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Students protest pending dress code

By Erika Gaylor and
Bob Zielinski

Central students demonstrated their concern on the pending clothing restrictions at a walkout on the football field, Tuesday, October 2, 1990.

The students were protesting the pending Omaha Public School dress code, and the recent ban on "rap-offs." According to the student handbook, "dress that is identified by Omaha Public High Schools as Gang Related apparel is not allowed."

According to Central High School principal, Dr. G.E. Moller, "No hats. No printing or symbols dealing with drugs or alcohol and bandanas," are the only rules that Central is enforcing until the School Board decides to implement a dress code.

Spencer Campbell, senior, said, "The clothing and rap restrictions were aimed mainly at black students." Jeremy Coleman, who participated in the walkout, said, "It is an issue of freedom of speech and expression. It's not just a racial issue."

Approximately 200 students left the building after

third hour and assembled on the football field to voice their opposition to the proposed guidelines.

Within the hour, Omaha Public School's student personnel assistants arrived to aid and assist and to ensure the safety of all students.

Dr. Stan Maliszewski, staff assistant in student personnel at the Teachers Administrative Center, came to Central to observe the walkout. He said the clothing guidelines are "still open for discussion." According to Dr. Maliszewski, "(the students) need to articulate their concerns. It's hard to know the students' views without leaders."

The rap-off rule, which was read to the students in the bulletin October 1, stated that rapping is prohibited in school so as not to disturb classes. The ban on rapping was a result of "it getting out of hand, along with hurt feelings," said Dr. Moller. Dr. Moller said that he did not know if Central was the only school with a no rapping rule.

Dr. Maliszewski said, "rules are never a unilateral decision." He said



Heather Lower

After the walk-out, students gathered in the courtyard to talk with administrators and personnel assistants, who had come from TAC. Reporters from the World-Herald, and assistants from the Public Media office also came to observe.

principals try discussing it "with school administrators, the school board, and the superintendent to arrive at a consensus of agreement."

After the walkout, students held a question and answer session with Dr. Moller in the courtyard and auditorium. Students were not suspended from school.

"My first reaction was to suspend them all. But then it was decided that it was better for things to return to normal as fast as possible," said Dr. Moller. He added, "Next time we will come down hard."

A subcommittee meeting was held October 8, 1990 to decide on the

implementation of the guidelines. According to John Langan, a school board representative, the subcommittee voted 2-1 to suspend the decision for twelve weeks. Until then the only rules affecting Central students are the ones stated earlier by Dr. Moller.

Eight seniors qualify; tests and essays determine status

Central ranks first in National Merit semi-finalists

By Shelly Barkes

Eight Central seniors qualified as National Merit semi-finalists, the most in the state. The students are: Dianne Atkinson, Scott Fullerton, Bradley Gibson, Michael Hendricks, Kelly Ramsey, Jennifer Voorhees, Amy Vosburg, and Suzanne Wolff.

In order to qualify as a semi-finalist, students must obtain a selection score on the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT). Once selected, the semi-finalists write an essay about themselves. These essays are then read by a committee of college and secondary school counselors.

If chosen as a National Merit Scholar, the winners have a variety of different scholarship options. Awarded to the finalists will be 1800 National Merit Scholarships worth \$2000, 1300 corporate-sponsored scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$2000, and approximately 2900 college-sponsored, four-year awards.

In addition to personal essays, students

must submit teacher recommendations and school data such as class rank and grade point average. The deadline for the essays and data is October 15, 1990.

Yale, my first choice, doesn't offer any academic scholarships, but I like the prestige."

— Amy Vosburg

student. Brad Gibson wrote about his trip to New York with the Youth Symphony. "I wrote about how the trip affected me." Amy Vosburg's essay

detailed her summer job at the Eppley Cancer Institute, and Mike Hendricks chose to explain how he spends his free time.

Some colleges do not offer scholarships for National Merit Scholars. "Yale, my first choice, doesn't offer any academic scholarships," Amy said, "but I like the prestige." Mike, who wants to attend Bodin College, agreed with Amy, saying that "the money isn't really enough." Brad Gibson, however, is considering attending Rice University, which offers full ride scholarships for National Merit finalists. "I don't care as much about the prestige," Brad said. "I just want the money."

One of the finalists, Jennifer Voorhees, is a foreign exchange student currently studying in Germany but is still eligible to be a finalist. Mr. Harry Forehand, Guidance Director, commended the qualifying students, saying that Central's high number of semi-finalists has "traditionally held up."

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Expressionism restricted

All people want to express themselves. People should have the freedom to express themselves in any manner which they deem appropriate. If it be clothing, a simple jacket or t-shirt, then so be it. And now the OPS administration is threatening to take that freedom away in hopes of dissolving the gang problem? It probably isn't the best solution.

Nothing official has been done. Nobody has drawn up an all-powerful policy saying what students can and cannot wear. Nothing has been submitted in writing saying that certain articles of clothing are not allowed in the public schools.

At Central, the only restricted item of clothing is hats. You can still wear your leather jackets (assuming you're willing to take the chance that they could be stolen), you can still wear your t-shirts, you can wear just about anything you want. Just don't come to school with a hat on; the administration will probably ask you to take it off. There are worse things that could happen.

The Central protest was not the best way to convey a point to the administration. While the protest itself was a good idea, it was poorly organized and poorly presented.

There was no unification among the students and, unfortunately, in the long run this protest will prove to have served no purpose. Many people were uninformed as to what was actually occurring with the new dress code policy; therefore, a protest was held for something which has not gone into effect.

The school board is being met with opposition from all sides; angry students and parents have told the school board in no uncertain terms that they will not tolerate these possible

restrictions. Together, the school board and the parents will try to create a policy in the coming weeks that is acceptable to all parties.

The administration claims that they are not trying to limit the students' freedom of expression, but only trying to protect the students from the harms which might befall them. They say that a student's dress can in some way instigate violence during school. This would then cause problems for not only the gangs, but also the innocent bystanders.

Changing the clothing policy is not going to stop the supposed gang activity. The school board said that they are a school board, not a group of counselors. Maybe they should be.

To be heard, the Central High student body is going to have to organize and present themselves in an orderly fashion to the school board.

Perhaps one of the best ways to do this is to elect faculty representatives who agree with the plight of the protestors and let them approach the school board with the students' arguments.

An unorganized and irresponsible protest will not make the administration repeal any ideas of a school dress code, it only demonstrates the need for one.

Before the administration tries to finalize a dress code for the public high schools in hopes of curbing the gang problem, they should stop to realize that changing the way a kid dresses is not going to change the way a kid acts. The only thing that these restrictions would change is the ability to judge a book by its cover. This isn't going to end the gang problem, it will only hide it for awhile, increasing the problem.

A few rotten ones...

A few rotten apples can spoil the bunch. The fighting that has erupted at Central within the past three weeks proves that a few people can have a negative effect on many.

On September 29, eight police cars blocked off a section of Dodge Street due to some Central High students who had the urge to fight. The day before another skirmish had occurred at Central.

