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### **New teachers** arrive at Scotus

By Kelly Kamrath Staff Reporter

Paralleling the last school year, Scotus has once again gained a handful of new teachers. To fill in the positions left available at the end of last May, four teachers have joined the Scotus staff.

Fresh out of seminary, Father Matthew Capadano has made a return to the high school scene.

A native of Omaha, he attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, graduated from Conception Seminary College in Missouri, and went to graduate school at Mt. Saint Mary's University and Seminary in Maryland. He student taught in O'Neil before graduating.

As for Columbus, he came here to teach only after "the bishop told [him] to."

Despite his rather dull motives, he's stated that his favorite part of coming to teach at Scotus is the students. Although, everything hasn't been completely smooth.

"Trying to figure out how to understand high school with girls in it is also strange because I went to an all guy high school," he stated. "It smells different. You have to say certain things; you can't just be one of the dudes."

Also joining the Scotus staff is another addition to the theology department.

After graduating with three majors, Kelly Dineen has come to Columbus to fulfill the role of a religion teacher.

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Originally coming from Omaha, she was an undergrad student in Atchison, Kansas at Benedictine College. She attended graduate school at Creighton University. She also student taught religion at Skutt Catholic High School and helped with K-8 art at St. Vincent de Paul Elementary School in Omaha.

"I wasn't really thinking that I would want to live in Columbus since I was from Omaha. But then when I came here to interview I really liked all of it; the students seemed really friendly, all of the staff was very welcoming," Dineen said.

Dineen is currently teaching two classes, Religion 9 and Religion 10. Each class is getting a brand new curriculum, complete with new textbooks.

"We're starting from scratch," she concluded.

However, Dineen isn't the only new teacher fresh out of college.

Taking over the role left by E.J. Gardner, Jolene Boesch has come to Scotus to direct the music department.

Formerly from Blair, Boesch graduated from Midland University in Fremont and student taught in Arlington, Nebraska.

"I just really liked the school when I interviewed and did a tour... I really liked how friendly the whole staff was," Boesch said.
Fortunately, Boesch's first impression of the school hasn't changed.

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"I think the community in general is really supportive. I really like the small school feel instead of a big school that can be overwhelming," Boesch articulated.

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# Hospital takes over testing

By Hannah Thomazin Staff Reporter

Three years ago, Scotus Central Catholic adopted a new drug testing policy that forever changed the student handbook.

dent handbook.

This year, Scotus changed that drug testing policy from a urine analysis to a more accurate alternative of hair follicle testing. This new testing was purchased because there were some members of the student body and administration that expressed concern over the validity of the urine analysis test.

analysis test.

President Wayne Morfeld commented, "Drug testing is not going to go away because students are challenged more and more all the time in terms of the world with drugs because new stuff keeps coming out—so at some point [the hospital]

is going to provide the testing to all the area schools. In that aspect we're like a pilot. The hospital will have a better idea on how they would move

better idea on how they would move this forward as well."

The hair follicle cost is \$38 per test plus \$40 an hour to pay the hospital employee and that includes any follow up testing if a student did not test negative for drugs.

The goal is to test around 150 students this year compared to 200 students last year. This new method of testing is more expensive, but it is also more effective, "something," Morfeld added, "that needed to happen."

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"Over the last twenty to thirty years society has been asking the schools to do more and more beyond the classroom," Morfeld stated. "This issue is not something we are comfortable with or enjoy addressing. However, it is not going away, and I feel a huge responsibility that

we make an effort to give students a great reason to say no. Some would argue it should be a parent issue, but argue it should be a parent issue, our fa student makes a poor choice it can impact their good name, the school's name, and the good name of any group that they are a part of. In reality, while it is a challenge, it is just easier for the schools to do drug testion."

testing."

Additionally, this new hair fol-

Additionally, this new hair fol-licle testing is not a "one and done" deal. Once a student has been tested, they're not in the clear. For example, twenty students may have been tested in October. Those twenty students will be put into a separate random pool and at least ten percent of those already tested will be tested again. The entire test will still be random. Scotus is keeping a comprehen-

Scotus is keeping a comprehensive list of who has been tested this year to ensure that each student will be tested during their time Scotus.

"Drug testing isn't popular with everybody, and for most of the student body this isn't a big deal, but for a few it's going to be scary. We all know some students are risk takers, and some are bigger risk takers than others," Morfeld said. "Some kids roll the dice and assume that they won't be drawn, but that's just taking chances, and they're willing to take that risk."

The test itself will check for pre-

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The fest itself will check for prescription drugs, methamphetamines, marijuana, psychedelics, and K2.

Alcohol does not show up on the current test that Scotus has purchased; however, Morfeld and the school board are looking to purchase a test later that will show alcohol ahuse.

abuse.

Morfeld concluded, "Som times the right things to do are not the easiest."

# Girls place 2nd at State Golf

By Gabby Middendorf

Editor

The Shamrocks fought through windy, cold weather last Monday and Tuesday to earn second place at State Golf.

"We were shooting for first at State so it was a little disappointing. However, I am proud of the team for working through the weather," sophomore Emerson Belitz said.

At the end of the first day of State, the girls were tied in second place with Lincoln Lutheran behind Minden. They ended up defeating Lincoln Lutheran by twelve strokes on the second day.

Junior Megan Parker commented, "We were down twenty strokes the first day, and it made us fight harder the next day."

The girls couldn't overcome the gap between themselves and Minden and ended the second day with a team score of 766, sixteen strokes behind Minden's first place score of 750.

Parker said, "It's easy to look back and see everything we could

behind Minden's first place score of 750.

Parker said, "It's easy to look back and see everything we could have done better...but I think we should be proud of all that we have accomplished."

The girls competed in 13 meets, as well as District and State Golf. They won first place at twelve meets, and second place at the G.I.C.C Invite on September 4.

They finished their regular season at the Oakland-Craig Invite, also placing first with a score of 374.

"I am really proud of how we came together as a team, even after losing two seniors from last year, and were still able to score so well throughout the season," Preister said.

The girls dominated at districts, scoring a 371. Grand Island Central Catholic placed second with a 383, and Lakeview scored 423 to take third place.

"My favorite meet of the year was definitely Districts. As a team we were really happy to win. Getting the gold medal at districts is a great way to end my high school



Coach Niedbalski, junior
Megan Parker, seniors Nieve
Johnson, Abby Allen, and
Elizabeth Preister, and sophomore Emerson Belitz smile
after receiving their second
place trophy. (right) Belitz
putts towards the hole in her
11th place round the second
day of state.

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golfing career," Johnson said.

Besides taking second at the state meet, there were also two medalists. Belitz medaled and took 11th place with a score of 187, and senior Abby Allen medaled in 15th place with a 189. Preister took a 193, senior Nieve Johnson scored a 197, and junior Megan Parker a 227.

Parker and Belitz will have a chance to build off this experience and compete next year, but the seniors have left their mark in Scotus golf history.

"As I finished my last hole of golf for the season, I couldn't help but think about what a great year I'd had and how happy I was to be part of such a fantastic team," concluded Abby Allen.



### News-**TEACHERS**

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Although Scotus certainly isn't big enough to be over-whelming, Boesch has still had difficulties with coming

had difficulties with coming here.

"Going into your first year of teaching is already hard because you're trying to figure everything out outside of what you just learned the past four years, but I think the hardest thing for me was moving away from my family."

As a first year teacher, Boesch certainly has a lot going on. In addition to teaching sixth through twelfth grade choir, she is the director of the musical, the thespian advisor, and the liturgical music director. To make her schedule even busier, she's also changing up some of the curriculum.

"I've been working with curriculum.
"I've been working with

rhythms with the younger kids. They need to know the basics of music instead of just being able to sing the music, so I've been doing a lot of rhythms and sight-reading and note-reading with them."

Coming from a bit further away than Nebraska, Scotus has gained another unique teacher.

Traveling all the way from León, Spain, Luisa Perez has taken on the position of teaching ninth and tenth grade Spanish classes.

She attended college in Salamanca, Spain for five years and Lancaster, England for one year. She also student taught in Salamanea and Northern Ireland.

"I wanted to reorient my career. In Spain, I was an English teacher. I wanted to teach my mother tongue to English-speaking students. So, I applied for a position in the USA; it's an exchange

but different isn't necessarily a bad thing.

"I like the relationship with the other teachers because they are extremely helpful. I like the atmosphere," Perez said.

Of course, making such a radical change doesn't come without difficulties.

"There is quite a lot of paper work to be a legal citizen here. It has been time consuming," Perez said.

Luckily, Perez has plenty of time to do her paperwork as she will be here for at least the



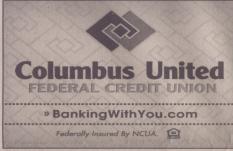
Ms. Perez, Fr. Capadano, Ms. Dineen, Ms. Boesch, and Mr. Ridder all smile for the camera. All five teachers started at Scotus this fall.

taught here. The methods I used in Spain as an English teacher were different. Here I follow the way that Scotus has always taught Spanish."
In addition to her teach-















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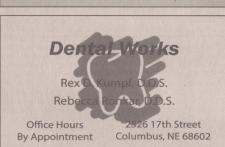
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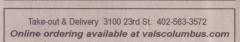
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### Underclassmen under authority | Success by sharing

October 2014



By Justin Zoucha Staff Reporter

"Freshmen triple up!" Chances are most freshmen have heard this shouted from have heard this shouted from an upperclassmen while loading the bus for an activity. Seniority is a hot topic in high schools today. Upperclassmen use it as an excuse to push around any student that they outrank. I believe that seniority should be allowed, but upperclassmen shouldn't go overboard with it.

Upperclassmen have

Upperclassmen have gone through a lot during their years in high school. They have all been in junior high and been underclassmen. Therefore, they have all had rank pulled on them by a junior or senior. Once they've reached the top rung of the ladder, they want to do the same. They have put in their time stepping aside for a senior in the hallway, moving

away from the water fountain to let a junior use it first, and having to clean up the bus after an activity trip. Now they have earned that right, and they want to exercise it.

Upperclassmen have put in work and effort to be where they are today. They deserve the respect they've earned through that work and effort. This is why they don't appreciate it when someone younger than them mouths off to them or is being obnoxious.

Underclassmen also need to cheer at games. It annoys all of the upperclassmen when during a big game, the younger students just sit there and don't cheer. The members of the teams in the games don't like it either. The noise of the student section can really affect the outcome of a game. Upperclassmen are always yelling to the top of the bleachers to cheer. Underclassmen need to respect the upperclassmen in the stands as well as the ones on the playing field, and cheer at the games.

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~Justin Zoucha

ones on the playing field, and cheer at the games.

Underclassmen, especially junior high, can sometimes get on an upperclassmen's nerves. Whether it be in an activity or in a study hall, most

upperclassmen have experienced an annoying younger student who's holding them back or holding the whole team or group back. Once in a while for a team or individual to succeed, the underclassmen needs to be put in their place. I remember when I was in 7th grade, one of my classmates was annoying a senior in my study hall. On the way down to lunch, my classmate's rear end found the bottom of a trash can thanks to that senior. My classmate never again bothered any seniors in study hall. Once in a while this needs to be done, but underclassmen should not be hazed or picked on repeatedly.

Some say that reduced "seniority" leads to be ter team unity, which I agree with. Seniority is still needed, but it should not be abused. Underclassmen should do small things like pick up the field or court after practice, move out of the way of older students, and occasionally get put in their place if needed.

sionally get put in their place if needed.

So, underclassmen, re-spect upperclassmen, and, up-perclassmen, don't abuse the privilege you've gone through years of work to obtain.



By Anna Wickham Staff Reporter

Standing in line for breakfast in the morning, "Ope, seniority." The week old senior steps right in front of the 4'8" seventh grader, starving, and still wet from the shower she took right after 6 AM morning volleyball practice. Apparently seniority gives upperclassmen and seniors the right to cut lines and get food before everyone else. Some seniors and juniors take "seniority" to the next level, which sometimes can come off rude or bossy. There is a thin line between asking for respect and demanding it.

I understand that seniors want their last year of high school to be perfect; they have waited their whole high school career to finally be on the top of the totem pole. Activities and sports need new leaders, and it seems that se-

niors naturally fall into that role. Finally there is no one telling them what to do, and it's their turn to sit back and enjoy their senior year. That is what senior year is supposed to be like, but it seems that the seniors are the ones stressing about their activities more than anyone else. Again, they want everything to be perfect, but what they need to understand is that underclassmen and juniors are trying to make the activity as perfect as they can.

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Maybe it's some upperclassmen's crave for perfection that transforms them from being a great leader to a little bit of a control freak.

Some upperclassmen try to demand the younger kids to respect them, telling the underclassmen that since they are seniors they are better. The feeling of being underappreciated because of "seniority" is one reason why it bothers me so much. When someone makes a suggestion, the seniors sometimes act like either 1) they don't hear it or 2) they don't care enough to actually respond. Respect is to be earned, not given. Pretending they can't hear a suggestion or telling an underclassmen their suggestion is pointless is not a great way for them to earn respect, at least not mine! Saying "seniority" or "Tm a senior and..." be-

fore being rude isn't going to soften the blow of being disrespected.

Being a leader involves helping the younger kids learn and understand. Sometimes kids learn slower than some seniors think. I understand it gets super frustrating when a freshman can't get a routine down, or a sophomore can never remember a play, but it's key to be patient! Place yourself in their shoes. Being new to a sport or activity, it's hard to get used to the way the seniors and coaches want performances. seniors and coaches want per-

hard to get used to the way the seniors and coaches want performances. Remaining calm and patient and helping the teammate out is the best way to earn the "seniority" and respect that seniors deserve. Those are the people I want as my leaders.

Seniors want their last year to be fantastic. What I want the seniors to understand, though, is your teammates all represent the sport or activity. It can't always go the way we want it to, which is something that both upper and underclassmen need to keep in mind. It's okay to take suggestions from younger teammates, and it's also okay to make a suggestion and not apply it. The way to make "senior year" the best is to let the whole "team" work together to make it that way.

### Every ak English o n e d oes o t s p e n



**By Kelly Kamrath** Staff Reporter

A Spanish advertisement plays before a video. An anticipated Japanese movie still doesn't have an English translation. You can't sing along to your favorite song because it's in French. These may not seem problematic at the present, but are a constantly looming threat to the monolingual ideology many English speak-

ing Americans follow. Foreign languages are gradually
being used more and more in
place of English. Countries
all throughout the world are
filled with people who speak
multiple languages, yet most
Americans struggle to string
together simple sentences
in another language, despite
most taking at least two years
of foreign language classes in
high school.

It's a problem almost ev-

It's a problem almost ev-It's a problem almost every American growing up in an English speaking household faces; they are taking years of foreign language classes only to end up with a level of proficiency similar to a three-year-old's by the time they graduate. So, why is this? Most people would think after four whole years of study the student would at least be able to hold a basic conversation, but this is far from reality. The answer is divided into multiple expla

The first cause is that the majority of students solely use the target language in the classroom. The number one use the target language in the classroom. The number one language learning rule of any accomplished polyglot, someone who has learned several languages, is to constantly use the language. Whether it's something as complicated as trying to think in the language or as simple as listening to the lyrics of a foreign song, anything can help in using the language outside of studying notes and flashcards.

Another problem is the methods schools are using to teach languages. Languages aren't learned by just filling out worksheet after worksheet and studying notes for hours upon hours. Of course, this kind of rote memorization is still important, but there is much more to learning a lan-

guage than that. Language acquisition requires active learning—actually using the language as opposed to filling out answers on a test. This goes back to my first point; students won't become fluent unless they are able to use what they've learned.

In addition to using a more immersed method of teaching, there is one other strategy that could effectively change the level of proficiency students will have by the time they graduate. This solution is rather obvious, but is still being largely ignored almost everywhere throughout the U.S. Schools need to start teaching languages in grade school. Children's brains are able to better absorb languages, but this ability wears off with age. Toddlers naturally learn around eight words per day, whereas an adult may struggle with having to review

those words each day until they know them by heart.

But why is it so important to learn a second language? "Everyone speaks English!" seems to being said more and more each day. Too bad for them because that's far from the truth. According to examiner.com, in the United States alone, around 22 million people don't speak English. Teaching students a second language is an easy solution to fix the growing language gap that is emerging from continuing to raise monolingual children.

Learning a second language also has plenty of benefits besides fixing lingual gaps. It is scientifically proven that people who speak more than one language are more intelligent than people who don't. It has an incredible impact on the brain, even effecting skills that are not re-

lated to language.

There are too many reasons to just be content with continuing to teach students only their mother tongue. Schools need to adapt themselves to have effective curriculums that start early enough that students will be proficient in a second language by the time they graduate high school. Bilingualism is rapidly becoming a necessary skill in today's world, and soon anyone who only speaks English will be left behind. Whether it's not being able to go see the newest blockbuster because it wasn't made in English or being hired for a job because half of the customers won't be able to understand him or her; this monolingual ideology needs to retire. ideology needs to retire



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## Homecoming dance parts ways with Friday night

Staff Reporter

homecoming every year under the advisement of Mrs.
Joan Lahm. The biggest change was moving homecoming from Friday night to Saturday night

coming from Friday night to Saturday night.
"I liked having it on Saturday, it was more relaxed, and we had more time to decorate. It started and ended earlier which was good because then students could go out for breakfast," Lahm said.

The idea of changing

Scotus' homecoming from Friday night to Saturday night has been tossed around the student council meetings for years. When the idea was brought up again last year, the student council took it to Mr. Morfeld. After heavy persuasion, he finally agreed to switch the night.

The switching of "venues" was voted on by the student council. This year's homecoming took place in the cafeteria instead of Memorial Hall, as it has in the past. This made it easier for the chaperones. It also was better for the people who didn't want to dance, they were all in the same room so no one seemed to be left out or separated.

"The idea was tossed around by the student council members in the summer meetings to have Mrs. Smith take the photos," Lahm commented.

In past homecomings, Tom Goc took the class pho-

In past homecomings, Tom Goc took the class pho-tos and individual photos.

The problem was that fewer and fewer students were purchasing them. This year, the student council decided to hire 'Mrs. Jacquie Smith to take the homecoming photos instead. The student council members wanted a way to have the pictures' without having to pay for them; Smith made that possible.

At the game on Friday, September 19, Scotus fans watched as the homecoming candidates strutted across the field waiting for the announcement of the 2014, Homecoming king and queen. This year's homecoming queen was Kelsey Kessler, her crown, donated by Kelly Jewelry, was placed on her head by last year's homecoming queen, Carley Foltz. As for homecoming king, Grant Lahm was also crowned by last year's royalty, Dan Strecker. The king's crown is bought by the student council, and the royalty were allowed

to keep them.

"I was so happy and surprised. I wasn't expecting to win at all!" Kessler shared.

The daily themes for homecoming week, although easy, were very general. This made it a slight challenge for some students to dress up every day. With themes ranging from senior citizen day to scary movie day, there was a wide variety of themes chosen for this year "This year's homecoming was the best because it was my last Homecoming. I made the best out of it and had a blast," senior Tori Rinkol said.

said.



Sophomores Juniors Seniors David City Dates Aguinas Dates UNL Dates



Homecoming King and Queen, Grant Lahm and Kelsey Kessler, flash their smiles to the camera after coronation.



UNO Dates

Senior Lucas Cox becomes Abraham Lincoln on historical day during Homecoming week.



Senior Queze Campos respects his elders during Homecoming Week.



Junior Olivia Rath, senior Tori Rinkol, and junior Rachel Miksch perform their Flag Corps routine during halftime of the Homecoming game.



MORKIAN HIGHSON YEARGOOK ST Senior quarterback Jared Duren throws a pass to junior running back Jackson Kumpf in the Homecoming football game.



Anna Wickildam/Rock Bottom State Juniors Seth Gutzmer, Khang Nguyen, and Olivia Rath bust some moves during the Homecoming dance.

## Scotus welcomes exchange students

Being an exchange student is a completely different "world" than I knew.

different "world" than I knew.
Going to a completely different country as an exchange student that I've lived in my whole life seems interesting, but staying here with a host family is more than just interesting.

It didn't take me long to decide to spend a high school year in the United States of America. Being here just a

year in the United States of America. Being here just a few weeks now, I think I can speak up for all exchange students and say, that all of us really enjoy it here in Columbus. We all became part of our host families, and at Scotus Central Catholic High School, we all became part of the everyday life in part of the everyday life in school.

One of the most exciting things about an exchange year for me was living with a

Extremely important of Extremely important of an exchange year, and one of the reasons why I do it, is to go to school and learn in a different language than I speak at home. When I first came here, I thought it would be hard to understand and to speak in a different language, but actually, I feel very familiar with it and I feel

speak in a different language, but actually, I feel very familiar with it, and I feel more confident speaking it.

When I came here, I recognized some differences than I'm used to in Austria. In Austria for example, the teachers have to go to different classes and the students have got their own and stay there the whole day. I just told myself that it isn't right or wrong how the people manage to do it here. It's just different!

Being one year away from my parents isn't easy, and not everybody is made for it. However, if you think that you could do it, then

you should definitely do an exchange year! You don't have to do it a whole year. One semester is also very good for you, but you just don't get as you, but you just don't get as much experience as you do in one year. If I should get homesick, or I don't feel good at a point of time, I still have Skype. I just have to remind myself that I'll come back home anyway. The time is going so fast.

So, anyone who thinks they are old enough to stay away from home for one year and wants to speak another language almost perfectly should definitely do an exchange year! There are plenty of websites for student exchange years on the internet

exchange years on the internet where you can read yourself or you can ask the exchange students at Scotus Central Catholic High School. You haven't got too many chances to become native in another language. Now it's the perfect time for it. Do it!



Julian Fritz

Country:

Austria Languages:

English, German, and a

little bit of Italian Plans for future schooling: Going back to Austria to

finish school there and go to college at the university in Austria

**Favorite American food:** Bacon cheese burgers

with jalapeños

Country: Belgium

Languages: French, Dutch, English and a little Spanish

Plans for future schooling:

Study journalism in a university in Bushel

Major differences between U.S. and Belgium: Belgium very small country so everything looks huge here! Belgium when you meet someone you kiss on the cheek ven if you don't know them; here you just say "Hello'



Laura Moureau

Country: South Korea/ Republic of Korea Languages: Korean and English

Plans for future schooling: Attend college in America Hardest part about coming to the U.S.: Long 14-18 hour flight, the cultural difference, and there are no proper malls in Columbus

Fun Fact: I thought I had two birthdays until second



Chris Beon

Country: China

Languages: Chinese and English

Plans for future schooling: Finish high

school and college in the U.S.

Favorite American food: Fried onion rings Fun fact: I really really like pop music.



Bruce Bai

anguages: Spanish, English and learning French

Plans for future schooling: orginally wanting to go back to Spain, but is currently falling in love with the American life and is thinking of staying in the U.S

Some major differences between America and Spain: In Spain we have six hour class days, with two breaks and the teachers move from class to class. We also don't have lockers



Olaya Rojo Vázquez

Country: Spain

Languages: Spanish and English

Hardest part about coming to America: the lan-

Best part of coming to America: Meeting all the

new people here

Favorite American food: Chicken nuggets



Alvaro Cámara

Country: Germany

Languages: German, English and a little French

Plans for future schooling: study medicine in Germany, wants

Major difference between living in America and Germany: We don't have cheerleaders or football. In Germany I am an adult. I can drive my car, go to the disco every weekend, and I am allowed to drink alcohol. Here I am a child again.



Karsta Stieglitz

Languages: Chinese and English

Plans for future schooling: Come back to Scotus for senior

Best part of coming to Scotus: Cheering for the school's vol-

Favorite American food: Chicken Nuggets

Fun Fact: Whenever I say "awesome", the whole class starts



Sam Suoyi

Country: Vietnam

Languages: Vietnamese and English

Plans for future schooling: Finish high school at Scotus, then go to UNL to be a computer scientist or a biochemist Major differences between Vietnam and U.S.: In Vietnam, kids never hang out outside of school. Here kids

hang out with friends all the time! Fun Fact: I still don't know how to say "brussel sprouts"



Khang ngugyen



Coaches earn support

By Garrit Shanle Staff Reporter

Did you know that Coach Linder stays at up until around one o'clock after the football games watching film? Did you know that Coach Krien-ke mows the practice field on his own time? As the coaches respect all of their athletes for putting in the time to accom-plish their goals, do the ath-letes show enough respect for all the time the coaches put in? So many of the coaches at our school put in a ton of extra time to make the Scotus teams that much better. I believe that most athletes and parents do not give the coaches the respect they deserve.

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Every team here at Scotus has one head coach, and many people believe that the head coach is the one who runs the show, but they cannot do all of the work themselves. It seems like every team has a nice hand full of assistant coaches that allow practices to run faster and more efficiently, but what makes these assistant coaches special is the fact that only some of them are getting paid. They volunteer their time in order for our teams to have more successful seasons.

Coaches will volunteer some of their time to watching film. Most of the coaching do all of the work themselves

ing film. Most of the coaching staff put in countless hours of watching film so that their teams have a better under-standing of what their next teams have a better inderstanding of what their next opponent will look like. The coaches want nothing more than having their players play at their highest potential and having them come in and watch film will only make the athletes more successful. No one tells the coaches to watch film. They could not film any of the games at all and just let their teams be average, but they choose to have every game filmed and get films from other schools so that they have a higher success rate. Every coach has that one person that gets on their nerves.

one person that gets on their nerves.

There are plenty of coaches that do not like the "parent-coach". Yes, they can hear all of the parents in the stands yell at them and tell them to do something that they think would be right, but most of those parents have never coached a high school team before, and they don't know the strategy to win. Most of the time it just makes the parents look like fools.

So the next time you see a coach walking down the hall-way or along the sidewalk, say "hello" to them and give them more respect while they are coaching. Cheer them on as they lead the sports teams to a winning season.

## Linder leads Rocks to success

By Garrit Shanle Staff Reporter

The Shamrock Football The Shamrock Football Team is off to a winning start this season. The team has a current record of 7-1, and the team has potential of having a successful post season.

This year, the Scotus football team is under a new coaching staff. Coach (Tyler) Linder is now the head coach of the Scotus football team.

"I was excited for the op-

of the Scotus football team.

"I was excited for the opportunity and nervous at the same time. When our (football) schedule came out, I was a little panicked but knew we would have opportunities to be good," Linder said.

The team started the season with a loss to the No. 1 team in class C-1, Boone Central, but found a way to bounce back the next week. In week two, the Shamrocks de-

week two, the Shamrocks de-feated class C-2 Aquinas, who were No. 1 in their class

Linder said, "We tasted defeat early and didn't like it. We are on a roll and that's because our kids are working harder than they have ever worked before."

game.

The Shamrocks have forced two shutouts this season. The first shutout was at the Scotus vs. Central City

Jared Duren, the senior quarterback for the football team, is excited about the sea-son so far.

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Duren said, "The Aquinas win was big for our team."
Since week two, the Shamrocks have been on a six game winning streak.
Jake Bos, junior fullback, said, "The Aquinas game was my favorite game to play in so far this season. Our team played to win."
Both Duren and Bos agreed that one of their main goals for the season is to make the trip down to Lincoln and play in the state championship

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42-0, and two weeks later they defeated David City Pub-lic 47-0.

game. The Shamrocks won

want our guys to maximize their potential," Linder said. The Shamrocks have recently beaten Wahoo Neu-mann 42-6, Wahoo High 47-10, and North Bend 56-6.

Coach Linder will lead the Shamrocks to their next chal-lenge by facing Lakeview on October 24.

Linder concluded, "I'm happy but never satisfied."



Junior Quinn Blaser catches a pass over a Pierce defender. The Shamrocks beat the Bluejays 28-14.

Held holds on to winning tradition



Junior Morgan Thorson sets the ball against Lakeview. Scotus lost to the Vi-kings 3 sets to 2 but later defeated them in the Chamber Invite.

**By Garrit Shanle** Staff Reporter

The Scotus volleyball team is winding down their season, and they have a current record of 14-7 so far. This is the volleyball teams first season without Coach John Petersen in 37 years. The head coach is now former assistant coach Joe Held.

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"For the first noul I was willed, then reality started to set in, and I was wondering what have I gotten myself into. I was concerned that I wouldn't do a good enough job for the program to continue to experience the success it was accustomed to. After talking to the other coaches on the staff and knowing they were supportive and going to continue to help made those feelings reside and made me realize our staff could keep the

realize our staff could keep the success going," Held said.

Senior volleyball player Allison Beiermann said, "The environment is very different without Coach Petersen at practice, but the intensity is still the same."

Another volleyball player, junior Maeghan Pieper said, "practices are so much different, but they are also very much the same. Coach Held runs the practices basically

the same way, but Petersen's presence changes the environ-

The Shamrocks started their season as runner-ups of the Scotus Invite. A week later, the Shamrocks took first place at the North Bend Invite. Over the season the Shamrocks have placed second at the Viking Invite and at the Columbus Classic. After the Conference Tournament, Scotus finished in fifth place with a loss to GICC, but collected two wins over Wahoo

collected two wins over Wahoo Neumann and Fremont Bergan. "Our team has gotten off to a solid start. I know we would like to have another win or two," Held said. The Shamrocks thrive off of support from their student section.

Held said, "I know our team (players and coaches) really appreciate the support from the student body throughout the season. We feed of the enthusiasm that they demonstrate during the matches, and it helps us play at our highest level."

The Scotus Volleyball team looks to come out on top in the Triangular with Lincoln Lutheran and Hastings St. Cecilia tonight.

"I feel we are growing as a team and progressing and that

a team and progressing and that is what we have to continue to

## Shamrocks set sights on championship

By Justin Zoucha Staff Reporter

With the girls coming off back-to-back gold medals and the boys coming off a hot season, both of Scotus' cross country teams aim for the class C crown. The girls' team has a record of 88-6, and the boys have a record of 98-2 going into the State Cross Country. Championships. Head try Championships. Hea Coach Merlin Lahm has com

going to have a really good boys and girls' team, a lot of returning runners, people with state meet experience," Lahm

Both teams have shown Both teams have shown the ability to win meets, big and small. At the UNK invite, the boys placed 1st out of 24 teams, while the girls earned 2st out of 18 teams. They have also gained momentum by winning smaller meets, such as the Columbus dual and the Lakeview and Schuyler triangular. After the Aquinas meet was rained out, both teams ran



out of Lincoln with Centennial Conference titles. The boys won their district, and the girls placed 3rd.

"Winning major meets and both teams winning the conference meets are the highlights," Lahm said.

Even after all the success they've had so far, the teams are still focused on always improving.

proving.
"The varsity runners are

focused on trying to get to a point where we have a short of time period as possible be-tween the first and fourth run-ners. In our class we score the first four runners, and so it's really important to have them as close as possible together," Lahm stated.

While the varsity runners

run in every meet and compete for district and state cham-pionships, the junior varsity

runners, just like other sports, go through the same practices but go to less meets. The sea-son ended for the JV runners

son ended for the JV runners at the conference meet.

"We really had a nice meet, and even the JV runners, you know the paper never says anything about JV, but we had several JV places as well," Lahm added.

With both teams' experi-

With both teams' experi-ence and hard work, they seem

to be primed for a shot at the championship. The boys have many returning state qualifiers and have dominated thus far through the season.

"I would like to say that our boys have a good chance; you would think we are certainly one of the best teams in the class," Lahm said.

The girls also have many returning state qualifiers. This

returning state qualifiers. This year's top six varsity runners were all a part of last year's

were all a part of last year's state championship team. Some of them also were a part of the 2012 state championship team. However, Coach Lahm was a little more hesitant about the girls.

"The girls is so up in the air right now. There are four girls' teams that have a legitimate chance without something really unusual happening and that's Boone Central, ourselves, Wayne, and Sidney."

Both teams will have their chance October 24<sup>th</sup> at the state championship meet

# Student passes support budget

By Julian Fritz

Staff Reporter

This year, student passes came to Scotus Central Catholic High School. For a fee of fifty dollars, a student is able to buy an activity pass and attend athletic and fine art activities. The answer to why students of Scotus Central Catholic High School have to pay to attend these activities is actually very simple: Scotus Central Catholic High School have to pay to attend these activities is actually very simple: Scotus Central Catholic High School have to pay to attend these activities is actually very simple: Scotus Central Catholic High School have to pay to attend these activities is actually very simple: Scotus Central Catholic High School have to pay to attend these activities is actually very simple: Scotus Central Catholic High School have to pay to attend these activities is actually very simple: Scotus Central Catholic have activity passes.

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Student passes seem new for most people at Scotus to support athletics activities and fine arts which need the money, for example, for transportation.

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Central Catholic, but in fact, Scotus Central Catholic High School already tried student passes several years ago.

"Several years ago, for one year, we tried an activity pass for that year, and it worked well, but the board didn't see it as being a financial issue in terms of balancing the budget, so we didn't follow up and continue it. What has changed now is that activity pass gets you in to all activities, not just athletics. If we set [the price] at fifty dollars, then this is going to be fifty for several years; this is not something we're going to change next year to fifty-five, and the year after to sixty dollars."

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Fifty-two students of Scotus Central Catholic have purchased the activity passes for fifty dollars this year. Additional to the fifty-two students, eighteen family passes were sold for thirty-one students. In all, eighty-three students are able to enter activities with their pass.



Seventh grader Chloe Odbert's student pass displays her "Scotus 2014 - 15" activity stamp. Students could purchase passes for fifty dollars or family pas for 250 dollars.

## Father Capadano retreats with students



The junior class shows their strength in the work horse activity during their retreat. The retreat took place at Saint Stanislaus Parish in Duncan, NE.

By Jaime Gasper Staff Reporter

the class together.
"My favorite activity
was work horse. It's a game
where everyone who reaches
the finish line has to carried
by some-

the finish liby some-one else. It's a fun game to watch. You see who all the beasts are in the class." There is one ma-"The overall goal of a class retreat is to bring these kids to Christ." ~Fr. Capadano

that Father changed from previous years.

"I feel that taking out the gripe circle gets rid of the tension in the class. However, I don't know if hanging out in a church building for a day builds class unity," Capadano added.

Father Capadano believes

that Scotus' retreats are of vital importance, and he has his own ideas to add to them.

"I spoke with both Father Roza and Father Loseke, who both wanted to focus on the teaching aspect. I want to focus on the retreats. They are fun, but could be centered more on building unity with Christ."

Father will

with Christ."
Father will certainly have time to work on this as the next retreats aren't for

another year.

"I would like to bring in a speaker to the retreats, but I am not quite sure how I am going to change them yet."

The eight grade will complete Father's first retreat year this spring in preparation for their Confirmation.

## Band marches to a successful season

Editor

Each morning this fall, as students arrived at school in time for classes, there were some students who braved the elements and absence of sunlight to practice marching every day in September.

After weeks of practicing and refining their music, the Scotus marching band, flag corps, and the cheerleaders marched in the Hastings College parade (Melody Round-Up) on Saturday, September 26th.

"Returning to Hastings and being in the Melody Round-Up parade was pretty exciting for me because we [hadn't] made an appearance there for five years and also because that's where I went to college," Mrs. Cox, band director, said.

Scoring for marching in parades in different than scoring in sports. The band receives a score between one and three, one meaning superior and three proficient. At the Melody Round-Up Parade, the marching band received a two and drum majors, senior Jamiee Beauvais

Even though the band usually chooses a new song every year, the band is repeating the song they played last year. While marching, the band plays "Get Back", a Beatles tune, and in between repetitions, the drumline plays several cadences.

Cox said, "The Columbus Days Committee called me ahead of time last spring and said that the Columbus Days' theme was The Beatles. [Repeating "Get Back"] gave our drumline, who have only been working together for a year, time to learn more material and become better at it,

which makes the whole band stronger."

In addition to the Hastings College parade, the band, flag corps, and cheerleaders participated in Harvest of Harmony in Grand Island on October 4th. Harvest of Harmony was a huge parade, involving around 100 parades this year.

"Harvest of Harmony is a whole entity in itself, to be around that many bands and to have it televised is really exciting," Cox said.

Unfortunately, results for the Harvest of Harmony were unavailable at press time.

Not only does the flag corps march in parades, but they also performs at half time at football and basketball games, pep rallies, and they compete at Jam the Gym in the winter. The flag corps have performed to the songs "Pour Some Sugar on Me," "Pom Poms," "Wings" and "Black and Gold". At the Hastings parade, the flag corps and the cheerleaders received a one.

The Scotus marching band is on break as of now, but will march in the spring at the St. Patrick's Day parade in Omaha.





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in Brockhaus, junior, plays his trombone at the Columbus Days Parade. In
tion to this parade, the marching band also participated in the Hastings Coland the Harvest of Harmony parades.

Thanks to all the guest writers who submitted scary stories for the writing contest and congratulations to the writers of the top two stories!

## Pale Man

By Dana Hoppe Guest Writer

A teenage boy was driving home on the dirt roads of rural Nebraska. He was still many miles from home when he realized his gas tank was running on empty. He kept on driving in hope of finding a farm place that could spare some gas. The night was bizarrely darker than most, and there was not a star or light in the night sky. The roads were unfamiliar and different somehow, and he entered a wooded area. He pulled over and turned on his phone to call for help. His battery was almost dead and there was no reception. He vainly tried calling three times before his phone died. He perceived a light up ahead which was shining out into the dark. The headlights of his car revealed a clearing where the road ended and several cars were parked. The cars ranged in age from a few old ones parked in the front to some new ones parked closer to where he was. He pulled up and turned off his

The amount of cars parked suggested that there must be a number of people at this place. He looked outside and saw animal eyes peering at him. Even though this was something he was familiar with, they sent a shiver down his spine. He resolved to make a go for the resolved to make a go for the light not far ahead, which light not far ahead, which must be a house. He opened his car door and headed for the light. As he navigated around the cars in the pitch black, he heard a movement in the brush. A primal fear rushed through him and he dashed for the light with his hands as guides in front of him. The front of a small house became visible. small house became visible under an old porch light. reached the front door and pounded on it. The door creaked open.

A gaunt and pale face peaked through the doorway and said in a nervous, quiet voice, "Hello, young sir,

how can I help you at this late hour?"
"My car is out of gas

and my phone is dead. I am also a bit lost and would like to use your phone," the boy hurriedly replied while

boy hurriedly replied while trying to recover his breath.

"By all means," said the pale man, "come in. I have a phone you can use." He held the door open and ushered the boy inside. The house was silent.

"I thought with so many cars outside, there must have

cars outside, there must have been more people here. Are you all alone out here?" inquired the boy, confused

by the lack of people.

