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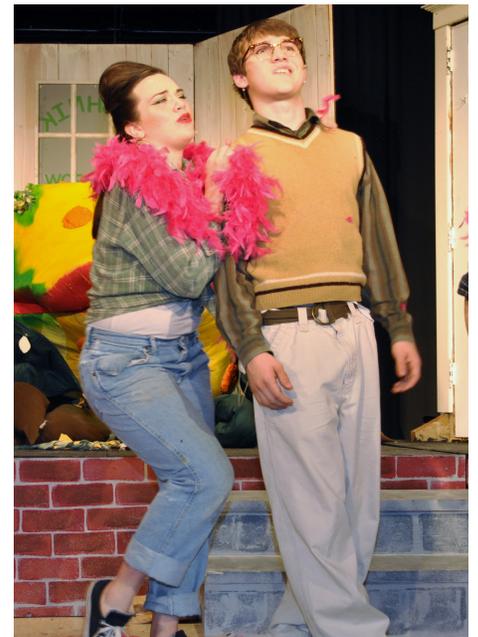
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Thespians find challenges on Skid Row



By Madelaine Comte

Feed Me! **FEED ME!** The Aquinas drama department produced the musical “Little Shop of Horrors” as the fall show, and will use a cutting for the one act competition this 2017/18 season.

“How could I make my life more stressful?” Drama director and middle school teacher Mrs. Ann Heermann thought to herself. The reply was, “Self, let’s do a musical!” Little Shop of Horrors is a horror comedy written by Howard Ashman.

According to Heermann, the show can be summarized in three short sentences. “Man finds plant. Plant eats man. Plant takes over the world,” Heermann said.

The drama department has not produced two musicals in a single school year since 1987/88. Senior cast member Sarah Juranek said, “Having a fall show and one act is like a warm up for musicals. Having a musical first is like jumping in the deep end.” Juranek portrays Audrey, the female lead.

Heermann had always wanted to put on this show. “I had petitioned to do this show for a few years, and this year seemed like the year to finally do it,” Heermann said.

The cast faced many difficulties in prep-

aration for the show. One difficulty is the extensive singing in the show. Sophomore cast member Morgan Littlefield said, “I play my parts out on piano to make sure I’m hitting all of the right notes then I go through my lines in my head until they’re stuck.” Littlefield is Ronnette, a part of the “doo-wop” trio who “helps tell the story through song and dance.”

According to Heermann the singing is not the only challenge of the show. “Part of the challenge is creating a set that moves, and we can take with us,” Heermann said. The set includes a rotating stage and five “Audrey II” man eating plants in various sizes.

After the fall presentation to the public, the musical will be cut down for the one-act competitions. Juranek said, “We are all really focused this year. The group we have is really into it. Everything just meshes so well with this cast.” The one-act cutting will compete at the Osceola one-act festival, conference, and districts.

Additionally, the public will be able to see the one-act cutting of “Little Shop of Horrors” at the Butler County One Act Festival on November 16.

TOP LEFT: Dr. Orin Scrivellow D.D.S, played by sophomore Travis Roh, threatens Seymour Krelborn played by senior Will Yndrick, about dental hygiene. TOP RIGHT: Audrey, played by senior Sarah Juranek, talks business strategy with shop owner Mr. Mushnik, played by senior Josh Roh. ABOVE: Chiffon, played by senior Madelaine Comte, convinces Seymour to “sign that contract!” and take his plant to national fame. Comte, along with sophomores Libby Aschoff and Morgan Littlefield are apart of the trio that narrates the strange events on Skid Row.



Aquinas students work hard, pray hard

Student body attends class retreats

By Jenna Kobza

Class retreats give students an opportunity to grow closer to God. This year the entire school began a new format of retreats to better enhance the curriculum of the religion classes.

According to Aquinas campus minister Mrs. Miriam Daro, "Teachers have so

much on their shoulders with lesson plans and getting things done for kids, I decided to take the responsibility of organizing and formatting retreats." This year's retreats focused on the curriculum of each of the religion classes this year.

As it has been in the past, each class went to one of the supporting parishes. The seniors went to Immaculate Conception parish in Ulysses. Juniors went to Saint Peter's parish in Bellwood.

