise visit. The music concert sur-

The music concert sur-prise didn't stop there. The

vocal concert took place on Thursday as planned. During the concert, however, not ev-erything went according to how vocal teacher E.J. Gardner expected.

ner expected.

"For one thing, I tried a new piece of music with the Shamrock Singers called 'Sleigh Ride'. There were some struggles with working on it, but it is a learning class, so they accomplished some close harmonies," Gardner said said.

The music that is to be performed does not surprise many considering the songs are already listed in the proram. How the songs are erformed, however, can be a

performed, however, can be a different story.

"I was surprised how many of the groups performed this year. 6th graders did pretty well. Some of the 7th graders messed around on stage. The 8th graders did REALLY well. They only had one piece well. They only had one piece to learn, but they remembered all of their parts," Gardner

Everyone, including Gardner, was surprised to see that "Santa" made another visit to the concert, only his entrance was a bit more unique this time around.

"Nick Dolezal really sur-

prised me when he jumped out of the box. I knew he was going to jump out of his box with a Santa hat on, but

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8th Grader Nick Dolezal pops out of his box during the vocal concert on December 13 with his santa hat and beard. The 8th grade vocal class performed one song this year at the Christmas concert.

be wearing a large beard. He was a good sport," Gardner

will have plenty of opportuni-ties to bring surprises to Sco-tus with their upcoming per-formances in the New Year.

Mock Trail Improves at State

Staff Reporter

Without any competition in their regular season, and only districts under their belt, the junior/senior Mock Trial feam finished fifth at State on December 4th and 5th. State Mock Trial took place at Skutt Catholic High School in Omaha where the twelve teams that made it to State all competed for the top place.

"At State, the competi-tion was intense," senior Lau-ren Kuta said, "you could tell that all the teams were there

that all the teams were there to win, and they were going to put up a fight."

Of the four teams that competed for Scotus, two of the teams made it to district finals. At districts there were 14 teams, and of those 14 teams, Scotus came out on top with 1st and 2^{sd}.

"District competition of the service of the servic

"District competition brought on the butterflies for me," senior Katelyn Baumgart explained, "because there was much pressure to get to

The case this year consisted of two charges against

a school teacher, Dakota Thundercloud, who suppos-edly pressured her students

Thundercloud, who supposedly pressured her students into voting against the Great Plains Pipeline. Her first charge was using bribery to force her students into voting a certain way, and a second charge of using a public bus to defeat the ballot issue.

After receiving the case back at the end of August, reading all the way through it, determining what witnesses they wanted, the attorneys had to prepare a lot for their first competition. They each have their own witnesses so they are responsible for preparing direct and cross examination questions for the witnesses. They are also responsible for closing statements. They are judged on their ability to handle objections when someone judged on their ability to han-dle objections when someone stands up and challenges an

attorney.

"You can't always prepare for how another team is going to present their case," senior Austin Wendt said, "as

semor Ausun wend said, as an attorney you have to really think on your feet."

Witnesses are also re-quired to think on their feet during a case. The witnesses prepare for both direct and

main goal a witness is to always be prepared for any question thrown their way, and if thrown their way, and if a question is unexpected, they may need to make up answers and make their thrown their way. answers and make their character look as good as pos-sible while on the stand.

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The results from State



PHOTO COURTESY OF KATELYN BAUMGAR
said, "it's
both excit- The state qualifying mock trial team poses for a team picture after winning their district round.
ing and scary The team continued to state and placed 5th overall. From left to right: Coach Tonia Soukto be on the up, Carrie Bartholomew, Valarie Borer, Carly Burkhardt, Austin Wendt, Payton Chohon, Katelyn
stand because
you never know what you will
and preparations they had put for us to get fifth this year." last year of Mock Trial.

and preparations they had put into this year's case. "It was a really nice out-come," Wendt said, "Scotus placed eighth last year so we felt it was a big improvement

for us to get fifth this year."

The seniors of the team were especially happy with how well they had done at State. They were pleased with the conclusion of their

last year of Mock Trial.

"It's really a great activity, and I hope that Scotus can make it to State for the third time in a row next-year." Kuta

Bibiana and Eduardo Lopez December featured students:



Senior Bibiana and sophomore Eduardo Lopez pose for a picture before basket-ball practice. Bibiana and Eduardo first came to Scotus in August 2009.

By Brooke Olmer Staff Reporter

came to the halls of Scotus and are now an ever-present part of Scotus Central Catholic High school. These two new faces are sophomore Eduardo and senior Bibiana Lopez.

"My parents didn't like the things we were getting into at Schuyler so they made us go to Scotus" Bibiana said.

Since they are involved in so many activities, at times, it was difficult for them to drive from Schuyler to Scotus every day, especially two-a-days with volleyball.

"I'm a volleyball with a volleyball manager, play basketball, youth group, drum line, teens for life, president in band, and track. (I might do some

running to get ready for base training,)" Bibiana said.
"I started working for Scotus the summer after 7th grade. We got this job because my parents wanted us to help them pay for our tuition. My sister and I weren't old enough to get normal jobs, so we decided to see if we could work for the school," Eduardo said.

said.

Bibiana and Eduardo have worked hard to continue their education at Scotus. They work all summer at Scotus performing various iche.

Scotus performing various jobs.

"We do all kinds of stuff. We do things like removing tiles, cleaning, mowing, binding and covering books, and any other thing Mr. Goerlinger wants us to do," Eduardo said.

Eduardo and Bibana are both involved in numerous

activities that range from sports to other activities such as Teens for Life.

"I am involved in sports like cross country, basketball and track" Eduardo said.

Bibiana is even a manager for volleyball; she is especially kept busy with her post-graduation plans.

"May 29 is my ship date so I'll be at Basic training and AII (advanced individual training) in South Carolina. I plan on going to the University in Madison Wisconsin soon after that in November with a double major in Human Resources and Criminal Justice," Bibana said.

Even though Eduardo is only a sophomore, he still has some plans for the future.

"After graduating Scotus, I plan on going to college. I plan on going to college. I plan on attending a four year college," Eduardo said.

Carrie's Critiques: The Hobbit

By Carrie Bartholomew Layout Editor

Last week moviegoers left their houses late Thursday night for a new box office release in the wee hours of Friday morning. The Hobbit is a prequel to the famous Lord of the Rings trilogy, and it is currently playing in two it is currently playing in two theatres, one in 3D and one in

The Hobbit is about a hobbit (who figured?) named Bilbo Baggins who lives a peaceful life in the Shire. One day a wizard named Gandolf the Grey came and told him he was going to go on an adventure with him and eleven dwarves. The dwarves show up at his house to discuss what they are going

to do. They are going to try to reclaim the dwarf's home, the Lonely Mountain, from a dragon who came and took the mountain. After that their adventure begins.

adventure begins.
I've never read the book
The Hobbit, and I never read
Lord of the Rings either. I do
absolutely love the Lord of
the Rings movies though, so I
thought that I would like The
Hobbit just as much. I have
recently learned that they are
making three movies out of recently learned that they are making three movies out of the 300 page book, and all the movies are going to be about three hours long to compare to the *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy, which is three separate, longer books. After this I was kind of skeptical of what the core of the movies what the core of the movie would be about, but I wasn't

really long night.

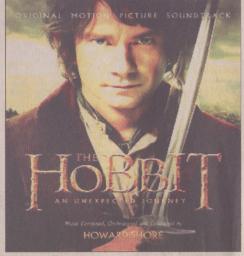
Yes, the movie was three hours long, and watching it at and getting home midnight and getting home at three and then waking up the next morning for school wasn't the easiest task in the wash t the easiest task in the world, but it was well worth it. The movie was full of action and adventure, and it also had some suspense to it too. There were also humorous parts. Gollum comes back into the movie and adds some comic relief comes back into the movie and adds some comic relief, along with a "keep you on the edge of your seat," feeling. Over all I think if you're into the whole magical land stuff, you won't be disappointed with the Hobbit either.

Even though I am a fan of this movie I didn't really like

was just the gang leaving the Shire. That's about 1/3 of the movie right there. After that movie right there. After that long hour was over, the movie started to pick up the pace and that was when my skepticism vanished. Even though the movie started to pick up the pace, the camera angles during the movie changed so much, it made it seem like the screen was spinning. It gave me a was spinning. It gave me a headache. Also, compared to the monsters in Lord of the Rings, the monsters and other critters in The Hobbit seemed

more animated.

Overall I would recommend everyone to watch this movie if you're into the mythical lands and monsters and adventures. If not into that stuff, maybe Breaking Dawn: Part 2 is more your style.



Defeating Doomsday

By Brennan Brockhaus

Staff Reporter

As we get prepared for a much needed Christmas for a much needed Christmas break, there is something else we should be taking in to account. The world could end in two days. December 21, 2012 is the day in which the Mayan's calendar mysteriously ends. Some believe this could be the anocalypse

apocalypse.

The Mayans have been known to be quite intellectual. According to Fox News, when the Mayan culture was at its peak, astronomy. This intellect has allowed them to be superior at predicting visions for the future. These range from numerous droughts and disease outbreaks all the way to certain solar activity. Could the end of the world be their next correct prediction?

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The Mayans believe that the date December 21, 2012 will be a judgment day. They believe it will not truly be an end to the world, just an end to an era. Judgment day can be sort of a mystery to everyone. It is the day in which God judges the moral worth of human beings. It is like a final decision on one's life.

There are many other



people who have different ideas of how the world will end. These circumstances can include natural disasters like a giant earthquake, a shortage of oil found in the world, or even overpopulating of the earth. ese may seem drastic, but ne people will take great

measures to prepare for the end of the world. Catholics should think of the end of the world as a good thing. It should not be something that Catholics should worry about. Catholics don't think that they will know for sure when the

anyone wants to be ready, here are a few ways to prepare.

One good way to prepare for the end of the world is investing in solar and wind power. If there were some sort of ginormous earthquake, a lot of the world's electricity would be knocked out. Solar and wind power would be beneficial in this circumstance. Of course, they only work when it's sunny or windy outside.

A second way is to stock up on all the necessities one will need to survive. Setting aside an extra water supply and a stockpile of food would be a good idea. Other objects to store up includes

objects to store up include gasoline, money, clothes,

and blankets. In a time of a

and blankets. In a time of a doomsday situation, these necessities will help keep a family safe for a while.

The third is a simple and Catholic way of thinking. The Bible says that no one will ever know for sure when the world will end. A good Catholic can prepare for the end of the world by going to Confession on a regular basis. Getting right with God will certainly make a difference in a judgment day type of situation.

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For all of those who have taken the time to read this, thank you! Who knows? It could be my last article. Can I at least get my Diploma

craigslist Top gifts to give to others

By: Craig Ackman

Mom - Scented Candles-If your moms are anything like mine, they want to come ho from work in a stress-free environment, but that can rarely happen. Help calm her with randomly scented candles with aromas that can calm even the little tikes of the househo

Dad - Socket Set-Dad doesn't want anything extravagant and expensive. He just wants your help in the garage, but that doesn't benefit us as kids. Get him a socket set so he has his own helping hand and lets you spend your holidays inside with the heat on.

Younger Brother - Legos-The Amazing Spiderman, The Dark Knight Rises, The Avengers, and the Hobbit. Many super hero movies have recently been released, but they haven't targeted the younger kids. Little boys enjoy super heroes, too. Get them some Legos to let them enjoy learning construction while still getting to enjoy their favorite super heroes, even though your parents wouldn't let them see the PG-13 movie.

Younger Sister - Anything Sparkly-What does every gift have in common that you get a young sister every year for Christmas? Sparkles. Science has yet to show why, but you cannot go wrong with just getting a girl something with sparkles on it. The amount a gift shines is the more that they will love the gift. If you are having a difficult time choosing with shiny thing to get, just buy a Claire's gift card. They know their sparkles.

Older Brother - Black Ops 2-If your older brother doesn't own this game yet, this gift will not fail you. Guys just love to blow stuff up and play video games. Put them together and you have yourself Black Ops 2. Plus, all of their friends are probably enjoying it already. You need to help him get with the times.

Older Sister - Prepaid Debit Card-Girls are just too complicated to understand. Girls have even come to agree with this statement themselves. You can't do anything right for them, so just let them make their own decisions. If you buy a regular gift card, they may not like the store. With the Prepaid Debit Card, they can take it anywhere they want and get whatever they

Boyfriend - A pet turtle-Come on. It's a turtle. If you are a guy, don't deny it-turtles have to be the coolest animal out there. They are even affordable! Just look how slow they move. The zombie kid knew what he was talking about when he said that he liked turtles. Guys have so much left over love from their girlfriend they just have to use it on a pet, so why not a turtle?

Girlfriend - Dinner and a Movie-We guys usually are not made of money. If you can't go out and afford a \$100 necklace to show how much you care, take her on a date. Spend time with her. That's what she really wants. Yeah, you are probably going to have to fork down money for it, but you can find ways to save, like renting a movie instead of going to the theater, or pour a bowl of cereal instead of paying twenty dollars just for her meal at Applebee's (not mentioning you still have to pay your huge bill as well). Spending time with her will show you care much more than any other gift you could buy her.







Where's Tony

The staff of the Rock Bottom took Tony out on the town. If you can guess where he is in this picture, you can bring your answer to Mrs. Rusher's room where you can receive your complementary high five.



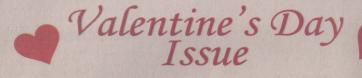
TEACHER QUOTES

Mr. Lahm: *Boom* "Somebody must have divided by zero! No, That's just religion class. Metaphysical evolution of our universe? Who knows."

Mr. Brockhaus: "Midgets for Mitt." "I prefer all-mighty master, get it right." "They couldn't name her Linda...Lucious Linda."

Fr. Roza: "Kiss up is hard to smell...spell." "Fascesousness...Don't eat fecies, what?"

Mr. Rusher: "I'm not freaking out, are you freaking out? Because I'm not freaking out."





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Dance Delivers Sadie Hawkins

By Carly Burkhardt

The gym floor was flooded with happy girls and content boys as their Friday evening was coming to an end. There were no stressed out girls freaking out over broken nails or identical dresses, no upset guys trying to calm down their stressed out dates, but instead a calmer atmosphere settled among those enjoying Sadie Hawkins.

There had always been a talk of a possible Sadie Hawkins dance making reappearance in years past, but each year the dance never seemed to manage to make it to the The gym floor was flooded with

past, but each year the dance never seemed to manage to make it to the dance floor. After careful planning, the dance made its first reappearance on Friday, January 28 since 2009.

"In years past we looked at the calendar, and there just didn't seem to be the perfect date between Homecoming and Sweetheart," student council advisor Joan Lahm said.

This year's dance was put on by the student council who charged two dollars a person as the fee for

cause.

"The proceeds went to the Make a Wish Foundation, and we added it to our Miracle Minute funds that we raised earlier this year," Lahm

commented.

Along with going towards a greater cause, Sadie Hawkins added a new aspect to regular dances.

"It was a lot less stressful when you didn't have to get dressed up, and it was fun because I could swing dance and be flipped without having to worry about my dress coming up," senior Shayla Weiser stated.

Casual clothing and swing dancing were two new features added to the normal high school dance.

added to the normal maga-dance.

"I had a lot of fun at the dance.
I like dressing up, but it was nice just having a chill dance where I didn't have to worry about getting ready," senior Katie Breidenbach added.

The students were not the only ones who realized the casual atmosphere during the night.

"It's nice for the students to have a casual dance where they don't need to dress up and spend a lot of



Juniors Jenny Ryan and Melissa Thalken dance the night away while enjoying the stress free atmosphere at Sadie Hawkins. This was the first casual dance seen by the students since 2009.

money; it's also something for them to do between Homecoming and Sweetheart," Lahm said

Overall, the implementation of the dance was a success with over 300 dollars being raised for Make a

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Students celebrate Catholic schools

By Carrie Bartholomew Layout Editor

The last week of January is Catholic schools week. Scotus celebrates its Catholic heritage by doing a variety of fun activities to engage the students. This year Scotus did a few new activities that differ from past years.

Catholic schools week is nationally celebrated by most Catholic schools in the U.S. The Catholicity committee at Scotus, which is in charge of this event, starts planning for Catholic Schools week about two months in advance. A few reoccurring events happen during Catholic schools week every year such as no school on Monday so the teacher can enjoy their results.

year such as no school on Monday so the teacher can enjoy their retreat at the St. Benedictine Center in Schuyler. Also, the ice cream bar at lunch on Tuesday. Something new this year was Catholic trivia at lunch on Tuesday. Instead of having a movie day on Friday like reoccurring years, this year there was a speaker that came to Scotus.

"Last year we had movie day and country dancing. We chose this year to not do that because we had the opportunity to have Fr. Leo Patlinghug to come in, and he is a nationally known and renowned speaker, and we thought that the opportunity to have him here was too good to pass up," the chair of the Catholicity committee, Jeff Ohnoutka said. Ohnoutka said.

Ohnoutka said.

Fr. Patlinghug is a famous priest who lives on the east coast. He has a show on EWTN and is a nationally known cook. He has a website called gracebeforemeals. com. Fr. Roza has contact with him, and he was already going to be in the Midwest, so Scotus asked him to come speak to the students.

Fr. Patlinghug was 30 minutes late to Scotus because of poor weather in the east. He was also



supposed to talk to Norfolk Cath-olic before he went to supposed to talk to Norfolk Catholic before he went to Scotus, but unfortunately didn't make it there. Fr. Patlinghug talked about "spiritual combat," and how to fight off the devil. He also talked about how the sign of the cross is a powerful prayer. He also spoke at St. Isidore Thursday night to the public.

The students also took part in

at St. Isidore Thursday night to the public.

The students also took part in an activity known as the Living Rosary. Campus Ministry was in charge of the Living Rosary. Students from all of the grades participated in this activity. Students formed the Hail Mary beads of the rosary and surprise members of the community: Fr. Del, Lynette Hoeglin, Belinda Keiter, Mr. Schueth, and Jeff Johnson were the Our Fathers of the rosary.

"We want our students to recognize that going to a Catholic school is a special opportunity and a special privilege. As a teacher in a Catholic school, I think I have a responsibility to not only teach academics and extracurriculars,



Fr. Patlinghug busts a move while showing the students his breakdancing skills. (above) Senior Brennan Brockhaus "punches" Fr. Patlinghug as a demonstration. Fr. Patlinghug gave a 30 minute presentation to the students on Thursday, January 31st.

but also be able to share my faith and help the students realize that

Statues stationed in senior hallway

By Craig Ackman Staff Reporter

Scotus students returned to their halls on January 7th this year to resume classes and conversations with friends they had not seen through the break. One of the conversations that spread throughout the school was the new addition made to the senior hall-way, which were the Stations of the Cross mounted above the lockers

While students thought these were a new addition to the school, they were not actually new at all. Scotus received these sculptures in 1903 when the school was called St. Francis Academy. Since they have been a part of school history, they have traveled between chapels, convents, and closets. They have also been taken out from time to time to be used by the campus ministry. From 2002 to 2011, however, their location was stagnant in one of Scotus' closets.

tus' closets.

The Stations were found and brought back out to see the world. However, time was not very kind to these works of art. To make the Stations look in tip-top condition, they were placed in the hands of Scotus alumna Michelle Soulliere to be re-

stored.
"I repaired three or four of the "I repaired three or four of the Stations approximately twelve years ago for Fr. Steve Emanuel. They were the most severely damaged of the set, with large areas broken off. After he was transferred, the Stations were left in storage until the Summer of 2011. At that time I was asked to make a the artire set so they could be

of 2011. At that time I was asked to restore the entire set so they could be displayed in a permanent location in the school," Soulliere said.

Soulliere took on the task of restoring the works of art. She and current substitute teacher Kathy Lohr spent 18 months doing different kinds of work to the stations, with additional help from Rick Zywiec creating frames to support the fragile art made of plaster.

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"The project entailed more time than I had originally anticipated because, as I worked on cleaning them, I discovered the edges had become brittle and pieces wouldcrumble off as I handled them, so that had to be repaired and sealed. I had to experiment to find the right material to form new pieces for what had broken off."

While so much work was

DANCE

put into the old sculptures, Soulliere feels that the project was well worth the time and

effort.

"These beautiful Stations of the Cross with their age and history would be irreplaceable. The original artwork is outstanding. I feel that they have changed the atmosphere of that area of the building, and I hope they will be a good reminder of our Catholic faith and also will strengthen our faith."



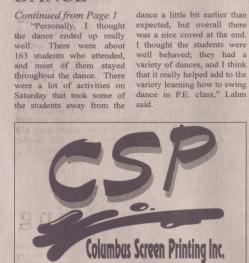




Fr. Roza begins the Living Rosary to bring an end to Catholic Schools Week. Students from grades 7 through 12 participated in this spiritual event.

(top left) Senior Joe Warth celebrates at having an ice cream treat at lunch at Monday. The treats were courtesy of the Shamrock Club.

(left) Mrs. Bomar helps students as they test their knowledge during Catholic Trivia at lunch on Tues-day.



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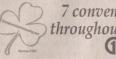
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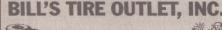
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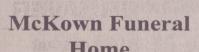
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spectators



By Carly Burkhardt Staff Reporter

Dowdies: a legend of Scotus pride. They're loud and proud at every sporting event, cheering their classmates on cheering their classmates on and supporting them in the loudest way possible. The energy and pride can be felt radiating off each student in the stands, but this pride seems to have made its home in the athletic department solely. Whatever it may be, from golf to speech, if it isn't seen as a "spectator sport", it isn't viewed as one worth showing up at. There are never cars full of kids driving off to state golf, state mock off to state golf, state mock trial, state speech, or state whatever you can't be loud at. I love cheering at football at. Hove cheering at football games, getting into the excitement and atmosphere at the stadium, but I could never imagine the football team coming to watch a speech meet or state mock trial.

meet or state mock trial.

One reason some might argue about not coming to one of these events is that they aren't interesting. I can speak from experience that sitting through a round of informative or poorly done persuasive speeches can be gruesome, but on the flip side, duet acting and humorous interpretation. and humorous interpretation are only a couple of the more entertaining speeches to watch. One of the neat aspects of speech is getting to become a different person entirely; complete strangers can deliver speeches that intrigue you, make you laugh until you cry, or relate so personally that they actually

takes hours upon hours of practice to get it perfect. Striving for perfection seems unrealistic, but the judges at these speech meets are some of the most judgmental people. I have ever seen (No. people I have ever seen. (No judging or pun intended.) Most of the speeches are original compositions, which original compositions, which means you have to write them yourself, and if you are in more than one speech you have double the amount of work to put into it. Talking in front of others is a key skill to moving through life, and mastering this skill at such a young age is a huge accomplishment.

Personally, I love speech meets; although talking to walls is sort of strange,

Personally, I love speech meets; although talking to walls is sort of strange, the atmosphere of it all is incredible. It may seem surprising that speech is very competitive, but you come in contact with some of the most competitive, mean people out there.

Speech is selfish and cut throat. The main mentality most of those competing have is simple: if you're doing a humorous speech, you do not laugh at the other speeches in your round. If you're giving a persuasive speech, you do not nod your head in agreement; you do your best to be as intimidating as possible. With practice and dedication, you can master your glares, hopefully to the point where those who are speaking at the moment mess up. Although I don't necessarily agree with this cut throat mentality, I do enjoy seeing it go on and laughing about it later.

I realize that speech isn't Speech is selfish and cut

laughing about it later.

I realize that speech isn't normally seen as something fun to go watch, but the members on the team are part of the student body. We all would love to have the support of our school, even if it means sitting in a classroom clapping as someone finishes. clapping as someone finishes a speech about Toddlers and Tiaras. Our conference meet is coming up February 23rd at Scotus, and it would be great to see some of you there cheering us on, and glaring at the competition.



offee & Sweet Treats





Speech seeks Gun control won't control criminals



By Tara Starzec

in December, the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting is still fresh in the minds of many. There has been a call to action to make sure that the tragic event can never be repeated. Following every school shooting, there has been one common theme: a demand for more gun control laws. Basically, people believe that if the government makes it more difficult to obtain guns or ban certain types, the shootings will stop. Personally, I feel that there are enough gun control laws, and adding more regulations the tragic event can never be

is not an effective way to end the violence.

The first reason is probably the most obvious one. The only people who would follow new gun control regulations are those who follow the regulations that are already in place. Criminals are not law abiding citizens. If a criminal wants to get a gun, he or she will find a way to do so regardless of the regulations regardless of the regulations

in place.

Take for example Adam Lanza, the shooter at Sandy Hook. Technically, Lanza should not have had a gun. According to the Portland Press Herald, Lanza had tried to purchase a gun, but he was turned away because he did not want to wait for the fourteen day background check. He was only twenty years old, and did not have a permit to own a firearm. How permit to own a firearm. How can the government expect someone like him to respect stricter gun laws when he couldn't even follow the laws already in place?
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The government is beginning to see gun control as a way of protecting the

public. Personally, I believe that these "preventative" actions are actually making citizens less safe.

citizens less safe.

CBS News reported on the December 16th movie theater shooting in San Antonio, Texas. A man fired shots in a nearby restaurant and then made his way into the local movie theater. He was stopped by an off-duty police officer who was carrying a gun. She shot him four times before he was able to kill anyone. If no one was carrying a gun, the killer may have been successful with his rampage.

rampage.

When I heard this story, I
was proud of the officer. She
wasn't some trigger-happy
maniac; she was a hero. If
I ever found myself in that
situation, I hope that I could
be as brave (and have as good
of aim) as the officer did J. of aim) as the officer did. I want to be able to protect myself and those around me if the need arises.

I do not come from a hunting family. I'm not even sure my father would know how to load a gun. Even so, I plan on getting my

the second that I am eligible. This is America, and I plan embracing all of my rights including those provided by the Second Amendment.

There have to be other solutions to the gun control issue besides taking away guns. Education on proper firearm use would be a much more effective method for guns. Education on proper firearm use would be a much more effective method for preventing shootings than restrictions would be. I believe that there should be background checks on individuals who wish to purchase guns, and I also think that they should have to take gun safety classes such as Hunter's Safety.

Shootings like the one at Sandy Hook Elementary are tragic, and many feel the need to find something to blame. It's important to remember that weapons themselves are not responsible for the hurt they cause. Guns don't kill people; people kill people, and if Tara Starzec had a gun, she would not kill people.

uld not kill people

Brothers brighten my building



By Craig Ackman Staff Reporter

Being the youngest in my household has its pros and cons. One of the titles I was born with was "the baby of the family". Sometimes the special treatment can be nice, but other times it can be a real

drag.