"Those cars are just ... a hobby... of mine. I share this house with a friend. He lives upstairs most of the time," the man absently answered with a blank stare on his from

bit perturbed, "May I use your phone now?" The man obliged. The boy knew something was not right at that moment due partly in the way the pale man had spoken, and partly because he had observed that there was only one floor to this humble house. He tried to convince himself that there must be an attic not easily seen. The man led him into a bare room with one window and no decoration. There

and no decoration. There was a table, a chair in the middle of the room, and an old rotary phone on the wall. The man kept fiddling with his hands in a jittery way.

"The phone lines are often down. I'll check to see if they work," said the pale man. He offered the boy a seat, which the boy accepted, not wanting to risk upsetting this unsettling individual. The man put the phone to his ear and hung it up again. "It seems the lines are down," he said looking at the ground, "Excuse me for a moment." He looked back up at the boy and left back up at the boy and left the room. The boy had noticed something odd about the man's features which he hadn't paid attention to before that now added to his growing distress. The man

than thirty, but something was different about his face. He had seen a complexion like the man's before, and he now realized that it was that of a dead man! The eyes were sunken and the mouth was a thin line. The skin was stretched tight over the bone creating a gauntness to his features. The boy's rational mind now battled with the

mind now battled with the imaginary as he tried to convince himself that this was only a sick man, and he calmed himself down.

The boy's attention now turned to the whispering he was hearing in the other room. It seemed to be one man arguing against another who could not be heard. man arguing against another who could not be heard. The boy then decided he would leave and take his chances outside. Before he could get up, however, the man reentered with a look of terror on his face. "My friend wishes to speak with you," he uttered in an empty voice. The pale man's eyes became wide and filled with an utter blackness that no light could escape. The room turned dark and became smaller. Horrified, the boy struggled to get up, but found his arms and legs bound by some unnatural force. He turned wide eyed to look and the man.
"What are you?"

"What are you?" demanded the boy from a face contorted in terror. "I am that which exists

Tam that which exists in every dark corner of the mortal world," a deep, unnatural voice uttered out of the man's thin mouth, "I am the despair, the hopelessness, the creeping determines of decreases. hopelessness, the creeping destruction of depression. I am fear, the terror in the shadows of night. I am insanity, the voice in your head that whispers horrible thoughts. I am evil and I am real." The animal eyes he had seen outside now manifested themselves in the window as tormented mannested memserves in the window as tormented human faces laughing in a horrific way. The face of the man smiled revealing two rows of need sharp black teeth. "You belong to me

## Joke Gone Wrong

By Morgan Littlefield, Eric Mustard, and Tyler Palmer

Guest Writers

Josefina "Jo" and Eric Palmstard weren't your average twins. They couldn't stay out of trouble, and everywhere these two went, adversity followed. Josefina and Eric had been expelled from three schools in the past year. They were quickly sent to Scotus where everyone knew they would get a good education, and discipline. By the third month, Eric and Jo "ruled" their grade. In the process, they chose their friends and targets.

Kevin Doyle was one of these targets. With large wired glasses, huge teeth, and a neatly pressed tie, he was the brains of the class. A year before the twins showed up, Kevin's best friend, Charlie Vastmur, had gone missing. The strange thing was, Charlie went missing two days after exploring the underground tunnels. The same thing happened to four students before him. Charlie and the four other students claimed to have been watched, heard strange voices at night, and had strange things happen to them. The day after, they went missing. No leads ever popped up, and the cases were dismissed

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"Hey loser," Eric laughed as he pushed Kevin into a locker. Josefina smirked and kept walking, Eric tagging along. In her hand she held a map of the grounds, detailed with every room and passageway, including the tunnels. Kevin knew what that meant and started feeling upset. Charlie had bought the exact same map before he went exploring.

"So, are you going to stay

went exploring.

"So, are you going to stay overnight?"

"What?"

A redheaded girl smiled at him. "Are you going to stay here Halloween night? Eric and Jo planned it. Whoever doesn't chicken out gets their desserts for three months!"

"You've got to be kidding me." Kevin muttered. Halloween night was when the "Scotus ghost" was most active, and by the looks of it, the twins were planning a prank.

Halloween was only six days away, giving Kevin enough time to get everything ready. Simple, right? Wrong. It took him three days to find a Mad Hatter costume, and the weekend came and Kevin spent those days playing video games and fretting about the next night. Suddenly Monday was there and Kevin felt sick. The first six periods flew past, and the seventh period was a study hall that was way too long. The bell rang and school was let out for the last two periods. Students went flying out of the classrooms. It was obvious they were excited about that night. Costumes needed to be put on and finishing touches added. Kevin went to his P.E. locker and pulled out his costume. Once everything was pinned in place, he went to the gym to help Eric and Jo with the party. Kevin barely took it all in, for all he cared about was making it out alive.

Kevin worked on his homework until his watch read nine o'clock. So far, Josefina and Eric had been acting like normal teenagers. Out of nowhere, they turned and headed straight towards Kevin. "Follow me," Josefina whispered. Kevin frowned.

"Why not? Are you scared?" She teased. A loud snort could be heard from Eric.

"Of course he is. He actually believes all of those old wives' tales," Eric sneered.

"Please just come with us? It's not like we're going to kill von."

"Please just come with us? It's not like we're going to kill you."

Kevin sighed. "Fine."

Josefina's smile told him that he fell right into her snare. The twins turned in unison and started walking toward the exit. Kevin submissively followed, expecting the worst. He was shocked when Eric reached out and turned the handle on a door. The door opened, revealing a staircase heading down underground. Eric and Josefina pulled out LED flashlights. Kevin blinked in confusion. Rolling his eyes, Eric handed him an identical flashlight, and he muttered something about not needing it.

With that they started

muttered something about not needing it.

With that, they started quietly walking down the stairs. Reaching the bottom, the trio was hit with a blast of cold air. Kevin was relaxed until Jo pulled a red bandana out of her pocket.

"Close your eyes and hold still," she commanded. Kevin did as he was told, and the cloth was soon bound tightly over his eyes. The twins started pushing forward for about fifteen minutes. All the while, they turned corners, squeezed into passageways, and didn't say a single word. The tunnels dampened and got stuffier as they moved along. Something, rather someone, giggled off to rather someone, giggled off to

"Shut it Eric," Jo growled.
"It wasn't me!" Eric

hissed.
"Yeah, okay," came the

"Yeah, okay," came the sarcastic response.

The subject dropped, yet it felt like they weren't alone.

The person in question started scratching the walls, making dirt fall away. Kevin heard the twins gulp behind him. The three of them soon stopped in a large tunnel. The hands that pushed Kevin disappeared, along with the twins. Ripping off the bandana, Kevin realized he was alone.

Suddenly laughter began and the voice of a boy could be

heard.
"Please?" He begged.
Kevin looked around

"Please?" He begged.
Kevin looked around anxiously.

"No. You mustn't speak to the devil. 'Tis a cruel act," an old croan scolded. Out of the blue, two forms appeared.

There stood, right in front of him, a child in a wrinkled uniform and a nun dressed in black. They both turned and looked towards Kevin, eyes aglow. A wicked smile stretched across the child's face, getting larger with each passing second. A ghastly tear could be heard and the boy's face was falling apart. The nun was the complete opposite, standing tall, with only a thin line across her disfigured face. The child giggled and lunged towards Kevin, vanishing into a blue haze. The nun simply evaporated.

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Using all of his strength, Kevin pushed ahead to the haze. It vanished as soon as he tried to touch it. A cold, he tried to touch it. A cold, chilling breath could be felt on his neck. Kevin was terrified to turn around, but he ignored his gut feeling. He spun around and came face to face with another creature, a former student whose hair was stringy and eyes were black pits. Kevin's scream pierced the air, then stopped abruptly.





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### finishes third at state Volleyball

**By Hannah Thomazin** Staff Reporter

The Shamrocks returned to

The Shamrocks returned to compete in the consolation match at State Volleyball for third or fourth place last weekend, but this year the Shamrocks finished with a win to receive third place over Wahoo High.

Head Coach Joe Held said, "The first set on Saturday against Wahoo was dismal, but we pushed through and improved. We created new energy. A couple kids had to step up and fill different roles, and other kids didn't have to do what they were used to doing. We came together as team and bought in. We had success and that was what was important."

In the first round of State on Thursday, the fifth seeded Shamrocks competed against fourth

rocks competed against fourth ranked Chadron Cardinals. The girls were able to sweep the Cardinals 25-18, 25-23, and 25-19.

Advancing to the semifinals, the Shamrocks faced defending state champs, Kearney Catholic. The Shamrocks fell to Kearney in three sets to none, 18-25, 23-25, and 13-25.

The loss to Kearney meant that the Shamrocks played 9 A.M. Sat-urday morning in the consolation match against Wahoo High. They

came out on top with a third place win after losing the first set, 20-25, 27-25, 25-20, and 25-18.

"Saturday's game was interesting. They [Wahoo] were a really good team and after the first set I didn't really know what to think," Coach Held said. "The girls found a way to win the second set and after that we got some momentum and we played better those last two sets. It was fun to end on a note where we were playing as well as we had all year. It was good to see."

There were only two seniors this year on the team—Allison Beiermann and Abbie Alt. Beiermann was starting right side, and Alt came in to serve and play back row for outside hitter Sarah Schumacher.

Beiermann said, "We had some great team chemistry and that's something I've always wanted, I'm glad we had it this season. It was a good note to end on."

The loss of the seniors will be filled up with five returning starters next year and twelve returning players.

Starting junior middle hitter

ers.

Starting junior middle hitter
Maeghan Pieper said, "My goals for
next year are obviously to win state.
Morgan Thorson and I each have a
4th, 3rd, and a 2rd place medal and
now we need a first! I know next
year we can do it because all of us
juniors now know what it's like to



Junior Maeghan Pieper goes in for an attack against the Wahoo Cardinals during the match Sat-urday morning. They won the match three sets to one for third place at State.

play at state, so we should be more comfortable playing there."

This was Held's first year being head coach for the Shamrocks taking the place of former Head Coach John Petersen.

Junior libero Courtney Labenz commented, "The new coaching staff was different and it took some time to get used to at the beginning, but our coaches did an amazing job

prepared and working us hard. It really helped us in all our successes throughout the season." The season wasn't without ups

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# One-Act play and art show return

By Kelly Kamrath Staff Reporter

Performing a comedy title Al-ice's Adventures with Poorly Cooked Cafeteria Seafood, this year's One-Acts cast has returned to perform

Acts cast has returned to perform once again this year. Compared to last year, the class has made a dramatic transformation from the tragedy they performed titled "May I Have Your Attention Please?"

"It is night and day. This is a comedy. There's a little darkness to it but not nearly as much. That was so serious. It's a huge contrast," One-Acts play director Becki Zanardii stated.

This year's play is an original spin of the classic Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, taking place in a typical high school. The set goes through a few changes as Alice moves from her house to the classroom to "Wonderland."
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"It starts out in Alice's home, and then moves to the biology classroom. Then there's a stint in Wonderland where the poorly-cooked cafeteria seafood gets to her, and she starts hallucinating. Then it goes back to the classroom," Zandardi said.

For the set itself, basic props and decorations were utilized

oreate each scene.

"It's a very simplistic scene. We're not using any flats for anything. Just little odds and ends,"
Zanardi added.

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However, much more detail was put into the costumes worn by each character.

"For some of them we just had

"For some of them we just had to order a few things. A lot of the kids are bringing things from home and making those work. For the red queen and the king of hearts I actually bought some pieces from Goodwill and embellished and

changed them," Zanardi said.

As for the characters themselves, the cast has plenty to say about the One-Acts play. I like plays because I get to be

with my friends and have fun, and I love to be a part of the play," stated sophomore Cameron Swanson, who manages the lighting and microphones

microphones.

However, being a member of the One-Acts cast doesn't come without a problem or two.

"I get slapped by Abby three times in one scene," remarked junior Jared Hanson. "I had to get used to taking a slap." taking a slap."

The cast's first performance was

on the eleventh. They are performing three more times, with their Scotus debut taking place tonight.

In addition to the One-Acts play, a student art show will also be taking place tonight in Memorial Hall. All of the pieces will be situated along the walls of Memorial Hall, and the doors will be open thirty minutes prior to the play for spectators to come see the art. The idea for an art show originally came from Lindsay Dannelly, head of the art department at Scotus.

"There's always a lot of time to just walk around or socialize while you're waiting for a play to start or during intermission. So, I

just thought, 'Why not put on an art show so the kids can show off what they've done and have some pride in what they've made?'" Dannelly said.

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Students from each grade will be presenting at least one art piece, so viewers can expect to see around 150 unique artworks.

"Everything from sculptures to paintings to drawings will be shown," Dannelly added.

Several pieces that goers can expect to see tonight are shown on page eight. The art show will begin at 6:30 p.m. The play starts at 7:00, and admission is free.

### Prem takes new youth ministry position

By Gabby Middendorf Editor

There's a new face at Scotus this year, and she's not a teacher or a student. That new face is Brenna Prem, and she's the new youth ministry director for the Catholic community in Columbus. Before Prem came, Belinda Keiter was the director of youth ministry at St. Bonaventure, Virgil Tworek-Hoffstetter worked at St. Isidore, and St. Anthony didn't have a youth ministry program. All three parishes have been considering making a new position for a long time because attendance at each parish's youth group was trickling off.

"Instead of everyone doing their own ministry, and if everyone came together, it could be that much more strong. (When we were separate) we had various resources, various teams of adults. However wouldn't it make

together, it could be that much more strong. (When we were separate) we had various resources, various teams of adults. However, wouldn't it make a lot of sense if there was more unity? Because where there is unity, there is strength, and I'm seeing that already," Prem said.

Prem originally comes from Long Beach, California, but she moved to Omaha when she was twelve. Prem attended Marian High School in Omaha and then Benedictine College, in Atchison, Kansas. She majored in Catholic Theology with an emphasis in youth ministry. Prem was going to be a missionary with FOCUS, a Catholic missionary program in which young adults minister to college students through Bible studies and fun activities. She applied and was accepted, but at the last minute, Prem "discerned out of it". Then, she applied to other youth ministry jobs, and the Columbus

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Senior Abby Allen and junior Mikayla Nienaber observe as junior Amy Heusinkvelt karate chops senior Carly Cremers in the One-Acts comedy titled Alice's Adventures with Poorly Cooked Cafeteria Seafood. The play will make its Scotus debut tonight at 7:00 p.m.

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position popped up.

"I think Columbus is a very blessed, chosen place, and that's why I accepted this position," Prem said.

Prem's position as both the high school and college coordinator entails many different jobs. At the college, she hosts Bible studies, helps the students get involved, and basically walks with them through their faith life. With the high school students, Prem is in the Scotus building two days a week, but she also does much of the behind-thescenes work for the Columbus scenes work for the Columbus youth ministry. Her main job is preparing the curriculum and helping the team leaders for Y-Disciple, formerly God-

parents, each week.

"Those moments when I'm with teens, and I'm able to be the conduit of grace, those are my favorite moments," Prem stated.

The Ignite ministries has hosted several events throughout the school year. At the beginning of August, Prem took several girls on a Nun Run. They visited around six convents in the Omaha and Lincoln dioceses over a 36 hour period, including the Villa Regina Motherhouse, the Carmelite Sisters in Valparaiso, and the Marian Sisters in Waverly. Ignite also had a bonfire at the beginning of the school year. Unlike most events, junior high youth were invited, and around eighty teens from around Columbus joined in the fun. joined in the fun.

Prem works at Scotus on

Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 1:30 to 3pm for teens to stop by and chat with her in between classes or during study hall.

"There are a million and one ways to get involved in Ignite. Coming in December, teens can register for a summer youth conference. On November 23, we have the Hour of Power. In November, we're going to have a glow tag event where you grab a friend and a glow stick, and we play tag in the dark. It's going to be a blast! Plus, later in December, we will also have a Christmas party."

At the end of the day, though, Prem has a very simple goal for Ignite ministries.

Prem concluded, "Ultimately, my one goal is to help our teens become saints." There are a million and



Chaperone Lisa Henke and youth ministry director Brenna Prem pose with juniors Alyson Stuart, Gabby Middendorf, Amy Heusinkvelt, and Megan Parker at the Ignite Ministry's Back-to-School Bonfire. Around eighty junior high and high school teens attended the August event.







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### make mistakes To beard or not to beard Let me



**By Julian Fritz** 

I'm doing homework a couple of hours although I'd like to watch my favorite show on TV or do something with my friends or family. When I get it back and I see that I've got a bad grade on it just because I've made some mistakes in it, it makes me feel very disappointed.

In today's society we're not allowed to make mistakes, and we have to do everything we do in a perfect way. People are scared to do something because they are scared of making mistakes. How can we learn in today's society when we're not allowed

to make mistakes which we

to make mistakes which we learn from?

When we grow up, we learn by doing. We learn how to walk because we fall several times. When a small kid puts his hand on a hotplate, he gets hurt, and he won't do it again because he learned it when he tried it.

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it again because he learned it when he tried it.

Our parents, school, and society tell us what's right or wrong and what we shouldn't do. In fact, most of the time we get told something, we want to try it. We need to find out on our own what's good for us and what's not. We have to learn by doing, and if that means that we have to make mistakes.

When we first get a job we're probably not going to be the best in it. When you stay at that job for a couple of months or years, you get better from time to time. Making mistakes just helps you to improve your skills and get better in what you do.

If you start playing football or soccer, you learn from making mistakes. Without the mistakes in the practice, you'd probably never become a good player. Alex-

ander McQueen, the fashion

ander McQueen, the fashion designer who was head designer of the Louis Vuitton Givenchy fashion line, said, "If I didn't make mistakes, I'd never learn. You can only go forward by making mistakes."

We have to be risk-takers to go forward in life. Don't be scared about doing something wrong! Doing nothing instead doesn't help you learn anything. You may not make mistakes, but you can never learn something of it. Mistakes should become more acceptable in our society so that we don't have to be ashamed when we make a mistake.

Everyone makes mistakes.

Everyone makes mistakes, even the celebrities. The famous singer and actor, Miley Cyrus said, "I always say the minute I stop making mistakes is the minute I stop learning and I've definitely learned a lot."

Don't be scared of making mistakes, be a risk-taker and learn from your mistakes! Do something even though you're not good in it, you'll just get better in it and at least you've tried it. The only mistake, wou can make, is making no mistake.



By Garrit Shanle Staff Reporter

James Harden, Tim How-ard, Andrew Luck, Abe Lin-coln, all of these men have great facial hair. These men have defined legacies because

have defined legacies because of their beards.

When a teacher tells me to shorten my sideburns, I may get a little irritated because I believe that my sideburns define me in some way. I believe Scotus should allow for facial hair to be grown at our school because teachers can have facial hair, facial hair can inspire young males, and some people want to be unique.

Whenever I see Mr.

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Linder walk through the hallways, one of the first things I notice is his awesome beard. The same goes for Mr. Lahm and his goatee and Mr. Swanson and his beard. I understand that they are teachers, and they have more power over any of the students, but I don't know why it would have problem if man's beard is legendary, and no one can pull off his beard. When young adults talk about James Harden, it is mostly about his beard. If teenagers start talking about Harden's beard, then it will get the in k in g about being a successful basketball player.

why it would be a problem if guys in our school could grow out their facial hair. I believe that it should be that everyone has to shave (student and teacher) or no one has to shave

one has to shave (student and teacher) or no one has to shave.

I know that this may seem a little over the top, but look at all of the famous people with some type of facial hair. Take Elvis Presley for an example, he had some of the greatest side burns known to man. Look at Billy Currington, he has the light beard style. Both of these men may inspire other people to grow out facial hair and become musicians. If a celebrity can do it, then why can't an average Joe? Another example of a man with a great beard is pro athlete James Harden. This

arrit Shanle

a successful basketball player.

The most important reason why guys should be able to grow out their facial hair is because it makes that person unique. I am not saying that everyone will want to have a beard if this rule did not exist at our school, but there are some people here that would love to go every day without having to shave. If you saw Brady Przymus or Queze Campos this summer, you would have seen their great beards. It is a struggle for some guys in our school because they have to shave every day before school, and it is a hassle.

So let me be me, and let me keep my sideburns long and luscious.

### Don't cut corners



By Hannah Thomazin

A fear of mine is the ques-tion "now what?" That ques-tion may seem silly at first, but it has a deeper meaning.

All throughout high school, students invest so much time, effort, and energy into being good at something.

It is often different for every person. Some invest time into grades and others invest everything into sports or drama. The problem is what happens when that something is gone?

There are kids out there who have one thing they live for, but there comes a point when that thing is no more. It will cease to exist. There will come a time when the playbooks are set down and the scoreboard won't matter. There will be a time when it doesn't matter that you re-

ceived a good grade on that test you studied your butt off for. One day you'll have to bundle up your play costume and never wear it again. There

and never wear it again. There will be a day when that thing is over, and you won't know how to handle yourself. To at least hope that this day won't come, we need to be well-rounded people.

We should strive to be the best that we can be in everything—not just that one class or activity that we like doing. Being involved can help strengthen your skills too. Discipline and respect can be learned through athletics, and those qualities can be transferred to any aspect of your

life as well. These activities or hobbies you're involved in now—like running, writing, or speech—are lifelong.

If you're involved in multiple activities, it creates opportunities to meet many people. People that you never would have gotten the chance to meet otherwise. Connections that have the potential to open up doors for you that normally wouldn't be open.

You also won't just belong to one group or clique. You'll be able to be diverse and break down stereotypical walls set by peers. These walls are torn when a student can easily communicate with someone from a sports team

and still communicate with a

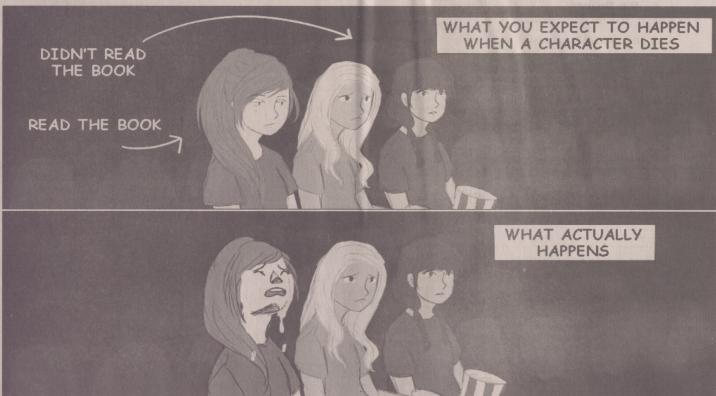
and still communicate with a drama fanatic. A person that is diverse can hold a conversation with anyone. Well-rounded people can interact effortlessly with others from all different groups.

Like many of you, I am involved in several activities, and it can get overwhelming at times trying to find the balance between everything. Regardless, being more involved and well-rounded in high school can help prepare you and me for when we hit life outside of school. As adults, we will need to be able to balance our schedules and, if anything, being involved in multiple activities in high

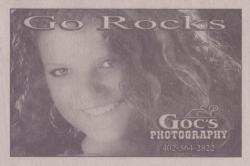
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school can help us learn to find that balance or be able to prioritize when schooling is done.

If you are given the chance to be involved in a new or different activity, take it instead of brushing the opportunity away. An open door may present itself in front of you, and it's best to go through it. Instead of sitting at home once the playbooks, practices, and tests are over, you can focus on another activity, and the question of "now what?" becomes a confident answer of "I'm ready for what's next."



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### Books to movies to complaints

By Kelly Kamrath Staff Reporter

So far, 2014 has lead the So far, 2014 has lead the way for a surge of unoriginality in the film industry with seemingly more movie adaptations of books coming out than ever before. This brings about the normal complaints of pretentious bookworms: the movie won't follow the book word for word, the movie will never be able to compare to the book, and people will see the movie without reading book first. The recurring problem with books to movies isn't any of these, but

ring problem with books to movies isn't any of these, but something far less trivial.

The first issue is a top-ic of hot debate. Although plenty will passionately ar-gue for it, a common problem with books being made into movies is the complete and utter focus on romantic subutter focus on romantic sub-plots. "Team Peeta or Team Gale?" enthusiastic fangirls debate day and night. There's nothing wrong with harmless

"shipping," pairing characters together in a relationship, but the higher purpose of the story has been forgotten again and again due to focus on the romantic aspect. Going back to the first example, The Hunger Games have been victimized by this very behavior. Orig-inally about tyrannical op-pression and poverty, among pression and poverty, among other strong messages, the story has been reduced by the media to a mediocre love triangle. There's nothing wrong with a romantic plot, but it shouldn't take precedence when the author clearly wrote the story to be focused on other messages.

er messages.

Perhaps the most well-deserved criticism comes from bad casting; it's just plain annoying. The character's appearance has already been laid out perfectly (as with the rest of the story), but, somehow, someone still managed to mess up. On a heavier note, this sort of inaccurate casting can have more consequences can have more consequences than just mixing up a charac-ter's hair or eye color. The

biggest problem here is white-washing, casting white actors to play characters of other ethnicities. It's largely over-looked, and contributes to the constant racism people of col-or face everyday. There have been plenty of complaints about Daniel Radcliffe's eye color not being green in Harry Potter, but where are the ob-jections against Jennifer Lawjections against Jennifer Law

jections against Jennifer Lawrence playing olive-skinned
Katniss Everdeen?

It's not that every single
movie adaption has been awful, or that movies need to
strictly follow every single
detail of the book; the actual problem is much more
dire. It's the media; it focuses only on superficial aspects of the plot and completely ignoring important messages and character depictions. The only solution is to raise awareness for these problems until they're no longer found in mainstream media. This demand must be met, and the only ones who can push for it are the fans themselves.

## What's to come? 2015 books to movies







Written by: Mary Shelley Release date: October 2, 2015 Starring: Daniel Radcliffe, James McAvoy, Jessica Findlay



Written by: Suzanne Collins Release date: November 20, 2015 Starring: Jennifer Lawrence. Josh Hutcherson. Liam Hemsworth

### Class-to-class best and worst: books to movies

Worst Best Harry Potter 7th Grade Percy Jackson 8th Grade Percy Jackson Hunger Games Worst Best Freshmen Hunger Games Percy Jackson

Sophomores Hunger Games Best Worst Juniors Hunger Games Percy Jackson Seniors Harry Potter My Sister's Keeper Escaping the screen scene

Teens waste so much time watching TV and Net-flix. According to a study done by The Institute for Social Research, teens spend about fifteen hours a week watching TV, compared to five hours a week doing homework. Teens are also homework. Teens are also more stressed out because they go to bed feeling guilty that they didn't accomplish anything that day, but instead watched television for four hours. If teens fill their free time with better, more fulfilling activities, they will go to sleep feeling more satisfied with themselves. As such, here are my top six activities to do instead of watch TV.

Read a book! Turning on the subtitles for your TV show does not count. Some may say that reading is just another form of visual media, but

By Gabby Middendorf

Editor

reading a challenging book expands vocabulary and intelligence, whereas watching TV dumbs down your intellect.

Rearrange your bed-n. We get tired of seeing the same scenes in our bed-rooms all of the time. Even moving the dresser from one side of the room to another makes your room feel brand

Take a walk. Enjoy the beauty of nature instead of staring at the beautiful pixels on your flat screen. Listen to music while you walk or take one with friends and deepen your relationships.

Make something you ed about on Pinter-Make something you raved about on Pinterest. Why do we pin thousands of ideas on Pinterest, but never do anything with them? So, instead of gazing at the screen, actually make something you saw on Pinterest. I know from experience how satisfied I feel putting the final touches on a home décor project, creatively challenged

person that I am.

Do something nice for someone. I know this may sound lame, but we feel much better about ourselves and more complete when we give something of ourselves area. something of ourselves away, such as helping an elderly neighbor with yard work, or write a note to a friend who is stressed out or depressed.

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Bake something. Pinterest is a good place to find recipes because you can see the pictures first. This allows your brain and imagination to become tantalized before even smelling the food baking in the oven. Bake something with a friend and make baking twice as fun!

with a friend and make baking twice as fun! Sometimes, though, there is nothing like sitting down and enjoying a little R and R in front of a flat screen. Let's just not take it too far. Don't let the amount of time spent watching television stress you out or interfere with your grades and friendships

### What is your favorite movie?

"Accepted, it would be a great experience and an awesome college."



Riley Gilson, 12

## What is the worst movie based on a book?

"The Percy Jackson movies. Based on the book? Not likely. The only thing the same was the character names. That's it, I'm not even kidding. And they weren't even good movies, even if you hadn't read the books. All copies and records of those movies

should be burned with extreme prejudice Amy Heusinkvelt,

with our technology today and was out of order with

ability to be a great movie a different ending."

"Divergent. It had the

Megan Schumacher, 10

### What is the best movie based on a book?

"Hunger Games! They only left out a few details, but Jennifer Lawrence is totes the bomb-dig."



Adelynn Newman, 9

"Harry Potter The Deathly Hallows parts 1 and 2 because I felt as though it stuck to the book, and the special effects were outstanding."



Elliott Thomazin, 8

"The Fault in Our Stars because the movie made you feel what you read in the book."



Kate Smith, 7

## Anna's top ten most addicting shows on Netflix

In this day and age, seems fewer and fewer people spend time watching regular scheduled T.V. The "hip" new thing is Netflix. Netflix is an internet streaming site which allows viewers to watch movies or T.V. shows for a monthly fee.

Today, I bring you my top ten most addicting T.V. shows that Today, are channeled on Netflix, counting down to the series that I find most addicting, most exciting, and my all-time favorite that can be watched through Netflix.

90210 is based off the T.V. series Beverly Hills, 90210, which was filmed from 1990-2000. Unlike the original series, 90210 is super edgy, but, to be honest, it is unrealistic. The life-styles of the characters are really blown out of proportion, but it manages to get my top ten most addicting shows for that reason. 90210 is a very pretty show, so sorry boys, but I don't think this show would be as good for you as it would for the ladies. Parents say viewers need to be ages 14 and up.

### 9) Dexter

Dexter is based off the novel series by Jeff The show is kind of gutsy and gory; there is a lot of murder and violence in it. For reason parents kids agree that this and age 15 is probably the youngestviewers should be to start watching this Basically, whole show is about a man who is considered "hero" serial killer. He just kills all the bad guys! So if one day anyone should find themselves looking for a thriller T.V. show on Netflix, I suggest Dexter.

### 8) Pretty Little Liars

Pretty Little Liars, or PLL, was originally aired on ABC Family. The show is full of suspense, mystery, and, of course, lots of drama. Pretty Little Liars started filming in 2010 and is on its fifth season, four of which are on Netflix. In the beginning, Pretty Little Liars was the best show I'd ever watched, until it just kept dragging on and on. I stopped watching it on ABC Family, but have recently restarted it on Netflix. Easily enough, I fell back in love.

### 7) Grey's Anatomy

Grey's Anatomy is a more of an "adult" show, which is why anyone under the age of 15 probably won't understand or enjoy the show as much. The show gives an inside look about what goes on in a hospital and surgeries, with an added bonus of a lot of drama! Death and blood is shown in almost every episode. If viewers have a weak stomach or faint at the sight of blood, Grey's Anatomy would not be a recommended

### 6) Prison Break

Prison Break is one show on my list that might be more geared toward the guys rather than the girls. It is a fairly violent show that, as the title suggests, basically tells the story of two brothers in prison, one wrongly and convicted rightly convicted, trying to break out. The show is slightly scandalous and some episodes seem to be bloodier than others. There are a lot of plot twists that makes the show more and more exciting. The main characters are male, but I believe both men and women would enjoy this show. Adults say viewers

should be at least 15 to watch this thrilling series.

### 5) Glee

Glee is a fun show to watch because all the characters are usually focused on expressing themselves and looking toward their futures The songs performed on the show are usually fairly new and popular, and a lot of high schools and colleges can buy these versions of the songs and perform them as well. There are a lot of positive messages Glee including stepping out of "cliquey" boxes and becoming their true selves, standing up to bullying, and characters who are extremely motivated and positive role models.

### 4) Friday Night Lights

The T.V. show was based on a movie, which was based on a book. The book was written by Buzz Bissinger, and the movie is also on Netflix. This series is a "sports drama" show. It focuses on both the coach and the players of a Texas high football team. There are good and extremely good and positive messages in this show including dedication,

playing to win, as well as standing up for personal beliefs. The show is also highly addicting, so once viewers start, it's almost impossible to stop until it's finished.

### 3) One Tree Hill

One Tree Hill has a whopping nine seasons on Netflix, and it's one of the best shows on there in my opinion. It is a series that both guys and girls will enjoy. One Tree Hill has characters whom viewers become almost attached to, some of which will disappear, die, or run away causing a lot of stress to both the other characters and the viewers! OTH became overwhelmingly popular when it was put on Netflix, the last episode aired on T.V. in 2012 on CW. So, if Netflix watchers ever find themselves looking for find a show that will satisfy their need for thrill as well as love and drama, One Tree Hill is probably one of the best shows to watch.

### 2) Gossip Girl

Anyone who has tter has probably twitter noticed that almost every girl in America is in love with Chuck Bass. This wealthy, overly

privileged character what draws female viewers to keep watching all six seasons. Gossip Girl was based on the books by Cecily con Ziegesar, but the show does not match up to the book perfectly. The show is about extremely wealthy Upper East Side characters with plenty of scandal, love, death and lots and lots of drama.

### 1) Vampire Diaries, My number one all-time favorite show.

Vampire Diaries is based on the novel series by L. J. Smith. It is a unisex show, and as the name projects it's about vampires and all things that go poof in the night. The show is kind of a more "girly" version of MTV's Wolf. The show features characters who are not only vampires but are werewolves, ghosts, witches, hybrids (which is half vampire, half werewolves), hunters and so much more. The show can get kind of gory, but it doesn't show enough blood and guts to become uncomfortable. I rate it a six out of five stars; I absolutely love it, and I highly highly suggest watching it!

## What is your favorite T.U. show?

"Top Gear, be-cause they do all these crazy chal-lenges that most people don't get to do with cars."



"Pretty Little Liars, because i just don't like when bad things happen to pretty people.

-Libbie Zeller 8th grader



"Grey's Anatomy, because it will change your life while watching it."

-Carly Fehringer



"Impractical Jok-ers, because it's hilarious, they just embarrass people

-Connor Wiehn 7th grader



"One Tree Hill, it just completely changed my life for the better.

-Dalton Taylor



"Vampire Diaries, because the boys are attractive and I want to be a vampire.

-Emily Fehringer



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By Jaime Gasper Staff Reporter

has found its way into our great nation wearing the colors red and white. Netflix has infiltrated the lives of has infiltrated the lives of Americans and is taking over

the cinema business.

Okay, maybe this is a bit extreme, but there is some truth to it. According to the website Funding Universe, this now huge enterprise started as a tiny internet business in 1997. This was back when it was common for a household to not have internet, and those who had it had dial-up. The company started out as a company started out as company started out as a DVD-by-mail service with few members. Ten short years and over a million subscribers later, Netflix found its way on televisions and devices across the nation without the U.S. Postage System. Online streaming revolutionized Netflix, and the entire cinema industry in 2007.

industry, in 2007.

American citizens have developed an insane infatuation with this

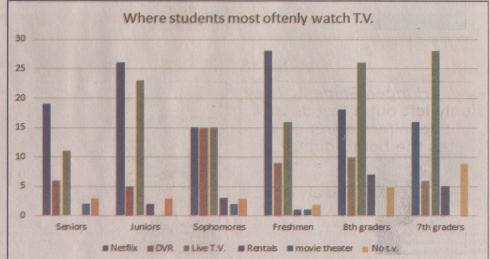
of One Tree Hill. One problem with Netflix is that it is depriving America of many jobs in the video industry.

jobs in the video industry.

According to the New York Times, in towns across America in the last decade, video rental stores have been closing down. Granted, they have some killer going-out-of-business sales where one can add to his/her DVD collection at a convenient price, but that is his/her DVD collection at a convenient price, but that is not the point. Every time one of these stores closes, it puts Americans out of a job. Sure, Netflix itself creates jobs, but certainly not enough to compensate for all those lost from video store closings.

Another definite issue presented by Netflix is how addicting it can be. Rather than focusing on the more important aspects in life, such as family and homework, Americans prefer to indulge themselves

far too extreme. However, people need to really balance their time better, and not let Netflix control their lives. Come on America, there is a whole world out there to see. Get off the couch every once in a while and see what life has to offer.



## Sports

## Football finishes best season since 1999

By Garrit Shanle

concluded their winning sea-son with a loss in the quar-terfinal game versus Kearney Catholic 22-21 on November

The Shamrocks started out strong with a 14-6 lead going in to half time. At the start of the third quarter the Shamrocks scored again giving them a 21-6 lead over Kearney. The Stars were down but not out. Later in the game, Kearney came back with a pair of touchdowns to make the game 21-19. On Kearney's last drive, they made a 42 yard field goal to take the lead and win the game.

"I was extremely happy with the way our coaches coached and the players played, but we did some things that were uncharacter-

played, but we did some things that were uncharacteristic of our team. We put the ball on the ground and those things you can't do against great teams, and Kearney Catholic was a great team," Head Coach Tyler Linder said.

Although Coach Linder was not happy with the results of the football game, he had positive things to say about this senior class.

"I had a great group of seniors this year that were

seniors this year that were great leaders. Hopefully that leadership will trickle down to the juniors who will be the big dogs on campus next sea-son. I hope that the legacy of son. I hope that the legacy of the hard work that our seniors showed week in and week out is something that the rest of the team can adopt for future years to come," Linder add-ed.

Although this was the seniors' final game as Shamrocks, they can still take a lot from the season, and the underclassmen can learn from their time on the field this year and apply it to next season.

son.

Senior Jared Duren said, "I wish that the season would not have ended, but it was a great season and the team will be one to remember. I was very happy with our season."

in district play and carried that



Senior Garrit Shanle wrestles a Pierce ball carrier to the ground. The Shamrocks defeated the Bluejays 35-7 in the playoff rematch.

momentum into the playoffs. In the first round, the Shamrocks defeated Pierce 35-7 and moved on to the quarter finals versus Kearney Catholic. The loss to Kearney Catholic ended the Shamrocks season with a 9-2 record, which is better than previous years

won 9 games was in the 1999 season when they finished with a record of 9-2.

Junior Jake Bos said, "I enjoyed the pre-game speeches, especially Coach Grubaugh's speech before the playoff game verses Pierce. I also enjoyed Ross's dance With Coach Linder hav-ing a successful season as his first year as head coach, he can take what he learned from this year and make next year's team even more suc-cessful.

Linder concluded, am happy but never sa fied."

ca Lahm commented.

The heat was another factor that hindered the teams at race time. The temperatures reached high 70s and low 80s, pretty uncharacteristic weather for Nebroska in late Octor

er for Nebraska in late Octo-

### Midwest teams show recent success

By Justin Zoucha Staff Reporter

These O's ain't Royal", "These O's ain't Royal", 
"Husker Power", and "Nebrasketball". These are all 
trending topics in the world 
of sports today as the Kansas 
City Royals, Husker football, 
and Husker basketball are all 
doing well. This has left Nebraska citizens very excited 
and honeful

and hopeful.