Freshman went to Dwight Assumption Parish. The eighth graders went to Presentation Parish. Seventh grade went to Saint Anthony's Parish in Bruno.

The sophomores went to Sacred Heart parish in Brainard for their retreat this year. Their retreat focused on the lives of the saints. "Saint Philomena was my favorite saint because she was a young

consecrated virgin, and her story inspired me," sophomore Kaley Steager said. Steager added, "We filled out sheets about how to help the world, and I enjoyed that."

Daro arranged guest speakers for each of the classes. Additionally each class had an opportunity for reconciliation.

"My favorite part about retreats was our speaker [Tony Birkel] because he talked to us about courage. During my adoration time I sat, and listened to God talk to me," sixth grader Riley Yindrick said. Mr. Tony Birkel '11 alumnus spoke to the sixth graders. For their first retreat the sixth grade class stays at Aquinas.

"Kids seemed to enjoy the retreats this year, and all the feedback was positive," Daro said. Daro plans to continue the new format of retreats in the future.



Juniors Hayden Schawang, Reilly Kahler and Zachary Chromy work on an activity at the Junior Class retreat. Fr. Ben Holdren led the retreat. Photo by J. Brown.

Students sound "sharp" at Mass

By Faith Kozisek

"Our opening hymn will be number seventy-nine." Several students at Aquinas High School are leading the music for their parish Masses.

These students got involved with leading their parish music when they were young. Junior Jackie Drozda became a cantor when she was only 12 years old because she wanted to share her love of singing with others. Drozda said, "I began in the children's choir and then wanted to be in the adult choir." Drozda now leads the music at Marietta parish in rural David City.

According to Drozda, leading the music at her parish is an honor and is enjoyable. Drozda said, "[Her singing] makes everybody a lot happier." Drozda also added her singing has "brought people to tears."

Senior Valeria Whitmore enjoys playing the violin for Sacred Heart parish in Shelby because it is "sharing the beauty of music in a way to worship God." Whitmore got involved with the help of her mother and sister and has been playing for her parish for about six years. Whitmore said, "My sister Vanessa and I just learned how to play 'God

Bless America,' and so my mom thought it was a good idea [for us to play at Mass.]"

Junior Eli Reiter began playing the organ for St. Peter's parish in Bellwood following in the footsteps of his brother, 2017 alumnus Will. The younger Reiter began taking lessons, but now is "at the point where [he] can just practice on his own."

Drozda, Whitmore, and Reiter all plan to advance their musical talents. Drozda and Whitmore plan on majoring in music in college. Whitmore said, "I will keep taking lessons to increase my skills, and I plan to major in music performance."

Reiter plans to continue playing for his parish "for as long as he is a part of it" or perhaps he will play for another parish "wherever an organist is needed." Reiter enjoys playing for his parish because when he "messes up, it wakes people up in the pews... like Mr. Mimick."

Getting involved with playing an instrument or singing for Mass is easy. Drozda, Whitmore, and Reiter all encourage others to join their parish choirs. Whitmore said, "Share your talents."

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Fun "Around the World"



This year's homecoming candidates were seniors Kelsey Baer, Veronica Kobza, Becky Roh, Sarah Juranek, Madelaine Comte, Joshua Roh, Tyler Vavrina, Nolan Maguire, Will Yindrick, and Isaac Archuleta. King Tyler Vavrina and queen Veronica Kobza were also the cutest baby winners.

By Jenna Kobza

The 2017 homecoming theme was "All Around the World." The senior committee and senior moderator Mrs. Teresa Pokorny put together a week dedicated to the Monarch "travelers."

"The people on the committee came up with ideas, and we chose the one we liked best," senior class vice-president Rebekah Roh said. Other seniors on the committee included Madelaine Comte, Jenna Kobza, Regan Pelan, Ashley Eller, Cassie Sellers, Veronica Kobza, Dawson Schawang, and Brandon Timoney. Pokorny said, "The ones on the committee help me out with the theme days and other odds and ends."

The students participated in the dress up days for the week. Monday was "Traveling Monarchs," and students dressed as if they were going on a plane. Tuesday was "Monarchs Around the World," and students dressed as tourists. Wednesday was "Monarchs Down Under," and students dressed as southern or outback people. Thursday was "Mercian Monarchs," and students dressed as red, white and blue patriots. Friday was "Homeward Bound" and students dressed in their traditional black, white and gold attire.

