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## Drug testing presents conflicting views

Anthony Clark

The war against drug abuse is on. Drug testing is being initiated by school officials and employers all across the United States to combat what is being considered a problem of epidemic proportions in our society.

In the United States an estimated 18 to 20 million people use marijuana, 3 to 5 million use cocaine, and 10 million are alcoholics.

Statistics like these have caused employers and school officials to take measures to assure that drug abuse does not affect the performance of employees and athletes.

"The crusade to deprive drug peddlers and suppliers of their customers has become America's crusade," said President Ronald Reagan.

President Reagan launched a campaign in early August to combat recreational drugs in school and in the work place. He also plans to educate the public on the perils of drug abuse and to strengthen anti-drug law enforcement.

Reagan has called for drug testing in federal agencies in hopes that business firms will follow suit.

Locally, the Omaha Police Department recently initiated a drug testing program for its

employees, while firefighters and rescue squad paramedics are not subject to drug tests. Many member companies of the Iowa Motor Truck Association have begun testing programs.

Beginning this fall the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) will require that all college athletes be subject to at least two random mandatory drug tests to remain eligible for NCAA championship competitions and football bowl games.

### Invasion of Privacy

The drug testing issue has raised many moral and legal questions. Civil Liberties Unions are protesting the tests as an unconstitutional invasion of privacy.

"They would be violating our private lives," said sophomore Carrie Spellman. "It is an individual's problem and not everybody else's."

Don Leahy, Athletic Director at Creighton University, defends the NCAA's decision. "Participating in athletics is a privilege, not a right, so the schools have a right to keep their athletic programs drug free," said Mr. Leahy.

While drug testing is being done on college athletes, academic students are not to be tested.

"What is an epidemic would have to get much worse before schools can start to test all students for drug abuse," said Dr. G.E. Moller, principal.

Mr. Leahy does not think drug testing will reach the high school level. "Hopefully the problem will take care of itself," said Mr. Leahy. "The purpose of the tests is not to catch drug abusers but to prevent athletes from using drugs."

Central basketball coach, James Martin, would like to see a drug testing program for high school athletes. "It would take a lot of pressure off the coaches," said Mr. Martin. "I think the tests would be effective as preventive medicine."

"I don't think it's fair that amateur athletes are subject to so much criticism," said senior football player Carl Wemhoff. "Athletes probably party less than the average citizen."

### Right to Protect Society

Many people feel drug testing employees in life-threatening jobs, such as public transportation, should be done to protect the public, while other people argue it is an infringement on the rights of the individual.

"Society has a right to protect itself over the rights of the individual," said Creighton University professor of sociology Jerry Clark. "Society as a whole is more important than an individual."

"Professional sports owners have a right to know if their players are abusing drugs," said Carl. "Professional athletes are under contract and are, in a sense, the property of the owners."

Professional athletes have been under a lot of criticism lately as a result of recent developments. First round draft choice of the Boston Celtics, Len Bias, died of cocaine intoxication. Cleveland Browns safety, Don Rogers, died of a cocaine-induced heart attack. These events and others have changed the public's view of athletes.

"I think recent developments have changed the public's attitude towards drug testing," said Coach Martin.

"People now realize what a major problem it is."

Many people feel that the drug problem is not as serious as recent developments have led the public to believe.

"Drug and alcohol abuse is widespread on the high school level," said sophomore Jill Weaver, "but in most cases it is not a serious problem."

"Drugs are no more a problem now than they have been in the past," said Carl. "I think they're blowing the problem all out of proportion."



Craig Hamler  
Dr. John Hamler pretends to test Sara Seisman, both of Creighton University, for drugs. Drug testing is a major issue in schools, businesses, and government today.

## Mandatory senior finals in spring

Niki Galiano

All seniors will be required to take second semester finals this year, according to Central High School principal Dr. G.E. Moller. Teachers will no longer be able to excuse seniors from taking their finals at their discretion, as they have in past years.

Dr. Moller said he plans to have the seniors take their finals before they are released for the summer, which will be about a week earlier than the underclassmen are released.

There are still a number of scheduling problems to be worked out with this new policy. Dr. Moller pointed out the fact that many seniors take classes with underclassmen, and the seniors will probably have a different final schedule than the rest of the classes.

The school has decided to make the change for several reasons. One of them, according to Dr. Moller, is the fact that school credit requirements were increased this year, and Central was the only school at that time that did not require the seniors to take finals.

Dr. Moller also said that it is good practice for the many seniors who are going off to college to take examinations.

Many supervision problems the school has had in the past will also be solved by having seniors take finals before they leave, instead of having to come back to school, Dr. Moller explained.

### Mixed Reactions

Teachers and students have mixed reactions to the change.

Mrs. Vicki Anderson, Spanish teacher, said, "I felt excusing seniors from taking finals was kind of a reward for doing such hard work. I'm sorry to see that go."

However, Mr. John Williams, chemistry teacher, was happy about the new finals policy. "I always had my seniors take finals anyway. I'm glad the school finally agreed with me."

Senior Shelly Wyzkowski said the new policy is not fair because the senior class was the first class for raised credit requirements and an earlier starting time. "We feel our class is being unjustly burdened."

Sophomore Meredith Hammans said, "Since we have to take midterms at Central, not having senior finals was like a reward."

One student, senior Greg Gambel, had a different opinion. He said, "I don't think it really matters. Those are the last big tests before you go into adulthood. You need them, or you're going to be a kid all your life."

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Viewpoints

Question: What is your opinion of drug testing for high school student athletes?

Fred McCullough—senior



"I don't think it should be done if drugs aren't a problem. It depends on the situation and how many people are involved."