The Kansas City Royals had a magical postseason run this year. They started off with this year. They started off with victory in a twelve inning thriller against Oakland in the wild card matchup. They continued their winning ways by sweeping Los Angeles in the AL divisional series, and then by sweeping Baltimore in the AL championship.

After winning eight in a row, they lost their first game of the postseason to San Francisco in the first game of the World Series. Following several lopsided games, the series was tied at 3 wins a piece sending the series to

ing several lopsided games, the series was tied at 3 wins a piece sending the series to a much-anticipated game 7. The game turned out to be a nail-biting classic.

Trailing only 3-2 heading into the bottom of the 9th inning, the Royals line up faced eventual World Series MVP pitcher Madison Bumgarner. Following late heroics by Lincoln native and UNL baseball standout Alex Gordon, the Royals were in position to tie the game, but it was cut short when Salvador Perez fouled out a hit to end the series.

Though it was a heart breaking finish, the Royals still accomplished much. This was the first time they had made the postseason since 1985, ending a 29-year drought. All their success this year will also help them gain momentum and stay hungry for next season.

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Teams a little closer to home are having success as well. The Nebraska Cornhusker football team is off to a hot start. They are currently 8-2, their only losses on the road to #10 Michigan State and #20 Wisconsin, Despite and #20 Wisconsin, Despite road to #10 Michigan State and #20 Wisconsin. Despite another embarrassing loss to the Badgers in Madison, Ne-braska still has a chance to make a decent bowl game and have their best record in over

have their best record in over 10 years.

With the recent underperforming football team, Husker fans are excited for another Nebraska sport. Nebraska basketball, maybe better known as Nebrasketball, became ranked in the preseason polls at #21 for the first time since 1992. This is also the second time they've ever been included in the preseason college basketball rankings. college basketball rankings. Last year was a record break-ing season which included the debut of the new Pinnacle Bank arena, the emergence of all-Big Ten performer Terran Petteway, second year head coach Tim Miles winning the Jim Phelan National Coach of the Year award, and Nebraska making their first NCAA tour-ney appearance since 1998. The Huskers have four return-The Huskers have four returning starters, and with Miles
in his third year they look to
have another exciting season.
Following an easy win in their
opener against Northern Kentucky, Nebraska continues
their schedule tonight against
Central Arkansas.
With all these area teams
With all these area teams

with all these area teams having their best seasons in years, Nebraska sports fans are ecstatic. People can no longer give them a hard time about how bad their teams are. They can finally be excited about real accomplishments. They can finally take pride in being a Royals or Husker fan instead of hiding in the shadows

## Boys finish runner-up, girls take fourth at state

By Justin Zoucha

Staff Reporter

The Scotus cross country teams quest for gold fell a lit-tle short at the Cross Country State Championships October 24 in Kearney. The boys were just shy of hanging a banner in the Dowd Activity Center while the girls came up short defending their champion

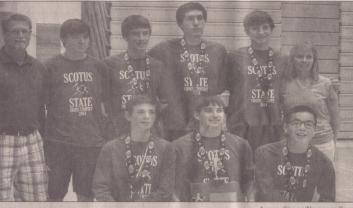
"I think that both boys and girls had higher aspira-tions than were the actual re-sults, but both performed fair-ly well," head coach Merlin

sults, but obut performed that ly well," head coach Merlin Lahm said.

The boys' team finished as runners-up to Milford, losing by a score of 58-47. However, the boys' 58 points was still 23 points better than third place Syracuse. Their highest placing runner, sophomore Nathan Ostdiek, earned a 4th place medal. The other varsity runners were junior Justin Brockhaus (18), sophomore Cody Mroczek (32), senior Eduardo Lopez (35), senior Toby Tooley (52), and senior Joe Sonderman (63).

"I was a little disap-

Joe Sonderman (63).
"I was a little disap-pointed because I knew how hard we worked all season preparing for the state cham-



The boys' cross country team (Coach Merlin Lahm, junior Austin Svehla, junior Justin Brockhaus, senior Eduardo Lopez, sophomore Cody Mroczek, Coach Amy Sokol, sophomore Nathan Ostdiek, senior Joe Sonderman, senior Toby Tooley) poses with their second place trophy alongside their coaches.

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pionship, but there's nothing wrong with being second in the state!" Sonderman said.

A surprise for the team and their coach was how much Milford improved over the season. Milford runners captured the top two individual places in the boys' race causing a tough deficit for the Shamrocks to overcome. Coach Lahm did not expect them to go 1 and 2. Their sec-

ond runner improved greatly

ond runner improved greatly over the season.

"The guy who placed second was 46th at UNK and that's an enormous difference," Lahm noted.

The girls' team finished fourth after being back-to-back championships the past two years. They finished with 68 points, 25 points worse than champion Boone Central/Newman Grove. Their

highest placing runner, senior Jaimee Beauvais, finished 10th. The other varsity runners were sophomore Kaylee Tonniges (21), senior Jessica Schaecher (22), senior Kelsey Kessler (27), senior Carly Fehringer (34), and junior Jessica Lahm (46).

"We didn't do as well as we would have hoped; the

we would have hoped; the competition was insane, so I think we still did well," Jessi-

ber.

"It was really hot and a couple of our runners in particular have a tough time in the heat so it wasn't ideal," Coach Lahm said.

There were many lasts this season on the cross country team. With four of the six girls' varsity runners and three of the boys' varsity runners being seniors, plenty of emotions and memories were present at their final cross present at their final cross country meet.
"It was definitely an emo tional experience. I am going to miss the family that I made

throughout the sport," Kessler

All together the seven seniors have contributed to winning three state championships, a state runner-up, and a handful of conference and district titles.

Lahm concluded, "We're legistrate was of those runners."

Lanm concluded, "we re losing seven of those runners who ran at state so that's a big chunk. I'd like to thank them for all the work they've done over the years."

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or downs, however. The Shamrocks took a hard loss against Lakeview during against Lakeview during regular season play, but they came back that same week and beat them in tournament "I didn't know how far we'd honestly make it. This summer we did better than I'd thought, which gave me a lit-tle hope. But after that Lakev-iew loss up there it looked pretty dismal for a while. There is a lot of credit to the girls and the rest of the coach-ing staff getting back to work.

Being gritty," Held said. "We avenged that loss that weekend. I kind of knew we could really do it then, we just needed to keep working hard. The girls bought in and it worked out for us."

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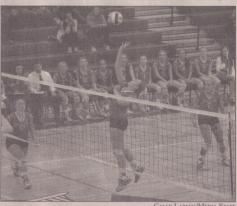
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"My favorite moment was probably the way we played against Lakeview at sub districts and how we competed at Stanton during districts. The atmosphere was just awesome. Playing those nights, win or lose, that was the best because we knew we really competed and everyone

was into it," Held said, re-membering the season. "The student section is the best, too. Our support we have is incredible. During our third place match, lots of props go to our students and fans for showing up to support."



The Shamrocks hold up their third place trophy after the consolation match o Saturday morning. They defeated Chadron in straight sets on Thursday night and lost to Kearney Catholic, the eventual state champs, on Friday afternoon then face Wahoo High.



CALLY LARSEW/MEDIA STAF Junior Courtney Brockhaus tips the ball against Wahoo in the third place game at the state playoffs. The Shamrocks beat the Warriors 3 sets to 1 to take third place.

# Thespians earn points on improv night

Staff Reporter

On Saturday, November 8th the Scotus Thespians put on the first "Improv Night". Students came together in the little theater to play games and activities sponsored by

and activities specified the thespians.

The night was filled with games such as "Whose line is it anyway?" They played im-

prov activities such as "Park Bench" which was acting as two people sitting on a bench and one person has to try to scare the other one off the bench. All of the games were played were just to have fun and act.

The event was coordinated.

Boesch. They tossed the idea around for a while until they got it all set up and reader to go. About 20-25 students attended improv night.

"I was just to be fun, over the top acting, but it could also be kind of scary because the students had to get up on stage not really knowing what is coming next," Boesch said.

The students ranging from seventh graders to seniors got up in front of the group to play the silly acting games. Another game that was played was about a host throwing a house party; three people show up and act over the top goofy to try to get the

host to guess what personality they were portraying.

"The students had to make it up as they went; they didn't get a script to follow or get any time to practice before hand," Boesch added.

Boesch described the

Mosestria described the thespian organization as a "National Honor Society for actors and actresses." It is for all the students involved in most of the shows, musicals, speech team, and one acts.

"They are the honor

group of students who put in a lot of work and effort to perform show after show," Boesch commented.

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To get inducted into thespians, students involved in fine arts get points for every show or speech meet they are involved in. Then, from February to March, Ms. Boesch counts up all the points. If an actor or actress has enough points, he or she is inducted into theseigner in April into thespians in April.

Some of the other acti-

vates the thespians have done this year are "trick or treat so tots can eat." This is when the thespians dressed up and "trick or treated" for canned foods or non-perishable items around Columbus. The group has also done movie nights has also done movie nights and are wanting to host more improv nights. They plan to have at least one, if not more, next semester. They also have thought about putting on an improv camp for the younger, elementary kids.



Juniors Jared Hanson and Paul Swope laugh as they participate in improv night. Anyone attending the night received points toward thespian membership.



Senior Carly Cremers and freshman Caitlin Steiner perform a scene at the thespian's improv night. Thespians hope to have additional improv nights

## Graduate Spotlight Spenner continues track career

Staff Reporter

After being in the head-After being in the head-lines this past spring fighting for a place at the NCAA na-tional track competition, Sami Spenner is not ready to hang up her track cleats just yet. For two more years, Spen-ner is going to participate in the USA championships, and following 2016, she hopes to participate in the Olympic tri-als, but that wasn't always the

ing and exercise science programs. I transferred the spring of 2010 and half way through

that semester I decided I wanted to try out for the track team," Spenner said.

That decision was life changing for Spenner.

"There are a number of awards I've been awarded in our conference, The Summit League. They range from athlete of the week, to athlete of the month, to track athlete of the year, to MVP of the conference championships. Every one of those meant a lot to me just because the coaches vote for those, and knowing that they voted for me shows that

they respect all the things that I've done with my track career and I appreciate that immensely." Spenner said.

Because UNO had recently become a division one school, none of their athletics could compete at the national level. Spenner was one of the top athletes in the decathlon in the nation, and she began a long fight with the NCAA, one that she would not win.

"I gained a completely new sense of the word perseverance, as well as a newfound motivation in anything I do. I did everything in my power to get to the NCAA national championships, and the answer was still no," Spenner added. "I had learned that I didn't need the trophy or the title 'All-American' to be great, and I didn't need them as motivation to get through practice. I wanted to get better for me."

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Because she already transferred from Wayne State to UNO, she would have to sit out a year if she transferred again, as the NCAA has a rule that someone can't transfer from a four year institution to another four year institution without sitting out a year.

"The NCAA told me that my only option was to transfer, and transferring—at least in my mind—was the dumbest thing I could've done. I had made a home in Omaha with friends, teammates, and coaches, and I wasn't about to leave them just because of

a rule."
Since she wasn't allowed to compete in the NCAA national championships, she competed in the USA national championships, which is the national championships for the post-collegiate and professional athletes. In 2013 she competed in both the Indoor fessional athletes. In 2013 she competed in both the Indoor and Outdoor USA Championships, and she placed in 4th and 10th. One year after, in 2014, she competed in the USA championships again and finished

and finished
2nd place in the
Indoor, and 6th
place in the
Outdoor USA
championships.
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championships. The World Championships is in Beijing, China, in 2015, and if she places in the top three of the USA Outdoor championships, she'll get to go to the Olympics. In the beginning of July of 2016, the Olympic trials will be held.

Spenner tries to put the pressure of finishing in the top three down.

"But mind you it would be incredibly difficult to place in the top 3, so I'm not holding my breath for that one. I plan on finishing my career at the end of the summer of 2016, but who knows, I've noticed that I can't really plan for much anymore because things in my life are always changing," Spenner said.

She currently resides in Omaha where she trains under her UNO coach and works as a physical therapy technician. In hopes of attending PT school the fall of 2016, she will be applying for school in the summer/ fall of 2015.

"I graduated with my Bachelors degree in Exercise Science this past May. Career plans as of now would be to become a physical therapist. I'll start there and then see where life takes me. Once I go to PT school, I won't have time for athletics. It's nice being able to give track a go for 2 more years, seeing as you'll only be young once," Spenner said.

As a former Scotus Cen-

"Never give up on the things you want.

~Sami Spenner

only be young once," Spenner said.

As a former Scotus Central Catholic student, Sami Spenner has advice for all students.

"Enjoy the time you have being young; before you know it you'll be an adult and taking care of responsibilities you never thought you'd have. Don't forget about school. Never give up on the things you want. Anything you do in life, make sure you're doing it for you, not the money, not the fame, do it because that's what you want to do, or because you want to help others."



## Photo Courtesy of Sami Spenner jumps 20'5" at the 2013 Outdoor USA championships. Her 3rd place in long jump helped her to get 10th place overall. Graduate helps lead FOCUS group

By Jaime Gasper Staff Reporter

Many Scotus students disembark from Scotus and go on to leave their mark on the world in extraordinary ways. Graduate of Scotus, Kelly (Ingram) Paolucci, is one of these students. Kelly graduated from Scotus in 2006, and she is now part of Fellowship of Catholic University Students, FOCUS.

"In my sophomore year of college, I met a FOCUS missionary and some students involved in the program and was very drawn to them, but didn't know why. I felt like they had a pure joy that I didn't have," Paolucci said.

Kelly went on to graduate from UNL with a major in Biochemistry and a minor in Chemistry. However, after her first meeting with FOCUS in college, Kelly decided to join them.

"I realized that I wanted what they had, which was a relationship with Jesus."

Along the way, Kelly met others who had the same passion. Kelly's husband Dominic shares her line of work.

"Dominic is the Foreign Missions Finance and Internal Logistics Coordinator. Dominic works through the financing for all of FOCUS's trips as well as leads one mission trip himself."

Along with her husband,

"My position is the Recruitment Program Manager. I work under Human Resources and help to recruit and hire new missionaries each year."

As far as rewarding jobs go, Kelly found hers.

"There are many aspects of being a missionary that are hard, but to witness so many students change from having a heart for themselves to having a heart for God and others is amazing!"

God works in mysterious ways, and FOCUS employees see this first hand.

"It's too hard to put into words what I have been blessed to see by working for FOCUS, but I thank God every day for those little miracles."

Like in any job, it can be challenging to raise a family

while working.

"The most challenging aspect is that Dominic travels about 4-5 weeks a year because of his job in missions, but we agree as a family that right now this is where God wants us. It's a sacrifice for him to be away, but worth it if we're going to bring Christ to all nations."

A work place so close to God may be the best place to work when starting a family.

Kelly left Scotus in 2006, and has since made an impact on the world and her family.

"It's been a blessing to start a family while being missionaries with FOCUS. To bring our children into this life of serving others is a great way to teach them what is important in life."



Kelly Paolucci and her husband, Dominik, and daughter, Gianna, pose for a picture for the FOCUS website.

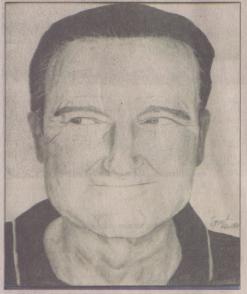
## One-Acts Art Show Sneak Peek



CHASE KORGER, GRADE 12, OILS



TREVOR PANDORF, GRADE 12, OILS



SAVANNAH ROBERTSON, GRADE 11,
GRAPHITE



Brandon Huynh, Grade 9, Watercolor and Marker



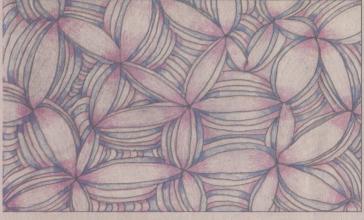
SARAH SLEGL, GRADE 12, PAPER



Naomi Kosch, Grade 10, Wire and Plaster



Kelsey Faust, Grade 8, Oil Pastel



JAYCEE TERNUS, GRADE 7, COLORED PENCIL



Anna Perault, Grade 10, Paper



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### School of Faith starts at Scotus

By Gabby Middendorf

Editor

At the end of an early out day, as students run frantically around the building, figuring out who they are meeting for lunch and where they are meeting for funch and where they are eating, teachers are preparing for an afternoon of theology and reflection. These afternoons are set aside for School of Faith, a new professional development curriculum aimed at enriching the Catholic faith of the teachers and administrators in Cath-

teachers and administrators in Catholic schools.

Before School of Faith, Scotus teachers only had to attend two mini-retreats a year, once before Thanksgiving and once during Catholic Schools Week. There are ten sessions of School of Faith a year, mainly once a month and they last mainly once a month, and they last

three hours.

"When I first heard we had to have thirty hours of teacher in-service, I thought, just like all of the other teachers, 'Where are we going to find thirty hours?', but it has been really good," social science teacher Pat Brockhaus observed.

School of Faith started in the Kansas City diocese, and Archbishop Lucas observed the growth of Catholic schools there, so he decided to bring it here.

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"The archbishop feels strongly that something has to be done for our teachers, and I agree with him," Mr. Morfeld said.

Morfeld said.

School of Faith was brought to
the Omaha archdiocese in 2013, with
just seven schools in urban Omaha,
and expanded into several more
schools throughout the archdiocese

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# isciples give gifts

By Anna Wickham Staff Reporter

On Wednesday December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> the toy aisles at Wal-Mart were filled with teenagers. These teens are part of Saint Bonaventure's YDisciples groups, and they were shopping for Christmas gifts for families who are less fortunate. All of the YDisciple groups were invited to participate either of the December dates.

"Each teen was asked to donate."

"Each teen was asked to donate \$5, but some of our kids donated more. We used that money to buy the gifts," Y Disciple sponsor Sandy Seckel said.

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The groups pooled together money and were given 1-2 people to buy Christmas gifts for. Each group spent around \$40-\$55 per gift.

The families were nominated by Saint Bonaventure Church and given to each of the YDisciple families. Seckel's family also shopped for two children, an 8 year old boy and a 6 year old girl, who were given to the Seckels from Holiday Spirit Co-op.

"We loved shopping for the little girl; going into the Barbie aisle at Wal-Mart brought back so many good memories from my childhood. We also picked out what our childhood selves would have loved opening on Christmas morning, so I thought it was so fun and personal," junior Natalie Chappell said.

Each group was given a name along with what the person wanted or needed for Christmas. If that list included clothing, a size was also given. After getting the list, the

or needed for Christmas. It that list included clothing, a size was also given. After getting the list, the YDisciple groups were allowed free range of Wal-Mart trying to find the perfect gift for the child or adult they



Juniors Baeley Pelster and Jacob Wright pick out a toy for an 8 year old boy. YDisciple groups bought Christmas gifts for families in need on December 3rd and 10th.

After paying for the gifts, the YDisciples went back to their group leaders' homes and wrapped the gifts. When that was complete, the final task was to drop the gifts back off at Saint Bon's parish center where they will be given to the people whose names were given out.

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YDisciple was previously
known as Godparents. The program
has been altered and changed dra-

matically.

"The major differences between Godparents and YDisciple are there are less activities and more listening and watching videos; also all the groups freshmen through seniors are doing the same program every night," Lisa Duren, YDisciple sponsor informed sor informed.

Todd and Lisa Duren have been involved in Godparents and YDisciple for three years. Carl and Sandy

Seckel, who are going on their seventh year as Godparent and YDisciple sponsors, agree with the Duren's about the big differences.

"We love our teens and we love Wednesday nights. The format is different and there is not as much movement or active engagement in

movement or active engagement in activities than there was in Godpar-ents but there is a very great Catholic feel to YDisciple that we love," Carl Seckel concludes.

## creates calendars

**By Hannah Thomazin** Staff Reporter

There is a new way for the student of art club to flaunt their work. Not only is art shown in the display cases in the Dowd Activity Center hallway, but it will also be presented in the art club's new 2015 calendars.

Ms. Lindsay Dannelly, art teacher and faculty representative of art club, decided that the addition of the calendars to the projects of art club was a good change.

"Mr. Ohnoutka gave me the idea." Dannelly said. "He was in

"Mr. Ohnoutka gave me the idea," Dannelly said. "He was in the art room one morning and noticed a calendar that I had up. It was of student's artwork for a recycling competition that had each student's work as a different month. He said that I should make a calendar for art club like the recycling calendar in my room, which was the coolest idea ever. So after he helped with the idea, I asked the club members, and they were all for it."

The art club has been working on the 2015 calendars since October.

on the 2015 calendars since October Members were split into teams to

ever, there are four members that have their own month, seniors Kelly Kamrath and Shannon Spulak, and freshmen Emily Carstens and Ade-

lynn Newman.

Religion teacher Kelly Dineen helps Ms. Dannelly with art club and

"Ms. Dineen and I helped the students with their ideas about the calendar, especially if a student or team was struggling with a certain idea about the calendar. We tried to guide that team in the right direction. Sometimes there were teams that I knew could do better, so Ms. Dineen

knew could do better, so Ms. Dineen and I encouraged them to make it better," Dannelly said.

There are thirty members signed up for art club. At the beginning of the year with sign ups, students had to pay a \$5 due to cover for a portion of the cost of materials and supplies needed for art. These art club meetings happen weekly.

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"We talk about ideas that we "We talk about ideas that we have of things that we can do [during the meetings]. We typically redo my chalkboard," Dannelly said. "It's mostly just working on ongoing projects—all the time we're just



Sophomore Alison Zoucha creates a piece of artwork using oil pastels. The Scotus Art Club is releasing 2015 calendars before Christmas break.

constantly working."

The calendars will be sold by Ms. Dannelly before Christmas break, so those who buy the calendars will have them ready when 2015 rolls the money is going towards art sup-

around. The calendars will be \$20,

plies because supplies can be really expensive. The calendars are going to be really, really awesome so ev-eryone should buy one!"

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this year. Next year, all Catholic schools in the archdiocese will be using the curriculum for their professional development days. Scotus was offered a spot in the second wave of School of Faith expansion this year.

"At the recommendation of the archbishop, we felt that we wanted to be at the front of the line instead of the end of the line, so we will be in year two, whereas the vast majority of schools will be year one," Morfeld said.

Omar Gutierrez, manager

Omar Gutierrez, manager of the archdiocesan Office of Missions and Justice, is the monthly speaker.

"Every month we have a different topic, some I enjoy

and find enlightening, others I don't feel as connected to. If you go to a clinic or a seminar, the standard vision is that if you get a piece of information that helps you, then it was a success. We approach School of Faith the same way," Morfeld said.

feld said.

In addition to teaching Catholic theology, Gutierrez also makes time for reflection during the in-service. He reads a Bible passage, and allows time for teachers and administrators to think and meditate on the verses. He then shows how the passage relates to the topic at hand.

"[Through reflection] you get your eyes opened to a different way of looking at things, or a new approach. For example, the first session was

about who Jesus really was. We think about him as God or Savior, but we don't think about him as radical, as someone who shook things up, even though he was," media center specialist Cathy Podliska said.

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School of Faith has helped Scotus faculty retain their Catholic identity and share that faith with their students.

"I guess it's helped me personally in how I relate to students. Kind of a reminder of how you should act and how you ought to treat other people in general, and a refresher in Catholic teaching. Being born a Catholic you sometimes take that stuff for granted and don't think about it as much," Podliska concluded.

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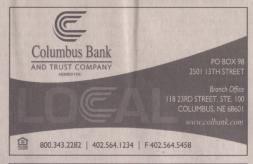






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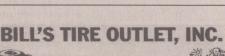
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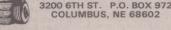


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### Because she's worth it... Because you can't afford it...



By Jaime Gasper Staff Reporter

The holidays are upon us, and there is no better time to be with the one you love. That special someone de-serves to be romanced in this

serves to be romanced in this festive season. Here is my formula for successful dating during the Christmas season.

After applying a little extra "smell good splash" to yourself, go pick up your sweet thing and take her out on the town. The holidays are the perfect time to take her to that romantic restaurant that that romantic restaurant that she has been dropping hints about. Sure, the bill may be half your pay-check (or half of your mother's), but she's

Take that girl by the

hand after your romantic dinner and go see the latest Christmas feel-good film in theaters. Come on guys, dig your hand into that dusty wallet and pay the sixteen bucks for the tickets. When she asks for pop and popcorn, which of course she will, just smile and say "okay." This season is special, so no poking fun at the mushy love movie either. She's an angel, and she deserves more than another Friday night of watching your favorite action Netflix movie.

Another classic request by your better half during the holidays is ice skating. DO

Another classic request by your better half during the holidays is ice skating. DO IT! Hop in the car and take her to the rink and ice skate. It doesn't matter if you are terrible at it, your buddies aren't there to make fun of you anyway. Just look like a fool, make her laugh, and tell her that the planets spin around her when she does because, well, she's worth it.

As you lead her to the door after a fresh snow, be a gentleman about it. Pick her up and carry her across the deep snow so she doesn't get snow in her shoes. Then, go inside, get yourselves clad in

snow gear, and build a snow-man together. You can't name a single romantic Christmas movie where the lovely cou-ple doesn't build Frosty the Snowman together. For some reason, it is a requirement of being a couple during the win-

ter.

When that special Christmas day comes, make sure there is some jewelry under the tree for her. It's what every girl wants, even if they won't tell you. Surprise her with shiny rocks that say "you're perfect to me." Too often guys are trying to get away with giving her a six dollar box of chocolates and a hug on Christmas. That's great! If she's your sister! You're supposed to like this girl, so show it by splurging for a nice necklace. The holidays only come around once a year, so use that Christmas money from Grandma on your lady. Remember guys, she's worth it.

We all know the old saying, "if she's happy, everyone's happy," So follow my. When that special Christ-

we all know the old say-ing, "if she's happy, every-one's happy." So, follow my formula for successful dating during the holidays, and you will be set.



By Garrit Shanle Staff Reporter

of dating? Girls can cause you nothing but trouble, and they can burn a giant hole in your wallet. Here is my formula for successful dating this holiday

season.

I hear stories all of the time about taking your girlfriend on a romantic date to Applebee's or Husker House. Guys, why not save a little money and shove a frozen pizza in the oven and get out some fancy styrofoam plates? You could go out and spend \$50 at the minimum at a gourmet restaurant, or you could give her a tasty \$3 piz-

za.

Sometimes girls just want to go see a movie and share a big bag of popcorn. Well, I say that is a load of bologna. Why spend sixteen bucks for two movie tickets, and who knows what else that chick will want? Lord knows you don't want to pay for it. chick will want? Lord knows you don't want to pay for it. By the end of the night, you are somehow out \$120. That is just ridiculous. You could have a girl come over to your house, play Vampire Diaries on Netflix, and take a nice catnap. It is a win-win situation for the both of you.

The weather is

weather The weather is changing outside, and you know what that means. Your lady is going to want to go ice skating. DON'T DO IT! Instead of spending fifty bucks to skate in an enclosed area... why not take her to the nearest icy parking lot and push her around on that bumpy ice. The

her around on that bumpy ice. This way you save \$50, and she gets to go skating.

As you lead her to the door after a fresh snow, be careful about it. She might start screaming, "LETS start screaming, "L BUILD A SNOWMAN! BUILD A SNOWMAN!" In-stead, give her a shovel and

to start scooping the drive way. You will definitely have enough snow for your snow-man after that. While she does man after that. While she does the hard work, go inside and take another nap...she can wake you up after she's done building the snowman. For some reason, it seems to be a requirement to build a snow-man with your girl...ha-ha good one.

With Christmas right

With Christmas right around the corner, your girl is expecting you to have a nice box of jewelry wrapped up under the tree. If you are up under the tree. If you are a guy and you do this, you are a fool. Everyone knows a way to a woman's heart is through her stomach. Instead of spending well over \$123 on jewelry, just steal a tasty ring pop or a candy necklace from your little cousin down the street.

We all know the old We all know the old saying, "be as cheap as possible." Every man's wallet will have a big smile on its face after the holidays are over. Follow my formula for success this holiday season, and you can have a wad of cash sitting in your fat pocket.

### #GrammarNazi



**By Gabby Middendorf** 

Editor

"It's 'cuz, like, you know, I'm literally loving these fries!"

I'm literally loving these fries!"

"Whoa, that's ironic 'cuz I think these fries are gross!"

This is just a generic example of the conversations I hear at the lunch table almost every day. Teens today misuse words so often, and it is getting on my nerves! Instead of sounding cool or smart, they are actually revealing their ignorance. Our generation's vocabulary has been dumbed down to a minimum because of texting and social media. The job of fitting our day into 140 characters for the whole world to read, or quickly texting while we are in another conversation has greatly limited our vocabugreatly limited our vocabu-lary. We use the same word to mean five different things, or we generalize words. Here

are my top five phrases that students need to fix in order to retain their listener's atten-

5. I could care less. Using this as an expression for not caring at all makes no sense. If I could care less, I'd not caring at all makes no sense. If I could care less, I'd have to care at least the smallest possible unit of caring in order to give myself room to care less. "I could care less" is absolutely useless as an indicator of caring because the only thing it rules out is how I don't care at all, which was the original intent. The only way to show that there is an absence of care in your cruel heart is "I couldn't care less."

4. Like. "Oh you know, like, well... like, it was totally amazing!" Teens use "like" as a filler all of the time just because they can't think of what to say and want to keep talking anyway. Some may argue that

to say and want to keep talking anyway. Some may argue that language is what we make of it, but when we dumb down our language to simply using filler words, such as like, we are dumbing down our culture in general

in general.

3. Love. "Oh my gosh, I love this pizza!" Wow, if you really enjoy pizza that much, what superior adjective are you going to use to describe your relationship with your spouse? Part of the reason we use love so much is that the English language has only one way of describing enjoyment,

pleasure, or actual love. The Greek language has four!

2. Ironic. For instance, "The weather was ironically warm today." Just because something is strangely coincidental or unusual doesn't mean it is ironic. Something is ironic, when the outcome. is ironic when the outcome is exactly opposite of what it was expected to be. Also, irony is not sarcasm! Though it is very similar, sarcasm is more strongly intended to be mean or rude than irony.

1. Literally. If you can't

use this word properly, just stop saying it all togeth-er! When something is liter-ally occurring, that means it is happening exactly as I am describing it to you. Saying, "I literally died laughing and had to run out of the room before I disturbed the class," is kind of disquieting when you take a second glance. If you read it word for word, it says that the writer has died, and the class is very disturbed by a corpse running out of the room.

room.

To sum it all up, please, think just one second before you speak. Ask yourself, "How many times have I used this word in the last five minutes? Was my experience really ironic or just coincidental?"
If you pause, your friends (and their ears) will thank you!

## idc tbh



By Kelly Kamrath Staff Reporter

\*I don't care, to be honest. On every social network-ing site, there exists a small group of people devoted to seeking out and relentlessly correcting each and every individual spelling and gram-mar error they can find. These people think of themselves as the savior of the English language, the pinnacle of human guage, the pinnacie of numan intelligence. What they have yet to realize, however, is not only does absolutely no one care, but their reluctance for care, but their reluctance for abbreviations and simplified grammar, which are being found more and more in col-loquial speech, is completely illogical. Taking a closer look into basic linguistic observa-tions makes this understand-ably clear.

It's a fact that languages evolve by devolving. Jus what does that mean

exactly? It means that as languages grow older, they become simpler. Take Latin and Spanish for example. On one hand, Latin is considered an impossible mountain to climb with six grammatical. an impossible mountain to climb with six grammatical cases, three genders, and agonizing conjugation, while on the other hand, Spanish is made to seem like a breeze. Both are related to each other—Spanish is a descendant of Latin—but Latin, the older language, is clearly more complex than Spanish, the younger language.

Another example a bit closer to home is English itself. Although English isn't a direct descendent of Latin, it can still be compared to its older form, Old English, otherwise known as Angloits older form, Old English, otherwise known as Anglo-Saxon. Surprisingly, the English language, although not as complicated as Latin, still possessed three genders and a complex declension system with four cases. As the years went on and English blended more and more with other languages, these features were dropped, and with other languages, these features were dropped, and the language became what it is today. This evidently shows that it's purely natural for languages to shorten over time and doing so is neither "stupid" nor a "disgrace" to the English language.

Going further into the aral simplification of Going further into the natural simplification of language, it can be said that languages only evolve by breaking the current rules imposed on the speakers of the language. Firstly, take a step back and understand just what a "rule" of a language is.

what a "rule" of a language is.

Languages constantly grow and change as people continue to speak them; they didn't form a rule because some grammarian got up and declared, "We're doing things like this now!" In fact, it's the opposite. Rules of languages formed as linguists observed and wrote down the patterns people used as they spoke their mother tongue. This means that the rules of a language are mother tongue. This means that the rules of a language are not set in stone; they are fluid and change as the language itself changes.

With this information in mind, one can come to the conclusion that it's unreasonable to criticize people for talking, typing, and writing in shortened language, as it's the most natural thing to do. It's not going to cause our society to fall into a retrograde state of civilization or butcher our language. People aren't idiots for using simplified language; it's innovation. So, to all the With this information it's innovation. So, to all the grammar nazis and people who have nothing better to do with their time, shut up.

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# HIGHTS OF 20

LeBron returns home: After four seasons and two championships in Miami, NBA star LeBron James went back to his previous team, the Cleveland Cavaliers. Attracted by the pickup of free agents and the acquisition all-star Kevin Love, as well as the improvement of young star Kyrie Irving, LeBron returned to his hometown. This left many Cavs fans in a frenzy as they regretted burning their LeBron jerseys when he left Cleveland about 5 years ago.

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College Football Playoff Year 1: This is the first year of the new college football playoff system. Instead of the old computer generated rankings when the top two teams played for a national title, four teams will be voted into a four-team playoff by a selection committee. The two semi-final playoff games will be played in the Sugar Bowl and the Rose Bowl. The winners of both advance to the National Championship game.



### SPORTS FIGURES IN TROUBLE IN 2014

Athletes are some of the most looked up to figures in the world. Some of them, though, re not the best role models for young people, as many of them find ways to get in trouble. 2014 at a good amount of athletes straying from the straight and narrow.

Todd Gurley: Senior running back for the University of Georgia. He was a frontrunner in the Heisman race until it was revealed that he sold items with his autograph, making over \$3,000. Gurley was suspended four games and had to complete 40 hours of community service.

Jameis Winston: Sophomore quarterback for Florida State University and outfielder for the baseball team. Winston has been in trouble multiple times. In the spring, Winston stole crab legs from a supermarket. This fall, Winston was suspended one game for standing on a table and yelling an explicit phrase in the student union at Florida State.

Kenny Hill: Sophomore quarterback for Texas A&M University. He was arrested in the spring for public intoxication. Early in the fall, he played well enough to be considered for the Heisman trophy, but he was suspended in November for two games due to breaking team rules.

Ray Rice: Former Baltimore Ravens running back. Rice was an All-Pro player until footage was released of him assaulting his wife in an elevator. The Ravens released him from the team after seeing the video. Rice recently has won his appeal to overturn the season long suspension. He is now eligible to sign with a team

Adrian Peterson: All-Pro running back for the Minnesota Vikings. Peterson was indicted with child abuse for using a 'switch' to punish his son. He is currently awaiting a trial and possible reinstatement to the NFL. His return before the conclusion of the 2014 season is unlikely.

NCAA football single-game rushing record: The NCAA single-game rushing record was broken in the span of 1 week. The record was previously owned by TCU legend LaDainian Tomlinson at 406 yards. It was broken first by Wisconsin running back Melvin Gordon. He ran for 408 yards against Nebraska on November 15. The following week it was broken again by Oklahoma freshman running back Samaje Perine. He ran for 427 yards against Kansas on



Bo Pelini fired: After 7 years Nebraska head football coach Bo Pelini was fired November 30. Athletic Director Shawn Eichorst made the decision following an exciting overtime victory for Nebraska over Iowa. Pelini led Nebraska to a 9-3 record this season and leaves with a record of 67-27. Assistant Barney Cotton will serve as interim head coach for Nebraska's bowl game against USC, ex-Oregon State coach Mike Riley was hired to be Nebraska's new head coach.



### 2014 CHAMILIONS

COLLEGE FOOTBALL: FLORIDA STATE SEMINOLES OVER AURURN TIGERS

SUPER BOWL: SEATTLE SEAHAWKS OVER DENVER BRONCOS

COLLEGE BASKETBALL: CONNECTICUT HUSKIES OVER KENTUCKY WILDCATS

STANLEY CUP: LOS ANGELES KINGS OVER NEW YORK RANGERS

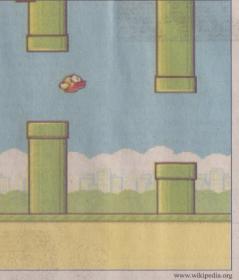
NBA FINALS: SAN ANTONIO SPURS OVER MIAMI HEAT COLLEGE WORLD SERIES: VANDERBILT

**COMMODORES OVER VIRGINIA CAVALIERS** FIFA WORLD CUP: GERMANY OVER ARGENTINA MAJOR LEAGUE WORLD SERIES: SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS OVER KANSAS CITY ROYALS

### Video Games of 2014 Applications of 2014 Inventions of 2014

Inspired by visits to the rural regions of Africa, Soccket is a new take on green, reliable energy sources for those who aren't connected to an electrical grid. According to TriplePundit, the invention is a soccer ball which can store up to three hours of power from the kinetic energy released by the ball when it is kicked. Going outside of the realm of green technology, another intriguing invention of 2014 is a device that allows the user to control almost anything digital with a simple swipe of their finger. This gadget, named Ring, is exactly what the title implies. For only \$269.99, users can set their own personal commands and do everything from tweeting to starting their car with a single gesture.





This year has seen a considerable number of video games released, with everything ranging from the purely comedic Octodad and Goat Simulator to the heart-wrenching story of The Last of Us. A couple titles even added another game to their series, including Mario Kart, Super Smash Bros., Assassin's Creed, Grand Theft Auto, and Call of Duty, with CoD:Advanced Warfare being the most popular game released in 2014, according to IMDb. Perhaps the biggest new addition to a series this year was Pokemon Alpha Sapphire and Omega Ruby. A remake of one of the Game Boy games, fans had been waiting for years for a newer version of the Hoenn region. A bit less well known, indie games were on the rise this year, with games like Five Nights at Freddy's trending across YouTube and Steam. This year has seen a considerable number of video games

Applications of 2014

2014 has been an interesting year for apps, kicking off with Flappy Bird in January and February. The app quickly became a sensation as users couldn't help but become addicted to trying and failing to get their bird to fly in between the green pipes. The friendly rivalry that arose from competing with other players to see who had the best score was fun—until a Chicago teen murdered his brother for getting a higher score from him. After that, the creator promptly pulled Flappy Bird off the market, sending an abrupt halt to his revenue of \$50k per day, according to Forbes. This lead to a mess of people selling phones with Flappy Bird installed online, some selling for as much as \$100k, according to PCMag, but don't worry: knockoffs can be found all over the iTunes app store, including Flappy Plane, Squishy Bird, and Flappy Penguin - Revenge.