"My favorite dress up day was "Black, White and Gold day" because I got to match with my best friends, as we wore our black

and gold sequined sweat-pants," Roh said. "The most challenging part of Homecoming Week is trying to maintain order while allowing the students to dress up and enjoy the week," Pokorny said.

This year's class games all focused on the theme and the senior class ended up winning the class games. On Monday students had to maneuver through a hula-hoop while linked to other classmates. Tuesday's class game was different travel trivia questions.

On Wednesday the annual evening pep rally occurred with many class games. All four class videos were shown to the crowd of students and parents. Thursday's class game happened during the warm-up time of the varsity volleyball game. The students had to go through the stands and ask prospectors for things on their "travel" list.

Friday was the annual eating contest and car smash. The senior class won the games this year and will be rewarded with a jean day and a pizza party. Additionally, seniors hosted a pinata smash at the football game for the homecoming game.

Seniors have a very interesting take on homecoming this year with it being their last, they hope to make many "last" memories in their senior year. "I really enjoyed my last homecoming. I think that the fact that it was my last homecoming dance made it even more special," Roh said. "I enjoyed my last homecoming because I made a lot of fun memories with my friends, Sellers said.

A growl... or a roar. Monarchs sound off...

"What has been the best thing that's happened to you so far this school year?"



Student teacher Mr. Brennan Brockhaus:

"Getting acclimated into a classroom for the first time is awesome. Mrs. Heermann and Mr. Mimick are

great. Being able to run my own classroom for the first time is the best part."



Senior Julie Humlicek:

"Getting to spend more time outside of the classroom and having more fun with my classmates at our senior retreat."



Seventh grader Mara Yindrick:

"Getting seventh place at the Fremont-Bergan cross country meet."



Junior Michael Rerucha:

"Being a champion at volleyball in P.E."



Fall marchers "keep on rolling"

Marching Monarch's season comes to a close after successful season

By Brandon Timoney

Band! Horns! ARE UP!! The marching Monarchs competed in three marching competitions during the fall marching season and took home high honors at one of the competitions.

The Monarchs competed at Bennington, the Oxbow Marching Festival, and the Nebraska State Band Association (NSBA) competition. Band director Mrs. Helen Ostdiek said, "I thought the show went very well, and we did well as a whole band." The band earned a one rating at Bennington and took home honors of best drum majors and grand champions. The band earned two ratings at the Oxbow Marching Festival and NSBA.

The theme for this year's show was "The Rolling Stones." The show provided difficulties for the marchers throughout the season. "What was difficult was getting prepared for the first show," Ostdiek said.

However, Ostdiek said one of the strengths of the show was the likability of the music. "[The theme] made them work harder in a shorter amount of time."

Ostdiek had tips and tricks to get the show into tip top shape. "We get the movement on the field, and then we add music. We memorized more of the music on the field because the music dictated the movement."

The two drum majors that served during the marching season were seniors Madeline Comte and Will Yindrick. Comte said, "When we first learned the show, there were a few spots we needed to improve. At the end of the season we pushed through the last five percent and made it a good, well rounded show."

Comte had many duties as drum major. "I liked being drum major because it was cool to become a leader in something I enjoy." Comte also noted it is difficult being

drum major because she had to be firm but encouraging at the same time. Comte felt being authoritative during band and going back to being a student in the next period was a difficult task.

Freshmen had the chance to experience their first taste of marching this year. Freshman Ruth Plasek liked marching and enjoyed her time marching. "I really thought [the show] was great, and I thought we could've gotten a one." Plasek said she enjoys band because she enjoys playing her trumpet.

The marching season provided many lessons for the students. For Comte one lesson is invaluable. "I learned that we need to appreciate Mrs. Ostdiek more because her job is difficult and you can't be everyone's friend, and you have to keep the band focused and motivated."



Junior Suzanne Oborny and senior Caleb Brezina take shelter from the rain as they pray outside the Planned Parenthood clinic. Oborny said, "Praying with the people from different schools just showed that the catholic pro-life cause is a universal movement." Photo by I. Schmid

Pro-lifers rally for an end

Monarchs learn apologetics at Pius pro-life day

By Jill Witter

We are the pro-life generation! Hundreds of students gathered at St. Pius X High School to defend their pro-life views and learn how to spread their knowledge of the value of life at all stages.

