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## Central beats Papillion 3-1 to take the District title and #1 state ranking Boys' soccer team shifts into high gear

By Al Bakhit

The Eagles have landed. The Central Eagles boys' soccer team has made it to state. "We deserved it," said Owei Belleh, senior. The previously second-ranked Eagles, 12-1, earned a berth in state by defeating the top-ranked Papillion Monarchs 3-1 in the District 4 title match last Monday at Papillion's Monarch Stadium in front of a crowd of nearly 500 people.

The only blemish on their season has been a 2-1 loss to Elkhorn Mount Michael. Some highpoints of the season have been a 5-1 victory over Prep and their 1-0 shootout victory over Papillion earlier in the season. Central will unofficially take the second seed in state behind Kearney 14-0.

In the district final the Eagles took a quick lead on an early goal by Josh Bahr, senior co-captain. Later in the half, following a scramble in front of the net, Sean Foster, senior co-captain, put in what would turn out to be the winning goal. Keith Caven, senior added another goal near the end of the half.

Papillion's only goal came on a penalty kick in the second half. Papillion had several other opportunities to score, but they were stopped by Brian Goeser, senior, who has only allowed 12 goals in 13 matches this season.

The Eagles had several missed scoring opportunities in the second half. Owei had a near miss that went off the post. Steve Fontaine, senior, also had a near miss that went just wide of the net. Both teams had goals, as well as breakaways, called back because of offsides.

This is the third appearance in state for the Eagles in the last four years. "We have the



Kristen Steenberg

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## Students shocked by Rodney King verdict

By Tim James

The acquittal three weeks ago of the four Los Angeles police officers accused of beating Rodney King caused a strong reaction among Central students. Many were shocked and disappointed at the outcome, but others were not surprised that the officers were not found guilty of excessive brutality.

The majority of students were angered by the riots in Los Angeles that followed the verdict. "I'm outraged at the verdict," exclaimed Coral Harris, senior. "The jury acted quite racist and the decision should definitely be appealed."

Ms. Patricia Brizendine, African-American studies teacher at Central, was shocked at the verdict. She thought the officers would "at least be convicted on some of the charges."

Many students expressed the

same anger and disbelief in the judicial system. "Unfortunately," said Cale Herreman, junior, "I think the outcome was very blatantly and frighteningly racist." He added that the police officers weren't justified in their actions.

What most of the nation saw was an 81 second videotape in which King was clubbed 56 times. "They went too far in beating him,

Kyle Hovorka, junior, added that King "might have broken the law, but that doesn't give any excuse to repeatedly beat the guy."

Students were also upset about the riots that followed the verdict in Los Angeles. The riots left over 40 people dead and damage estimates in the millions. "The people shouldn't

riot because they aren't proving anything at all," said Casey Penry, senior. "The ones who are rioting are no better off than the police officers," Sheila Morgan, senior, stated. No acts of violence or problems relating to the court verdict occurred at Central, according to principal Dr. G.E. Moller.

Centralites also cited that the acquittal was due to the location of the court hearings. The beating occurred in Los Angeles, but the case was moved to Simi Valley, a predominantly white suburb of Los Angeles, at the request of the judge. Brian Nelson, senior, thinks that the courts should "have a re-trial back in the city." If the officers were black and the victim was white, he said, the case would have been reversed to a guilty verdict.

Both students and teachers consider the whole court situation and rioting to be race-related. "It's hard to see it otherwise," Ms. Brizendine said. "It'll make people more aware of problems between the races."

**"I'm outraged at the verdict."  
—Coral Harris**

"We should deinstitutionalize racism because it's always there, but we just don't think about it," Cale stated. "I'm concerned about the students," Ms. Brizendine said. "In class we've been discussing black advancements in the judicial system in the fifties and sixties, and how the law was somewhat working for us. But this case makes it seem as if we haven't really come that far."



Coral Harris and Dionne Whitfield discuss the King verdict.

Mike Buckley

plain and simple," said Dionne Whitfield, senior. She questioned their clubbing of King while he was lying still and defenseless on the ground.

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# Centralite VOICES

Should parental advisory stickers on albums be used to restrict the sale of obscene music to minors?

**YES: 14% NO: 86%**  
135 Students were polled



"No. It restricts the right to choose what you listen to."  
-Michelle McCune Senior



"No. I think teenagers should be able to buy whatever they want."  
-Kyle Small Freshman



"It should warn parents, but it shouldn't be used to restrict sales."  
-Quatesha Kern Junior



"No. It's a parent's responsibility to monitor what their kids buy."  
-Chris Yambor Sophomore



"No. It violates the Constitution and the freedom to express your views."  
-Josh Kollman Senior



"Yes. Society is decadent enough without adding obscenity to it."  
-Ms. Rita Ryan Latin Teacher

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## Parental advisory stickers a violation of First Amendment

The First Amendment to the United States Constitution declares that "Congress shall make no law ... abridging freedom of speech." This essential document has been interpreted to prohibit direct and indirect censorship of items containing social value.

The Register staff believes Omaha City Councilman Steve Exon's attempts to prosecute local record stores for the sales of 2 Live Crew's "Sports Weekend" album to minors is an unnecessary violation of the First Amendment.

A small minority citizen group like Exon's Omahans for Decency should not be allowed to determine the obscenity of a record, and the courts should not be allowed to interpret a law to create an entirely new law. Because of Omahans for Decency's use of Nebraska's anti-pornography laws, the group has asked the Judicial Branch to make a decision that belongs to parents and to the Nebraska Legislature. The voters and legislators have decided that pornography cannot be sold to minors younger than eighteen years of age. The Nebraska legislature has not, however, decided that records, cassettes and C.D.s with "Parental Warning/Explicit Lyrics" stickers are to be considered pornography. The right to make this decision lies in the hands of the voters and the legislators, not in the hands of the court system or in the hands of a small special-interest group.

The Register staff also is opposed to Exon's

ensorship efforts in cooperation with Omaha for Decency because it violates 2 Live Crew's freedom of expression. The United States Supreme Court has decided that materials with any so-called redeeming characteristics cannot be censored by government agencies. The music of 2 Live Crew along with that of many other stickered groups which would be effected by Exon's efforts, been found to contain both artistic and political value, making their censorship unconstitutional.

In addition, Exon's attempts are not needed to restrict youth exposure to obscene music. "Parental Warning/Explicit Lyrics" stickers have succeeded in educating parents and store owners about the contents of stickered music. First, many stores have made voluntary policies preventing the sale of stickered albums to minors. In addition, the stickers notify parents of the contents of the albums, allowing them to decide the use of records for their children. This policy is most desirable because it allows parents to take responsibility for limiting underage use of obscene music without avoiding government censorship.

Since the introduction of "Parental Warning" stickers, parents have become able to take responsibility to monitor their children's listening.

Parents must now take this responsibility. Instead of asking government to take it from them, they are restricting the First Amendment's power to preserve agent in American democracy.

## Commencement reflects class

Central High School has a tradition of excellence that dates all the way back to its opening in the middle of the nineteenth century. With the guidance of the teachers and administrators, the students have always maintained a level of superiority through all of their years at Central; graduation was never an exception.

However, in recent years the students' behavior at the commencement exercises has been anything but superior. The programs have often been interrupted by flagrant outbursts of immaturity on the part of the graduates as well as some of the audience members.

The Register staff feels that this type of behavior is a disgrace to the graduating class. A class that

truly takes pride in its high school career would not display this kind of behavior at any time, let alone while it is acting as a representative of its school. Such behavior at commencement is embarrassing to the faculty as well as the other students. Commencement is probably the most memorable event of one's high school career; does the class of 1992 really want to repeat the disgraceful events of the past years?

We hope that this year's graduation move to the UNO Fieldhouse will help to deter any unnecessary or embarrassing activities.

Graduating seniors must realize that protecting the integrity of their commencement exercises is their responsibility.

## Early senior release has reasons

Most students anticipate their final year of high school. The senior year is characterized by several traditions. In addition to the common traditions of receiving diplomas and graduating, another tradition has developed for seniors in the Omaha Public High Schools—being released two weeks earlier than underclassmen.

There are several reasons for the early release of seniors. First of all, the release of seniors two weeks earlier than underclassmen replaces the need for a school-sanctioned senior skip day. By letting seniors out early, the school is not held responsible for sponsoring an activity outside of school for seniors.

The early release of seniors is also needed in order to eliminate any schedule conflicts with

commencement programs. Since there are graduation programs at all Omaha Public High Schools, it is mandatory that the commencement programs be scheduled in May so that all eight programs be finished by early June when the Omaha Public Schools close for the summer.

Seniors are officially finished with high school when they receive their diplomas at commencement. It would not be fair to make the seniors, who have already graduated, remain in school until all other Omaha Public High School commencement programs were over.

As long as the early release of seniors continues to be successful, students may anticipate the tradition that has evolved in the Omaha Public High Schools.

### Opposing Points of View

## Seat belt law needed to insure safety of drivers

Alex Cooper

The Nebraska State Legislature recently passed LB958, the mandatory seat belt law. This law requires the front seat passengers to wear their seat belts. Those violating the law can be fined \$25. Police are only allowed to ticket people for this violation if they are pulled over for another offense.

This is a long-needed law that will save many lives. The number of people saved from injury because they were wearing their seat belt cannot be stressed enough. Linda Nichols who works for Senator Tom Horgan, sponsor of LB958, said, "People who are belted are three or four times less likely than those not belted to be seriously injured."

People opposed to the seat belt law frequently argue that this infringes on their rights. However, driving is a privilege given to us by the state. The government also requires citizens to use headlights from dusk to dawn, wear glasses if needed, use turn signals 100 feet before the turn and to stop at stop signs and red lights.