The next app fad was Kardashian, the fashion game released by the one and only Kim Kardashian. In the app, users create their own celebrity and work their way up to the A List by completing photo shoots and becoming friends with other famous people. Although not nearly as dramatic as Flappy Bird was, it still managed to keep players' glued to their phones, constantly checking to see if they had enough energy to get to the next objective.

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Yik Yak became popular around the beginning of the school year. Similar to Twitter, Yik Yak is an app where users can post short statuses onto a feed, but there's a catch—everything is completely anonymous. Basing itself on location, Yik Yak allows people to see any Yak posted by another user near them, and also allow any person near them to see whatever they've posted



## FASHION IN AND OUTS OF 2014



Some trends of 2014 have also fallen a bit short moving into 2015. Sorry to inform all of the readers who consider themselves hippies, but flower crowns are out. Patterned leggings are also disappearing, and I cannot say I am sad about that one. Colorful, dip-dyed hair and side shaved hair is also getting the boot at the turn of the year. Sweaters are still in, but form fitting sweaters for teenaged girls have been put on the out list. Nothing against anyone who still practices these trends, but Vogue, and other magazines who released their hot and nots, have almost all included these have almost all included these.

In 2014 many trends have been set from eye wear to face jewelry. Some of the hottest trends are pictured on the left. Army green was the color of the fall this year, women around the country rocked this hunters col-or in many different types of clothing. Another clothor in many different types of clothing. Another clothing trend was wearing oversized shirts, sweaters, and sweatshirts. Somehow wearing Dad's old sweatshirt from the 80's is considered cute in 2014. Natural hair color is very "in" right now as well. Blonds, red heads, and brunettes are all quitting their dying and start growing out their natural hair color. Girls this year also either have long locks, or short bobs. Some even had both in the past year. Nose piercings, either nostril or septum trended throughout the summer especially in 2014. Another facial trend was wearing thick, squared glasses. Some wear trendy glasses as prescription and others for looks, but either way glasses are definitely a hot trend of 2014. hot trend of 2014.



### #OSCARSELFIE



Ellen's Oscar selfie was the most retweeted tweet ever on the social media site Twitter.

Twitter.

Bradley Cooper was the one that was blessed to take Ellen's iconic, record breaking selfie featuring Meryl Streep, Jennifer Lawrence, Julia Roberts, Brad Pitt, Angelina Jolie, Ellen DeGeneres, and Kevin Spacey.

Ellen DeGeneres agreed to host the Academy Awards last March. DeGeneres also hosts her

own television talk show, The Ellen DeGeneres Show.

Ellen DeGeneres Show.

DeGeneres' show includes celebrity interviews, crazy stunts, and other radical skits.

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The 2014 Oscars were nothing short of Ellen's personality and jazz like her television show. Throughout the Academy Awards, DeGeneres cracked practical jokes and lightened the typical formal setting for the celebrities. DeGeneres ever ordered over a dozen pizzas for the crowd at the Dolby

Theater.

One of DeGenere

One of DeGeneres goals for this year's Oscars was to break the most retweeted tweet on the social media site Twitter.

The tweet was captioned with "If only Bradley's arm was longer. Best photo ever. #oscars"
Less than an hour after it was posted, the tweet ranked in with 871,000 retweets and 210,000 favorites according to ABC News. to ABC News

### FERGUSON CASE

Early in August, a white Missouri police officer Darren Wilson shot and killed

Darren Wilson shot and killed Michael Brown, a black man.
On November 24, 2014 the Ferguson Grand Jury finally came to a verdict regarding the case.
The Grand Jury decided that it was reasonable for Wilson to shoot Brown as he was dangerous and fleeing arrest.
The town of

dangerous and fleeing arrest.

The town of
Ferguson, Missouri erupted
in violence on the night of the
24th when they heard the news
of that verdict. According to
ABC News, burnt buildings,
destroyed cars, and wreckage
were revealed as daylight
greeted the town the following
morning. morning.

Also reported by ABC News, a St. Louis County Police chief told the press, "I know that there's at least a dozen buildings set on fire."

The Daily Beast reported that "Missouri law still follows the old common law rule that it's lawful to

shoot and kill a fleeing suspected felon, even if the suspect doesn't pose an immediate danger to the police or public." Because of this, the grand jury ruled in Wilson's favor. It was, in fact, legal for him to shoot Brown because he was fleeing from because he was fleeing from

Twitter exploded with numerous hashtags about the ruling. It seemed as though everyone voiced their opinion on the Ferguson Case on the night of the November 24th.





### SCARE EBOLA

Ebola has been a hot topic the last couple months of 2014.

Despite the overblown news coverage, there have only been ten cases of Ebola in the United States according to The New York Times. Additionally, there is an 80% recovery rate reported in other West African country, in March. Since then, additionally, cases of the virus have been there is an 80% recovery rate reported in other West African country.

There are many doctors that have been working passionately to stop the spread of the Ebola virus. According to New York Times, over 700 doctors have been sent to West Africa since March of this year, and of those 700 medical personell, those 700 medical personell, those rountries octors over the course of 8 months have contracted the Ebola virus.





## Rocks short on numbers, but not success

Staff Reporter

In just the third year of themselves into the thrown themselves into the mix. With seven returning state qualifiers, the Rocks are looking to run down an individual or team state title. Head coach Tracy Dodson wants his team to stay focused.

"We want to have good grades, have good health, make good decisions, and give 100% 120% of the time," Dodson stated.

The Shamrocks com-

Dodson stated.

The Shamrocks competed at the Lakeview Invite on December 5. They took home eleven medals, five of which were gold. Junior Mason Brandenburg won the 126 weight class, sophomore Layton Mullinix won at 132, junior Alec Foltz won at 152. Layton Mulinix Won at 152, junior Alec Foltz won at 152, junior Marcus Dodson won at 170, and sophomore Wyatt Gutzmer won at the 220 weight group. Despite all this success, the Rocks took home

second, losing to East Butler by two points.

"I think they performed pretty darn good considering we had four open weight classes. We didn't have enough people to fill in some weight classes, and some kids are still trying to make weight at certain weight classes," Dodson commented.

The vacancies at some weight classes are a major problem for the team as a whole. Without somebody wrestling in those spots, the team loses points at competitions. As of now the team has open spots at 113, 195, and at heavyweight. Less wrestlers mean less depth for the team now and in the future.

"I can see some of the numbers starting to dwindle. We have seven 8th graders, seven 7th graders. We need to get those numbers back up into the 20s, and get the culture here so wrestling is not one of those things that some people do, but that a lot of tough kids do." Dodson said.

Many freshmen and soph-

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omores without prior varsity experience have stepped up to fill these varsity spots. The improvement of these young wrestlers, and the possibility of attracting some more students to wrestle has Coach Dodson optimistic.

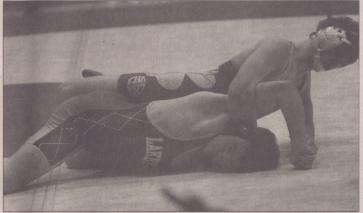
"If we can fill in a couple of these weight classes with

"If we can fill in a couple of these weight classes with some kids that are going to come down and help us out, if they would join the team, we could definitely be a state dual team," Dodson noted.

This year the team has only five upperclassmen. Juniors Seth Gutzmer, Mason Brandenburg, Alec Foltz, and Marcus Dodson with Riley Gilson serving as the lone senior. The captains of this year's team are Gilson, Brandenburg, Foltz, and Dodson.

"I realize that this is my last year to wrestle and I try to relay the message down to should work hard and enjoy it because it goes by quick," Gilson stated.

The Rocks competed at the Nebraska Duals Fri-



Senior Riley Gilson wrestles a Lakeview opponent to the mat at the Lakeview Invite. The Shamrocks recièved 2nd place.

day and Saturday at Central Community College. As a team they received 6<sup>th</sup> place out of 14 teams. Three Scotus

son also went 10-0, recording his 100th career victory in the

The Shamrocks continue their season December 20 at the Logan View Invite. Fol-lowing that, they return home

Coach Dodson concluded, "January 6th is another home dual and should be exciting. The atmosphere should be fun, Schuyler is kind of a rivalry so it'll be kind of

### weekend strong Shamrocks start

By Garrit Shanle Staff Reporter

The Shamrock basketball teams are two weeks into their season with plenty of highs

season with plenty of highs and lows already.

Both the boys and girls basketball teams started their season at home verses Hast-ings St. Cecilia. The boys lost their opening game to Hast-ings 56-44.

"We are disappointed

"We are disappointed about losing the first game of the year, and no one wants to do that. I told myself and I told the team that this is going to be a good thing for us. We need to focus on the things in and straighten those things out," head coach Jeff Ohnout-

Hastings on the same day, 67-

32. "We played a very good and a very experienced basketball team. We did a lot of nice things that we need to build on," head girls' coach Jarrod Ridder said.

With the Shamrocks facine Guardian Angels Central

With the Shamrocks fac-ing Guardian Angels Central Catholic in their next game, the boys managed to come back after their first loss, while the girls took another

loss 60-31.

The boys were able to come out strong in the first half to hold West Point to only 20 points while they had 39 points. The game ended with a final score of 55-28.

Both basketball teams

Both basketball teams have selected a few captains that they believe will help lead them to a successful season. The three captains for the boys' basketball team are seniors Grant Lahm and Garrit Shanle, and sophomore Cody.

am really happy about these guys, and I am happy that they wanted to step up and be a leader on this team. These are three guys that the team-picked; these are the guys we want to lead us."

For the girls' team, the

ror the girls team, the two captains are seniors Kelsey Kessler and Jessica Schaecher.

"Kelsey and Jess both have worked hard to get where they are, and they have to lead by example," Ridder

Despite the Shamrocks tough start to the season, both teams have high expectations

for themselves.

"We are an experienced basketball team, we have high expectations, and we need to expect to win," Ohnoutka

This is not just the coach's expectations, but this is the player's expectations as well.

Lahm said, "I expect us to make it to the state cham-

pionship and play at Pinnacle Bank Arena." Coach Ridder also be-lieves that they need to have high expectations for them-

"Even though we are a young team who plays an ex-tremely difficult schedule early on, we need to grow from it, and we will be in good po-sition towards the end of our year," Ridder said.

The Shamrocks paid a

visit at Grand Island Central Catholic last Friday night

where both girls and boys teams were able to come out on top. The girls' team was able to pick up their first win of the season by defeating GICC 31-25. The boys were able to pick up their second win of the season by shutting down the No. 4 Crusaders. The final score was Scotus 48,

The Shamrocks will face their next challenge to-night verses Omaha Concor-



n dersent



Sophomore Emma Strecker dribbles down the court against GICC. The girls beat the Crusaders 31-25.

Junior Jackson Kumpf attacks the GICC defense. The boys defeated the Crusaders 48-31. Swimmers work to ımprove

Staff Reporter

The Scotus swimmers participating in the CHS swimming team have already had two meets, one at the Aquatic Center here in Columbus and one in Hastings. The Scotus swimmers started practicing for this season November 17<sup>m</sup>.

Two freshmen from San The Scotus

Two freshmen from Scotus Central Catholic are in the swimming team this year, Chase Andresen and Trey

"Practices are every day from 6 to 7 in the morning and 4 to 6 in the afternoon. We also have practice in the weight room at CHS from 8

weight room at CHS from 8 to 10 in the morning on Saturdays," Dallman said.

This year there is one junior in the swim team, Hannah Thomazin, who started swimming in her freshman

year.

For a couple of weeks now, the CHS swimming team

has practiced twice a day.

"We've been doing twoa-days since the 24th and won't
get off of two-a-days until
Christmas. Two-a-days is
pretty strenuous on your body,

both physically and emotion-ally," Thomazin said.

The second girl in the swim team is Laura Moureau from Belgium.

"I was a swimmer in Bel-

to begin everything from new. I really thought I would be the worst swimmer in this competition, but that wasn't so ba at all for a first meet," senio

Different from other sports here at Scotus, the swim team from Scotus has a co-op with CHS, but that doesn't make any difference

"I really like meeting other people that are from CHS. It's different from the usual sports since it's an individual and team sport," Dallman said.

said.
After the first meet against Fremont in the Aquatic Center Columbus, all of the swimmers were really pleased. Both the boys and the

"I was actually happily surprised with how I did at the meet, but there's still so many more things I have to learn to even be able to compete with my older team mates," Dallman said.

The second meet was at Hastings. The boys finished third, and the girls finished

There are a couple of

things that are different in swimming than in other

swimming than in concessors.

"I love the people on swim team most, but there isn't really a better feeling of accomplishment after you finally drop time in that one event you've been working hard for," Thomazin said.

Moreau agreed with Thomazin.

'I really like the fact that

"I really like the fact that you have to overtake your limits all the time," senior Laura Moureau said.

On Saturday the teams hosted the Columbus Relays at the Aquatic Center. The boys placed third and the girls finished sixth in the races they competed in

competed in.

On December 20th the swim team has an invite at Elkhorn. The next home meet on January 10th against

Sioux City.
"Drop by the Aquatic center during a home meet to see what this is all about," Thomazin said.

Freshman Trey Dallman swims the freeestyle in the meet against Fremont on December 4th. The home meets are held in the Aquatic Center in Columbus.

"We're able to support ten kids per year with this, so we are definitely

making an impact on the community."

~Jared Donoghue

# Candy sales help the community

December 2014

By Jaime Gasper Staff Reporter

Scotus' chapter of National Honor Society is off to another busy year. NHS is composed of Scotus students who are given the challenging task of being leaders and volunteers for many projects.

"We've had a good start, and

and we have a nice inductee group of 26 new members," NHS n s o r Dusel

said.

On e
major project conducted by
NHS is

NHS is the annual December candy sales. Throughout the years, however, the candy sales have evolved.
"It started as strictly peppermint candy canes, and we had low sales. From there it

has changed to flavored candy canes, and now it is candy canes and chocolate."

The money from this enterprise does not simply get stuffed in the pockets of Scotus Central Catholic.

"The last several years the money has gone to the Holiday Co-op," Dusel added.
The Holiday Co-op is a program that raises money to purchase Christmas gifts for

gifts for people in need within the community.

" A
teacher
from one
of the elementary
school's
approached
me several

approached me several years ago and asked me if we would be interested in being a part of the Holiday Co-op. Now it has just been something that my honor society officers have felt was important for us

to keep going," Dusel said.
The selection process for picking families in need is out of the hands of Scotus' NHS.
"I always ask for kids, and the people who are in charge of the program in Columbus send us a list of children," Dusel said. "They do not give us their names but rather just a list of code numbers."

By purchasing candy

rather just a list of code numbers."

By purchasing candy from NHS members, Scotus students are helping those in need in town.

"Ten children from four families will benefit from our candy sales, which is awesome," Dusel said.

Mrs. Dusel is not the only one in NHS leadership who believes this project makes a difference.

"We're able to support ten kids per year with this, so we are definitely making an impact on the community," senior NHS president Jared Donoghue said.

Donoghue and the other officers are in charge of purchasing the gifts for the children that Scotus supports in

this project.
"We mainly stick to the essentials, like clothing and diapers. However, we also make sure to get the kids, especially the younger ones, at

least one toy."

Not only do the candy sales benefit the less fortunate in the community, they also make a nice gift for students in Scotus.

Mrs. Dusel commented, "Students can spend 50 cents and let their friends know that they are thinking of them, which is really in the spirit of Christmas."



Junior NHS member Bailey Honold packages candy for the NHS candy sales. Proceeds went to helping those in need in the community through the Holiday Co-op.

### compete for State Mock trial teams

By Julian Fritz Staff Reporter

After almost three months of practice, once a week, the Scotus Central Catholic mock trial teams had to perform for the district competition. Scotus Central Catholic had four teams present, and all of them won at least once.

The junior mock trial team got the ticket to state after winning the district

competition though. Successful in the first round, getting past the second, winning the third round against the freshmen, and finally winning the final against Howells-Dodge helped them to do so.

"We did outstanding considering we have never won in previous years," junior Jessica Lahm said, who played Marion D'Amico, a gangster.

The other teams of Scotus Central Catholic made it far, as well. As the low men

on the totem pole, the freshmen teams rarely advance, but this year it was different.

"I feel that my team exceeded our own expectations and didn't really know what we were capable of," freshman Faith Przymus said.

In their last year of Scotus mock trial, the seniors made it to the third round in the district competition. After winning in the second round against the sophomores, they lost in the third round against

Howells-Dodge."Our team would practice every Sunday for an hour for the past two months. I also would practice on my own. Although our team is sad we didn't make it farther in the competition, we were happy about how far we have come since freshman year," senior Allie Anderson said.

Finally, the sophomores won their first round, but lost against the seniors in a close trial.

"There is a lot of work you have to do before a trial, and you have to know your case really well. I think we could have done better, and I wish we would have gotten farther than we did," sophomore Alison Zoucha said.

All in all, the Scotus Central Catholic mock trial teams all made it at least to the second round.

"In my opinion, mock trial teaches you so much. It's a lot harder than I assumed it

would be, but it was definitely worth it. It is definitely something everyone should watch, or take part in," freshman Faith Przymus said.

On Thursday the 9th of December and on Wednesday the 10th of December the junior team performed in Lincoln for the state competition. Unfortunately, they did not finish in the top four, but they received honorable mention.



Sophomore witness Nikki Hiner gets questioned by sophomore attorney Haley Faust. After winning the first round, the sophomores lost against the seniors.



Senior attorneys Jared Duren and Mac Mapes discuss their strategy. The senior mock trial team made it to the third round in the district competition.

### What do you like most about your role?

"I enjoyed making and uncomfort-able."

-Faith Przymus freshman



I like how I get my notes and how I don't have to memorize my



"I liked the challenge of acting out a role that ac-tually isn't me."

-Caitlin Steiner freshman



"I like how I am an attorney and a witness."

-Sarah Schumacher junior



"I got to be really rude and sassy.

-Natalie Brutty freshman



"Acting like a police officer."

-Elizabeth Preister



friends when you're cross examining a witness."

-Alaina Wallick freshman



"Setting time aside to really focus on writing questions and knowing the

-Hannah Thomazin junior



"How to not laugh in public situations all the time."

What have you learned from Mock Trial so far?

-Brock Kracman freshman



'I've learned that if I am ever in need of a lawyer, I should call up Abby Allen."

-Allie Anderson



knowledge using the objections and knowing what they mean.

-Megan Schumacher sophomore



"All the rules you have to follow in court."

-Carly Fehringer



### American History students wrote "yellow journalism" articles rewriting the stories behind iconic photos.

Plummet to Dreams

Brockhaus Guest Writer

It was only a 104-story p. As he looked down, all he could think about was fulfilling his life long dream of being a superhero. Something bubbled inside him when he

bubbled inside him when he thought about being a hero. From the top of the building he thought New York City resembled Gotham City.

As a little boy, Tony Boredman was obsessed with DC Comics. To be more specific, he loved Batman. For Halloween, he was always Batman. His mother said he talked with the voice of Batman. He used the voice so much that it stuck with him. The first time he saw the him. The first time he saw the first Batman series produced in 1989, he was hooked for

Joker, the Penguin, and many other villains he made up.

As he grew up, his love for Batman lessened, but he could never shake Batman for good. He always had a secret passion for Batman. When he got to high school, many people thought he was weird because he liked Batman. They thought Batman was for little kids, not high schoolers. He didn't have many friends, which led to depression. He graduated high school and went to college. His major was graphic arts. Through his graphic art he got to relive his graphic art he got to relive his love for Batman. He got a job at the World Trade Center. He always had the fantasy to

He always had the fantasy to jump off the top and become Batman, but he knew he could never become a superhero. While working at the World Trade Center, he got the opportunity of a lifetime. He got to design some scenes

anything to be you. Being Batman is a dream of mine. Just being here, and being able to design some sets. It is so amazing."

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Christian Bale said, "Tony, you can be anyone you want to be. If you want to be Batman, then go be Batman."

Tony smiled and knew Christian Bale was right. He went home that night and got prepared for the next day.

night and got prepared for the next day.

He showed up to work with a black suit on. Around 2 o'clock, he went to the top of the building. He looked down and felt in his heart that he was Batman. He jumped. He was scared because he knew he just ended his life. He closed his eyes and extended

in the 2005 film Batman
Begins. While working on the set Christian Bale got to talk to him.

Tony said, "I'd give his arms. The wind somehow caught the wings and he was flying. He opened his eyes and a feeling of reward came to him. He became Batman.

People were shouting and pointing, "Who is that?" and feeling of reward came to him. He stopped right in

front of a little boy who said,
"Who are you?"

Tony replied, "I'm
Batman."



## Obama's True Identity Revealed

**By Justin Zoucha** Staff Reporter

No worries on Ebola, no worries on illegal immigration, no worries on this, no worries on that. "No worries", has seemed to become a typical slogan used by President Obama these days, even with the recent uncovering of his real birth

certificate, and the shocking surfacing of his real mother. Earlier this week, news was made when a Kenyan woman came to America and

was diagnosed with Ebola. The woman was 75 year old Alala Tinibu-Onvuatuegwu-Obama. Since she had Ebola and had the last name Obama, the president decided to pay her a visit in an Atlanta hospital. When they sat down to talk, what she said baffled

the world.

Alala claimed she Alala claimed she was President Obama's biological mother. The president chuckled at first, but as she continued it began to make sense. She knew everything about him from his éarly life. She could give exact dates as to when she gave him to what he thought was his real mother. Ann gave him to what he thought was his real mother, Ann Dunham. She also provided a birth certificate from a Kenyan hospital with his name and information on it. The certificate was yellowed and crumpled with age. It was taken to a laboratory and was confirmed as real. President Ohama became unset with confirmed as real. President
Obama became upset with
all these new developments
and left the hospital without
answering questions.

He seems pretty
upset about the news, but I
think he'll come around to
it," Alala had to say on the
subject

Obama's administration met earlier today at the White House and further studied the birth certificate. They aso made many phone calls to Obama's relatives, who confirmed the fact that Ann Dunham was not his real mother. One of the relatives was the President's great-aunt

Bernice Obama.

"We always knew that
Barack was adopted by
Ann. The reason no one
ever told the truth was, we ever told the full was, we never thought he'd be mature enough to handle it! And since he started talking about this president business we thought we best keep our mouths shut. But now that Alala has come forth, it's probably the best idea to come clean," Bernice

So what does this mean for America? It says in the Constitution that to be president, you must be born in America. Should Barack Obama be removed from office?

office?
President Obama had this to say, "These new—um—developments are very—uhh—serious, but should not be—uh—taken as credible. Ehh—we have no—uhh—

substantial—umm—proof
that this...woman is my
biological—uhh—mother."
He seemed very sure of
his words as usual.
Congress is meeting to
discuss and debate this topic.
Republicans are raving about
the issue saying Obama
should be removed from
office. Democrats on the other
hand are defending him.

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"It's not the
President's fault. He was told President's fault. He was form in America. We need to take into consideration his feelings. The man must be torn up right now. Everybody just lay off him, please," said Maine Democratic representative lack Fox.

Democratic representative Jack Fox.

Awaiting Congress' response, citizens await what the future of America holds. The talk is that Vice-president Joe Biden will replace Obama as president. If not Biden, then maybe Hillary Clinton. Either way, our country would surely take a turn for the better.



President Obama monitors the Navy Seal team that killed Osama Bin Laden in 2011.

## Great Groundhog Rebellion

By Amy Heusinkvelt Guest Writer

Punxsutawney, PA-While the U.S.'s war on terrorism has been holding the attention of American citizens, the country's Marines have been or American citizens, the country's Marines have been fighting a secretive battle, perhaps just as deadly. In the small town of Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, on May the fourth, hundreds of groundhogs massacred the lawns of all inhabitants. In under 10 minutes, all open green space in the city was in utter ruin. Authorities were immediately notified. The attack was seen as an act of war by the groundhogs against America, and America retaliated. Within the hour, Punxsutawney was crawling with Marines, ready to shoot at any sign of the small rodents. with Marines, ready to shoot at any sign of the small rodents. Citizens were all interrogated by FBI officials and sworn to secrecy, lest their families be slaughtered. Punxsutawney secrecy, lest their families be slaughtered. Punxsutawney was cut off from all outside contact. To protect the freedom of all American citizens, this was to be an undercover war, so the masses
would never know how much
was truly sacrificed.
The fifth of May brought

the first official battle of the war, The Battle of the Apple. In the late evening, the groundhogs struck again, the groundhogs struck again, this time uprooting a 20 acre apple orchard on the edge of town, owned by Jim Suribachi. The crop was decimated. The Marines arrived just as the first trees were being felled. Machine guns and heavy artillery were brought in to kill the pests, but the groundhops' coats were brought in to kill the pests, but the groundhogs' coats were discovered to be bullet proof. There were no casualties on either side, though 7 Marines were reported to have severe bruises from apples launched at them by groundhogs. The battle was seen as a loss to America

America.

War analysts from the president's own staff were called upon to help strategize. They deduced, based upon the fact that the second attack was south of town, that the groundhogs were headed toward Washington D.C.-toward the White House and toward the White House and the Pentagon. The experts agreed this was an act of retaliation by the groundhogs in protest of being awoke from hibernation to prophesy for U.S. on February 2<sup>nd</sup> each

the path the war committee hypothesized the groundhogs would have to follow, the Marines were waiting for them as they crossed the Mahoning Creek Lake. A highly toxic chemical was diffused into the water by the U.S., succeeding in killing just under half the soldiers of the groundhog army. In the time it took them to regroup, the Marines were ready.

Three bombs were dropped on the known groundhog command base four days later. They left the area obliterated. While one or two civilians may have been

two civilians may have been killed in the blast, the Marines considered it worth it. A team was sent to assess the damage after the bombs were dropped, after the bombs were dropped, and to bring President Obama the rebel leader's head on a silver platter. When the team arrived, the only thing left standing in the target zone was a flag pole, and on it the American flag. When they saw this they rejoiced, for surely it was a symbol that the groundhogs had been eradicated. How wrong they were.

eradicated. How wrong they were.

In their moment of triumph, the Marines had been snuck up upon by the groundhog army. Prepared for the American onslaught,

the animals had burrowed deep, deeper than any human had ever gone. They then arose from the ground and jumped the soldiers from behind. Biting and clawing, the groundhogs completely disarmed the Marines. The team of 15 human soldiers stood, seemingly defeated, surrounded by the groundhogs, with only their precious American flag for protection. The rebel leader

let out a fierce battle squeak.

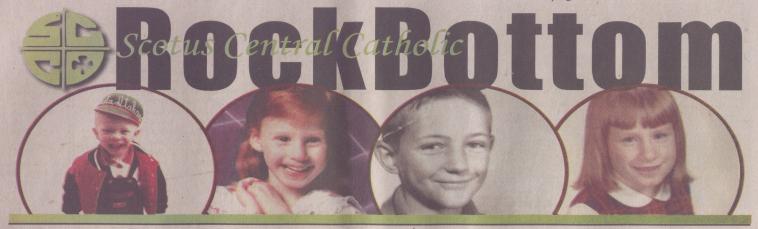
The sound multiplied in magnitude as it was picked up by all groundhogs in a hundred mile radius. While hundred mile radius. While the animals were occupied with their unifying cry, the Marines were quietly raising the flag pole from the ground and bringing it forward. Just as the groundhog leader was turning to charge, the Marines brought the bottom of the pole

down through his neck animals' squeal of retaliation now turned to a squeal of terror, and the groundhogs fled. The Marines stood and replaced the flag to its upright replaced the flag to its upright position, the groundhog leader's head still stuck to it. The wind picked up and the flag flapped in its breeze, reminding all enemies, human or not, that no one messes with the U.S.A.



U.S. soldiers raising the American flag at Iwo Jima during WWII.

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# Revolution brings message home

By Jaime Gasper Staff Reporter

Dating violence and sexual assault is a real issue in teens' lives in today's world. Luckily, the organization dubbed Revolution has taken upon itself the challenge of educating young people about this problem. Recently, Scotus had another assembly, but this time was different.

assembly, but this time was different. The performers were people that the students knew, talking about an issue in which many students have dealt.

"I was nervous because part of the presentation is having the audience believe that the actors could actually be these type of people. However, I was pleased with how they did," Revolution sponsor Abbie Tessendorf said.

Tessendorf said.
Tessendorf is in charge of running the program and setting up projects for them.

We have walked with United "We have walked with United Way in the parade, and we've helped with Relay for Life and Sammy's Superheroes events. We try to get out in the community and do what needs to be done," Tessendorf added.

It is no surprise that a group like this is noticed by others. Early this year, Tessendorf was presented with the 2014 Prevention Advocate of the Year award.

Year award.
"They thought that what Rev-

We are the only high school group who goes around addressing dating violence, so they recognized that," Tessendorf said.

Tessendorf said.

Members of Revolution are not just members of Scotus' student body. In fact, the guidelines for joining Revolution are simple.

"I'm looking for kids who believe in leadership, so if it is important to someone to make the world a better place, they should contact me," Tessendorf said.

Many Scotus students have answered this call to leadership, and seniors Joe Sonderman and Jaimee Beauvais have even joined Revolu-

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Beauvais have even joined Revolu-tion's acting team.

"After my first year, I desired to get more involved with the group, and joining in the acting side was my opportunity," Beauvais said.

Both Beauvais and Sonderman played roles in the skit performed at Scotus' Revolution assembly in Jan-uary.

"Abbie told me that she thought I would be good and told me to try out acting, so I did," Sonderman said.

Revolution puts on many skits to students, but this time, Beauvais and Sonderman had to perform in front of their own student body.

"The reactions of Scotus stu-dents were pretty much typical of high school responses. People were



Seniors Joe Sonderman and Jaimee Beauvais perform at Scotus' Revolution assembly. Revolution addresses dating violence and sexual assault to teens for the Center of Survivors.

a bit rowdier, but it wasn't anything we couldn't handle," Beauvais said.

Scotus is not the only school that Revolution visited, however. They travel to many schools and de-liver their message to thousands of

"I feel as if the programs we do make a difference to teens' lives. When I perform at other schools, I often see girls crying because the same thing happened to them, a family member, or a friend," Sonderman caid

The message behind Revolution will continue to be displayed to teens across the region with the support of others behind this message.

Tessendorf concluded, "I'm thankful to Scotus; they have been a good foundation for Revolution."

## Catholic Schools Week takes on new activities



HANNAH THOMAZIN/NEWSPAPER STAF

Senior Chase Korger dodges the ball thrown by junior Caleb Ostdiek. The juniors and seniors had the option of playing Advanced Warfare on Friday during Catholic Schools Week.

By Hannah Thomazin

Staff Reporter

The last week in January, Catholic schools all across America participated in National Catholic Schools week. The celebration of Catholic education ran from January 25th through the 31st. Scotus kicked off the week by taking the Monday

chair, said, "Scotus getting the Mon-day off is unique. It's because we take time as a faculty to get together and really look at our faith from the and really look at our faith from the faculty perspective. It's a lot easier to do it this way when you don't have the hustle and bustle of every day teaching. So we can really kind of show up in a prayerful mindset to prepare ourselves for our students for the rest of the week."

This is Linder's first year setting up the schedule for the week; he fol-

lows in the footsteps of Fr. Andrew Roza. Even with a new administra-tor, Scotus holds true to past traditions during the week.

"This year is reminisce from years past. We don't want to deviate from the norm quite yet. We're going to do a couple other things where mg to do a couple other things where we're going to try and focus on a few aspects of our faith that we don't normally get the opportunity to do on a day to day basis," Linder said. Following that Monday, Sco-

tus celebrated Tuesday with an all school mass, Wednesday consisted of Catholic music playing in the halls during passing periods, Thursday the students wore Catholic t-shirts, and Friday closed the week off with a dress down day with an option of watching a movie, playing advanced warfare, or learning how to swing dance.

dance.

Even though Catholic schools are only celebrated once a year, staff members of the Catholicity committee start planning long before hand. The committee decides as a whole what to present to the table for that particular year's Catholic Schools Week.

"It consists of myself and four other faculty members. We take a look at what kids have enjoyed in past years, and we try to either imitate that or maybe add on to it with a little something new every year to see the kids' response," Linder said. "If we did a whole sale change, there would probably be a strong percent of the population that wouldn't be into it. So we try and keep it somewhat regular but try and push the envelope just a little bit."

One new addition to the week included the game of Advanced Warfare. It's an extreme mashup of dodgeball and capture the flag; this game was offered exclusively to juniors and seniors.

"It was really fun even if you weren't on one of the best teams, and

"It was really fun even if you weren't on one of the best teams, and it was a great addition to Catholic Schools Week, no doubt, because it was a great opportunity to get up and be active instead of watching mov-ies or swing dancing," junior Bailey Braun said.

### Scotus students march to defend life

By Gabby Middendorf

Editor

"Who's on the March? Nebras-ka's on the march and when Nebras-ka's on the march, we will defend life, HUH!"

life, HUH!"

This chant and many others could be heard around the nation's capital as hundreds of thousands of teens, college students, and families flocked Washington D.C for the 42<sup>nd</sup> annual March for Life. The March for Life commemorates the anniversary of the court ruling Roe vs. Wade that made aboution legal in the Unitsary of the court ruling Roe vs. Wade that made abortion legal in the United States. Around thirty Scotus Strudents, chaperones, and Scotus Chaplain Fr. Capadano also attended the week-long trip.

Among those students, freshman Maddie Neville went to Washington D.C. for the first time.

"I decided to go on the March because I wanted to give those who don't have a voice a right to live," Neville said.

The trip started on Tuesday, Jan-

Neville said.

The trip started on Tuesday, January 20, and the thirty students lived on the busses for 23 hours.

"It was a great opportunity to grow in patience and sacrificing personal space and comforts," Fr. Capadano commented.

Scotus students missed four days of school, but most students weren't worried about that time

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Juniors Megan Parker and Rachel Miksch march in Washington D.C. at the 42nd annual March for Life. Twenty-seven Scotus students were in attendance.

### MARCH

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away.

"I was not concerned before the trip because the teachers were very nice about everything, but after the trip, it was very stressful. Being behind and making up quizzes was tough," sophomore Naomi Kosch said.

The pilorims also had a

mi Kosch said.

The pilgrims also had a chance to visit historical sites throughout the trip, including the Holocaust Museum, Gettysburg National Military Park, and several other Smithsonian museums around Washington D.C.

"My favorite site was the Holocaust Museum because it was very educational, and it helped me understand the horrors of the Holocaust. It

Kirby and Karen Johnson

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In addition to historical sites, the teens had a chance to go to Mass and Reconcil-Matthew's Adoration at St. Matthew's Cathedral was a great experi-ence because I really felt that my relation-ship with Jesus gew. day at different cathedrals and churches, including the Basilica of the National

Immaculate
Conception,
St. Matthew's Cathedral, and
the National Shrine of Elizabeth Ann Seton.
"Adoration at St. Matthew's Cathedral was a great
experience because I really
felt that my relationship with

Jesus grew," junior Adam Smith said.

More than fifty abortion providers have closed their doors around the U.S. since the March for

these protests and rallies are

that going to the March pro-life are really import-

really important. One-third of our generation is gone; more that 52 million babies have died. They are people from the moment of conception, just like us!" freshman Grace Odbert concluded.

~Adam Smith







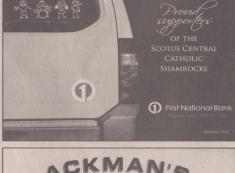




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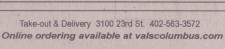
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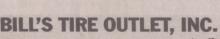




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## Technology dilemmas Give us our technology



Staff Reporter

As the teacher walks by, the student on his/her smart phone stealthily closes out of phone stealthily closes out of Twitter and quickly opens up Quizlet. Of course they had Quizlet open the entire time. Have they learned anything? Maybe. The rise of technology here at Scotus has provided an issue especially with the BYOD program which allows students to bring phones, iP-ads, iPods, etc. to school. I believe technology shouldn't be relied on as much as our school does.

Technology is a great asset to mankind, when it's functioning correctly. When it works, everything is in order. When it doesn't, frustration and anger often erupt. Some teachers have their students take quizzes or do assign-ments on devices. This way

no paper is used and the asno paper is used and the assignments can be automatically corrected by the computers. Sounds great until something goes wrong. The servers are down, the device isn't working, someone can't get signed into it, it isn't loading, it's loading slowly, I clicked one answer but it registered as a loading slowly, I clicked one answer but it registered as a different one, the list goes on and on. By the time everyone is finished, it would've been faster to use a good old pencil

and paper.

Technology is also as great as it is expensive. It costs a good deal of cash to provide iPads, wireless projectors, Wi-Fi routers, etc. for a school. Every room has a wireless projector, most teachers have an iPad, and there are various Wi-Fi routers around the building. It takes numerous Wi-Fi routers to blanket the school with internet access for everyone, and they still don't always work. Then of course once any of this technology breaks, it must be repaired, which also is not always cheap. That's how technology expenses can easily pile up.

expenses can easily pile up.

Technology can also fuel
the already short attention spans of many teenage stu-dents. Technology presents a constant distraction to all stu-dents. No matter how many use, students are still going to find ways to use Snap-chat, check ESPN for scores, play games, etc. I know this because everyone does, including me. Even before the BYOD program was put in place, students would still find ways around the rules, but now they have an excuse to now they have an excuse to have their devices out during class time unlike before. Also since many devices have ac-cess to their own data usage, students can surf the web without being restricted as if they were using the school's

they were using the school's Wi-Fi.

Some might say that using technology is the best and only way to do tasks in our world today as well as in our school. Obviously that's not true because before all this technology was available, those tasks still got done efficiently. The world today is so technology reliant that just about everything is controlled by computers; therefore, this has made the old way of doing things virtually impossible.

So, Scotus, go ahead and use the best that technology has to offer, but be careful not to become too attached and reliant on it, unless your wallet is fat and there are plenty

let is fat and there are plenty pencils and paper to go ound.



By Julian Fritz Staff Reporter

At Scotus, every teacher has an iPad, but shouldn't the students also get iPads for ed-ucational use?

Staying with the old school books, or switching to the new technology, iPad's

to the new technology, iPad's or other devices, is a question that gets discussed by people almost all the time.

"We need technology in every classroom and in every student and teacher's hand, because it is the pen and paper of our time, and it is the lens through which we experience much of our world," educator and public speaker David Warlick said.