The students participated at Pius High School's annual Pro-Life Day and speaker in mid-September. Activities included presentations and praying at the abortion clinic.

The weather did not cooperate with the pro-lifers, but that did not stop the pro-lifers from going to pray at the abortion clinic. Freshman Macy Moravec attended the event and found several activities to be valuable. "My favorite part of the day was praying in the rain because it made me feel like I was doing something to change the world and the hearts of distressed women."

Substitute teacher and bus driver Mrs. Karla Brezina said, "By praying publicly we are asking for God's intercession, and we have seen women change their mind right before going in. It's the most beautiful thing ever." About 100 students gathered from three schools at the abortion clinic. Aquinas

students were joined by students from Wahoo Bishop Neumann and Pius X students.

Ms. Savannah Falter gave a talk on how to defend pro-life views at the conference. Moravec felt she learned to defend her faith because "killing humans is a moral evil, no matter their size, level of development, or their degree of dependency."

Falter's presentation will help Brezina find "common ground" with those who have different views and experience. "Arguing makes people put up walls but finding common ground helps people open up," Brezina said.

Moravec encourages all who did not go on Pius Pro-Life Day this year to attend next year. "The conference was such a great experience, and I will definitely be going again next year," Moravec said. Brezina added, "With this much fire within this generation, there is no doubt in my mind that they will be the generation to put an end to abortion."



Cross country makes strides at state

By Morgan Littlefield

The Aquinas cross country runners brought home an individual state medal and a runner-up team trophy to conclude their season. The meets leading up to state challenged the thin clads.

Senior Eli Frasher placed first at the state cross country tournament in Kearney on Friday Oct. 20. The girls' team got runner-up, and the boys' team received tenth place.

Districts were held at Camp Kateri near McCool Junction this year. Coach John Svec said, "The expectations were for the girls to be champions, which they were, and for the boys to qualify for state, which they did. It was a very good meet for us."

The 2017 cross country Centennial Conference was cancelled due to weather concerns. Senior runner Sarah Burwell said, "The conference meet was supposed to be held at Pioneer's Park in Lincoln, but they had a lot of rain that tore up the course, so we couldn't run on it."

Nine teams were scheduled to compete against the Monarchs. Svec said, "Having the conference meet canceled was an adversity. That would have been a good meet. There were two very good girls teams there, which would have pushed our girls to get a conference championship. There was one very good team for the boys."

The Aquinas invite was held at the David

City golf course on Sept. 28. The girls team finished second, tying with Scotus; the boys placed fourth. "Our boys had the best finish so far," Svec said. Senior runner Isaac Archuleta said, "I ran a fairly good race compared to the last two weeks." The Aquinas and David City cross country teams wore pink for the seventh annual Butler County Health Care Center's Breast Cancer

Awareness games, also known as the Pink Games.

Burwell and Archuleta both agreed their final season as Monarch cross country runners went really well. Svec said he wants his runners to know that "like anything in life, cross country is a process. It is what you do to get where you want to be that is important."



The varsity girls' cross country team accepts the runner-up trophy. The girls' team won the state championship the previous year. The girls' varsity team will lose three seniors next season. Photo by I. Archuleta.

Knights end Monarch's Memorial dream

By Madelaine Comte

GRIND FOR NINE! The Aquinas football players ended their regular season games with a 7-1 record. The Monarchs found success in playoffs, but ended their season in the second round against Norfolk Catholic.

The team defeated Gothenburg 42-6 in the round one playoff game. The team had to travel over 3 hours to the venue in western Nebraska for the win. Senior half-back Nolan Maguire said, "We played very well on both sides of the ball."

The team lost the last regular season game to Wahoo High with a score of 14-34. Junior running back Andy Lyons said, "We played nice in the second half, but the first half wasn't what we needed it to be." Despite the loss, head coach Mr. Ron Mimick said, "Our strengths were our depth, attitude,

and a very team oriented running game."

The team lost Josh Roh, Travis Roh, and Nathan Uhrmacher due to injury late in the regular season. Lyons said, "Josh (Roh) was full time on defense which was a big part of the team." According to Mimick, he had to move other players to cover the positions of the injured players. Uhrmacher returned to action for last regular season game and also playoffs.