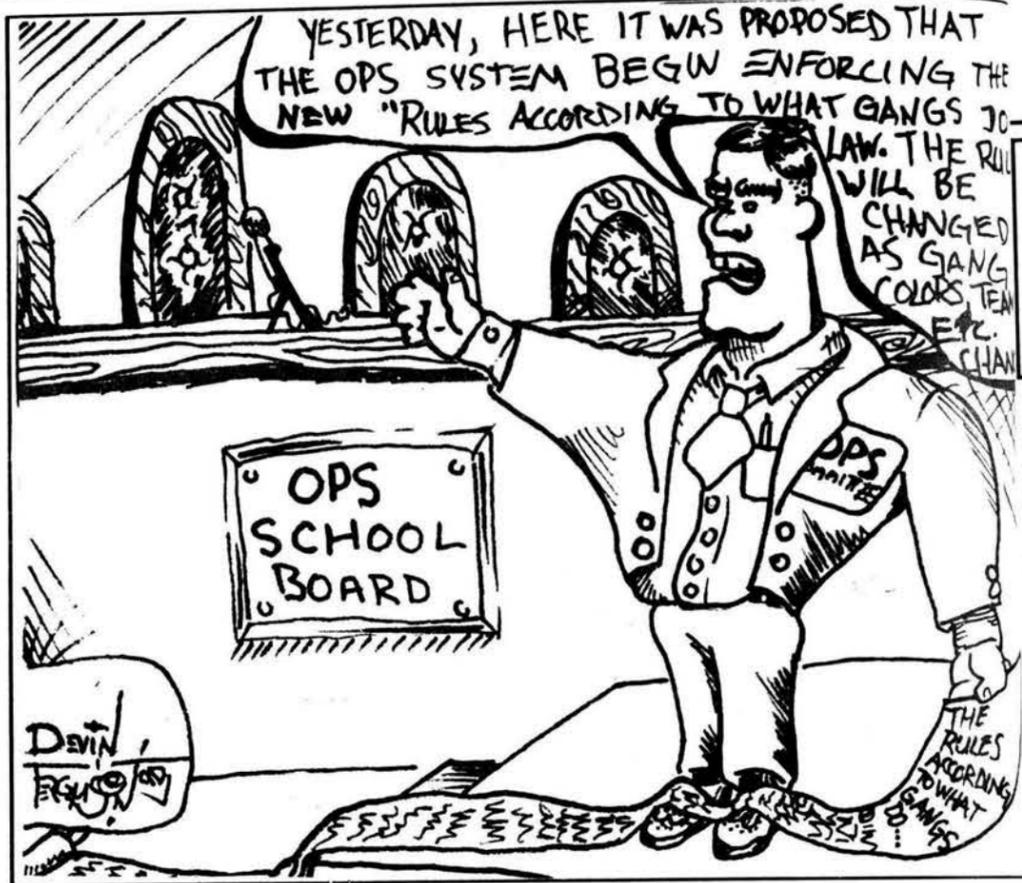
These students who deemed it necessary to fight in front of Central High after school, right next to Dodge Street, acted very immaturely.

Details of the fighting (which was halted by police officers) were seen on

television and in the newspapers. We cannot ignore it. Students at other schools in Omaha cannot ignore it. They soon formulate opinions that Central is a dangerous place, and that many of its students are ruthless gangsters!

The commotion caused by a few reflects on everyone at Central. Their actions make the entire Central High faculty and students look bad.

If a few students at Central still feel the urge to fight each other, they can at least have enough respect to take it some place else. It is not necessary to make everyone look ridiculous. Go fight in your own front yard, not Central's.



Centralite Voices

Is OPS justified in trying to implement a dress code in the schools in order to curb the gang problem?

Yes 11 (5.9%) No 174 (94.1%) Total 185

No. It's not the school's right to tell you what you can wear because it's a public school.

-Mike Digiacoia
Senior

Yes. People can end up getting hurt by one another. A person's dress can end up causing problems with kids.

-Gretchen Pfeiffer
Freshman

No. A gang member could wear a suit and still be a gang member. Clothing don't determine a person.

-Oretha Walker
Senior

No. Students should be able to wear what they want. You have the freedom to wear what you want, that's why it's a public school.

-Karen Williams
Sophomore

No. I think they are not justified. It's really discriminating against kids that aren't in gangs.

-Bobby Franzese
Junior

Yes. Since the welfare of each student is stake, almost anything is just, within limits.

-Mr. Gillogly
Social Studies

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In a Manner of Speaking Shelly Barkes

Some silly rules at Central

By sleeping, these students would not annoy those who really need to study. For those who were up late the night before due to tremendous amounts of homework, a short nap may be quite refreshing before the next test.

Ten girls packed into one stall, sharing a cigarette, are keeping me from the call of nature.

But no, the administration feels that students who are staring blankly or laughing hysterically will be aesthetically pleasing. And by the way, the screeching study hall teacher who enforces this policy with a shrill "heads up" isn't helping my studying, either.

2. No rap-offs. The October 1st circular

explained that these contests could cause confrontations or "hurt feelings." I see no threats of violence stemming from "rap-offs." The circular also stated that the rapping disturbed classes. I did not find the contest any louder than the usual quiet roar. The students involved were just quietly enjoying their first amendment rights.

3. The ten-day limit allowing no doctor's excused absences. What they're essentially saying is that they are going to throw you into a school with 1700 students, make you share restrooms and bathrooms, refuse to pop for a bar of soap, and fail you if you are suddenly hospitalized due to pneumonia. I find this policy particularly unfeeling.

4. No smoking in the school building. Ten girls packed into one stall, sharing a cigarette are keeping me from the call of nature. Finally, a rule that makes sense. Now, how about enforcing it. I have yet to hear of some poor smoker, thrown into ISS for his addiction. Smoking outside the school doesn't bother me, as long as I am not bombarded with flying cigarette butts.

Most of these rules have good intentions behind them, although these intentions are oblivious to me. Now the Omaha Public School Board thinks that it will help matters by implementing a dress code. Think again.

As I gaze around my study hall, my homework looking quite unappealing, something occurred to me. There are some silly rules here at Central that I would like to address:

1. No sleeping in study hall. First, let us take a look at the people who would be tempted to nod off. They were probably up late talking to a boyfriend or girlfriend, doing excessive amounts of homework, or maybe they just don't have anything better to do with forty-two minutes. Whatever the motive, this time would be ideal to catch a few winks before that test next hour (or that next study hall), right?

Wrong. There is a rule forbidding sleeping in a study hall. Why such a preposterous rule? Because the administration feels that sleeping students would look bad to any visitors who might be walking by and thinking, "Well hey, here I am at Central, boy would I like to take a look into one of those study halls." I doubt that these passer-byers would think any less of this educational facility if they saw a few napping Centralites.

Look at how many problems would be solved if students were allowed to sleep. Those students who have nothing better to do would be less tempted to talk with friends or wander the halls aimlessly with the restroom pass.

Letters to the editor

Dissection: a necessary part of medicine

I'm writing in response to Christopher Becerra's letter in the previous issue of the Register. According to Mr. Becerra, dissection is to "kill and mutilate animals," and is an "inhumane and unnecessary display of cruelty." Mr. Becerra obviously has not very closely considered all sides of this issue.