I have only had the I have only had the opportunity to be an "only child" for about 6 months of my life. This period was when Scott worked in Omaha, and Brian left for college. I thought that this was going to be the greatest year of my life, living in my house without the problems of dealing with older hrothers. No more giving un No more giving up the television because they wanted to watch. No more getting the cold water in the

shower because they used it all. No more riding middle seat in the car on the way to church. I was the big dog for once in my life.

once in my life.

The joy of being free from their tyranny didn't last. I found myself coming home from school bored out of my mind. Why all of a sudden is coming home such a drag? I finally had the television in the basement. I finally had the warm water to cleanse the warm water to cleanse myself. I could even sit in the car comfortably. I never really looked at all of the good that came out of being with

them.
Yes, there were negatives
living with my brothers, but
we had good times as well.
Brian and I had more in
common than I thought. We
loved playing video games
together. We could at least
agree on a lot of the same
television shows. These These were activities that I could still do by myself, but it just wasn't the same not having somebody there to share it with shows.

During that time I was living as an only child, I was overwhelmed with extreme boredom. After one

incredibly long semester, however, Scott moved back to Columbus. He worked for the Omaha Nighthawks football team, but the league broke up. He got a job at Behlen Manufacturing and moved back into our house. This scared me because Scott and I rarely got along when he lived here before. He was always too cool for his littlest brother. I dreaded having to share the house with him, but at least there would be somebody in

the house now.

The experience living with him has been completely opposite of what I expected. Scott appeared to have matured a lot while he was off to college and having a job. He actually seems to enjoy talking to me now. He's not embarrassed of me (I hope). He can come home from work, and we can have a nice game of Call of Duty or watch work, and we can have a nice game of Call of Duty or watch a few episodes of *Prison Break* or *The Walking Dead*. After having him here, it's hard to imagine him leaving. After finally getting used to him living back at home, I have been faced with information that has devastated me: Scott is

moving out. After living here for 2 years, Scott has bought his own house. He is getting married this summer and wants to start getting his house ready for when his fiance comes home from college. Now I'm back to square one:

I have to face being alone in the house again.

Life will go on once he moves out. It is just difficult moves out. It is just difficult getting used to something and then having to adapt when it changes. I will be sad that he moves out because I will not see him every day. There will be positives, though. I will have my television to myself again. I won't be woken up in the middle of the night with his screaming at his with his screaming at his video games. No longer will I be affected by his negative example of making me skip homework to play a "quick game" of zombies. Please.

game" of zombies. Please. There is no such thing as a quick game of zombies.

It's going to be a rough 6 months being on my own again before I go off to college. Maybe I should just ask Brian if I can move in with him next year in Lincoln (if he promises to leave some warm water for me).



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Brennan's waivering ways with women

Tara Starzec critiques Brennan Brockhaus' advice on how to get, keep, and lose a girl

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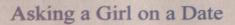
Go up to a gurl. Say, "Hey bb gurl. What's yo #?"

Write your # on a piece of paper. Drop it next to a gurl, then picit up for her, and tell her she dropped it. She'll think you are a very helpful person for picking up the piece of paper.





Go up to a cute gurl. Point to your friend and say, "Do you see my friend over there? He wants to know if you think I'm cute." She will laugh and and think your sense of humor is amazing. If you don't have a # after that, then you never will.



Ask a gurl if she has any raisins. Of course, gurls don't have raisins so she will say no. Then ask her if she wan date. Gurls love dates.



Go up to a gurl and pick her up.
Don't tell her where you are going
and proceed to McDonald's. Don't
be bothered if she screams. She's
just excited.

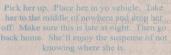
Get some flowers from the local Hy-Vee. Ask yo gurl nicely if she wants to go on a date with you. Flowers solve all problems.

As much as I hate to admit it, flowers really do solve



Planning a Perfect Date

Plan a nice dinner and a movie fo yo gurl. A date like this never goes wrong, no matter who the gurl is.



Asking a Girl to a Dance

Show up at yo gurl's house the night of the dance. Ask her then. She can't say no because it is such late notice.

Prom is a big deal so throwing pebbles at yo gurl's window won't work.
You need a brick. Write "Prom?" on the brick and whip it right through
her window.

Throwing pebbles at a girl's window has always been seen as romantic.
Brick throwing is often associated with hate crimes. You want a date to

Go to her house unexpectedly and write it in sidewalk chalk on her driveway. Gurls are suckers for surprises.

This is so cute. Yes.



Breaking Up With a Girl





Ask her best friend out on a date. Then have her best friend deli

Man up and tell her in person. Honesty is the best policy Just don't be a jerk about it.

Slugs, snails, and where boys fail

Staff Reporter

Slugs, and snails, and puppy dog tails; what all little boys are made of. Sugar and spice and everything nice; what little girls are made of. Females and males have been competing since the dawn of time. The female, always the caretaker sensitive.

dawn of time. The female, always the caretaker, sensitive, caring one; and then the male, the aggressive, immature, macho one. However, we can't deny that deep down we

As female teenagers, we place boys our age into categories. First, there are the boys you went to grade school with. They will always be the little, annoying boys who have picked on you your entire life. The same boys who pushed you on the playground and tugged on your ponytail when they sat behind you in class. Boys, we know you only do it because you love us, but please try and get our attention a different way.

Then there are the boys who we find so idiotic and

immature we refuse to waste our time with them. Boys, being sarcastic, rude, and constantly mocking us will not get us to like you. I'm always open to conversation, but if you are hoping to insult me the whole time, then no.

me the whole time, then no.
Finally, there are the boys
that are your best friends.
The ones you love because
they are just nice to talk to.
However, this leads into the
controversial concept of can
a boy and girl be truly just
friends? Yes, of course they
can! Some of my closest
friends are guys and have

been for years, but for some reason people think this is impossible. So, boys, find out first if the girl feels this way about you. Don't just assume she likes you and surprise attack her by asking her to go out with you. Give the poor girl a warning

out with you. Give the poor girl a warning.

Boys make life a lot more interesting, whether it is for better or worse. For the better, boys could be your best friends. They could be perfect gentlemen, and surprise you in every way. For the worse though, they could be the reason you're crabby that day,

or simply another unnecessary stress in your life. No matter how badly we don't want to admit it, they are a big part of

admit it, they are a big part of our lives.

I'm not saying I'm an expert on how the teenage boy thinks or anything. Boys do hundreds of things that I do not understand, and probably never will. They always keep you guessing and in some ways that's what makes it creat

They can make your day with the little gestures they do. A simple opening the door for her or just simply saying,

"How was your day?" could put a smile on her face.

It seems the teenage boy has two parts to his brain; one side telling them to say or do idiotic actions that they can't seem to ignore. Then there's the side that makes you forget all the wrong-doings they did to you; the side that tells them to treat you right and to be polite and to act intelligent. This is a side of boys I'd like to see more often, rather than the opposing. After all, if you can't beat the slugs, beat the sugar, spice, and everything nice into them.

Swing dancing adds a twist to P.E.

By Brooke Olmer Staff Reporter

"Turn around and face your date's beautiful face." This has been a quote heard at many school dances. Recently, swing dancing was added to the sophomore P.E. curriculum and would be counted as a normal participation grade in P.E. class.

"Mrs. Lahm "Mrs. Lahm approached me at the suggestion of some of the student council members since we restricted some forms of dancing that were deemed inappropriate for the school dances that we need to teach dances that were appropriate" PE teacher Janet Tooley said Tooley said.

Although dancing in P.E. is new to recent Scotus students, dance classes during P.E. used to be a common occurrence in past years.

"Years ago when Mr. Younger was still teaching

sophomore P.E., he had all the guys and I had all the girls, and we would put the two classes together for a week. We did a little bit of swing, a little square dancing, and even some ballroom dancing,"

Sophomores weren't the only ones that learned swing dancing. Mrs. Lahm's senior physiology class went to a swing dancing class one day, and some juniors and day, and some juniors and seniors also got to participate during their study halls. Swing dancing was taught in the Dowd Activity Center during the sophomore P.E. class periods by Becky Brandenburg.

"I started this style

of swing dancing from the 40's back when I was probably 8

40's back when I was dancing with my dad. I was probably 8 years old," Brandenburg said.

Brandenburg has been swing dancing for years and said, "yes" when Scotus asked her to come in and teach a few swing dance classes. a few swing dance classes.
"I think the kids have

enjoyed swing dancing more than we thought they would, Dances like swing dancing are good for coordination and learning how to partner with someone. It is good for the guys to learn how to lead a girl, and the girls to learn how to follow," Brandenburg said.

Swing dancing was a popular dance at the recent Sadie Hawkins dance and will hopefully continue to be taught to all high school students at Scotus for future

students at Scotus for future dances. Students that really enjoyed swing dancing are encouraged to keep practicing and try to learn new swing

and try to learn new swing dancing moves.

"I sincerely say that students that found this fun get on YouTube and check out the different swing dances that are out there; now that they have a general knowledge of how to do it, hold the hands properly, spin and so hack to properly, spin and go back to the open and close move, they can watch other couples on the dance floor and learn how



Seniors Nick Pandorf and Lauran Hellbusch practice their swing dancing moves in the Dowd Actvity Center. Swing dancing was taught to students during sophomore P.E. class periods.

Junior high couple of the month

By Claire Fuchser

Editor

Back when Kyle Benesch was a junior and first joined the newspaper staff, many topics were thrown around for last minute fillers for the paper. Kyle's genius idea became known as "Junior High Couple of the Month". Over the past 6 years, Mrs. Rusher has axed this topic time and time again.

time and time again.

Every year since then, the newspaper staff jokingly reintroduces the idea. This issue seemed like the perfect opportunity to bring up the favored topic again, and surprisingly enough, Mrs. Rusher went for the idea, seeing as how it is the

Valentine's Day Issue.

According to the school handbook, "Group association and activities school handbook, Croup association and activities are more in keeping with the normal course of social development during the junior and senior high school years. A suggestion: Parents are encouraged not to hold mixed boy-seir parties for junior boy-girl parties for junior high students and are asked to

discourage dating."

Although
handbook strongly or high discourages junior high students from dating, junior Lyzz Smith believes that dating is okay, but she also

thinks that teenagers don't truly date until they can drive.
"I think junior high dating is fun! It's not like you're really 'dating.' I don't

think you really start 'dating' someone until you both can drive so your mom isn't driving you everywhere," Smith shared.

As students get older, their views on deting change.

their views on dating change Where Smith believes that junior high dating should be encouraged, seventh grader Joel Hanson doesn't see the

Joel Hanson doesn't see the point of junior high dating.
"I think it is very stupid because they just say they are dating and never go on dates, and if they do, they have their parents take them out," Hanson said.

Eighth grader Abbi Wendt believes that dating is okay, but students must get to the age where dating is appropriate and could actually lead to a lasting relationship.

"I think people should be at least 16 [before they start to date]. It's when they are actually mature and are able to understand what dating is," Wendt said.

though

dating is," Wendt said.

Even though
the handbook does not
fully support junior high
relationships, Scotus does
support the healthy dating in
high school relationships.

The handbook
states that, "Scotus does not
wish to inhibit the growth of
healthy boy-girl relationships.

This is an important part of
maturation. Steady dating is
discouraged in high school,
but this is ultimately a parental
decision."

As a mom, math teacher Mrs. Blaser does not believe that steady dating in

junior high and high school has changed all the much from when she was a teenager.
"I don't think it has changed all that much. Once you hit those teenage years, you just want to be noticed. I mean, I can remember dating as a freshman only because my date could drive," Blaser

said.

Blaser is also the Jr. High Student Council sponsor, so when in charge of junior high fun nights, Blaser sees "couples" dancing an arm's length away from each other.

interesting to see the kids from 7th grade until they get to be seniors. They get closer and closer to each other as they get older," Blaser said.

Blaser also shared that as a mom, it seems strange to see her own son getting out into the dating scene. "Now to see Quinn dating, I think, 'Oh, you're too young.' Which in part is because I'm a mom," Blaser said

The newspaper staff enjoys discussing who the lucky winners are for "Junior High Couple of the Month" every issue. Many different opinions are given by a variety opinions are given by a variety of age groups about "junior high dating" and whether couples should be defined as having a relationship. It is important to remember that dating or not, being around the opposite sex helps people discover what they look for in a future serious relationship.

Do you think junior high students should date?



"I think they should. It gives them a chance to see what type of people they like and make them not so awkward with the other gender."

8th grader: Alayna Wilson



"Yes, because you can go with other dates or you can go alone. But if you go alone you will have nothing to talk about, so DONT GO ALONE!!

8th grader: Keaton Kudron



"Not really, it's kind of stupid since they can't even drive so they have to be like 'Mom can you take me to blah...etc.

Junior: Michael Kurtenbach

The good, the bad, and the ugly

Staff Reporter

Mrs. Rusher told me to write an article talking about a guy's perspective on girls in general. I guess this gives me permission to write down all the bad qualities I see in girls. I think I kind of like this article. Though I could go on and on about the bad characteristics of girls, I suppose I can think of a few good traits that I see in women. Before I begin, in women. Before I begin, I would like to add that I do have a girlfriend and hope to keep one after I am finished

How about I start with the bad. First of all, girls with the bad. First of all, girls can take up too much time and money. For a guy without a job, I can't afford to go on dates every weekend. If a girl expects me to pay for her every time we go see a movie or go out to eat or any other event, I would be flat broke in a month.

Girls also require a Girls also require a lot of attention. If a girlfriend expects to hang out with her boyfriend every day of the week, the boyfriend will usually start to get annoyed. Sometimes us guys just need our bro time! Having this balance between guy time and boyfriend/girlfriend time can greatly strengthen a relationship. I see problems with this in many relationships, and it can lead to a controlling relationship. In my opinion, this is usually the girl's fault (and by usually, I mean always).

From what I see, girls are more open with

From what I see, girls are more open with their affection than guys. We tend to hide our emotions more than girls. If a guy ever has a problem, he will not want to spill his guet and say everything he needs to say. everything he needs to say. On the other hand, a girl will spill it all no matter where

The way guys and girls deal with their emotions girls deal with their emotions is completely different. This is not necessarily a good or a bad thing. It's just one quality that boys and girls differ on that makes us who we are.

Now for the good things about them- which can sometimes be hard to write.

sometimes be hard to write

about.

The way girls show how much they care for another human being is usually unmatched by anything a man could ever do. Those girls who aren't your significant other seem to

as other places.

as other places.

Normally, girls have a great sense of humor. This makes most of them easy to talk to. Sometimes talking to a girl is so much easier than talking to a guy. Having a good sense of humor is a big turn on for a guy. Members of the opposite sex whom you can joke around with are excellent to have.

One quality that guys would like to see more in the opposite sex is confidence.

the opposite sex is confidence. When a girl is confident, guys become more attracted to her. Generally, guys like giving

take the compliments, it can be a turn off. And yes, this is a hint to all you single ladies out there.

Overall, without the

existence of females in this world, the human race would cease to exist. For this I thank you. Otherwise, I would not be here to write this article

Media in **Sports**

By Brennan Brockhaus Staff Reporter

I look at the ESPN website and what do I see? Scandals. That's it. I just want to read about the latest on Husker recruiting, and about Doug McDermott leading the Jays to their latest

leading the Jays to their latest victory. But no, all I see are a few big scandals, and the only one to blame is the media.

The first of these scandals deals with arguably one of the greatest cyclists in the world. Lance Armstrong was the winner of seven Tour de France's. He was once an American hero inspiring many who were battling cancer. Now, he is looked at as a traitor and a hypocrite. cancer. Now, he is looked at as a traitor and a hypocrite. He was stripped of his seven Tour de France's and banned from cycling altogether due to the use of performance enhancing drugs. Why must we hear so much of this news? It happened eight years ago and is only significant to Lance and his family. The fact that everyone gets to hear this and form their own opinions bashing Lance Armstrong tells many people how corrupt our media has become.

The second is weird,

our media has become.

The second is weird, and to be honest, hard to comprehend. Star linebacker Manti Te'o's "girlfriend," who supposedly died during the season, never existed. I don't even know what to make of this. Te'o had told an inspirational story about his internet "girlfriend" who passed away from leukemia treatment. He told his fans this would be his motivation for the season. Another story came out saying the girlfriend came out saying the girlfriend never existed and left sports fans wondering what the heck is going on?! Whether this hoax is true or not, it does nothing to effect sports fans. Irish fans will still root for their beloved Notre Dame. NFL fans will root for Manti

NFL fans will root for Manti Te'o on whichever team he gets drafted to.

Another story that was blown out of proportion deals with another girlfriend. A.J. McCarron's girlfriend was on TV more than the BCS National Championship game! Yes, she was beautiful, but I want to watch the game. game! Yes, she was beautiful, but I want to watch the game. I don't care about who's dating the quarterback of Alabama. I care about who wins and who loses. Stories like these should not be over emphasized in sports. Because of this, one of the commentators is taking heat for some of the comments he for some of the comments he said about her. Again, who cares? Let him deal with it. Not the media!

These sports scandals prove that the media is getting into too many personal issues. In a time where sports are at their finest with the NFL at their finest with the NFL playoffs going on, fans are caught up in stories that mean zilch. Give me good stories about players playing their sport. Don't give me stories about them that will attack their personal lives. Let them handle it. Let us "fans" watch the game please.

Wrestlers driven by unity

By Claire Fuchser

Editor

Scotus wrestling has seen Scotus wrestling has seen almost everything a first year varsity squad could imagine experiencing. Injuries, victories, and trials have all crossed the team's path. Head Coach Tracy Dodson was surprised that this first year team's chemistry could have started so well.

"The first season has

started so well.

"The first season has gone really fast because we are having a lot of fun. We didn't expect the team unity and leadership from such an inexperienced group of young athletes, parents, student body, teachers and staff," Dodson shared.

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Dodson shared.

One of the numerous successes of the team this season was winning the Conference Tournament. During the first few weeks of the season, the coaches new that the first season would be difficult, but Dodson believes that the team has turned it around. There were other meets prior that were filled with victories.

"I think this season has been what we expected. [It

been what we expected. [It was definitely] really hard at first. The second week of our season after the Lakeview Invitational, we headed to our own back yard to the Nebraska Duals at CCC. We went 3 and 7 with 20 teams in the field. We definitely learned that we had some things to work on especially getting pinned,'
Dodson said.

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At the Conference
Tournament, the wrestlers
had been through enough that
they believed that they could

they believed that they could be successful.

"We told them that they were winners. When they actually see the power of what a team can do by doing what they were told, they truly became winners. I don't really think they knew they could do it, but when they did, no one went below the bar. We had harder and longer practices because the boys knew they were doing it for themselves

because the boys knew they were doing it for themselves and not us as coaches," Dodson said.

There are many young members of the wrestling team. Many of the young wrestlers have been participating in the sport from a young age, but there are others who have recently started. started.

"We have been working with about 1/3 of these wrestlers for the last two years and have done summer wrestling in different styles of wrestling in Nebraska, Iowa, New Mexico and Hawaii so we knew most of these kids were a grade level or two above most of their opponents," Dodson said. As a coaching staff, Dodson believes that all the

As a coaching staff, Dodson believes that all the wrestlers have gone above their potential and wrestling becomes a team effort.

"Each and every one of them is going to leave a mark if they continue to have a team attitude and don't get caught up in themselves. Some of them are doing remarkable things, and it's going to be fun to see who really steps it up," Dodson said.

Of the five senior participants, Kyle Bonk, another first year wrestler at 220 pounds, has been one of the most improved.

"[Bonk] has had more 1st year successes than anybody I know in wrestling, and I and the other coaches have been coaching for a long time. It can be contributed all to his family, faith, individual work ethic, strength, his fast learning process, and, of course, his athletic ability doesn't hurt him any; he will stick out for a very long time." Dodson said.

The state tournament

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Dodson said.

The state tournament
is February 14th – 16th and
the coaching staff has high
expectations for the team.

"Right now I see
a solid 5, but this group has
surprised me before,"

As the team heads into the remaining weeks of their season, Dodson believes that the experience they have had so far will help them be successful at state.

that are struggling, and we will always have that happen, not matter how bad or successful

we are as a team. It makes sense to let everyone know that there isn't one undefeated wrestler on our squad. Win or lose, we as coaches will never be satisfied. My favorite quote is: 'Experience is what you get when you don't get what you want"".

Strong team seeks state



Junior Payton Chohon rises above the Norfolk Cath-olic defenders. Scotus girls' basketball is 12-6 this

By Kylee Soulliere Staff Reporter

The second half of this year's girls' basketball season has been filled with big wins and big losses. With first place at the Holiday Tournament, the girls' team then continued on to win against Wahoo Neumann, Schuyler, Boone Central, and Lincoln Christian. The team also came out on top in the opening Conference game against St. Albert's, and then defeated Lutheran Northeast on January 29th.

ary 29th.

"Anytime you get a win it is a good feeling and you are happy for the kids," Coach Jarrod Ridder commented about the close win over Boone Central, "at this time of the year you really want to just be playing the best basketball you can."

With only three losses since Christmas, the team has shown that they have been making an effort to bring

home those wins. With a fall to Norfolk Catholic with an ending score of 40-55, the girls' team also had a loss to Hastings St. Cecilia which ended fourth quarter at 34-45 points. The girls then faced David City Aquinas on January 31st and lost 32-45. Consistency has been and will be a key factor in this team's success.

"We played our best game against Lincoln Chris-tian," senior Kara Moore said, "and ever since then we have tried to play like that or bet-

The game on January 11th took place at Lincoln Christian and ended at 40-28. According to the Journal Star, the top scorers were Payton Chohon with 14 points, Anna Chohon with 14 points, Anna Perault with 8 points, and Alyssa Foltz with 7 points. The team kept a very strong defense throughout the game which they also paired with a strong offense. Being solid on both ends of the court led them to their success over

"We are strong defen-sively, like we have been in the past, but this year's team has done a nice job of also attacking the basket," Ridder

The team has had many goals for this season, and most of the players have their

most of the players have their own personal goals as well.
"My personal goal has been to shoot more and be a bigger part on offense," Moore stated, "also, I want to make it to state again, but get farther this year. My biggest motivator is knowing that it is my last year of playing basketball, so I want to leave the court with no regrets."

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The team has been continuing to work on their offense, as it will be a key factor in getting them on to districts and then state. Before they can get there though, they will have to face Columbus Lakeview on February 5th and Lincoln Lutheran on February.

Shamrocks look to improve

By Brennan Brockhaus in the last couple weeks, they

Staff Reporter

The Scotus boys' bas-ketball team found early suc-cess. They will try to contin-ue this later throughout the

ue this later throughout the rest of the year. After getting out to a fast 10-2 start in their first twelve games, the Rocks are currently sitting at a respectable 12-5 record.

"I think it's gone better than we had expected at the beginning of the year. The five losses we have are to rated teams. We just have to find a way to execute and beat those teams," head coach Jeff Ohnoutka said.

The players who have

Ohnoutka said.

The players who have stood out have been seniors Derek Lahm and Brennan Brockhaus, juniors Derek Kaslon and Nate Ebner, and sophomores Grant Lahm, Garrit Shanle, and Tyler Morton

Morton.

Although the boys have lost to a few tough opponents

in the last couple weeks, they are looking to have a fast re-bound to finish up the regular season. These teams include Boone Central, Bishop Neumann, and Lutheran High Northeast.

Northeast.

"We just need to get back to working hard and put ourselves in good situations at practice that force us to execute. It all starts with defense for us. Improving our defense will keep us in ball games," Ohnoutka said.

Scotus had recent wins

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~Jeff Ohnoutka

against Archbishop Bergan and Council Bluffs Saint Albert. However, they have dealt with a couple tough

losses against Bishop Neu-mann and Lutheran High Northeast. With five games to go before subdistricts, the Shamrocks will face the likes of Wahoo, Lincoln Lutheran, Lakeview, and David City Aquinas. These games will be a big test for the Sham-

"I'm looking forward to the fierce competition. It will really raise our game and get us prepared for districts and hopefully state," junior Derek Kaslon stated.

Playing tough competition is something Scotus will have to deal with in order to get their ultimate goal. They will also have to play their best towards the end of the season in hopes to perform at season in hopes to perform at

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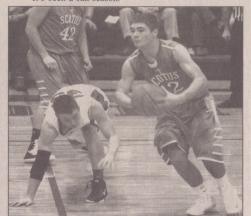
"We need to do our best to beat as many tough teams as we can and surprising the doubters who don't think we can win," sophomore Grant Lahm said.

It's been quite a while

since the boys sent a team to state in basketball. The last time was in 1996. Getting there this year would be a great feat.

'It's been a fun s

I thoroughly enjoy working with the players that I have. Practices are great and there is never a bad day," Ohnout-



Junior Nate Ebner makes a pass against an opponent earlier in the year. The 'Rocks are looking to keep improving late in the year.

Students stand up for larger than life cause



A group of Scotus students pray near an abortion clinic in Washington, D.C. Thirty-two Scotus students went on the March for Life this year.

By Tara Starzec Staff Reporter

the only reason that Washington D.C. was crowded this month. A group of 32 Scotus students traveled on buses with others from the Omaha

capital for the sake of standing up for their beliefs. This trip marked the 40-year anniversary of the passing of Roe v. Wade, and these students others for the annual March for Life, a peaceful protest against abortion.

The students left Nebras-

The students left Neoras-ka on the 22nd of January and began their trip with a 23 hour bus ride. Many who have been on the march previously have stated that this is the hardest

stated that this is the hardest part of the trip, especially for those who have difficulty sleeping in vehicles.

"The sacrifices made can be so difficult, but the cause that you're doing it for is worth every second," senior Taylor Wiester said.

Senior Gina Bose had a different common of the ride.

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"It doesn't seem like 25 hours," Bose said. "I always like going around on the bus

like going around on the bus to meet people!"

The purpose of the trip was to march and protest abortion, but the group participated in some other fun activities as well.

They toured the Arlington National Cemetery and also visited the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land. They also were kicked out of the Pentagon City Mall. Apparently, they had decided to do a flash mob while singing

"The Whole World in His Hands." As a result, all seven Omaha buses were escorted out by mall security.

There was time for fun while on this pilgrimage, and there was also time for prayer. Students went to Mass every

"It's something you just have to experience for yourself. It's amazing to see all the people there supporting the same cause as you."