The Monarchs beat North Bend with a score of 30-0. Maguire said, "[North Bend] was a tough game for both teams because of the conditions of the field. It was hard for us to run and them to pass." Maguire added the team needed to work on "coming out on fire" during a game.

According to Maguire, he showed lead-

ership within the team by "leading by example." Maguire said, "The underclassmen put in more effort into practices and doing their responsibilities." Lyons added, "Being where I am supposed to be when I am supposed to be there is how I showed leadership in the team."

The players won against cross town rival David City High with a score of 40-0. Mimick said, "It is a little different because the kids know each other. You have to handle things a little differently because you live in the same town as them."

The team had high expectations for the playoff season. Lyons said, "[I expected] for us to be good and prepared to play." Norfolk Catholic bested the Monarchs with a score of 17-21.



Districts leave players "out"

By Emily Dalton

Single! Double! Triple! Home Run! The softball team finished its season with a 16-13 record. With six returning varsity players, experience was key.

The team "struggled" at the beginning of the season, according to varsity shortstop Vanessa Bohuslavsky. "We weren't prepared or focused and didn't do very well." However, the team pulled through in time for districts. Bohuslavsky said, "As a team, we put hitting, fielding and talking together and performed pretty well."

The road to districts was quite muddy, literally and figuratively. Rain pushed districts from Oct. 5 to Oct. 6. Senior varsity pitcher Kelsey Baer said, "[The scheduling change] frustrated us because we were ready to play Thursday, and Friday was hectic."

Despite the reschedule, the team started out strong with an 8-3 win against

Southern. Unfortunately, the weather changed the tournament to a single elimination tournament, and the 2-11 loss against Malcolm ended the season for the Monarchs. Baer was still happy with the performance. "Even against number one Malcolm, we were able to compete most of the game."

Being the only senior, Baer lead the team. Bohuslavsky said, "[Having one senior] was almost better because we all looked up to her. She did a really good job." Unfortunately, Baer's graduation will leave the team short one pitcher, but Bohuslavsky believes they have girls who show potential.

Baer says she will miss playing with girls she has begun to think of as family. "There is a lot of heart in this game. We play for each other, not for ourselves." Baer plans to continue playing softball in college.

Softball Scoreboard	
Twin River	7-2
North Bend	11-1
Central City	7-6
Columbus Lakeview	5-3
O'Neill	5-3
Polk County	8-1
Bishop Neumann	2-13
Arlington	0-14
North Bend Central	13-0
Southern (Districts)	8-3
Malcolm (Districts)	2-11

Volleyball strikes again at conference

By Jayci Roh

The Aquinas High School volleyball team fought for the wins all throughout their season. The team showed their skills as they played ranked teams to go into the district season.

The volleyball players played against several ranked teams throughout the season. Junior middle hitter Kloe Ruth said, "The hardest part about the season was being mentally tough with a lot of close games where we pulled out the win." Senior setter Veronica Kobza added the team played some of the toughest teams in the conference tournament.

Ruth said the most exciting game of the season was against Fremont Bergan in the Centennial Conference tournament because the team was not expected to beat the number one ranked team, as the Monarchs went in to the tourney as the ninth seed. The team won against Fremont Bergan 2-1.

Head coach Mrs. Jody Pelan said, "We started off with St. Cecilia and played decent, and then beat them. We played them in the beginning of the season, and it's always hard to beat a team twice. Then we stepped up our game and beat the number one seed Fremont Bergan."

The Monarchs also played Bishop Neumann in the Conference tournament and lost 1-2. Pelan said "We played pretty well the first set, then got into some problems when they started blocking us."

The volleyball team played against ranked teams and showed their ability to fight through and work together as a team. The Monarchs also played in the Lincoln Christian invite. The team went 2-1 in the tournament receiving fifth place against Lincoln Christian losing 0-2, Yutan winning 2-0, and Auburn winning 2-1. The girls also played Guardian Angels Central Catholic (GACC) the following week beating GACC 3-0.

Pelan said, "It was nice to get the win against GACC; we played well enough. The girls did what they had to do to win." The Monarchs also played at the David City Triangular where the team went 2-0. The highlight of that game, according to Pelan was "beating both teams, and winning against a cross town rival."