Matt Hull—junior



"I'm for it. What's the sense of playing football if you're not going to start off on your own support."

Jason Gaughan—senior



"I don't think they should do that because the athlete knows drugs hinder his performance. And a person should be smart enough to know that he can't take drugs and play to the best of his ability."

Rob Ryan—senior



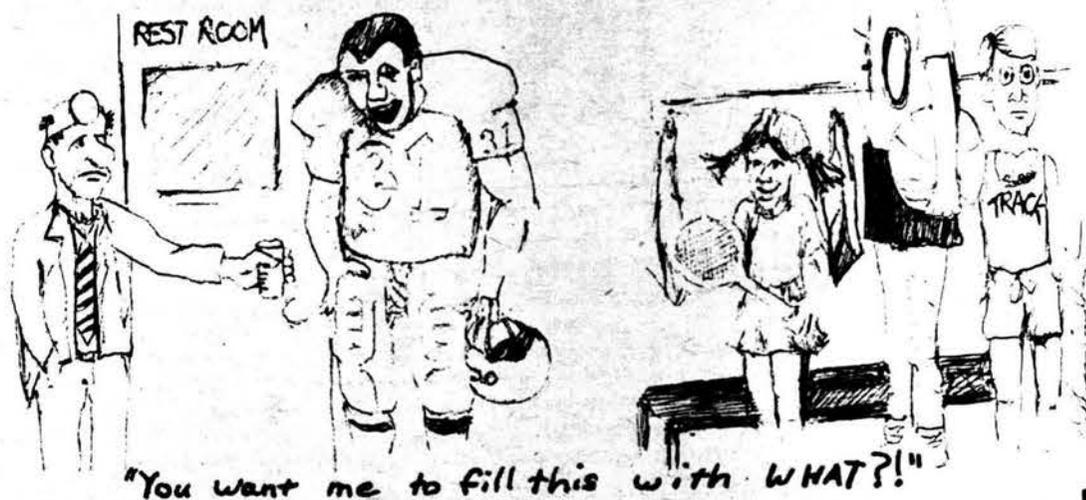
"There shouldn't be any testing because drug use isn't that high and probably won't have an outcome at the high school level."

Matt MacCashland—junior



"I'm for it. I guess if they're using drugs it'll show up in their performance."

Athlete drug use:



Is testing necessary?

A recent survey conducted by the University of Michigan Institute for Social Research indicates that over 60 percent of 1985 high school seniors have tried illicit drugs. Over 30 percent of those surveyed had taken the drugs in the last 30 days prior to the survey. Gallup polls and independent research groups across the nation echo the same cry: drugs are an epidemic.

They reach into all walks of student life. They affect the socialite who drinks a six pack at a party or smokes a joint before class. They affect the hard-pressed student who swallows a few white crosses or MG 20/20s to get through a term paper's final night. And one of the fastest growing concerns is the athlete that pumps up on steroids for a step up on the opponent.

How is such a problem controlled? Some universities have adopted mandatory athlete drug testing after the deaths of Len Bias and Don Rogers. Is high school drug testing necessary?

Although the problem of athlete drug use is present on the high school level, it has not yet warranted drastic measures. This is not to be taken as a statement

condoning drug use by athletes. On the contrary, measures should be taken against athlete drug use, but none so drastic and accusing. Action should be taken in a more positive direction.

Closer interaction with the athletes on a more personal level by their teachers, counselors, and coaches may be enough to check the problem. The communication may be incentive enough for the student to reconsider the consequences of his/her actions. The athlete's family may provide a support group not only for athletic development but also academic and social development. Information programs could be provided by the coaches before a season to inform the students.

These solutions emphasize personal involvement between the athlete and the people around him. They do not advocate prying into the life of a student and slapping him/her on the hand when the athlete may not even understand why.

Also, the present method of drug testing has not yet been perfected. A student who is using drugs may abstain for a short

period before testing, thereby testing negative. Likewise, a student who has quit using drugs a short time before the test and intends to stay off them may test positive. In these cases, the drug-using athlete will be overlooked while the sober athlete will be punished. Is this "a risk we have to take"? While the test is as uncertain as it presently is, it is a risk we cannot take.

Moreover, invasion of personal privacy is unconstitutional. The Fourth Amendment states, "The right of the people to be secure in their persons...against unreasonable searches...shall not be violated."

Because the term "unreasonable" is quite vague, supporters of drug testing argue that the tests are reasonable in their definition. However, the interpretation of the Constitution is the responsibility of the Supreme Court, not the general public. Until the Supreme Court rules that it is Constitutional for school administrators to analyze a student's physical content, the individual rights of privacy of the student outweigh the urgency to stem drug abuse among athletes.

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# Bizzare thoughts on toast

# Behind all of the symbols

## Speaking in Tongues

Joe Fogarty



Teacher: Hello, my name is Mr. St. Faux Pas. Welcome. I feel it would be quite beneficial to our situation in this classroom if we went around the room and introduced ourselves, OK? Why don't we start with you, sir, in the multi-colored drawstring beach-type shorts and the flat top hair cut?

Students: (silence) . . . (more silence)  
 Student -1: Uh...Which one of us sir?  
 St. Faux Pas: Oh, excuse me... The one in the first seat in the first row, please stand.

Student -2 (Mike): My name is Mike.  
 St. Faux Pas: Well, Mike, tell us a little about yourself, about your family.

Mike: Uh...well, I have two parents, a mother and a father... and I like to party. (He sits)

St. Faux Pas: O...K, well, the young lady behind Mike, would you stand and tell us who you are?

Student -3 (Patience):(Giggle)...Uh (giggle)...well, my (giggle)... (snicker)... My name is Patience (giggle), and I adore Paris.