~Gina Bose

day, and they also had the opportunity to pray in front of a Planned Parenthood in Washington D.C

"I loved listening to this girl named Elizabeth talk about her experiences praying at the abortion clinic," Bose

While on the trip, the stu-While on the trip, the students attending a youth rally featuring Mass, adoration, and Matt Maher.
"Two words: Matt Maher.
Every Catholic girl's favorite," Wiester said. The youth

rally is always a highlight for me: Mass, Matt Maher, adora-tion, what more could you ask

The march itself took place on January 25th. Whether a person was third time marchers like Wiester or Bose or a first timer like se-nior Nick Pandorf, the march

made an impact.

"The march was remarkable," Pandorf said. "It was thousands of people marching together with the same goal to end abortion."

Bose voiced a similar

opinion.

"It's something you just have to experience for your-self. It's amazing to see all the people there supporting the same cause as you," Bose said.

said.

Scotus gives students the opportunity to go on the march every year. If anyone was interested in going next year, he or she can talk to Father Roza or Mrs. Rambour.

"The march gives you such a deep respect for life; it's unreal," Wiester said. "We are so blessed that our Archdiocese gives us this opportunity, so don't take it for granted!"

Speakers smooth talk in competition

By Brooke Olmer Staff Reporter

Dry mouth, sweaty palms, and a queasy stomachs are common symptoms for speech team members. In 2009 the Speech team made a

2009 the Speech team made a giant change when new coach Ms. Ploetz took control.

"When I started coaching, there were two people returning on the team, so I recruited a bunch. Now enough people know about speech team, what it is, and how it works; especially with hosting meets in the building there's a lot more interest in it, and there's just more overall support from the school," Ploetz said.

Speech team members

Speech team members Speech team members are faced with the task of picking out a topic to write/ memorize a speech on that they will perform multiple times at various speech meets. Speech team members also have the option of picking out a script to perform. This means that the piece is already written for them, and they written for them, and they have to work on memorizing and performance the speech.

"I chose my script

because the story caught my attention and seemed different than others I had seen. It's

attention and seemed different than others I had seen. It's easier to memorize a speech if you like the topic or story," junior Amy Price said.

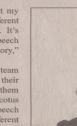
After the speech team members perfect their speeches, they perform them at speech meets. Scotus recently hosted a speech meet. Students from different schools come to Scotus and perform their speeches in the classrooms for a judge and sometimes a small audience. This year at the Scotus speech meet, the members also had to perform speeches at St. Bon's because of the basketball games that were also going on at Scotus that day.

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"There is so much going on at speech meets. When I'm not performing there are so many things to see. I have only been to one meet so far, and it was a home meet. Every room was being used and even some at St. Bon's," freshman Jared Hanson said.

This year, Scotus's own

This year, Scotus's own speech coach Ms. Ploetz wrote a dramatic duet acting piece about September 11th that juniors Carly Burkhardt and Amy Price are performing



"Initially the two students



Freshman Amy Heusinkvelt, junior Jackson Prokepet, and sophomore Juntina Wemhoff express strong emotion as they perform their speech. Scotus hosted a speech meet on January 12th.

who were looking at doing it came to me and we talked about a couple different ideas. 9/11 is something that really hasn't been done in a lot of

anted it based around that,"

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Ploetz said.

This year there are 20 members on the speech team.

"Watching the speech team members progress throughout the speech season

is a lot of fun because they all work on their speech so hard, and then to watch them steadily improve from 3rd's steadily improve from 3rd's to 4th's to 2nd and 3rd's to the some 1st's thrown in there for the rounds as well," Ploetz

Scotus will be hosting the conference meet on Saturday February 23rd.

Student of the Month: Bryan Littlefield Future flyer with Civil Air Patrol

By Kristen Ohnoutka Staff Reporter

To many, flying a plane someday is a far off dream that most people in the world will never get to experience, but to Scotus seventh grader Bryan Littlefield it is a reality and a goal he has been working toward since he was twelve. "It was sort of out of nowhere. I went to the Columbus Airport because

nowhere. I went to the Columbus Airport because there was a fly-in that day, and the CAP was serving a breakfast. That's where I saw a table with some information about the Civil Air Patrol. I talked to the person there and just to the person there and just decided to join," Littlefield

Littlefield is one of many teens involved in the local and national program, CAP, Civil Air Patrol. This is an aerospace program that people from the ages

of 12-21 may enter into to further their education in flight, military, and rescue

services.
"I have always been interested in planes since I was about six," Littlefield

Littlefield has been involved in the program ever since elementary involved in the program ever since elementary school and aspires to one day receive his pilot's license. The program includes meetings on Saturdays at the Columbus airport, physical tests, and sessions on aerospace on aerospace

sessions on aerospace education.

There are also requirements for every meeting including: to try and make all meetings possible and show up in proper uniform of combat boots; muscle shirt, and camouflage pants.

"It makes it really convenient that the meetings are on Saturdays, so I usually can make the

meetings then, plus I just

really enjoy going."

Being a part of the CAP means one gets to perform and prepare in to perform and prepare in practice rescue missions for military combat. These rescue missions involve finding a beaker, or location, whose locations are given to you in GPS form, and then saving an "injured person".

"I haven't gotten to do much yet in CAP, but one thing I really liked was doing the rescue missions. It was a real challenge to try and find the beakers." Littlefield said.

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On top of all these requirements Littlefield finds time to balance his school work and other activities. You can also find Littlefield as an active member in Columbus' 4-H program and taking part in Scotus' Junior High band.



Seventh grader Bryan Littlefield poses in his combat uniform for another CAP meeting. Littlefield has been a member of CAP since 2011.

Carrie's Critiques: Les Misérables

By Carrie Bartholomew Layout Editor

Misérables has been a huge blockbuster hit this winter. It had the second biggest Christmas day premiere, right behind Sherlock Holmes. Les Misérables didn't just start out as a movie; it came from a successful musical, and a book. It all started about 200 years ago as years ago as a book that has been beloved by many. It was written by a man who lived through Paris' first revolution.

through Paris' first revolution. Les Misérables was published in the 1860's. It was written by Victor Hugo. His father was a commander in Napoleon's army during the French Revolution. After living through that war he decided to writte a book about it. Hugo has also written other

decided to write a book about it. Hugo has also written other well-known books like *The Hunchback of Notre Dame.*Les Misérables is set in France and is about a man named Jean Valjean who was imprisoned for stealing board. imprisoned for stealing bread.

When he is released he starts a new life with the help of a friendly bishop. He becomes the mayor of a town. A girl named Fantine is fired from

the mayor of a town. A girl named Fantine is fired from her job and has to become a prostitute to support her child, Cosette. Fantine dies and tells Valjean to raise her child. He and Cosette go to Paris where they hide from the law for nine years. During the course of these years, the people of Paris are ready for a Revolution.

Les Misérables is definitely not a quick Sunday afternoon read. This book is about 1,500 pages long. As of right now I'm on about page 20. My estimated date of completion will probably be in 2014, if I'm lucky. There are parts of the book that drag on and on. The first hundred pages are all about the Bishop of Digne and how he became the bishop. Later there is a very brief section that actually pertains to the plot of the story. This is definitely not an easy read, but if you're dedicated to reading it, go right on ahead.

Omaha the spring of 2010. When I saw it, I thought it was hard to understand everything that was going on, but I got the gist of it and still enjoyed it. It was hard to completely understand what they were saying because everything was sung. It was hard to follow what people were talking about too because the names are French, and being American, those names are quite different than that which we are used to. Overall though, it was a touching show, and I would recommend going to see it if you ever have a chance.

Les Misérables has also been adapted into several movies; the newest one was released this past December. I understood basically everything that was going on and who they were talking about. It was ten times easier to follow then the Broadway show. This movie was probably the best movie I've seen all year. If you have a

show. This movie was probably the best movie I've seen all year. If you have a

Les Misérables was later adapted into a musical and a Broadway show. It played in Omaha the spring of 2010. When I saw it, I thought it was viewing experience. The

system makes it a better viewing experience. The special effects in the movie were also impressive.

The movie was almost entirely in song. Some of the actors were genuinely good at singing, but others had a hard time hitting some of the notes. They didn't do a very good job saying minor character's names. Most of the top dog Revolutionaries didn't have names, which bothered me. I would recommend this movie to everyone despite the minor

to everyone despite the minor faults it has.

This story has something for almost everyone. It has love, drama, action, war, and

humor.

Les Misérables has been a beloved classic, not just now, but for a very long time. Because of it's huge success, not only in Hugo's time period but in our own as well as numerous countries around the world, it has been a huge hit not only as book but as a



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Top ideas for Valentine's Day dates

By: Craig Ackman



High School

Movie Theater - Watching movies has been a pastime that has been around for a while. Americans love to watch movies. The only problem is deciding on what to watch. I suggest letting the girl choose because that will make her feel special. If she refuses to choose, then flip a coin to decide. Being the one to choose the movie shouldn't be a burden, but sometimes people just refuse to choose for fear of picking a bad movie. If you're looking to not break the bank, just watch a movie at one of your houses

Dinner - Food is a necessity of life. It is also very yummy. Seriously, everybody loves food. If you've got the money, it is also a nice way to be very romantic. If you don't, then it is always a nice time for the guy to be nice and buy the girl some nice fast food. If the guy really wants to impress his valentine, start researching how to cook something. That will really get her attention.

Walking Your Turtle - By now, I bet you have neglected that pet turtle that was bought for the guy. It's time to have some bonding time while walking that pet turtle you bought 2 months ago for Christmas like I told you to. Turtles need loving, too. If it is nice out, just taking a walk can be entertaining. If it is cold, then it is a nice time to snuggle together outside. Just make sure it isn't too cold for the turtle. That is the most important part.

Junior High

Wishbones - Skating is a lot of fun. If you have never tried, you need to. It may be excruciatingly painful at first trying to learn to skate, but once you get the hang of it, it is really fun. Wishbones was fun for me in junior high because I knew a large amount of people that went. If you can get a large group of friends to go, it makes for an excellent place to have some group dates on Friday nights. If you don't like skating, you can still go for a good game of dodge ball.

Park - As long as you go during the day, I'm sure your parents will be okay with a date happening at the park. There are endless activities you can do at a park, from swinging to just hanging out on the bench. Teeter-totters are always fun, no matter how old you are. Even marry-go-rounds are a blast. If, again, you get large groups of people, you could play a nice game of soccer, or ball tag, or hide-n-seek (if you manage to convince your parents to go at night)

Bowling - This activity is a good one by yourselves or with a large group. There's just something fun about throwing a bowling ball as fast as you can that seems to give enjoyment to people. Both of the bowling alleys here in town also have pretty good food. Guys, if you are good at bowling, I recommend taking it easy and letting the girls win. They seem to like it when they win and get fairly upset when they lose.



here's Tony?

The staff of the Rock Bottom took Tony out on the town. If you can where he is in this picture, you can bring your answer to Mrs. Rusher's room where you can receive your complementary high five



TEACHER QUOTES

Mr. Brockhaus: "Call of Duty with muskets."

"We're taking all your guns and melting them into rubberbands."

"It's like wetting your pants...warm."

"I'm a shoulder kind of guy...and kneecap."

"If Chuck Norris likes him, I like him."

Mr. Salyard: "Yo, whatssup dawg?"

"Bunnies, everyone loves bunnies. They're soft, warm, and cuddly, and they taste good too!"

Fr. Roza: "It's not like they gained their life juice from his dying gasps."



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By Carly Burkhardt Staff Reporter

At the beginning of every year New Year's resolutions are made by over 40% of the American population. Topping the list of these resolutions is losing weight, as can be seen by the increased number of attendees to the gym in the first few weeks following the beginning of the the increased number of attendees to the gym in the first few weeks following the beginning of the New Year. As the weeks roll by, fewer and fewer weight loss hopefuls are found working hard towards their goal. There are, though, those who stick to the life style changes and begin to see life changing results; one such person is English teacher and speech coach Anneliese Ploetz who chose to take on the HCG diet.

"I chose to go on this diet because I knew that the results would come quickly, and I had also seen a couple other people that I knew well do it and be successful with it," Ploetz commented.

One of the main components

One of the main components to the HCG diet consists of oral drops and nasal spray; these drops and spray release a hormone into the body that helps with burning

up fat.

"HCG, which stands for human chorionic gonadotropin, is a hormone that is produced naturally in the body. What it does is releases fat into the blood stream so that a fetus is never without nutrition; this hormone is created by a female during pregnancy. When it's combined with low, 500 calorie diet and no oils, it produces rapid weight loss. That is done for six weeks, and That is done for six weeks, and then you stop the HCG and enter

into what is called a maintenance phase which is where you can have any fruits, any vegetables, any proteins and limited fats, but no starches and no sugars for three weeks. After that you can slowly start adding in sugars and starches for another three weeks, and then you enter into life maintenance phase which is trying to maintain yourself at the last HGC weight,"

In order to fully carry out the diet properly, two "loading days" are necessary beforehand.

"The loading days are the first two days done before you begin your 500 calorie days of the HCG. Those are to help prename for the form. first two days done before you begin your 500 calorie days of the HCG. Those are to help prepare for the 500 calories phase so it targets the right fats and removes the fat in the right way. I think I consumed more in those two days than I did in the last month. The booklet that I have says to eat as much as you can without making yourself physically ill. It was really, really hard to eat that much after being on such a low calorie diet and changing that lifestyle and force myself back into those ways," Ploetz said.

Since the beginning of her weight loss transformation on April 8, 2012, Ploetz has lost 102 pounds, and she has stayed motivated and recently started another 500 calorie phase of her diet.

"The biggest part that keeps

another 500 calorie phase of her diet.

"The biggest part that keeps me motivated is how much better I feel after losing that much weight; my energy level is higher, my self esteem is higher, just because I feel better about how I look. Knowing that I like where I'm at, it's a lot easier once I hit maintenance to not go back to eating how I was, and living how I was," Ploetz



Anneliese Ploetz poses with an old pair of her shorts before she started her diet on April 8,2012. Ploetz has currently lost 102 pounds.

The dramatic weight change has caused many changes in Ploetz's life.

"Shopping has been the best part about losing the weight; being able to walk into a store and actually be able to shop for normal clothing is really cool and not having to think to myself, 'Well that's cute, but there's no way it's going to fit me." In all seriousness it is a lot of fun to go into a store and be able to find cute clothes," Ploetz said.

transformation Ploetz has gone on has left her with a new outlook with how she lives her life.

"I don't plan on staying on the actual HCG part of the diet, because that is to help with the rapid weight loss. The maintenance part of it, or the new lifestyle, I am going to stick with; it's not that I'm going to diet forever, because I'm not, but by going through this I have retrained myself on a healthy eating lifestyle."

Medical mysteries hit Scotus



Junior girls Chantel Shanle, Carly Burkhardt, and Valerie Borer hold up the number of organs they lost during the winter months. They had three apendixes and two gall bladders removed.

By Kristen Ohnoutka Staff Reporter

A series of illnesses and injuries have struck Scotus Central Catholic this winter season. It's causing absences, emergency surgeries, and

Several Scotus students have sed weeks of school for an

unexplained illnesses or injuries.

unexplained illnesses or injuries. All of them different, but some have come down to the same problem and have ended in surgery.

It seems the most common of ailments has had to do with the victim's gallbladder. So far there have been three students that have had to have surgery to remove their gallbladders, two have had their appendixes out, one had tonsils removed, and many other

unexplained grievances ranging from immense migraines to extra bones being found in places they shouldn't be.

Junior Jessica Martys was dealing with hip problems her entire life, but it wasn't until this school year that she found out what was really wrong. She discovered she had torn cartilage around her labrum, a part of the socket that connects the leg to the pelvic bone. Doctors

also discovered an extra bone in her hip that would catch on her labrum when she would move or lift her leg. Doctors had to shave off the extra bone and fix the cartilage tear in surgery. They also had to shave the socket of her femur bone to stop it from popping out of place. Because of this injury Martys missed out on her junior year of dance and many other opportunities.

"It was difficult not being able to dance at all this year. I hated going to several doctors for a year and finally realizing what was wrong," Martys said.

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Junior Carly Burkhardt's illness, however, was a bit more unexpected. Burkhardt went to the emergency room one Sunday night with a serious stomach pain and was put through several tests. Doctors found that her gall bladder was functioning at 12% and that it needed to come out. Also, they were going to have to take out her appendix, nothing was wrong with it, but just as a precaution. Later Burkhardt found out that if they would have left her appendix in it would have burst within a few days. Burkhardt missed school and all other activities for two weeks.

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Scotus learns with drug testing

By Kylee Soulliere Staff Reporter

Drug testing has been a new addition to life at Scotus Central Catholic this 2012-2013 school year. This has been a learning experience for everyone, including the staff administering the tests and the student body. Some changes have occurred in the protocol of testing and have resulted in multiple students testing non-negative for the first time this year.

Scotus has been one of the first schools in Nebraska to randomly drug test their student body and facdrug test their student body and fac-ulty. With no idea what the results would be at the beginning of the year, and even with the recent turn of events with drug testing, Presi-dent Mr. Wayne Morfeld sticks to his statement made earlier in the year of having the courage to go through with the testing even with the fear of the nossible results.

'I think that this is not something "I think that this is not something that's going to come for a while and go away." Mr. Morfeld said, "this is something we are going to do. The drug culture is not going to go away in the world, in the United States or anywhere else, and if anything, these scenarios are going to become more of a part of our lives not less part of our lives."

At the beginning of the year, Mr.
Morfeld, Gary Puetz, Annette Hash,
and Janet Tooley were in charge of
testing the students. They still conduet the tests, but the procedure they
enforce has changed a little bit since
August

August.

"At the start of the year we were "At the start of the year we were really trusting as test administrators, and if a student had a problem with providing a urine sample, we just tried to work with them; however, we've inserted a protocol because we don't want to make drug testing a joke. We are serious about this making a difference, so we've tightened the protocol," Morfeld stated.

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the protocol," Morfeld stated.

Since this tightened protocol has taken place, four students have spent their five days in ISS as a result of failing to provide a negative test. This year, some 240 tests have been given. Scotus is still sticking to the random drug testing by using the same computer program explained the random drug testing by using the same computer program explained at the beginning of the year. All the names of the students in grades 9-12 have been entered and assigned a number. The computer then selects numbers at random and the tests are performed according to whose num-bers were selected. The most a stu-dent has been tested is three times, and some students have not yet been

"I think our kids should be re "I think our kids should be really happy that we are the ones, for lack of better words, who caught them because they do not face legal consequences. If law enforcement had ticketed them, there goes scholarship dollars, and there goes certain jobs and professions," Morfeld said.

Due to the rise in number of businesses conducting drug tests for pre-employment or during employment, Scotus is preparing students for what lies ahead of them in the

for what lies ahead of them in the

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"When the student graduates from Scotus Central Catholic I run their discipline records through the shredder," Morfeld explained "this isn't going to follow them anywhere – it only follows them somewhere if they choose for it to follow them."

According to the Scotus handbook, when a student fails their initial test, they are required to either twenty days of out of school suspension or five days of in school suspension with an agreement be-

sion with an agreement be-tween the school, the guard-ians of the student, and the student him or herself to an evaluation by a professional substance abuse counselor.

"If we are sincere about doing the best we can to offer the best environment for our students," Morfeld said "and

helping our students to make the best judgments they can, then we have to be willing to make tough decisions, not always the most popular decisions, and step up to the plate and do what's right."

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"I hated being behind everyone, and I was determined not to get any farther behind. It took me a week of hard effort to get

a week of hard effort to get caught up," Burkhardt said. It's a mystery as to why so many students were suddenly hit with such uncommon illnesses or necessary surgeries all at once. Most of these absences occurred in the months of December and January

January.

Another big coincidence about these illnesses is that a majority of those sick are

junior girls. Six junior girls were absent for weeks on end this and last semester.

Another one of these junior girls was Chantel Shanle. Shanle learned she had a ruptured appendix; which means there was a poison spilling out of her appendix into the rest of her body, and if she would have waited too long to have it removed, it could have started an infection throughout her removed, it could have started an infection throughout her entire body. Her body could have then started to shut down. Shanle had had this ruptured appendix for two days before she had it looked at. Once doctors surgically removed her appendix, they discovered more poison discovered more poison spreading slowly in her body; which caused yet another surgery. After two weeks during Christmas break, she was recovering from these two surgeries, until the next

more poison and fluid in both of her lungs. They ended up draining 800mL of fluid from her right lung. This was the last surgery she had to have done. Overall, Shanle missed two weeks of school, but was in the hospital for two weeks prior to the surgeries and recovery.

"The doctor didn't say much about it. He was worried about me and during worried about me and during the first surgery I remembered him saying when I woke up how sick I was. He also was surprised to how I reacted to the whole situation; other than that, he really didn't say much because he didn't want to worry me anymore," Shanle said.

Besides sixteen students were out with the flu. According to the office though, most of these illnesses have slowed as

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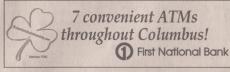
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J.V., just as victorious



By Brooke Olmer

I'm ready to play, today, look at me. I can be centerfield." Most of us know this classic song about the kid who plays baseball and wants to be put in the game. Junior varsity players can also relate to this song; they work hard and want to play, and when they finally get the chance to play

finally get the chance to play in a junior varsity game, the number of people that show up to watch is scarce.

J.V. sports don't get enough recognition. J.V. runners go to practice every day; they even go to the conditioning events in the summer.

J.V. volleyball players and football players and football players also go through the exhausting

players and football players also go through the exhausting two-a-days. J.V players work just as hard as varsity players, but they don't get near as much recognition as the varsity players.

This year I ran in a couple J.V. cross country meets and nobody really cared how we did except our parents. When we would return to school, people would ask how the varsity did, but they never really cared how

the J.V runners did. The J.V. runners work just as hard as the varsity runners; they go to practice every day, and even run the 7 mile long runs in the

I also went to a couple J.V. basketball games this year to watch some of my friends play. I admit that I don't go to many of their J.V games, but when I do, the only people in the crowds are usually just their parents and sometimes a few students.

Sophomore J.V. basketball players Kelsey Kessler and Carly Fehringer explained to me about the lack of fans at their games.

"One time both of our parents came to the game, and when we looked over and saw Craig Ackman, we were

saw Craig Ackman, we were excited to have a fan, but then we realized he was only setting up his drums," Kessler

J.V. players to connect as team because they usually practice with the varsity so they don't really know what it feels like to only play with each other until they play in their J.V games. This can be an obstacle in sports such

I think that we can resolve the problem of J.V. sports not getting enough recognition by trying to attend some J.V. games. I know that we are all busy, and it can sometimes be hard to go to the games so maybe we could just take some time and ask J.V. players how their teams did and find out if they won or not. We can congratulate them if they win, and show them that people do care and that they are appreciated. think that we

Carrie's first real opinion on something serious



By Carrie Bartholomew Layout Editor

day: had a lot of nomework, parents yelling at you for all the stuff you didn't do, flunked a test, etc. At the end of the day you go up to your friends and say, "Just shoot me now." Then the sirens me now." Then the sirens go off. Everyone standing around is now offended by making fun of this suicide threat. Your day? Ya, it just got worse. Today what seems like harmless little phrases can be taken the completely wrong way and be offensive.

Certain sayings like the one used earlier, or, "I just want to kill myself," can easily be taken the wrong way and offend a lot of people. I can understand if those threats

can understand if those threats can understand if those threats can offend people when people just say them to joke around. I use to feel strongly about it too. Whenever people made references to killing themselves or slitting their wrists in a joking sort of way, stuff just got serious. I wouldn't laugh at the joke, and in some cases I wouldn't and in some cases I wouldn't even talk to the people who said it the rest of the day. As I grew older, I learned not to take those little comments so seriously. I rarely ever say I want to kill myself. In a joking way of course though, because suicide is a serious issue and shouldn't be taken

Because of recent events like the Sandy Hook shooting, people are frantic about gun comments, especially in schools. Going

back to that bad day you were having, while you were saying the shooting comment you put your finger gun to your head. Uh oh, your teacher saw and sent you to the principal's office. You are now kirked You are now kicked office. You are now kicked out of school and have to attend counseling because something is obviously wrong mentally if you put a finger gun to your head. Worst day ever? Probably. That situation is pretty extreme, but some schools are resorting to that because of all the school office some schools are resorting to that because of all the school shootings. Personally, I think they are overreacting. Not all kids who make finger guns are going to grow up to be psycho killers. Not only certain phrases can be taken offensively, but even just some single words can be taken the wrong way.

During my first year of golf, I was talking to one of my teammates. During the conversation I used the word "retarded," to describe a situation. A few days later

a situation. A few days later we were talking again, and she started to tell me that she hated it when people used the word "retarded" because

hated it when people used the word "retarded" because her brother was mentally challenged. I felt terrible for saying that word, and then I stopped saying it all together.

Today there are certain words that lost their original meaning over the years. What happened to the days when gay meant happy, and rape was something terrible that people had to go through? Some people take it offensively when people use words such as retarded and gay because they feel like it is bashing a certain group of people. I agree when it comes to the use of these words can be

people. I agree when it comes to the use of these words. The use of these words can be taken negatively. Every once and awhile I let one of those words slip out though. People shouldn't use these words, but at the same time people shouldn't get so offended when people use them.

There are very fine lines that can easily be crossed when referring to these subjects. People can take offense to every little phrase said, or they don't care at all, and they make rude comments all the time. Rude comments and actions can certainly get some people in trouble though. People should try to be as sensitive as possible to these situations, but if someone does slip and say something offensive, chill out, it won't be the end of the world.

Resurrect the respect



By Kristen Ohnoutka

Back in my day...I know this is a phrase that REALLY old people use to refer back as a junior high student, life was much different than it is

for junior high students now.

Today younger kids
have less and less respect for have less and less respect to their superior upperclassmen. Ok, we aren't superior to them, but we have been here longer and deserve respect from twelve year olds.