First, a dissection in a high school biology class is hardly a mutilation. The parts of the animals in question are all removed using certain techniques, studied, and explained. Also, since biology is the study of living things, dissection is necessary for a complete understanding of life. Through dissection, schools are teaching people to appreciate life more by understanding it better, not simply how to sadistically chop up an animal.

On a much larger scale, to say that dissection is "inhumane and unnecessary" is absolutely ridiculous. Ask yourself this question: where would we be today medically with no dissection or experimentation having been done on animals? The answer... nowhere. Take polio for example. Polio is a form of paralysis that killed and paralyzed thousands of infants and children (nearly 39,000 in 1954 alone) before its cure was found. How was this cure found? Through research with the Rhesus monkey. Cures for many other deadly diseases, such as anthrax and many forms of cancer, have also been found through research with animals.

Today research is still necessary on some forms of cancer, and most recently, AIDS. The search for cures to these and other diseases would come to an abrupt halt without the use of laboratory animals. The application of animals in research, as long as it is for a just cause, is a necessity to the quality of human life. Put yourself in the place of someone dying of an incurable disease and then make your decision: Is it too cruel to dissect and experiment with animals, or should we allow people to suffer and die when the possibility for a cure exists?

Sincerely, Mike Langan junior

Restrictions are unfair and unjust

Many students and parents are fed up with the sudden rules of Central High School! The students believe that it is unfair and unjust to stop them from wearing team attire. Can a person not express their favorite team in a sport anymore?

There is no place where a person receives rights anymore! If I am correct, a person has freedom of expression as long as it's lawful (so you say). I would like to believe that we have freedom of speech. I cannot believe this because of the sudden halt to rap music entertainment.

Rap music is an art. It's a collection of sentences and catchy phrases that rhyme. You might as well call it a practice of English. Is this not what you want, Central High School? Teachers treat it as if it were fighting or selling drugs. Rapping is nothing more than student entertainment while out of those dreaded classes.

I ask you, Central High School, is this violent? If you plan to ban rap music, I strongly say you should rid Central of a chorus and band because rapping is nothing more than music.

Sincerely, Antone Douglas junior

Editor's note: As of now, only the wearing of hats inside the building has been restricted at Central.

Your opinion

Send your opinion to the Register. Bring letters to room 315. We welcome any letters concerning local or school-related issues.

Letters may be edited due to available space. Unsigned letters will not be printed.

'We'll have to switch to Arabic alphabet'

I felt I should express my opinion of the recent controversy over the clothing restrictions in Omaha Public Schools. I'll start off by saying I support this fully. But why can't we take it one step further? I think we should ban the use of the letters "B" and "C" in OPS because of their representation of gang names. The students can get along easily enough without them. After that, as new gangs appear, we can ban the use of the first letters of each of those gang names. Sure, eventually we'll have to switch to Arabic alphabet, but isn't it worth it to protect the students from the ruthless gangs?

Sincerely, Willie Bogue Sophomore

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Free services aid students

Services include college and career planning

By Emily Rennard

Selecting a college and financing a college education are two problems which face nearly every college-bound high school student.

The Nebraska Student Loan Program, Inc. (NSLP) and the Nebraska Higher Education Loan Program, Inc. (NEBHELP) are two non-profit organizations which sponsor the Educational Planning Center (EPC), to help students solve these problems.

Nebraska has three EPC locations, Kearney, Lincoln, and Omaha. The Omaha branch, located at 8010 West Dodge Road, was established in August of 1986, making this their fifth year of operation.

The entire program is cost-free and available to

information are not available to the EPC. "We provide professional advice without the family feeling uncomfortable."

Ms. Phelan also stressed scholarship information available to handicapped or minority students.

Another program within the EPC, and the best according to Ms. Phelan, is the Watts telephone. If a student needs to contact a school anywhere in the continental U.S. for any academic purpose, they can use the phone at the EPC. The phone is not toll-free, it does cost the EPC, but for the student, there is no charge.

The college search program available at the EPC is similar to the GIS program available in the counselling center at Central. Ms. Phelan

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— Ms. Phelan

any student who needs the information.

Students may work on two computer programs, both put out by the Peterson's Company; one program will give financial aid information and the other will help locate a college.

For the financial aid program, students give the computer information such as their interests, hobbies, grades and classes, combined with religion and race. The computer then prints out available scholarship foundations and the requirements for each one.

Sara Torrens, senior, used the EPC this year. "It's really a well-organized program they have on the computers," she said. "The information they gave me was very helpful."

"We do not actually give the scholarship applications," said Jeannine Phelan, Manager of all three EPC's, "but we do give the students an address to send away for an application." Ms. Phelan also said that they will then help students fill out the forms.

According to Ms. Phelan, one of the nicest aspects of the EPC is that it is a "third-party thing." They do not keep any records on the students so financial status and income tax

encourages students to use this program at their school first.

The EPC also has an entire wall of shelves containing college reference books and school brochures available to students.

According to Sara, the Peterson's College Search program helped "narrow down" a list of schools. "From the information I gave them, they gave me a list of schools that I am really interested in."

Kim Kurtzuba, senior, also used the EPC services. "The people were very nice and helpful," said Kim. "I really benefitted from going there." Both Kim and Sara recommend the program to others.

Mr. Harry Forehand, the Director of Guidance at Central, also supports the program. "I have used it myself," he said. He added that it is a "great program opportunity" and recommends it to all students.

Both Mr. Forehand and Ms. Phelan agreed that the program is not just for seniors. Freshmen, sophomores and juniors should plan ahead and locate a school and scholarships early.

To use the EPC services, visit the Omaha location at 8010 West Dodge Road, or call (402) 391-4033.

Accusations, insults fly in Spanish, Latin quarrel

By Kelly Ramsey

Spanish Club and the Junior Classical League are officially at war.

The two organizations made up of students taking Spanish and Latin courses, have recently become involved in a dispute over the alleged disappearance of a bust of Julius Caesar. According to Miss Rita Ryan, Latin teacher



The bust of Julius Caesar has been the subject of the clubs' recent rivalries.

and JCL sponsor, the statue was discovered to be missing from room 121 on September 24.

After discovering notes implicating Spanish Club in the kidnapping, the JCL issued a declaration of war in the daily circular. The clubs have since exchanged hostilities by means of letters, bulletins, and posters displayed throughout the school building.

Central High handbook

Additions enforced for present school year

By Tina Ray

"I think that's unfair," stated Rachel Helm, junior. "I feel it's reasonable," said Dr. Ron Burmood, Director of Student Personnel Services. "I think it's stupid," declared Gregg Markus, sophomore. "If they can say what they want, we can wear what we want," said Leslie Russell. These opinions were expressed over the various additions to the 1990-91 Central High School Handbook.

The changes in the handbook were decided "over the summer and last spring," stated Dr. G. E. Moller, Central High principal. The people who made the decisions were "mainly teachers and administrators at Central High School," said Dr. Moller.

Central High School rules

The white pages in the handbook reflect the rules that concern Central High School. "The rules on the yellow pages are made by the OPS and state legislation," said Dr. Burmood. "These rules represent a committee of several people, including representatives from each high school, the school board etc. Many people have different methods to solving problems, so we have to compromise when it comes to making these rules for the handbook," stated Dr. Burmood.