If more schools would switch from paper and books

switch from paper and books to iPads and eBooks, there would be a huge cost at first, but after several years, the cost should decrease, and it should

get cheaper than new books or buying paper. It is just a ques-tion of how much money a school wants to spend, and if it can spend money for many new iPads.

Honestly, we do not know what is going to happen in the future. We can't even in the future. We can't even tell what's going to happen in one year, but obviously, ev-eryone at home, at work, or at school, everything goes more to technology. If we learn how to use computers or iPads for educational use in school, the students are very well pre-pared for their future and their future iob.

future job,
where they
most likely have to
use computers or
iPade The "We need technology in every classroom..."
~Julian Fritz puters or iPads. The way we do things is

things is changing, so I think schools should teach the best possible way, and if that means that every student should have an iPad, it should be discussed by the school officials. Every aspect should get investigated though, the costs and the education of the students.

A huge pro in switching

A huge pro in switching from books to iPads is that teachers don't have to carry around all the paperwork of the students to correct their

homework or tests. With Internet-platforms, students could upload their homework online, and just like turnitin. com, the homework is automatically checked over for plagiarism.

Another point for more technology in schools are those online platforms I just talked about. Every device that has access to the Internet is able to use them. Checking your homework or checking your homework or checking your grades is probably going to become a completely nor-mal thing in the near future.

IPads aren't the cheap-

est in the world, so the schools would have to spend some ey, but if this whole "project"

starts small, like niors get iPads first and then juniors, and so on, the cost could be split up over many years

All in all, schools should and in an, schools should use more technology for educational use. Our workplace in the future is probably going to be run by technology. So I think we should learn how to use it properly as fast as possible in schools, so we won't have problems later.

### Blessings unnoticed



**By Hannah Thomazin** Staff Reporter

Each morning when the pounding alarm rings to wake me up, I pull myself out of my comfy bed to get ready for the day and prepare for the future. Typically, throwing my warm covers off includes mumbles and grumbles about how I'd rather still be sleeping, and sometimes that negative attitude affects the entire day.

The normal that our generation has become so accustomed to is actually a blessing and often overlooked! We are used to having things, sports, information, or whatever basically handed to us. We complain about simple things

complain about simple things that we shouldn't really even waste our breath over if we were more patient. We hardly ever stop to think about how blessed we are with technolo-

gy, health, or school.

The ability to use technology has become habitual and second nature that we

hardly ever even take a mo ment to recognize what a gift it truly is. Cell phone bills are many teenagers who pay for their bill without the help of many teenagers who pay for their bill without the help of a parent. Using a computer at school doesn't even phase us. Opening up Chrome or Firefox to Google something is normal. It's just what we do; however, twenty years ago kids our age wouldn't have had access to the technology. Access alone to the kind of technology we have now would have been crazy expensive, and not to mention the fact that Google or half the websites we use for homework or leisure did not even exist at that time. Props to our parents who actually had to physically look up their questions in an almanac their questions in an almanac or textbook. Having Google respond with an answer takes less than a second compared to what once minutes at a time was searching for the simplest

was searching for the simplest unknown answer.

Our health is another aspect of life that we assume will almost always be okay. Granted, we do take into account that there will be sick days every once in a while; however, no one counts on breaking a bone, getting in a car accident, or having various problems that will take away time from their schooling or work. My great friend

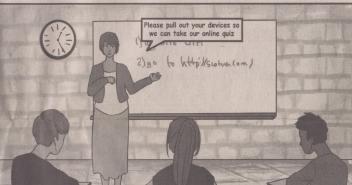
given about anything to play volleyball her sophomore given about anything to play volleyball her sophomore year. She has terrible back and knee problems, but her health wouldn't allow her to play at the competitive level that she and her coaches desired. Sitting out was what was best. I can't even remember the last time I had a sick day where I was spilling my euts out into was spilling my guts out into the toilet. Being healthy is a blessing that is often over-looked.

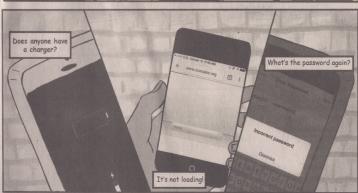
looked.

Additionally, school is taken for granted. Learning in general is a privilege. Part of Scotus' mission statement is to provide academic excellence. Just walking through the halls of the school, a visitor can notice the high expectations that Scotus places on its students—whether it be the dress code, homework, or even studying. Additionally, Scotus blesses us with the opportunity to include faith in

opportunity to include faith in our education system as well. School teaches us the curriculum, but we also learn beyond that with our faith.

Waking up each morning is difficult and dragging ourselves out of bed to get ready for a long day at school is, in most cases, not the highlight of the day. However, with each day we are blessed with twenty-four hours. These hours can be spent complaining, or they can be spent with a positive outlook.







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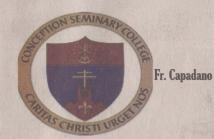
Mr. Mustard



Mr. Petersen

Mr. Linder









Mrs. Rusher Mrs. Cox



### **TEACHER GUESS WHO** NAME BANK:

(photos on page 4, answers page 8) Mrs. Hoops

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Mrs. Hash

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## HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR TEACHERS?

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**Answers on page 8** 

1. I was born in Columbus, went to Leigh High School, and I have two webbed toes.  I am
2. My maiden name is Flaherty. I was named Homecoming Queen at my high school in Saint Edward.  I am
3. I graduated from Scotus where I was crowned Homecoming King.  I am
4. I attended Malcolm Public High school. My maiden name is Lafferty, and I was proposed to on top of a mountain. I am
5. I went to UNL, was born in Grand Island, and was the lead guitarist and singer in my high school band.  I am
6. I was born in Fremont, where I went to Fremont Bergan High School, and I had five wisdom teeth.  I am
7. I was born "in a barn" in Norfolk, and my brother and I used to get into BB gun wars as kids.  I am
8. I have attended a White Zombie concert and once was pictured on a magazine very pregnant with my second child, who is a student at Scotus.  I am
9. I was born in Sioux City, lowa, my favorite quote is "You usually get what you deserve", and I played the accordion for six months in 4th grade.  I am
10. My maiden name is Wiemer, I was born in Columbus, and I was in the Miss Nebraskaland pageant in college.  I am
11. I was born in Omaha where I went to Creighton Prep, and my last name in Italian means New Year.  I am
12. I was born in Tilden, Nebraska, attended high school at Madison High, and I have read five different vampire seriof books.  I am
13. I was born is Burwell, Nebraska, my maiden name is Kamphaus, and I rode horses and barrel raced in high school I am
14. I went to Scotus, I voted for the teacher who won Homecoming King in #3, and I was named Homecoming Queen

## Wrestling has milestones, still training for district title

By Justin Zoucha Staff Reporter

The Scotus wrestling team has had plenty to talk about these past few months. They've left a couple milestones in their rear-view mirror and have had victory after victory including the Centennial Conference championship.

nial Conference champion-ship.
"I thought they would do well and they did. I don't think anybody really let me down. We wrestled pretty well," head coach Tracy Dod-son commented.

The Rocks dominated

their conference opponents. The team totaled 200.5 points, beating runner-up Boys Town by 94.5. The team also boasted five individual conference champs: Junior Mason Brandenburg at 126, sophomore Layton Mullinix at 132, junior Alec Foltz at 145, junior Marcus Dodson at 160, and junior Seth Gutzmer at 182.

Before this the Shamrocks racked up some more wins. They earned 1<sup>st</sup> at the Logan View Invite and received 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 21 teams at the High Plains Invite. They've also won duals against Schuyler and Aurora. They also won the Lutheran High Duals In-

vite by defeating Fullerton, GICC, Lutheran High Northeast, Neligh-Oakdale, and Norfolk Catholic. At Boone Central/Newman Grove they first defeated the host team, and then took down Lakeview to win the triangular.

The wrestling team has been able to accomplish all these wins without always being at full power. With some weight classes already left open due to the number of wrestlers out for the sport, they've also had to fight illnesses that have been going around the team. around the team

"I don't think there's any team in the state that doesn't

run across the same thing we have. It seems like every year about this time it hits us. We get through it, grind through it and get better," Dodson said.

Despite a bug going around the school, three Scotus wrestlers have been able to reach a major milestone in their careers. Juniors Marcus Dodson, Mason Brandenburg, and Alec Foltz have all recently earned their 100<sup>th</sup> career victory. Dodson broke the century mark at the Nebraska Duals Invite, Foltz did the same at the High Plains Invite, and Brandenburg followed suit at the Lutheran tus wrestlers have been able

"It is a great accomplishment for any wrestler especially because I am a junior," Brandenburg noted.

Coach Dodson was proud of his 100 win wrestlers but said that it's good for the team as well.

as well.
"It means a lot to the team. We've made a century club bench. They're a part of that forever and their goals are now not only to get 100 but to shoot for 150, and they'll probably put their names in the books for a while with that." Dedecated that," Dodson stated.

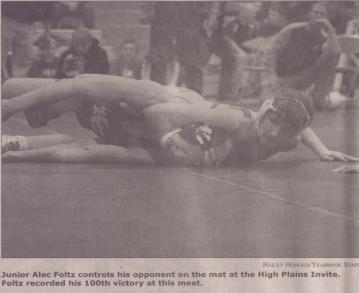
The Rocks finish their regular season Saturday at

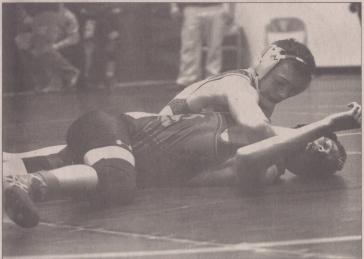
Grand Island Central Catholic. Then it's on to districts where they'll be looking to make history.

"We are going to have to wrestle to our best at districts to get a district title under-neath our belts which we've never had before," -Dodson

Dodson just wants his team to focus for the end of

the season.
"From here on out we just "From here on out we just have to stay healthy, stay uninjured and just do the things we've been doing to get better and not relax one second during a match," Dodson concluded.





Junior Mason Brandenburg wrestles an opponent to the floor at the High Plains Invite. Brandenburg would earn his 100th victory the following week in Norfolk

## Shamrocks stay strong through first half of season

By Garrit Shanle Staff Reporter

The boys' basketball The boys' basketball team has put on a show through the first half of the season. The JV/V teams have a combined record of 28-4 mid way through their season. The Shamrocks have pulled off some impressive wins in the past couple of weeks, and one of those was against Crete on December 20, 2014.

Ohnoutka said, "The Crete game was a big win for us against a Class B team where we won it in over-

where we won it in over-

time."
Two weeks ago, the Shamrocks defeated Boone Central/Newman Grove and Fremont Bergan on back-to-back nights, but senior Grant Lahm believes that their best game was against Norfolk Catholic.

'Norfolk Catholic was

this season because the ESPN crew came to do the

These wins did not come easy for the team. This basketball team can be defined by its defense.

by its defense.

"Our toughness and our defense defines us. Our defense wins the basketball games when we are not shooting the ball as well," said

Ohnoutka.

The Shamrocks point to defense as their key to success, but a lot of their success comes from the role play-

"I like how JV guys like
Duncan Paczosa and Evan
Chohon push the varsity
squad in practice. Big shout
out to them," said sophomore
Dalton Taylor.

The boys' basketball conference tournament was last
week and, the team went in
with confidence.

Dalton Taylor said, "The
team needs to practice hard
and play good defense in order

to win the tournament."

Ohnoutka said, "We are playing good basketball right now, we have a lot of tough challenges ahead of us, but our team is ready for that."

With all of this confidence the Sharwards and the said and the

With all of this confidence the Shamrocks could not get the win against their quar-terfinal game verses Grand Island Central Catholic. With Island Central Catholic. With this loss, the team played their second game against C-2 No. 2 Fremont Bergan. The Shamrocks bounced back and picked up the win. The final score of the game was 62-51. This win gives the team a jump back into the regular season. This Friday, Scotus plays the No. 1 team in class C-1. Wahoo Neumann came out on top at the Conference Tournament, and they are looking to finish out the regular season strong.

ular season strong.

The Shamrocks play Wahoo Neumann tonight at the Dowd Activity Center.



Laura Moureau/Media Staf

Sophomore Dalton Taylor rises up to shoot the ball over a Bergan defender. The Shamrocks downed the Knights 53-41.

### irl looks t e a m 1 m p rove

By Garrit Shanle

The Scotus girls' bas-ketball team looks to end the season on a positive note. The girls have a current record at

6-11 and are looking to turn that around.

The Shamrocks have had some ups and downs through

"We have gotten the chance to get a lot of kids' reps throughout the year. We need to really focus in on what we need to get done the rest of the way," said head coach Jarrod Ridder.

One of the highlights so far was the holiday tourna-

far was the holiday tournament.

"Winning the Holiday Tournament was great for us," said Ridder.

The girls defeated Lakeview to win the whole tournament. Senior Jessica Schaecher believes that this was one of their most impressive wins of the season.

"Lakeview is always a tough battle, and it's always

tough battle, and it's always nice to beat them," Schaecher

Sophomore Emma Strecker said the same when

it comes to Lakeview.

"They are our rivals, and it's always good to beat them," said Strecker.

The Shamrocks record does not prove to be one of the best, but their defense says otherwise.

the best, but their defense says otherwise.

"We really rely on our defense to provide us with energy. We are a very balanced team when you look at all the various categories such as points and rebounds," said Ridder.

The Shamrocks came off coolid victors over Arabbids.

The Shamrocks came off a solid victory over Archbishop Bergan heading in to the conference tournament. The 56-27 victory gave the girls a major confidence boost before playing Wahoo Neumann in the quarterfinals of the tournament.

Coach Ridder said, "The conference tournament gives us a great opportunity to play a team we lost to earlier in the year. A chance to right a

wrong."

Besides looking at their
Shamrocks Besides looking at their first game, the Shamrocks need to prepare well to succeed in the tournament. Schaecher believes that in order to succeed they need to play fast and play all four quarters.

to play fast and play all four quarters.

"We always struggle with getting points in the third, so we need to find a way to get those points," Schaecher said.

Even though the girls prepared hard for the tournament, they could not get the victory over Wahoo Neumann. The Girls lost that game 23-60. To make matters worse, the girls could not defeat Aquinas in their second game. The Shamrocks lost that game 38-57.

The Shamrocks face our cross-town rivals, Lakeview, on February 10.



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## Speech starts new season

By Kelly Kamrath Staff Reporter

With two meets already over, the Scotus speech team is well under way in its 2015 season. This year's team has sixteen members with two seniors, ten juniors,

one sophomore, and three freshmen. The team has already had two meets, one at Omaha Westside and another here at Scotus. "At our very first meet, we didn't have anyone place."

"At our very first sheet, we didn't have anyone place," said Danielle Masur, head of the speech team, "But on Saturday, again we only had

five competitors, but Oliva Rath did place 3rd in Dramatic

Masur has been busy running the team, which she took over last year. She has made a few changes, mostly to help the newer members of the team. team.
"We made a handbook



Junior Olivia Rath gives her speech at the Scotus speech invite on the 24th. Rath earned third place in Dramatic Interpretation.

this year that I think helped make it a lot clearer to the students what the expectations

make it a lot clearer to the students what the expectations were. A lot of the information within it I got from the coaches in the conference," Masur stated.

With this new help to give members, especially freshmen, an idea of what to do, the team has already been working on their speeches for a month or more.

"Some of them have been preparing their topics since over the summer, but as far as actual work I would say since December," Masur said.

As for picking their speeches, the speech team had many options to consider before making a choice.

"As far as scripts, they look at our script library, and then they get online and I end up ordering scripts. Not very many, but a few," Masur commented. "For informative or persuasive topics we have lists of nouns or lists of topics that we come up with and they end up choosing one that that we come up with and they end up choosing one that appeals to them. The hardest part is probably them figuring out what they're going to do." Junior Mikayla Nienaber

chose her topic based on what kinds of speeches she had liked doing in the past. "I enjoy being overly dramatic so that's why I chose the serious topic, plus I made it to state last year," Nienaber eaid said.

it to state last year," Nienaber said.

However, the speech team members still have a long way to go after they've chosen their speeches.

"Sometimes they'll ask for help on writing attention getters or writing this or blocking out," Masur informed. "I think we're now very quickly getting to the stage where practice just looks like them coming in and running through the speech and then Mr. Kuszak or myself giving them feedback. A lot of memorization needs to take place on their part before they can come in here now." can come in here now

With six meets left, seven

With six meets left, seven if they qualify for state, the speech team is hopeful for improving their speeches and getting higher scores.

"We're kind of a young team, but I'd say there's a couple speeches right now that have the potential to go to state, and then I'd say that there's a couple people that

have the talent to go to state," Masur said. "I think there's a

Masur said. "I think there's a lot of potential there, it just a lot of hard work."

Although, as Masur stated, being on the speech team is a lot of hard work, its members still continue to join year after year. Senior Justina Wemhoff has been on the team since she was a freshman.

on the team since she was a freshman.
"I think it's really important to be able to speak publicly and do it well," Wemhoff commented. "Speech team

commented. "Speech team has really helped me improve those skills."

Wemhoff, along with the rest of the speech team, will be competing this Saturday in Crete. Although there are no home meets left, there are still plenty of meets close by if any students would like to go and watch. watch.

watch.

Masur concluded, "I
don't know if people see the
awesome thing that happens
when a person just nails their
speech. I always encourage
people to go out and try it or
at least come to some meets
and see if they might want to
do it next year." do it next year.

### takes hee camp two

By Anna Wickham Staff Reporter

Girls aging from Kindergarten to sixth grade lined up on Friday, January 23, to perform at the half-time of the boys' basketball game. The Scotus cheerleaders

The Scotus cheerleaders taught the elementary girls who signed up for their cheer camp. "Bring it on, Tiny but Mighty Part Two." The dances featured songs from the hit cheerleading movie series, Bring It On. The girls were grouped into three groups by their grade. Each group was then assigned 2-4 cheerleaders to teach them their dance.

Senior Shannon Spulak and junior Megan Myer helped teach the Kindergarten

neiped teach the Kindergarten and 1st graders their dance. "Kindergarten and 1st graders are super cute, so we needed to pick a song that was as cute as them and was slow enough so they could dance to it." Spulak said.

The song they chose was "Find Yourself in You", by Everlife. The song is on the soundtrack to the movie Bring It On, in it to Win it.

The actual camp took place on the Saturday before the performance, January 17th. The girls were taught a dance by the cheerleaders assigned to their grade, as well as a dance they all learned together. They were also taught some cheers, kicks, and jumps. At the end of the camp, the girls were given a free ticket into the game and a t-shirt to wear on the night of the performance.

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"There were 35 who attended the first camp during football season, and 45 who attended the camp on the 23rd," cheer sponsor Pat Engel

This year, the cheerleaders hosted two camps, one during football season and one during basketball season. during basketball season.
They decided to do two camps because some of the girls would only get to make it to the camp if it was during the winter.
"It was stressful putting

"It was stressful putting on two camps but in the end it was worth it because the girls have a lot of fun, and being with those girls just brightens your day," senior Cally Larsen commented.

commented.

The camp was \$35 dollars which included the camp, a snack at camp, a t-shirt and a ticket into the game on the 23rd. About \$1,350 was earned during the basketball cheer camp alone.

"The money raised pays for cheer supplies, such as paper and ribbons it.

pays for cheer supplies, such as paper and ribbons; it also helps pay for the State Competition," Engel stated.

Next year, the cheerleaders might try a

cheerleaders might try a different format, such as having 4th, 5th, and 6th graders dance during football season and K-3th graders perform for basketball. It will depend on what the seniors want, and what the schedule looks like for next year.



Freshman Ashley Jakubowski dances in front of 4th, 5th, and 6th graders during the cheerleaders little girl cheer camp Friday, January 23rd. This is the second cheer camp the cheerleaders have put on this year.

### ghts Junior class war



The juniors made propaganda for their WWI simulation, and they are hanging in the third floor hallway. Mr. Ohnoutka has done the simulation in junior American History class for about three years now.

By Julian Fritz Staff Reporter

Listening to other people talking about backstabbing other people isn't for the musical or drama. In fact, it's for the junior American History class about World War I. War I

About three years ago About three years ago, American History teacher Jeff Ohnoutka had started a project called the "World War 1 Simulation." Every junior in each of three periods drew a country to rule over and some objectives to complete in about two weeks.

The intention for the world war simulation was

world war simulation was simple: Mr. Ohnoutka wanted the teaching about WWI to be more interesting for the

"I've been looking for ways to try to find things in the classroom that would get kids more involved in what they're doing, and so I researched this, and I found that a teacher from Iowa created these simulation games," he said.

The simulation is not

just for entertainment and fun for the students. It also

teaches the students how war

teaches the students how war works, which countries were involved in WWI, and how strong they might have been.

"You have to be thorough in how you look at things. You have to go and look at all of the possible scenarios that could happen. You have to use calculations to determine whether or not your battles are going to be successful or not. You have to be able to think outside the box in terms of the strategies how you can bring outside the box in terms of the strategies how you can bring in other countries and still make sure that you meet your objectives," Ohnoutka said.

However, the simulation doesn't just take place during class. It is also much work outside of the classroom.

"You also have to be able

"You also have to be able to talk to other people, maybe other students that you're not great friends with, but you're still having a relationship with them where you're trying to figure out how you can win this game. The challenge is knowing who is being honest with you, and who is not being honest with you, and who you'n' Ohnoutka You also have to be able honest with you," said.

A challenge which the Allies in 5<sup>th</sup> period had to face with the U.S. after first joining

the Allies, and, just one day later, attacking them. A plan the U.S. had from the start.

the U.S. had from the start.

"It was good being the U.S.A. and watching everything happen first," junior Justin Brockhaus said.

In two of the three periods the Central Powers dominated the game, but in Mr. Ohnoutka's opinion, there is no better side, even though he first thought that Germany had the best chances to win. had the best chances to win.

had the best chances to win.

"If you strategize and
you're smart about your
moves, you can win with
either side, Allies or Central
Powers. It's really about what
you put into it," he said.

The purpose of the
simulation is that the students
get involved in the classroom

get involved in the classroom but there are also other aspects, the students seem to

aspects, the students senior.

"People get in arguments all the time. It's very entertaining," junior Miles Putman said.

On 3rd floor, everyone was able to stare at the propaganda the students had made.

"It has gone great

"It has gone great this year; the juniors have been awesome doing this," Ohnoutka concluded.



The good, the bad, the horrible movies reviewed by your one and only Scotus newspaper staff



## Check out the Woman in Black

By Jamie Gasper Staff Reporter

"Whenever she's seen, and whoever by, one thing's certain, a child shall die." This line is some real spooky mojo cooked up by the writers of the Woman in Black 2: Angel of Death. The second Woman in Black is a true fist clincher, centered on the vengeful spirit that is the Woman in Black. The movie takes place during the second world war, and the Woman in Black's home becomes a refuge for orphaned British children whose homes have been bombed by the Germans. "Whenever she's been bombed by the Germans.
The woman reveals herself to one of the children while, out of spite, she begins to make the other children kill

was taken from her, so she believes that no one should be able to enjoy children. As far as scary movies go, I think this one is definitely one

think this one is definitely one worth watching.

For starters, the movie takes a unique spin on the story line. It is not just another Night mare on Elm Street or Texas Chains aw type slasher movie where the plot consists of

movie where the plot consists of dumb kids and a psychopath. The movie adds a probable story line with characters that the viewer can really relate to and eventually come to like. There are even points in the movie where you begin to forget that you are watching a horror movie

and are actually watching an enticing thriller. Along with providing an interesting plot, the movie is not simply another predictable horror movie

movie.

The "Angel of Death" keeps you guessing the whole time. What is this crazy lady with the fondness

"The 'Angel of Death' keeps you for black clothing guessing the whole time." the whole
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make people laugh because
they are for too predictable. ~Jamie Gasper

This movie will leave you holding on to your teddy bear saying, "Wow, I did not see that coming," and "Why is it." saying, "Wow, I that coming," and so dark in here?" is certainly exci The movie ting, but it exciting,

To those that are new to the Woman in Black, I must tell you that there is a movie before this one in a movie before this one in the franchise, hence the number two in the title. Not that it would be necessary to see the first one to enjoy the second, it would help in understanding the complex story line. Without watching the first Woman in Black, you might be confused as to who the Woman in Black is and why she haunts this creepy she haunts this creepy

why she haunts this creepy English manor.

All in all, I highly recommend watching this movie if you enjoy a truly entertaining and horrific experience. Even if scary movies aren't quite your thing this is etill a movie movies aren't quite your thing, this is still a movie worth watching if you wish to



## Unabridged Unbroken perseveres

UNBROKEN



By Gabby Middendorf Staff Reporter

Classic sports movies such as Rudy, The Blind Side, or Hoosiers all have a theme that ties them together, other than the obvious fact that they are all about sports. These movies emphasize the importance of perseverance in playing sports. Classic war movies such as Saving Private Ryan, Schindler's List, or The Boy in the Striped Pajamas emphasize the such as Ruay, The Bind Side, or Hoosiers all have a theme that ties them together, other than the obvious fact that they are all about sports. These movies emphasize the importance of perseverance in playing sports. Classic war movies such as Saving Private Ryan, Schindler's List, or The Boy in the Striped Pajamas emphasize the necessity of perseverance in the face of a terrible obstacle like war. Unbroken brings all three concepts together, highlighting perseverance in both sports and war.

Unbroken is about an Olympic athlete turned bombardier, Louie Zamperini on the seemed inhuman at times. Louie never caved in, but instead dreamed of revenge. One of the British officers at

(acted by Jack O'Connell), whose plane crashed in the Pacific in 1943. He and his pilot, Russell Phillips, survived on a raft for 45 days, only to be picked up by the Japanese and thrown into a variety of prison camps.

the camp told Louie that "we will beat him by making it to the end of the war alive," but the movie never allowed the moviegoer inside Zamperini's mind to show how he internalized the physical and emotional pain. Even though the story is well told, there is very little insight into Louie's

very little insight into Louie's psychology as to what kept him alive through brutal torture and near starvation.

The character of Louie was also underdeveloped throughout the movie. As the story progressed, the person Louie stayed the same, while the antagonist, Watanabe (played by Takamasa Ishihara), shows growth and (played by Takamasa Ishihara), shows growth and even a more human side toward the end of the film.

The movie was adapted from the book *Unbroken*, but it left out almost a third of the

involving Louie's life after the war. Louie had such an eventful life after he came home, though, that it could almost be made into another movie. Other than leaving out part of the book, the adaption was very concise and true to the story.

The cinematography and

The cinematography and acting were very well done; Jack O'Connell wonderfully portrayed Louie, from his sweet victory of competing in the Olympics to utter hopelessness as a POW.

None of these flaws make *Unbroken* a bad film, though. If you are looking for an inspirational, historical poignant movie, then

poignant movie, then Unbroken is a film for you to

### the Woods!!!!!! not go Into

By Anna Wickham Staff Reporter

The going movie trend today is taking old-school fairytales and modernizing them by making the characters real life. These Disney movies have been filmed and directed well. Some of these include A Cinderella Story and Maleficent. They are family friendly and good enough movies for people of any age to enjoy them. Into the Woods, however, did not live up to the grand Disney movie expectations.

Into the Woods is a twist of childhood fairy tales: Jack and the Bean Stock, Rapunzel, Little Red Riding Hood and Cinderella. What makes it interesting and somewhat different is that the movie is a musical. The stories are tied together with the story of a baker and his wife whom an evil witch cursed with

an evil witch cursed with

infertility.

In writing, the story seems like it would be a good movie. The movie tells the basic stories of Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood and Rapunzel, but Jack and the Bean Stock's story was taken to the extreme. Jack still sells his cow for magic beans and steals many golden treasures from the giants, but the bean stock kind of comes back to bite him and the people of his village.

bite him and the people of his village.

The movie was good and easy to follow until the end. After about an hour and a half I thought the movie was over: Rapunzel and her prince were together, Cinderella and Prince Charming were getting married, and the Baker family had a child. All was good, and I actually started putting my coat on and was ready to see the credits roll. Then, out of the blue, a whole bunch of awful plot twists happen. I won't say who, but two of

the main characters randomly die. The deaths were totally unnecessary and extremely sudden. One minute they were all happy and in love and the next only half of the main characters were still alive!

main characters were still alive!

One of my biggest pet peeves in movies is when the characters have a task to complete and a whole bunch of bad things happen to stand in the way of them succeeding their mission. Of course Into the Woods had plenty of instances where the characters just flat out had horrible luck. I don't mind that kind of stuff when it happens once, maybe twice, but it happened for a good thirty minutes during Into the Woods.

When watching the previews, I thought the movie would be good because the set looked real, and I knew the actors and actresses that were starring were talented. Jonny Depp, for example,

was said to "star" in the movie but he was only on the was said to star in the movie but he was only on the screen for twenty minutes. I do give credit to Meryl Streep, the evil witch, her acting was so good, and she played the part perfectly. The songs and the singing were really good throughout the whole movie, each character had a unique voice, and when they sang together it sounded really great. Some of the songs were a bit hard to follow, but the main song "Into the Woods" was sure to stick in your head both during and after you see the movie. My rating on this movie on a scale of 1-5 (5 being the best movie I've ever seen) I would give it two.

give it two.

I honestly wouldn't suggest going to this movie. I don't think it was a total waste of money, but it definitely was not as good as I expected it to be

28. Mr. Morfeld

30. Mr. Coulter

31. Mr. Mustard

20. Mrs. Ohnoutka 29. Mrs. Zanardi



### Page 4 Guess Who Answer Key

- 1. Mrs. Blaser
- 2. Mrs. Bomar
- 3. Fr. Capadano
- 4. Ms. Danelly
- 5. Mrs. Hoops
- 6. Mrs. Tooley
- 7. Mr. Johnson

- 8. Mr. Shueth
- 9. Mr. Ohnoutka 18. Mrs. Dusel
- 10. Mrs .Rusher
- 11. Mr. Lahm
- 12. Mrs. Morfeld
- 13. Ms. Dineen
- 14. Mr. Petersen
- 15. Mr. Linder

- 16. Mrs. Rosenquist 25. Mr. Brockhaus
- 17. Ms. Masur
- 26. Mrs. Cox 27. Mrs. Hash

19. Mrs Lahm

21. Mrs. Weir

22. Mr. Kuszak

23. Mrs. Adams

24. Ms. Boesch

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## Seniors face decision for future

By Julian Fritz Staff Reporter

Every year, the seniors have to make a decision, which college they want to attend, and if they want to participate in an activity. At Scotus almost every student participates in extracurricular activities, and so some of them also want to continue this habit in

also want to continue this habit in their college years.

Nebraska gives the opportunity of several colleges with high academic standards. That's one of the reasons why Scotus students decide to stay in state. But also other aspects, such as family and friends, fall into that category.

Senior Tyler Morton, who is joining the Creighton baseball team next year, decided to stay in Nebraska.

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Nebraska.
"I wanted to get away from home a little bit, but I didn't want to go too far," Morton said.
Senior Amme Walnofer selected Midland University and her expectations of college are high.

her expectations of college are high.

"The campus is gorgeous and there are enough choices to help me decide what I want to study. I expect that college will help me

choose the right path for my future," Walnofer said.

An easy way to meet new people is through activities, such as football, baseball, and also choir and art. Senior Carly Cremers chose Hastings College and decided to participate in arts and music.

and music.

"I want to take advantage of the arts and music programs while I can be involved in them. You meet so many new people — it's an easy and natural way to make friends," Cremers said.

Twenty-four out of the forty-nine seniors at Scotus plan to participate in either athletics or fine arts in college and thirty-seven are staying in state.

"I'm excited to get out and meet new people and just kind of start a new and different lifestyle," Morton said.

Senior Teddy Paprocki chose to sing in the choir at CCC here in Columbus.

"It's always important to find something you're passionate about; it doesn't have to be your major, but it is something to keep busy when dealing with other classes," Paprocki said.

Going out of state wasn't an option for some Scotus students 'I want to take advantage

Going out of state wasn't an option for some Scotus students

as they didn't want to leave Ne-braska. Shannon Spulak wants to participate in many different ac-tivities in UNO.

tivities in UNO.

"My expectations are to keep working hard so I can eventually reach my goal of getting to where I want to be in life," Spulak said.

One of the minority here at Scotus Central Catholic is Garrit Shanle. He had the opportunity to decide between a couple of colleges to play football. He decided

to go out of state, to Iowa.
"I decided to go to Morningside because I felt like that school was the best fit for me," Shanle

All in all, seniors at Scotus have one big goal.
"My expectations for college

"My expectations for college and for my future is to be happy in whatever I do," senior Hannah Krings, who leaves Scotus next year for CCC, said.



Senior Hannah Krings smiles after signing to play softball for Central Community College. Krings finished out her high school career this fall for the Columbus Discoverers.



Senior Tyler Morton smiles as he signs to play baseball for the Creighton Bluejays. Morton will finish out his high school base ball career with Columbus High this spring.



Senior Garrit Shanle poses for the camera as he signs to play football for Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa. Shanle will also play in the Shrine Bowl on June 6th.

### Stout returns for presentation

By Hannah Thomazin Staff Reporter

Many students check their phones and scroll through the latest feeds of popular apps like Instagram and Twitter without a second thought. On February 16th, juvenile probation officer Kevin Stout delivered a presentation dealing with the precautions teens should use when using the internet.

internet.

Five years agd, Stout moved out of Nebraska leaving his job as a police officer who specialized working on crime scenes and collecting evidence. He currently lives in Texas working as a juvenile probation officer.

"I typically have a case load of about a hundred kids," Stout said. "I have kids that I work with that are charged with misdemeanors—like a minor in possession—to kids that have committed murder. I also teach the department's alcoholic classes."

Teaching and dealing with

department's alcoholic classes."

Teaching and dealing with substance abuse is not out of Stout's range. In the morning of the 16th, Stout gave an hour and a half presentation to the eighth graders about substance abuse.

"I thought that one went exceptionally well. They were a great group and asked lots of questions," he said.

However, the substance

questions," he said.

However, the substance abuse presentation was not the only production he had. Stout presented over the popular topic

presented over the popular topic of internet safety.

"This was the first time I'd ever done anything regarding internet safety," Stout said. "It was a brand new program. Anytime students get forced into something where the state says they have to participate in an assembly over a certain topic, I feel as though it's more difficult to capture and maintain their attention. Hopefully people came away with something significant

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# Scotus prepares to offer dual credit

By Gabby Middendorf Editor

Now's the time to begin signing up for next year's classes, and students may be noticing the addition of a few new courses this year, just like any other year. What makes this year different is that dual credit courses are now offered at Scotus, as well as several more physical education classes and a street law class. Scotus President Wayne Morfeld made these decisions after dismade these decisions after dis-cussing them in depth with the school board.

"I don't think you can

"I don't think you can ever live in yesterday. You al-

ways have to be looking forward, especially in education. I don't think we should be satisfied with where we are at, ever," Morfeld

Guidance counselor Pam Weir also believes that the new choices are beneficial for Scotus students.

"We need to give our stu-dents that competitive edge, so that when they are in college, they aren't as stressed about fulfilling all of their credits, and adding more electives helps that," Weir remarked.

Dual credit courses are college classes that students can take while still at Scotus. Stu-dents gain both Scotus class cred-

it and college credit.

"The dual credit courses are more of a service to the students than anybody else. There's a tremendous amount of pressure out in the 'real world' to make sure we offer that dual credit opportunity," Morfeld commented.

When choosing to offer dual credit, Scotus didn't have to make any changes to its own curricu-

credit, Scotus didn't have to make any changes to its own curriculum. Even though the dual credit courses are technically college classes, students still learn from the same curriculum as those not taking the dual credit courses.

"The dual credit opportunities are good for our kids because they can help them, but at the end of the day, they aren't the most

important thing. The most important thing is making sure that our students are well-prepared to be successful in college. There are tons of kids who graduate from high school with 15 college

from high school with 15 college credits, but then they do poorly in college," Morfeld said.
Students ought to do the research before taking these dual credit classes, though.

"A student can take the dual credit thinking that it will help them in graduation and college, but they need to do the research to figure out if that class will transfer for credit. Some colleges, like most Nebraska colleges, accept dual credit, but others, like Stanford or Boston College, will not,"

Morteld said.

The dual credit courses for next year include Accelerated English, Accelerated Chemistry, Modern Government, Physical Chemistry, Modern Government, Physical Chemistry, Modern Government, Physical Chemistry ics, Calculus, and Accelerated Math. They cost \$250-\$275 per three-credit course, which could save students about \$4000 in the

long run.
Weir believes that dual credit or the new electives aren't for everyone, but she encourages students to check them out.
She concluded, "Everyone is an individual, so we need to tailor make our curriculum to the gifts that our kids have and not force everyone into the same square peg."

### News STOUT

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about what to post and

about what to post and what not to post."

Stout started volunteering his time in 2000 traveling to schools and presenting over various topics like internet safety and substance abuse.

"Working and talking with young people about safety and drugs has just been a passion of mine for years and years. I had some things happen with people in my life that involved alcohol, and now I do what I can to educate students on the topic," Stout said. "They need to know, at the very least, ways to avoid high risk things that could potentially get them killed

Additionally, he has a passion for helping his community whether in Texas or Nebraska.

"I get a lot more out of this than I do giving. I've had kids come up to me after I've given these presentations telling me about themselves—what thev've what they've

The singular message that I think is most im-portant is that kids need to take care of each other. this is going to change them.

The kids tell me they've

The kids telf me they've changed their lives because of a presentation I had done years earlier. That feeling of knowing I made a difference in the community is why I do this and volunteer so much time," Stout

~Kevin Stout

added.
One of Stout's points throughout both of his presentations was that students need to stick together.
"The singular message that I think is most importants ingular et hat I most important kids ake care other. If you see someone who is close to you, who is about to do something do something that is going

do something
that is going
to either hurt
or embarrass them, someone needs to step up and
make the effort to stop it,"
Stout said.

When Stout lived
in Columbus he would

in Columbus, he would travel to the high schools in the area to give similar pre-



Probation officer Kevin Stout speaks to the student body at an all school assembly about internet safety on Monday, February 16th. Stout also presented to the junior high students over substance abuse.

sentations. Scotus has had Stout present in the past. "I' always enjoy coming here to Scotus be-cause you guys are a very

good audience and treat me-with the best respect. There are some schools in Texas that I travel to where I feel-like I should have a bul-

coming here where I have kids who listen pretty well and are engaged in the presentation," he concluded.





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### Keep your fish out of the water | Reel in your fish



By Jaime Gasper Staff Reporter

The holidays are behind us, but wait, here comes sum-mer. If you are in a relationship, then you should proba-bly have mixed feelings about the summer. Take caution, and follow my advice to re-main in that relationship this

summer.

First of all, congratulations guys! You made it through the holidays and Valentine's Day with success. Now, it is your time to sit back and relax during the summer. There are no important relationship based holidays company to a baying a crifficient. ing up, so having a girlfriend at this time of year is a breeze. So, now is definitely NOT the

time to be breaking up.