The law also requires cars to have brake lights, bumpers, a side view mirror and now even a third brake light. All of these things are for the safety of the people whether or not they are convenient.

Some people say drivers should be competent enough to not need to wear their seat belt. I am not worried about my own driving skills; it is the drunk person up around the next corner or the person who is tuning his radio and accidentally runs a red light that hits me that I am worried about.

People who fear that a seat belt will prohibit them from escaping their car have nothing to fear. This occurs in less than one percent of accidents. Ms. Nichols said Nebraskans show a fear of being submersed in water and not being able to escape because of their seat belt. She said this is probably from watching television programs which often show this.

It has been proven statistically that the mandatory seat belt law will save lives. People should recognize this law as something that is there to help them not to hinder themselves.

People who oppose this new law should try wearing their seat belt for a week. They will find it becomes a habit that might someday save their life.

## Seat belt law infringes on citizens' basic rights

Dawn Randall

Although the government's responsibility is to protect its people, the new seat belt law, LB958, which requires Nebraska residents and visitors to 'buckle up,' is an infringement on our rights.

There are older cars without shoulder straps on their seat belt. The people driving these cars are in much more danger if they wear their seat belt. Occasionally, accidents involving these cars result in the death or injury of the person due to the seat belt.

Sometimes, it is a nuisance to wear your seat belt. When people are out running errands, and they have to get out of the car every few minutes, wearing a seat belt is more of a pain than a safety.

This law has been voted out by the Nebraska citizens once before. Just because the state legislature voted for this law does not mean that the Nebraska public agrees with it. The legislature did not vote this law in because it would save lives. They voted in because having a seat belt law brings in more federal revenue for the state highway system. But this also means that money will be taken from other state programs to fund these highway repairs and additions.

There are many citizens that do not care to wear their seat belt. Many of them think it is bothersome or it takes too much time to put on. Although this is just pure business, it is not my place, nor the government's, to say when and where a person should wear his seat belt. Granted, most people are saved by their seat belts. But people do not realize this and do not wear their seat belt, they take responsibility for their actions. The government cannot suspend the ability of the public to make decisions and expect it to act responsibly.

The money which would be spent enforcing this law should be used in stead to promote wearing a seat belt. It should encourage the public to be safe for their own sake, not for the law's sake.



## Accepting change makes life easier

Simply Polyester

Todd Djureen

Well folks, it's that time of the year. The sun is up in the morning when you awake, and the moon shines when you go to sleep. It is that time of the year when all the seniors know exactly how many days are left of school and are eagerly awaiting graduation day.

Amidst all these whirlwinds, I look for an ounce of serenity, and in this serenity, I find change. What is it that is so soothing about change? Some people may find that change is very unsettling and uninsurable, but in retrospect, life is change.

A couple of days ago I was talking with my friend Shag about life and how things will massively change after graduation. "Why do things have to be this way?" I asked Shag. "Why do I have to go to college and lose touch with all my friends that I have made during my high school years? This is my security; why do I have to leave my security?"

"Well, that's just how it is," Shag replied; "life is a series of dead-ends. Some friends you will keep for the rest of your life, others you will not." As usual, Shag really made me think—even though I do not agree with him—about change: especially about how my life is going to change after graduation.

The obvious way that my life will change is that I will be going to college in a far off land—Chicago—but that is still very far from Omaha for me to keep in touch with all my friends in other parts of the country at different colleges or universities.

Of course this is upsetting, but I know that I will make new friends at the college I am going to. There are a whole bunch of new experiences to experience with a whole bunch of new people; soon I will forget about the emptiness in my life from my friends that I am not with—in time this will not even bother me.

"Let's put this into perspective," Shag said. "If we look at the philosophy of Taoism, it tells us that life is ever-changing, and the person that knows how to interact and adapt to this lifestyle, or at least be aware of this lifestyle, will be able to be productive and self-fulfilling in his life."

"WOW!" I replied, "You are just so right. Why not try and make the best of

a situation, rather than try and change it?"

Especially for seniors, change is a pressing issue. This is how it goes: during the years at Central, all of us (SENIORS) have met some very important people that mean a lot to us. Am I right?

Even though there is that urge to get away and never come back, it just seems bizarre and uncomfortable leaving all the friends, the building, counselors, principal, administrators, parents, etc. We are going through a rite of passage, and it is a maturation point in our life—it is a point of no return.

"You know, Todd," Shag said in a somber tone, more somber than I have ever heard him before because he normally is always cheerful, "I will miss you when you're gone."

I replied, "I will miss you too, but I don't understand. Just a minute ago you were preaching to me about change and how in order to be a strong person we must learn how to play change's

game. Will you please explain?"

"I am just simply saying that even though I can adapt, that doesn't mean that all changes are easy."

I threw this question back at him: "Well how can you find comfort in change if it is not all easy?"

The little twerp answered my question as if it were completely

obvious and had just not been thinking—like usual. "I am not the one who said that I find comfort in change."

However, I do understand that if you can accept change as a natural part of life, then it will make life much easier. Life is a series of barriers to overcome, life is not all that easy, but accepting change does make life much easier—in essence you are accepting life when you accept change."

I really must thank all those who have contributed to and changed my life: Erinn O'hara, Liz Lieben, Katie Rickerl, Kristen Steenberg, Sean Chapman, Matt Kudlacz, Duncan Joyner.

And to Thad Domina: I will say "good-bye" to you for this period in our lives, but you will always be just as important to me—life is not a series of dead-ends; this is how I have come to accept change.

I also want to thank Thad for shedding some light on my life and remember to always be a crusader for the human race—THANKS SHAG.

May all your thoughts be simple, and your dreams be of polyester.

“...accepting change does make life much easier—in essence you are accepting life when you accept change.”

### Many Central dancers overlooked in article

To the editor,

I am writing in regards to the article "Centralite aspires to career in jazz dance" (Register March 18, 1992).

I am pleased to see the Register presenting a topic that most people know little about—dance. I feel the article had a very limited viewpoint.

This feature highlighted only one talented individual and neglected many other equally accomplished dancers. There are other Centralites who have danced extensively for many years, have gone to intensive summer programs as well as workshops and who dance with professional and local dance companies. These individuals excel in their

particular dance form, and are working towards a career also. Some have worked with professional choreographers.

It is unfortunate that these hard working individuals were not also mentioned for their accomplishments.

Michelle M. Ludwig  
Senior

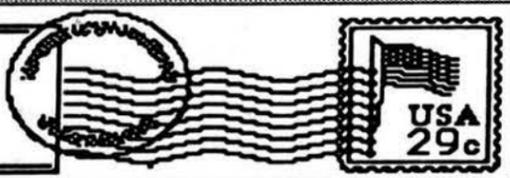
### Tornado drills unsafe

To the editor,

I am writing because of the tornado drill we had [in March]. I like the idea that all students go to the bottom floor, but the students go down the steps too slow. The school needs to find a better, faster, but safe way [for its students] to seek shelter.

Diane Brooks  
Freshman

### Letters to the Editor



### Automobiles a deadly factor in today's society

To the editor,  
I wish to comment upon Todd Djureen's article about the Dodge Street cruising in which he stated that it would be better for police to be available for other crimes instead of worrying about the cruisers.

In today's society, out of all the crimes mentioned and many others, the major cause of death of America today is

the automobile.

Today's main crime is the non-constructive use of the automobile for such time and resource wasting activities such as cruising.

Because of that fact, I feel that it is most important for police to direct their resources toward the object most responsible for the high mortality rates of today, the automobile.

Mike Ferro  
Senior

## NEWS briefs

## Emily Hoot recipient of merit scholarship

Emily Hoot is one of five Central recipients of the National Merit Scholarship.

Emily will receive a one thousand dollar renewable scholarship from Walgreens to her choice of college. Emily plans on attending the University of Southern California.

Emily had to score a certain percentage on the PSAT her junior year and the SAT her senior year to qualify for a National Merit Scholarship. She also had to submit scholarship applications proving her academic performance.

Emily is one of 6,300 recipients to receive this award out of approximately 15,000 semi-finalists.

The other National Merit Scholarship recipients from Central will be announced May 20.



## Central students set new record at UNO's car pull

Pete Thorson, senior, and Mike Rolfeigh, junior, won the first place \$50 award in the third annual UNO car pull on Saturday April 11. They set a new record for weight by pulling 50 pounds and a new distance record by traveling 5 feet 8 inches. Central entered two other cars. Mary Campbell, junior, Nicole Engelke, senior, and Kim Scofield, senior built one that won third place and Jan Romberg built the other.

The object of the contest is to build a car with a four and one half volt battery and a motor supplied by UNO that will travel six feet in 8 minutes while pulling certain amounts of weight. Pete said, "The main problem with our car was its traction, so we put weight on it to give it better traction." Mike said, "I put in new gears and fixed the axles to make it

## Central junior receives math scholarship

Junior Michael Rolfeigh received a \$5000 scholarship for being Central's outstanding math and science junior. The scholarship is one of 2000 offered to different high schools across the nation. The scholarship is only valid if Michael attends Rensselaer Poly-Technical Institute, which is the sponsor of the scholarship. If he chooses to attend Rensselaer, his registration fees will also be waived.

Michael also received a gold medal from Rensselaer. The choice was made by Mr. John Waterman, Math Department Head, and Mr. Jerry Doctor, Science Department Head. According to Mr. Waterman, Mike was chosen because of "his academic record and the fact that he participated in many science fairs this year."

## J.C.L. elects new officers

The Junior Classical League (J.C.L.) has announced the results of the elections for president and editor. The president, whose duty is to run the state organization, is Dan Bagley, junior. Sam Briganti, sophomore, was elected editor and will be in charge of producing the J.C.L. newsletter.