Clothing restrictions

One of the new rules concerning Central and all other Omaha high schools is the prohibition of clothing and other items that are gang related. According to the

Central Handbook, "Dress that is identified by Omaha Public High Schools as Gang Related apparel is not allowed." Certain items include apparel with team logos, beepers, handkerchiefs, etc. This year wearing hats in the classroom was also banned. "The United States Department of Justice made a recommendation to all high schools in the nation that there should be rules concerning the wearing of specific gang apparel," said Dr. Burmood.

Student disapproval

Some students, however, did not approve of this ruling. "This banning of clothing infringes upon our freedoms of expressions," stated Hoang Nguyen, senior, "They can't discriminate against what we wear unless it is indecent exposure!"

"If it should come to the point that this rule would be challenged, we as the administration would have to prove that the clothes cause a disturbance in the learning environment," stated Dr. Burmood. "Of course, if a student is questioned because of the clothes that he or she wears, we as administrators would give the student a chance to explain his point of view," said Dr. Moller.

Absence policy changes

Another ruling that concerns Central High School is the change in the 10-day absence policy. According to the Central Handbook, 10 absences that are not school activity sponsored will result in immediate loss of semester class credit, unless an appeal is granted from the teacher of

that class or the building principal.

Doctors', dentists' notes

"From now on a doctor's or dentist's note can only be used to make an appeal to the teachers or building principal," said Dr. Moller. "If a person is sick there is no way they can help being absent. Why should they suffer?" asked Kern Griffith, Central senior.

"Central changed its absence policy in order to make it uniform with other high schools in the OPS district. From now on, Central will treat every absence as an absence," said Dr. Burmood.

Dr. Moller, however, showed concern about the new policy. "We have done well with the old absence policy for many years. There was never any serious problem with using doctors' excuses. I am really worried about the number of appeals that I will be receiving."

'Strictly a judgment call'

One addition to the Central Handbook involves the penalties concerning Public Display of Affection. According to Dr. Moller, "Determining PDA is strictly a judgment call on behalf of the teachers and administrators. With 120 staff members in the school, there is bound to be a difference in opinion of what you can or can not do in the halls. A hug or holding hands is not an offense. It is basically in what manner you do it."

"Students will have the right to an explanation; then it is up to the administrator to make the final decision," said Dr. Burmood.

The Central Scene . . .

Math Club elects officers

The 1990-1991 Math Club officers are president, Anya Lawler; vice-president, Amy Vosburg; treasurer, Suzy Wolff; bouncer, Radek Kosior.

1990 Homecoming royalty and parade winners elected

The 1990-1991 Homecoming dance was held September 22. The king and queen are Michael Thylin and Ladonna White. Members of the court are Shelly Barkes, J. D. Guinn, Tracy Flynn, Terrence Jackson, Jenny Forsman, Rob Likes, Erika Gaylor, Darrell Morrow, Kim Kurtzuba and Rob Shradar. The winners of the Homecoming parade float contest are Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), first place; French Club, second place; and Student Council, third place.

Young Republicans Club established at Central

The Young Republicans recently started their own club. Mr. Lincoln is the sponsor. Mr. Lincoln stated that the club's purpose is to "encourage kids to get involved in politics." He went on to say that "it is a good way for students to express themselves." Mr. Lincoln said he would like to see the Young Democrats and Young Republicans working together on political issues that aren't necessarily partisan.

Young Republican officers

The Young Republicans Club has elected their 1990-1991 officers. They are: chairman Brian Comer, senior; vice-chairman Leah Cha, senior; secretary Scarlett Fisher, sophomore; and treasurer Hoang Nguyen, senior.



Johnnie Graham, freshman, sews a sweatshirt for her clothing class. The students are donating the shirts to a hospital.

Sean Chapman

Clothing class sews shirts

This month, Mrs. Milliken's Clothing classes made infant sweatshirts to be given to babies at Booth Hospital. The sweatshirts were made for their first project of the year.

Central's fall musical *Once Upon a Mattress* names cast

Central High's fall musical this year is Mary Rodgers and Marshall Barer's *Once Upon a Mattress*.

Production dates are Thursday, November 8 Friday November 9 and Saturday, November 10 at 7:30 P.M. Cost is \$4.

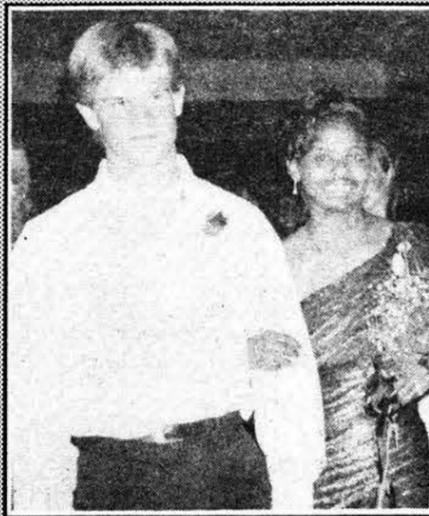
This year's cast members are: Minstrel-Tristian Walker, Princess # 12- Jessi Haubrich, Wizard-Eric Schumaker, Lady Larkin- Adian Soder, Queen Aggravain-Sara Templeton, Prince Dauntless- Matt Hovde, King Sextimus the Silent- Sean Rourke, Jester-Tom Rose, Princess Winnifred-Blake Thomas, Sir Harry- Bryan Campbell.

Other cast members: Wayne Rasmuss, Ben Fenner, Heather Dunbar, Todd Djureen, Wendy Weiss, Shauni Mosley, Shawn White, Dan O'Dell, Wendy

Revers, Angela Freshman, Libby Duckworth, Tony Jones, Leloni Brewer, Jacque Thompson, Alexis Richards Kate Lundholm, Renee Johnson.

The chorus and dancers are: Heather Baker, Leloni Brewer, Kevin Custard, Todd Djureen, Libby Duckworth, Heather Dunbar, Simone Eure, Ben Fenner, Angela Freshman, April Hartman, Jessi Haubrich, Heidi Hausman, Brian Johnson, Renee Johnson, Tony Jones, Kate Lundholm, Jason McCallan, Michelle McCune, Emily Moore, Shauni Mosley, Dan O'Dell, Tuere Poindexter, Wayne Rasmuss, Todd Reiser, Wendy Revers, Alexis Richards, Tom Rose, Mark Rosenquist, Michelle Silvestrini, Jason Slaughter, Jacque Thompson, Tristian Walker, Ann Weber, Wendy Weiss, Jess Wenke, Kim White, Shawn White.

Homecoming king and queen, Mike Thylin and Ladonna White walk down the procession aisle. The dance was held at the Milo Bail Student Center at UNO, September 22.



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The Central Update . . .

Counselors leave causing changes in career center

Many changes took place in the Central counselling center. Mr. Steve Nelson, Director of Guidance, left his position at Central for a vice-principal position at Norris Junior High School. Replacing him, as Director of Guidance is Mr. Harry Forehand. Ms. Jo Valasek, a counselor last year, retired to be replaced by Mr. Robert McMeen. Mr. McMeen will handle letters E, F, G and H. Mr. McMeen had been a part-time counselor and will now hold a full-time position. Ms. Sue Kalina, Central English teacher, will now also be a part-time counselor, taking Mr. McMeen's position last year.