Hang on to that special

someone during the upcoming warm weather. Having a girlfriend in the summer means you will always have someone to hang out with. Also, being newly single during this upcoming time of year is not a blast. With all the extra time coming up, it can be rough if you are spending that time alone. This is obviously the reasons why it's great to have a summer lover, but there are other reasons why someone who is in a relationship now needs to stay in said relationship.

Let's face it, you have probably put on some seri-ous relationship poundage by now. I mean it's not like by now. I mean it's not like you have anyone to impress since you already have a girl, so you've spent the last how many months on the couch. Now is simply not the time to be breaking up and looking for someone new. You look like the chubby kid off of *The Goonies*, and the sad truth is that you can't compete with all of the in-shape single guys. They have been hitting the weights, preparing themselves for summer. While for summer. While nave been watching you have been watchin Rocky, they have been livin

Rocky. Seriously, don't even attempt going out and finding someone new. You can't fish for the girls if you don't have anything to bait them with. Love the one you are with, and absolutely DO NOT take her out on the summer scene. If you are in a relationship and want to stay in that relationship, then stay home with your girl this summer. Like I said before, you can't compete with all those shirtless single guys. The beaches are not your friend. If you take your girl to the beach, expect to be leaving the beach without her. She's going to take one look at those who are in shape and realize that you are not, and then she's gone. Seriously, the beach can be a dangerous place. If you must are not, and then she's gone. Seriously, the beach can be a dangerous place. If you must go, then take her to the beach at night when your only competition is a few homeless guys around their trash can fire.

Take pride that your re-

Take pride that your romantic expenditures during Christmas and Valentine's Day were a success, but heed my summer warning. To all non-single guys, stay out of the sun and stay in with your



**By Garrit Shanle** Staff Reporter

Finally, the holidays are over, and it's time to bust out the sunshine. If you are a single guy crawling out of the painful woodworks that are the holidays, the summer is your time to shine. Help prepare yourself for the summer by following these steps to get that girl

Alright boys, I know how you all feel. The winter was long and dreadful, and Valen-tine's Day was a struggle. The me s Day was a struggle. The weather puts you in a dreary mood and Valentine's Day is just...well you know how it is to be single. My date on Valentine's Day was a large Godfathers Pizza and a tall glass of coke. Let's face it, the

holidays are not the best time to pick up chicks.

No one is going to be looking for a boyfriend during looking for a boyfriend during the winter because they al-ready have one, and they are expecting to get lots of pres-ents from their boys. Well, good for those guys. You spent your time being lonely on the weekends playing Call of Duty or NBA2K. No of-fense boys, but we probably fense boys, but we probably let ourselves go during the winter. Well I say it's time for us to step up our game.

"Curls for the Girls."
~Garrit Shanle

gest that if you don't have a strong work ethic...stop reading this and go back to your videogames! No one wants to enter the summer with flabby arms, weak pees, and a big gut. It's time to hit the gym and get your body in top physical shape. Like the saying goes, "Curls for the Girls." It is not just your arms you need to work on; start doing some crunches and sit-ups to get that amazing six pack you've always wanted. Those girls want to check out that six pack

while their current boyfriend is grabbing a six pack of Mt. Dew. You need to get yourself into that *Rocky* mentality and get jacked. You want to get so jacked that you are ready to beat Apollo Creed. Guys, this is your time to shine. Be the fisherman that reels in all the

babes.

If you want to get all of the hot chicks, get your good looking self down to the beach. The best part about being a single guy who is in shape and looks good is that all of the girls come crawling to you. You could be strolling along the shore, and you will have a crowd of good

the shore, and you will have a crowd of good looking girls following you around waiting to talk to you. You will make all of the guys that have girls jealous. They will be too busy relaxing on the beach eating a giant bowl of nachos to see you catching their girls' eyes.

You were the guys that sat through the dreadful holi-

sat through the dreadful holi-days. You were the ones who spent your free time laying on the couch watching TV. This is your time to shine. Follow

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**By Anna Wickham** Staff Reporter

Alright, the holiday season is officially over which

means Christmas and Val-entine's Day gifts from our boyfriends are probably scat-tered around our rooms or lost in the mess of clothes in our cars. Our flowers are dead, our chocolate is gone and our chocolate is gone, and our poor giant teddy bear is sadly sitting in the corner of our room waiting to be loved again. The only things left for us girls to look forward to are us girls to look forward to are Hollister jean shorts and Vic-toria's Secret swimming suits, so it's time to get your feet in the sand and your heart on your sleeve. By using these tips for romance, you will have the best summer of your

I'm guessing you are I'm guessing you are probably very impressed with your boyfriend. He managed to sweep you off your feet on Valentine's Day and your family actually liked him at Christmas. But since summer is on its way, here's how to enjoy it while having a boyfriend.

Every girl feels prettier in the summer, and guys think so too. Our boyfriends are trying their hardest to keep us through the whole sum-mer. Who wouldn't want a babe summer Exactly! Who tanned beach babe girlfriend?

wouldn't! Ladies we need to keep our eyes peeled because summer usually brings the UV rays as well as the biceps and abs! Make your boyfriend work for your attention, may-be even work out for your attention! No one wants to bring their flabby boyfriend to the Fourth of July swimming party.

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Even though he has you right now doesn't mean he should get to stop working for you! He should be fighting like *Rocky* just to get your attention. Your boyfriend should always years to true to the stop of the should always want to try to look good, smell good, and act like a gentlemen no matter how long you've been dating! And hey, if he doesn't some-one else will. There are many fishermen on the beach and summer is the perfect time to jump in the water and look for

a new man.

Another thing to keep in mind this summer is girls' nights and bonding with your friends. No matter what your boyfriend does to make you mad or how cute your new guy is, you need to make time for your life way bould be certifing your so they should be certifing. your life way below was so they should be getting Going out with first priority. Going o

your girls is a great stress reliever and also making a group attack helps scope out group attack helps scope out the cute guys along the way. Go to concerts, shopping trips and just get away weekends this summer with your girls and forget about those who are fighting for your love back home just for a day or two.

This summer, keep your man in check, keep your eyes open for new possibilities and keep those shorts you bought from American Eagle, you're going to have a great summer and look fantastic doing it!



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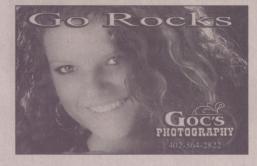
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Sweetheart candidates (from left to right): Front row: Chase Korger, Aurora Ridder, Ryan Allen, Mac Mapes. Middle Row: Allie Anderson, Amme Walnofer, Alli Bos, Abbie Alt, Garrit Shanle, Hannah Krings, Jaimee Beauvais, Kelly Kamrath. Back Row: Adam Starzec, Phil Levos, Eduardo Lopez, Noah Schacher.



Freshmen Alyssa Morton and Caitlin Steiner, sophomores Naomi Kosch, Mallory O'Hearn, and Alayna Wilson pose with props with junior Alyson Stuart and senior Cally Larsen before entering the photobooth at Sweetheart.

Scotus seniors Abbie Alt and Garrit Shanle smile for the camera after being named the 2015 Sweetheart king and queen.

By Anna Wickham

Staff Reporter

Friday the 13th has been marked as one of the most unlucky and scariest days of the year. So, the theme "Valentine's Day gone wrong" seemed fitting for the Scotus sophomores who put on the annual Sweetheart dance on that day. Luckily, the dance did not go down in flames as

it would in the movies.

The senior hallway was filled with broken hearts on Monday morning after a long decorating session on Sunday done by the sophomores.

"About ten of us helped decorate, and Naomi Kosch painted the backdrop for the dance," sophomore Ashley Foreman reported.

"Naomi painted the whole thing, she spent eight hours on it, and she painted

the whole middle section upside down!" sophomore Tate VunCannon said.

The fiery heart background made the scene for the Sweetheart candidates to line up in front of for the crowning of the 2015 Sweetheart king and queen. This year the crowning was placed back at the beginning of the dance whereas last year and the year before the crowning interrupted the dance because of wres-

tlers who were at districts and were also up for Sweetheart king. The Sweetheart crowns were handed down to this year's king and queen, Garrit Shanle and Abbie Alt.

"I was surprised because I thought Eduardo would win," Shanle said.

The king and queen also said they had the best time at their last Sweetheart.

"This dance is the most fun I have had at a school

dance," Alt commented.

Shanle agreed, "It was a lot more fun this year, because I was king everyone wanted to dance with me, except the queen, she didn't dance with the king."

Returning again this year

the king."
Returning again this year was the Sweetheart photo booth. The students could dress up in costumes and props to take three pictures with their friends.

"Last year it was \$10.00,

but we made enough money from the candy sales that it was free this year," Foreman

was free this year," Foreman said.

The photo booth was busy all night with costumes ranging from wigs to marker board thought bubbles. There has been talk of getting a photo booth for next year's dances and possibly for prom.



Many Scotus students dance together at the Sweetheart dance.



ANGER KISHER/JOURNALISM ADVI Sophomores Courtney Flint, Anthony Sprunk, Megan Schumacher, Brooke Podolak, Emerson Belitz, and Cassie Seckel sing and dance with each other at Sweetheart.



Couples, Brady Przymus and Megan Meyer, Duncan Paczosa and Haley Faust, and Justina Wemhoff and UNO student Tyler Veseth, share a dance.



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Sophomore Zach Svehla whips swing dance partner Cassie Seckel around the dance floor.

# Scotus performs High School Musical

By Gabby Middendorf Editor

Disney's smash hit came to life on Scotus' stage as 87 students performed the stage production of High School Musical on February 20, 21, and 22. The musical follows the story of two East High School students Troy Bolton, the basketball star, and Gabriella Montez, a math whiz.

This year's musical had some changes compared to previous years. First of all, vocal music director Jolene Boesch took over as director after former musical director E. J.

Gardner retired last year. "Ms. Boesch just has such a sincere passion for the music program and the musical here at Scotus. She really cared about each and every person involved. brought zest and enthusiasm for music, and I'm so thankful for that," junior Brady for that, Przymus said.

Boesch made was the addition of a choreographer, Lawrence Stratigakis, a senior mass communications with public relations major at Midland University and friend of Boesch's from college.

"Having choreographer helped us add a lot more dancing than previous years, which was awesome," Przymus said.

Przymus, who played the lead role of Troy Bolton, has participated in the musical since his freshman year; this was his second year with a

lead role.
"I felt that acting as
Troy Bolton mirrored some parts of my actual life, so it wasn't too hard to act the part," Przymus

Junior Megan Meyer acted as the lead female role of Gabriella Montez. This was Meyer's first year participating in musical.

"Musical was something completely new to me, and it was hard at first trying to navigate through my conflicts, but it was totally worth it in the end. I can really relate to Gabriella because she's shy but eventually comes out of her shell to show the world what she can do," Meyer commented.

The students faced several challenges throughout the musical season, including illnesses, learning dance numbers, and even changing their voices.

"The biggest challenge I faced was singing the songs. Troy is a super tenor, and I sing Bass II (the lowest

voice part), so naturally I didn't sing as high as Troy. It took hours upon hours of practice to increase my vocal range to be able to hit all of the high notes," Przymus said.

Senior Abby Allen has played a part in the musical since her freshman year and also faced a tough challenge performance over weekend.

"I lost my voice for nearly the entire weekend so that made singing difficult. However, I was a lot like my character so it wasn't hard to act like her," Allen said.

Junior Adam Smith has been doing musical since his freshman year, taking two lead roles since then. Smith acted as the dramatic brother to Sharpay, Ryan Evans.

"Our Saturday performance was the best overall because we were so energetic and the vibe was fantastic," Smith said.

Other leads included seniors Garrit Shanle, Grant Lahm, Cally Larsen, Liz Preister, juniors Dana Hoppe and Amy Heusinkvelt, and sophomores Alayna Wilson and Anthony Sprunk.

Heusinkvelt acted in musical since her freshman year, but this is her first year with a lead.

'Don't stick to the

quo, because there's not a star in easy to see that we're live finally found what heaven that you can't all in this together. I've been looking for," reach. I didn't know You never know what

it before, but now it's

what Heusinkvelt concluded.



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Juniors Brady Pryzmus and Megan Meyer sing together in "I Can't Take My Eyes

Off of You."



MORGAN THORSON/YEARBOOK STA

The East High student body gasps in shock as senior Justina Wemhoff declares
she plays the cello.



Senior Garrit Shanle attempts to sing "Breaking Free" as junior Amy Heu-sinkvelt winces in pain.



Junior Amy Heusinkvelt praises sophomore Alayna Wilson and junior Adam Smith for their animal interpretation skills.



Morgan Thorson/YearBoo Junior Brady Pryzmus and the jocks sing and dance in "Getcha Head in the Game."



Junior Dana Hoppe, seniors Cally Larsen, Abby Allen, and Grant Lahm, sophomore Anthony Sprunk, and senior Elizabeth Preister formulate a plan in "We're All in this Togehter."

### Bo still knows

By Justin Zoucha Staff Reporter

There was a time when Nebraska was caught up in Bo Pelini fever. "Bo's back", "Bo Knows", "Offense, De-fense, Pelinisense" were a few "Bo Knows", "Offense, Defense, Pelinisense" were a few terms that were conjured from his return to Nebraska as head coach. But after seven average, frustrating years, people were calling for his blood. He was canned late November after leading Nebraska to nine wins, which he had at least in all seven of his seasons. Many factors were said to have led to his firing: inability to win big games, leaked audio of rants that showed his "uncontrollable" rage, and the idea that he turned his players against the program and fans. I do not agree with these statements at all.

Under Pelini, the Cornhuskers were 9-17 against Top 25 teams and 2-9 against the Top 10. It also seemed like every season they would lose to someone that they weren't supposed to like Minnesota, Northwestern, or Iowa. So if this was a reason why Bo is history then hiring Mike Riley makes no sense. Riley is 14-41 versus Top 25 and 4-21

ley makes no sense. Riley is 14-41 versus Top 25 and 4-21 versus Top 10. Obviously, the inability to beat top teams wasn't the main reason Bo was fired.

Over the years, Pelini has proven that he has colorful language and disgust with the media. His bluntness toward media. His bluntness toward the media, which has entertained me for years, didn't please some people at the university. Pelini also had a history of chewing out players and refs which of course was shown on TV to everyone. I found this hilarious and serious at the same time. His players screwed up a lot and needed to know that they did. A few years ago, audio was leaked of Bo using expletives to rip the fans who left early after Nebraska made a early after Nebraska made a 21 point comeback against Ohio State. This angered peo-ple but not me. I was at this game and witnessed a ton of game and witnessed a ton of people leave at halftime and not come back. I think he had a right to say what he did, es-pecially since he didn't know

a right to say what he did, especially since he didn't know he was being recorded.

After he was fired, rumors came out that during his tenure Pelini turned the players against the school and the fan base by saying that they wanted them to fail. If this was true I believe that it's a wrong way to motivate a team, but he was still right. Bo said that he felt no support from the AD Eichorst. According to Bo, Eichorst spent little time meeting with him or the team. Also, coming from a proud tradition of football, fans have become highly critical of the team and coach. When he had a meethighly critical of the team and coach. When he had a meeting with the team after he was fired, more audio was leaked of him bashing the program and AD. Once again I thought it was hilarious because a lot of what he said was true. He was unfairly recorded again so he was demonized by the media again. Honestly though everyone says things that they would say differently or not at all if they knew someone was listening that could get them in trouble.

I'm not saying I hate

in trouble.

I'm not saying I hate
Mike Riley; I haven't seen
what he will do for the team
yet. All I am saying is I grew
up with Bo who's been coach
since I was 10. It was hard for
me to see him go. If Nebraska
wins less than nine games or
even misses a bowl game this even misses a bowl game this upcoming season, I'll be sitting here saying, "Hey, at least Bo knew how to do that".

#### basketball strives for Boys' state

By Jaime Gasper Staff Reporter

The winter sports season is winding down, but the Shamrocks aren't finished yet. The boys' varsity basketball team has a winning record of 20-4 as the season's end approaches. However, the team also has the chance to make it to state this year.

"We come to practice every day ready to work and have fun," junior Miles Putnam said.

The team has been

and have fun," junior Miles
Putnam said.

The team has been
preparing for state all year,
and it shows.

"As the season has
gone on, we have become
more confident in what we
need to do, and we have developed some guys off the
bench who have also become more confident in
what they are doing," head
coach Jeff Ohnoutka said.

The team is happy
with their success, but they
are not quite satisfied.

Senior Grant Lahm
said, "We have been successful, but we won't be satisfied
unless we win it all."

There have been

have been

many season highlights, but both Lahm and Putnam agree that the biggest season high-light was beating Neumann. As a senior, the win was espe-cially exciting for Lahm. "My final season has been sad, but also reward-ing."

The double over-time

win against Neumann was a huge win for the Shamrocks, but the season was full of many other high points.

Ohnoutka said, "Winning our side of the Centennial conference was a highlight of the season as well."

The Shamrocks went



"We need to play great de-fense, be efficient on offense, and take care of the basketball to be successful in the fu-ture."

Last night, the Shamrocks played Wahoo Neumann again in the district finals for a chance at the state



Junior Miles Putnam goes in for a layup against North Bend. The Shamrocks beat North Bend in the subdistrict game.



Senior Grant Lahm puts a shot up over a North Bend defender. Lahm had 18 points against the Tigers.

### wrestling title Foltz wins Scotus' first

By Justin Zoucha

Staff Reporter

Scotus wrestling continued to make history this season, as individuals and as a team, from the beginning all the way through districts, and including the state championships

including the state champion-ships.

"Having four state med-alists is awesome. Gilson and Foltz surprised some people like we knew they would," head coach Tracy Dodson commented. commented.

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Juniors Alec Foltz placed 1st at 145, Mason Brandenburg placed 3st at 126, and Marcus Dodson placed 4st 160 while senior Riley Gilson placed 4st 170. Foltz, Dodson, and Gilson were also district B-3 champions. The other state qualifiers were sophomores Layton Mullinix, Wyatt Gutzmer, and Dillon Muchmore. Brandenburg, Mullinix, Gutzmer, and Muchmore were all runners-up in district B-3. The teams' finish at state was the sweetest surprise for their coach.

We finished 6th place up from 32<sup>nd</sup> in 2012, and 16<sup>th</sup> in 2013," coach Dodson add-

ed,
Alec Foltz accomplished
a major feat for the Scotus
wrestling program at the state
tournament. Foltz won his
first three matches with pins.
He then won the Class B 145
state championship with a
3 to 1 decision over Adams
Central's Mark Zeckser. Foltz

is the first state champion in Scotus' brief wrestling history that began in 2012.

"It feels good because there is a lot of good wrestlers on the team that could have won it," Foltz said.

Coach Dodson thought the same about his team.

"All of our wrestlers are

champions. People across the state are noticing it, but when you become a STATE cham-pion people listen," Dodson

The Rocks had a cessful season in 2014-2015. They won the Logan View Invite, the Lutheran High Du-als Invite, the Boone Central Triangular, the GICC Invite, and the Conference Tournament. They also won duals against Schuyler and Aurora. This led them to match a team best third place finish at dis-tricts and then a best yet sixth place finish at state. The team boasted three district champions and seven state medalists.
Despite all this success Coach
Dodson had a message for his

"Never be satisfied. Lift weights, get into other activities, and always get better in wrestling and at school being a better person," Dodson stat-

The Shamrocks able to accomplish their best season to date even with a limited number of wrestlers.

limited number of wrestlers. They had vacant spots at 113 and 195. They also were short on upperclassmen as they had one senior on the team.

"I think next season if you are reading this get involved. We were a great team without 113 and 195 pounds. We need wrestlers; we need bodies at spots. If you are sitting at home doing nothing then you are the one who is losing," Dodson concluded.



Junior Alec Foltz celebrates with his coaches after winning the champioship round at state wrestling at the CenturyLink Center in Omaha.

## Girls' basketball looks to improve for next season

By Garrit Shanle Staff Reporter

The girls' basketball season came to an end in their first sub-district game verses North Bend on February 17. North Bend hit a couple of free throws to give the Tigers the spark to win the game. The Shamrocks could not find a way to put the ball in the a way to put the ball in the basket at the end of the game, and they lost 36-37.

Despite the bitter ending

to their season, they still have positives to focus on for next

season.
"Toward the end of the

"Toward the end of the season we kept working hard by moving the ball," senior Kelsey Kessler said.

The Shamrocks had improved by the end of their season, as they won three of their last four games, one of which was a big win over their rival Lakeview.

"It's always fun to beat

Trs always fun to beat our cross town rivals," junior Sarah Schumacher said.

Not only did they get the victory over Lakeview at the end of the season, but they also beat them to win the Holiday Tournament back in December.

"Winning the Holiday Tournament was huge for us this season," head coach Jar-rod Ridder said. The Shamrocks came

away with two more wins against Aquinas on February 5 and St. Paul on February 12.

5 and St. Paul on February 12.
The girls combined for a total of 105 points in both of those games, which helped them secure their victories.

The girls finished with a 9-13 record, and their last game was a loss to North Bend. The Shamrocks have had more successful years, but they have room for improvement.

Ridder said, "We have to get stronger, and we just have to get a lot of reps at playing basketball. Our kids have got to spend some time playing in

the gym."

Not only does Ridder understand how important it is to get better in the off season, it is vital to work hard in season

Junior Allie Johnson said "It is important to go hard in practice in order to be a good team."

That should help, but at the end of the day, the team with the most points wins.

"We need to figure out s to score," Schumacher

added.
The Shamrocks need to come next season with the energy they had at the end of the season, if they look to imJunior Morgan Thorson said, "Hopefully we are able to play with the same energy we had at the end of the year to the beginning of next

The Shamrocks will lose ors Kelsey Kessler and

Jessica Schaecher.

"Kelsey and Jessica are very fun and energetic; they always bring some enthusiasm to the team. They always the team of the team of the second of the s came to practice with positive attitudes and led by example. They will be missed."



Sophomore Eastyn Klink drives past a defender in the girls' subdistrict game versus North Bend. The Shamrocks fell to the Tigers 36-37.

# Flag corps season finishes up

By Kelly Kamrath Staff Reporter

With winter sports finishing up, the flag corps will also be bringing another busy season to a close. The team has had a busy year, performing seven different dances at football and basketball events. Former Scotus student Morgan Gilson, who was a member of the flag corps in her high With

Gilson, who was a member of the flag corps in her high school days, coaches the team.

Although Gilson is a part of the same team, her responsibilities have made a drastic change.

"You really have to focus on technique and worrying

on technique and worrying about everybody else more than yourself," Gilson stated. "But when you're a coach you have to make sure in looke good on everybody." it looks good on everybody.

Gilson's role in the team isn't all that has changed within the flag corps. The team has also been making

changes to itself as a whole.

"I teach dance at iDance, and the teachers that I work with have worked with competitions, and they've danced in Omaha and other areas, so it brings a lot of outside influence in," Gilson cald.

While While Gilson choreographs most of the flag corps' dances, this year seniors Jaimee Beauvais, Tori Rinkol, and Amethyst Walnofer worked together to choreograph the guy/girl dance.

"It was hard to keep the guys focused on the routine and not fighting each other with their flagpoles," Rinkol

Even though the guys had some trouble getting the hang of it, the dance still managed

to be a success.

"To me, the best part of the dance was how fun the performance was," freshman Jenna Salerno said. "There was no pressure like there

usually is."

In addition to the guy/
girl dance, this year the flag
corps also joined up with the
cheerleaders to perform a
flag/cheer dance. Although
this wasn't a completely new
experience to the flag corps, it
still wasn't exactly the same
as what they are used to.

"Obviously, we don't
have cheerleaders with us
in a normal flag dance,"
Walnofer said. "The sharp
arm movements that we had
to learn were new to us, too."

to learn were new to us, too."

The dance was different from the norm, but it still wasn't a challenge for the

"I thought it was pretty easy because we are all basically dancers and we just added our own unique parts to the dance," Salerno stated.

Finishing their season with both of those dances, the next only big event left for the flag corps is performing at state basketball. After oall. After thing the flag corps has to do is hold auditions. Those auditioning can expect the same sort of style that's been used in the

previous years.

"We go through and work with the new team

members that are trying out for a week and a half, and then we hold auditions," Gilson informed. "We teach them flag technique, we go through a dance, and then we teach them a routine that we have

choreographed."
Practices for auditions began on the 23rd, and the auditions will be held tomorrow.



The flag corps performs during half-time at a Scotus basketball game. Auditions for next year's flag corps begin tomorrow.

### Disney Band brings dinner to

By Hannah Thomazin Staff Reporter

Band brings Disney

dinner

The parking lot of St. Bonaventure and the streets around Scotus were lined full on the evening of Monday February 9th. People traveled to Scotus hungry for food and entertainment. The bleachers were filled for the 20th band dinner concert performed by students of St. Isidores, St. Bonaventure, St. Anthony, and Scotus schools.

Kristen Cox is the director

Kristen Cox is the director of elementary through senior high band. The band concert is accompanied beforehand

by a dinner. The dinner started at 5:30 p.m. with tickets costing \$5 for adults and \$3 for students.

"The idea of a dinner concert came from the director I student taught under. He'd always have a theme for his concerts over the years. [His] was a little bit different format than what we do because I like to put my own take on it," Cox said.

like to put my own take on it, Cox said.

Each new year the theme for the dinner concert changes; this year the theme was "Disney."

"Disney was something that was always a possibility. Every year I give out possibilities of themes to the seniors, and we talk about

what they like and what's doable. Sometimes we come up with an idea and then when I go to look for music, sometimes there isn't music in print that fits our desired theme," Cox said. "This year, theme." Cox said. "This year, though, we knew that there'd be plenty of Disney music. We also knew that with Mr. and Mrs. Levos retiring from decorating, Disney could open up possibilities of decorating that are easier for the next people that helped us out."

Senior Lucas Cox helped out with decorations by

senior Lucas Cox, neiped out with decorations by coming in on Sunday. "(On Sunday.] my dad and I did most of the heavy lifting for the decorations. I've always helped with set

up and tear down, but this year it was a little different. I was more concerned this year with trying to make sure every detail was 'taken care of so the concert would go well. I also tried to play my best since it was the last time I will experience this type of concert."

The leadership was

concert."

The leadership was prominent this year with twelve seniors playing a variety of different instruments. Senior Teddy Paprocki, a trumpet player, had a solo in Toy Story performed by the Jazz Band.

"I came in every morning to practice the music," Paprocki said.

Because the theme was

Disney, attire for the night was more casual—like at a Disney theme park. However, the seniors were privileged with dressing as a Disney

Chris

Senior Chris Beon dressed as Russel from Up.
"I went to Simon House, Salvation Army, and Goodwill to put together my Russell costume. I also had to google about Russel so I knew what exactly to do. Everyone said that my costume was pretty awesome," Beon said.

Mrs. Cox and her son Lucas dressed as the duo Mickey and Minnie Mouse.
"It was a really great performance. It is successful because everyone helps out.

Leading up to the performance people help by getting the music prepared, purchasing and creating decorations, making sure the food is prepared, and then afterwards everyone in high school helps with putting items away and that's what makes it such a success," Cox said.

However, Lucas Cox won't let his mom give away all the credit.

all the credit.

He concluded, "My mom always tried to give credit to everyone else for the success of the dinner concert, but she is the one that prepares the music, lines up the food, workers, decorations, and clean up."



Senior Liz Preister, dressed as Mary Poppins, plays the flute during the annual band dinner concert. This year concert theme was Disney.



Senior Teddy Paprocki plays the trumpet during the band dinner concert. The band dinner concert is one of several concerts the band puts on during the year.

### w1mm1 eason e n d n

By Julian Fritz Staff Reporter

Freshmen Trey Dallman, Freshmen Irey Dallman, Chase Andresen, junior Hannah Thomazin, and senior Laura Moureau participated in the CHS swimming and diving team this year. The swimming season is over, but one Scotus student still has to practice.

practice.

Freshman Trey Dallman is swimming as an alternate

"I still have to practice with all the other people that made it to state which makes our practices more intense, but also more relaxed since there's not as many people," Dallman said.

Dallman said.

Every year something changes in sport. That's just how it is. But this year, the swimming team had to handle two new coaches.

We got two new coaches year—Kari Weihl and

Jeff Brady. They're both super young, and this was their first year ever coaching," junior Hannah Thomazin said.

As swimming is not one of the traditional sports, as freshman Trey Dallman said, it still keeps people really active and fit. Stopping with swimming isn't even an option for him, as he is an alternate swimming for state championship this year.

"I'm going to continue swimming next year since it has gotten me in the best shape of my life, and I can't wait to

of my life, and I can't wait to swim with my teammates next year," Dallman said.

year," Dallman said.
Freshman Chase
Andresen swam and dove this

"My swimming season actually went a lot better than it thought it was going to go,"

Andresen said.

Another Scotus swimmer was exchange student senior Laura Moureau.

"It was great! I'm so

thankful to my coaches because even if I was an exchange student and I wasn't able to score points in exhibition, they still coached me like a real swimmer and diver I met so many people.

me like a real symmer and diver. I met so many people and we had so much fun," Moureau said.

One rule for exchange students, though, weren't making it able for her to compete. Her times didn't count.

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"They should change the rules and let the exchange students be able to compete," Moureau said.

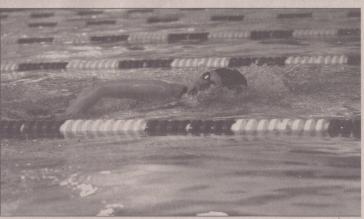
Unfortunately the only year here at Scotus for senior Laura Moureau, it seemed to be one of the best years for junior Hannah Thomazin so far.

"It was really fun this really full fills year, and probably my favorite year so far. We have spaghetti feeds before every home meet at one of the senior's house. Those are the best because you just hang out with the team," Thomazin said.

As the participation of Scotus in the swimming team

isn't the best, freshmen Trey Dallman, Chase Andresen, and junior Hannah Thomazin are going to stay in the team
"People should join

next year. It's a fantastic way to get in shape and you meet tons of people," Thomazin



Junior Hannah Thomazin swims at a home invite at the Columbus Aquatic Center. Hannah Thomazin is one of four Scotus students who swim.

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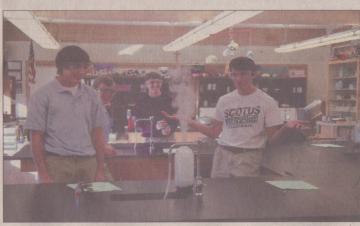




















### SHAMROCKS START SPRING SEASON

Freshman Madison Kerkman competes in the high jump at the Wayne Indoor Invitational. Both boys and girls won the Wayne Invite last Tuesday. Page 4



Sophomore Anthony Kosch controls the ball against the Discoverers during their opening invite. The soccer teams will play Pius X on Thursday, April 2nd.

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### Scotus gets security bump

By Jaime Gasper Staff Reporter

Recently, Scotus students have noticed an increase in wires and construction workers around school. This is the beginning to an upgraded security and wireless network system for the 2015-2016 school year. One major addition will be to the building's security cameras.

"We will be putting more better quality cameras inside and outside of the building. The entire exterior of the building will be covered as well as both parking lots. There will also be cameras in the cafeteria, so we will know about it when someone is leaving a mess behind," Scotus president Wayne Morfeld said.

The upgrades don't stop at the

The upgrades don't stop at the cameras, however. Scotus has other areas of needed improvement to ensure the safety of the building's

Morfeld said, "We're upgrading our door control system because it is very old, so sometimes it does fail us. It will give us better control when we want our building in lock-down as well as give us better control to leave it unlocked so the public can get to events easier."

These upgrades are being carried out to address certain safety concerns that are present in today's world.

"We all want to believe that we Morfeld said, "We're upgrad-

We all want to believe that we aren't going to be 'that school.' We want to believe that we aren't going to have a shooting or an intruder, and 99% of the time we would be right. However, we don't want to be wrong; we don't want to take that risk," Morfeld said.

be wrong; we don't want to take that risk," Morfeld said.

The new door control's purpose goes beyond safety. It ultimately allows the office staff to be certain as to who is in the building.

"It is a way to make sure we have the right people in our building, and the wrong people out."

As a private institution, Scotus has to find sources to pay for any additions made. The new security advancements are not cheap, but luckily help was found in fundraising.

"Every fall, Mr. Schueth heads up our annual appeal. The money for the upgraded security, primarily the door control system, comes from that. Also, the people we are working with are trying to make this financially feasible for us," Morfeld added.

However, Scotus driven fund-

However, Scotus driven fundraising only covered the door control system. Money for the security cameras was procured elsewhere.

"The upgraded and additional cameras and the extra wireless access points are being paid for by a grant that we received from the Archdioceses' Ignite the Faith program."

These new security measures will be up and running by next school year, but Scotus will never

stop improving.

Morfeld concluded, "Every year our students come back to our build-ing, they should see something new. We should always be in a growth to improve our physical facilities.

# Speech competes at state



Senior Abby Allen performs her speech at the state meet in Kearney. Allen placed fourth overall in her Entertainment speech.

**By Kelly Kamrath** 

Staff Reporter

done well throughout their season, and coach Danielle Masur was confident in their ability to compete well.

"I'm just proud of them for getting this far," Masur said. "I think they definitely have a chance- as much as anyone else."

Masur's belief in the girls wasn't founded upon nothing, however. Allen and Heusinkvelt had both placed at previous meets throughout the season.

on.
"It seems like Abby's been

in here all the time," Masur stated. "For practice times, [she] always signs up for 'all the time' or 'every day,' which isn't really helpful to us as coaches, but it shows that she really does practice all the time."

Although Allen had been dedicating herself to perfecting her speech, she wasn't the only one. Heusinkvelt had also been spending plenty of time on her own speech.

"I'm practicing every night in the shower," she said before the state

Both competitors knew their speeches forwards and back by the time Thursday had come, but they both still had some worries about the

time Thursday had come, but they both still had some worries about the meet.

"There are always things that could go wrong, such as a visual aid malfunction," Allen said, who uses a series of posters during her speech.

"I'm worried I'll go over time because I'm always really close," Heusinkvelt stated.

The state meet took place in Kearney, beginning early on Thursday morning. Both the competitors left the night before, giving them a little more time to prepare in the morning.

"It's pretty big. The state meet runs on two different days. On the first day three classes all run at the same time, so it's kind of like three meets at the same time," she said.

In addition to the size, the speeches given at the meet are also on a new level.

"The biggest thing is the level of competition," Masur stated. "It's a lot of strong competition. The judges really know what they're looking for."

However, both of the competitors were still excited for the meet.

However, both of the competitors were still excited for the higher level of competition," Allen informed. "You really see the best of the best at state. I'm really just excited to perform."

Heusinkvelt did not qualify for finals and finished in fifteenth place. Allen went to finals and finished with fourth place in her category.

# Boys finish second at state basketball

By Garrit Shanle

Staff Reporter

The Shamrocks wrapped up the 2014-2015 basketball season with medals at the NSAA State Tournament. After finishing the regular season with an 18-4 record, the boys headed into the post season feeling strong. The Shamrocks knocked off North Bend and David City Public in the sub-district games. They then fell short in the district championship game in a rematch versus Wahoo Neumann. The boys were able to earn a wild eard to get them seated 4th entering the state tournament.

"Going into the state tournament we were confident," head coach Jeff Ohnoutka said. "We lost in the district final, but we knew that we could play better than we did that night."

The Shamrocks did just that. They started out the tournament by playing 5th seat Falls City on March 12. The Shamrocks were able to beat the Tigers in overtime 58-53.

"It was a tough game, and we had to try to find a lot of ways to score. They were very well coached and a very good defensive basketball team," Ohnoutka said.

On March 13, the Shamrocks were given an opportunity to avenge their loss to Wahoo Neumann in

On March 13, the Shamrocks were given an opportunity to avenge their loss to Wahoo Neumann in the semi-final game. The game was close, but the boys were able to defeat the Cavaliers 51-42.

"This was a huge win, and I was really happy for the guys that played for us, the coaches, and our school," Ohnoutka said. "There were so many moments from that game that I remember, and one of them was watching Garrit Shanle's reaction af-



Sophomore Dalton Taylor goes up for a layup against Falls City in the first round game at the state tournament. The Shamrocks finished second at state.

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ter he hit the shot before the end of the first half."

Winning the semi-final game gave the Shamrocks a chance to compete for the state title for the first time in school history.

"It's an incredible feeling to make it to the state championship, and an incredible sense of accomplishment. I am just fortunate to have worked with a great group of players and a great group of coaches that made this such a special season," Ohnoutka said.

Not only was the coaching staff

excited about the victory, the players

excited about the victory, the players were ecstatic.

Senior Grant Lahm said, "I flipped out, and I was overjoyed."

Junior Miles Putnam added, "[Beating Wahoo Neumann] felt like we won the state championship. It was an awesome feeling."

The state championship game was decided between number 4 seated Columbus Scotus and 1st seated Winnebago. The Shamrocks lost the game 66-51.

"We made a few runs at [Win-

"We made a few runs at [Winnebago]. They hit some shots in the

first quarter that put us behind, and every time we made a run they had an answer for it," Ohnoutka said. "They're a good basketball team, and it's not that we played poorly, it's just that Winnebago was that good."

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The Shamrocks lose seniors
Grant Lahm, Garrit Shanle, Eduardo
Lopez, and Toby Tooley.

Ohnoutka concluded, "These
guys came to work every day at
practice; we are going to miss those
guys, and they will be hard to replace."



The Rowdy Dowdies cheer on the boys' basketball team at the state tournament on March 13th. The Dowdies sported neon, blackout, and green machine to support their team.

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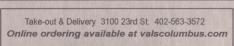
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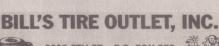




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By Gabby Middendorf

Editor

Competition is a good tool to use to motivate yourself, but it can be taken too far. I transferred from Columbus High this past year, and from the first day at Scotus, I noticed that the level of competition was much higher here than at Columbus High. As the year progressed, I found that there were some positives to being competitive, but also some Competition is a good

First of all, I truly think that competition is necessary for a solid education. If there weren't standards, and people trying to achieve those standards, then our education would be very poor quality.

Much of the competition in school includes learning how to be poised and calm, which can be an important skill that

business world.

It's also necessary in sports. As I was comparing CHS's fan base to Scotus', I realized that part of Scotus's athletic success comes from the amazing crowd support. Our student body gets so positively enthusiastic and involved in the games, and we (usually) aren't rude to the opposing team or its fans, either.

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However, high school students, especially Scotus students, seem to take competition to a new, and not exactly better, level. We are so focused on winning that we forget the game. This not only happens in sports, but also in academics. I know that I am especially guilty of this. The pressure on students to be the best that we can be is so great that we are sometimes pushed to be better than we can be, which is logically impossible. Parents and teachers are constantly telling us that we need to get good grades to get into college, and place such high expectations on us that we become afraid of taking risks because we don't want to fail them.