St. Faux Pas: Well! We have a world traveler with us. When did you last visit Paris?

Patience: Oh... I haven't yet... but my sister has! Her name is Chastity. (she sits)

St. Faux Pas: Welcome, Patience. Next why don't we hear from you, sir, in the back corner. Yes, the one with the aura of impending confusion around you.

Student -4 (Melba): My name is Melba.  
 St. Faux Pas: That's an interesting name. Where did you get it?

Melba: Melba toast. You know, those hard pieces of miniature toast that come in individually wrapped packages. I honestly don't know whether it means that I remind someone of melba toast or if it means I'm individually wrapped.

St. Faux Pas: Of course. Well, tell us about yourself, Melba.

Melba: I come from a large family, and I have seven and a half cats and...

St. Faux Pas: Seven and a half?

Melba: Yeah, the calico, Crompton, has no hind legs. He was born that way but he works alright. He just drags around on a sled my brother made for him.

St. Faux Pas: Ingenious. Well next...

Melba: I have hobbies, too.

St. Faux Pas: (Slightly irritated) Oh? Why don't you tell us about them?

Melba: For one thing, I've gotten very good at sticking my face out the window of a moving car and letting my tongue dry out so I can stick it to my upper lip. It's amazing how much quality time can be consumed doing that.

St. Faux Pas: I'll have to try that sometime. O.K., let's have...

Melba: There's more.

St. Faux Pas: Of course. (Checking his watch) Very well then, but we haven't got much time.

Melba: Wonderful! You see, I've recently begun some very in-depth investigations on one of America's most important institutions.

St. Faux Pas: And what might that be?

Melba: Sesame Street! I am currently focusing on the lives of Ernie and Bert. I've had to ask such probing questions as: How old are they? and If they are as old as they act, why do they live alone in an apartment in New York? And one very important question is: Why is Bert's nose detachable? I've also considered...

(The bell rings, the classroom empties immediately, leaving Mr. St. Faux Pas and Melba alone.)

Melba: Mr. St. Faux Pas?... Sir?... Why are you chewing on your hand like that?... Please, sir, you may need that thumb some day. (Melba exits).

## A Closer Look

Kris Duffenbacher



"Listen, I don't fight; I've nothing against you," Jeff managed to say calmly as four drunken jocks approached him. I was shaking with anger and the fear of helplessness as I was forced to stand and watch a dear friend be pulled to the ground by two of them and hit and kicked by the other two "heroes." As Jeff tried to roll away, the largest of the school boys kicked him in the face. Jeff was able to back away as the four went to go join their friends in "fighting" my other two friends who had come with us to the park to throw the ball around. The next thing I knew, Jeff was behind me saying, "Kris, let's go." I turned around to see one of the most caring and pacifistic people I've ever known with a broken nose and cuts in his cheek from the kicks of a coward.

Jeff is one of the few true pacifists I've encountered. His non-violent, open-minded, trusting attitudes put his support of the peace movement far above the hypocrisy of most so called peace-activists. He doesn't wear the peace symbols like banners, and after all that happened to him that night in the park he doesn't seem to have lost his faith in people and is still a pacifist in its truest sense.

In recent years there has been a revival in the peace movement and renewed interest on the part of many youth. Yet while the symbols have been spreading like an epidemic, I have seen only a relatively slight increase in actual support of the cause.

Unfortunately this is explained by the fact that the symbols have begun to become a fad-fashion for a symbol-hungry generation. These supposed supporters of the cause often haven't taken the time to learn of the issues at stake in the world around them nor have they stopped to think about what they can do to change what's happening for the better. I've even found activists who support the cause for peace who have so much distrust and hate in their own lives that their saying that they're for peace is hypocritical. Peace itself is something that has to start with the individual's own life before that individual can attempt to move masses.

**"...the symbols have begun to become a fad fashion for a symbol-hungry generation."**

I'm not asking for everyone to throw away their symbols and deny support to the cause. The symbols themselves have been an immense help in attracting interest to the peace movement. But, too many people are wearing the symbols without having the slightest idea of what they stand for. The symbols of peace are only a hypocritical fad unless lived by and believed in. If the message the symbols convey is to have any effect on the rest of the world, it's going to have to be actively supported by people who understand and believe in the cause and who have peace in their own lives.

The symbols aren't important, finding peace in your life is what is essential. Jeff's pacifism in the face of violence and hate had much more of an effect on the eight drunken jocks looking for a fight than empty symbols or violence itself would have.

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# Foreign students adjust to Central

Kelly Penry

Once again Central is fortunate to have an enrollment of several foreign exchange students. Christina Bartholin from Denmark, Evrim Calkavur from Turkey, Eriko Sunano and Masahiro Nakashimada from Japan, and Esther Sinnappoo from Germany are attending Central for the 1986-87 school year. In addition to the exchange students, Central has two new residents from abroad, Rania Najjia from Lebanon and Mohammed Ullah Amin from Afghanistan.

All five exchange students are participating in the International Exchange Programs. The students came to America in order to see if the country lives up to its good reputation, as Christina explains. Christina, a 17-year-old senior, wants to experience the American life and culture as told from previous U.S. exchange students.

Evrin, on the other hand, believes that she has to come to America in order to set her own opinions. "I see many differences between the two countries, but I believe that it is part of the discovery one must make," Evrim says. Evrim, who is attending Central with her new sister, junior Koren Mann, believes that it was luck that brought her to Omaha. She explains that 5,000 Turkish students took an exam in order to come to America. The exam was similar to a college level graduation test. Evrim was chosen from 48 of the passing students to attend an American high school. She explained that over 2,000 foreign students participated in a four-day convention which honored the passing of the exams. The convention, which was held in New York City, introduced the students to their first taste of American life.