Back when I was in junior

Seuss, and the old scary kate Beiermann. Not only were they older and bigger than me; they just looked intimidating. I would never even try to associate myself with the upperclassmen; I was scared they might make fun of me or make a big scene that would draw attention to poor little seventh grade me. However, underclassmen now are shoving me in the hallways, talking back, and dropping derogatory slurs. What has the world of junior high school

Walking from class to class now involves me getting pummeled by kids half my size with book bags three times the size of their bodies! It's ridiculous! They cut in lines to dump at lunch, leaving accidents in their paths. They walk on the wrong side of the stairs and push you out of the way when you're going up the correct side of the stairs, and they argue with you about everything. Walking from class to

I have a study hall with some underclassmen, and they are being loud and obnoxious, as usual, I usually tell them politely to shut their mouths,

and the response I get back is "Why don't you?!" Oh wow. Great comeback. Umm no, how about you be quiet and sit

back down and just relax for the remainder of the period. Underclassmen seem to think they deserve the same amount of respect that seniors amount of respect that seniors do, which is completely wrong. The seniors have been here for six years, and then there are the junior high kids who can still remember recess; so tell me which one sounds right, the seventh grader getting all the respect or the senior?

or the senior?
Personally, I think the underclassmen need a good "talking to", aka kick in the but, but that realistically won't be happening any time soon; so underclassmen please try and realize that you have only been here a year or two; you do not deserve the same amount of respect as us

Besides, you don't know what it was like back when huge scary seniors would actually give you a butt-kicking if you gave them even the slightest look. Back when seniors had authority

and freedom to BE seniors and to be top dogs. Back then, underclassmen gave the older students the respect they have

It's not like the underclassmen have been bullied by the upperclassmen. There aren't any seniors or juniors who have physically hurt them. Really why would we waste our time making sure that every single seventh or eighth graders' day was terrible? That is not something we strive to do. I'm not saying that seniors should be allowed to do this either; actually, our seniors are probably the nicest senior class we've had in a while. like

while.

So there's no reason to lash out at us just because we are older than you. Besides, you don't know us, so how would you know if we hate you or not? You cannot just automatically assume we atically automatically assume we don't like you just because we are older. Honestly, I hardly know any of the junior high kids so there's no chance I already hate them. So why hate us? R.E.S.P.E.C.T. find out what it means little kids!

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Seniors Allison Smith, Tessa Stuart, Pricila Robledo, and Brennan Brockhaus bust a move during the dance.





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Juniors Jackson Prokupek and Sam Patocka- Brewster share a dance while junior stacking the attention of the ladies on the dance floor.

Alycia Alt dances with her sweetheart for the night.

Coronation pauses the party

By Carly Burkhardt Staff Reporter

The brisk winter air rushed through the school's doors as the clacking of heels could be heard from girls scurrying inside trying to find heat on the cool Friday evening. The scene downstairs was one that hasn't graced the cafeteria since the implementation of wrestling mats in the fall; girls in beautiful dresses, high heels, and wearing colorful girs in beautiful dresses, nigh heels, and wearing colorful corsages were covering the dance floor with their dates trailing close behind. History teacher Wade Coulter could be found manning the doors and playing "cool" tricks

on students trying to come inside, but the old gym was surprisingly bare. There were no students posing for pictures, shoes scattered throughout the gym floor, and there wasn't a soul sitting in the bleachers awaiting commation.

in the bleachers awaiting coronation.

This year, there was something unique in the way the Sweetheart dance was handled. Due to conflict, the usual coronation that took place at eight was moved back two hours to ten o' clock.

"We didn't realize when

"We didn't realize when the date was set that district wrestling was on the same day, and one of the candidates for king was a wrestler. Another candidate for queen had the opportunity to interview for a

very prestigious scholarship, and we didn't want her to miss the opportunity to apply for the scholarship to a very good school, and at the same time miss the opportunity to be a candidate for Sweetheart royalty," sophomore advisor Gail Bomar said.

This meant the transition between dance, coronation, and back to the dance was part of the changes that took place in order to ensure all the candidates' availability at the coronation.

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"I was very pleasantly surprised to see all the upper classmen who showed up at eight o'clock or even a little bit before. I don't know if having coronation in the middle negatively affected

the dance too much. There were some people who were worried about how they would look for coronation, but I thought they looked great. It also gave our D.J.'s a little time to regroup, even though it was a little late for some people to come in for coronation, especially relatives and friends and for the crown bearers," Bomar stated.

There were some students

There were some students who didn't enjoy the change

who didn't enjoy the enange this year.
"Having coronation in the middle of the dance would have to be the only criticism I had for this year's dance; I didn't really like having a long break in the dancing like that. I understand why

it had to be at that time, but hopefully next year we can go back to the coronation being before the dance," junior Jordan Zoucha said.

There was plenty of action downstairs in the

cafeteria as the dance buzzed

on.

"I had so much fun at the dance. This was probably my favorite dance I have ever been to," senior Brittany Dake commented.

The dance concluded at 11:30 which left the remainder of the night to be dedicated to cleaning up.

"I thought Sweetheart was very good; overall I was impressed with the number of students who stayed. I was extremely impressed with the

because we got out of there in record time; overall I was very happy with it," Bomar concluded.

concluded.

Although there was change in the tradition of the Sweetheart dance this year, the morning after ACT didn't fail to make an appearance.

"Overall, Sweetheart went pretty well this year. The dancing was a blast, and the music was overall excellent. I may have stayed up too late and, as a result, did less than well on my ACT, but it was worth it," Zoucha said.



Sweetheart royalty pose for a group picture after coronation on February 8, 2012. Sweetheart royalty, from left to right, pose in the back row: Allison Smith, Tay-lor Weister, Joe Warth, former queen Kelly Augustine, Alyssa Foltz, Brennan Brockhaus, former king Austin Wortman, Nick Pandorf, and Tara Starzec. Front row: Kevin Donoghue, Bridgette Brune, Jake Gilson Alivia Galley, crown bearers Emma Brezenski and Carter Nickeson, Anna Perault, Taylor Johnson, and Ian Baumgart.

It's cool to be in the Jungle of Nool

By Carrie Bartholomew Layout Editor

Cats, elephants, and birds, oh my! This year's musical was Suessical the Musical which is various Dr. Suess stories put into an hour and a half musical experience. This musical isn't new to the Scotus stage. Suessical was also performed eight years

Tryouts for the musical where at the end of November. Most of December was spent learning December was spent learning all the music. January and February were spent blocking in the music room or on the stage until the performances held on 15th, 16th, and 17th of February. The cast also performed the first Act of the show to the 5th and 6th graders from the Catholic elementary schools.

schools.

This has been the largest cast that the Scotus stage has ever seen. Over 70 students were involved



Senior Craig Ackman performs as the Cat in the Hat in this years Suessical the Musical. This was Ackmans first year as the lead role.

with the entire production,
26 of which were seniors.
There were also two foreign exchange students who were part of the musical, Jenny Vu and Laticia Kuwae, which also has never happened before. Over the past few years it has "been cool to be who was played by senior." exchange students who were part of the musical, Jenny Vu and Laticia Kuwae, which also has never happened before. Over the past few years it has "been cool to be in the Jungle of Nool." An

who was played by senior Hannah Harrington was one

of the main characters that were present in the Jungle of Nool.

"My favorite scene was Amayzing Mayzie because I got to flaunt what I had and show off towards Taylor," Harrington said.

The next section musical involved of the

characters from the town of Whoville. Jojo, who was played by freshman Adam Smith, was one of the principles from this tiny world.

world.

"I loved being Jojo. Jojo's character was so relatable for me because Jojo is "different." He is imaginative and not afraid to put himself out there. He doesn't care about who other people think, just like me. It was also very surprising to was also very surprising to get a lead my freshman year. I wasn't expecting to get a huge part so getting Jojo was unexpected and surprising,"

Smith said.

One character that was present throughout the musical narrating, or being mischievous was the Cat in the Hat portrayed by senior Craig Ackman.

"It was fun having a lot of improv moments, and I enjoyed being able to dance a lot too. I also like that I was in a lot of scenes so I could work

musical," Ackman said.

There was one last twist to the story at end of the performance on the Sunday matinee. Before the curtain closed on the last performance Strecker asked Wiester to be his girlfriend and go to prom with him. He wrote a short poem and gave her flowers and a balloon.

"It was a nice way to end my musical career. I knew something was up. But I couldn't have asked for a better surprise. It took a lot of guts for him to do that," Wiester said.

This was the last performance for many seniors at Scotus and they feel that over the past few months the cast has become close.

"Thank you musical family for making these last couple months the best and most memorable I've had in a long time. You guys rock my world!" Wiester concluded.









(Clockwise) Sophomore Teddy Paprocki, freshman Adam Smith, and senior Lauran Kuta act as a family during the musical. Senior Catherine Swope, sophomores Allison Beiermann and Kelsy Kessler listen as senior Nick Pandorf sings solo. Senior Derek Lahm leads his cadets home from war. Senior Taylor Wiester watches as senior Hannah Harrington dances and sings.

Seussical the Musical entertains

By Kylee Soulliere Staff Reporter

Seussical the Musical is a quirky and comedic story incorporating multiple characters from many Dr. Seuss books. The Cat in the Hat narrates this story of Horton, an elephant, who finds a speck of dust on a clover that contains the world of the Whos. JoJo is the son of the mayor of Whoville who is sent off to a "butter battling military school" to fight the butter downers. The reason JoJo has been sent away is because his parents believe he thinks too many "thinks." The rest of the animals ridicule Horton and think he's crazy for talking to this clover and for talking to this clover and

that he completely ignores the adoration of Gertrude McFuzz, a bird who only has one feather for her tail.

one feather for her tail.

Everything that can
go wrong does in this play.

Whoville is about to be torn
apart by this war between the
butter uppers and the butter
downers, and JoJo is to fight in
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a vacation. Horton spends his time obsessing over the speck of dust and the Whos so much that he completely ignores the adoration of Gertrude McFuzz, a bird who only has one feather for her tail.

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the clover.

Although everything may seem to have gone wrong, JoJo comes to the rescue and saves everyone with his "thinks." Gertrude McFuzz plucks all of her tail feathers except for her original one, and is then able to go out in search of the clover, which she does and takes it. Horton does and takes it to Horton. Mayzie comes back but then tells Horton to keep the egg. When Gertrude comes back

with the clover and professes her feeling for Horton, she also offers to help take care of the egg and it hatches and turns out to be a mix between an elephant and a bird. JoJo abandons the war and helps save Whoville from being destroyed.

With a clever incorporation between a multitude of Dr. Seuss books and tying all the characters

and tying all the characters together, Seussical the Musical has shown its success in many Broadway shows and also in high school and and also in high school and amateur plays around the country and world. The book was created by Stephen Flaherty and Lynn Ahrens. It was conceived by Lynn Ahrens, Stephen Flaherty, and Eric Idle. Seussical the Musical is based on the works of Dr. Seuss.



Austin Wendt, Jacob Nienaber, Dan Strecker, and Ian Ostdiek talk to the spec of dust during Seussical the Musical. This was Austin Wendts first year in a Scotus musical.



Wrestling adds new dimension **By Brennan Brockhaus**

Staff Reporter

There have been many firsts for me this school year. One, being a senior. Two, the added drug tests. And number 3, a new sport. Scotus Central Catholic just completed their first season of wrestling. It has been a nice addition to the school and hopefully continues to grow in the coming years.

The addition of the wrestling team at Scotus has been great. For me, I really didn't know much about wrestling at the start of the school year. I knew that each wrestler tried to pin the other, but I had no idea what the scoring even meant. However, I was willing to learn more, which meant going to a couple meets to see some wrastlin' I had a great time seeing my classmates compete in a sport that I was just trying to learn. I feel many Scotus fans were in the same boat I was. Going to a couple meets taught me in the same boat I was. Going

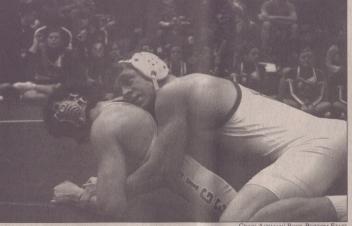
in the same boat I was. Going to a couple meets taught me what wrestling was about, and I even noticed a few moves that would be done to get the opponent on their back.

Wrestling gave Scotus fans yet another sport to get hyped about this year. This is another aspect I didn't know about wrestling. I didn't know about wrestling. I didn't know the sport was as fan friendly as I thought going to be. At first, I thought it would be. At first, I thought going to a meet would just be a boring couple of hours sitting on bleachers. I was completely wrong. I found myself cheering for whichever Scotus wrestler was competing at the time. Some of the athletic moves I saw made me stand up and cheer as loud as I do at the volleyball games. It was fun seeing my own classmates participate in a sport I have never seen them do. It was never seen them do. It was an awesome new experience to watch, and I am sure it was even better for them as well. Watching my fellow seniors compete was really fun. It was something new for them, and I'm sure it was a tough learning process. Learning a new sport in just one season can't be easy. As a few more seasons get under the books for the Shamrocks, they will improve and take more kids to state each year.

Wrestling allows

Wrestling allows even more kids in school to get involved in a sport. There were 27 freshmen through seniors going out for wrestling this year. That's a through seniors going out for wrestling this year. That's a big group of kids for a sport that is just starting up. Being the basketball guy that I am, I was a little scared that wrestling would take kids away from basketball and vice versa. However, this doesn't seem to be a huse problem versa. However, this doesn't seem to be a huge problem. Basketball and wrestling are Basketball and wrestling are just two completely different sports. They require different body types and completely different athletic abilities. So basketball players can continue playing basketball, and wrestlers will keep on wrastlin'.

The addition The addition of wrestling at Scotus has been wonderful this year. It's added a new dimension for Scotus supporters and athletes who are considering or already going out for wrestling. For me, it was a lot of fun watching and learning this new sport. In a year of many firsts, the addition of wrestling sure stands out.



Freshman Marcus Dodson takes down an opponent earlier in the wrestling season. Dodson took the sixth place medal at the state meet this year.



 ${\it Jake Grison/ Media State} \label{eq:Jake Grison/ Media State} Freshman Mason Brandenberg waits for the attack at the state wrestling meet. Brandenburg finished the year with a 30-10 record,$

Wrestlers send two

By Brennan Brockhaus Staff Reporter

The Scotus Central Catholic wrestling season is officially in the books. The inaugural season had its ups and downs, but overall it was a good year for the wrestling a good year for the wrestling team. The team sent two wrestlers to the state meet in Omaha on February 15-17.. Both were freshmen who knew they would have their work cut out for them against state level competition.

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The two competitors from Scotus were freshmen Mason Brandenburg and Marcus Dodson. Brandenburg wrestled in the 113 pound weight class, while Dodson was in the 145 pound division.

"As a freshman, I wasn't even expecting to get to state. It was my goal at the beginning of the season, and I accomplished my goal," Brandenburg said.

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Competed in two very close matches. He lost the first by decision 3-2. In his next match, he lost again by decision 4-2. He is not discouraged, however. He finished the year with an impressive 30-10 record. He plans to keep working hard to increase his chances of making state again.

"I plan on making it to state and placing the rest of my years at Scotus," Brandenburg stated.

Dodson realized that even freshmen can handle the tough competition at

state. He won his first match by decision 10-3. Dodson then went on to pin his next opponent in just one minute and eight seconds.

"I was expecting it to be very tough. I was going to have to work hard for every point," Dodson said.

However, his winning streak ended in the semi-finals to the eventual runner-up. In his match to decide the fifth and sixth place medal, he lost to Jake Walker of Omaha Skutt. Dodson was awarded the sixth place medal awarded the sixth place medal in his first ever high school state wrestling meet. He finished the season with a 41-10 record.

"It feels good knowing I made it all the way to state. Freshmen don't usually get to go, especially in the bigger weight classes," Dodson said.

Brandenburg and Dodson have bright futures ahead of them, as they both look to continue to make state appearances in the years to come. They have started a legacy for the Scotus wrestling program, as they wrestling program, as they are the first to ever qualify for state.

"It's great knowing I was the first ever state qualifier for Scotus and Marcus was the second. No one can take that away from you. It's there forever," Brandenburg said

proudly.

The 'Rocks will look to add to the number of state qualifiers next year since there were only five seniors on the team this season.

Basketball teams meet similar end

By Brooke Olmer Staff Reporter

Even though both the girls and boys basketball teams seasons didn't quite end like they wanted them too, their seasons were still a success overall. Both teams lost in the second round of sub-districts.

On February 12th the

On February 12th the girls beat Bishop Newman 39-31 at Columbus High School to advance on to the second round of sub districts. Unfortunately, on February 14th the girls lost to Wahoo 24-33. Head girls cost to Wahoo 24-33. 14th the girls lost to Wahoo 2433. Head girls coach Jarrod Ridder was disappointed to see the season end, but he was still happy with the team's accomplishments throughout the season, such as winning the Holiday tournament.

"This year our strength was again on the defensive end. Our defense was able to keep us in games and give us opportunities to win games. We returned kids who had some experience

who had some experience at the varsity level. Winning

the Holiday Tournament was a nice accomplishment," Ridder said.

The girls team will be losing 3 seniors that have been out all four years, but they will return 2 starters for next year.

"We have a nice group of kids coming back next year. I am looking forward to working with the kids and coming back and working towards improving for next year," Ridder said.

The girls ended their season with a record of 14-10.

"I think we had a lot of guys that could shoot the basketball. Earlier in the year, we really shot the basketball well, and we were able to oge of the said.

The girls ender will be to win our side of the conference; we hadn't been able to do that since 1998. We won more games than we did since 1998. That's a big step for our program; we just need to keep getting better and better. My thanks goes out to our two seniors Brennan Brockhaus and Derek Lahm; I thought they had a great year. I'm also thankful for our players and coaches who invested a lot of time in order for us to be successful," Ohnoutka said.

The boys won the first round of subdistricts 62-53 against David City at Columbus High School. On February 19, the boys lost to Wahoo 36-60 ending their season. The boys' team is losing two seniors, and will be returning 3 of their starters for next year.

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Senior Derek Lahm takes a shot against Wahoo
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Preview of Scotus Spring Sports

The boys' track team finished last season with a 72-11 record. The first competition this year is an indoor meet at Wayne State on March 16th. Returning state qualifiers include seniors Derek Lahm and toe Warth and juniors. The Joe Warth and juniors Ivan Chilapa and Alex Wallick. Scotus had a strong season last year, and will look to continue that this season.

Boys' Track | Girls' Track

The girls' went 70-9 last year and took fourth at the state track meet in Omaha. They also compete at the Wayne State indoor meet on March 16th. State medalists include seniors Morgan Benesch, Tara Starzec, and Katelyn Baumgart, and juniors Laura Miksch and Mikayla Gasper. The girls lost two seniors girls lost two seniors last season, so they will have a strong team this year.

Boys' Soccer

The didn't have the season they hoped for last year, but will look to rebound with only two seniors gone from the squad this year. Key players to keep an eye on are senior Jake Huss and junior Cody Zimmerman. There is a lot of experience coming back for the Shamrocks. If you want to see some soccer action, there will be a Scotus Invite on March 15th and 16th. Girls' Soccer

Last season, the girls struggled with injuries throughout the season. However, they still finished with an 11-6 record and a district championship. They need girls willing to step and fill key roles this year. Key returners include senior Kara Moore and juniors Payton Chohon and Emily Kosch. The 'Rocks can also be seen at the Sctous Invite to start the year.

Boys' Golf

rock golfers bring back quite a few guys from last season who will look to contribwill look to contribute. You can watch them in a rivalry match against Lakeview on March 26th. Senior Marshal Obal and juniors Conner Lusche and Michael Kurtenbach are golfers to keep an eye on this year. One of their big goals for the season will be to make state. Co-op Sports

The CHS baseball team will have quie a few play-ers from Scotus this year. A few include juniors Derek Kaslon and Nathan Ebner, and one returning varstiy player in sophomore Tyler Morton. The Iyler Morton. The CHS tennis squad will also include a good number from Scotus. Some notables in-clude juniors Carley Foltz, Amy Price, Le-ticia Kuwae.

Miksch takes two at state



Junior Laura Miksch competes in the breast stroke at a swim meet earlier this season. Miksch recently completed the State Swim Meet at the Devaney Center, and left Lincoln with 2 gold medals.

By Claire Fuchser

Editor

The CHS swim team left the Sports Center with five medals earned by both Columbus and Scotus swimmers. Scotus sent three swimmers to Lincoln this

season. Senior Brandon Hahn and juniors Laura Miksch and Peter Dolezal were the Shamrocks representing Scotus and CHS this year. All three swimmers were returners from previous state

Because of the threat of w Wednesday night and

Thursday, the swimmers left Columbus early to get to Lincoln ahead of the storm. The Scotus swimmers traveled with other CHS swimmers to the Bob Devaney Sports

Miksch competed again this year for another gold medal. After winning last

finished prelims with a time of 23:79 moving her into the first seed going into finals. Miksch finished in 1st place with a time of 23:49. Her time in the 50 free set a new CHS record.

Miksch also competed in the 100 breast stroke, 200 medley relay and 200 free relay. Her relays helped her gain 11st (200 medley relay) and 8st (200 free relay) place finishes. Last season, Miksch finished with a first place finish in the 50 free and was the top contender coming the top contender coming back to the competition this

"I felt more pressure for my 50 because I won it last year, but after prelims I didn't feel the pressure anymore because I had a few personal bests, and I felt ready to go for finals in all my races," Miksch

Although Miksch's main goal was continuing to lower her times this season, she had a few expectations going into the State meet.

"I hoped I could do the best I could, and I just wanted

Miksch also won the 100 breast stroke with a time of 1:05.67.

During Hahn's last high During Hann's last figures school swim meet of his career, he competed in the 200 medley relay, 100 yard freestyle, 100 yard backstroke and 200 free relay. Hahn placed 6th in the 200 free relay.

placed 6th in the 200 free relay and contributed to the new CHS record in the event with a time of 1:30.21.

While Hahn assisted in the breaking of a school relay record time, he hoped to break the record in the 100 backstroke. Unfortunately, Hahn was a tenth of a second off of the record time.

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Hahn had many feelings going into and leaving the Sports Center.

"I was happy that I didn't have to practice anymore but [at the same time] it was over and I knew I was going to miss it," Hahn said.

Fellow junior Peter Dolezal was also a returner for the CHS swim team. Dolezal competed in the 200

100 breast stroke, and the 400 free relay, Compared to last year, Dolezal felt that he had work to get done at the state

"I just really wanted our 200 medley relay to beat the school record. I also wanted to medal in the 200 free relay," Dolezal said.

With another regular season under his belt, Dolezal felt that this year went smoothly and that it prepared

smoothly and that it prepared him for the state competition.

"[The state competition] this year was more fun than last year because I got to swim in 4 events. This year I wasn't that nervous, just eager to swim," Dolezal said.

Dolezal left State Swimming with a 6th place finish in the 200 free relay, 10th in the 200 medley relay, 29th in the 100 breast stroke, and 21th in the 400 free relay.

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According to the Columbus Telegram, the Columbus girls finished in 14th place with 74 total points and the Discoverer boys finished 11th with 72 points.

Donors

By Claire Fuchser

Editor

Every year, the members of the Scotus National Honor Society host a blood drive in the Dowd Activity Center, and this year was no different. On February 26th, 123 people were found throughout the day in the Activity Center giving blood. NHS sponsor Jane Dusel shared that there are many steps that go into preparing for the blood drive.

"It starts with recruiting

preparing for the blood drive. "It starts with recruiting students here. I talk to the seniors, Mrs. Lahm talks to the sophomores and Ms. Ploetz has been talking to the juniors and they take care of asking them if they are willing to donate. Then NHS brings sandwiches and they sign up to be workers throughout the day. After finding out how day. After finding out how many students I have willing to donate, I work on finding parents to fill in the gaps,"

The Red Cross requires that teens that are 16 have a parent sign a parent consent form, but otherwise students may donate whenever they're

The Red Cross has asked in recent years that Dusel find atleast 135-140 people sign up in order to host the blood drive.

don't meet goal was way to be sent out; the cafeteria mbers and ladies make cookies, so there

so I had to work harder to find parents to come in. That's harder to do because they have to find a time during their day to take off of work

their day to take off of work to give, and they can't always do that," Dusel said.

Although the Red Cross asks for between 135-140 people to give at the blood drive, this year, numbers were way down in people actually completing the blood giving process

means they met with the nurses. Now out of those 123 people who showed up, there were several issues that were just out of anyone's control. For example, some were on antibiotics; they woke up that morning and weren't feeling well, several adults called me telling me work related things were keeping them from coming. For the past few blood drives, I have had about 125 people out of the ones that sign up to give, start the process," Dusel said.

As well as finding people to donate, Dusel also shared that much more goes into the success of the blood drive than just finding blood donors.

"The schedule has to be set up, reminder notes have

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is a lot that goes into the day than just finding people. I get ahold of Mrs. Kratochvil and Mrs. Spenceri, and they help at the canteen and also as nurses. Mrs. Weir also helps me out at the canteen," Dusel

said.

Dusel also shared that her student aides Kara Moore and Anna Perault helped contribute to the success of the blood drive.

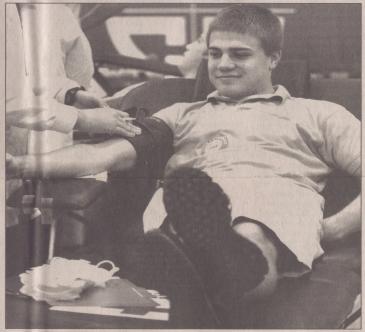
"Kara and Anna really are vital second semester when I

"Kara and Anna really are vital second semester when I prepare for the blood drive. I couldn't have done it without them. They helped me with a lot of things that were just time consuming," Dusel said.

With the help of NHS members as well as other adult volunteers, the blood drive collected 104 single units and one person gave double reds; 106 usable units were collected total.

Throughout the day, Dusel troubleshoots numerous issues that occur.

"I'm here, there, and everywhere. I'm sometimes at the canteen; I talk with students that may be a little scared about giving blood, as well as adults that were first timers. I'm the connection between all the Red Cross nurses, so if they need something or have questions



Junior Tony Zoucha is seen above getting prepped to donate blood at the Scotus Blood Drive. Zoucha was one of 123 people to give blood on February 26th in the Dowd Activity Center.

or concerns, I try to help them out with that," Dusel said. The completion of the blood drive wouldn't happen if volunteers and donors weren't willing to give of their

time to make it a success.

"Thank you to all the NHS workers, students for saying yes and trying to donate even though some weren't able to.

Thank you to all adults that

came in because I certainly can't do this alone. Thanks to Anna and Kara, again, they were my right hand in all of this," Dusel concluded.