Excessive competition also stresses us out. When

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Excessive competition
also stresses us out. When
we get so stressed about
our grades, class rank, or
athletics, we don't get enough
sleep, and we often do exactly
what we don't want to do: fall

behind in class or lose focus in sports.

There's also a negative psychological side to competition. When we compare ourselves to others constantly through sports or academics, we also find ourselves taking that comparison a step further. that comparison a step further and start comparing the way we look, dress, and act to our friends. When we take comfriends. When we take comparison and competition to this extent, we've taken it too far. This constant comparing of ourselves to others can ruin friendships because we become so jealous of other people that we forget to see the good in them. Also, when we constantly measure ourselves to others, we tend to see ourselves in a negative light, and selves in a negative light, and we become very critical of

we become very critical of ourselves.

Simply put, competition is good, but too much can be bad. As high school students, competition is necessary for being successful in our future careers, but we need to take a look at what we are to take a look at what we are comparing in ourselves and lighten up. We are all amazing people with an irreplaceable and unique set of talents that no one else has. It's okay to compete with yourself to become better, but stop comparing yourself to others and start appreciating what start appreciating what

## Competition creates success, stress Complainers gonna complain



By Kelly Kamrath Staff Reporter

People always have something to complain about, whether it's the weather or an unfinished assignment they have due next period, which they had all night to work on. It's something that comes up in conversations every day, whether it's just a single remark or a full-blow rant. No matter what type of complaining it is, one thing is true: it doesn't help anything. Is this cycle of pointlessness something that can be fixed? Or is it just an unavoidable by-product of life? In my opinion, it's a mix of both. Complaining can be a good thing every once in a while, but overall people need to just stop complaining and realize that they can use the time they're wasting to get whatever they're complaining about done.

Complaining does almost nothing, except annoy each and every person around the complainer. Some people use complaining as a means of expressing their feelings, and it can also be used as a coping mechanism for people in unpleasant situations. Besides that, it really is good for nothing. There's no real purpose to complaining; in the end, nothing will end up getting done. The key to stop complaining and getting things done is actually an obvious one.

There is a solution to this seemingly incessant Complaining does almost

There is a solution to this seemingly incessant problem, even if some people ignore it. If people only took the time they spent complaining and actually used it to get things done, there wouldn't be any need to complain. People need to be real with themselves and realize that they are just procrastinating on whatever it is they're complaining about. Complaining won't get the thing done, but pushing yourself to do it will. So, that is the simple solution to complaining: stop, look that is the simple solution to complaining: stop, look at what you're complaining about, realize you're wasting your time, and go do it.

However, this doesn't necessarily mean all forms of complaining should be stamped out of

nversations a little complaining can be good, such as using it as a means for de-stressing. We all have problems that are out of

means for de-stressing. We all have problems that are out of our control, and occasionally a little bit of complaining is necessary for keeping up a healthy mental state. For example, someone could be overstressed from how busy they are, possibly from trying to balance time between activities and school. Even if they are doing the best they can, that's still a tough situation where a little venting can lighten up the load.

We still need to monitor our amounts of complaining, though. Excessive complaining is just as bad for our health and happiness as bottling up our emotions. In the end, we'll be much, much happier if we accomplish something we've always wanted to or get something we were dreading over with rather than pushing it off even further and needlessly complaining, which won't do anything. Let this be a wakeup call to any complainers: pick yourself which won too anything. Let this be a wakeup call to any complainers: pick yourself up and do whatever you're complaining about, and you'll thank yourself in the long run.

### Explore the world



By Julian Fritz Staff Reporter

Traveling to many different countries is one of the best parts in life, in my opinion, but many people don't appreciate the gift of

traveling.

As the United States is a very big country, people here sometimes don't travel a lot, or when they do, only to Canada, Mexico, or other nearby countries. But in fact, there are other countries just as, if not more, beautiful than those

In my opinion, people today don't travel enough. Either because they don't

have the time or money to travel, or because they just don't want to leave their country. The United States is known for having almost all the different landscapes possible. In the United States people can go to the sea in just a couple of hours, either with the car or with a plane, or they can go skiing and enjoy the cold weather, but people need to explore farther.

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First of all, traveling to other countries helps you to escape your normal life and

other countries neips you to escape your normal life and gives you some freedom. If it's at work or school, all of us need time for ourselves and our families. Traveling with your family helps you to come together and be on your own for a short period of time.

Also one of the best aspects of traveling is knowing how the weather is going to be. In summer you can travel to places where you know it's not going to rain, or in winter you can travel some place where you know there is going to be snow and you're going to be able to ski whereas in Nebraska, you

never know how the weather is going to be.

If you travel to many different countries, you get to know the whole world and not only the different parts of the United States. Seeing a different culture and being part of it for one, two, three, or more weeks, helps you in a lot of different ways. You get to understand all different kinds of people on the earth and know, to some extent, how they live their lives.

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For sure, money is one of the factors that makes traveling very hard for some people. But off-season traveling may help in those cases. Prices can decrease up to fifty percent if you choose wisely. In addition to the lower prices, you also get more space for yourself. If you travel to the sea, there won't be many people on the beach and so on.

People have to start traveling more around the world. Everyone should take the time to go on an adventure and see the beautiful places the earth has to offer.

oh my gosh you won't even believe how much the complain its just so annoying it's like i literally o not care at all but they just keep talking and alking and talking and i'm don't even listen anymo pecause it's just so stupid and their problems ar ctually complaining about something like that like ke i wouldn't care as much if it actually mattere st like they want to complain instead of fixing i i can't even. i swear to gosh it's the most an the world like i would never complain like they ant even imagine being that annoying to everyo nplaining about nothing is so pointless like just nk gosh i don't do that i don't even get how t why do they still even have friends everythi t want to go yell at them but i want because



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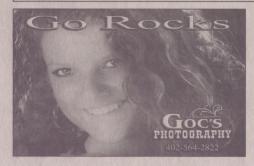
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## Soccer team plays to return to state

By Julian Fritz Staff Reporter

season has already begun.
The first two games of the year were at the Scotus Invite where the girls were able to win 8-0 against Crete and 1-0 against CHS, and a good start to the season was made. Also the boys won against Crete 3-0, but had to give the win to CHS in a close game after a penalty shootout, 1-1 after

Because that the boys soccer team won state last year, the expectations for this soccer season are high.

soccer season are high.

"We have a lot of returning players from that team, so rightfully so, we expect to be one of the best this year. At the end of the season, if we can say we've achieved our ultimate level of play and had success in that regard, the results on the field should take care of themselves," head boys' soccer coach Jon Brezenski ccer coach Jon Brezenski

Coach Jon Brezenski was also part of the 1997 state championship team and the 1998 state runners-up team as

"To be coaching at Scotus is special. Hove being back home and helping our student-athletes. I've been blessed to have some really good players and families to work with during my time as. work with during my time as coach here," Jon Brezenski

together and started their first practice for this year on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

"The team is working really hard in training. They have a positive attitude and realize what needs to be done at each training session to become a better player and contributor to the team," Jor Brezenski said.

To reach the goal of defending the state championship, the team has to work hard.

defending team and capitalize on our opportunities to score. Our kids know to remain focused on the ultimate goal, and that's to play for the state championship on May 18 at Morrison Stadium," Jon Brezenski said.

The girls' soccer team

also started practices the first Monday of March.



Junior Tanner Spenceri dribbles the ball through the CHS defense. The Scotus boys' soccer team went 1-1 in their opening invite.

"Practices are going pretty smoothly, the girls are competing hard and having fun," head girls' soccer coach Kristie Brezenski said.

Kristie Brezenski said.
With many injured starters, the girls' soccer team has had to play a different style from the start.
"With Kimberly Stutzman out with an ACL tear, Abby Alt out for a couple of weeks with a sprained

ankle, and Bailey Honold and Emma Strecker having back problems, we have a lot of freshman starting and playing major roles very early in the season! We have a lot of underclassmen that are of underclassmen that are expected to step up and fill in some big shoes," Kristie Brezenski said.

Ignatius Cup the boys' soccer Ignatius Cup the boys' soccer team fell to Creighton Prep 1-0, and lost 2-1 in a shootout in the consolation against Lincoln Pius X.

The girls won 5-1 at Lakeview and 5-2 against York

York.
They faced Omaha Burke last night, and will travel to face Pius X Central High School tomorrow.

### early rac dominates

By Justin Zoucha Staff Reporter

Last season saw great success for the Scotus track teams. The girls were conference champions while the boys won the district crown. This season the Rocks return great experience and look to improve on last year's accomplishments.

The Shamrocks competed at their first meet of the season at the Wayne State Indoor. Both teams dominated their fields as they won twelve total first place medals, the boys winning eight and the girls winning four. Team scores were not tallied, but if they had been both teams would've won their respective divisions.

At their next meet, the

their respective divisions.

At their next meet, the Nebraska Wesleyan Indoor, both teams won their first official meet championships of the season. The boys put up a score of 143 beating runner-up Waverly by 42. The girls scored 90 points, 21 points better than second place Elkhorn.

The boys' team has good experience coming back from

experience coming back from last season, which saw them win every meet except for conference and state.



"We've got 7 returning state qualifiers. Those guys are really looking good right now and have a chance

coach Merlin Lahm noted.

The boys return state qualifiers in pole vault, long jump, triple jump, shot put, discus, 400 m dash, and the 110 m hurdles. The expectations are still high for the boys as they continue their

very successful as a team. My goal is to place better than we did at state last year and possibly be top 10 and help us out with Cellular Cup points," coach Lahm commented.

The girls' team has valuable experience returning this season as well. The girls return state qualifiers in the 3200 m run, 100 m hurdles, 1600 m relay, and the 3200 m relay.

relay.

"We are going to have some quality competitors returning. Kelsey Kessler and

Carly Fehringer are leading the distance crew. We've got great experience in our hurdle group, maybe as much depth in the hurdles as we've had in a long time with Mikayla Nienaber and Shannon Spulak leading that group," girls' head coach Janet Tooley said.

school, along with the option to participate in soccer or baseball, causes smaller

Class C. All that being said,

schools in other sports that can be very successful and be in the bottom third of their class," Lahm stated.

With a smaller track team, quality is essential when quantity isn't available. "State for us is a little different than other sports because with only four divisions in track in Class B we're going up against really

numbers to go out for track. Scotus is in the bottom half of Class B based on the size of the school. Along with that, a couple other teams from the Centennial Conference are Class C. All that being self-

Class C. All that being said, the Shamrocks aren't phased by being one of the smaller programs in their class.

"I think we'll be one of the better teams in the area, and I think we'll compete really well against larger schools in our class. There's schools in other sports that can be very successful and

the state meet it just depends on individual quality and that just will depend on how much we can improve over the course of the season," Tooley

Shamrocks competed at home in Scotus Relays on Tuesday. Their next competition is April 7 at the Wayne Invitational.

#### Baseball slides 1 n t o eason



Senior Tyler Morton pitches in their win against Norfolk in the first game of

**By Hannah Thomazin** Staff Reporter

baseball team caught a win with their first home game against Norfolk on March 19th. This year's baseball team has two Scotus players varsity. One of those athletes is senior Tyler Morton, who is also a lead pitcher on the team.

Morton, a commit to Creighton University, said, "We're looking pretty good; we got off to a great start with a win against Norfolk, and we're looking forward to keeping that momentum going."

momentum going."

However, the Discoverers took a hard loss against Seward the following day. Another starter is junior Miles

"Almost everyone from the starting line-up last year is returning, so our experience

will help us get through the rest of the year," Morton said. Even after the loss from Seward, the Discoverers still have high hopes for the rest of

have high hopes for the rest of the season.

"As a team, we want to make it to state," Putnam said. "Personally, I want to be a leader by example and vocally."

There is still a lot of baseball left to be played, and with hopes of good weather, the team is excited for the rest of the season.

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"We are looking to have a great rest of the season. We all play well together as a team and having nice weather too has been a plus," Putnam said.

The Discoverers won 13-1 against Omaha Skutt on the 27th, and topped Lincoln East 11-0 and 11-2 on the 28th. They faced Norris on the 30th and will play Westside later this week.

### The fall of Nebrasketball

By Justin Zoucha Staff Reporter

The hype for Nebraska basketball this season was none like the program had ever seen before. The Huskers had were also were the control of th ever seen before. The Huskers had won eleven out of fifteen games to end the regular season propelling them to their first NCAA Tourney bid since 1998 the season before. With virtually the entire team back again this season and a spot in the preseason top 25, there were high hopes for Nebrasketball. Instead a disappointing season followed that left fans scratching their heads. The inability to score consistently, win on the road, or at home, put together a or at home, put together a win streak, or even flat out work hard enough led to this lackluster season. Being a fan of this team, I saw all these frustrations happen first

Scoring was something that nobody expected to be a problem for this year's team. Shavon Shields and Terran Shavon Shields and Terran Petteway were expected to carry most of the load and they did. Both of them improved their scoring totals from last season. The problem was after those two there wasn't enough production from the rest of the team. It also seemed like in every game they would have long stretches where in every game they would have long stretches where they couldn't score a basket, causing them to lose their confidence, which affected their work ethic on defense and patience on offense. That is unacceptable; just because things aren't going your way doesn't mean you should quit working hard.

This season the Huskers

working hard.

This season the Huskers won a single road game which doesn't sound so bad considering the year before they only won three. The difference was at home at the Vault. Last season, the Huskers were 15-1 at Pinnacle Bank Arena, the only loss a one point setback against Michigan. This season they were 10-6 at the Vault. They had more losses at home in the first three weeks of this season than they had all last year.

Last year, Nebrasketball was exciting to watch as they caught fire down the stretch of the regular season. They were 11-10, coming off a 29 point loss at Michigan when they won eight of their last nine including an exclamation point win against #9 Wisconsin to end the regular season. So this season when Nebraska was 13-9, coming off a win against Northwestern I wasn't too worried, but then they lost eight in a row to finish the Last year, Nebrasketball eight in a row to finish the regular season. Next, they lost to Penn State in the first round of the Big Ten Tournament to end their painful season at 13-

Their work ethic became questionable to me early in the season when it seemed they quit playing hard when games weren't going their way. Coach Tim Miles became aware of this so he banned his team from their fancy locker rooms and player lounges after a blowout loss to Iowa at home. The players didn't seem to mind changing in the hallways, though, as they lost every game after being

Personally I don't see how any of this happens when you have practically the entire you have practically the entire team returning from the year before. My only guess is that the team that was always expected to be average didn't respond well to the newfound high expectations. All I can say is that next year they better be improved, otherwise, we could have another Bo situation on our hands.



TANNER SPENCER!/ MEDIA STA The 2015 Mr. Shamrock contestants, Queze Campos, Joe Sonderman, Garrit Shanle, Mac Mapes, Grant Lahm, Eduardo Lopez, and Jared Donoghue point at the crowd during the opening number of Mr. Shamrock.



TANNER SPENCER! MEDIA S. Eduardo Lopez and Garrit Shanle stand by while Grant Lahm answers his question he was asked during the interview portion of Mr. Shamrock.

# steals Mr. Shamrock title

By Anna Wickham Staff Reporter

boys themselves piled into Memorial Hall Gym to watch this year's Mr. Shamrock Pageant.

The Mr. Shamrock

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Pageant is put on by student council, and has become an annual event. Although it was placed right in the middle of the chaotic weekend of boy's state basketball this year, the

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pageant was again a success. There was a lot of confusion and changes made before the final line up was set as to who was going to be a contestant.

Garrit Shanle said, "Since two people quit, I got to fill their spots."

Standing next to Shanle on stage were his fellow classmates, Mac Mapes, Jared Donoghue, Eduardo Lopez, Grant Lahm, Joe Sonderman, and Queze Campos.

Joe Sonderman, and Queze Campos.

"I wanted to be a contestant in the pageant because it's a tradition I wanted to be a part of," Campos said.

The contest had three portions: interviews, talent, and "catch that dream girl" outfit which included a catvalk. During the interviews, the contestants answered a series of questions such as "Why do you think you deserve the title of Mr. Shamrock?" or "What would you say if the whole world was listening?" Normally the

contestants try to make the crowd and judges laugh as much as possible; the funniest participant usually wins. The participant usually wins. The talent portion was made up this year mostly by lip sinking except for the 2015 Mr. songs and crazy dances that the contestants made up. The contest and the strutted down the cat walk wearing the outfit that they thought all.

"I asked my best friend and my girlfriend what I should wear, then I mixed

them together to create a bad boy with a gentle, loving heart look," Sonderman explained. For the talent portion,

down the cat walk wearing the outfit that they thought all the ladies would love.

Queze Campos wore his marching band uniform.

"Once a band nerd, always a band nerd." he said.

This year's Mr. Shamrock was Joe Sonderman. Sonderman won over the judges in his "catch that dream girl" attire which featured a leather jacket, sunglasses, jeans, a cat, a box of chocolates, and drawn on abs.

sister hula-hoops, so we had long, excruciating practices," Sonderman said, "Just kidding, I pretty much winged it."

He wasn't the only contestant who didn't practice, Jared Donoghue and Garrit Shanle performed a heartwarming duet to the song vitt, as Shanle puts it, "No practice needed, we just went out there and did it."

Proceeds from the event, either canned good or "Just kidding, I protey winged it."

He wasn't the only contestant who didn't practice, Jared Donoghue and Garrit Shanle performed a heartwarming duet to the song "Dust in the Wind" by Kansas with as Shanle puts it, "No

event, either canned good or money, went to the Simon House.



Seniors Adam Starzec, Queze Campos, Jaime Gasper, and Mac Mapes re-inact the *Mean Girls* dance to "Jingle Bell Rock" for Queze Campos' talent.



Seniors Garrit Shanle and Jared Donoghue, both Mr. Shamrock contestants, lip sync a duet to "Dust in the Wind" by Kansas for their talent.



Joe Sonderman puts on a show for the judges at Mr. Shamrock by showing his talent of hula-hooping.



2015 Mr. Shamrock runner up, Eduardo Lopez, struts down the catwalk wearing his "catch that dream girl" outfit. Eduardo dressed as fellow con testant, Grant Lahm.



Senior Grant Lahm smirks at the judges while pre tending to un-button his shirt during his catwalk.



Mr. Shamrock participant Mac Mapes keeps a straight face as he moves down the runway to present judge Father Capadano with a fish.

# Drug testing to include alcohol

Staff Reporter

At the beginning of this school year, Scotus took on a new drug testing policy that made history. This new policy eliminated the old urine analysis and brought in hair follicle testing. Now, Scotus is making an addition to that hair follicle testing. The hair follicle testing. The hair follicle tests originally tested for prescription drugs, methamphetamines, marijuana, psychedelics, and K2. This new test will check for alcohol as well.

Scotus President Wayne Morfeld said, "At the start of the school year, we knew we were going to be a pilot for the drug testing in Columbus. Hair follicle testing isn't a joke, but some students and parents were questioning how serious Scotus is willing to take this hair follicle test. On top of that, the school has been bearing of some concerns. At the beginning of this

take this hair follicle test. On top of that, the school has been hearing of some concerns from parents about their kids about alcohol, so we knew we needed to take an extra step to ensure the students were making the right decisions."

The cost is more because it includes alcohol. It totals \$168 per test compared to the \$38 previously. A hospital employee will still administer the test, and if there needs to be any follow up testing done,

people that care for its well-being," Morfeld said. "This test wouldn't have been possible if it wasn't for a private donor. Certainly, still,

isn't an issue everyone enjoys addressing, but it is

Students will still be randomly tested over the course of the year. Same as before, students that have been tested will be put into tested again. The decision came collectively from Mr. Morfeld and the school board.

"[The school board and I] decided that testing for alcohol was in the best interest for the students and the school because we don't want kids to

be in a position where they have trouble finding a job in the future because they have an MIC in their name. On top of that, [alcohol testing] will really give students the chance to say 'no' if they are put into an uncomfortable position with alcohol," Morfeld said. The test will be administrated at least four hundred and twenty times, so it will be ensured that some students will be tested more

students will be tested more than once over the year.

"This won't be popular with everyone. Hopefully, most of the student body isn't affected by this new addition. However, this is still a very serious matter with yeary serious repressions. serious repercussions. all know who the risk We all know who the risk takers are except now the stakes are higher, but kids will still be rolling their dice—willing to gamble on the off chance that their number to be tested won't be drawn. If that's a risk those students are willing to take, then it is their choice in the end. The

are willing to take, then it is their choice in the end. The school board and I hope that more students will say 'no,'" Morfeld said.

The alcohol testing will start officially in June with summer activities. Students that come to school in the summer to participate in Students that come to school in the summer to participate in conditioning, weight training, camps, dance practices, or any other extracurricular activity will be tested throughout the 2015 summer vacation.

"Students need to remember that wherever they go, they hold Scotus' name on their back, and we want to ensure that Scotus and our students uphold the positive

students uphold the positive tradition of excellence," Morfeld concluded.



A hospital employee takes a sample of hair from senior Kelly Kamrath for drug testing. Scotus will start testing for alcohol in June.

## Schools unite for post prom

By Anna Wickham Staff Reporter

This year's prom is set to take place on Saturday April 18, and unfortunately, CHS and Lakeview's proms are also set on that date. This has parents complaining to administrators if their son or daughter is dating a CHS or Lakeview student. Luckily, there is a resolution- a tri-

school post prom!

On March 14, a small group of teachers and administrators from all three schools met to try and accomplish this never before

seen plan.
"Mr. Morfeld, Mrs Ohnoutka, and I met with the prom sponsors and presidents from CHS and Lakeview to discuss and plan post prom," Danielle Masur, Scotus prom sponsor, said.

The post-prom party is going to be taking place at the Ramada Hotel in Columbus. After putting together all three of the school's prom funds, the teachers found they

"There will still be fun and games and prizes just like always. We also get to have both a hypnotist and a magician perform," Masur

magician perform," Masur stated.

The night will consist of many fun, camival-like games including balloon darts and ring tosses. There will also be photo booths set up around the ball room. Unlike normal post prom, there will also be a DJ, so the dancing can continue all night. Parents from all three schools are helping put on the tri-school post prom, but there were also a few bumps along the way.

Masur said, "There were a lot of complications when trying to find a venue that was both safe for the kids and large enough for everyone.

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The Ramada seemed to satisfy both of these concerns."

Of course, with this

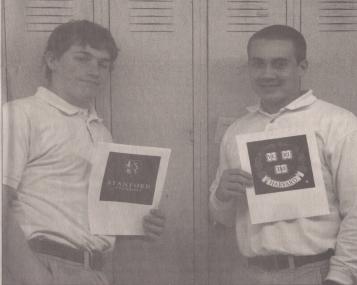
both of these concerns."

Of course, with this large party and this first time experiment, students should expect a lot of rules.

"None of the students of any school are allowed to rent a hotel room on prom night and there will be a breathalyzer test at the entrance of the Ramada, a test sometime during the posttest sometime during the post-prom as well as when leaving

post-prom," Wayne Morfeld, Scotus president, said. Post-prom will begin an hour after prom; Scotus and Lakeview's proms end Post-prom will begin an hour after pront, Scotus and Lakeview's proms end at midnight, while CHS's prom ends at 12:30, so post-prom will start at 1:00 a.m. At the entrance each person must check in with his or her school's prom sponsor. They will then be given a bracelet to admit them into the ball room, this will make the chaperones jobs easier; no one will be allowed to leave the Ramada and come back inside, just like any other dance. Later on in the night breakfast pizza will be delivered and on sale per slice at 3:00 a.m. Post-prom will wrap up at about 4:30 a.m.

"We begged and begged Ms. Masur to let us do something with one or both of the schools on the night of prom; it started with just asking for tri-school pictures and eventually escalated to actually asking for Prom together. We were shocked when she actually pulled through and told the class officers about post-prom," junior class officer Kelsey Wiehn explained.



Seniors Jared Donoghue and Jared Duren pose with their committed schools' logos. Both seniors will attend a top ten institution in the fall.

# Jareds pursue Ivy League

By Jaime Gasper and Garrit Shanle

Staff Reporters

It is time once again It is time once again for Scotus' seniors to make their future life decisions. College is right around the corner, and the 2015 senior class must decide where they will begin their adult lives. will begin their adult lives. Two seniors have decided to go big time, chasing Ivy League dreams. Seniors Jared Donoghue and Jared Duren will attend top ten academic institutes in the fall.

"It has been a choice that I have been considering all year, but I've finally made my choice to attend Harvard for college," Duren said.

Harvard, located in Cambridge, MA, is certainly quite the distance from Columbus, so Duren is taking on a whole new world in the

on a whole new world in the

from home is obviously tremendous, but a Harvard

degree is worth it," Duren

Duren is not alone in pursuing a distant school. Senior Jared Donoghue plans to pursue his dream, only on the other side of the country

as Duren.

"I considered a few major schools, but after visiting Stanford, I decided that it was the school for me," Donoghue said.

Many times, seniors have to pick a major first and

have to pick a major first and then find the right school that offers their major. This was the case for both Duren and

pursuing a law degree and I knew that Harvard Law is top notch, so it made my decision simple," Duren said.

Along with Duren, west coast top ten institution scholar Donoghue also picked Stanford based on an area of

"I know I want something in engineering, and I also know that I am the best, so why not pick a school that

can handle me?" Donoghue

The school is not only a major factor that plays into the decision making process. Location is a major

process. Location is a major part of where students will go to school.

"Harvard is in Cambridge, Massachusetts which is very close to Boston," said Duren. "I've always been a huge Celtics fan and now I will be able to watch a couple games."

On the other side

On the other side of the country, Stanford is in Serra Mall, California.

"I've always wanted to be a California man," said to be a California man," said

to be a California man," said Donoghue. "Plus, Stanford is just a jump away from the beach, and beachin' is kind of my weekend special."

Members of the senior class have or will be making their own college decisions. However, both Jared Duren and Jared Donoghue have made the daring choice to go to top ten academic institutions.



Seniors Jordan Engel, Nieve Johnson, Tori Rinkol, Abby Allen, and Cally Larsen smile while playing the horse race at last year's post prom. Post prom took place at Boulevard Lanes last year, but it will move to the Ramada with the other two area schools this year.

## Board presents uniform changes for 2015

April 2015

By Gabby Middendorf Editor

enforcing uniform standards, but starting in August of

2015, this leniency will be no 2015, this leniency will be no more. In fact, the school board has made a drastic change to the uniforms, particularly the girls' uniforms, to help teachers enforce the handbook uniform rules. Beginning in August 2015, girls will no longer be allowed to wear skorts. They still have the options of wearing khaki, blue, or stone pants, capris, or shorts. Scotus Principal Wayne Morfeld made these changes after an intense session with the school board. He also met with the faculty to get their opinion.

Karen Beck measures a student's skirt. Starting August 2015, students will no longer be allowed to wear skirts or skorts.

"We just felt that there needed to be a change. I know most students are going to be annoyed, but I'm not afraid of being the bad guy. Teachers have dealt with the infractions look around I. reachers have deart with the infractions long enough. I think that taking away skorts completely will give them a break from constantly being nagged from administration about skirt length," Morfeld said

Several years ago, administration decided to take

away skirts and require skorts.
"We took skirts out of the
uniform code because girls
were trying to skirt around the were trying to skirt around the rules and wear skirts that are rolled up and too high. We saw this go on for several years and had tried many different changes before taking the drastic route," student council advisor Joan Lahm said.

First, students were fined a dollar per violation. Then, the rule was set that first period teachers had to measure girls' skorts to make sure that they were less than four inches above the knee. The first two violations were

the student was caught the third time, she was given in-

"We tried to enforce these rules, but students would still get away with being out of uniform. It just got so frustrating, and we felt like we weren't making any progress, so I believe that these drastic changes are necessary," school registrar Kris Andresen said.

Kris Andresen said.

This change does not affect the senior class, but some are speaking out for the underclassmen.

"I feel that the uniform

"I feel that the uniform code is already too strict. We already have a set guideline with strict rules to follow; taking away skorts is the last straw. I'm glad that it desn't "I feel that the uniform code is already too strict." glad ~Jaimee Beauvais

affect us seniors, but I feel really sorry for the underclassmen," senior Jaimee Beauvais said.

In addition to taking away skorts, fines for being out of uniform are becoming stricter, as well. The first infraction will result in a ten dollar fine, the second infraction in a twenty dollar

fine, and the third infraction will result in a two day out of school suspension. Any more uniform violations past three will result in the student being expelled from Scotus.

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"I'm embarrassed that it has to be such a fight with students to have a little modesty," English teacher Angie Rusher commented.

The school board also set in place that, starting the 2015/2016 school year, teachers will be fined for not performing the regular uniform checks first period if one of their students is caught out

caught out of uniform later that day.

"We

nee Beauvais

"We realize that this decision is probably not the popular one, but we hope that students and faculty alike will realize the importance and necessity of importance and necessity of importance and necessity of these changes. Here at Scotus, we are always striving for excellence, and these changes will set us more firmly on the path to success," Morfeld concluded.

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By Jaime Gasper Staff Reporter

Certain privileges have always gone along with being a senior at Scotus. One of these includes parking in what has become known as "senior row." Recently, Scotus has begun construction on a new parking lot north of the

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building.
This new
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lot is to be
a seniors
only lot.
"We
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taking up an entire row in the Saint Bon's parking lot," Scotus president Wayne Morfeld said. year's senior unfortunately mi new senior parking "The whole"

new senior lot.
"I look forward to having

an entire lot as a senior next year; I may just take up four spots because I can," junior Seth Gutzmer said.

Gutzmer said.

Gutzmer is not the only
junior who is excited, in fact
many of the junior athletes
are excited about the new lot's
location.

to extend the park-

ing privileges to our senior class without taking up an entire row in Saint Bon's

parking lot."

Junior "We want to continue Pieper said, "It is right there by the north doors, which will come in handy for early morning ~ Wayne Morfeld practices when it is

This will

year's senior class will unfortunately miss out on this new senior parking lot. "The whole scheme to make the new parking lot into a seniors only lot is basically the best idea I have ever heard.

The only question I have is why didn't the administration get on this a year ago? As a senior with a beautiful, but bigger sized truck, the parking

seinor with a beathrint, our bigger sized truck, the parking situation can be a pain in senior row. I just wish we had this now as seniors," senior Joe Sonderman said.

The current junior class has much to look forward to, but there are seniors who aren't quite sure about the tradition changing now.

"It has been senior row since the stone age; it's tradition. You don't mess with tradition. Our ancestors did it, we did it, and our children's children should continue to do it. Parking in senior row is a stepping stone into the real world," senior Alex Pandorf said.

said.

There is even controversy within the teaching staff about the seniors getting their own parking lot.

"Yes, the school needs the added parking, but the bottom line is the current juniors just aren't cut from the right kind of stuff to handle their own lot. They're just not

cool enough for it. Now the current senior class, yes, they are some real cool cats," Pat Brockhaus said. It is up to the student body and faculty to pick a side in this controversy, but either way, the new parking lot

will in fact be a seniors only parking location beginning in the 2015-2016 school year.



The 2015 senior class' cars will be the last parked in Saint Bonaventure's tradi-tional senior row. Next year's senior row will be the new lot north of school.

#### Kuszak hits the with road band



By Garrit Shanle Staff Reporter

Jordan Kuszak will no longer be a teacher at Scotus. He has decided to rejoin his old

be a teacher at scouts. He has decided to rejoin his old college band.

"I miss playing with my fellow musicians, and I miss the thrill of adoring fans screaming my name," Kuszak said. "We all share the same feeling about the English language, and we express our feelings through our music."

Kuszak's band, The Shakespearience, originally started at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Kuszak was a young freshman looking for something to do outside of school, and he found a couple of guys playing instruments in the dorm room next to his.

"I was coming from my

"I was coming from my English class and I heard a loud noise blaring at the end of the hall; I could not help but go find out what it was," uszak said. "The noise heard came from three

freshman that were in my English class." The three freshman were

The three freshman were Jake Ruffield, Mary Butalis, and Sum Ting Wong. Ruffield was a guitar player from Blair, Nebraska, Butalis played the bass and was from Sioux City, Iowa, and Wong was a drummer from Grass Valley, California.

After forming the band, they played at several bars and

they played at several bars and school dances in Lincoln, but they wanted to do more than

just play at gigs in Lincoln.

"As musicians, we wanted to travel and take our talents out of Lincoln," Kuszak said.

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Kuszak said.

They were in luck one
night at Marz Bar. A small
label executive out of Kansas
City was on his way home
after visiting his grandparents
in Lincoln, and he happened
to be at the same bar as The
Shakespearience.

"We were extremely
fortunate to have Rick
Schwagger from SurfKat
Records hear our music that
night. He was able to make

our dreams come true, and he could get us to the big city," Kuszak said.

The Shakespearience took them from Chicago to LA to New York City, where the band currently lives the band currently lives.

Mr. Kuszak decided to leave the band after two years so he could become the English teacher that he is

the English teacher that he is today, but he has decided to rejoin the group.

"I am very excited for Mr. Kuszak. I am glad that he is going to pursue his dreams as a musician. After school one day, I heard music coming from his room and it was pretty catchy. I asked him who he was listening to and he said, 'Myself.' At first, I had no idea that Mr. Kuszak was originally in a band. After that shock, I was fairly impressed with his music,' fellow English teacher Becki Zanardi said.

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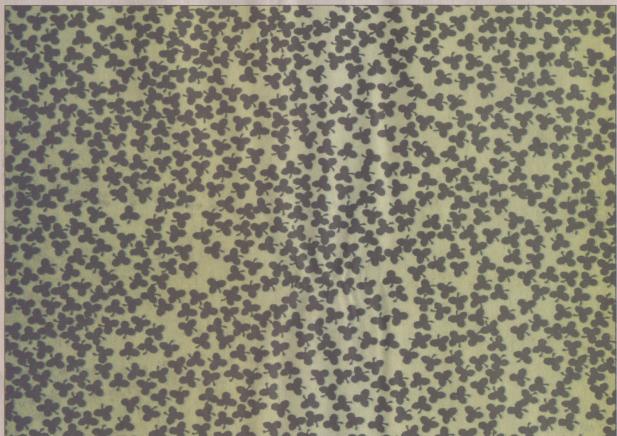
Zanardi said.

After school gets out,
Kuszak will rejoin his band
in late May, and they will tour
the east coast for the rest of

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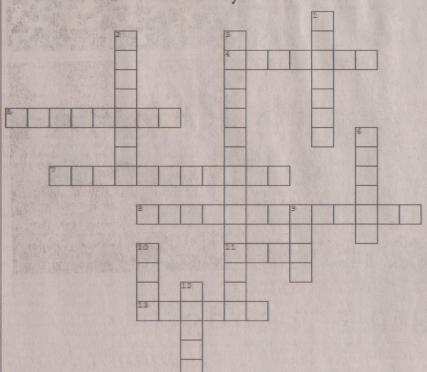
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# Journalism Crossword Puzzle How well do you know the newspaper staff?



Vertical:

- 1. Town where the newspaper is printed
- 2. Mrs. Rusher's birth state
- 3. Kelly Kamrath's favorite book
- 6. Model of Anna Wickham's car
- 9. Brand of cameras used by the journalism
- 10. Color of Hannah Thomazin's eyes
- 12. Number of newspaper issues in one year

### Horizontal:

- 4. Julian Fritz's home country
- 5. Program used to make the newspaper
- 7. College where Garrit Shanle is going
- 8. Where Jaime Gasper works
- 11. Justin Zoucha's favorite website
- 13. Number of people in Gabby Middendorf's family



















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## Prom dances under 'Starry Night'

By Anna Wickham Staff Reporter

The "Starry Night" painting by Van Gogh can be easily recognized by its swirling stars and romantic night sky. This painting helped the juniors set the perfect scene for the junior set the perfect scene for the junior and senior prom held on Saturday, April 18, 2015.

As always the junior class planned, set up, and organized prom.
"It was fun getting to decide how prom would look! It was one of the most stressful and exhausting things I've done, but in the end it was very rewarding," junior class officer Amy Heusinkvelt said.

The cafeteria was all decked out in navy blue, black, and white to go along with the "Starry Night" theme. To top it off, four of the juniors, with some help from art club, painted a giant replica of the famous painting. The juniors worked on the painting for a total of ten hours, plus the four and a half hours that some of the junior spent setting up on Friday after school.

Although the work was tough

Although the work was tough and took a long time, the juniors still managed to have a good time.

"I got to hang out and work with some of the people in my class that I never really talk to, which was really fun," junior Lydia Schaecher commented.

This was the last dance that the senior class would to spend togeth-er; it was also the first prom, and possibly the last prom that four of Scotus's foreign exchange students would attend.



Seniors Allison Beiermann, Riley Gilson, Jessica Schaecher, and Jaime Gasper live it up on the dance floor during their last dance as Scotus students.

fun experience that every exchange students wants to live. It's always a part of American movies so [the foreign exchange students] were so excited!"

excited!"

Like most years, the food was catered by Husker House. A difference at prom this year was there was a new face behind the DJ stand. In years past, Scotus alumni Ben and Andy Heusinkvelt have DJ'd the dance, but this year, the junior class hired a DJ from All that Entertainment. He tried to keep the students involved and on their feet the whole time.

"The DJ played several similar songs in a row, like two country then two slow songs and so on, which kind of got boring. But I still danced a ton," senior Jaimee Beauvais com mented.

The dance ended at 12 a.m.

The dance ended at 12 a.m., and the students were encouraged to meet at Boulevard Lanes for post prom at 1 a.m. Post prom lasted until 4 a.m. and included many games such as ski-ball or blackjack as well

such as ski-ball or blackjack as well as bowling.

About ten different game booths were set up for students to play, free of charge; the students won tickets that they used to win the big prizes. The prizes were on display in the back room and included large gifts such as a TV and a minifridge as well as a money tree and a gift card tree. After winning a ticket, the student wrote his or her name on it and put it in the box in front of a prize

that that student wanted to win; a ticket was drawn from each box at the end of the night to reveal who

won each prize.

At 2:30a.m. the games were shut down, and the students gathered to watch some entertainment. This year, the junior class booked a ma-

"The magician was 100 times better than the family feud guy last year; his tricks were pretty neat," Beauvais said.

"It thought the magician was fan-tastic; his tricks completely boggled my mind," Lydia Scheacher said. Junior class officer Dana Hoppe

agreed with the success of the night, "[Prom] was awesome. I had more fun than a human possibly can."

## teachers to leave Scotus hree

By Gabby Middendorf

Editor

After teaching at Scotus for

After teaching at Scotus for only a couple of years each, Jordan Kuszak, Jolene Boesch, and Luisa Perez are stepping down from their teaching positions at Scotus to move on to different paths in life.