Two other students, Rania and Mohammed, are current Omaha residents. Rania has spent two years in Iowa and Mohammed has lived in Chicago for one year after arriving in America. Both students believe that Omaha has offered their families much opportunity and will remain a permanent home.

Evrin and Masahiro explain that there is a good teacher and student relationship at Central. In Japan, Masahiro says that the teacher is a respected authority figure but not really a friend. The students also explain that the pupils remain in one room while the teachers travel.

Esther comments that Central gives a wide range of subjects to choose from. "In Germany, the classes are already assigned to you," she says. Eriko agrees, "In Japan a student must take one elective class after school, in addition to a regular school day."

During the last school year, the students' hours were from 7 a.m. to six p.m. with a few breaks in between. Masahiro observed that Americans spend much leisure time after classes, instead of spent on homework. Yet none of the students seem to mind the shorter days at Central or the two day weekend. Rania also believes that Central is much more lenient than her Lebanese school, but she admits the studyhalls here are beneficial to her performance.

Swimming, soccer, drawing, shopping, eating and seeing movies are favorite pasttimes of the students. "I liked 'Karate Kid' best," said Masahiro. Eriko adds that she preferred Tom Cruise to Ralph Macchio, but she enjoys all American movies.

The students said they do miss certain things about their homeland. Christina felt that the European boys have a more gallant attitude towards the girls than the American boys. "I know the women are more independent in America, but I like it when I'm with a boy and he opens the door for me." Evrim agrees that America is a very independent country. She said that many of the teenager's choices are already made for them by their parents in Turkey.

Esther said that she misses the food of her native country. She especially prefers the German bread with "real crust," not the "white toast in bags." The students also miss living by the oceans or seas located near their country. They do, however, enjoy the vastness of Nebraskan land.

Do the students have any goals for this school year? Christina would like to learn to drive. She explains that in Denmark, one must be eighteen years old. Evrim would like to waitress in Omaha because a student is not allowed to work in Turkey while still in high school. Masahiro wanted to join the Central Eagles football team but once he saw the players, he decided to join the swimteam instead.

The students are looking forward to visiting Central and developing friendships with the American students. "I came to America to show the goodness of Japanese customs and to bring back interesting American customs." All the students are planning to graduate from Central in the spring.



Central foreign exchange students Eriko Sunano, Rania Najjia, Esther Sinnappoo, Evrim Calkavur, and Masahiro Nakashimada. Not pictured: Christina Bartholin and Mohammed Ullah Amin.

Valerie Spellman

## Students visit Mexico

Julie Ashley

"It was definitely an eye-opener," said Kurt Rohn, Central senior, about his recent trip to Mexico. "Most of us don't ever see how people less fortunate than us really live." Kurt was one of seven Central students who spent a week this summer at the Hacienda Del Refugio orphanage in Cerro Azul, Mexico.

As representatives of the missionary group, Aiding Mexican Orphans and Refugees (AMOR), 28 teenage members of St. Mark Lutheran Church, accompanied by five parents, a pastor and youth counselor Rick Barklodge, helped with the children of the orphanage and with community work in Cerro Azul. Among the students' contributions was the construction of three houses for local families. Each night after dinner they taught vacation bible school. The children at the Hacienda Del Refugio were not really orphans, explained Central junior Shonda Rohn, but children whose parents could not afford to support them. "It surprised me how poor they were," Shonda said. "It was really different from America."

Kim Stander, a Central senior who also participated in the trip, said life seems to move much slower in Mexico than in America.

### Learning Experience

Most of all, the students said, their stay in Mexico was a learning experience. "It made you feel good knowing you could help somebody, that you could do something for them," Shonda said.

Kurt said, "You learn something not only about someone else but also about yourself. Just because people live across the border doesn't mean they are strangers to you. You still care about them."

Other Central participants included Scott Erickson, sophomore; Brett Jacob, junior; and Amy Stander, sophomore.

## Required credits change for athletic participation

Doug Haven

During the summer the Omaha School Board ruled to raise the eligibility requirements for high school athletes during the 1986-87 school year. Now a student who wishes to play a sport must have passed a minimum of four credits the previous semester.

"I think it is a good idea," Coach William Reed states, "but it should apply to everyone, not

just athletes." Coach Reed, Central football coach, believes that all students are not working hard enough at school including athletes. "I think the whole approach has been negative towards the athletes the entire time," he states.

David Fowler, senior, states, "I think it is a good idea; after all this is a school and we must keep some kind of academic environment."

## Band camp is solution

Karyn Brower

Last year as rumors spread around about school having to start earlier, many students were worried about zero hour classes and leaving an hour or two earlier to get ready for class. But what about the band?

Central's band has practiced before school and first period in the years before, but this year with earlier classes and practice has been cut short. The answer, band camp. Central band director, Mr. Warren Ferrel, explained, "The early classes really cut short our practicing time." This camp was the first to be sponsored. The camp was held August 4 through August 7 at Concordia State College in Seward, Nebraska. The OPS School Board gave \$30,000.00 to all schools for the use of band camp, \$49.00 for each student. Mr. Ferrel pointed out that it was a "gift," not a result of fundraising. It also helped boost the number of those who attended; about 60 to 70 band members from Central participated, despite the late notice. Mr. Ferrel felt that had students had to pay, not as many would have come. Central High also helped pay for some of band camp, especially in the area of hiring assistants.

"This year's band should be impressive," said Stuart Oberman.

The Central High band plays in the September 20 River City Round-up Parade and will compete in the OPS Marching Festival. The Nebraska State Bandmasters Association (NSBA) October 25 in Lincoln, is the highlight band competition.