Featured students of the month:

Hoppe brothers have knack for art

By Craig Ackman Staff Reporter

Everyone has their own activities that they like to do for fun in their spare time. Video games and television seem to rule supreme in children's lives when they search for fun. However, two Scotus students have found a hobby that is quite interesting.

Freshman Dana Hoppe and junior Jack Hoppe have enjoyed art since both of them can remember. They also both have enjoyed learning about history as well.

"When I was in fifth grade," Jack said, "I did a sculpture of my confirmation saint, St. George the dragon slayer. I made a sculpture of him slaying a dragon."

This only begins to show the creativity both of the brothers have when it comes to working with art.

"I like sculpting people

and animals," Dana said. "My favorite thing I have sculpted was probably one I created that resembled a cowboy."

Both of them enjoy working on art in their spare time. The Hoppe brothers get their art talents honestly. Dana enjoys sculpting more, while Jack has enjoyed painting. The family works on their art at home and their dad's office in downtown Columbus. Dana has sculpted heads and has also helped with large artworks his dad works on. He also sculpts in his basement

works his dad works on. He also sculpts in his basement on a large table covered with clay. There, he has made different landscapes and figures.

"The whole table used to be covered with a city, but I tore it all down and started making a completely new landscape and figures," Dana said

Jack works on his paintings at home. One of his fa-vorite pictures he has painted was one he drew resembling a person photographed during World War II.

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Art runs in the Hoppe family. Their dad, Fred Hoppe is a well-known artist. He and the family used to live in Lincoln before they moved to Columbus four years ago. He has done some of the statues located outside of Memorial Stadium, and he sculpted the mammoth outside of Morril Hall. He also owns museums in Branson, Missouri and Tennessee. Both Jack and Dana have helped their dad with sculptures he makes.

While neither of them plan to go on to do art for their main career, both would like to do some type of art work on the side for fun and for a little bit of extra cash.

"I want to go into filmmaking because it kind of involves art," Jack said.

"I don't want art as a min career, but I want to do it alongside whatever I end up choosing," Dana said.



Junior Jack Hoppe and freshman Dana Hoppe pose with some of their sculp-tures in their dad's workspace downtown. They help their dad with some of his works while they work on their own art pieces.

Go Radio, Go!

By Tara Starzec Staff Reporter

Many people may be content listening to 94.1 playing the same 40 songs on repeat, but I expect more from my music selection. The only radio that I listen to is Pandora Internet radio, and it has led me to make my own musical discoveries. The great part of Pandora radio is that it often showcases bands that aren't backed by major labels and therefore aren't getting the recognition that they deserve for their talent. One of these up-and-coming bands that more people should be listening to is Go Radio.

Go Radio was in Tallahassee, Florida in April 2007. The band's four

Go Radio was in Tallahassee, Florida in April 2007. The band's four members are bassist Matt "Burns" Poulos, drummer Steven Kopacz, guitarist Alex Reed, and singer/songwriter/guitarist Jason Lancaster. Lancaster is also known for his vocals in the band Mayday Parade. Since their founding, they have released four albums. Their most recent album, Close the Distance, was released in September 2012.

Go Radio's music is of the pop/alternative genre, but they could appeal to almost any audience of listeners. While they have some upbeat songs, they are also known for their slower, heartfelt ballads. Their song "Goodnight Moon" debuted as #8 on the Billboard Heatseckers chart.

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Go Radio is not the band that people hear every time they turn on their radios, but that does not mean that they are not worth listening to. This band depends on more than a catchy bass line that distracts people from

repetitive lyrics (a strategy that has become appallingly common in modern music). Go Radio songs still have meaning behind them, and the lyrics and music complement instead of one overpowering the other.

instead or the other.

The band is nowhere near as popular as Taylor Swift, but that is one of its best qualities. The small concert scene is much more intimate than concerts held in giant convention centers. Small concert halls feature standing room only, and there is more interaction between band members and fans. Go Radio in particular is well known for their personal fan interactions.

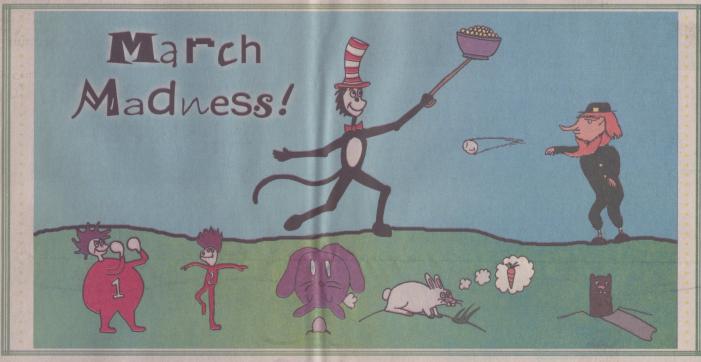
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Another benefit to following lesser known bands is their impact on bank accounts. Go Radio tickets for their most recent show at The Waiting Room in Omaha sold for \$14. In order to have that

same up close experience at a Taylor Swift concert, a person would have to pay a minimum of \$150.n For that price, a girl could take her best friend to Go Radio, buy them each a t-shirt and a CD, eat off of the 2 for \$20 menu at Applebee's,

and still have \$30 left over.

Go Radio played two days ago, so they probably won't be back in the area for a while. They will be playing with Vans Warped Tour this summer. Go Radio is not very well known yet, but their talent deserves more recognition. Check out their music now before it becomes popular and overplayed, and check Pandora radio to find more bands that deserve more credit



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Top Television Shows of all Time

By: Craig Ackman

Game Show - Deal or No Deal - I'm not much of a "game show" kind of guy. Why would I want to see people win money? I would just get jealous. Somehow I could stand watching Deal or No Deal. Maybe it was because I watch the show with my family, and we would yell at people who would ever take the deal. Come on, that's boring. I may have also watched because I thought it was funny when people won small amounts of money. Does that make me a terrible person?

Cartoon - Spongebob Squarepants - I feel that I need to elaborate on this a little more. Classic Spongebob would be my main choice. I could spend a whole day quoting the characters in the show without hitting every single quote that has made me laugh on that show. "You took my only food. Now I'm gonna starve." This new Spongebob is still funny, but it lacks the humor in the original episodes. I don't care how old you are or how many times you have seen an episode, classic Spongebob will be funny until the day that I die.

Sitcom - *That 70's Show* - It's very depressing that the show is over, but at least they still play reruns of it on television. My favorite episode would probably be the episode where all of the kids go to Canada and lose Fez's green card. "Green card, in my right shoe. Something, something., my right shoe." Whenever I feel like I'm an idiot, I can just watch Kelso, and I feel better. This show really makes me wish I lived back in the 70s.

Drama - *Prison Break* - If you like suspense and plot twists, you would really benefit in watching this show. The main character is a total stud with his ability to adapt to all the problems that occur when he tries to break his brother out. Parents can't go watch this show and say it is a bad influence for their kids because it teaches family values as well. Don't quote me though. Kids, this show may not be the best choice for you considering there is law breaking and torture and law breaking and killing. Did I mention there are people breaking the law?

Reality - *Pawn Stars* - Could anybody have guessed ten years ago that one of the most watched shows on television in the future would have been on the History Channel? I know I wouldn't have. Somehow this show manages to entertain everyone, even if you are not that interested in history like me. Following this Las Vegas pawn shop buying and selling historic items seems boring, but once you watch it, you are hooked. They get different items brought in from just about every area. That's probably why it can appeal to so many different crowds. Also, you have to love how dumb Chumley is.

Where's Tony?

The staff of the Rock Bottom took Tony out on the town. If you can guess where he is in this picture, you can bring your answer to Mrs. Rusher's room where you can receive your complementary high five.



TEACHER QUOTES

Mr. Brockhaus: "All the seniors at prom should break out in rear to rear dancing."

Mr Lahm: "When I was in college I made fun of kids who wore shorts over their pants... I would make fun of them today too."

Fr. Roza: "Can you sing it?!"

Mrs. Bomar: "La maletera, trunk of the car. That's where you put the bodies you are trying to hide."

Mr. Mustard: "Excuses are like armpits, they all stink."

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School stops for papal announcement

By Tara Starzec Staff Reporter

On Wednesday March 13th, Scotus students were peacefully enjoying their lunch after many enjoying their lunch after many received the sacrament of penance earlier that day. Students were brought up to their classrooms slightly earlier than usual, and there was an aura of anticipation throughout the building. Those walking through the senior hallway may have noticed a certain priest jumping around waving his arms, but even those who did not see him were able to hear his shouts of excitement.

On that school day there were no classes held during seventh period and most of eighth period. Scotus Chaplain

there were no classes held during seventh period and most of eighth period. Scotus Chaplain Father Andrew Roza made an announcement over the intercom that all students were to remain in their seventh period classes and watch the television screens. White smoke had risen out of the chimney of the Sistine Chapel, and Catholics around the world were waiting with eagerness for the papal announcement that was soon to follow.

The festivities and excitement were not exclusive to Rome.

The festivities and excitement were not exclusive to Rome. Scotus students were having their own celebrations. According to senior Christine Reiners, Father Roza's classroom was the place to be for this announcement.

"We walked into the classroom, and he started throwing candy everywhere. We were all freaking out because we gave up candy for Lent, but he said, "Who cares? It's a

celebration!" Reiners said.

Father Roza was extremely excited for the announcement. He had been in Rome for the announcement of Pope Benedict

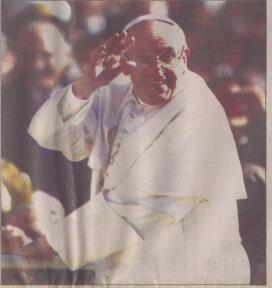
"Watching the announcement "Watching the announcement in the classroom versus watching it in Rome is a little bit like how it is watch a Nebraska game on TV versus watching it in the stadium," Father said. "When you're in the stadium, there's more of a sense of excitement, and you're around thousands and thousands of other people who are really jacked and excited. There's an energy to it that's unique." that's unique.'

that's unique."

This year's papal announcement was special because of the circumstances of the election. Pope Benedict XVI had announced his retirement on February 28th. He was the fifth pope to ever resign from the position, and the first pope to resign in almost six hundred years.

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Pope Benedict XYI's successor is just as unique as the circumstances in which he was chosen. Jorge Mario Bergoglio, the 76 year old cardinal from Argentina began his position as being a pontiff of "firsts". He is the first pope to come from Latin America, the first Jesuit, and the first to choose the name Francis. (As a side note, his name is Pope Francis, not Pope Francis I. He can't be Pope Francis II.) He also broke tradition during his first public act. Instead of beginning with a blessing upon the crowd, he asked the world to pray for him. He also refused the platform



Pope Francis smiles and waves at the people in the crowd for his inaugural Mass, 200,000 people were present to co ebrate this Mass with him.

to elevate himself and instead stood on the same level as the cardinals he was surrounded by.
"I'm really impressed with him thus far," Father said. "He seems like a very intelligent and very simple man who will really help move the Church forward in a lot of ways."

a lot of ways."

Pope Francis chose his name because of Saint Francis of Assisi, a man known for his work with the

'I think the Church will move

in a simpler direction in terms of the way it promotes itself and in the way that it deals with the world," Father said.

Scotus students were glad to get out of school for a few periods, but this event affected much more than the classroom

"This is somebody who, whether people know it or not, will have a big influence on their life over many years to come," Father said.

Irish music. "I was disappointed that we didn't go to the parade this year mainly because it is an event that encompasses all of our Scotus band students," band instructor Kristen Cox said. "I was also disappointed for our senior class because it is something we look forward to every year." "I was disappointed that

we didn't go to the parade this year mainly because it is an event that encompasses all of our Scotus band students"

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Shamrocks at St. Pat's

> By Craig Ackman Staff Reporter

The Scotus band department does a wide variety of events every school year, many of which have been part of the band's schedule for many years. This year, however, one of their biggest events had to be dropped off of the schedule. The band did not perform at the Saint Patrick's Parade in Omaha.

The Scotus band has always been a big hit at the parade in Omaha due to the fact that the band wears green and white band uniforms with the Shamrock clover on the sleeves. The band also plays the Scotus fight song along with other choices of Irish music.

"I was disappointed that we

~Kristen Cox

This year, multiple activities fell on March 16th. These events ranged from track and soccer to the Saint Patrick's Parade and Conference Music. While Scotus did not attend this parade, students were still sent to Concordia High School to participate in Conference music.

"I was pleased with the performance of the band. It was a great day, and it was a great experience,"

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For conference music, each school that attends is allowed to send up to 25% of their total band. Students in the band usually inform the band teacher if they wanted to participate in the event so the teacher can get their names in. Sometimes, not everyone who wants to participate makes it in.

"Conference music works like a draft. We go around through the 13 schools and you put in your choice for the band," Cox explained. "For example, if it is my turn, and I want to put in a flute player and the flute section is full, then I have to move on to my next player. It is a round table discussion, though, so the schools work hard to get everyone in who wanted to be put in."

The band will be participating in the District Music Competition again this year at Central Community College in Columbus on April 18-20. The band will also hold a concert on April 24th to play the music Competition.

Cox added, "We are very fortunate that District Music happens here in Columbus. It would be great to have as many people out there to come out and listen to us, both instrumental and vocal. Plus there is no charge."

no charge.

Stations start break



niors Taylor Wiester and Nick Pandorf and junior Ian Ostdiek reenact the ath of Jesus at Stations of the Cross on Wednesday, March 27th. The stunts involved took time out of the already shortened school day to preparer Stations before the performance in front of the rest of the student body.

By Carrie Bartholomew Layout Editor

The Lenten season is a time for preparation for the resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Before he was resurrected though, he had to go through a horrible death. Every year Scotus does the Stations of the Cross the last day, before Feater, break the last day before Easter break. This year there was a little twist in

the schedule.

The week before Easter break was supposed to be a whole day on Monday and Wednesday and a half day on Tuesday because of the Scotus Relays. Because of the weather, the relays were postponed until Wednesday, the same day that Stations of the Cross were scheduled. The stations stayed on Wednesday even though it was a 12:10 dismissal. The class periods that Wednesday were only 19 minutes long.

Stations is not only a worldwide Catholic tradition that dates back to the fourth century. but it is also a valtion. The Stations is sponsored by the Campus Ministry. High school students take an active role in the stations because they are the ones who perform it. Every year all the Scotus students go into the gym to watch the Stations. As the stations progress, the students involved make their way

dent body.

students involved make their way across the gym floor. By the eleventh station they are in the middle of the gym to reenact the death and resurrection.

There were a large number of Scotus students who were involved in the Stations of the Cross. A little more than twenty students put together the stations

gether the stations.

"It's different because I was able to get in character by being a woman of Jerusalem. I really had to focus on what was going on and

the feelings that are attached to the stations," senior Shayla Wieser said. First time participant, senior Brennan Brockhaus, played a guard that expected leaves

"When I was younger I always thought that stations were cool, so I always wanted to be a part of them," Brockhaus said.

Along with the people who were reenacting the stations, there were also students who chanted in between the stations, and did the spotlight. Seniors Claire Fuchser and Derek Lahm narrated the stations as Jesus and Mary, which was a unique aspect to this year's Stations of the Cross.

"It was really each to

aspect to this year's Stations of the Cross.

"It was really cool being part of it. I tried to make it personable and put my own compassion into Mary's voice. I tried to feel as she would have felt," Fuchser said.

With the different narrations, the color of the spotlight changed colors. The spotlight also shone just red during the last five stations.

"I'm kind of a nerd when it comes to Lent, so I absolutely love the Stations. It's definitely different being in the Stations because you almost feel like you're there. You feel the pain Mary felt seeing her son die on the cross, and it's a great spiritual encounter," senior Taylor Wiester said.







high lock-in Junior

The junior high lock-in began on Wednesday, March27th at 7:00 P.M. and con-tinued into the early hours of the next morning, ending at 7:00 A.M. This event was sponsored by the Junior High Student Council. Juniors and seniors volun-teered to help run music for the dance and officiate activities.

(top right) Eighth graders Alayna Wilson, Maddie Sinovic, and Haley Faust dance together in the cafeteria.

(left) Eighth graders Courtney Flint and Zach Svehla play volleyball.



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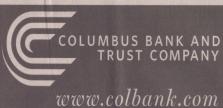
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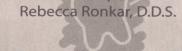
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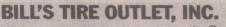




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The bold and the beautiful Blood, sweat,



By Brooke Olmer Staff Reporter

just listen to the rhythm of your heart." Every morning my alarm goes off to this song at 7:15 a.m. This is plenty of time to get up and get

ady for school, but usually I end o shutting off my alarm and waking of fifteen minutes before school arts. This usually isn't a big deal considering all I have to do is brush my teeth and put on my uniform, but on dress down days I feel like it's not enough time to pick out something nice to wear, so I usually end up paying a dollar to wear sweats and a t-shirt.

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I really do like it when people actually dress up on dress down days, and I would like to dress up in a cute outfit for a dress down day, but I just never wake up on time.

It's a bold choice for people to dress up on dress down days when the majority of people just wear sweats. People should start taking more fashion risks. They could wear jeans on a dress down day or girls could even wear a cute skirt. If they're feeling really bold, they could wear that shirt they bought that might be a little too crazy to wear in Columbus, Nebraska.

Accessorizing is also a bold

fashion statement that people can make. For instance, I personally like to wear hats, but I don't wear them as much as I would like to. When as much as I would like to. When I do wear them, I always feel like people are thinking, "Who is this girl trying to rock a hat?" In reality, most people probably aren't thinking that and don't really care, and if they do, I should learn to get over it, wear what I want, and make the fashion statements that I want.

I respect people who don't

I respect people who don't care what others think and wear what they want. I know that at times it can be hard for Scotus students to take fashion risks considering that we have to wear a uniform every day. Look at junior Sandy Chi, she rocks a scarf almost every day and doesn't care what people think. The next time you are going to dress up for an event, be bold and wear that new shirt that you think might be a little too crazy to wear in Columbus, Nebraska. Take a fashion risk and never be afraid to accessorize.

and smiles



By Carly Burkhardt Staff Reporter

Human beings as a whole strive for perfection. The perfect house, perfect life, perfect body, perfect grades, perfect everything is the constant perpetual out-of-reach goal. A prime example of the incessant need to be perfect can be found within weight rooms and gyms of high schools everywhere. Athletes push themselves to the limit with the hopes of a perfect season to ensue. They get to experience the recognition for all of their hard work every time they step onto the field or in the court, but there are those who put in endless hours every day who go unrecognized to the public eye; they are dancers.

Speaking as someone who listerally each presches and sleans.

they are dancers.

Speaking as someone who literally eats, breathes, and sleeps at dance every night, the amount of time that it takes to be in dance can be extreme. I am at the studio every weeknight except Friday for hours on end; I usually don't eat, or don't eat supper until well after ten, and I do a majority of my homework in between dance classes at the studio. between dance classes at the studio. I have used the phrase, "I can't; I have dance," more times than I can remember. I rarely ever get to go to volleyball or basketball games because I'm in the studio for class.

Most people think that dance isn't a physically strenuous activity, but those are obviously the people but those are obviously the people who have never been through a dance class before. To begin dance you have to stretch, and I don't mean touching your toes and calling it good either. I'm talking about the full on head on your knee, flat backed, someone pushing on your back for a minute to achieve a fuller stretch type of stretching. The types of stretching where you can barely move after you're done. Once the stretches have been done, the actual dancing begins. The entire class is spent reviewing last week's moves, learning this week's, or running it into the ground until you have it memorized forwards, backwards, and upside down, and it never seems to matter how much you practice during the week because you are just never good enough.

during the week because you are just never good enough.

What sets dance apart from most athletics is that as a dancer, you actually have to look good at what you are doing, and if even one person forgets to smile or point their toes the entire class has to do the dance over again. Oh, your face hurts from smiling so hard? Too bad, do it again. Oh, someone forgot to point their toe in the beginning? That sucks, run it again. Your feet were in point their toe in the beginning? That sucks, run it again. Your feet were in fifth position instead of first? Sorry, no one cares. You could have done the dance absolutely flawlessly, but because one person decided not to put enough effort into it, you have to run it again.

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This image of perfection most dancers have for themselves can never fully be achieved regardless of the time and effort put into it. We work so hard, and practice for hours all for one day of recognition. Recital at the end of the year is the only true time dancers get to show

Recital at the end of the year is the only true time dancers get to show off their progress and perform in front of a crowd.

Although dancing controls my life, I wouldn't change any of it for the world. Dance is the one place where I can fully express myself at any point of the day; it allows me to put every ounce of emotion that I had been feeling that day and turn it into a beautiful work of art. The rush I feel once I set foot on the stage on recital day in May is something I look forward to year round; performing and being on the stage is home for me. I practice until my feet bleed and until my shoes break- all for one day of glory.

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While I realize there aren't countless performances to watch each week, the recital at the end of the year is one thing anyone can go watch and go to support. I guarantee once you watch them, you will be able to see the passion and dedication each and every person puts into the show. puts into the show

Gamers gone bad



By Kristen Ohnoutka Staff Reporter

Technology is a wonderful gift. It's gotten us so far in life and continues to improve every day, but some of this great technology is turning our kids into killing machines!

Though it may not be this Though it may not be this severe, it is true that some violent video games and other forms of media are poisoning the minds of many children in the world.

Games like Halo and Call of Duty are perfect examples of what

I'm talking about. As if going to wa

isn't traumatizing enough; many boys are doing it for "fun".

In the world of the media it's all about exposing people to topies that fall under the categories of drugs, sex, or violence. In most cases, video games contain all three of these things

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They teach people that violence is acceptable and that it is an appropriate way to spend time. They make you think using an AK-47 to blow through the enemy is a needed tool in life rather than maybe spending a little more time on spending a little more time on homework instead of finishing it five minutes before school.

Video games can cause several unhealthy habits that gamers

several unhealthy habits that gamers don't know about, such as lack of sleep, headaches, and migraines, mood swings, and an increase in stress levels. On top of all these medical consequences it makes people seem like complete loners and a little sketchy if all they do is log onto their Xbox and play for hours on end.

Video games, though it's players may not realize it, can cause them more stress than entertainment. Think about what lessons we learn from video games. We learn that killing and stealing cars and breaking

laws is acceptable in society; when in reality it is poisoning our minds with false information.

Video games are fine to play every once in a while, and if any gamers out there want to cut back

play every once in a while, and if any gamers out there want to cut back their game time consider changing to a less violent game, like baseball, or football, or whatever Madden thing they come out with next.

Switching to one of these games is a lot healthier than putting fierce warfare into our minds. Plus if gamers would cut down their hours spent on video games they will have more time for schoolwork and will have a lot less stress in their lives, plus a lot more sleep!

Video games are a gift from technology and aren't bad if used safely. If you find yourself falling under the category of a gamer ask yourself these questions: Do you log onto your Xbox or whatever you have the minute upon arriving home? Do you find yourself still awake at incredibly late hours still gaming? Do you own a gamer chair? Or a headset? Or do you find yourself buying new games the second they come out? If you answered yes to any of these questions you are a gamer. And you need to stop.

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Jefferson brings 10kes

By Brennan Brockhaus

Staff Reporter

Christmas. He rose on Easter. Halloween was meant for a time to celebrate the Church's martyrs. We celebrate the fourth of July to remember our independence. But how did April Fool's Day come about? People have been celebrating April Fool's Day since 1803.

Fool's Day is actually an early American tradition. It was when Thomas Jefferson was when Thomas Jefferson was president of the great United States of America. Not many people know that he was quite the jokester himself. In 1803, the French offered us the Louisiana Purchase. What could we do with all that land west of the Mississippi? Thomas Jefferson really didn't want this land so he offered a ridiculously low amount of money to the French for it. He offered just 5 cents per acre for it! The French decided to for it! The French decided to take the offer. How much is that land worth today? Some land in Nebraska can go for \$15,000. Thanks a bunch, France. Thomas Jefferson never laughed so hard in his life. This monumental event happened to occur on the first day of April. Thomas Jefferson then announced that April 1st would be a national holiday. A holiday he named April Fool's Day.

"Thomas Jefferson never laughed so hard in his life." ~Brennan Brockhaus

He wanted his fellow Americans to make a joke out of the French, who practically gave us Arkansas, Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Montana. Missouri, Montana, NEBRASKA, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, and Wyoming for free. Yes, if there was no April Fool's Day the state of Nebraska would still be under French rule. We would surely be in trouble still be under French rule. We would surely be in trouble. The women wouldn't shave! The men wouldn't shower! We would eat French toast every meal of the day! Now I'm a huge fan of French toast, but three meals a day, every day! No thanks! And worst of all, we would most likely hate America! April Fool's Day needs to be greatly appreciated within our country. It's the reason Nebraska is a part of it.

Most of you didn't know about the origin of April

Most of you didn't know about the origin of April Fool's Day. Now, you can go on pranking your friends with as much fun as Thomas Jefferson had with the French.

Jefferson had with the French. We tend to forget the reason why we celebrate certain holidays. April Fool's Day is just one of those days.

You're probably at the point where you are trying to comprehend everything that I have just thrown at you. It's ok. Take your time. Just soak it all in. April Fool's Day has a fun background and learning about it should get you excited about pranking your friends!

Tennis team teaches telekinesis

By Tara Starzec Staff Reporter

Scotus' best kept secret was hidden so well that those involved did not even wear Shamrock colors. CHS and Scotus have co-oped for ten-Scotus have co-oped for tennis for many years, but there was much more to their practices than tennis playing. Last fall during their practices at Pawnee Park's tennis courts, the boys acquired a unique set of skills. They have all mastered the art of telekinesis.

For those who do not know, telekinesis is the ability to move objects using only

the mind. During practices, the boys would train their minds using their tennis balls minds using their tennis balls and racquets. It may seem next to impossible that this behavior had gone unnoticed for so long, but the boys had the perfect plan to disguise their antics. They would keep their hands on their racquets, and they move the balls back and forth across the court as if they were actually playing tennis.

This plan worked well for a while until it was acci-dentally betrayed by one of the team's members. At one of the home meets in September, sophomore Noah Schacher was photographed practic-ing his skills between serves. Senior Craig Ackman was

shocked when he discovered that the secret was leaked. At first, Ackman attempt-

At first, Ackman attempted to feign ignorance when interviewed about the subject of his mysterious skill.
"Telekinesis? What are you talking about?" Ackman said. "I'm a tennis player not a wizard! That's Coach Bethu.

After slightly illicit interrogation methods were employed, Ackman was more willing to open up about the subject.
"Our

Bethune is actually a descendant of Merlin the wizard,"
Ackman said. "He began to pass his wisdom on to us last

Season."