By Alex Cooper, Andrea Davis, and Angela Splittgerber



## Purple Feather day honors 354

By Angela Splittgerber

On Wednesday, April 29, Central held its yearly Purple Feather Day celebration. Students were excused from 3rd and 4th period classes to attend an assembly on the east porch.

Purple Feather Day honors students with a 3.5 grade point average or above. 364 students attended the assembly, representing 21 percent of the student body. The number of students increased in the last year by 46, including 48 freshmen, 105 sophomores, 99 juniors and 102 seniors.

A former graduate of Central, Mr. Jerry Schenken, spoke to the students. The program concluded with the seniors signing a banner.

## Central student forms group to prevent the spread of AIDS

By Laura M. Dunham

"We want to send an important message, how to prevent and stop the AIDS virus," said Jennefer Wickham, junior and founder of SO FARE (Student Outcry For AIDS Research and Education). She is organizing a youth group to educate themselves and others about AIDS.

She was forced to realize the need for an Omaha project when a relative of hers died of AIDS. "I noticed there were not enough facts open to students and they needed to know."

Originally she wanted the idea to be installed in school, which means it would be like a class. She found it would be much easier to convert it into a city-wide group. "It would be organized like Youth

for Peace, organized meeting times, with a connection to the Nebraska AIDS Project," said Jennefer.

"I hope to make teens, in particular, aware that AIDS is a dangerous disease that doesn't discriminate. We need to address the need for information. The more we run from it, the more lives it takes every year," said Jennefer.

The members that are helping her organize the first meetings are from Omaha area schools; Central, Burke, Ralston and Westside. Jennefer is looking for a space to hold the meetings. She says the first meetings will be in late May.

"Everybody is encouraged to join and attend," said Jennefer.

## Omahans deal with the drug and alcohol problems among students

By Thad Domina

Local educators, parents, leaders, and business people met Thursday, April 30 to discuss the problem of drug and alcohol abuse in schools. The meeting, led by Mr. Roy Smith, leader of the Omaha education Task Force, addressed problems and solutions related to student alcohol and drug abuse.

One of the goals of Omaha 2000 is that "every school in America will be free of drugs and violence and will offer a disciplined environment conducive to learning." In addressing this goal, participants dealt with the effects of family breakdown, economic problems, and the media on drug problems in local schools.

"When families are strong - we have children with good self esteem," Bob Schutter, a parent attending the meeting contended. Ron Witt, superintendent of the Millard public schools agreed, saying "if you have a problem at home, how can a school work with students?"

Karen Pavlik added that in her experience "kids get in trouble when they don't have moral support at home." Diane Zipay added "I have never seen an intact family structure that has a severely dysfunctional child."

Omaha Public School superintendent,

Norbert Schuerman agreed that the family can eliminate drugs but, he asked "what can schools do to take charge of the focus of American families."

Dr. Schuerman added "I don't know how [we] ... can change the priorities but if that happens, the schools will look great."

Bob Schutter suggested "children need to be encouraged to be involved in the home." Others added that parents should also be encouraged to be involved in the education of their children.

In addition, the group discussed poverty and poor economic conditions' negative effect on education.

According to Dr. Schuerman, "poverty causes hopelessness" this hopelessness, Dr. Schuerman said causes drug abuse.

Chuck Lontour agreed, saying "if you

## Ordinance passed to help eliminate underage drinking

By Thad Domina

On April 28, the Omaha City Council unanimously passed Steve Exon's Kegger ordinance, designed to eliminate underage drinking parties in Omaha. While the proposal is widely praised by local drinking activists and legislators, it raised concern among Central students.

Matt Conn, Central senior, said the ordinance placed unfair responsibility the hands of parents. "When the parents are out of town, they should not be responsible for underage parties," he said. Teresa Hernandez, junior, agreed. "It's not fair because parents do not always know what kids do."

However, Councilman Steve Exon, author of the ordinance, thinks responsibility belongs in the hands of parent. He said, "the Kegger ordinance places responsibility upon the parents where it should be."

Councilman Exon added that the ordinance will help parents gain control of their children because it allows parents to tell children that "a party will get [parent and child] in trouble with law."

Central junior Myrie Holzaphel agreed with Councilman Exon, saying "The [parents] raise their kids so they should be held responsible."

The law, which threatens offenders with police calls to their residences within 90 days with a \$500 fine, has also led into controversy about the amount of fine.

"A lot of people cannot afford the \$500 fine," Dan Verduyck said. Dan said the price will only create other economic problems for families who hold keggers at their residences.

In addition, Dionne Whitfield, senior said "Underage drinkers will always drink liquor." Dan Verduyck agreed, saying underage drinking is "always going to happen."

Councilman Exon defended the ordinance because "if parents are responsible, they are more likely to be responsible."

are worried about the next meal, education is not doing to mean that much."

The participants also listed the media as a cause of drug and alcohol abuse in Omaha Public Schools. Mayor Morgan said "the most

important thing the media does is report the good things about the city, establishing a balance." Ron Witt added that the media gives more attention to negative stories than to positive.

group agreed that exposure to more student interested things like drugs and alcohol. Dr. Schuerman concluded

meeting by deciding "we can't blame [drug and alcohol abuse] on the home kids as we get them."



Ladies and gentlemen... Mayor Morgan speaks to his audience.

Jennifer Dreibeis

# Seatbelt law: help or hindrance?

By Andrea Davis

Legislative Bill 958, the mandatory seatbelt law, was passed April 14 by a vote of 22 to 22, but unsigned by the governor. This bill, sponsored by Senator Tom Horgan, will go into effect beginning January 1, 1993, and is only a secondary offense, which means that it is a ticketable offense only if another law has been broken, with the penalty for offenders being 25 dollars. Only front seat passengers are required to wear a seatbelt.

"Car accidents are the highest cause of death for people between the ages of 15 to 44," said Linda Nichols, one of Senator Horgan's staff. "People between the age of 12 and 19 are especially vulnerable." Other reasons for Senator Horgan's decision to sponsor this bill were the increase of the death rate in car accidents and a car accident near his

home. "The people in the car were killed, and Senator Horgan figured that if they were wearing their seatbelts they may have survived," said Ms. Nichols.

One group which also affected the Senator's decision was a group of motorcyclists against the helmet law, who argued that it was unfair for the law to force them to wear helmets if there was no law saying that seatbelts had to be worn in cars.

With the passing of the law, opposition groups were organized, like the Citizens Against Mandatory Seatbelts. "This is a matter of intrusiveness into people's lives," said John G. Quinn, Treasurer of Citizens Against Mandatory Seatbelts. "This law seems like a slap in the face for voters. We already had a seatbelt law, and it was repealed by vote of the people." The last mandatory

seatbelt law, passed in 1985, was repealed in 1986. Mr. Quinn also stated that Citizens Against Mandatory Seatbelts is "not against anyone wearing a seatbelt, but [Citizens Against Mandatory Seatbelts] just don't want it by law." Many Central Students also feel this way. "I don't like the government instituting laws which replace any free will we may have had in the matter," said Willy Bogue, junior.

"Many people think that we will lose federal money if a mandatory seatbelt law is not passed," said Mr. Quinn. If no seatbelt law was passed, federal money would not be lost, he said, but redirected to highway safety education programs. "This money could be used for driver's education programs in the school," said Mr. Quinn. "It would be a big gain for high school students." Without the law, approximately three million dollars in the first year would be re-directed from

highway funds to the highway safety education programs and over four million every year after that.

Citizens Against Mandatory Seatbelts will be working to get the mandatory seatbelt law on the ballot on November 3. In order to do this they will need to get almost 30,000 valid signatures and include signatures from 38 Nebraska counties. "This is almost forcing people to have government by petition," said Mr. Quinn. "The constitution of Nebraska guarantees the right to petition."

Many students said they would continue doing what they normally did, whether it was wearing their seatbelt or not wearing it. "I always have worn my seatbelt," said Tammie Leicher, freshman. "In bad weather I will wear my seatbelt, but I won't wear it more now that it is a law," said Willy.

## NEWS briefs

### Auction was a success

Central's 10th Annual Scholarship Auction held on May 3, netted \$19,194.10. The total was almost a \$5,000 increase over the last best year, 1991, which netted \$14,241.87. Half of the auction's proceeds went into an endowment fund, which totals over \$173,000.

Nineteen scholarships will be awarded from the auction proceeds and 15 scholarships will be awarded from the endowment fund. According to Mrs. Ginny Bauer, committee member, some of the reasons for the high total are because "the donations were generous and the people worked hard."

### Symphony chose junior

Sydney Foster, junior, was chosen to play a solo concerto at the Omaha Youth Symphony Concert at the UNO

Strauss Performing Arts Center on May 15. To be chosen, Sydney had to audition.

Sydney has been a member of the Omaha Youth Symphony since ninth grade, and has been playing the violin since she was four.



Sydney Foster

### Class size in question?

Next school year, many classes that enroll under 15 students may not be scheduled by the administration.

According to Dr. G.E. Moller, Central principal, the rule has always been followed by the administration. "Every small class takes a teacher away from a large one," said Dr. Moller.

As far as selection and criteria go, Dr. Moller said. "We look at many different needs including teacher demand, recruitment value, strength of other classes and rooms available."

### Medal awarded to senior

Rachel Tomlinson was awarded a gold medal in the National Scholastic Art Awards. She was one of the three people in Nebraska to win a medal in the competition, which was held in New York.

Mr. Larry Andrews and Ms. Margaret Quinn sponsors.

### All Musical talent at Central gains recognition

A Cappella Choir and CHS Singers competed in the District Music Contest on April 24 and 25, at Bellevue-West High School. Both groups received a "superior" rating for their performance. Fourteen different mixed groups and solos also received "superior" ratings. Eight other groups and solos received "excellent" ratings.