# Centralites see how government works

Kris Deffenbacher

During early June of last summer most students were just getting used to the freedom of the carefree, sunny days with learning the furthest thing from their minds. But while most were enjoying the laziness of summer, four Central seniors were taking on a week of intensive learning on the campus of the University of Nebraska at Lincoln in the Boys' and Girls' State programs.

At State, approximately 400 female and 400 male high school seniors from throughout the state of Nebraska gather on the Lincoln campus to learn about the inner workings of city, county, and state governments through a series of lectures and hands-on experiences. Central seniors Michelle Fox, Kate Madigan, Dave Pansing, and John Pavel spent the week of June 8 to June 14 in the Girls' and Boys' State programs. The four were selected in the spring of their junior year by their social studies teachers and counselors.

The girls' and boys' programs were completely separated except for an assembly in which Governor Bob Kerrey addressed the students and a dance at the end of the session. State itself involved attending a series of lectures and ad-

resses and working within the system of their self-created government. Their governmental system began with the creation of two arbitrary parties which then met to decide what they stood for. Party officials were then elected and Central senior Kate Madigan was elected head of her party. Parties then nominated their candidates for governmental offices and elections were held. Everyone ran for an office and those not elected were given an office.

### Madigan Elected Governor

Kate Madigan was elected governor of Girls' State after what she described as a simple campaign. "I decided that as long as I was there I might as well do something important, so I decided to run," Kate said. Kate held the power of any actual state governor as she could veto any of the bills that had gone through the senate. As governor she learned that, "Politicians have an incredible influence and power over the people. It's necessary to put people with good intentions into office so that the power isn't misused."

Michelle Fox was elected a state senator, while both Dave Pansing and John Pavel were county supervisors.

Both Dave and John noticed a friction that existed between those from Omaha and Lincoln and those from outstate Nebraska. "The country boys hated the guys from the city; as city boys we couldn't get elected. There are a lot of pressures on farmers now, and they blame people from the city for some reason." This conflict was limited to Boys' State, however, as Kate described the girls' program as more unified.

### Girls' Prison

All those who went found Girls' State to be very strict and more confined than that of the boys. Kate said the girls had to wear beanies and skirts at all times and were not allowed to leave the dorms. John, however, described Boys' State as being less strict and confining as they were able to leave the dorms. "It was a good time," John said.

Both Kate and Dave felt that while a lot was learned and that it was a beneficial experience they did not always care for the way it was presented. "We had no personal freedoms," Kate said; "we were basically reduced to children."

"They treated us like we were immature kids," Dave agreed, "but we learned a lot."

# Lack of school spirit puts jerseys for games only

Doug Haven

After the first football game of last year Coach William Reed, Central football coach, made a decision not to allow football players to wear their jerseys in school during the 1986 football season.

"It seemed throughout the years that it hasn't been as big a deal here as it has been at other schools," stated Coach Reed. "Some teachers, rather than seeing this as a sign of pride see this as a way of showing off."

Coach Reed believes that Central doesn't have enough school spirit. "I don't think this school wants to be bothered with sports from 7:45 a.m. till 2:40 p.m." He believes that the school waits a long time before getting involved in sports.

"I've had players come up to me and say that when they wear their uniform in school they feel different," Coach Reed said. He says that some students believe

that the football players get special treatment and breaks. This is one of his reasons for not having football players wear jerseys. "I don't want a prospective athlete to come to Central expecting such treatment. I want them to have the exact same feelings as a regular student."

### Bad Idea

"I think it is a bad idea," states Cristen Briggs, senior, "because the sophomores don't know who the players are so how can they support them?" Louis Zebergs says, "I think it is stupid; first of all, we have very little school spirit at all and if the uniforms are not worn it will just diminish what we have left."

"It is too bad," states Ms. Ellen Pritchard, "that there isn't such a great acceptance of athletes here at Central." She believes that school spirit will be hurt greatly by making sports even more "invisible" at Central.

# Students drawn to youth conference

Karyn Brower

Youth leadership was the main theme for this year's Nebraska Conference of Youth, held August 3 through August 5 at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. This annual conference discussed such topics as social, political and economic issues of Nebraska to broader subjects of the farm crisis, suicide, peer pressure, and world peace.

Central seniors, Cory Anderson, Joe Fogarty, and Kelly Penry were among the 500 students from all across

Nebraska who took part in the conference. Students were chosen from those who had been selected for Boys' or Girls' State, but who did not attend. "It was nice to see youth from different environments come together to discuss similar ideas," said Kelly Penry, senior.

Students attended lectures and discussions featuring a few prominent Nebraskan figures. State Senator Ernie Chambers and Secretary of Nebraska Alan Beerman were among those who spoke. Students also attended smaller group meetings or cap-

sules, city meetings, and electives students could choose from. One such elective, World Peace, senior Joe Fogarty, said was "very enlightening."

The main focus on the Nebraska Conference of Youth was to create an awareness to youth about the world around them.

The conference is fairly new to Omaha, beginning just two years ago. Both Cory and Joe pointed out that they had "a great time and learned a lot." But Kelly added, "There needs to be more people involved."



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9:30-10:11	Third Hour
10:15-10:56	Fourth Hour
11:00-11:26	Fifth Hour
11:30-11:55	Sixth Hour
11:59-12:25	Seventh Hour
12:29-1:10	Eighth Hour
1:14-1:55	Ninth Hour
1:59-2:40	Tenth Hour

**In Brief**

The Sophomore enrollment fell to its lowest point in 3 years with the opening of the 1986-87 school year. Out of 700 expected sophomores only 639 showed up for class. The junior class numbers 616 and the senior class numbers 569.