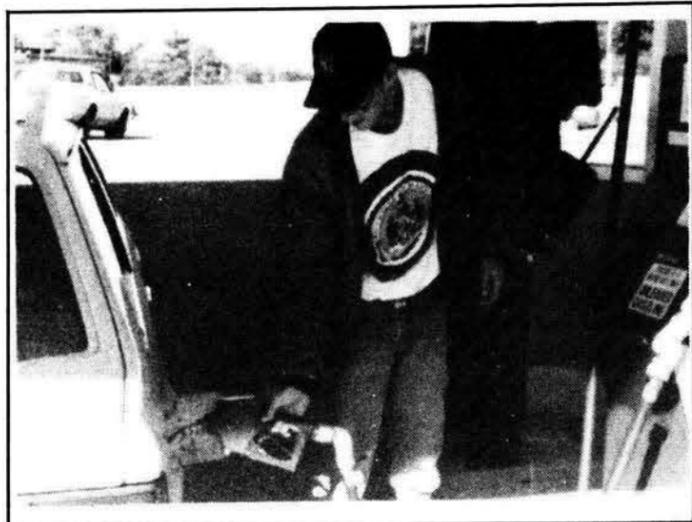
ParkFair Mall recloses to students for school year

ParkFair Mall will be closed to students after school at 2:30, hours earlier than the regular closing time. The mall closed last school year at this time to students, but was open for the usual times during the summer.

Changes in Administration

Several administrators changed positions from last year. Dr. Gary Thompson left Central for an administrator's position at Benson High. Mr. Semrad moved up from an "intern" position to replace Dr. Thompson. Mr. Semrad was also the Student Council sponsor, and replacing him is Ms. Therese Bender.

Iraq situation is affecting lives of Central students



Michelle Rosener

Matt Buckingham, senior, gasses up his car. Gas prices have been raised because of the shortage on oil in the United States.

Raised gas prices affect students

By Emily Rennard

Iraq, a Middle Eastern country, lies halfway around the globe from the United States; yet the Iraqi oil crisis seems much closer to home.

A major concern for the Omaha Public Schools is the rising gasoline prices as a result of the oil crisis. According to Mr. Allan R. Williams, Director of Transportation for OPS, the gasoline for school buses has increased \$0.27 since August; however, he does not expect it to go up much more.

Last year, the entire school transportation cost for OPS was \$385,000-\$400,000. Mr. Williams said that the allotted budget will now be "way short." He added that to find the money, budget cuts will have to be made somewhere.

According to Mr. Williams, school field trips may have to be reduced, but sports activity buses will not be cut because they are provided by the high school.

Last year, over thirteen thousand students used the OPS bus or van

service as transportation to and from school.

Students who provide their own transportation to and from school are also having difficulties paying for gasoline.

"I am paying \$17 every ten days to fill my gas tank."

**"I am paying \$17 every ten days to fill my gas tank."
— Lisa Frey, senior**

According to Lisa, last year it was closer to ten dollars every two weeks. "I'm going to have to start cutting my entertainment money," Lisa said. "I usually have to pay for my own gas."

For Lisa, OPS provides a van as an alternative, and she may have to begin using it.

Last year City Planners of Omaha paid Keith Dubes, senior, \$372.06 for his gas to and from school, eighteen cents per mile. He lives far enough away from

the school that a van should be provided; however, he had a zero-hour class last year and they could not provide the early transportation.

"With the rising gas prices," Keith said, "it becomes a burden on my wallet to pay for gasoline, especially when I live so far away. If the school pays me again for gas, the price per mile should increase."

According to Mike Croft, senior, gasoline has gotten to be so expensive that he "can no longer afford to buy lunch at school."

Al Bakhit, junior, works for his father at a Philips 66 gas station. According to Al, prices for gasoline have increased twenty to twenty-five cents since the oil crisis.

"A lot of people are complaining, and everyone looks really angry," said Al, but he added that there is not much they can do. "We've just got to make a profit. If our prices to buy the gasoline continue to rise, our prices to sell it have to also."

Green Eagles better Omaha

by Kate Lundholm

The Green Eagles, Central's environmental club, has been working to improve the environment since their formation last spring. According to Mr. Al Roeder, Green Eagles sponsor, "[The members] are all really dedicated and working to make a difference."

According to Mike Stansberry, club president, he and Adam Rissien, senior, started the Green Eagles because Central had no other clubs concerning the environment and many students expressed an interest in a club's formation.

Last April the Green Eagles sponsored a march in Central Park Mall. They invited other schools to come and picked up trash. This summer the club had a car wash using phosphate free soap.

The club helps with Central's paper and aluminum can recycling projects. Todd Djureen, junior and Green Eagle's secretary, said that although the paper recycling project has been successful, they

have been having trouble with students putting empty lunch bags in the empty aluminum cans.

This year the club plans to focus more on conservation. September the club had a Ragged Recycle Race. They went all over town collecting trash and picked up glass, aluminum, and paper to be recycled.

Roeder said they hope to spend the weekend a month at Central collecting glass, aluminum, plastic and paper which people would bring in.

Starting in October the Green Eagles plan to go to one elementary school a month to perform skits. Mike said that the skits "teach kids the value of the earth and how important it is."

According to Todd, the environment is an issue that everyone needs to work together on. "We are a part of the environment, not on the outside looking in," said Roeder.

The Green Eagles collect garbage at the Ragged Recycle Race held on September 29.



Heather Lower

At eighteen, males register for draft

By Dan Fellman

"The whole region has been destabilized; we are seeing the Beirutization of the

By law, all males must register for the draft within thirty days of their eighteenth birthday.

Gulf," said Central history teacher Mrs. Carol Valdrighi, commenting on the Persian Gulf crisis. But a draft is not likely, Valdrighi added. "At

the present time, I don't see our expending our forces to the point where we would need a draft," said Mrs. Valdrighi.

By law, all males must register for the draft within thirty days of their eighteenth birthday. To register, one must go to the post office and sign the required forms.

Many Central students are already draft age, and many more will turn eighteen this year. Nineteen year old Bill Germer, senior, said that while the possibility of being drafted is exciting, "I think I'm near the bottom of

the list because they will not draft high school students." Other students also had an optimistic outlook. Mike Gonzales, senior, turns eighteen in October; he said that "if they need my help, then I think I'd go."

One student expressed concern about the possibility of being drafted. "I fear being drafted because the recent invasion of Panama and the unjust arming of Saudi Arabia bother me," said Bill Savidge, a senior who turns eighteen in January.

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ISS: 'works well'

Committee's changes to be slight

By Rick Besancon

The In School Suspension room (ISS) is described as being halfway between school and home suspension. The Omaha Public Schools implemented ISS into each of the area high schools approximately five years ago.

"I feel it does help the students. (ISS) gives (the students) some time away for themselves, and for other students," Mr. Gordon Thompson, drafting teacher and ISS supervisor, said. "They are basically good students who just make a mistake. ISS offers an alternative to suspension from school. It is a suspension to school," Mr. Thompson stated.