Band and Orchestra also competed in contests and both received "Excellent" ratings. Jazz Band and nine other small groups and solos received "superior" ratings.

### Students of the month

Students of the Month for May are Ann Otto, freshman; Randy Falla, sophomore; Michael Watkins, junior; Mark Himelich, senior.

By Andrea Davis, Duncan Joyner and Angela Spittigerber

# All DECA participants excel at nationals

By Katie Cleary

All fourteen Central students who went to the National DECA Career Development Conference last week won national awards. According to Mrs. Alice Bunz, marketing teacher, this is the first time that everyone on the team came back with an award. The competition took

place in Anaheim, California, from April 28 to May 2.

Jon McDonald, junior, won three medals in the competition. According to Mrs. Bunz this means that he won "first place in three categories," which in the first round, are "two role plays and a comprehensive written test." In the final round, another role play is done.

The role playing activity is where a student is given a "short synopsis of a business problem, and, with a business judge, he/she carries on a dialogue to solve that problem," said Mrs. Bunz. The judge "has a set of ten criteria items, which are marketing theories that the judge is looking to implement" as the student solves the

problem, added Mrs. Bunz.

Jon won two of his medals from "two first places in a test or one of the role plays," said Mrs. Bunz. Jon won his other medal from advancing to the final round.

Jon said that he wasn't supposed to go to nationals because he ranked fourth at State DECA, and the top three advance. Since the number three person could not go, Jon got to go. Jon was in the Vehicles and Petroleum category.

Maurcey Clark, senior, won two medals at nationals. Maurcey was in the General Merchandising, Master Employee category. Maurcey won one of her medals for advancing to the finals and the other for ranking first place in the test or the role play.

Diana Konyek, senior, Jason Hui, junior, Emily Hool, senior, and Mike Langan, senior, also received a first place medal in one of their categories.

Four Central students earned Certificates of Excellence. Mrs. Bunz said this means that these students are ranked in the "top 30 percent in the nation overall." Karen Williams, junior, Tommy Huey, junior, Todd Reiser, junior, and Michelle Ludwig, senior, all received this award.

The Quiz Bowl team also did well, earning a fourth place ranking in the nation. Mrs. Bunz said that the Quiz Bowl entails knowing "a little bit about everything over all marketing theories."

Megan Burnett, junior, Karna Swanson, senior, Cheryl Kulus, senior, and Meghan Stanek, junior, were members of the Nebraska Quiz Bowl team. Megan said that the team "did not study together" until they got to California. Megan added that they weren't nervous in the beginning, but as they started winning, they "started to get nervous."

While the DECA Nationals were going on, the riots started in Los Angeles. Because of the riots, the students missed out on tours and sightseeing in Los Angeles. Mike said that some people were planning on "going shopping and sightseeing."

Before the riots started, Central students were able to go to the beach and Universal Studios. The students also went to Disneyland, which closed early just for DECA students.

Jason said, "If I had the opportunity to go again, I definitely would. This has been the best week of my junior year."



HELP!... Jason Hui and Karen Williams, juniors, and Kama Swanson, senior, pose for a picture at Disneyland DECA night.

## Students aid in clean-up

## 'Kids care about the community'

By Katie Cleary

National Youth Service Day is a day when Omaha area youth get together every year to help clean up a park. This year, on May 2, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., students from every high school around the city picked up trash and did landscaping in Adams Park, located at 30th and Binney streets.

The Mayor's Youth Council organized the service day. Sean Foster, senior and youth council member, said that "seven or eight Central people" were there. Kirsten Luken, junior, attended the service day. She said that Lucy Garza, senior, Angelic Johnson, junior, Jamy Champenoy, senior and Leah Cha, junior and youth council member, were all there.

Sean said that "Central was matched up with Benson and Mercy" and these schools all "took care of the landscaping." Sean said that they planted trees and bushes.

Sean said that about 100 to 150 people attended the service day. He added that "over half" of the people could not attend

because of the riots and violence that was happening in Los Angeles. He said that "a lot of people called and said their parents would not let them come" because of the violence.

Sean said that the Parks and Recreations Commission has a "pool of parks" that they visit and decide which "park needs the most work." Sean said that the "park's playground equipment was painted" and they "cleaned up the tennis court." Sean also said that the "goal posts to the football field were repainted, the trash was picked up and flowers were planted."

Sean said that all the materials were donated, but everyone had to bring their own shovels. Burger King donated lunch and Sweet 98 was broadcasting live, according to Sean.

Sean said that the youth service day was "a lot of fun and I met a lot of people." Kirsten said that the day was for "helping the community." She added that the service day "proved that youth do care about the community."

# Central art student spends time drawing comic book

By Katie Cleary

When you think about comics and drawing comics, seldom do you think about how much time and effort goes into one comic. Three Central students make comics, and all three are making comic books. Tory Burke and Bobby Nodeen, sophomores, are making a comic book together. Cliff Hicks, freshman, is making a book with a friend who goes to North.

Tory Burke has been drawing since third grade and drawing comics since fifth grade. Tory said he got interested in drawing comics because his dad "drew a lot," and he likes to collect comic books so he started to draw.

Tory said that it "takes a while" to make a comic. First "you draw in pencil, then go over it in ink." After that, "they go over it," and the words are put in. Tory added that one page takes a couple of days to finish. A whole comic is about 20-30 pages long, and sometimes can be continued into other comic book issues.

Tory said that he has made books before but they weren't "as good because they weren't colored." Tory said that he and Bobby are making the book by using plastic coverslips, like ones used in art class. Two pages are put in back to back so as to make a book.

In Tory and Bobby's comic, they use good guys and bad guys, which Tory says they "make up." Tory said that the main message

in the comic is to "stay out of crime." He added that "most comics are like this."

Bobby said that the main characters in their comics are Portus, Bot, a robot, Knockout, Madog, Tomb and Highwire. The bad guys are Oulja, Mr. Wung, Powerhouse and Assain. Bobby said Madog is human and most of the rest are mutants.

Bobby said that he has been drawing for ten to fifteen years, "ever since I could hold a pencil." He said that for this first issue with Tory, he is coloring in the pictures that Tory draws. The second issue will be drawn by Bobby and colored in by Tory.

Bobby said that he used to draw comics when he was younger and then he got back into it "a couple of years ago. Tory it he said he got me back into it," he said.

Tory and Bobby both collect comic books. Tory collects Marvel comic books like Spiderman and X-men. Bobby collects X-men, X-Force, X-Factor, Spiderman and the Incredible Hulk.

Bobby said that he and Tory might consider sending their books to a publisher but they "aren't serious about it."

Cliff and his friend Chris Charnley, a freshman at North, draw comics together. The two made a book together a year ago and submitted it to a publishing company. Cliff said the company "liked the art, but not the ideas,"

so the book didn't get published.

A month ago, Cliff and Chris started another comic book. Cliff said that they are "halfway through the first issue." Cliff added that usually a comic book company wants to see three issues and the idea for a fourth one, and some companies want to see six issues.

This time, Cliff and Chris came up with "new innovative ideas" for the new comic book series. Cliff said the comics take place in a six-level city in the future, "like Washington, D.C. in the year 2050."

The comics are about a defense team of seven to eight people, and the main character is Staff. The title of the comic is Omega Squad 2050. The comics "deal with current issues, such as abortion, prejudice and racism," said Cliff.

The two publishing companies that Cliff and Chris are sending their comic books to are Caliban Comics and Malibu Comics, also called Image Comics. Cliff said that Caliban Comics is a small publishing company with a small circulation. Caliban was the company that Cliff and Chris sent their comic book to last time.

Malibu Comics, the other company, is larger, so they pay more. Malibu also prints in color, whereas Caliban prints comics in black and white. Cliff said that another friend from North would have to color the comics before they sent in the books to Malibu,



Creating a dream...Cliff Hicks works on his comic strip.

which would take "an extra month."

Cliff said that people are paid well for their comics. He said that Caliban pays "\$5000 per comic," and Malibu pays "ninety percent of the profit."

Cliff said that he and Chris plan to make comic books to help them "get through college." Cliff also collects comic books, such as X-men, X-force, Young Blood and Green Lantern. Cliff said he really "admires" Green Lantern because it is "against violence."

Cliff said that he and Chris would like to start a comic book

publishing company someday because they want to "lead away from violence." He said that he thinks comics are getting too violent and it's "hard to see the difference between the heroes and the villains."

Cliff said that he would like to draw comics "professionally" if he "had the chance." Tory said that he wanted to go into art later, and Bobby said that he wants to be a commercial artist.

Cliff said that if you want to draw comics, you should have a "good partnership," and even though you are young, "people all ages are doing it."

# Omaha for Decency and Exon fight obscenity in Omaha

By Laura M. Dunham

"2 Live Crew" and their lyrics have often been viewed as a prime suspect for censorship. Again, they have released a record, "Sports Weekend," that has caused controversy in Omaha. This time it is Councilman Steve Exon and Omaha for Decency that are finding fault with the lyrics to the record.

Exon, in cooperation with Omaha for Decency, called a press conference to announce that they wanted six stores to be prosecuted for selling minors "Sports Weekend," a 28-song release with many verbally and sexually obscene references.

"Omaha for Decency is a group of individual whose aim is to educate the public on the effects of pornography and obscenity. Many of the members have been victims of obscenity-related incidents," said Omaha for Decency chairman Don Kohols.

"Exon's goal to cut sales of all sexually explicit or violence-heavy music by making music stores nervous about selling to minors releases by '2 Live Crew' and others," according to his office. Exon backed down when he learned about the immediate effect that he and Omaha for Decency have had on "2 Live Crew" sales. "We anticipated a tremendous initial jump, just for curiosity's sake," Exon was quoted as saying, in explanation of the fact that "Sports Weekend" has been out since October, but not since the release was targeted by Exon, was it in demand.