Contrary to popular belief and rumors spread by the Scotus newspaper staff, Kuszak isn't actually leaving to rejoin his band, *The Shakesperience*, but is actually moving to the West Coast.

West Coast.

"Let me debunk the theory right now: I'm not joining the band. I'm currently applying to teach in schools in the greater Seattle area, and while that process is pending, I'll try to substitute teach until then," Kuszak stated.

Boesch has only been teaching at Scotus for one year, but has decided to pursue a similar job in Bellevue, Nebraska.

"Moving to Bellevue, Nebraska will allow me to be closer to fami-

"Moving to Bellevue, Nebraska will allow me to be closer to family, which I'm really excited about. I have not found a teaching job yet, but I am waiting to hear back about two possible jobs. I am planning on teaching elementary music, whether that be next year or the year after that," Boesch said.

Perez has also been a teacher here at Scotus for only a short time, but had a different take on Scotus than the other teachers because she

is an exchange teacher from Spain.

"I will really miss some of the students; most of them are very nice and good fun to be around. I may even miss the noise at the school," Perez remarked.

Although Boesch, Kuszak and Perez are moving on, they know that Scotus will be a memorable part of their lives.

Scotus will be a memorable part of their lives:

"I'll miss pretty much everything. I've really enjoyed the extracurricular work I've had with speech Team and Mock Trial. I graduated from college with a degree in secondary education, planning to teach high school, and I didn't think I would enjoy teaching eighth graders, but I have. They're actually a pretty cool group," Kuszak commented.

Perez will return to Spain after this school year.

"After I finish, I'm going to travel in the United States for two weeks and then return to Spain to spend the rest of the summer with my family. After that, I'll go back to my previous job in a language school in Léon, Spain," Perez said.

Kuszak has only been teaching for two years, but has learned from his Scotus experience.

"When you go to college for teaching, you learn a whole bunch of stuff in books. But more than half of teaching is learning stuff on the job. A lot of education is theory, but once you're in a classroom, then reality sets in, and you can't do everything. In the last two years I've learned



Spanish teacher Luisa Perez helps sophomore Maddie Sinovic with a question as the students review flashcards in groups. Perez will return to Spain after the school year is over.

more than twice the stuff I learned while in the two years in my English teaching program," Kuszak added. Boesch has also gained experi-ence from teaching at Scotus.

"The first year of teaching can be quite hectic, so I have definitely learned time management and class-room management. I have also been able to expand on what I learned

while in college, such as music preparation, picking songs, conduct-ing, and things like that," Boesch

Boesch is looking forward to moving closer to her family, but has enjoyed the time she spent in Co-lumbus.

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## Fundraising blitz strikes Columbus

By Julian Fritz Staff Reporter

For the second year now, the Big Give is happening in Columbus. The Columbus Big Give is a twenty-four hour fundraising blitz to get as many donors as possible to support Columbus non-profit organizations. The Columbus Big Give, which is organized by the Columbus Area Philanthropy Council, was set up to encourage people to give to local charities here in Columbus.

Communities in Nebraska like Lincoln, Omaha, or Lexington have all done the Big Give before and succeeded. Omaha and Lincoln both raised well over a million dollars in the twenty-four hours. Lexington raised about three hundred fifty thousand dollars.

"Often times it's easy to donate to the American Cancer Society, and all the money goes to somewhere like Washington D.C., and it never really comes back specifically to our community. We're hoping that people would consider making donations locally and keeping the funds local, and that's what our group is all about. It might get people excited about giving to our local charities and maybe thinking about giving to a charity that they are not usually used to giving to," Scotus development director John Schueth said.

Last year the Big Give event here in Columbus had seventeen participating non-profit organizations and raised 23,445; Scotus received 6,725 dollars out of the pool.

"When you look at that compared to the total, we had more than a fourth of all the support, and we had the most individual donors too," Schueth said.

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Every organization has a project they want to support with the money they make. Last year's money is being used for the new parking lot on the north side of the school.

"Our goal this year with the funding that we receive, is to support improvements in the athletic training room. We're going to have a full time athletic trainer for the first time here at Scotus this coming fall, and we would like to have a good facility for that person to use to help all of our athletes and our students who are taking P.E. classes," Schueth said.

Because there are thirty-eight participants this year compared to the seventeen participating organizations last year, the expectations have changed. A total of one thousand donations is the new goal.

"We're kind of hoping that with this larger pool of organizations participating, we can reach out to more and more families and more and more constituencies that live outside of Columbus," Schueth said.

There are many events going on during the fundraiser. For example, there is an event at the senior center during their lunch time, and at Pizza Ranch, where a percentage of the money they make during the day is given to the Big Give fundraiser pool to support all organizations. Donations can be made either online or in person at any of the thirty-eight participating organizations.

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### **BIG GIVE**

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"We'll have a jar here at Scotus at our main office. If you want to make your dona-tion to Scotus or other organizations, we'll take care of that here at Scotus too," Schueth

At HyVee, the Big Give is going to have a live remote

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with KLIR where donors can with KLIR where donors can also make in person dona-tions. At the end of the fund-raising blitz, the final totals are being announced at the newly renovated Henry build-ing downtown where final donations can be made before seven m. seven p.m.
Schueth concluded, "The

reason why we do the Big

Give is to encourage people to think about donating, and we hope that we can encourage people who have not donated to Scotus or who have not donated to some of the participating organizations, to do that."

Boesch concluded, "Scotus will always have a special place in my heart because it Fabulous Forever

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was my first position after graduating. I love the students here, the community here, and the welcoming, family feel that is present here at Scotus. I'll always remember it as a school that welcomed me with open arms, and was accepting of anything that I wanted to try."

Junior couples, Natalie Chappell and Cole Harrington, Quinn Blaser and Allie Johnson, and Megan Meyer and Brady Przymus join each other on the dance floor on Saturday, April 18th.









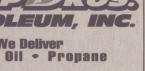






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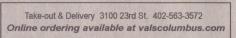


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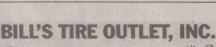


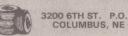


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# Rock Bottom seniors sign



High school is a time full

High school is a time full of adults repeatedly telling students, "The choices you make now will dictate the course of the rest of your life." The stress level of high school is enough to drive anyone insane. We are expected to juggle school, sports, and possibly even work, all while deciding on what we want to do for the rest of our lives. When put down on paper, high school sounds awful, but I have learned a little trick to get through it all with a smile.

The solution is a simple one: stop thinking about the stress, have fun, and stop listening to adults that are simply telling you what you already know. Face it, we do not need to hear our elders and teachers telling us to make good choices. Most high school aged people have figured it out by now that doing dumb things grants us more punishment than is usually needed. We are big kids by now; it is time to tell daddy to let go of the bike and let us ride. It is a proven fact that at some point in high school, it becomes too late for adults to have any for adults to have any

influence on kids. At this time, we have accepted our own set of beliefs, meaning we are essentially on our own morally. All I can say is, "It's about time!"

The next solution to

about time!"
The next solution to overcoming the monotony and stress of high school is to make a whole lot of great memories with a whole lot of great friends. Everyone expects us to invest all of our memories with a whole lot of great friends. Everyone expects us to juggle all of our responsibilities while being perfect little angels because remember, "A mistake now can ruin the rest of your life!" I used to believe in that message wholeheartedly, but now I have changed sides entirely. Sure, there is plenty of truth in it, mistakes can indeed follow us around, but we cannot forget to be kids for a while.

High school is supposed to be some of the best years of our lives. So let loose a little, to be some of the best years of our lives. So let loose a little, maybe make a mistake or two, and if you aren't getting grounded from time to time, well then I wish you and your math book a long and fruitful relationship. There is a saying that I have adopted and it goes a little something like this, "You cannot become old and wise if you are not ever young and crazy." I am not saying that you need to use this philosophy as a means to justify doing whatever you want, but I do feel that the best way to learn about life is to have fun, make mistakes, and learn from it all. Be satisfied to look at your fellow classmates on graduation day and think, "Man we had some dang good times!"

This is Jaime Gasper signing off.

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A rew days before my first day of high school, all the kids in my class were crowded into the gym and told that the next four years would possibly be the best of our lives. Yeah, okay. If I really peaked in high school, life really must not have a lot. really peased in fight school, life really must not have a lot to offer. Is the highlight of my life really being forced to take math classes and not getting enough sleep on a regular basis? Yeah, that definitely had to be the best time of my life.

Really though, although Really though, although high school isn't exactly the time of your life, it still comes with some of the most important life lessons learned along the way, even if they weren't taught in the classroom. The biggest lesson I've learned in high school just came with living school just came with living lesson I've learned in high school just came with living through it and experiencing life. People change a lot in four years, and I'm no exception. One of the best lessons I've learned is to not worry so much. That's not exactly what high schoolers are "supposed" to hear, but it's the truth. Stop caring about what other people think or about that one bad grade.

Caring about other

Caring about other people's opinions of me is something I've always struggled with. However, if going through high school has taught me anything, it's that nobody is really as perfect as they seem. Everyone has struggles that you'll never see, just like how you have problems that no one will ever know about. To anyone who was like me as a ninth grader, stop worrying about being judged by everyone because everyone else has just as many flaws as you. Most of them are too busy worrying about themselves to even realize you have insecurities too. Yeah, there will still be times when people don't like you, but that's their problem, not yours. Loosen up and live

your, but that's their problem, not yours. Loosen up and live your life for yourself, not for anyone else.

Another thing people fuss over too much are grades. Yeah, they are important, but they are important, but they are important your they are important, but they are important your fields of getting a bad grade gave them anxiety. That's not healthy at all. Everyone still stuck in high school needs to realize grades aren't a good judge of a person, and all they really do is show how well one succeeds at one type of learning. Obviously, intelligence isn't all there is to someone, and school doesn't even measure every kind of intelligence (there are nine!). Even if school isn't your strong point, everyone has talents and abilities that are just as impressive as straight A's.

Maybe it's just the senioritis talking, but my high school experience really has shown me to just lighten up and enjoy life while you can. It's still good to keep things in perspective-don't take this advice as the cue to drop out of school and move into your parent's basement-but don't worry about the person that other people want you to be. Do what you do best, and be whoever makes

you happy.

This is Kelly Kamrath signing off.



Sarrix Shanle

I'm finally glad to say that I am a senior! No longer will I have to deal with being a dumb high school student, a dumb high school student, but I can go on to be a college man. I've been living in Columbus for way too many years and I need out. There is nothing to do in this boring town. I look left, I see open space, and I look right, I find more open space. Yes, I love living out in the country riding four wheelers and hunting. four wheelers, and hunting and fishing with my friends, but it's time for me to move to

but it's time for me to move to a bigger city...sorry mom.

I cannot wait to attend Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa. I'm so excited to meet new people. I've been going to school with the same people for six years seeing the same faces and listening to the same drama that's beginn to the same at Scottus I am going on at Scottus I am going.

to the same drama that's been going on at Scotus. I am going to miss a lot of people in this school, but let's face it...high school is a time for idiot kids to do idiot things together. Now I get to do idiot things with new idiot college kids!

I do have to say that I will not miss coming to this school every day. I come to school and walk through the same boring hallways and sit in the same boring desks and listen to teachers rant on about some subject for forty-one minutes. There is no flexibility in my school day schedule. I can go to college and attend four go to college and attend four of five classes for an hour

and have some nice breaks in between. I can grab a bite to eat in-between classes instead of having a stupid snack break for five minutes and then one thirty minute lunch break with Mrs. Lahm. I can't stand these Mrs. Lahm. I can't stand these lunches anymore. I have had the food at Morningside on three different occasions and every time it has blown Scotus' lunches right out of the water. I am going to be having a buffet every day for breakfast, lunch, and dinner... how much better can that get?

I know it sounds like I am trash-talking Scotus right now, but there are still a lot of now, but there are still a lot of good things about this school. The one thing I will most definitely miss at this school is being in activities with all of my friends. Our football team had an amazing season, and I was able to be a part of that. I will never forget how close I became with such and I was able to be a part of that. I will never forget how close I became with such a great group of guys. The basketball team got second at state...now that's better than I thought we were going to do. I hit a buzzer beater in the semifinal game verses Neumann, and that is one memory I will remember till the day I die. I decided to go out for the musical for the first time in my life and enjoyed every second of it. Finally, I end my senior career by competing on the track team. This is a shout-out to all of the throwers: all of you are great, and I appreciate all the memories we have made together.

I finally get to fulfill my dream of being a college football player. I have been wanting to do this my whole life and now the opportunity has finally come. I want to say thank you to Coach Linder and the rest of the football staff for getting me to the football career I have now.

# M u s t a n g P r i d e #StangGang
This is Garrit Shanle

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Theodore Paprocki Major: Nursing

Memory: Hearing Mr. Salyard's witty puns.



Fallon Case Major: Early Childhood

Memory: When we went to the senior retreat; it was the best.



Trevor Pandont Major: Undecided

**Memory:** Mr. Salyard's carrot joke is funny every time.



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Jaimee Beauvais Major: Biology with Spanish Minor

Fact: I have four middle names: Jaimee Jude Mariah Antoni Rita Beauvais.



Hannah Wring A Major: Early Childhood Development/Music Therapy

Interesting Fact: My Birthday is on 9-11.



Sam Braun Major: Nursing

Fact: I have an Ellen Pompeo/ Patrick Dempsey DVD colletion.



Trevor Placzek Major: Business

Fact: I can eat 12 scoops of potatoes in 20 minutes!

## Nebraska Omaha



Shannon Spulak Major: Undecided

Fact: I'm obsessed with Twilight! Team Edward in the books, but Team Jacob in the movie.



Tori Rinkol Major: Elementary

Fact: My friends call me Dumbo



Mieve Johnso Major: Criminology/ Criminal Justice and Chemistry

Fact: I drink at least three glasses of chocolate milk every day, and I have a tattoo.



Queze Campos Major: Business

Memory: Sweetheart 2K15



Riley Gilson Major: Physical Therapy

Memory: When our whole Astronomy class roasts Mr. Salyard when he turns his laptop trying to turn the image on the projector.



Adam Starzec Major: Engineering

Memory: When Mr. Salyard dressed like a pirate on Internation! Talk Like a Pirate Day



Jaime Gasper Major: Aviation

Memory: Homecoming 2K15





Garrit Shanle Major: Biology/Exercise Sci-

ence
Favorite Memory: I was shooting free throws during a basketball game and the other team's
student section started chanting,
"Sideburns...Sideburns!"





Keaton Swanson Major: Precision Engineering

Memory: The time Trevor Pandorf fell in a sandbar patch.



Joslynn Afrank
Major: Elementary and Special
Education

Memory: Senior Religion class with Fr. Capadano

## HastingsCollege"



Carly Cremers
Major: Psychology
and Theatre

Memory: Wizard of Oz

Undecided





Justina Wamhoff
Major: Undecided

Fact: I've been to the Eiffel Tower, and it was beautiful.

# Northeast community college



Allison Beiermann

Memory: Sophomore year, Joey Nyffler made me flinch while I was lifting. I knocked the bar off and it fell on my face. I couldn't get the bar up and Cally Larsen (my spotter) stood there laughing and didn't help me.

# Creighton



Allie Anderson Major: Psychology

Memory: I met the president, but Allison Beiermann only met his dog.



Tyler Monton Major: Business or Physical Therapy

Memory: I got a concussion by jumping on an exercise ball.





Ryan Rushamp Major: Pre-Med/ Biology

Memory: The weekend of state track my junior year.



Kelly Kamrath Major: French

Fact: 私は猫が大好き、 がレルギーですです。

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Chris Bean Major: Engineering or

Memory: Riding the bus



Jared Duren Major: Mechanical

Memory: Senior football season, especially through-out the playoffs



Lucas Co Major: Chemistry

Memory: Having every day.



Tared Donoghue Major: Agricultural

Memory: Pulling my friends from the burning carcass of the Chevy Beretta after Jaime Gasper



Callyn Larson Major: Pre-Health/

Memory: In cheer, I was hit in the back when someone's shoe came off when they did a kick.



Mac Mapes Major: Busin

Memory: When Mr. Salyard tried to rotate the image on the pro-jector by picking up his laptop and rotating



Alex Pandons
Major: Economics

Memory: During our WWI simulation, Lucas (USA) pulled out a German flag at the end of the war, and we danced off into the sunset



Noah Schacker Major: Architecture

Fact: I started myself on



Eduardo Lopez Major: Undecided

Fact: Yo no hablo



Toe Sonderman

Major: Animal Science specializing in Meat Science

Memory: Getting harassed by my best friends in Spanish class junior year with chicken jokes because they are awe-some friends. Oh, and they got Mrs. Bomar to join in too.



Jessica Schaecher Major: Business Adminis-

Fact: I can basically quote



Toby Tooley.
Major: Biological Systems

Fact: I'm not from America.





Carly Fehringer Major: Business Administration

Fact: I had head gear for five years





Spencer Lechner Major: Undecided

Memory: Accidentally breaking the push-bar on the door next to the stairs leading to the old gym and cafeteria.





Abby Alless Major: Political

Fact: I carry a pocket Constitution with me at all





Laura Mourcau Major: Journalism

Memory: When Sarah Slegl didn't want to get off the pole at the Senior Retreat. It was hilarious!





Karsta Stieglitz Major: Medicine

Fact: My car has a name (Herbie), and my old TV has a name (Bernie) too.





Amme Walnofer Major: Undecided

Memory: I can touch my nose with my tongue.





Grant Lakon Major: Civil Engineering

Fact: I collect model





Elizabeth Preister Major: Speech and Language Pathology

Fact: Jared likes his





Jordan Engal Major: Baking and

Fact: I'm afraid of





Chase Korger Major: Biology

Memory: Road trip back from state cross country with Mac, Cade, Adam, and



Abbic Alt Major: Nursing

Memory: Getting dumped between prom and post prom my freshman year.



Sarah Slegt Major: Early

Memory: I wore an eye patch for four years.





Welsey Wessler Major: Dietetics and

Fact: I'm obsessed with personal hygiene:)

### Hopes for a more Nebraska **CWS**

By Justin Zoucha Staff Reporter

The College World Series provides an exciting week in a sometimes dull summer when it comes to big events in Nebraska. The CWS draws thousands of fans from the teams who followed the road to Omaha, as well as thousands of baseball fans from the great state of Nebraska. With the recent successes of a couple local teams, hopes are high for a home field advantage.

The Creighton Bluejays have been having a nice season so far. They have a 9-4 record in the Big East conference and are 26-14 overall. I don't really follow Creighton athletics, so I don't know much about the team's season in-depth, but I do know the The Blueines.

don't know much about the team's season in-depth, but I do know this: The Bluejays play in the same city and stadium that the CWS is played. You can't tell me that a CWS run wouldn't mean a lot to that team, that city, and this state. The Bluejays' last CWS appearance was 1991. Also playing in the Big East, there are only seven baseball teams. This means there are less teams for them to beat in the Big East tournament in order for them to make it to order for them to make it to the Regionals. The Bluejays have seven games remaining, all of which will be played at

Nebraska The Nebraska
Cornhuskers have had
themselves a great season
this far. They are 8-10 in
the Big Ten conference and
33-17 overall. After playing
thirteen games away from
Lincoln, the Huskers returned
and had a systeen game home. Lincoln, the Huskers returned and had a sixteen game home stand where they won fifteen games including a sweep of #16 Texas. The road ahead looks tough for Nebraska though as the Big Ten seems to be stronger in baseball this season than it has in years past. If the Huskers keep up their winning ways, an at-large bid for the Regionals seems very possible if they can't win very possible if they can't win the Big Ten tournament. The Huskers seem to be as solid as They'le been in recent time. They'll be fighting for a CWS bid, something they haven't had since 2005. The Huskers have two series remaining in

have two series remaining in the regular season and must do well to propel themselves into the Big Ten tournament.

The Cornhuskers and the Bluejays have always been considered rivals for baseball. They play in a three game series every year. This season the Cornhuskers have proven to be the best in the state, beating Creighton in state, beating Creighton in all three games. UNO might have something to say about that, but they can't because Nebraska beat them twice this year as well.

year as well.

The success of both these local ball clubs has me excited for this upcoming summer. It would be huge if either of them could do well enough to land a home regional. Walking into Haymarket or TD Ameritrade Park and seeing nothing but Park and seeing nothing but red or blue blanketing the stands would be an awesome sight. The same goes for if one could somehow make a run to the World Series. The home field advantage would home field advantage would be insane and TD Ameritrade would be rocking, with the whole state of Nebraska doing

## Track finishes down the stretch

By Justin Zoucha Staff Reporter

The Scotus track team is competing down the stretch as the school year comes to a close. They have closed out the regular season and now push toward the conference, district, and state meets.

For the boys' team it seems to be business as usual.

seems to be business as usual. They have won every meet so far this season, the exact same way they did last year. It wasn't until the Centennial Conference meet where they met a talented Wahoo Neumann team that overcame them by a few points.

"It's a really competitive conference. Seeing some

"It's a really competitive conference. Seeing some results I know that Neumann will be good, St Cecilia has some really quality athletes, last year we did not win the conference meet. It was the one meet other than state that we didn't win, so I would think that would be a goal that we have to win the conference. we have to win the conference meet," boys' head coach Merlin Lahm stated.

Having that goal in mind,

the Rocks, along with their coach, still have the same goal that they have had since

goal that they have had since the season began.

"We've placed so well in many of our other seasons: fifth in football, second in basketball, second in cross country; I think the soccer team will do very well and think that we maybe have a chance in Class C to possibly win the Cellular Cup for boys, and I'd like to contribute to

win the Cellular Cup for boys, and I'd like to contribute to that," Lahm noted.

For that to happen the boys must have a successful district track meet. The top three finishers in individual events and the top two relay teams qualify for state. The boys will be looking to defend their district title. their district title.

their district title.

"Some people look at districts differently. I believe that sometimes it's a qualifying meet, but I think it's also a meet we want to try and win, and I think we can," Lahm commented.

The girls' team has had their share of success this

The girls' team has had their share of success this season as well. They have won two meets, and have gotten runner-up in a handful of others. They have gained

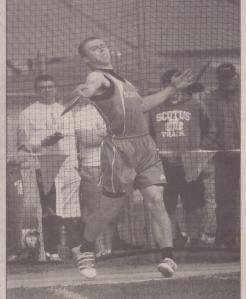
some momentum throughout the end of the regular season and look to defend their conference title and send people to state at the district

meet.
"Both our conference
and district meets will be very
tough. The girls will have to
compete exceptionally well
to qualify for the state meet,"
girls' head coach Janet Tooley said.

The Rocks have also had a luxury not too many other teams can match. Five of their thirteen track meets take place at their track at Pawnee Park. Though a "home field advantage" in track doesn't mean the same as it does in other sports, it still has its

"Knowing where everything is and how a home meet is run, are all helpful so athletes can just stress less and focus on their events," Tooley

The Shamrocks finished The Shamrocks finished their regular season at the Boone Central Quadrangular on Tuesday. Their next competition is the Centennial Conference meet Saturday, May 9th.



Junior Ryan Mustard throws the discus at the Fred Arnold Invitational in Schuyler. The boys won the meet while the girls finished as runners-up.

### to finish strong Golf looks

By Hannah Thomazin Staff Reporter

wins, and with only a handful of meets left, the team waits to see the rest of the season

At the Stanton duar earlier in the season on April 14th, the Shamrocks topped the Mustangs. Junior Darin Rinkol placed first at the

Head coach Karl Dierman Head coach Karl Dierman said, "A new quiet leader is emerging, and I could not be prouder of Darin and the way he carries himself on the golf course. He plays every round with all he has and never lets his emotions get the better of him."

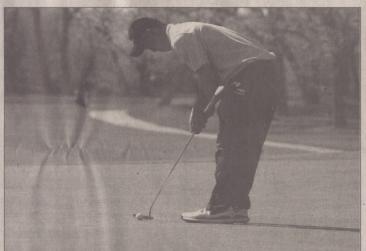
him."

The Shamrocks also competed at the York Invite on April 16th. Junior Jacob Wright, varsity starter for two years, finished two shots away from a medal at the invite.

"I finally played a consistent round, and we got to see some top teams in the state," Wright said.

As the season progressed.

As the season progressed, the Shamrocks continued their improvement with new leaders emerging on the team.



Junior Jacob Wright putts in the Shamrock Triangular on April 27th. The team finished first, topping Omaha Concordia and Twin River.

Rinkol has medaled at several

Rinkol has medaled at several duals and invites, including the Stanton Dual and the Indian Creek Triangular.

The Shamrocks were just shy of topping Elkhorn South at a Triangular with Schuylar on April 21st.

"Overall as a team our players compete hard, and I can see their improvement.

Sophomore Eli Merril has a beautiful, fluid, natural golf swing, and he is rapidly improving. Our players competed hard, and I am proud to be their coach," Dierman said.

Dierman said.

On April 27th, the Shamrocks hosted Omaha Concordia and the Twin River Titans in a Triangular.

The Rocks beat out both competitors with a team score of 363. Concordia finished with 383 while Twin River shot a team score of 387.

"I was thrilled with our team front nine, even missing two starters teday, the score of 170 was the 2<sup>nd</sup> best nine we have shot as a team this season," Dierman said. "The

back nine, however, was a struggle for some of our players. It's our home course, so they know the layout."

Wright led the team with a score of 79, followed closely by Rinkol who shot an 81

closely by Rinkol who shot an 81.

"The two juniors both gained confidence getting deep into their rounds with low scores before fading late. They understand they can learn from this and continue to improve. They are both really good players in addition to being great kids," Dierman said.

on April 30th, the team competed in the Lakeview Invite. The Shamrocks came out on top with a team score of 329. Rinkol lead the team

of 329. Rinko lead the team placing 2<sup>nd</sup>.

"As a team the guys took a big step forward in competition. The players see their improvement in practice, but when it happens in competition, it becomes in competition, it becomes more real to them," Dierman

said.

The Shamrocks will finish out their season by competing at conference, a rescheduled Lakeview Dual, and then participating at districts on May 18-19th. State will follow on the 26th and 27th.

## Tennis team prepares for conference



Senior Elizabeth Preister prepares to hit the ball at Pawnee Park on April 15th. The Colmubus team won the meet against Hastings.

By Kelly Kamrath Staff Reporter

The Scotus tennis team has swung into their 2015 season, already having played most of their regular season meets. The team began prac-tices in March after its tryout period: The team currently has 29 members, 11 of which attend Scotus.

Hannah Thomazin, a ju-

nior on the varsity team, has been playing tennis since she was a freshman.

"All the girls on the team

are so awesome," Thomazin said. "You form a tight bond with the girls on your court and your doubles part-

Senior Justina Wemhoff, also on the varsity team, has also been playing tennis since her freshman year.

"The sport itself is a blast," Wemhoff comment-

The Westside invite took place on April 11th. Eliza-beth Preister, a senior on the varsity team, took first place in singles and Thomazin took first in doubles with her part-

"The Westside Invite was "The Westside Invite was where we played our best," Thomazin stated. "It was my doubles partner's and my first time really playing together as #1 doubles. We ended up going 3-2 and finishing in the top 10 out of 25 teams. We were really proud of how we'd competed."

The team also took sec-

we'd competed."

The team also took second place at the Fremont meet, held on April 21st.

"At Fremont I played really well in singles, and, even though it was a tough match, I won," Wemhoff said.

At the team's latest meet, a home invite at Pawnee Park, Columbus finished in second to Kearney Catholic.

"When it's a tough match

and you're not doing so hot, you have to work really hard to eliminate your errors," Wemhoff stated.

Last week the team played at Lincoln North Star, falling 8-1 with only one win

"Not getting frustrated easily is really hard," Thomazin said. "You just got to keep your head up and make good, clean shots."

clean shots."

The team has played at North Star before, taking second place at the meet.

"We really need to work on serving and double faulting as least as we can," shared Thomazin. "Serving is where we struggle the most."

"I need to be a more aggressive server. I also need to try and get a strong backhand stroke," Wemhoff said.

On Saturday, the team will be competing in their conference meet at Pawnee

## Soccer strives for state

Staff Reporter

Soccer season is almost over and therefore the state tournament is coming up pretty soon. Both Scotus soccer teams have high chances to make it to state if

chances to make it to state if final improvements are made.

"The girls are improving all the time, but new challenges keep coming up because of injuries and players having to play in different positions," head girls' soccer coach Kristie Brezenski said.

The girls' soccer team

The girls' soccer team had to take four defeats during regular season against Pius X, Duchesne, Gretna, and

X, Duchesne, Gretna, and Omaha Westside.
"Playing the best teams make our team better because we play up to our competition. We learn things that we find we are struggling with and we try to put those into practice to make us better," Brezenski eaid said.

The girls' soccer team scored thirty-seven goals during the regular season. "All teams are a challenge

for a team who struggles to put the ball in the back of the net. But I'm hoping those games are behind us, and we are going to put the opportunities away that our opponents give us," Brezenski said.

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Making it to state seems possible for the girls' soccer team, but to get further in the tournament the team has to work on a couple of things.

Brezenski concluded, "In order to win State we will need to work on our first touches, breaking the field down on defense, and scoring."

Scotus boys' soccer again is one of the top teams in Class B soccer. Finishing with a winning season, and also

a winning season, and also winning against high caliber Class A teams make Scotus one of the favorite teams in

winning the state tournament the year again.

"The season has gone well for us. We have been playing better and better each week. We have earned some quality wins, including recently in the MSPC Cup, defeating Class A #3 Papillion-LaVista

head boys' soccer coach Jon Brezenski said. Early in the season the boys' team had to take three defeats. First against Columbus High School, then against Creighton Prep, and Pius X.

"Those losses helped us to go forward with some changes we as a coaching staff thought about making before the season. We changed our system to a 4-2-3-1 to help open up our attack. As the team has become more comfortable, we have progressively and steadily improved in our attack," Brezenski said.

The boys' and girls' soccer teams both won their district tournament and therefore qualified for substate, playing this Saturday. Those losses helped

Brezenski concluded, "I want us to play as best as we can in each game. It is always difficult to defeat a team twice in a season. We have defeated each of the teams once, but all teams improve, so we must be ready for a different challenge from each of the teams.



Sophomore Anthony Kosch dribbles the ball through the Schuyler defense. The boys were able to win 3-1, and the girls won 3-0 away from home.

# Musicians compete at annual contest



nior Joslynn Afrank plays the clarinet at the band concert on April 29th. The nd performed its District Music Contest pieces at the concert.

By Gabby Middendorf Editor

their love for music as they competed on April 23, 24, and

25 at District Music Contest at Central Community College. Schools from around the district meet at the community district meet at the community college to compete with each other in several types of performances, such as large ensembles, duets, and solos. Both the high school band and Shamrock Singers participated, but students within those groups competed on their own in solos, duets, and small groups.

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"The band put in a lot of time and preparation ahead of District Music Contest, and their performance while competing reflected how much effort they'd put into it?" Cox said.

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Senior band member
Lucas Cox participated in
five events: senior high band,
drumline, senior group, a
trombone quartet, and a
trombone solo.

"I practiced every day for band, drumline practiced every Monday, and I've been taking private lessons for about two months to prepare,"

Cox said.

The band has been preparing for District Music since mid-February and

since mid-February and performed two songs.

"I waited [to choose songs] until I heard the band perform together over the first semester, so I could hear how it blends and to see the strengths, so the songs I pick really complement the band," Cox commented. Cox commented.

Competitors are judged by area music teachers and musicians and given a rating between one and five, one is superior and five is poor. Combining both band and choral events, Scotus received

a one for seventeen entries and a two for twelve entries.
Senior Abby Allen competed in three events:
Shamrock Singers, a senior girls vocal ensemble, and a solo.

"District Music Contest is always fun. You get to see

really good performances, and you get to showcase your own talents. I was happy that Scotus did so well in all of the choral and band events. We definitely should be proud of the outcome," Allen said.

Senior Carly Cremers participated in eight events in both band and choir.

"Judging was really intense this year, but everyone worked extremely hard and performed very well," Cremers said.

Shamrock Singers a ballad, "Requiem," and a gospel tune, "Fill-a-Me-Up." They received a one plus, which means that all three judges gave the choir a superior rating.

"District Music Contest is something that we've built up to all year long, and looking back at the success throughout the year, it's been amazing to see the growth of these students. I am so proud of them all," Boesch concluded.

### ournalism has record year at state

By Hannah Thomazin Staff Reporter

Students from across the Students from across the state of Nebraska traveled to Norfolk for the state journalism competition held on April 27th, and the Scotus journalism staff came home with ten medals including an individual state champion.

In the beginning of March, state journalism entries were submitted by journalism teacher Angie Rusher. Each student at Scotus was entered in at least one event for judging. On

one event for judging. On April 2<sup>nd</sup>, preliminary results were posted. This year, ten students traveled to Norfolk

to compete.

"Because the qualifying work submitted can be edited over the entire year, the competition itself is quite different because the students only get an hour to write or create something on their topics. Our students generally do very well in the shorter amount of time because they are good writers. They are used to this type of pressure," used to this type of pressure,

Junior Hannah Thomazin competed in two events, news writing and newspaper layout. Thomazin placed fifth in layout, and she won the news writing event.

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"I had to compete in both my events in the morning. It was pretty chaotic and stressful," Thomazin said. "I wasn't sure what to expect, but I thought I did pretty well in both events. For news writing when the director was calling students' names for sixth place, then fifth, and fourth and so on, I was really nervous. When I was called for first place, I thought my heart was going to jump out of

for first place, I thought my heart was going to jump out of my chest; I was so excited."
Junior Gabby Middendorf also competed in news writing and placed fifth. On top of that, she also competed in entertainment review writing.
"We had to write a good article in about 45 minutes, instead of having a few days, like in class," Middendorf said. "Each competitor was given the same prompt, but said. "Each competitor was given the same prompt, but in newspaper class, we have to get a story and quotes, so it was a little different than class, but I still had a lot of

fun."

Junior Morgan Thorson, part of the yearbook staff, competed in news feature photography and placed fifth.

"I didn't expect placing, so it was really neat that I was able to," Thorson said. "My competition was to take three photos on campus at nine in the morning for the event, and it was nerve-racking making

the morning for the event, and it was nerve-racking making sure everything looked alright in all three submitted photos."

Junior Cole Harrington placed third in yearbook sports feature writing.

"The competition was rushed compared to class," Harrington said. "Yearbook is more relaxed because we have more time, but it was still a good experience."

Senior Jaime Gasper

Senior Jaime Gasper qualified in entertainment review and placed third. Gasper typically writes reviews for movies for the Rock Bottom, but for state journalism, he had to write a review on a speech from state speech.

it would probably be Jaime Gasper, not because I doubted his writing skills, but he had

his entertainment review, and he was in a room with students who were on their schools' speech teams, and he still placed third," Rusher

Senior Jessica Schaecher qualified in sports/action photography and placed second. Garrit Shanle placed sixth in news feature photography. Junior Justin Zoucha placed third in editorial writing. Out of the ten students participating in thirteen events, the team came borne with ten media. home with ten medals.

Rusher concluded,
"Because Scotus students are
so dedicated to all of their

the journalism students can only fit a journalism class into their schedules for one year, two if I am lucky, so none of the students who competed had ever been to an event like this before. I am proud of how they compete in everything they do. It was another great day to be a Shamrock!"



# Sprunk pursues music career

By Anna Wickham Staff Reporter

Tired of hearing the chords of "Uptown Funk" play over and over on the cars radio every single day? Or even worse, having nothing to listen to in the morning on the way to school because all that's on is morning talk shows? Thank goodness, one of Scotus's very own is now helping to keep our ears happy by releasing his first CD.

Anthony Sprunk, a sophomore here at Scotus, has had a long journey before finally releasing his CD.

"Ever since I was ten years old, I've always had a strong connection with music. It was/is a way for me

to escape everything around me," Sprunk said. He wrote, produced, and sang all of the songs on the CD, which he named Anthony

"My interest in music now goes way beyond singing and songwriting; it includes all sides of the music spectrum such as producing, performing, recording, and live sound."

The album took Sprunk

The album took Sprunk a year to write, but mastering techniques in producing and sound effects took the sophomore at least six years to get perfect. The album is only one accomplishment that Sprunk has achieved. He has had opportunities to go to a summer camp, the Grammy Camp, in LA last summer

and plans on going again this year. During his time at the Grammy Camp, Sprunk experienced once in a lifetime opportunities. His instructor worked with Justin Bieber, and he got to walk through the studio where Lady GaGa recorded. He also listened to many talks about the music business.

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"I signed up for a class on the East Coast that does hands on studio time with Audio Engineering. I also hope to release a summer EP (half an album normally about 2-5 songs) on digital stores sometime in June or July," Sprunk informed.

As for the social side of his career, he's sitting at about 4.5K followers on Instagram, making him basically "insta-

famous" (to have many many followers on the social networking site, Instagram).

But, Sprunk stays humble by saying, "that may seem like a lot [of followers] but the end of the day it's just at the end of the day, it's just a number. The support I get from them, though, is what means the most."

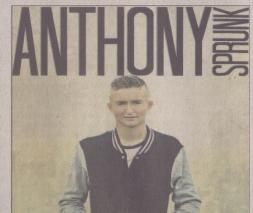
means the most."

To get into this class, Sprunk had to write a paper to the foundation about his knowledge and experienced in music. He qualified for the auto engineering track.

Fans can now find Sprunk's music on iTunes, google play, MP3, or eMusic. He also has CD's that he gives out to anyone who wishes to

out to anyone who wishes to have a physical copy.

"I would just like to thank everyone who has



supported this project from support it; I cannot thank you the start and has continued to enough!" Sprunk concluded.

## Spot the Difference Find 10 differences!

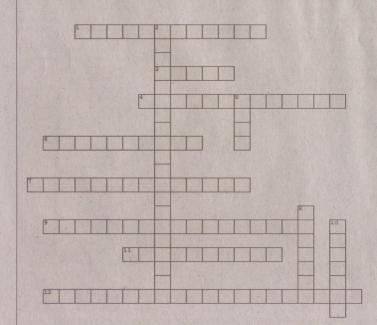








## Newspaper Crossword Puzzle Find the answers in the articles!



### Across

- 1. Where is Spencer Lechner going to college?
- 3. How many game series do the Cornhuskers and Bluejays play in each year?
- 4. What is the title of Anthony Sprunk's CD?
- 6. Where will tennis conference be held?
- 7. Which junior won first place in news writing at State Journalism?
- 9. What is the alleged name of Mr. Kuszak's band?
- 11. What fundraising event is in May?
- 12. Which company DJ-ed for prom?

### Down

- 2. What track competition is on May 9th?
- 5. Where did the golf team compete on April 16th?
- 8. What was the name of the ballad the Shamrock Singers performed at District Music?
- 10. Where is Amethyst Walnofer going to college?