Mr. Thompson believes that the ISS program works very well, and is doing what it was originally intended to do.

Students referred to ISS have to report to room 245 before homeroom on the day of their assignment. Daily assignments are given to the ISS teacher to be done by the student during the day.

There is no clock in the ISS room, but the students are allowed to wear their own watches. Absences from ISS have to be made up before the student can return to normal

classes. No sleeping is allowed in the ISS room. The students eat lunch in the ISS room and are not allowed to eat elsewhere.

Mr. Thompson said that there are not many disciplinary problems in ISS. "When (the students) first

"They are basically good students who make a mistake..." stated Mr. Thompson.

come in, we require them to copy, word for word, the rules of ISS; that way they are sure to know the rules," Mr. Thompson stated. A failure to abide by the ISS rules results in assignment to ISS for the next day's first three periods.

Mrs. Bernice Nared, administrator, said that a twenty person committee has been set up to work on changes for ISS rules. "The rules will basically be the same; the committee's job is to revamp the rules," Mrs. Nared stated.

Central High graduate named new co-editor of *National Lampoon*

By Dan Fellman

An Eagle has landed. After spending more than five years doing odd jobs in New York City, 1981 Central graduate Sam Johnson has been appointed co-editor of *National Lampoon* magazine. "(Our goal) is to turn a raunchy, not-always funny magazine into a smart, humorous magazine," said Johnson. "We want to sharpen it, and make it as funny as it used to be," Johnson added.

According to Johnson, many of the things that he learned on the *Register* staff have helped him at *National Lampoon*. "Central was definitely a good experience," Johnson added. While at Central, Johnson was the editor-in-chief as well as a columnist for *The Register*. He also participated in dramatic productions and Roadshows.

After graduating from Central, Johnson went to Yale University, where he graduated in 1985. He then moved to New York City. "I did odd jobs for a while—I was a mover, a temporary secretary, and a free-lance writer," Johnson

added.

It was his free-lance writing that enabled Johnson to become a co-editor of *National Lampoon*. Johnson had been writing periodically for *National Lampoon* as well as some women's magazines when he was hired along with his college roommates Chris Marcil and George

According to Sam Johnson, many of the things that he learned on the *Register* staff have helped him at *National Lampoon*.

Barkin to re-vamp the magazine.

Johnson, who lives in Philadelphia, commutes to his work in New York. He stated that he has high hopes for *National Lampoon*. "I've been lucky so far," Johnson said, "and I hope it continues," Johnson added.

Central Teacher protests building of Two Forks dam

By Kelly Ramsey

According to Mr. Gary Kubik, science teacher, something should be done to stop the construction of Two Forks Dam in Colorado.

Mr. Kubik is actively campaigning against the city of Denver's latest proposal to build another dam on the Platte River, a situation which he believes would have devastating effects on Nebraska wildlife.

"There are any number of proposals for building dams on the Platte River," Mr. Kubik said. The most recent of these is the Two Forks Dam which would be located about 40 miles southwest of Denver. According to Mr. Kubik, the proposed dam would magnify damage already done to wildlife by existing water control projects.

Reductions in the level of the Platte River by a dam at Kingsley, Nebraska have already disrupted the mating habits of various species of migratory birds, Mr. Kubik said.

Species such as the sandhill crane, white crane,

and the endangered piping plover and least tern roost on sandbars on the central Platte during their spring migration. The lowered water level is insufficient to flush out brush and trees from the sandbars, making the birds hesitant to stop there.

In addition to affecting Nebraska wildlife, according to Mr. Kubik, any further reduction in the flow of the Platte would have adverse economic effects on the state. "The water table will go down," he said, a situation which would reduce both irrigation and the overall water supply. "Some towns may run out of water."

Students in Mr. Kubik's biology classes have recently become involved with the campaign against the dam project. "We talked in my class . . . about water supply," he said. "I had my students write to the President, the Governor, and Senators Kerry and Exon."

"We have approximately 70 letters that we sent to voice our opinion, to encourage vetoing of the proposal," Mr. Kubik said.



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Making music since seventh grade

Sophomore band seeks fame as "Throwbacks"

by Seraphim Carlson

Over Christmas break of 1987 four seventh grade boys got together to rock and roll. Since then The Genetic Throwbacks have changed and developed.

The band has added a guitarist and changed to a new drummer. One of the original members is Ben Fenner, sophomore, who plays rhythm guitar and is lead singer. Wayne Rasmuss, sophomore, who plays bass and Todd Reiser, sophomore, who plays the keyboard and is the second vocalist are the two other original members.

The band added Steve Hendricks, sophomore, during their ninth grade year at Lewis and Clark Junior High School. "In the middle of ninth grade Ben came and asked me if I'd want to jam with them sometime because he knew I played the guitar," said Steve.

When Steve started, the band worked pretty much with him as the sole guitarist and Ben acting as lead singer only, but now the band is trying to

incorporate two guitarists.

The band had some problems over the summer, which brought about thoughts of a possible break-up.

"Over the summer our motivation deteriorated, but once school started it was easier to get everyone together," Ben explained.

The group has changed drummers this year, adding sophomore Matt Focht, who came to Central from Norris Junior High. Matt replaced two previous drummers. "I went to Wayne and asked him to get his band back together because I wanted to be their drummer."

Throughout junior high the boys performed at neighborhood bars such as Trovato's and the Saddle Creek Bar. Ben said, "The gigs are pretty random; we've played for some charity organizations such as Special Olympics and Children's Hospital Bazaar. Most of our income comes from tips. The most we've ever made is ninety dollars at Trovato's,

playing for a half an hour."

The money that was invested by the group is a substantial amount that has not yet been made back, but they hope that someday they will be able to play for pay. To drummer Matt, the money is not so important as long as he can play his music and have fun.

"We play mostly

classic rock but pretty much anything we want as long as it has a good beat," said Wayne. The group has five original songs, written mainly by Ben and Wayne. Ben added that the original songs are the most fun to play and seem the most well-liked.

"When you get into a groove and everyone likes you, you just want to keep

playing, but when there's no energy in the audience you just want to quit," Todd commented.

When asked about their future plans The Genetic Throwbacks all agreed that they just want to have fun. Ben summed it up by saying "as long as people are enthusiastic and I'm having fun, I'll do it forever."



Sean Chapman

Sophomores, Matt Focht, Wayne Rasmuss, Todd Reiser, Ben Fenner, and Steve Hendricks after a jam session. The Central students put together The Genetic Throwbacks during their seventh grade year.

A new twist to prime time

Twin Peaks



by Libby Duckworth

As the season premiere opens, we find a man by the name of Agent Cooper lying on the floor with a gunshot wound in his gut. The mysterious butler approaches him and says, "I've heard about you," and gives him a thumbs up signal. The poor agent isn't lying on the floor feeling like eight bowling balls have been dropped on his chest from five stories up or anything. He just enjoys looking like a beached whale who got a little anxious with a ketchup bottle. Yes, the butler just ignores the scene and goes

David Lynch, director of such famed flicks as *The Elephant Man* and *Blue Velvet*, and also the controversial *Wild at Heart*, produces *Twin Peaks*. His plots are complex, and his storyline intricate, but he knows how to grab the viewer's attention. He focuses on the unexpected and mystical aspects of life and simply zooms in on them. His cinematography often includes striking scenes filled with blood and violence.