Exon and Omaha for Decency then sent minors (13-, 16- and 17-years of age) into record stores to buy "Sports Weekend." They succeeded at six of nine targeted stores. "We had a 16-year-old age limit and if it was unsuitable for 12-year-olds we wouldn't sell it to them. If they had parental permission than we would. Now with what is happening, we have raised the age to 18," said a sales representative of Homer's Records.

Omaha for Decency just doesn't

have the manpower to stop the illegal sale to minors. "Since we do not have the manpower, we have to do it ourselves. We study the law, turn it over to the city prosecutor, Gary Bucchiano, by complaint. Mr. Bucchiano then considers it [and if it is appropriate to try in court]. If it wasn't against the law, there would be no need for Omaha for Decency," commented Mr. Kohols.

"We [Omaha for Decency, as parents] have a responsibility to protect children from the messages that are sent by these people. They promote inappropriate sex acts and suicide," said Omaha for Decency board member Shirley Schultz.

Mr. Kohols and Omaha for Decency they maintain are only after one thing. "We don't need deviant behavior in society. We are not targeted on the color of the skin, what we are after is the lyrics."

Leola's Records, a mostly gospel, jazz and blues store, was scheduled to have Luther "Luke" Campbell, the lead singer for "2 Live Crew," make an appearance in support of his record and fans in Omaha. The visit was cancelled because of a death-threat his company received.

Omaha Central High School consists mostly of minors and the opinion expressed was one of anti-censorship. "It is our choice to listen to what we want to," said Angela Earl, freshman.

"If the parents have a problem [with the lyrics], they should take care of it. The state shouldn't interfere with the way parents should interfare with their children," said Myrie Holzapfel, junior.

Many students agree that the government should not insert itself into the matters that are the parent's issue to control. "It's the parent's decision, not the government," commented Judy Engler, junior.

Omaha for Decency agrees that the issue should be completely in the parent's control. "We hope to alert the parents, to make them aware of what's out in the

community. If every parent knew what was going on, we wouldn't need to do this. Parents are experienced and we know more, we see differently-it's like putting a fifth grader against a senior," said Mr. Kohols.

Students also believe their peers will rebel because of Councilman Exon's new

cause. "The more they censor things, the more people will want to buy them," said Carrie Dawkins, senior.

"The cases against the two corporations that operate the four stores, are pending. One victim has come forth to set the case to trial by jury. The cases are pending," said city prosecutor Gary Bucchiano.

## J.R.O.T.C. announces Leadership positions

By Andrea Davis

The annual Central High School J.R.O.T.C. Recognition Night was held May 5th to recognize winners of awards for military and scholastic activity and to announce the 1992-93 J.R.O.T.C. staff.

The award winners were: Tiffany Reeves, Reserve Officers Ladies' Association; Jeremiah Johnson, Reserve Officers of the American Revolution; Alice Hill, Daughters of the American Revolution; Sharmeen Benson, National Sojourner's award; Daniel Albers, American Legion Military award; Jeremy Minks, American Legion Scholastic; Michael Faulkner; Arnold Air Society; Harmony McDaniels, Military Order of World Wars; Brian Vickers, Sons of the American Revolution; Chris Arbuckle, American Legion Auxiliary Military award; Charlotte Armstrong, American Legion Auxiliary Scholastic award; Chris Olander, Veterans of Foreign Wars; Brian Malcolm, Association of the U.S. Army; Tressa Eden, U.S. Army Recruiting Command; Rachael Newsome, U.S. Army Scholar/Athlete; Beverly Elmer, Womens' Overseas Service League; Karen Bostic, Frank Gulgard Award; and Marcey Clark, Lt. William M. Roark Award. The winners were selected for leadership qualities, patriotism, citizenship,

academic achievements with R.O.T.C. involvement and their dedication to R.O.T.C.

The award for Best Squad went to Company E, leader Brian Malcolm for the LET 1 and 2 division, and Company H, leader Chad McCarthy for the LET 3 and 4 division. The Best Company Award went to Company C, leader Charlotte Armstrong for division 1 and 2, and Company HQ, leader Burrell Williams for division 3 and 4.

The winners of the District Army Awards were Kent Herzog, LET 1, Ian Barnes, LET 2, Leslie Snyder, LET 3, and Jennifer Cox, LET 4.

Staff Positions for next year are: Courtesy Patrol, Sandra Kaiser; Color Guard Commander, Chris Olander; Rifle Team Commander, Jeremiah Johnson; Drill Team Commander, Chris Arbuckle; Battalion Commander, Leslie Snyder; Battalion Executive Officer, Rachael Newsome; Battalion Command Sergeant Major, Charlotte Armstrong; Battalion S1, Tressa Eden; Battalion S3, Greg Duvall; Battalion Female S4, Alice Hill; Battalion male S4, Tom McWilliams; Battalion S5, Beverly Elmer; Assistant S4 Female, Lisa Kalkas; Assistant S4 Male, Michael Faulkner.

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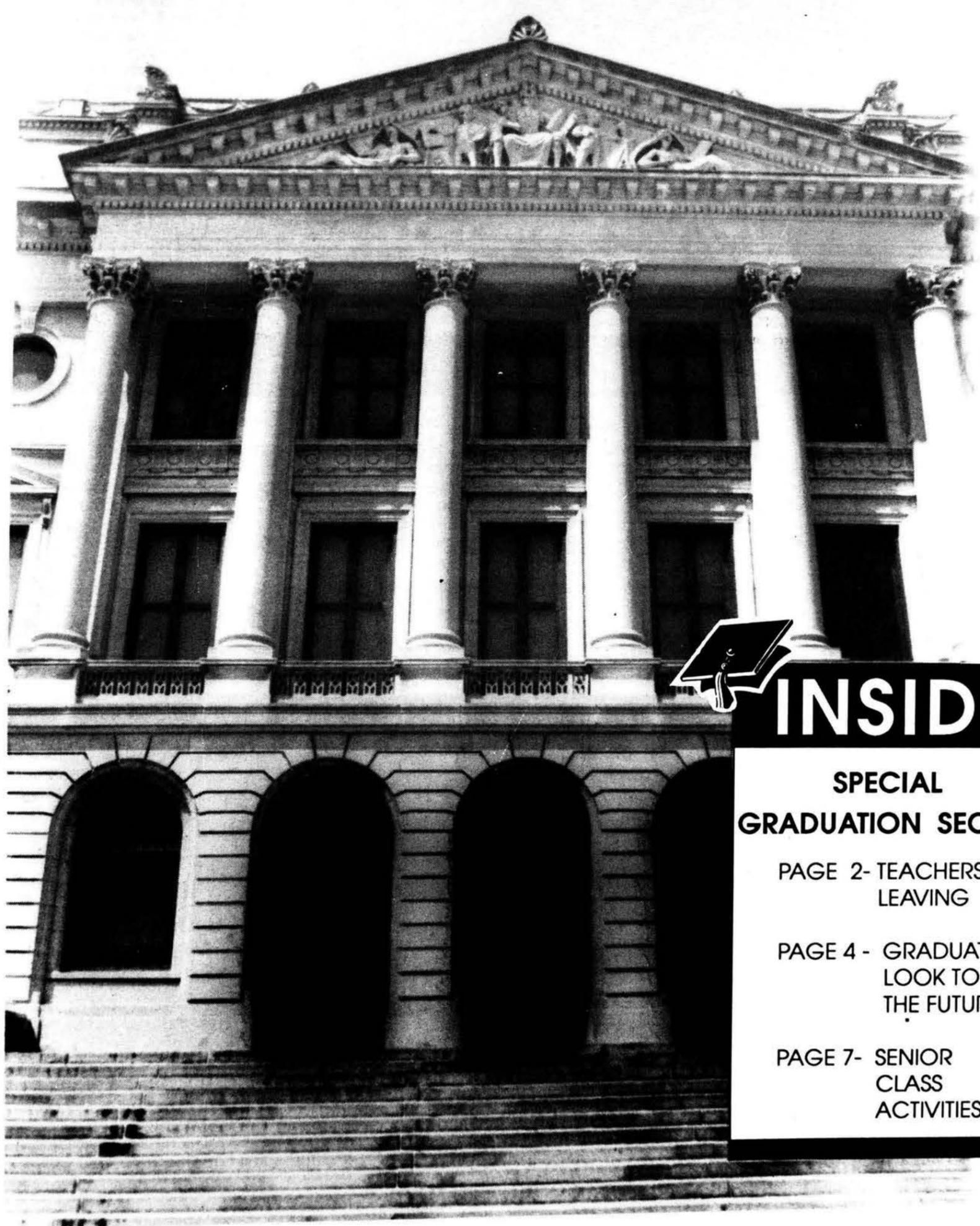
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# For 30 years, teachers see seniors come and go

By Lavonya Watson

Miss Carolyn Orr, a business teacher, Mr. Dan Daly, the head of the English department, Mr. T. M. Gaherty a

journalism teacher, Mr. Bernie Watson, a Social Studies teacher, Mr. John Williams, a science teacher, Mrs. Jo Dusatko, a P.E. teacher, Mrs. Joy Morris, head of the P. E. department, Mr. John Keenan an English

teacher, and Dr. G. E. Moller the principal at Central High are the "other" seniors here at Central. These teachers have taught at Central for 25 years or longer.

Three teachers, Mr. Daly, head of Central's English department, Mr. Williams, a science teacher and Miss Orr, a business teacher, all started teaching at Central the fall of 1962.

Miss Orr said that her first impression of Central was that it was "big." She said



Mr. Daly, English Dept. Head

that she was very impressed with Central's "fine reputation," but it took her awhile to get used to "the numbering system. I had not worked with OPS before," she said.