The volleyball team played Lincoln Lutheran and lost 1-2. Pelan said, "We came out on fire and beat them in the first set, then played flat the rest of the game and it was hard to get into a rhythm."



Senior Veronica Kobza passes during the Centennial Conference game. The Monarchs ended their season against Columbus Scotus Central Catholic with a record of 17-11. Photo by J. Brown





Middle school cross country "runs" to the finish

By Jill Witter

Ready! Set! And they're off! The 2017 middle school cross country team ran for motivation and inspiration. Their experience this year helped the runners prepare for what could come in their high school running career.

The middle school cross country runners competed at many of the same meets that the high school runners. However, competing in the meets is not mandatory for middle school runners. Standard scorekeeping does not apply to the cross country team.

Role models for the young athletes are within the very walls of Aquinas High School. Eighth grade cross country runner Ella Moravec said, "Seeing the high school cross country team is my inspiration to run because seeing their team work together made me want that."

High school science teacher and cross country coach team Ms. Vanessa Munter felt the highlight of the season was "the home meet. One of our runners was struggling with finishing the race and a high school athlete, after just getting done with a game and still in her uniform, ran beside

the struggling runner for the last mile."

The runners did their best at "pushing past being tired and giving it everything they" according to Munter. Munter's goal for the runners this year was to "keep the joy of running in their hearts so they can continue that skill throughout their life."

Along with Munter, high school business teacher Mr. Tony Smith helped motivate the cross country team to run long distances without giving up. "He's the one that took them out on longer runs, and the kids liked it because they got to go on longer distances," Munter said.

Even though the cross country season has ended, it certainly has not ended for some of the runners on the team. While the eighth grade class is deciding whether they want to continue their running passion into their high school career, some will certainly be using the off season as an opportunity to better their running skills. Eighth grade cross country runner Xavier Fiala said, "I try to run at least twice a week for about two miles. Running will always be a love of mine."

Volleyball "sets" their season

By Regan Pelan

Cross! Line! Angle! The middle school volleyball team recently finished their season with a 17-9 record between all three teams.

The team exemplified both strengths and weaknesses this season. According to middle school volleyball coach Miss Taylor Pelan, the team's biggest strength was "probably their experience in volleyball knowledge coming into the season because a lot of them have played on other teams in elementary school and middle school."

The team showed weakness in their ability to converse on the court. Pelan said their biggest weakness was "communication and being confident in talking on the court."

Pelan tried to prepare the middle school players for high school volleyball. "Practices started out with reviewing fundamentals every day and built towards more six-

on-six live play," Pelan said. Pelan tried to run some of the same drills the high school volleyball team runs and "establish similar expectations."

Pelan's goals for the team this season were "to improve their individual skills, as well as how they played as a team." Pelan was pleased with each team. "Every single girl improved tremendously since the first practice of the year, and every team had a winning record," Pelan said.

Eighth grade "A team" player Mallori Kucera believes their most difficult opponent of the 2017 season was Neumann. "We had to go into three sets and keep up our game," Kucera said.

The "8A team" finished their season with a 6-2 record. The '7A team' finished with a 5-3 record, and the "B team" finished with a record of 6-4.

Middle school football team finishes season

By Jayci Roh

With an end to the season, the middle school boys had a successful 2017 football season. The middle school boys ended their football season with a win against Bishop Neumann.

Middle and high school football coach and P.E teacher Mr. Dan Mettler felt "the boys have competed to the best of their abilities." The boys played six games: Scotus, Lincoln Lutheran, Shelby, Norfolk Catholic, and Neumann.

Eighth grade quarterback Caleb Thege said his favorite game of the season was against Bishop Neumann. "We lost last year and came back this year and beat them as a team," Thege said. Seventh grader Quarterback Luke Sellers felt the hardest competition of the season was also Neumann. "We did not work together as a team," Sellers said.

According to Mettler the hardest part about coaching is "getting athletes to listen, pay attention, and to be able to perform is the hardest part about coaching."

Thege and Sellers agreed that the biggest improvement the players need for the future is to become better leaders. [Football] "helps you out in life and builds up your communication skills," Thege said, "I like working with my team and building character," Sellers added.

The season had many highlights for players and coaches, alike "Every game is exciting because we have an opportunity to play Aquinas football!" Mettler said.