For the couch sleuths at home, the show's last episodes have revolved around who killed Laura

Palmer. She was the homecoming queen in Twin Peaks, which is a small town in the Pacific

He focuses on the unexpected . . . and simply zooms in on them.

Northwest, where the show got its name. Just when one thinks they have the suspect cornered, Lynch ties another knot in the plot. So who did kill Laura Palmer? Be patient and maybe the murderer will be revealed.

The show creates a soap opera atmosphere with a twist of the psychedelic

about his business.

Twin Peaks is a whole new experience for the Saturday night prime time viewer. The show creates a soap opera atmosphere with a twist of the psychedelic. Upon tuning in, one may observe hallucinogenic images as one scene slips into another.

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Late Innings with Brian James

When I was younger, it seemed like almost every kid was athletic. Kids used to run to school, to get in line for the swings, or to be one of the first of many "frequent fliers" to jump off the jungle-gym and land in the nurse's office (this was also about the age when a good-size mud streak on your new Wrangler's from the morning kickball game looked real cool).

It also seemed like everyone on the playground just played for the fun of it.

Forget the actual gym classes. To the athletic overachievers, they were considered to be cruel jokes, as they would have to endure what seemed like hours of mindless bashings of a tee-ball stand with a plastic bat. To the less-than-coordinated, gym classes were the number one cause of that nagging (and unbelievably timely) ankle sprain.

Nevertheless, everyone knew that recess was the time when the real "playground champions" showed what they could do (wasn't that a T.V. show?). They were never actually called that, but everyone knew who they were.

Many of these "mini-champs" who didn't

fall off the monkey bars once too often or get caught in the awkward grasp of puberty probably went on to bigger and better things. They simply excelled.

Many will continue to see great success in high school and some will even go on to glory days in college. Some will even leave the ranks of amateurism and become professionals.

To me, this last step seems to be the time when the real motives and attitudes of the athlete change.

In amateur sports, the player's outlook on

In amateur sports, the player's outlook on the season is usually nothing less than "do or die."

the season is usually nothing less than "do or die." They realize that their time on the team is limited and that school pride rides on their shoulders.

In the pro's, the mentality of the team (especially a losing one) seems to be more like,

Don't look at the dollar signs Amateurism avenged!

"Hey, if we don't get 'em this year...(remember paycheck)...we always have next year!"

Instead of fighting to uphold the school image, the main motivation is money. Though many amateurs (high school, college, and Olympic-level athletes) are working for scholarships and endorsements, they don't compare to the hype involving professionals.

I often open the sports section and think I've stumbled into the business pages by mistake. Unless I'm the athlete's agent or a mooching relative, I don't want to hear about how much money he makes.

True, it humiliates me when I read that my whole life's earnings equals what Jose Canseco gets for tying his shoelaces, but DO I REALLY NEED TO KNOW THIS? I think not.

The game soon becomes secondary in the world of professional sports. To me, dollar signs on the sports page don't belong there.

Give me a good high school or college match-up over the pro's anytime. It is an obvious case of amateurs avenged.

Dr. Jack Lewis; a commitment to Central

By Allison Atkinson

For 25 years, Dr. Jack Lewis has been a dedicated educator and physician to both Central High athletes and scholars alike. Dr. Lewis, a 1952 Central High School graduate, has been a committed physician to Central sports teams since 1964.

While attending Central, Dr. Lewis was on *The Register* sports staff and was starting quarterback for the Eagles. Lewis went on to further his education at Stanford University while continuing to play football for those four years. He received his medical training from the University of Nebraska.

Dr. Lewis, a practicing internist, describes his commitment to Central as "personal." He stated that, "I just wanted to give back to Central what they gave to me

"I just wanted to give back to Central what they gave to me so many years ago."

so many years ago." Central has never had a team physician and Dr. Lewis feels that, "It is the least I can do, considering what they did for me."

Dr. Lewis is involved in many community activities, most of which concern youths. Lewis lectures to university students, primarily athletes

about such topics as drugs and drug abuse. He is very concerned about the welfare of today's youth and feels that he has a lot to contribute through his lectures.

Lewis believes that athletes in particular need to concentrate on their schoolwork and should fulfill a dedication to graduating and making something of themselves. He said he stresses avoidance of drugs and smoking.

Dr. Lewis is also very involved in the District 66 School District. He is the president of the school board in that district.

In past years, Dr. Lewis has taught biology courses at Central, and until about six years ago, taught kinesiology (the study of human muscular movements) to the various teams.

Lewis claims that there are "so many more improvements in the sports programs today, than there were back when I played." He states that "kids are so much bigger today than they used to be. There is better everything, better nutrition, better training, and better coaches."

He says that when he was a student they didn't have "all that fancy weight equipment that they have now." He claims that the coaches have better techniques, a better awareness as to what they are doing and how to deal with the players.

Dr. Lewis feels that the artificial turf on the football field is the number

one cause of injuries. He says that he definitely sees more injuries during the football season than he does during

the basketball season, "even with all those pads."

Also, in his commitment to Central, Dr.

Lewis performs sports physicals for those athletes that need them throughout the school year.

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Season record 10-1

Tennis team enjoys winning season

By Bill Thoms

The Central High tennis team finished the regular season with an 10-1 record this season. Coach John Waterman said that this year's team is the deepest team he's coached in the last ten years. "This season has been a lot of fun for me as well as the players. We feel that going into any match we can play against anybody."

"Our main goal right now is to get some players seeded in the State tournaments," said Coach Waterman. "If we get somebody seeded then usually they will be paired up with someone who is not as experienced as they are. If we don't get anybody seeded, then we have to rely on luck to determine who plays who."

Central's team members are young this year with three seniors, seven juniors, three sophomores and one freshman. Seniors are Scott Fullerton, Rick

Besancon, and Aaron Bachman. The six juniors are Josh Cooper, Matt Hoffman, Rob Anderson, Andy Urias, Owei Bellah, and Mike Langan. Sophomores are Adam Yale, Jason Hui, and Rick Fetton. The only freshman on the team is Jeff Darst.

"I worked hard for three years and it finally paid off with our defeat of Creighton Prep."

Central won its first match by the slimmest of margins defeating Millard North 5-4. In their next seven games, they remained undefeated.