The Central High School drama department will present "The Sound of Music" November 13, 14, and 15 at 7:30 P.M. The musical played for 1,443 performances on Broadway and includes the songs "Do-Re-Me," "Climb Every Mountain," and "Edelweiss."

Seniors Julie Ashley, Tim Goshinski, Tim Stohs, and Doug Dedon participated in the Nebraska Scholars Institute (NSI) from June 15 through June 27. The event sponsored by the University of Nebraska at Lincoln (UNL), took place in Abel Hall on the UNL campus. Participants chose disciplines and spent the two weeks attending seminars and classes in their field.

Japanese Artists, Mr. Ijiri, Mr. Narashina and Mrs. Ishimoto, visited Central High, Bryan Jr. High, and Franklin Primary Center, September 5. They demonstrated Sumie brush painting. Their visit was a part of the Sister City Exchange Program with Japan.

Many Central students traveled out of the country this summer. Seniors Karyn Brower, France; Brian Cooper, Mexico; Kris Deffenbacher, France; Shari Dreier, Mexico; Leslie Farrow, Italy, France, Switzerland; Sam Guinn, Canada; Vicki Krehbiel, Mexico; Jill Rizzo, Canada; Valerie Spellman, Italy, Greece; Kurt Rohn, Mexico; Kim Stander, Mexico; Kelli Station, Japan; Vanessa Warrenn, Spain. Juniors Sarah Fitzsimmons, Germany; Chandra Freeman, Bahamas; Tanya Hoffman, Germany; Sevrin Huff, Italy, France, Switzerland; Joan Jorgensen, Canada; Koren Mann, Austria; Shonda Rohn, Mexico; Karen Smith, Mexico; Rich Vogel, Switzerland and France; Erika Wenke, England. Sophomores Rebecca Barnes, Germany, Austria; Jeff Braesch, Canada; Mark Brower, Canada; Aaron Dennison, Germany, Austria; Jennifer Drake, Canada; Jim Drake, Germany; Karen Farkas, Canada; Adrian Ferguson, Japan; Kirsten Glesne, Mexico, Greece; Andy Huff, Italy, France, Switzerland; Rick Masters, Mexico; Chad McClellah, Canada; Kyle Sarton, Germany, Austria; Nancy Sempek, Puerto Rico, Mexico; Jason Sieling, Germany; Carrie and Mark Spellman, Italy, Greece.

**CHS students pursue paid acting jobs**

Joe Fogarty

"Acting is a higher power. To be able to take words from a script and turn it into a life, to live six months in one hour, to be able to create another person in your mind and live that person is absolutely amazing," said Dave Fiedler, sophomore. David is one of three Central students who have made appearances in recent Omaha theater productions.

David, along with Jennifer Shepard, junior, appeared in summer productions at the Magic Theater. Kristy Kight, senior, acted and sang in "The Little Shop of Horrors," a musical at the Firehouse Dinner Theater.

David had been involved with the Magic Theater before his acting debut. He began by working lights for the critically acclaimed, "Kegger" and went on tour with the play. He went on to play a 10-year-old "motor-mouth brat" named Davey. He

said the development of the character stemmed from his own character at 9 or 10. "I was just like Davey," he said.

Dave then moved on to play a variety of characters and objects in the experimental play, "Sleazing Toward Athens." He played a mad skateboarder, a pop machine, a woman, a bathroom door, and a college president, among others. Dave will tour with Family Talk, as well as 12 benefits in Omaha for United Farmers Organization and other Omaha organizations.

Another Central student joining Dave in "Sleazing Toward Athens" was Jennifer Shepard. In "Sleazing" she played many roles, including a variety of college students, a bathroom stall, and a video game. "In my big scene," she said, "I played a cue ball in a pool hall." She also is currently acting in "Sea of Forms" at the Magic Theater in which she recites a 10-minute speech as another inhuman creature. "In



David Fiedler, Jennifer Shepard, and Kristi Kight act professionally.

the speech, I've gone back in the past to meet my grandparents," she said. "In going back, though, I become a lizard in their potato field."

The Magic Theater is not the only Omaha theater to include Central students. In the Firehouse Dinner Theater's production of "The Little Shop of Horrors," senior Kristy Kight played Crystal, a street kid.

She was one of a gang of three street kids. "They called us

urchins," she said; "we were agitators." The part called for much more singing than acting, which is appropriate for Kristy. She sings at Central in the A Cappella choir as well as in CHS Singers. Kristy had never acted before but auditioned after prompting from choir director Mr. Robert McMeen. "I had no idea I would get the part," Kristy said. "I was unprepared, so I just sang a song that we were doing in A Cappella."

**OPS budget provides some alternatives**

Reed Pendleton

The Omaha School Board developed some new alternatives for last spring's budget. The Board's decisions to start all OPS high schools earlier, to keep sports such as baseball, golf and tennis, and the concern over how much the Board would receive in state aid were all instrumental in last spring's Board vote.

All OPS high schools are currently starting at 7:45 AM, 35 minutes earlier than last year. This earlier time will save the district one million dollars over the next year because it will allow for more efficient use of the school buses. The earlier starting time has brought with it some problems. In the past, school marching bands would practice before school, but now with school starting so early it is extremely difficult for the bands

to practice. So to compensate, the Board funded 50,000 dollars for band camp this summer. This was the first time that there has been a band camp sponsored by the Board. This camp allowed the band members to organize and practice for this school year.

F.E.(Fritz) Stanek, president of the Omaha School Board, said of athletics, "They are essential to education because they build character, promote sportsmanship, provide

competition and keep some kids off the street."

Baseball, golf, and tennis were to be cut because there is not as much support for these sports as compared to football or basketball. Mr. Stanek said, "Football and basketball can almost support a school's athletic budget because there is a gate charge. Obviously any sport that requires the purchase of tickets is going to bring in money."