Miss Orr said that she had gone from 200 kids in a country grade school, to 8000 students at UNL but "a large city high school was a real experience."

Mr. Daly described his first experience at Central as "overwhelming." "It was a closed faculty club and you were not a member just because you got hired; you had to do something impressive before you got accepted."

Mr. Williams said "it was big." He said that although he had taught one year at a small school called Central High, he "technically started teaching here at Central"

Miss Orr said that the cultural diversity at Central was a new experience for her.

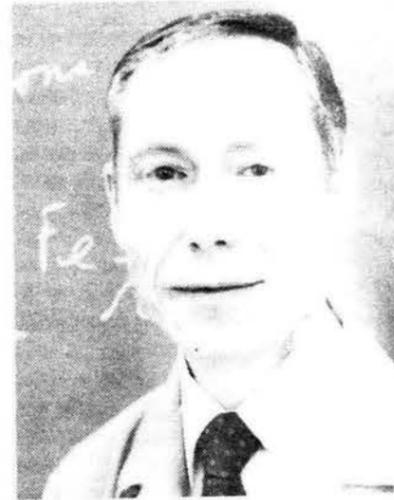
"I had never worked with minority students before."

Mr. Williams said, "All over the place there were a lot of good students, a lot of jokers versus those who worked hard."

All three teachers have noticed a change in students at Central since their early years. Miss Orr said, "In the last 10 to 15 years [students] are more interested in jobs. Jobs are the number one priority. I wish all students were academic scholars."

According to Miss Orr, there are more opportunities for young women than ever before. "Women were expected to be nurses, secretaries or teachers."

Mr. Daly admits that "the prospect of going to school after high school was greater." Mr. Daly said that students had "greater rising expectations as the baby boomer generation." He said students today do not have the same



Mr. Williams, science teacher

opportunities as students then because "a degree does not entitle a student to a slice [of the American dream]."

According to Mr. Williams he senses that students had a greater concern for school in past years.

Mr. Williams said he "never used to give more one or two failures a semester. He gave 15 failures recently. According to Mr. Williams, students had more respect for teachers. According to Mr. Williams students have "no more opportunity in particular. Colleges are extremely expensive. It doesn't look too bright. I used to be after college you were guaranteed a job."

Cheryl Kulus

Cheryl Kulus

Miss Orr, business teacher



## FLASHBACKS

...a glance at the legacy we've left behind



### 1988-1989

Freshmen begin to attend Central for the first time in over a decade.

West Dodge loiterers and cruisers are targeted by Dodge businesses as a nuisance.

Centralites demand that more pep rallies be held.

Eight new teachers join Central's faculty including Mr. Blazeovich, Mr. Krenzer, Ms. Newberg, Mrs. Pfeiffer, Dr. Schawver, Mr. Shipman, Mr. Shonkwiler, and Mrs. Robinson.

Freshmen lead the boys' tennis team. The top varsity players are all freshmen.

Sprite Night held at Peony Park is big for Omaha youth. Dew Night replaces Sprite night.

Dillard's opens at Crossroads. Centralites have a new location to go to during snow days.

Human Growth and Development classes are made a required part of OPS' high school curriculum.

In the presidential campaign George Bush and Michael Dukakis take part in mudslinging campaigns. The word liberal becomes a naughty word.

OPS moves into the TAC building, the old Tech High School.

Jobber's Canyon is torn down. Many Omahans are opposed to erasing the vacant historical buildings in the downtown area.

Prom is declared open for upperclassmen only. The Courtyard had become too crowded.

The English writing lab opens with 12 Macintosh computers and two

printers. (Today the lab contains 36 computers and 4 printers.)

Ed Zorinsky, a Nebraska senator, dies and Mrs. Zorinsky proposes that Central's name be changed to Zorinsky High. Most people balk at the idea; however, a number of students take the idea seriously and speak out against it.

Eagle Express opens. Centralites were offered a selection of soup, salad and fruit.

This year marked the annual Roadshow's 75th anniversary.

Nintendo becomes popular.

### 1989-1990

Drug-free zones are proclaimed. Mayor Morgan's idea to penalize drug dealers involves a doubling of the normal prison sentence for dealing drugs within a certain distance surrounding schools in Omaha.

Timothy Dalton becomes the new James Bond.

Davenport Street that runs on the north side of Central is made into a one-way street. Confusion accompanies the change and occasionally (even today) one will see a car going the wrong way.

Confetti replaces the tradition of releasing purple balloons at Purple Feather Day. Environmentalists are concerned that deflated balloons can be swallowed by small animals, and birds can choke on them.

Club Soda, a teen dance club, becomes popular. It later closes because of violence.

The Berlin Wall falls; the world

rejoices.

The Arsenio Hall Show premieres.

Minimum wage is raised to \$3.80.

Supersaver Movie Theatre opens.

Nelson Mandela is released.

Park Fair closes its doors to teens. Complaints from store owners about teen violence prompt the decision.

### 1990-1991

Centralites protest a rumored dress code. Over one hundred students walk out of Central onto the football field.

The 2% Lid Proposal is made by Ed Jaksha. The proposal does not pass. OPS and a majority of Omahans are delighted.

Student rapping in school is banned by the administration.

Milli Vanilli's lip syncing is exposed. Thousands of disheartened fans throw away their albums.

Saddam Hussein invades Kuwait on August 3.

President Bush proclaimed a January 15 deadline for Hussein to pull out.

January 16 Operation Desert Storm begins the Gulf War.

Many Centralites speak up both for and against the war. Many complain about rising gasoline prices.

### 1991-1992

August of 1991 marks the downfall of the Soviet Union and the beginning of freedom in Russia.

The OPS school board is required to notify students through the mail about

the new Parental Notification law regarding abortion.

Contraceptive kits approved for use in Central and Burke's human growth and development classes.

Steve Exon proposes a curfew for Omaha's youth.

Central's 1990-1991 student council donate ropes to go around the "Sacred C." Many students question whether it is worth spending so much money.

Native American club begins to hold meetings.

The new Latino Alliance begins to hold meetings.

Flu bug hits Central hard in winter.

Dodge cruising is banned.

Magic Johnson tests positive for HIV.

Mike Tyson goes to prison for raping a beauty pageant contestant in his hotel room.

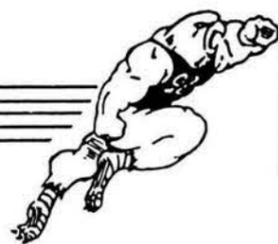
Arthur Ashe is forced to admit to the public that he has AIDS after pressure from USA Today. The paper planned to run a story that told about his having contracted AIDS from a blood transfusion during surgery.

Contraceptive kits arrive for fourth quarter use by Human Growth and Development classes.

An alleged rape occurring on school grounds is reported by a Central student.

Omaha receives over six inches of snow in April. School is cancelled for a day.

The police officers in the Rodney King trial are acquitted. Riots ignite in Los Angeles. Over 50 people are killed. President Bush calls for a federal investigation.



# Teachers give final 'farewell'

Mrs. Utecht feels that it is important for someone with new and fresh ideas to take over the business department while its healthy and well.

After this year of school is over Mrs. Utecht's plans include traveling to the Union of Soviet States to quench her interest in the region.

She also plans to travel to visit her family on the West Coast. Other time-consumers may include some type of charity work.

Virgil Rohlff, security aide, will be leaving the halls of Central after this year. He has worked here at Central for seven years, prior to which he spent 30 years in the Omaha Police Department.

He described his experience here at Central as "enjoyable." He said, "It's been an interesting job. It worked out well as a way to slow down after 30 years with the OPD."

His plans for retirement include traveling and spending a lot of time with his grandchildren.



Mr. Virgil Rohlff

"I've put in my years, this is my second retirement," said Sergeant William Middleton, ROTC instructor.

Before taking up a career in teaching, Sgt. Middleton served in the Army for over 22 years.

At age 17 Sgt. Middleton went into the service and while there he obtained his high school and college degree.

In 1960 he went to Vietnam for 18 months, where he was the recipient of the Purple Heart for wounds sustained during battle and the Bronze Star for bravery above and beyond the call of duty.

Sgt. Middleton retired for the first time from the Army as a First Sgt. in August, 1970. He started his career in teaching at Central the day after his retirement from the Army.

According to Sgt. Middleton his job is to motivate students to be better Americans. "Those that stay with the program make a lot of changes. The most enjoyable thing is being an influence on students."

According to Sgt. Middleton he has no definite plans except "to play a lot of golf the rest of the summer. However, next year I might take up a part time job."

"After over 44 years of work, it's time to take a break," said Sgt. Middleton.



Sgt. William Middleton

"I'm going to miss the people I work with and the students," said Mrs. Karen Marx, Human Growth and Development teacher.

Mrs. Marx is leaving Central because her husband was employed at Offutt Air Force Base and has been reassigned to Albuquerque, New Mexico.

"I'm probably going to take a year off and then go back to teaching," Mrs. Marx said.

She and her husband are "talking about having a family" so she will take a year off from teaching.

Mrs. Marx took Mr. David James' place as Human Growth and Development teacher three years ago, she said.

Mrs. Marx was a biology major in college. "Dr. Moller has kept the class real neat in that he lets biology and

home economics teachers teach Human Growth," she said.

"I've enjoyed the students very much and I've enjoyed the Home Economics Department," Mrs.

Marx said. "They adopted me and took me as one of their own."



Mrs. Karen Marx

"I'm not really growing bald, it just appears that way in bad sunlight," said Mr. Mike Daugherty who will no longer be teaching Central math classes after this semester's completion.

Mr. Daugherty, originally from Omaha, attended Benson High School and then UNL. After UNL, he worked at the Lincoln Regional Center for two years. He then became a naval officer and was stationed in Newport, Rhode Island.