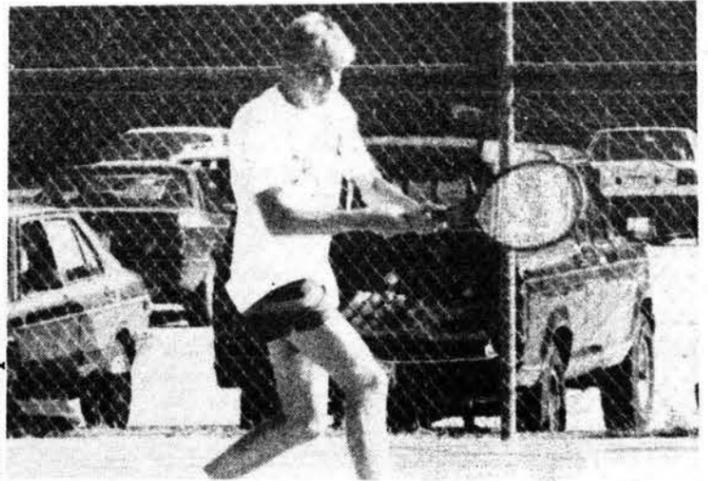
Central finished the regular season by winning its final two matches. The Eagles shut out Fremont 9-0 and

edged Creighton Prep 5-4. "The main thing that paid off against Prep was our depth," commented Coach Waterman. "We've had some real success over Prep the last ten years," he added, "we've won about seven of the last ten matches."

The players felt that it was a big boost for them. Freshman Jeff Darst said, "This is my first year and it's been a lot of fun. Beating Prep was the best."

Scott Fullerton added, "I worked hard for three years and it finally paid off with our defeat of Prep."

In the Metro Tournament Central's number 2 singles player, Aaron Bachman made it to the semifinals before losing. The number 1 singles player Andy Urias made it to the quarterfinals where he lost. Both numbers 1 and 2 doubles teams made it to the quarterfinals before losing. The number 1 doubles team



Sean Chapman

Mike Langan, junior, smashes a return against Millard North. Central beat Millard North for its first victory.

was Owei Bellah and Matt Hoffman and the number 2 doubles team was Scott Fullerton and Jeff Darst. Central's team finished fifth in the Tourney.

Overall, the players have enjoyed the season. "This year the season has been a lot of fun because we've had a lot of team spirit," said Rob Anderson. "This is definitely the best season I've

had because [of that spirit]. I'd say that and the depth of the team has helped us."

The players look for lots of success next year. Sophomore Adam Yale said, "We have a lot of potential and people returning next year." Aaron Bachman included, "I'm sorry to be graduating this year because next year I feel we have a good chance to win state."

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Volleyball

The Central High School volleyball team is having a smashing season thus far. Although the girls are playing top-ranked teams, they have managed to maintain a winning 7-5 record. This is the first time in approximately three years that the team has done this well. Just last week the girls played the Metro tournament at Bryan. Although they lost to Abraham Lincoln, they beat Bryan 15-4, 15-4.

Football

Through their sixth game, the Eagle's record stands at 1-5. The squad suffered recent setbacks to Lincoln Southeast (16-0), Prep (35-14), and Westside (21-14).

Despite the losses, quarterback Rob Likes and receiver Dorell Morrow are among the leaders in the Metro Conference. Likes is 62-121 in pass completions and has thrown for 733 total yards. Morrow has 21 receptions for 244 yards.

Gymnastics

The gymnastics team is enjoying successful season according to coach Connie Kozak. "We're having a really positive year," she said.

The girls have won all of their duels thus far, losing only to Millard North by two points. Miss Kozak claims, "Central has always been the underdog in gymnastics. This metro tournament should be one of the most exciting." She stated, "Although we don't know our full scoring potential, I think we're really going to surprise them at Metro."

Cross Country

The Central high boys' and girls' cross country teams achieved several goals going to districts and hope to achieve several more. At the Millard North Invite, there were no medals awarded to any Central runners, but coach Matt Carmichael felt that several runners ran some good races. The Bellevue East Invitational was even more successful as Chris Heimes and Jason Brilz both medaled for the boys and Becky Tworek medaled for the girls. At the Metro Tournament, junior George Russell finished fourteenth overall and medaled.

The boys runners are sophomores Roger Russell, Jason Brilz, Geoff Sproat, Erik Dickes, and Chris Heimes; juniors are George Russell, Robert Harshbarger, and Lasana Jones. The girls' runners are sophomores Becky Tworek, Marcie Langfeldt, Courtney Scherpf, and junior Kathy Edgren.

Girl's Golf

The Central High School golf team ended its season with quite a drive. The district meet held on October 4th, proved successful for the girls as they brought home a 4th place win. They were only eleven strokes from making it to Metro.

Junior Dana Souser took 4th overall in the district with a score of 84 and will be representing Central at state. Other team members include: Leia Mussleman, freshman, Sara Torrens, senior, Kate Lundholm, senior, and Heather Collins, senior.



Brian James



George Russell, left, and Chris Heimes, two of Central's cross country runners, compete in a recent meet at Walnut Grove Park.

Calendar

- October 12, Varsity Football - Abraham Lincoln - AWAY
- October 13, Freshman Football - Prep - AWAY
- October 18, Reserve Football - Millard North - HOME
- Junior Varsity Football - Prep - AWAY
- Varsity Volleyball - Benson - HOME
- October 19, State Cross Country Meet
- Varsity Football - Benson - HOME
- October 20, Junior Varsity Volleyball Tournament - Roncalli
- Freshman Football - Millard South - AWAY (10 AM)
- October 23, Junior Varsity Football - Westside - HOME
- Varsity Volleyball - Bellevue West - AWAY
- October 25, Varsity Football - Bellevue West - HOME
- October 29 - November 2, Varsity Volleyball - Districts

Second Metro Title in sight

Rifle Team en route to Metro championship

By Rick Besancon

The Rifle Team is pursuing its second consecutive Metro Championship. Team captain Matt Riley, senior, stated that the Rifle Team has a 7-0 record this year. "Last year we were excellent," Matt said, "we were city league champs for rifles, and placed second in

lowed to practice after school.

The Rifle Team competes in both Metro and State competitions. "Gaining a championship in the Metro Rifle competition, really helped the feeling of the team; it gave us a boost," Matt stated.

The Rifle Team does not require the members to

be in JROTC; anyone can participate in tryouts. The largest problem the Rifle Team has is a lack of publicity. "Some people don't even know that Central has a Rifle Team," Matt stated.

Team members include: Team Captain, Matt Riley, David Bowen, senior; Robert Gowen, Patricia

Ortega, sophomore; Christopher Christensen, John Collins, Chad McCarthy, junior; Mathew Miller, sen-

ior; William Reynolds, junior; and James Wilson, junior. Sergeant Middleton is the Rifle Team's coach.

"Some people don't even know that Central has a Rifle Team."

pistol competition."

The Rifle Team competes with teams from each high school twice a year. Practice occurs at the rifle range, located next to the band room. The practices usually take place during 10th period, but team members are al-

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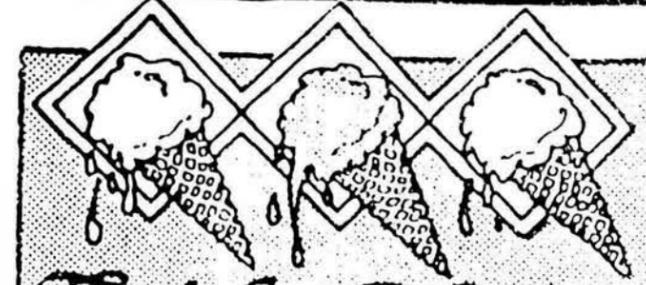
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