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An excellent crosscourt shot in tennis, for example, does not happen just because the player hits the ball as hard as possible over the net. The shot is planned carefully before the play even starts. The player considers every possible outcome and decides upon the best location for the shot in order to score the point. Of course, even with careful planning the outcome is not always favorable, but this does not change the need for a good strategy. The ability to think very quickly is essential to many sporting activities.

An athlete must also possess an inner confidence about himself. To know exactly

where his strengths and weaknesses lie and to know how to improve his skills is a sign of a dedicated and thorough sportsman.

One unfavorable term that all athletes have been unjustly labeled with is the word "jock." This word just does not apply to today's high school athletes. It is not a qualification for athletes to be stupid. Oftentimes we can be more intelligent than the average person.

The word "jock" creates images of gigantic ignorant guys bumbling around with a five-word vocabulary. Today's athletes deserve much more respect than this.

Not only are most athletes intelligent humans beings, but they also possess more coordination than the average person. For example, a quarterback must be aware of the exact locations of the 10 other players on his team while keeping his eye on the opponents. While he is preparing himself for the upcoming play, he is scrambling into position, oftentimes having to quickly change calls in the middle of a play. Many people here at Central have difficulty carrying two books through a doorway without tripping over the doorstep. Which sounds more difficult to you?

Maybe I have convinced a few of you out there that athletes are not the ignorant fools that you thought they were. Next time don't be so surprised when you see an all-star athlete walk into an Advanced Placement English class

## Girls' golf has high hopes; more players, experience

Sarah Story

The girls' golf team has more players and experience than in the past two years. They started off their 1986 season with a win against Ralston. They won with a score of Central 209 and Ralston 218.

The team is made up mostly of returning lettermen. They are seniors Valerie Spellman, Kelly Penry, and Sarah Story; juniors Beth Christ, Sarah McWhorter, Jenny Urias, and Alex Zinga; and sophomore Carrie Spellman.

Last year the team came in second place in districts, qualifying them for state. Valerie and Jenny placed in the top 10 players in districts.

Beth and Valerie attended a golf camp at Kansas University (KU) this summer. The camp lasted one week. During that week, they played nine holes of golf each day. They were coached by the Jayhawk's girls' golf team. Beth said that some of their games were videotaped which helped them to see their mistakes. Valerie said that the KU girls' golf team gave them a lot of encouragement and helpful advice.

Coach Joanne Dusatko said that she is very confident of the team's success this year. She said that the team did very well

last year, but it should do even better this year.

**Coach Dusatko is confident about this year's girls golf team and is looking forward to their success.**

Some of the team's players also provided comments. Carrie, the team's only sophomore, said that she is excited to be on the team and hoped that the interest in golf will keep growing.

Jenny also added that she likes being involved in school activities such as golf.

Sarah McWhorter said that she likes to play golf not only as a competitive sport but also for her own enjoyment. She also said that she enjoys being involved in school sports. "Golf is a lot of fun because people of all ages and abilities can play," she continued.



Valerie Spellman

**Barking up the wrong tree? Beth Christ, junior, is faced with a difficult situation on the fairway at Elmwood Golf Course.**

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Creighton Prep's Rick Davis and George Achola look onto their opposition, Central's Leodis Flowers and Michael Page.

Tess Fogarty

## Rivalry remains strong

Michael Page

One of the biggest rivalries in high school football today is Central versus Creighton Prep. In recent years, Prep and Central have dominated the gridiron. The Junior Jays were state champs in 1983, the Eagles were champs in '84, and Prep was again in '85. In the World-Herald preseason polls, Prep is rated -1, and Central is rated -2. Also, in the USA TODAY Prep and Central are ranked 10th and 20th in the nation for the upcoming season.

This rivalry could also involve the most talented group of men yet to come out of high school football in Nebraska. Mr. Reed commented, "With just these two schools alone, there are about twelve young men who have a strong chance at a Division I scholarship and about four others who have a shot at one." The interest is not just coming from the Big Eight schools but from the east and west coasts. Recruiters from all over the country are talking about the talent in Omaha. Leodis Flowers is among the top five prospects in the nation. George Achola, Curtis Cotton, and Ricky Davis are top Blue Chip prospects. Dan Lohmeier, Evan Simpson, and Randy Rouse are also attracting a lot of attention.

The football team has been working

hard all summer long to prepare for the upcoming season. They went through a spring mini-camp along with running and lifting. Rodney Dailey said, "We've been training hard for the fall, especially the Prep game." Terry Lee commented, "We have to take one game at a time, but in the back of our minds, we are mentally preparing ourselves for the prep game." Both teams sent players to the Cornhusker Summer Football Camp over the summer. The coaches were impressed with the test scores and talent of many Central players.

Tradition and experience are going to play a big role in the success of the two teams. Prep is certainly full of tradition. They have been in ten straight state playoffs (a playoff record), and they also have the best playoffs record. Experience is a strong point for Central. They have 19 returning starters. Another strong point is depth in their lineup, which means many players will only have to play offense or defense. That will help keep people fresh.

Last year's game, Prep won 49-8. Coach Reed commented, "The loss was mainly due to turnovers, mistakes, and after we were down by 21 points, lack of experience started to take its toll."

## Summer camps give help to athletes

Jeff Palzer

While some Central students were out sun-bathing and swimming this summer, others were working and learning at athletic camps. These camps did not include nature hikes and bonfires but long hours of hard practice and intense instruction.