He came to Central in 1986, after teaching a year at a Bellevue high school.

"I want to travel a lot. I will be going to Canada and Alaska with Mr. Shipman, Central special education teacher, this summer. In the fall I'm going to New England."

Then, he plans "to go to South America by myself for six months."

He plans to travel for at least one year. "I may look for a teaching job overseas, perhaps in Asia, if I decide to go back to teaching."

Mr. Daugherty described Central as "a good experience" and said that he met a lot of nice kids. A couple of the "positive things about Central that are not typical at other schools are John Waterman [math department head] and a principal [Dr. G. E. Moller] who really cares about the teachers."

Mr. Daugherty holds one review session of Calculus AB after school each week, sometimes more. He teaches Calculus AB, Algebra III-IV, and Pre-calculus.



Mr. Mike Daugherty

The voice of Ms. Sonja Olson, math and English teacher, will no longer be heard or seen throughout the halls of Central.

Ms. Olson has taught at Central for two years and plans to leave at the end of the semester. Ms. Olson plans to leave Central to move to Chicago. Ms. Olson began her college career thinking that she would be an architect. However, according to Ms. Olson, she taught on a volunteer basis at camps.

"That's where I realized that I liked teaching." "If I had it to do all over again, I would return to Central. It's the type of school I would have liked to have gone to," said Ms. Olson.



Ms. Sonja Olson

Central will be saying 'farewell' to seven faculty members this year. After 25 years at Central, Assistant Principal Dick Jones is retiring. According to Mr. Jones, he wishes to retire "to do some traveling."



Mr. Dick Jones

Mr. Jones said, "I have two sons, one in Arizona and one in California." Mr. Jones started his career as an educator in 1961 at Omaha Benson High School as a counselor. He worked at Benson for five years before he took a year off to work as a counselor for the Women's Job Corps in Omaha.

Mr. Jones came to Central in 1967. He worked as a counselor for a year before he was promoted to assistant principal and athletic director.

"I find myself doing more individual counseling as an administrator than as a counselor," he said. Mr. Jones admits that counseling is his "first love."

Mr. Jones said, "There are so many highlights [that have been memorable at Central]."

According to Mr. Jones, those experiences include the Central boys' basketball team winning its first State Championship, the Central football team winning state and the year the Central girls' and boys' track team took state, and Central's Academic Decathlon team placed third in the nation.

Mr. Jones said that what he will miss the most about Central is working with students.

"Ninety-five percent of them are real good kids. It's just the other 5% that get all the publicity."

Mr. Jones graduated from a small high school in Bayard, Iowa.

He took one year of college at Wayne State College before he joined the Air force for four years.

Among those who will retire is Mrs. Wanda Utecht, head of the business department.

Mrs. Utecht has been teaching at Central for a total of 22 years.

Before she came to Central she taught in western New York and Michigan. She worked for two law firms and the United States government.

Her career started at the University of New York at Buffalo as an economics major. At the time there were few women in the area of economics. So,



Mrs. Wanda Utecht

in the interest of security, Mrs. Utecht completed a double degree program combining economics and teaching. While completing her student teaching assignment Mrs. Utecht "fell in love with teaching."

Mrs. Utecht described her years at Central as "fantastic." She said, "There is something at Central that is unique. I like the make up of the school." She noted that Central is unique among inner city school.

Mrs. Utecht noted, "I'll miss my colleagues and students. It's going to be sad." She then added, "I don't know how I'm going to handle it. I'm not looking forward to leaving, but I'm looking forward to doing something else." If she had to do it all over again would she be a teacher? "Yes I would do it all over again. I would certainly be a teacher again," she said.

By Sean Chapman, Josh Cooper, Rob Harshbarger, Mark Rosenquist and LaVonya Watson







# Administration finds no need for valedictorian at Central

By LaVonya Watson

A practical commencement tradition is the recognition of a class valedictorian and salutatorian. These students are the first and second ranking students in the senior class. Central, known for its academic tradition, does not recognize a class valedictorian or salutatorian.

According to Dr. G.E. Moller, principal at Central, there are various reasons for not making an effort to recognize the top ranking student in the senior class at Central.

Dr. Moller said that during the 20's, 30's and 40's, class valedictorians were very popular. He admits that Central may have recognized a valedictorian "before my arrival."

"Administrators, teachers and parents are opposed to it," he said. According to Dr. Moller, with the advent of the calculators and computers it is possible to calculate numbers so infinitely small that a G.P.A. may be determined as close as one-tenth of a point.

According to Dr. Moller, another reason why Central does not recognize a class valedictorian is because, "Some kids and parents for whom ranking number one is so important, will do anything, some of which is not educationally sound."

Dr. Moller mentioned that some students will avoid taking a class they should be taking or taking a class they shouldn't take just for G.P.A. purposes. "Parents would pressure teachers to change or raise a grade because they wanted students to be top in class," he said.

An honor generally associated with being class valedictorian is presenting a commencement address along with the class president. According to Dr. Moller, the commencement address "always has been open as

an audition activity."

According to Tom Rose, senior class president, the senior class officers discussed as a group that [all students including the valedictorian] would be able to try out as well as others.

Tom said that he felt a valedictorian is not very significant because, "most colleges stress not only G.P.A. but extra-curricular activities. The valedictorian may be someone who concentrates only on the academic side of his or her education. There is so much more to an education and school than just book work."

Tom believes that the class valedictorian does deserve recognition. "Commencement is the best place," he said. Tom said that one should consider that, "the class valedictorian may not want to give the [commencement] speech. This way it gives others a chance."

Sean Rourke, a senior who tried out to present the commencement speech, said, "Not that it [ranking number one in the class] is not prestigious, but at Central there are so many high achievers it's like a dice game; there will be someone close. The best students know who they are."

Mr. Clyde Lincoln, a social studies teacher at Central, said that he had never considered that Central did not recognize a senior valedictorian. Mr. Lincoln said, "The school leaders may not necessarily have the highest grade-point-average."

Kim White, senior, admits that if she were class valedictorian she would be hurt if she were not recognized. She also said that the administration has a right to choose the senior class commencement speaker.

According to Dr. Moller students in the top 10% of the student class will be listed on the first page of the commencement program.

What have you gained from Central?

"An excellent academic background and really good social skills."

—Rose Peterson

"An experience with a wide variety of different people"

—Natasha Gromak

"Truly, Central has prepared me for years to come and I'm very grateful to Dr. G.E. Moller for this."

—Bob Franzese

"A reputation of being smart."

—Dayatara Hawthorne

"Being able to establish relationships with people of different backgrounds and learning the true meaning of friendships."

—Peggy Neutzner

What has been your most memorable experience in high school?

"Homecoming."

—Lance Rains

"Beating Papillion in districts and beating Prep 5 to [in soccer]."

—Andy Benkis

"Passing Algebra 3-4."

—Tamara Morrow

"Falling in love."

—Eric Schumaker

"Anything in drama."

—Dan O' Dell

# Graduation requirements differ through Omaha

By Mark Rosenquist

"When I came here we required 24 credits grades 10 through 12 to graduate," Dr. G.E. Moller, Central High principal, said. Central High "required students to have ten ninth grade credits" before they could be sophomores. "We didn't require any specific ninth grade credits" back then, he said. "When I first came here 30 years ago, most students were graduating with 34 plus credits." Later, the credit requirement rose to 36 credits and then it was raised to 39, according to Dr. Moller. Then the requirement went to 42 and, in 1988, to the present 45 for grades nine, ten, eleven and twelve.

Dr. Ron Burmood, OPS director of student services, said that in October, 1984, the school board decided that all classes beginning with the ninth grade class of 1984 and 1985 had to earn 45 credits for graduation. The decision called for the current sophomore students to earn 42 credits and the current juniors and seniors to earn 36 credits. According to Dr. Burmood, the OPS credit requirement jumped from 36 to 42 credits. "I don't remember any step to 39 credits," he said, "but there may have been some requirement differences from school to school."

Since there were 34 credits required, two credits of science, two credits of math and one credit in Human Growth and Development have been added to the credit requirements. Dr. Moller said, "I think we added two or three required social studies credits" also. The rest of the added credit requirements were for elective classes, he said. In "1986 or 1987" certain ninth grade courses began to be required. "That was when we started stating graduation requirements with the ninth grade included," he said.

Dr. Moller said that one reason for the increase in credit requirements was the result of a presidential commission's study of schools throughout the United States.

"The report was that American schools were at risk and not doing the job they were supposed to do. Nearly every [school] system started raising the credit requirement," he said.

The Central High School Course Catalog states that the requirement to graduate is 45 credits. These must include eight credits of English, seven credits of social studies, four credits of math, two credits of science (in grades 10-12), 4 credits of P.E./H.S.R.O.T.C., one credit of human growth and 20-21 credits of electives. The science requirement is four credits in grades 9-12 beginning with the ninth grade class of 1990-91. Dr. Moller said, "There's no contemplation to change them [the credit requirements] that I'm aware of. I'm pretty sure they'll stay the same."

Mrs. Gerry Zerse, counselor, said that last year all OPS high schools "standardized" a minimum of 10 credits to be a sophomore, 20 credits to be a junior and 30 credits to be a senior. Mrs. Sharon Cipperley, counselor, said, "The only time there's an exception with that is if [a senior-to-be] has 28 or 29 credits. Then Dr. Moller will allow exceptions."

Creighton Prep High School's handbook states that the requirements to graduate are to take four years of theology and English, three years of social studies and math, two years of science and foreign language, one year of P.E. and one semester of fine arts. Spiritual retreats that last overnight or one weekend must be attended at least once a year. One year of a class equals one credit and 21 credits are required to graduate.