Since telekinesis is a difficult skill to master, it took up most of the boys' practice time. As a result, their "normal" tennis playing abilities

suffered.

"He [Bethune] says telehe Betinine says tele-kinesis is a good art to learn, but we were not allowed to use it while competing in NSAA activities," senior Dylan Kuta said.

The team was not com-pletely satisfied with their season this year, and teleki-nesis could have been a major contributor to that disappoint-

ment.
"I feel we were at a double disadvantage," senior Ian Robak said. "We knew that

we had the ability to win every match, but we were not allowed to use it. We all got frustrated."

Now that the tennis secret has been exposed, it is uncer-tain as to what actions should be taken. There is talk of eventually changing the name of the tennis team to the TEle-kiN(N)ISis team, but there is nothing set in stone. Bethune is not sure he is prepared for

the rush of new members that is bound to occur now that the public is aware of his hidden talent.

talent.

Before Bethune begins to take on the responsibilities of a telekinesis team, he plans on escaping from civilization with Schacher for an indefinite period of time. Schacher was the one who revealed Bethune's secret, proving that he was not advanced enough. he was not advanced enough

in his studies to know the proper time and place to use his skills. Bethune will be training him privately until he is better able to control him-

"I am very ashamed that "I am very ashamed that my recklessness is the reason that the secret was revealed, but I am grateful for the op-portunity to train more under the great Coach Bethune," Schacher said.



Sophomore Noah Schacher practices his telekinesis skills at one of his home meets. This is the photograph captured that revealed the tennis team's secret to the rest of the world.

hamrock

By Claire Fuchser

Editor

Unfortunately, Unfortunately, some students encounter many tragedies before graduating from high school. If they're lucky enough, their life stays normal the majority of the four years that they have with

their class. Senior Taylor Johnson was not so lucky.
Johnson was diagnosed with a disease known as "dilatabitur pupilla" (DP) or "enlarged pupil" as a child. Throughout his schooling, the problem has not been noticed by many, but recently, because of health problems, the senior class has been notified of

When Johnson When Johnson was born, he was perceived as a normal child, but doctors soon discovered that there was something wrong. Johnson suffered from a rare disorder that dilates the pupils. In Johnson's case, what doctors found odd was that only one pupil seemed to be stressed. Although Johnson's doctors knew this was better than

knew this was better than both eyes being affected, a few problems were still in Johnson's path.

By the age of 9, Johnson had visited the doctor more than 35 times for exercises to strengthen the superior levator palpebrae and increase the amount of autoous humor, which is aqueous humor, which is the liquid found beneath the cornea. Doctors also planned on "forcing" Johnson's eye cornea. Doctors also planned on "forcing" Johnson's eye to look at objects so that the fovea centralis would assist in Johnson's sight.

"The fovea [centralis] is the point of sharpest, most acute visual activity," Johnson said.

Although Johnson's

Although Johnson's condition has not yet fully been taken care of, he

"The fovea [centralis] is the point of sharpest, most acute visual activity"

~Taylor Johnson

continues his senior year and plans on graduating on time. "It can be hard sometimes to see the board, and other times the light at school and

even outside is just too bright.
When that happens, I get really bad headaches and have to take naps in dark rooms so that my eye can relax,"
Johnson shared.
These side-affects

These side-affects could never blind Johnson, but because he is "visually impaired", he may soon be seen in a wheelchair in the

impaired", he may soon be seen in a wheelchair in the media center. The headaches he gets often become so serious that he can hardly walk.

"I'm not going to lie, it's difficult to even see 5 feet in front of me sometimes, so my parents and my doctor are considering keeping a wheelchair on hand for whenever I may need it," Johnson said.

Johnson plans to attend Central Community College for 2 years after graduation.

After completing his schooling at CCC, he hopes to transfer to Georgetown University School of Medicine. There, he will start classes. Johnson wishes to ultimately become an Ophthalmologist.

"The stuff I went through as a kid was way less thay it is now I can live with my it was I w

"The stuff I went through as a kid was way worse than it is now. I can live with my condition right now, but I want to help kids suffering from DP so they don't have to go through what I have," Johnson concluded.



Senior Taylor Johnson can be seen above with his eye condition clearly visible. Johnson was first diagnosed with "dilatabitur pupilla" at a young age.

Journalism staff travels



Students take the reigns

By Craig Ackman Staff Reporter

This year, Scotus students gained the benefit of having one snow day and one late start (due to snow). The students enjoy having a day

and a half off, but got to enjoy their short day with another surprise: student teachers. But these were not the usual student teachers that schools receive. Scotus, for half a day, was taught by its own day, was taugm students.

"We heard the

make it in that day," junior Carly Burkhardt said, "so some of us just had to step in and get something done." Burkhardt stepped in

Burkhardt stepped in for Mr. Lahm's classes, while other students, such as Pricila Robledo, Derek Kaslon, Colby Engquist, and Jacob Ruskamp stepped in for other

students. These students were chosen by Mr. Morfeld since they were high ranking in classes that they took that they

"It was a real honor to teach Mrs. Bomar's classes for a day and be Señor don Jacobo," senior Jacob Ruskamp said. "I have paid so close attention in my Spanish class that I knew

"We heard the teachers were not going to make it in that day," junior Carly Burkhardt said, "so some of us just had to step in and get something done." ~Carly Burkhardt

exactly where we left off and how to pick back up. As for the other Spanish classes, they were learning things I have already learned. Health class was a toughie, but things worked themselves out since Mrs. Bomar had a video in the VLIS player already.

still felt like a day of learning for some of them as well.

"I have a new respect for teachers after subbing for Mr. Salyard for a day," Colby Engquist said. "It was a joy sharing my vast knowledge with other students, but it gets frustrating trying to keep people up to speed all of the time."

The teachers enjoyed a nice day off since they were all conveniently snowed in while the students were

"It wasn't that big of a deal anyway since I am such a laid back teacher as it is," English teacher Angie Rusher stated. "I didn't mind having someone else take over my room."

The school was not as crazy as people expected it to be. Mr. Morfeld still made his way to school and sat in on classes that the students were

teaching.
"I am very took the initiative to keep the learning process moving on what seemed to be a day off," Morfeld stated. "It ended up being a very productive day and a great learning experience for the students."

The monster survival guide: They're after you!

By Carrie Bartholomew Layout Editor

You know those monsters under your bed or in your closet that scared you so ou so little? much when you were lit Well, THEY'RE REAL! people grow older, they grow out of the "monster" phase, and they ultimately just forget all about them. The monsters are growing up too. They are now able to attack and are currently targeting young

There was a reason that they never outwardly attacked us when we were kids. They loved to thrive off the fear that we had. Thanks to evolution, they are gradually desiring something more than just the fear of little kids. They not only want our fear, but they also want our flesh. Because of their ever growing need for it, they started organizing their ranks and attacking in groups. The leader who is organizing In eleader who is organizing it all is none other than The Boogie Man, the most feared of all monsters. Before they were organized, the monsters would just randomly pick a bed or a closet of any kid to hids in

They are starting to target young adults more because they still have that small they still have that small glimmer of fear in the back of their brains that they haven't thought of in years. When the monsters show themselves, that tiny glimmer re-sparks into full on panic. They don't target adults because they have long lost the fear of the monsters.

There has been a tragic loss of one of our beloved classmates, Brooke Olmer. She was playing some basketball last Saturday. She was going at it so hard she lost track of time, and then it got dark. After dark, they all attacked her. Olmer didn't have anything to defend herself except her basketball. With the basketball, she was able to take out one of the beasts, but in the end she was taken away and never seen

There are ways that we, as young adults, can prepare ourselves for the oncoming onslaught. As we all know, they hate the sunlight. If you are ever put in a situation where you have to be alone, outside, in the dark, always carry three flashlights with you. Why three? Well, if you have ever seen a decent carry three flashlights with you. Why three? Well, if you have ever seen a decent monster movie, one of the flashlight's batteries run out, and the next one gets swatted out of your hand. If you carry three, you will always be prepared. Now how you will hold onto three flashlights is another story...

Another way you can be prepared if they infiltrate your house is to stay under the covers. Every little kid knows that staying under the covers will protect you from the monsters. This hasn't changed. If you are near a blanket of any sort take it and get under it right away.

If you are ever in a situation where we we deal.

If you are ever in a situation where you don't have any way to protect yourself, the worst thing you can do it is try to fight it head on. If you see one, run. Run as fast as your legs will take you. If you were in cross country, this should be a good re-season exercise for you.
You have a chance to out-run
the monster and get to the
nearest point of refuge.
The monsters have
surfaced and are coming after

us. Keep your friends and family close and good luck to



Junior Carly Burkhardt subs in for Mr. Lahm during the late start caused by the snow storm. She, along with many other Scotus students, stepped up and took the duty of teaching for the day while teachers were snowed in.

Donoghue dominates all 1t

By Kylee Soulliere Staff Reporter

Holding two different os on top of being involved band, cross country, and ck would be more than rack would be more than enough to occupy all of a normal person's life and leave them with little to no free time. However, this is not the case for senior Kevin not the case for senior Kevin Donoghue. Being an NHS member, a frequent shopper at Wal-Mart, a Village Inn fanatic, and also a major contributor to the local gas stations when regularly filling up his 8 miles per gallon GMC after his road trips are just a few activities that Kevin does in his spare time. Also making room for his hobbies is something that Kevin manages to do extremely well. His main hobby would have to be basketball, as it is his life.

his life.

"Kevin is probably the best baller in the State, if not the Midwest. He was going to go out but knew he would be too good. He'll probably go pro after high school," stated senior basketball captain Brennan Brockhaus.

On top of showing off his baller skills, Kevin is also a renowned author. Being a tweeter with more than 203 followers, the author of many Dear Dowdys, and using his extreme creativity when coming to vocab sentences; Kevin has made a huge impact on all who read his

"I really enjoyed having Kevin in my class freshman year; he educated me on the importance of the Oldsmobile and the devastation its and the devastation its discontinuation had on and the devastation its discontinuation had on America. He wrote all 121 vocab sentences throughout the year on the Oldsmobile. Due to Kevin's persuasive writing I have committed my life to bringing back the Oldsmobile. I am now an active member of the organization headed by Kevin called You Only Love Oldsmobile (YOLO)," freshman English teacher Angie Rusher explained.

Also being gifted in

Also being gifted in the arts, Kevin has won national awards and is being pursued by The Art Institute of Chicago, the Cleveland Institute of Art, the California College of Arts, and Harvard. Kevin's inapt ability to capture the moment on paper is not the only gift in the arts that he has; he is also an actor and a YouTube sensation. Just a few of his videos that have gone viral are the Theft of the Lanyards, the Flamingos of Hazard, along with many of his coning videos.

With his recent performance in Mr. Shamrock,

With his recent performance in Mr. Shamrock, Kevin has captured the attention of many colleges of the performing arts including Juilliard. A lot was learned about Kevin during his interviews in the Mr. his interviews in the Mr. Shamrock Competition. He

professed his desire to meeting his idol, Jake from State Farm. He also showed his marketing abilities with his advertising for J.G. Wentworth. Most noted about Kevin during Mr. Shamrock however, was his natural talent of interpretative dancing. Kevin also revealed to the world his secret obsession with moshing. Kevin has been throwing down ever since the toddler

ages.
"It's just something I do;
"I've always

"It's just something I do; it's something I've always done. It's who I am; it's what I do. I didn't choose the thug life, the thug life chose me," explained Donoghue.

On top of all these qualities, Kevin is a man who dresses to impress. He can be found around town sporting his renowned attire, namely his legendary overalls. He also can be found wearing one of his numerous animal t-shirts. He knows the importance of some good kicks to impress the ladies, so importance of some good kicks to impress the ladies, so he settles for nothing less than some Velcro shoes in both some Velcro shoes in both stylish white and classic black. Just one famous reference to Kevin's style has been made in the recent hit single Thrift Shop with "Awww he got the

Donoghue wildlife enthusiast, with or more specializing phoenicopterus, commonly known as the pink flamingo. His love for the pink bird started when he



Senior Kevin Donoghue displays his various interests in his senior portrait. He has recently turned down three offers to play for the NBA.

life.

Kevin shows his support of all creatures with his love for little toy animals. Just a few that he has and carries with him wherever he goes are his alligator, cow, pig, and many more that he keeps in his pickup.

"I have found Kevin on more than one occasion carrying these little animals

on more than one occasion carrying these little animals with him from class to class. At first I thought he was just

went to the zoo as a child and got separated from his family. Kevin spent nearly three days with the flamingos where they fed him and taught him all about the flamingo way of English teacher Kelly Schaad cyclained.

English teacher Kelly Schaad explained.

Above all these remarkable traits, Kevin is a great friend and has always been known to be there for his fellow classmates and peers. He has turned down the offers to the art institutes and the to the art institutes and the colleges of the performing arts to attend either Northeast Community College or University Nebraska Lincoln pursuing a degree in

across the entire globe



By Brennan Brockhaus Staff Reporter

So many of the top college men's basketball programs have seen themselves fall in this tournament. There has been tournament. There has been upset after upset throughout the March Madness. Well, it's April now, so it will soon come to an end. We are now down to four. Of those four, just one team is a number one seed. Louisville claimed the overall number one seed to start the tournament, and they've clearly shown why they deserve it. Let's take a look at the two Final Four games:

Wichita State vs. Louisville: Wichita State has clearly "shocked" the nation this year. See what I did there? Yeah, the Shockers are not a team to be messed with. I was high on them coming in to the tournament, but even I am stunned they made it this far. They don't have any one great part of their game, but they find ways to beat their opponents. A number nine seed has never won the championship so odds are definitely against these guys. Hopefully they come out fighting. Then there's Louisville. The favorites. Who wouldn't pick them to win? They have two great guards who can score and play tremendous defense and a big man who swats shots like Dikembe Mutombo on the Geico commercial. If talent can't win alone, then the emotional loss of Kevin Ware should help. If you haven't seen Kevin Ware break his leg in the Elite Eight game, you need to. But only once. It gets pretty gruesome. There is no doubt in my mind that Louisville will be coming out hungry. They win, but not after a final run from Wichita State. not a team to be messed with. I was high on them coming in

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Brennan Brockhaus

Michigan vs.
Syracuse: Trey Burke
from Michigan has been
something special to watch.
The comeback he led against The comeback he led against Kansas was one reason why. Some of the shots he makes have people scratching their heads. No one can guard this guy one on one. Maybe that's the reason Syracuse plays zone defense. The Orange plays great team defense, and if one team can slow down Trey Burke, Syracuse has the power to do it. I could see power to do it. I could see this game really coming down to the wire. When games are close, your superstar takes over. That's where Burke comes in. Burke hits the game winning three as the buzzer sounds.

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That leaves the final game between Michigan and Louisville. Big Ten vs. Big East. Louisville's swarming defense may be even better than Syracuse. But, big time players show up in big time games. This one could come down to the last second as well. I think I'm going to take the safe choice and pick the Huskers. I still have faith, Nebraska!

Track team takes off

April 2013

Staff Reporter

New track, new records, New track, new records, and new faces are just a few of the aspects that make up the beginning of this 2013 track season. With seventeen seniors, twenty one juniors, twelve sophomores, twenty freshman, and two managers, the team has grown from last year. The team also has returning State qualifiers.

"We've got some great returning talent in our upper classmen, and we've got some

ability went well for us, which they

this season, Wayne State's Indoor and the Wesleyan Indoor, three indoor records have been broken. In the 400 meter, Laura Miksch set the new record at 59.60 seconds. In the 1600 meter, Morgan Benesch set the record at 5:27.93. In the field events, Tara Starzec set the new pole vault record at 10 feet.

new young talent as well," head girls' track coach Janet "Three records in two

Sophomore Eduardo Lopez sprints toward the finish at the Scotus Relays this year. The boys took second, while the girls took 1st place.

ey said, "but what is really special is the fact that the records were broken so dramatically

The Wayne State's Indoor meet was not a scored meet but at Wesleyan both the boys and the girls came home with first place trophies. At with first place trophies. At the Wesleyan meet, the boys tied for first with Elkhorn South but won the coin toss for the trophy. The Scotus Relays were also a successful meet for both the girls and the boys. The girls won and the boys were runner-in. boys were runner-up.

Due to weather problems, not much time has been spent practicing on the track or on the runways. This does not seem to have had a large effect on Scotus' performance at meets though. The time that has been spent on the track has been a nice change from

past years.

"The facility is awesome and it's a great surface," Tooley said, "the turf and having a little bit of a crown on the football field has allowed us to do some different running drills, especially for the sprinters and jumpers."

This year, Scotus will besting four home meets.

This year, Scotus will be hosting four home meets. These are the Scotus Relays, Knights of Columbus, Cen-tennial Conference, and Dis-

triets.

"We are accredited to running some of the best meets in the state, and I just want to thank all of those people who spend their time in helping us run those," Tooley said.

Scotus track also has two new volunteers this year helping out with high jump.

helping out with high jump and throwers. Miss Danielle Masur is an Aquinas graduate who has both high school and

collegiate experience. She was a horizontal jumper but is donating her time to helping out and focusing on high jump. Tanner Johnson is also a volunteer this year with the throwers. He will be helping out Coach Kreinke and also helping out with the junior high track team throwers.

The next track meet is to-

The next track meet is to-day at the Wayne Invitational. After that will be the home meet of Knights of Columbus meet of Knights of Columbus at Pawnee Park, followed by the CHS freshman meet also at Pawnee Park. The Schuyler Invitational, Aquinas Invitational, and Boone Central Quadrangular will be in the month of April. Centennial Conference will be held at home this year on May 4, tailed the next week by Districts at Pawnee Park as well. State at Omaha Burke will be May 17th and 18th.



Sophomore Shannon Spulak clears the high jump bar. She was a part of the high jump relay that placed third at the Scotus Relays.

Soccer adds secondary squad

By Claire Fuchser Editor

Scotus spring sports have begun again. With the beginning of a new season, come new opportunities. As track, baseball, soccer, and tennis have started, the members of each team have been busy with practices, beginning competitions, and victories early on.

The girls' soccer team has begun their season with wins and head coach Kristie Brezenski has seen that her team has been working hard, and that the team chemistry could lead them to a great season.

"The girls are working hard and have been getting along very well. Having strong team chemistry is something we have lacked in the last couple of years. They are striving to get better every chance they get," Brezenski said.

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The first opportunity that the girls had to start off their season was at the Scotus Invite. She knows that the girls have a lot of potential

and have the opportunity to better themselves individually

better themselves individually as well as a team.

"We have to better ourselves individually and as a team. We have a long ways to go and a lot to improve on, but we have so much potential. It's exciting to know we can get a lot better and have a fun ride this season." Brezenski. ride this season," Brezenski

Head boys' soccer coach, Jon Brezenski, knows that the season has also begun

that the season has also begun with a great start

"I'm pleased with the competitive nature of the practices, and the attitudes the kids are bringing now. We have a hungry team and the competition for playing time occurs in our practices and continues to increase each week," Brezenski said.

Although spring has

week," Brezenski said.

Although spring has started, the soccer teams have been challenged by the colder weather and snow.

"With the cooler weather, we've had to taper down a bit than I would normally like, but as the weather improves, we will continue to challenge the boys," Brezenski said.

The start of the

season kicked off with the first Scotus Invite, and the boys had an unfortunate loss to Columbus High. "We've had a good start so far. We will continue

start so far. We will continue to get better, and we'll use the experience from the CHS game to make us better. I'm excited about where this team is headed down the road, and if we continue to improve, I like our chances to come out of our district," Brezenski said.

A new addition to

A new addition to the soccer team is the Junior Varsity squad. Brezenski is confident that Scotus soccer numbers will continue to increase in the years to come because of this addition.

"In the past, some kids haven't gone out for soccer out of fear of being "cut". Thanks to the school board, Mr. Morfeld, and Mr. Puetz, we got that approved last spring. It's an important part of our program. Like any other program in the school, you build "sustainability" through your reserve program," Brezenski said.

Being the 5th smallest

Being the 5th smallest school in the state to have a soccer program, Brezenski

that add players to the Junior Varsity program will continue to develop the "Rocks" Varsity program even more.

Brezenski's time as

Brezenski's time as Scotus' boys' head coach has now landed him a position at Central Community College. CCC's first soccer team will be coached by Brezenski, and he has already started the recruitment process.

"I'd like to always

get some players from
Scotus to attend CCC, and
I understand college soccer
is not for everyone, but I
want to give the players the
opportunity," Brezenski said.
Something that
many people notice about

of support that is given to the teams by the fans. Brezenski looks forward to seeing many

people out supporting not only the boys' team, but also the girls'.

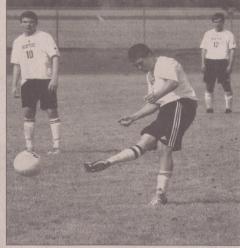
"We have several home matches and we are hosting districts, so if we can get some 'Rowdy Dowdies' there, that would be awesome!" Brezenski said.

Even though it is the beginning of spring-sports and "We have

Even though it is the beginning of spring sports and getting closer to the end of the school year, Brezenski hopes that more students can be seen at Wilderness Park supporting not only the JV teams, but also the Varsity.

"I'd like to see "Team Scotus" carry over into the spring sports seems and

the spring sports season and not just be a phrase people use for publicity reasons. Make 'Team Scotus' mean something and unite the something and unite the school," Brezenski concluded



Junior Cody Zimmerman takes a free kick against Crete earlier this year while teammates Jake Bos and Nick Pandorf look on. The Shamrocks beat Crete, then lost to CHS in the Scotus Invite to start the season.



Senior Kara Moore looks to make a move on a Crete defender to kick off the soccer season. The girls won the Scotus Invite to begin the year.

Shamrock back in

By Brooke Olmer Staff Reporter

After a one year hiatus, Mr. Shamrock came roaring back with the largest crowd ever. This was partly due to the fact that the competition was held on a Sunday this year. People coming to watch the competition could pay two dollars or donate two cans of food with the proceeds going to the Simon House.

At 7:30 P.M. on St. Patrick's Day the show started with the ten contestants doing a group dance to a variety of songs such as "The Hoedown Throwdown", "The Cup Song" and "Soulja Boy" from the popular movie Pitch Perfect. The contestants had mixed emotions leading up to their debut on stage.

"Il was very persons."

"I was very nervous leading up to the competition, but after the first dance I was just having fun," Taylor

Johnson said.

After the group dance the contestants had to answer a panel of questions, perform a talent, and model their dream girl outfit on the catwalk. For the talent section, the contestants were allowed to have assistance from other people. Contestant Jake Gilson included his brothers in his talent in which they danced together to a variety of songs. of songs.
"Nothing is better than

"Nothing is better than humiliating yourself on stage with your brothers," Gilson said.

There was a large variety of dream girl outfits that included anywhere from dressing up like a fireman to head football coach Roger Krienke. Contestant/Mr. Shamrock runner-up Kevin Donoghue impressed the crowd with his roller blading skills during the "Catch your Dream Girl" portion of the pageant. pageant.

"I began rollerblading in 7th grade, and I went to Wishbones with my friends every Friday night in junior high. I am amazed to see how many people were impressed with my skills, as I didn't think it was anything too special," Donoghue said.

Judges Alyssa Foltz, Christine Reiners, Sandy Fischer, Mrs. Schaad, Fr. Roza, and former Mr. Shamrock Levi McPhillps were there to award the leprechaun hat to the new Mr. Shamrock. This year's winner was Taylor Johnson. Johnson performed ballet dance moves to the crowd wearing tights, a bright yellow leotard, and a tutu. He also walked the catwalk dressed as Mr. Krienke; he even wore a visor and held a clipboard.

"Winning Mr. Shamrock means that I can look back and remember that in high school I won something important," Johnson said.



Seniors Brandon Hahn and Austin Wendt celebrate às Taylor Johnson is announced as the winner of the Mr. Shamrock Pageant. Ten senior boys went out for Mr. Shamrock this year.























Don't know where to eat? Wing it.

By Carly Burkhardt Staff Reporter

"Applebee's for wing night, right?" Wrong. Every time a Monday or Thursday rolls around, chatter about what time wings at the Bees are floats through the halls. While boneless honey barbeque wings with a side of ranch are a bargain at \$4.50 plus tax, what are you really getting for your money? I plus tax, what are you really getting for your money? I mean, what part of the bird are you truly eating? The wing? It all seems a little sketchy. If you want true, finger-lickin' good wings, the Monroe Tavern is the place to go.

Every Thursday evening, the Monroe Tavern in Monroe, Nebraska is packed to full capacity with hungry

customers waiting for dinner. First off, the atmosphere of the joint is something unique; each table has a bottle of each table has a bottle of ketchup, ranch, and a roll of paper towels; water comes in a bottle, and the food is served on paper plates. There is a very relaxed feel to tavern, and anyone is welcome to come... I would not recommend wearing a Scotus t- shirt though, seeing that there is a bit of a football. that there is a bit of a football rivalry between the towns. When you order, you are

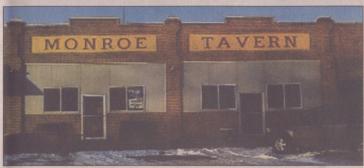
when you order, you are given an option of ten wings or eight wings with fries. The wings come in five varieties: mild, medium, hot, scorchers, and naked. Each of the hot kick to it, and the naked wings are for those with a lesser tolerance for spicy foods,

but they can come with the hot sauces on the side. This is where the bottles of ranch and paper towels come in handy; the ranch is absolutely necessary to complement the spiciness of the wings, and eating the wings is anything but clean. I would not recommend going on a first date to the Tavern, seeing that you could get a little messy.

The wings are anything

you could get a little messy.

The wings are anything but unsatisfying, seeing that they are mass amounts of meat packed onto tiny bones. The amount of food you get compared to wings at other restaurants is worth the drive to Monroe. The wings are a steal at a little over eight dollars. Thursdays happen to be the only night where wings



when it rolls around

I suggest going to the tavern early if you want to catch a seat. Most people are waiting around for others to finish up, and they jump at the chance to steal a table right

as a group is leaving. Most people are so eager to get a seat that they sit at dirty tables waiting for the waitresses to come and clean them off. This in and of itself shows how

I'd like to end by thanking Trey Wortman for inviting me to go with him to wings and for showing me what true wings are.

craigslist Top five turtles of all time

By: Kylee Soulliere

1. The Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles - We all know Leonardo, Donatello, Raphael and Michelangelo and their constant cravings for pizza. I would have to rate The Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles at the number one on the top turtle list because they have all banded together and are a turtle clan instead of individual turtles roaming on their own fighting evil.