About 23 football players from Central joined an estimated 130 players from all over the country for a four-day football clinic at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. The coaches of the Nebraska football team, including Tom Osborne, instructed the athletes. One reason for attending the camp, according to senior Marcus Harvey, was to pick up new techniques and to improve on overall skills. Other players wanted the opportunity to be looked at by the UNL staff. Also, because there were many players from other Omaha Public

Schools at the camp, many players went to watch the competition, according to junior Randy Gilbert. The athletes put a lot of effort into the clinic. They had three practices daily, usually lasting two to three hours. But the advantages the players gained made the work worthwhile. "I think it brought the team together and taught us to play as a unit," said Chris Sacco, senior.

Two other seniors, Mike Buckner and John Hannon, went to a baseball camp at Wichita State University in Kansas. They had three practices daily,

usually lasting two to three hours. The camp was sponsored by Wichita State's coaching staff. Mike said they learned practical techniques that helped them both in summer baseball. "The knowledge is important," said senior John Hannon, "but it's also important to get recognition from the coaches and make contacts."

## Tennis takes charge

Sarah Story

October, 1985: Sophomore Joe Salerno wins the state tennis singles title. Seniors Mike Beasley and Travis Feezell win the doubles title. These victories helped the Central tennis team win the 1985 state championship.

September, 1986: The tennis team is in a stage of reconstruction. With the loss of their number one doubles team, the team is learning to adjust.

Joe Salerno, junior, is the number one seed this year followed by Jason Gaughan, senior. The number one and two doubles teams are still undecided. Tennis coach John Waterman said, "Both of this year's doubles teams are in a stage of evolution. Hopefully it won't take six billion years for them to develop." He went on to say that the doubles teams need to work together and gain more experience.

The team will play 11 duels altogether. This year they will not have to come up against Creighton Prep, Burke, or Westside. Coach Waterman said that the duels will be easy this year, but Metro and State are the matches that really count. The duels establish team records, but Metro and State show who the number one players and teams really are. Joe played in many tournaments this summer. He said that he did not do as well as he has previously done. In the past two years Joe has placed among the top five players in the Midwestern area. This summer he played in Kansas and Oklahoma, finishing in the top fifteen. He said that he realizes what he did wrong, and these tournaments help him to learn more each year to improve his game.

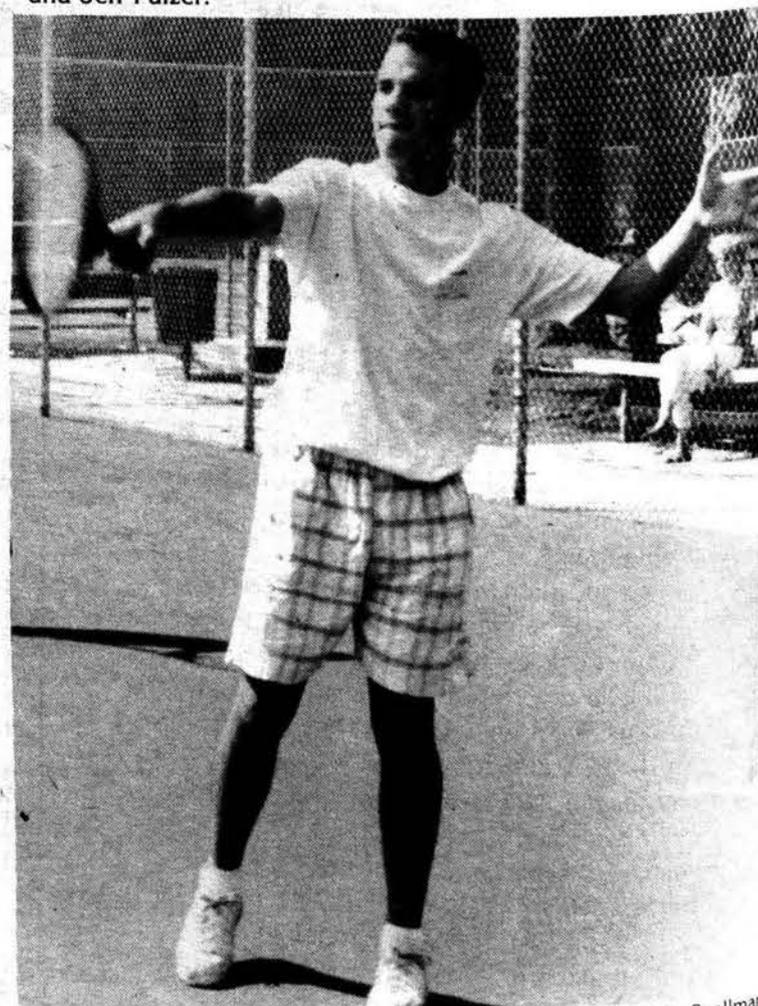
### Learning Experience

Joe said that he is more confident this year, but he continues to play the same game he has always played. "Jason Gaughan and Mark Ebadi have made many improvements that will help the team," said Joe. "Last year was more of a learning experience," said Jason. He also said that he feels more prepared and confident this year. Mark Ebadi, senior, said that he accredits some of the team's success to tennis instructors Toma Ovici and Patsy Lucas. Most of the players have taken private lessons from Toma or Patsy.

The team is very optimistic about the new sophomores. Joe feels that there is more of a desire to play for the Central tennis team, since they are the state champions. He goes on to say that more guys want to play and be a part of the victories.

"The sophomore class holds many good prospects for the future of the team," said Coach Waterman. The sophomore team members are Ryan Gaughan, Jon Kozak, Dan Pansing, and Clint Scott. Ryan Gaughan commented, "I'm just glad to be playing number five my first year on the team."

Other team members are: Gene Huey, Jason Hiatt, Steve Likes, and Jeff Palzer.



Valerie Spellman

Jason Gaughan, senior, shows his ability in returning the ball.