Eighth grader John Prochaska takes his last steps before kicking the ball against the Scotus Shamrocks. The eight graders then won their contest against Scotus Central Catholic. Photo by E. Dalton



In case you missed "IT"

By Sarah Juranek

Director: Andy Muschietti

Cast: Jaeden Lieberher, Jereny Ray Taylor, Sophia Lillis, Finn Wolfhard, Chosen Jacobs, Jack Dylan Grazer Wyatt Oleff, Bill Skarsgard, Nicholas Hamilton

Synopsis:

The Losers Club faces bullying and persecution, as they fight off the demon clown Pennywise in a horror film about growing up and facing fears.

Review:

"It" (2017) is a remake of the 1990 horror mini-series "It" which was based on the book by Stephen King. The screenplay "It" was written by Chase Palmer, Cary Fukunage and Gary Dauberman. The movie opens with little Georgie Denbrough floating his paper boat down the street in the pouring rain. His boat floats down a sewer drain, until encountering Pennywise, the demon clown. Pennywise pulls Georgie into the sewer and into his demise.

Next, the viewer encounters the "Loser's Club" on the last day of school. After a brief confrontation with the school bully Eddie Bower and his gang, the Loser's Club so-

lifies into the group that will fight the malevolence which has terrorized Derry over the years.

Pennywise terrorizes the kids until Ben, the new student and a part of the Loser's

Club, puts together the pieces of the puzzle.

The Loser's Club learns that Pennywise is a demon that surfaces every 27 years and feasts on children. Despite this information, Bill is convinced that Georgie is still living and waiting to be found. Consequently, the Loser's Club goes to fight Pennywise in his own territory- the sewer.

The final fight takes place in the sewers the true home of "It". After a "killer" dance by Pennywise, some jump scares, and the heart wrenching realization made by Bill that Georgie is truly gone, Pennywise is beaten by the kids, literally and figuratively. The Losers Club leaves the sewers with the hope that Pennywise is dead, but not leaving anything to chance, they slit their hands and make a blood oath to come back if Pennywise ever surfaces again.

This editor would only recommend this film to anyone who enjoys being terrified enough to sleep with one eye open for at least a week after. Unless the viewer would like to float with the lost kids of Derry, avoid this terror.



Gun safety and justice for all

By Isaac Archuleta

In the wake of the recent horrific shooting in Las Vegas, gun control advocates are out in full force once again trying to push their own agenda instead of mourning this tragedy like the rest of the country.

On Sunday Oct. 1, a lone gunman began firing at people attending a Jason Aldean concert. At this time at least 59 people have been confirmed dead, and over 500 people have been injured. The shooter placed himself in a lair in the Mandalay Bay hotel and used self-made automatic weapons to fire upon the crowd of thousands, until he took his own life when faced with capture.

After this attack, many organizations rushed to Las Vegas to support the wounded. The nation united in solidarity to help fellow Americans. There were also those who, understandably, were mad that this incident occurred and looked for how it might have been stopped. However these

concerned citizens may be going about it the wrong way.

People who are constantly advocating about unity, and how citizens need peace and understanding in this country, are the ones fracturing the unity and bonds that already exist. Mrs. Hillary Clinton, the 2016 Democratic nominee for president, is a prime example.

Clinton called for peace and unity after the shooting but immediately afterwards took aim at the National Rifle Association by tweeting, "Our grief isn't enough. We can and must put politics aside, stand up to the NRA, to try to stop this from happening again." The former candidate blames a group that promotes one of the most important amendments in the constitution for the massacre. So much for unity.

Late night television personality Jimmy Kimmel, host of Jimmy Kimmel Live, also

criticized the situation on his late night talk show saying how something should be done to control guns. Kimmel repeatedly blasted second amendment advocates. Later that week it was found that Kimmel increased the size of his armed security detail to 10 people, all equipped with guns. Hypocritical? Perhaps.

Gun control advocates and politicians believe banning a certain type of gun or a certain attachment on guns will prevent deaths and make America a safer place. They point to the fact the Las Vegas shooter used automatic weapons to mercilessly mow down too many people, an incident that could have been lessened if the shooter only had a single fire weapon.

The advocates also believe if gun laws were stricter it would prevent unstable people from acquiring the weapons in the first place.