2. Tortoise and the Hare - The turtle from Tortoise and the Hare is my biggest idol of all time and that is why he would be number two on the Top Turtle List. I look up to him so much. When we first read the story in the first grade, I had a life changing moment. I began to believe in myself and think that maybe I had a chance in track and field. I've been in track for five years now and I still use the Tortoise as a source of inspiration to help me through the season

3. Squirtle - Squirtle was one of the main Pokémon among Pikachu, Charmander, and Bulbasaur. He deserves the number three spot because he is definitely one of the greatest Pokémon of all time. Squirtle is a noteworthy Water Pokémon and with main attacks of torrent, water gun, scratch, growl, and bubble. It starts out as a cute and cuddly turtle but soon evolves into a much more vicious fighter. If you didn't pick Squirtle as your first Pokémon when you started then you

4. Squirt - The completely adorable turtle from *Finding Nemo* that we have all quoted at least one time or another. His pure adorableness is what lands him with the number four spot. The cute little guy is a baby sea turtle who helps Merlin on his adventure of finding Nemo when he shows him how to exit the East Australian Current. Fin, Noggin', Duuuuude.

5. Master of Disguise - Pistachio Disquisey played by Dana Carvey in the movie Master of Disguise, dressed up as a turtle in order to gain access to the "Turtle Club". The famous line "Am I not turtley enough for the turtle club? Turtle, turtle, turtle!" is something that still brings back a laugh to this day. So if you would want to watch a man dressed up as a turtle and be greatly entertained, turn on the Master of Disguise.

Other turtles worth recognition

Yertle the Turtle (Dr. Seuss)
Franklin the Turtle (Paulette Bourgeois)
Koopa and Bowser (Mario Brothers) Wartortle and Blastoise (Evolve from Squirtle)
Crush (Finding Nemo)

Dear Dow

The Rock Bottom staff wasn't able to provide sufficent answers to the following Dear Dowdy questions after hours of pains-taking research, but they are being featured for their creativity.

Dear Dowdy, Why are the bald spots in cats' fur always in the perfect spots for the eyes?

Dear Dowdy,
Say that I was looking into a bag of chocolate chips and they started moving and hypothetically they said they were from another planet and then, pretend that I didn't help them, they would crawl inside of me, and then say that they follow me everywhere I go. And hypothetically say that they were watching and recording me jay walking, loitering, and committing minor felonies as black mail. Hypothetically, if this were to happen, should I tell the government? What would I tell the hypothetical aliens stalking me?

Dear Dowdy,
I need your help. I am
working at a dead end job
for very little pay. All my
co-workers hate me, and my
boss is a cheapskate. My
friend is a major idiot, and
I find it hard to relate to find it hard to relate to him. The thing is, he is my ONLY friend, so I guess that I am stuck with him. Well, I guess he isn't my only friend, there is another friend, and this might be the worst of all. I wanna be more than friends with her, but I think it will never happen. So these three things I ask advice for. Oh, and I almost forgot to mention the worst of it all. I live in a pineapple under the

Dear Dowdy,
I am an extremely buff and athletic sophomore guy. I can bench press 150 pounds,
I'm 6'3" and have a gorgeous head of hair. I sound perfect don't I? The only problem is that I am addicted to checkers. Yes, checkers. I satisfy me checkers addiction by playing online checkers for at least seven hours a day. I can beat all players except for that alien 183 dude. This online play does not completely satisfy me. I am constantly challenging my friends and family to play me in checkers. They all have distanced themselves from me. I've lost my closesting. me. I've lost my closest three friends and my smokin' hot girlfriend, all claiming that checkers has taken over my life. I am at the point

where I am asking strangers in Wal-Mart if they will play me in checkers... It is always the same reaction. NO. So Dowdy, my questions for you are... Do I have a problem?
Why do my friends judge me? Will you play me in checkers?

-checkerjack911

I am a freshman guy. I'm pretty normal. I've got all C's, a good dog, and a supe cool video game chair. My classmates have been mean to me lataly. It describes classmates have been mean to me lately. It doesn't make sense. I am a die hard Nickelback fan. My friends don't accept this. I'm laughed at whenever I wear my Nieckelback shirt. At Homecoming I began to sing along when "Photograph" began to play, only to be pointed and laughed at byt the cool kids. Even the chaperones made fun of me. My dad said he can't love someone who has "such love someone who has "such horrible taste" in music. I just want to love Nickelback and still have the love of my friends and family. how can I solve my problem?

_#wannabearockstar

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TEACHER QUOTES

Mr. Salyard: "I should never end a sentence in a preposition. Yay. Go grammar!" Mr. Brockhaus:

"I have a rocking, folding lawn chair because I like to rock."

"If that is repeated, I will deny it."

"Bring it, Mrs. Ewers." Fr. Roza:

"I want you to do it with a dramatic dance. Go!"

"Wanna go to Death and Destruction 5?"

Mr. Rusher: "I'm going to kick you!"

"I'm really hilarious, and it is wasted on you."





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rom lasts forever

By Claire Fuchser Editor

A few days after an unfamiliar Nebraska spring snow and rain storm, the annual Prom dance was held on Saturday April 13th. Prom goers saturday April 13th. Prom goers took their usual group pictures outside, but the students were accompanied by cool air and clouds; the weather seemed to be better than last year's Prom, which was threatened by a tornado, but still were not the ideal conditions that every Prom goer hopes for. The evening began with Saturday night Mass at St. Isidore's with Father Roza presiding. The amount of students attending filled an entire section of the church on the right of the altar. All the tuxedos and gowns filled the front of the church after Mass so church attenders could chat with the students.

church attenue...
the students.
Girls always take the time others dresses as Girls always take the time to examine others dresses as well as the guys in their tuxedos. Senior Melissa Diamond was proud of her dress this year.

"My mom made my dress. I wanted my dress. I wanted my dress to be completely different, and it took about 5 months to complete," Diamond shared.

The students were then

Diamond shared.

The students were then invited to proceed to the school where they were seated in the cafeteria for supper. Catered by Husker House, students were able to choose between chicken



MRS. RUSHIER/ ROCK BOTTOM STA Seniors Marshal Obal, Brandon Hahn, Paige Lyons, Tessa Stuart, Catherine Swope, Brennan Brockhaus, Kevin Donoghue, Bridgette Brune and Allison Smith look towards the camera at the Prom dance. Prom was held on April 13th in the Scotus Cafeteria with Post Prom follow-ing at Boulevard Lanes.

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and steak for their meals. Although the occasional muscle car is driven by students to get to Prom, this year, a group of seniors were seen arriving in a party bus. Other seniors Brandon Hahn and Paige Lyons along with about fifteen other seniors were seen arriving outside of the school in a white limo.

"It was a lot different than just going in a car; it had strobe lights, hardwood floors, and a sweet driver!" Lyons said.

"The theme of the night was originally "Rolling in the Deep", but once we found out that Lakeview's Prom was "Under the Sea", we decided to change the theme to "Forever for-

Tonight" to avoid conflict," junior Class President Carly Burkhardt

Teachers and School Board members are also invited to attend the event. They are seated at their own table and were encouraged to stay and talk with some of the students.

"Teachers and board members are sent invitations and many of them come if their kids are at Prom. For example, the Lahms came this year as well as the Allens," Prom sponsor Kelly Schaad.

After the dinner, Scotus

After the dinner, Scotus alumni Peter Heusinkvelt and Eric Diamond dropped the lights, turned the music up and the dancing begun. As the night continued,

some students were seen playing board games or cards at their table. Junior Phil Levos competed in Monopoly the majority of the

night.
"I enjoyed the dance because everyone was having fun dancing, playing games, or just hanging out," Levos said.

out," Levos said.

Because this is Schaad's last year as Prom sponsor at Scotus, she hopes that her new position next year as Lakeview's Prom sponsor will be as smooth as Prom has been in the past here.

"I've learned a lot throughout the years, and I hope that next year I'll be able to use some of the same tactical planning that I've been able to develop here," Schaad said.

Scotus seeks drama

By Carly Burkhardt Staff Reporter

Since the retirement of Mrs. Bernt in 2011, drama classes have not been offered in the class schedule at Scotus. Naturally, the lack of drama in the building has only caused more drama, and in order to try and resolve the problem, a drama department will be implemented into the building for the 2013-2014 school year.

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"When Mrs. Bernt retired, we did not have someone that was endorsed in our building to teach drama. When we hired Mrs. Zanardi, who has an English background and had a drama background, she was not able to teach the class at the time due to family constraints. This class not able to teach the class at the time due to family constraints. This class has always been on the back burner; we had to wait for the stars to align in order for it to happen. Mrs. Zanardi can now give us another period of her time and teach the drama class,"

The new class offered by English teacher Becki Zanardi will be open to all high school students throughout the two semesters in the

be open to all high school students throughout the two semesters in the school year.

"We are still in the planning stage, but right now we know the fall drama class, which will be titled Drama II and offered to juniors and seniors, will have a large focus on One Act play, with other drama content included in that class. Our vision right now is that the second semester drama class, which will be called Drama I, will be an introductory drama class offered to freshmen and sophomores. The idea will be that the spring class will prepare for the next group of kids for One Act Play," Morfeld commented.

One of the main conflicts was figuring out how to go about bringing One Acts back into the building, as well as a drama department, without taking up too much out- of-class time. The solution was that the Drama II class would have a main focus on One Acts.

"As it stands right now, those

Drama II class would have a main focus on One Acts.

"As it stands right now, those outside of the class will not be able to participate in One Acts because it won't be an extra, outside of the class activity," Zanardi said.

Zanardi had heard news of the drama class possibly entering her school schedule last year, and she is now preparing to take on the extra class.

"I am excited about the class. I've forced myself to not think about it because there are things that I still have to get done, curriculum for example, and things that I have to finish getting done before I can really become excited and start thinking about it," Zanardi said.

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about it," Zanardi said.

One of the reasons the class was not offered last year was due to schedule conflicts in Zanardi's day.

"Next year my day will start a little bit earlier, but other than that, it'll be about the same," Zanardi commented. commented.

commented.

The first semester Drama II class will be just in time for the One Acts competition in December.

"I'm really excited that drama is coming back. I firmly believe in a balance in all of our activities and all of our academics; I would never intentionally leave somebody out. I'm very hopeful to what the next school year will bring," Morfeld said.

Teachers make transitions



KRISTEN OHNOUTKA/ ROCK BOTTOM STA

Anneliese Ploetz, Nancy Shadle, and Kelly Schaad pose for a final picture. They have taught at
Scotus for a combined thirty-seven years.

By Kristen Ohnoutka

Staff Reporter

After teaching at Scotus for a combined thirty-seven years, three teachers are taking completely different but important steps in their lives by leaving Scotus. This school year art teacher, Mrs. Nancy Shadle, English and Speech team teacher, Ms. Anneliese Ploetz, and English teacher, Kelly Schaad will be stepping down from their positions. After teaching at Scotus for a teacher, Kelly Schaad will be stepping down from their positions at Scotus

time with family and doing what she loves.
"I'll be spending time with my

"I'll be spending time with my two grandsons, my daughter and her husband who live in St. Paul, Minnesota. I'll also be visiting my son who lives in Cleveland, and working on writing a memoir. Also I've never really had an opportunity to pursue my own art work; and I'll have more time for sewing and traveling the state with my sisters," Shadle said

On the other hand Ploetz has decided to move on to a completely different state and continue her

young teaching career back close to home.

"I've known for at least a year and a half that I've wanted to get back closer to my family, and I knew last year wasn't going to be the year to leave. I also have a couple different applications in at some schools back east, but I will hopefully be teaching in northern Pennsylvania or within about an hour and half from myparents and family," Ploetz said.

Also Schaad has decided to transfer her teaching career to local high school, Columbus Lakeview; ending her teaching career here at

Scotus.

"One of the reasons I decided to interview for the opening at Lakeview is because I knew the teacher's schedule. This job only requires teaching senior English and an advanced reading/writing class; which is a huge load off compared to my busy schedule now. The past year I have been thinking about making some change because I go crazy reading and grading papers every single day for English 8 and English 12. I also am very excited to be closer to my kids and having an easier schedule on all of us," Schaad easier schedule on all of us," Schaad

Although Shadle, Ploetz, and Schaad are moving on to greater and better parts of their lives, they find themselves still reluctant to leave the Scotus family they love.

"It's hard for me to leave, but now I know I was a new teacher here once. I had my time teaching here, but now it's time for someone else to take on the department. I wish the best for them. It takes a few years to get to know the students and to get past the discipline part of the relationship, but after that, you grow to love them, and I'll miss them all very much," Shadle said.

After spending eleven years

After spending eleven years away from her family, Ploetz is excited to head back home to the east, but she has also enjoyed her time spent here in Columbus.

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More fun from Prom

(Above) Junior Sandy Chi tries to catch as much Prom money as she can while inside a box as part of a game at the Post Prom.

(top Left) Juniors Tony Zoucha, Trey Wortman, Chris Beon, Phil Levos, and Mike Kurtenbach play monopoly at the dance.

eft) Seniors Melissa Diamond, Genesis Corral, na Bose, and Larissa Loeffler show off their danc-

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"I have loved living here, and I know how everyone kind of jokes how

everyone kind of jokes how there is nothing to do here in Columbus, but it's been a really nice community. Being a part of the Scotus family, working at Duster's here in town, and being so welcomed and involved in my church's community it's been wonderful, and I've really enjoyed all of it. I just hope that wherever I end up that I can find something somewhat close to these things," Ploetz said.

Being a part of the Scotus family has been a huge part in all of these women's lives, but the time has come for them to move on.

them to move on.

"I have cried and cried and cried with the English department. We're all a tight unit, and it will be very hard to leave them. I'm going to miss the tradition here. I have been a Scotus student and now a Scotus teacher for the past seventeen vears, but the past seventeen years, but most of all I am going to miss the students. Packing up my room is going to be very hard, but I am excited for my new career and what the future holds," Schaad said.



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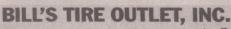
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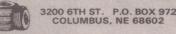
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Senior Opinions

Rock Bottom Seniors Sign Off

May 2013



By Brennan **Brockhaus** Staff Reporter

Where are you going? What are you going to study? Where are you going to live? Who will you be living with? The questions never stop. College can be a touchy topic for many. Some questions can be answered easily, but some answers are still unknown. Trying to meet new people and making brand new friends can be one of the biggest unknowns for people. For

making brand new friends can be one of the biggest unknowns for people. For me, this won't be the case.

I plan to go to Wayne State College next year. That is, if I graduate. One positive aspect of attending Wayne is that there are quite a few of my classmates planning to go there. That means I won't be a complete unknown. I believe having a few of my classmates there will help make me feel more at home. I won't have the pressure of having to meet all new friends on my own. If I am correct, there are around 10 Scotus seniors planning to go to Wayne State. That's quite a substantial number. Having a few of my best friends with me in collège sounds like it could be a great experience.

Another big question mark about college is finding a roommate. There are a number of seniors starting to freak out about the random roommate process. Who knows what kind of sketchy guy you could get paired

roommate process. Who knows what kind of sketchy knows what kind of sketchy guy you could get paired with? For me, that answer is solved. I'll be rooming with fellow senior Ian Baumgart. I am glad that I will know my roommate going into my first year of college. The thought of having a random roommate really scared me. Sure, I could get a really great guy who could turn into my best friend. But, then again, it could be a total slob who I try to avoid every single day of my freshman year! As you can see, I'm not going to take my chances.

chances.

Some folks say it is tough to meet new friends when your high school friends are at the same college. I really don't see this as being a problem. I don't just want to hang out with the same friends I have now. I want to get out and meet new people. If anything, having the friends that I do who are going to attend Wayne State can help me get to meet new people

that I do who are going to attend Wayne State can help me get to meet new people in college. I will have a couple of my best friends on the track team, so I am sure they can put in a good word with the athletic chicas there. I will be playing as many intramural sports as I can so that will help me meet new people. For other ways, I am sure you can read Tara Starzec's article to get some ideas.

Knowing classmates who will be going to college with me helps me answer a couple key questions involving college. I know where I am going and who I will be living with. As for what I will study? Hopefully Wayne State has a major in women. There are still many unknowns, but I do know that I will have my hometown friends. This is Brennan Brockhaus signing off.

By Kylee Soulliere Staff Reporter

Since half way through my junior year, I have been peppered by questions concerning college. Mostly just so people would stop asking, I would tell them I was going to UNL for a major in Journalism and minor in Photography. The truth was I had no idea. I had no idea what I wanted to study in college. I had no idea where I wanted to attend college. Also the thought of spending thousands of dollars on the education that would decide how the rest of my life went decide how the rest of my life went

When talking to people about my future, I would always act like I knew exactly where I wanted to go and what I wanted to study. It was just easier that way. Otherwise, I would hear lectures and advice and all these different scenarios about how it was okay not to be sure and that I had plenty of time to figure it out. After continually saying that I wanted to go to UNL for Journalism and Photography, I stopped really thinking about college and kind of put it off. When I actually had to take the time to sit down and think about college, I realized that I really didn't want to do either of those studies. That's when I started to get really scared.

I was scared that I would pick the wrong college and not be happy. I was scared of how It was going to go about paying for college and living with loans for the next ten years of my life. I was scared of getting a roommate that hated me or stayed up all night. I was scared of getting homesick or not liking the food there. I was scared of getting homesick or not liking the food there. I was scared of years of my life. I was scared of life. I was scared of getting homesick or not liking the food there. I was scared of when it came to college, and I was completely unsure of everything.

I knew I didn't want to be a nurse; I'm not very good when it comes to dealing with sick people. I knew I didn't want to be a doctor, same reason. I knew I couldn't ague in front of people without making a fool of myself, so I couldn't be a lawyer. I'm musically challenged so that took anything with music out of the picture. To make matters even worse, sewing and cooking are not my expertise either, so even being a stay at home mom would probably be a fail.

Basically, what I came to the conclusion of is that I'm pretty sure there is nothing I can do with with music out of the picture. To make matters even worse, sewing and cooking are not my expertise either, so even being a stay at home mom would probably be a fail.

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By Claire Fuchser Editor

Today is my last day of high school. I no longer get to spend five days out of the week with the same 65 people, no longer have to wear uniforms every day, and no longer get to hear about the second floor bathroom. Sometimes I feel sad about this, and then other times, I rejoice! But overall, I really am going to miss these guys; not all the time, but I'm sure every once in a while I'll think about them all and wonder what they're up to. I know I'm coming off as enthusiastic for leaving Scotus and leaving my class, but I can't believe that it's over. No more high school and no more seeing each other in the hallways. I thought I knew so much about my class, but it turns out I was wrong. I've learned much more about each person in my class this year that I wish I would've known before.

First semester, the seniors in Accelerated English did their

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First semester, the seniors in Accelerated English did their Archdiocese projects, and a few weeks ago the regular English classes did the same. If you ask any one of the seniors, I'm sure that they would tell you that they wish they could see more of the presentations than the ones that were just in their class. It's amazing how much is found out about people that have been together for the past 6 years when their time together is almost gone.

gone.

Don't get me wrong, I know that not everyone wants to share deep, personal stories about themselves or their lives with anyone, let alone the rest of their class, and that's fine, but it's an amazing experience. Being able to share personal stories with classmates and Mrs. Schaad help hem know why that student is the way they are. Yes, there are those that would say that they wouldn't want to tell everyone their stories, but for the ones that are okay with it, you learn why you may have clashed or gotten along so well throughout the past few years.

To my class, I want to say thank you. Thank you for letting me get to know you. I know I'm not best friends with all of you, but I have learned so much about each and every one of you that I hold you all in high regard. Sometimes I wonder what I would do without you, but I know now that we're all going to be fine. What I have learned with Don't get me wrong, I know that

every one of you that I hold you all in high regard. Sometimes I wonder what I would do without you, but I know now that we're all going to be fine. What I have learned with and about you over the past years, and most specifically this year, have helped me realize that I can't judge people before I know them. I have learned to appreciate the time I have with people before it's too late. I know now that I can't have high school or my class back. It's time to move on, and that's okay.

To the rest of the student body, appreciate your class. Appreciate what time you all have together, and remember that the rest of your time in high school should be enjoyed. Know that each person in your class is who they are today because of something that happened to them in the past. Everyone is different, and accept and love them for who they are. You don't even have to love them all the time! But respect them enough to know that they're at a different point in their life than you are in yours.

As for me, I'm moving on to Fremont and wherever life will take me. I know that lots of people are thrilled about moving on from Scotus and are so glad to be going away, but never forget that the people you met here in Columbus, and even at Scotus, have filled your life with memories and helped you become the person you are today. So when you go off to college, remember how you've become who they are as well. For The Rock Bottom, this is Claire Fuchser signing off.

By Carrie Layout Editor

It's that time of the year again! Yup, it's summertime (at least for the seniors)! Before the seniors can take leave of this school forever, we have to go through the graduation ceremony. All

we have to go through the graduation ceremony. All graduation will bring to me is a sense of how I will miss everyone and the school, too. I know that many people will not miss anything about Scotus at all, but I will miss certain parts of it.

After spending the last six years of my life coming to this school day in and day out, I will miss it. It's going to feel weird not going here anymore. I know there are certain aspects about Scotus that I definitely don't like: the lunches, the uniforms, the terribly colored walls (ugh, the lunches, the uniforms, the terribly colored walls (ugh, relaxed khaki), the lockers with locks, etc. Even though I don't like them, there is a sense of loss going along with graduating and never doing or experiencing those again. All these are going to be one of the "lasts," and lasts are always sad.

While at Scotus, students need to appreciate what they have here. Not the stereotypical Catholic education, or whatever

education, or whatever else, but the people and the

cise, out the people and the experiences.

While people are here, most can't wait to leave. They are trying to rush forward and just make it through. They need to stop and smell the roses. At the beginning of the year, I was excited to be done and leave, but leaving is hard. It's hard to leave the people and places you are familiar with.

When I leave, I will miss all of my friends. A lot of my friends are underclassmen, and next year I won't see them anymore, so it's like they are just going to be in my pile of "lasts" too. That's sad! It feels like I spent the last six years building these bonds, and what for? I'm just leaving. That's how some of my friends from the last graduating class are. I hardly ever hear from them, and some of them I just happen to bump into when they are in town. When they went to college, they made their new college friends and forgot about us lowly highschoolers. The same goes with my class. I spent the last six years with them, and I'm doing most of my "lasts" with them, but after graduation what are we going to be to each other? The only phrase defining us as a whole is, "The Class of 2013." Appreciate the people you spend your time with.

with.

I'm moving to Lincoln in August. I know how it feels to be the person just swept under the rug when someone moves on to something greater, and because of that, I don't want to do that to the friends I've made at Scotus now. Some graduates want to go as far away as they can and never look back, but I think it's okay to take that glance back every once and awhile and go back to your roots that helped make me who I am.

This is Carrie.

Bartholomew signing off.

By Tara Starzec Staff Reporter

It seems like none of the seniors are living in the present. Every conversation that we have involves either reminiscing about our time together or discussing what is to come. College choices are to come. College choices are always a hot topic. Everyone wants to know where you're going, what dorm you want to get in, and who your roommate is going to be. Friends get excited to move in together, and the gutsy seniors talk about how they chose to be with a random roommate. The idea itself sends shivers down my spine. How could anyone choose to move in with a complete stranger for a year?

I'm one of the seniors

I'm one of the seniors who chose to go random for my next year's roommate, but it's not because I'm gutsy. I'll be going out of state next year to the University of Sioux Falls, and I won't know anybody on campus. Going random wasn't a choice for me; it was the only ontion.

option.

Many teenagers dream

oraduating, option.

Many teenagers dream of growing up, graduating, moving away and making a name for themselves, but by the time these dreamers become seniors, plans begin to change. People get attached to familiar places and faces. It gets harder to leave. I've begun making plenty of excuses to avoid leaving Columbus. I worry about having a scary roommate, not making new friends, and losing the friends that I'll be leaving behind.

At times like these, I have to step back and think about the bigger picture. My random roommate is probably just as worried about me as I am about her. Instead of fretting over moving in with a stranger, I should be excited for the opportunity to meet someone new. After all, I did get to choose the three traits that I wanted most in a roommate. I could end up paired with a girl I can become good friends with.

When it comes to making friends, I have a game plan. One of my favorite activities is baking in large

plan. One of my favorite activities is baking in large quantities. However, next year I'm going to have to eat according to a healthy meal plan, so I won't be able to enjoy all of the baked goods that I plan on making in my dorm's kitchen. What am I going to do with all of the extra food? Obviously, I'll be giving them to all of my new friends. The plan is fool proof.

Even if I can convince myself that I will be able to make friends next year, I still worry about all of my senior friends that I'll be leaving behind. I have to remember that I'm not the only one leaving next year. All of my senior friends will be moving on to different schools. Instead of being sad about the time I'll be spending away from my high school friends, I should enjoy these last few months that I have with them.

Even though I worry leaving for an out of state school and a random roommate, I know that I'm getting exactly what I've always wanted. I get to meet new friends and expand my horizons. I can always come back and see my high school friends over breaks. No matter what excuses I can come up with, I know that the choice to move away is the best choice for me. With a newfound peace of mind, this is Tara Starzec signing off.

By Craig Ackman Staff Reporter

Going to Scotus for 6 years has exposed me to many new activities. You become a completely different person than who you were when you were younger. You start to break out of your normal chall to the new activities.

son where youngers. Too start to break out of your normal shell to try new activities. Trying new things is great and all, but sometimes those new undertakings just don't work out.

Throughout my junior high and high school years, I've broken out and tried many different extracurricular activities, whether I ever liked them or not. For starters, I joined track in junior high. I absolutely hated exercise, and I hated just about every event I was in. But then the coach recommended that I coach recommended that I do pole vault, and I loved it. That was the first event I ever

That was the first event I ever really enjoyed.

I did track up until sophomore year, then I tried soccer my junior year. I don't really know whatever made me decide to try soccer, but I did. I loved soccer, too. The only problem was that I wasn't good at it. Every day, I would run my butt off in practice, and I would still finish last behind the people who barely broke a sweat on some of the drills I thought were impossible. It saddened

some of the drills I thought were impossible. It saddened me that I got little playing time on the team.

For my senior year, I had to make a difficult choice. Did I want to play soccer again, or did I want to go back to track? I thought about it for a good 6 months. In the end, I ended up going back out for track. I missed my coach and my teammates. Soccer was something I could do for years to come. This was probably my last shot at doing pole vault. They welcomed me back with open arms until I helicoptered on the pole again. Then it was back to the same old insults that I have grown to enjoy.

I also went out for Shamrock singers my freshman year. After that, it was difficult to fit Shamrock Singers into my school schedule, so I did not take it up my sophomore or junior year. I missed it, but I felt like I needed the study hall to get work done. Finally, I got the opportunity to come back my senior year because we had many more elective choices. I enjoy being back out for it because I enjoy music. The people are also nice and I love them all, even if they my not love them all, even

if they may not love me every

if they may not love me every day.

I will soon be going out to make one of the biggest changes I will make in my life, and that is going to college. My point is that you need to expand your horizons as you go through life. You will never find new passions if you don't try them out in the first place. There is absolutely no risk either, because if you don't like it, you can always try something else or go back to what you already know. My message to everyone is you have a family here at Scotus. As you go out in life, just remember you still have all of your friends you made here to come back to. Just don't go back before you explore a new world. This is Craig Ackman signing off. Go turtles.



Major: Journalism

Memory: One time I sang a song about an abusive relationship in Religion while Tara and Quinn re-enacted it in the background. I got a brownie (Craig got second place).



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Major: Architecture

Fact: I used to be obsessed Fact: I used to be obsessed with frogs. My room in Texas was painted like a rainforest. I also had a couple of real frogs. The only names I can remember are Spotty, Dotty, Hoppy, and Tiny.



Major: Business/ Music Technology minor
Fact: Airplanes in
America collide with
an average of 4 turtles
a year on runways
(according to federal
records). Save the



Major: Mechanical

Fact: I can rap most songs by the Wu-Tang Clan.



Memory: Stealing Hannah's car at Godparents. She never learned. Ever.



Fact: I tolerate Lauran Hellbusch.



Fact: I made it to Round 35 on Nazi Zombies.



Fact: I beat about everyone in arm wrestling in my Godparents group



Biology

Fact: The only thing bigger and more powerful than my V8: my compassion for



Major: Environment Science and Biology

Fact: I have 24,691 freckles and counting. Trust me, I spent all day counting them. There is one for each soul I have ever stole



Fact: I swim.



Major: Biology with a Pre-Med emphasis

Fact: I can fit 30 mouth...the mini kind.



Major: Comm tions Disorders

Memory: Having seniority for every-



Major: Undecided

Fact: I have messed



Adam cannot



Northeas

Major: Business Marketing or Fashion Merchandise

Fact: I can pinch and pick things up with



Fact: I have to sleep with a blanket no matter how hot it is.



Fact: A group of us would have game nights, and everytime we would invite Mrs Rusher, but she never



Memory: Getting put in a trashcan every day on the way to lunch in Mr. Brockhaus' sixth period study hall by seniors Kip Kudron and Mitch



Major: Contemporary Media/Journalism with minor in Business

Fact: My real name is not Katie



Major: Undecided

Fact: I went two days in a row with a broken hearing aid. Nobody noticed.



Major: Undecided

Fact: I eat everything with a fork because I don't like to touch my food.



Major: Veterinarian-Technology

Memory: My favorite memory besides the retreats was in Mrs. Schaad's class; I really loved these last pres



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Major: Cosmetology

Memory: My favor-ite memory with my class was this entire year. Getting to know everyone was great. I've never been so thankful for a school





Major: Mechanical Engineering

Fact: I scored with my goalie on NHL Hits 2003 for Xbox COLLEGE



Major: Radiography Ultra-sound Technol ogy

Fact: I've had 20 teeth pulled.



Major: General Education, transferring to Colorado for Aviation

Fact: I am a world renowned auctioned



Major: Pre-Mortuary

Fact: I spend more time hit by other cars five with my cows than my actual friends...I have no friends and a lot of license.



Major: Undecided

Fact: I avoided getting



Major: Early Child-hood Development

Fact: My real name is



Fact: I can't play bas-ketball with fingernail polish on because it distracts me when I shoot free throws.



Memory: Hiding from Mrs. Tooley in Advanced PE.



Fact: My rap name is 14 Chainz while my country name is 14



Fact: I can make,



Memory: Our senior retreat was the best time I had with our class. It made me realize I have the best class to be graduating



Major: Medical field

Fact: I laugh like Tigger from Winnie the Pooh, but don't try and make me because I won't.



Major: Informati

Fact: The top of my right eye is brown, the rest is blue.

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Major: Art and Biology

Fact: I could tell you everything about the circus. I have a slight obsession with it. ③



Major: Physical Therapy and Athletic Training

Fact: I have secretly had a crush on Colby Engquist all throughout high school. ©





Major: Nursing

Fact: I collect stuffed penguins.





United States Marine Corps

Fact: I beat box in the shower #DontJudgeMe





Major: Human Resources or Criminal Justice/ Home Security

Memory: My brother and I have raced down the hallway rolling on computer chairs... during the summer of course



Jake Gilson

United States Air Force with specialty Electrical Engineering

Fact: There is a snowflake on my left eye in my iris.



Major: Engineering/ Computer

Fact: My favorite vegetable is edamame (boiled soy beans). They're amazing with parmesan cheese





Major: Nursing

Fact: I know every word to Fergalicious...that beat is sick.





Major: English and

Fact: It makes me sad that crabs will never realize how good they would be at parallel parking.







Major: Psychology and minor in Studio Art

Memory: Every time I am making coleslaw, I start thinking about orphan sharks. It must be rough being a shark with no parents to care for you when you get stabbed by a harpoon or something.





Major: Computer Engineering

Memory: The best time I can remember was in Religion Class. We were talking about how to show someone that you "love" them. I said "Just tell them," and Fr. Roza told me that I was transparent. Then Allison turned around and looked at me, so I yelled at her and said, "What are you looking at? I'm not that transparent!"



Major: Meteorology

Memory: Near the end of summer entering sophomore year, I was out throwing shot put, and I warmed up by throwing over my head. It was a windy day and the shot put moved over my head. I wondered why I didn't catch it, and looked up...yeah.



Major: Business Marketing

Memory: Gallon challenge with Brennan and Zach at Kyrsten's house.



Major: Accounting and Finance

Fact: I can never walk in a straight line and always run into walls. Not drunk, just that uncoordinated.



Major: Physical Therapy

Memory: In Mr. Brockhaus' fifth period Sociology class when Morgan didn't say rhinoceros



Major: Exercise

Fact: I am a backup dancer for 14 Cows.



Major: Elementary Education

Fact: I am scared of fish.



Major: Criminal Justice

Memory: We were at our junior retreat and before we left to go back to Columbus our whole class was table-tipping each other, and Fr. Roza and the teachers were just laughing at us and people that drove by gave us all weird looks.



Major: Undecided

Memory: The banana-Sprite challenge with Ian B., Derek, and Jon. Afterwards was the worst hour of my life.



Major: Pre-Med

Memory: Kicking and breaking the glass in the courtyard door.



Major: Personal/Athletic Training

Fact: I do about five people's hair and maybe more for every dance. I'm always late.

Southeast



BENEDICTINE



Major: Theology and Secondary Education

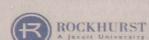
Memory: The Musical matinee performance.





Major: Neo-Natal Nursing

Fact: Wait, what?





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Fact: I dye my hair red.



Major: Pre-Med

Fact: I can't go pee if someone else is in the bathroom, so if you've ever gone in there and someone awkwardly sat there and waited for you to leave...that was probably me.



Fact: My nickname is Swoop because my friends say I can really 'swoop up the ladies'.



Major: Cosmetology/

Fact: I am actually really loud around my friends, and I talk a lot.

Esthetics or general





Major: Undecided

Memory: When Sam Thalken and I were Sherrif and Deputy of the courtyard campout and saved everyone from the missile



Major: Education with an emphasis in Special Education

Fact: I hate macaroni and cheese — it has to be shells and cheese for me to eat it.



Seniors leave their mark

By Brennan Brockhaus Staff Reporter

beginning to wrap themselves There have been quite a number of memorable moments this past year led by the senior class

Let's start with the fall. The cross country teams were fun to watch. Seeing all the green at the state meet in Kearney was impressive. To top it all off, the girls won. For senior members of the cross country team, I'm sure it will be a memorable way to go out. The girls' golf team made a trip to state. Of course the volleyball team would not disappoint either. years, a runner up finish for the girls in the state tournament would be a disappointment. However, losing to a talented team like Kearney Catholic in five sets can't be a bad loss. Not to be biased, but next comes football! The Shamrocks made it to the playoffs, but lost in the first round. Although it wasn't the season we hoped for, being a part of it was really fun. I am probably speaking for the whole senior class, but the friendships that were made between us through football were very memorable.

The winter sports brought similar results as the fall. The first wrestling season at Scotus was a big headline. Being a part of that made the seniors proud. The seniors will have their names on the wrestling mat. They will always be remembered for leading the first wrestling team. The swimming team had a big challenge ahead of them with replacing Ryan Miksch, but Brandon Hahn certainly stepped up. Even though, it is a CHS sport, Scotus has helped give good swimmers to their program. Both the girls' and boys' basketball teams had The boys impressive years. proved many fans wrong. Despite having just two seniors, they were able to have the best season in 15 years.

As for the spring, it may be too soon to tell. The weather has hindered a majority of the spring sports' seasons so far. However, from what I have seen, there have been plenty of positive signs. Both the girls' and boys' track teams have seen themselves on top of the podium midway through the year. There are still a few tough meets coming up, but signs are looking good for the track teams. Like track, the soccer teams have seen the bipolar Nebraska weather. Despite this, the girls and boys still have hopes of making a run at state. Marshal Obal has looked like a miniature Tiger Woods out on the golf course. The rest of the team has picked up right behind him to lead the Scotus golfers.

As you can see, there hasn't been an athletic season that seemed to have a downfall. Congratulations to the seniors for leading the way.

Baseball slides through bad weather

By Brooke Olmer Staff Reporter

Take me out to the ball game; take me out to the crowd. This sounds plausible but has not been possible do to the weather. This year's baseball team only has four seniors compared to last year's twelve. There are six Scotus players on varsity this year One of those varsity players is junior Derek Kaslon, who is also one of the leading pitchers on the team. Other juniors on the team include Nathan Ebner, Cole Alexander, and Austin

'With only 4 seniors on the team, me and Nate (Ebner) are really trying to step up and be good leaders

as we make our last push before districts start," Kaslon said. The absence of senior leadership has not stopped the baseball players from practicing hard, the weather

"We've started off the season kind of slow. We have had about

6-8 games cancelled because of the weather," Kaslon said.

Although the weather has been bad, it has not stopped the baseball team from playing and different form. team from playing and defeating top teams such as Class B number 4 Blair. They have also gotten the 4 Blair. They have also gotten the chance to play top teams such as Norris and Skutt. Sophomore Tyler Morton and the rest of the baseball team have goals and hope to make it to state. Tucker Ramaekers is another sophomore on the team.

"We want to get in the top 7 to get a home district game, then hopefully to, state," Morton said.

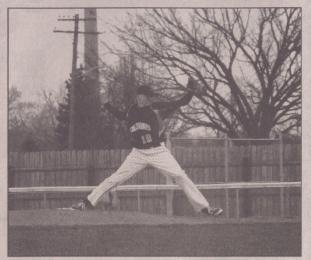
This year's baseball season has significance to it because it is their

significance to it because it is their coach's last year coaching after fourteen years. This is motivating the baseball players to work extra

"We are playing this season for ur coach since it is his last season," Morton said.

Morton said.

The baseball teams' record as of April 30th was 7-12 and districts start today.



HANNAH HARRINGTON/ YEARBOOK STAFF

Junior Derek Kaslon pitches against Blair on April 17th. Kaslon is one of the leading pitchers on the team.

over tennis uniors

By Kristen Ohnoutka Staff Reporter

This spring season many of the athletic teams have had to sacrifice meets, practices in the cold, and time because of the poor weather. One of these teams is the conjoined Columbus-Scotus girl's tennis team.

This season the weather has sed two of the girls' tennis meets to be cancelled and one postponed.
However, the girls still find ways to
make the most out their short season.
Sophomore, Elizabeth Preister,
is currently the only sophomore on

varsity and it is her second year on the Columbus girl's tennis team. "Tennis has gone great. I've been playing a lot of competitive people, like Marion and Westside,

people, like Marion and Westslide, and it's a great experience and a lot of fun," Preister said.

Another difficulty the tennis team has had to face this year is only having one senior on the team. This senior attends Columbus High School and does not compete on the varsity level. However, the juniors on the team have found ways to step up in this rough season.

One of these juniors is foreign exchange student, Leticia Kuwae.

"There aren't any seniors from Scotus on our team; which has made

our juniors really great leaders for the team," Kuwae said. This has also been a huge change

from last season when the team had seven seniors. Also out of these seven, five of them were ranked in the top six of the whole team.

Another one of the juniors who have had to step up this year is

"It's difficult adjusting from

having so many seniors last year to only having one, but we have all stepped up and are trying to make the most out of this season," Foltz

With only a few upperclassmen to lead the team, many underclassmen have stepped up on varsity and have improved immensely.

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"It feels awesome to be on varsity as a sophomore. It has been a lot of hard work, but it is very rewarding. Because there is only one senior on the team; us underclassmen had to step up to help the team succeed," Preister said.

Although the girls have had to face many obstacles this season, they are all looking forward to what the

are all looking forward to what the end of the season has to offer them. "This season has been really good. I have made lots of friends

good. I have made lots of friends and I've really improved my tennis skills," Kuwae added.

The girl's had their home invite on April 27th, and placed fourth as a team. The tennis team's next match is the conference tournament on May 4th in Scotts Bluff.



Junior Amy Price makes a return volley during the Columbus Invite. CHS girls placed fourth at the tournament.

leadsteam one senior

By Kylee Soulliere Staff Reporter

Scotus golf team has seen a lot of success so far this season. The weather this year has been exceptionally difficult for all the spring activities and golf has been no ex-

"We are dealing with the adwe are dealing with the adverse weather of this spring – by getting outside every remote possible chance and by staying focused on our ultimate goal which is to make the State Tournament," Golf Coach Karl Dierman stated.

The team has not let the weather

The team has not let the weather upset them, and they have stayed indoors for practice few times this

year.

"In order to prepare we must practice. We usually chip, putt, and hit range along with other drills when the weather is bad. We as golfers are prepared for tough conditions, and we have rain and wind gear so the weather is no deterrent for the Scotus golf team to go and practice," senior Marshal Obal explained.

Marshal Obal is the lone senior this year, but he has been a leader on the golf team.

"Senior Marshal Obal is leading

Senior Marshal Obal is leading by example. He works very hard on his game. It's also good in that some-times seniors 'check out' emotionaltimes seniors 'check out' emotional-ly from the time and work involved to excel at the game of golf – and with only one hard working senior on the roster, we don't have to deal

The team not only has a strong enior leader, but has many under-

classmen becoming leaders as well.

"Five of these players are returning letterman, and two of the freshmen have already medaled at varsity invites," Dierman said. "This makes our team very deep, and in-creases the intensity of internal com-

petition for playing time."

The motivation and competition on the team has helped boys' golf to have a strong record this season. Winning all five matches at the 9 Hole Hill-Valley Cup vs. Lakeview was just the kick off to the season. was just the kick off to the season. They continued to the dual against St. Francis where they won and then repeated their victory at a dual against Stanton. The Elkhorn South

ler but a big loss to Elkhorn; how-ever, they came back at the Scotus Invite and got third as a team where they also had many people medal individually.

Boys' golf success has been a result of their strong players and motivation. They also have goals of

"By getting outside every remote possible chance and by staying focused on our ultimate goal which is to make it to the State Tournament," Dierman explained about the

The Lakeview Dual on Monday and Districts after gradua-tion are the next two meets for the boys' golf team and will be their



SAM THALKEN/MEDIA STAFF

Sam Thalken/Medu Senior Marshal Obal takes a swing at the Scotus Invite at Quail Run.



Junior Blake Schroeder putts while freshman teammate Mar-shall Dreifurst observes in the background.

Saddlesore springs into action

By Brooke Olmer Staff Reporter

Castles, dragons, and Prince Charming are usually the topic of Disney movies, but this year they are the topic of the spring play. Unlike other Scotus drama productions, the spring play is student directed, which started in 2009 when Kris Fleeman was a senior. This year's spring play is co-directed by senior Carrie Bartholomew and junior Phil Levos.

Levos.

"Being the student director is pretty cool. It's a new experience, and I was excited to switch things up because usually I am in the plays, and Phil is up in the tech booth," Bartholomew said

Sir Saddlesore and the Dragon is the title of the spring play. It is about a fairy tale, but the characters in it aren't the typical fairy tale characters. Sophomore Carly Cremers plays the character

of Princess Julie.

"My character is Princess
Julie. She has a strict king
father, who locks her in a
tower so she doesn't fall in
love. She's not your typical
Disney princess though;
she's actually quite stuck up,"
Cremers aid

she's actually quite stuck up,"
Cremers said.
Unlike the Scotus
musical, the spring play has
a much smaller cast, which
means that everyone gets to
branch out with larger parts.
Junior Jenny Ryan plays the
part of the narrator.
"You are able to have

Junior Jenny kyan piays the part of the narrator.

"You are able to have better chemistry with the cast since it is smaller, which makes for an amazing show. It has really good casting matching; it's not seniority or favoritism. With the spring play, you know the kids have more of the passion for it. With the musical, more kids go out to be with friends and have fun," Ryan said.

Last year it was decided that since the spring play is directed by students, it can be changed a little to relate to a

younger audience.

"The play is intended to be a comedy for younger audiences. This year's cast has quite a few new members that have major roles in the play," director Phil Levos said.

The spring play cast worked hard, but one of the major difficulties was that a majority of the cast was involved in other activities, therefore, making it hard for the entire cast to practice together.

"At times, it was hard to practice when people were

"At times, it was hard to practice when people were involved in other activities. This was a talented bunch of kids who were creative and contributed their ideas. They worked hard to make sure that even though they were gone, they knew their part and practiced hard when they knew they could'nt always be

and practiced hard when they knew they could'nt always be there," Ryan said.

The spring play was performed for the grade schools on April 25th and had a public performance on April 27th in the Little Theater.



Freshman Amy Heusinkvelt, who portrays Drano's mother, beats senior Derek Lahm, who portrays Drano, with a cane at St. Isidores April 25. This has been Lahm's and Heusinkvelt's first time acting in the Spring play.



Freshman Olivia Rath portrays a disappointed princess in Sir SaddleSore and the Dragon. The play was performed at the 3 catholic grade schools and also at Meridian Gardens.



Senior Derek Lahm attempts to bite senior Pricila Robledo. The spring play was performed to the public on April 27th in the Little Theater.



Exchange students stay at Scotus

By Tara Starzec Staff Reporter

As the school year comes to a close, Scotus students prepare themselves for summer while saying goodbye to their homework, their teachers, and the senior class. Usually, they have to say goodbye to the foreign exchange students as well. Fortunately for Scotus, there are three foreign exchange students that will be returning next year. Juniors Chris Beon, next year. Juniors Chris Beon, Sandy Chi, and freshman Sam Suo will be continuing their high school education

at Scotus next year. Chi knew before this year that she would be graduating from an American high school, but

an American high school, but she did not originally plan on staying in the same school. "Teachers will help me with homework, and all the friends were so nice to me," Chi said. "Scotus especially has a very good environment for me to learn and study, so

here for senior year."
Chi's decision was

Chi's decision was not an easy one, however. She has worked to make this decision for around a month, and she often feels lonely and homesick. Despite the fact that she will be far away from her family and friends in Taiwan, she still decided to stay and finish her education at Scotus. Her family is very supportive of her decision.

"My parents pay that much money to support me to come here, even though they will be really missing me," Chi said. "They still encourage me to do what I want, so I can't let them down. I need to do my best."

Chi will be a member of the senior class next year, along with Beon. Beon's family had already decided that he would be continuing his education here, but his decision was the final step.

Beon prefers Scotus to his school back in the Republic of Korea.

"American school is

Korea.

"American school is awesome. Korean school don't have any school activity

We don't have any, any school activity," Beon said.

This is drastically different from Scotus, where a large majority of students participate in extracurricular activities.

"We don't have school teams or lifting," Beon said. "We have to stay in school 8:45 a.m. to 10 p.m. 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. is study hall lol. Still we have homework."

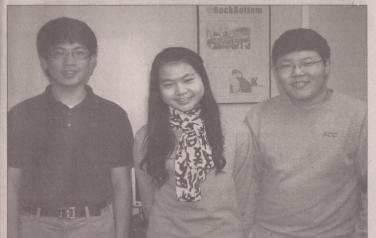
Suo is the youngest of the foreign exchange students to return next year. He prefers Scotus to his school in China because of the available classes that he can take.

"I like Scotus more than China school because here I have more class options. At China school I can take only 7 classes; they just make them harder," Suo said.

One of the classes that Sam has been able to take at Scotus is John Duns Chorus, which is one of his favorite memories from the past year.

"I love sing. Every time I sing with other people I was so excited," Suo said.

Suo will be continuing his Scotus education with the



Freshman Sam Suo and juniors Sandy Chi and Chris Beon were three of Sco-tus' six foreign exchange students this year. They all will be going home and returning for another school year in the fall.

ore class for the 2013-

Suo and Chi will continue to live with their

current host families next year. The students will return to their home countries for the summer, but they will be back

in the fall to greet the rest of the students for the beginning of another school year.

Carrie's Last Critique: Evil Dead

Layout Editor

A new re-make of a 1980s film has hit the theatres. Evil Dead was released on April 5th. Many die-hard fans of 5th. Many die-hard fans of the original movie came to the theatres that day to see the re-make. Along with half of the die-hards being disappointed, I was disappointed with the lack of scare in this scary

friends who go to a remote cabin in the woods. While there, they explore the cellar where they discover a book that summons a demon spirit that later possesses the friends

one by one.

The reason there has been so much fuss over this movie is because the original was a famous horror movie in the 1981. Many critics said that the original movie was one of the best scary movies of all

The movie poster says that Evil Dead will be the scariest movie I will ever see. Two of my co-workers went to see this movie and left in

the middle because they said it was scary. After watching it, it definitely wasn't the scariest movie I have ever it, it definitely wasn't the scariest movie I have ever seen. Of the different types of scary movies, this scary movie is a demented gore movie. The story line was pretty twisted, and there were limbs and blood everywhere. If you are genuinely afraid of blood and guts, then you will probably think that this is a scary movie, but for people like me who look for mindbending fear, this isn't a scary bending fear, this isn't a scary

movie.

As far as scary movies go, I didn't really like this movie. This type of scary movie tries to scare people with gore. To me, a gory movie is just grossing people out to the point that they are afraid to look. Real scary movies need to be suspenseful, dark, twisted, and actually scary, not just people's limbs getting ripped off. Some people I have talked too said they even found this movie funny. found this movie funny

As far as just a normal movie goes, I thought it was a good movie. Some of the dialogue was weird and had that "oh wow, that just

happened," factor. There was a pleasant twist in the plot close to the end of the movie. The acting in general was pretty bad. The main girl character was good though. She was good at acting like a demon, a druggie, and then

later a scared girl.

Evil Dead as a movie has good aspects and bad aspects.

Evil Dead as a scary movie was pretty bad. If you're in the mood for a real scary movie try watching Sinister.



craigslist My top 5 Scotus memories

By: Craig Ackman

Seussical - This musical was the greatest activity I have ever had the pleasure to partake in. All of the musicals were fun to be a part of, but being the main role really seems to add more enjoyment to the whole play. I had an awesome time being the Cat in the Hat. It was so fun having such a loose-ended script to be able to just mess around. I made many new friends during the creation of this musical. No matter what some people in my class are saying, Suessical will never die. Suessical is never over.

shouldn't be funny, but for some reason this still makes me laugh. Junior year, Luke Modde was in our lunch period, and one day he decided to put a Runza under the table. There was no rhyme or reason to him doing this, but we all thought it was hilarious. The next day wasn't so funny when Mr. Linder pulled it out of his closest and gave us a long lecture. While that day was sad, that lunch period has the inside joke now that any time somebody gets mad, we can just turn to them and say, "Wow, it is not like I put a Runza underneath the table or anything." The Runza Incident - This event probably

The Weightroom Incident - Most people, other than me, usually think this one is funny. Austin Wendt was my spotter for a new lift that Coach Kreinke gave us, which involved a 45 pound weight. We were to lie on the bench and just do presses with it. We did not remove the bar from the station. Austin decided to spot me behind that bar, and when he went to take the plate away from me, he knocked the bar onto my face. That hurt pretty bad. What made it really memorable though is the fact that everyone just stood there and watched me bleed. Coach Krienke nonchalantly walked over to me and asked how many reps I got, because that's what I was focused on, not my possibly broken nose.

Prom Junior Year - Senior year prom was fun, but junior year was a blast. A group of people in our class all got a table together for the dinner because we all went stag to prom. We ended naming ourselves the "Hash Tag Stag Swag" table. We had a great time dancing together as a group. Later on, we were also graced with Colby Engquist's presence at post prom. I had the privilege to play Blackjack with him all night. Overall, the night was a total success

8th Grade Basketball - 7th grade basketball wasn't enjoyable for me. Riding the bench for A team just wasn't my style. Starting B team, however, was awesome. Our team was so good that year that we won the city tournament for B team. My greatest memory of that season wasn't even us winning. It was when Cole Nelson, who used to be in our class, thought he could casually make a break away for a layup, but little did he know the Schuyler defender was chasing after him at full speed. As Cole went up for his layup, BOOM! He got rejected in mid-jump, and the crowd went crazy. I'm pretty sure our team was more excited about the block than the Schuyler team was.

TEACHER QUOTES

Mr. Lahm: "Life just sucks doesn't it? Then you die...

Mr. Puetz: "Just run around and throw the ball at each other for awhile."

"I give it an 11 out of 10." (regarding the senior prank)

Mrs. Rusher: "They call me mom-diggidy."

Ms. Ploetz: "I hate you because I hate you."

Mrs. Salyard: "I can't pull back a bow...just give me a gun."

Mr. Brockhaus: "I don't know if he was dying rabbits for Easter or what."

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