Millard South High School requires four years of English, four years of social studies, two-and-one half years of math,

two-and-one half years of science, one-and-one half years of P.E. and one semester of health education, said Mr. Jeff Petersen, counselor. A semester in a class equals five credits and 65 credits in electives need to be taken to graduate. Students need a minimum of 205 credits to graduate. "There is no credit requirement to be promoted from one grade to the next," Mr. Petersen said.

Papillion/La Vista High School requires 42 credits to graduate, Leon Patten, assistant superintendent, said. One credit

equals one semester of a class. Seven semesters of English, five semesters of math, four semesters of science, four semesters of P.E. and six semesters of Social Studies are required, Mr. Patten said. There are no requirements to be promoted from one grade to the next.

Bellevue West High School requires 42 credits for graduation, Steven Spears, counselor, said. Four years of English, three years of social studies, two years of math, two years of science and one-and-one half years of P.E. are required. There are "not really" any requirements to be promoted from one grade to the next, Mr. Spears said.

Ralston High School has five credits equal to one semester in a class. Courses required are seven semesters of English, one semester of oral education, six semesters of social studies, four semesters of math, four semesters of science, four semesters of P.E. (swimming required), two semesters of Fine Arts, four semesters of Practical Arts (business, home economics, etc.) and one semester in conservation. Thirty-five elective credits

are also required. The 220 credit college preparatory program requirements are eight semesters of English, eight semesters of social studies, six semesters of math, six semesters of science plus the same requirements in the regular program. This leaves no room for electives. There are no requirements to be promoted from one grade to the next.

At Roncalli High School, one credit equals one quarter of a school year, Mr. Larry Bauer, administrator, said. Ninety-six quarter credits are required to graduate. Four years of theology, four years of English, three years of social studies, two years of math (will change to two-and-one-half years in the fall of 1993), two years of science, one-and-one-half years of applied technology (business computer science, industrial arts and home economics), one year of world language (either a foreign language or study skills), one-and-one-half years of Fine Arts, one-and-one-half years of health and physical education and two credits for personal health and cardio-pulmonary resuscitation are required. "You have to make 24 credits a year," said Mr. Bauer in regards to promotion from one grade level to the next. But he also said that "unless you get eight or twelve credits behind" you stay in your class level's homeroom.

Mercy High School requires 50 credits for graduation, said Miss Holly McCoy, dean of women. One credit equals one semester of a class. Requirements are eight credits of religion, eight credits of English, four credits of P.E., four credits of math, six credits of social studies, four credits of science, two credits of typing, one credit of speech, two credits of Introduction to Arts, one credit for freshman orientation class and one credit in Fine or Performing Arts, Ms. McCoy said. The remaining classes are electives. There are no requirements to be promoted from one grade to the next.

**“There is no credit requirement to be promoted from one grade to the next.”**



**What will you miss the most about Central?**

- Gian Chen
- Shanaeya Burton
- Gina Bernal
- Corey Foster
- Nick Englett
- Katie Kalinowski

**What would you do differently if you had to do it all over again?**

- Andrew Brewer
- Aaron Zimmer
- Kathy Edgren
- Rob Partridge
- Robert McCormick
- Sarah Collins
- Dionne Whitfield

# Seniors find overseas travel enjoyable

By Dawn Randall

When you ask most seniors what they will do over the summer or what they did over spring break, they will say they are going to work or 'hang out.' But there are a few who are going to get out and experience a new culture.

Mrs. Beverly Fellman, French teacher, is taking a group of Central students on a 16-day trip to Europe. Two of these students, Carrie Conway and Michelle McCune, are seniors.

"I can't wait to see the difference—the different style of people," said Carrie.

Mrs. Fellman's group will arrive in London on June 11, and then travel to Canterbury, Calles, Paris, Geneva, Monte Carlo (Monaco), Nice, Avignon, Aix en Provence, Monte Saint Michel, Chenbourg and then back to London. They will be back in the United States on June 26.

"We are trying to get tickets to the *Phantom of the Opera* in London and to *Les Miserables* in Paris," said Mrs. Fellman. "*The Starlight Express* is also playing in London. I hope we can get tickets."

She said that many of the students are also going to the Palace of Versailles, which was built by Louis XIV. It is up to the students to decide if they go on the trip to Versailles.

"The kids will also be able to shop in London, Paris, Geneva and Nice," said Mrs. Fellman.

A tour guide will join them from the time they arrive in London until they leave, and they will share a bus with a group of students from Wilmington High, Ohio. Other than the tour guide and Mrs. Fellman, Ms. Newburg and Mrs. Fellman's two daughters are joining the group.

Miss Ryan, Latin teacher, is also taking a group of students to Europe. Among these, Libby Krecek, Becky Watson, and Cory Costanzo are seniors.

They will also land in London on June 9 and will spend 17 days there and get



Jennifer Watzke, senior, sits upon a camel in Tangier Africa. She traveled to Spain and Africa over spring break.

back on June 24.

Their trip will include stops in London, Paris, Lucerne, Tuscany, Florence, Pisa, Rome, Delphi and Athens. Like the other group, they will be visiting the Palace of Versailles. "We will be going to a disco in Florence and have dinner at the Hard Rock Cafe," said Miss Ryan.

"I'm trying to get us in to see the closed part of the Vatican. There's a lot of neat 'Roman things' in there," she said.

This group will also take an overnight cruise from Italy to Greece.

Two Central seniors, Jennifer Watzke and Kris Turco, took a trip to Spain with Mrs. Anderson over spring break. They left the Thursday before spring break (April 9) and got back on the Saturday before Easter (April 19).

They started in Malaga and traveled all over Spain. Then they spent a day in Tangir, Africa. "We took about every kind of transportation there is," said Jennifer.

"It was great! It made me want to study abroad," said Jennifer. "The people were super friendly and I was surprised how many knew English. It was really clean, too."

"We saw the second most expensive hotel in the world, which is on the southern coast of Spain. It costs \$7000 a night," said Jennifer.

Jennifer said they also saw the Olympic Stadium, The Moorish Palace in Grenada, and the World Fair in Seville.

Aaron Zimmer, senior, is spending three weeks in Germany with the German American Society this summer. He will be there from June 4 to June 25.

"I'm going to study the culture. I get to stay with a family for three weeks and then they come to the United States with me for three weeks," said Aaron.

"I am looking forward to experiencing their culture and comparing and contrasting the differences."

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### SENIOR CLASS ACTIVITIES

#### CALENDAR

- Mon May 18**—Distribution of caps and gowns in Rm. 019 during periods 5,6,7.  
—Distribution of senior scavenger hunt lists.
- Tue May 19**—Senior scavenger hunt, meet senior officers at Memorial Park at noon with all of your findings.
- Wed May 20**—Senior picnic and announcement of senior testament winners at Elmwood.
- Mon May 25**—Senior sand volleyball tournament at Ranch Bowl 11-2.
- Tue May 26**—Commencement practice at 9 am, UNO.  
—Commencement at 7 pm (seniors report at 6:15 pm) at UNO

# 60th reunion anticipates 50 to attend

By Mark Rosenquist

"We might have 50 [people] and we hope for 60 to 75" at the Central class of 1932's 60th reunion.

"At the 55th we had 150," said Mrs. Elizabeth (Betty) Shaw Randall, the director of "a very workable" class of 1932 reunion committee.

The Central alumni will meet at the Red Lion Inn on Friday, May 22, Mrs. Randall said.

A Saturday morning brunch will be held on May 22 at the Red Lion. Then "trolley cars will give us a tour of downtown and then we will stop at Central and go to the atrium," she said.

"After that, we will have some free time and get caught up on everyone's lives. Sunday we go to the zoo and the

Lied Jungle.

"We've had a working [reunion] committee ever since the onset of the reunions," Mrs. Randall said.

"There are 20 to 25 on the committee and we've met four times a year. I've been accused of being the spark plug." She said the reunion committee members all live in Omaha.

Last year the committee had a patio picnic in August and a Christmas party. They wanted to go to the Road Show this year, but it "didn't work out," she said.

"The class officers are not the principle figures in the reunion" because they are "scattered throughout the country," Mrs. Randall said.

"On our 50th [reunion], we had such a surplus of money, we hung banners

[in the courtyard] and established a scholarship fund" for Central High seniors, Mrs. Randall said.

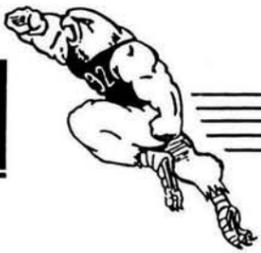
"I think it was \$5000" that the class of 1932 put in the scholarship fund at the 50th reunion, she said.

"When we put up the campaign for the 50th reunion, we said that any donation" would go for a scholarship fund.

"People were very generous, and we more than covered expenses of the reunion," she said.

Every time a class of 1932 reunion committee member dies, the committee gives money to the scholarship fund.

"Any class who wanted [its] numerals on a banner had to put in a certain amount in the scholarship fund," Mrs. Randall said.



# Medieval magic moves Centralites

By Alex Cooper

Central High's student council sponsored prom was an "extreme success" according to Therese Bender, student council sponsor.

"Medieval Magic" was the prom theme for this year's prom. The courtyard was decorated with castles, shields, crests and other medieval-related decorations.

Jessie Value and Heidi Hausman were announced prom king and queen. Jessie Value said that he was "surprised" and "pleased" to be nominated king. Heidi Hausman was also surprised and glad to be nominated queen.

Owei Belleh, senior, said, "I think both candidates deserved it."

Student council spent Friday night and Saturday morning setting up for prom and then Sunday afternoon cleaning up.

Stefanie Huff, member of student council, said, "Friday night was the hardest night because we started from scratch."

She said that student council spent around 20 hours the whole weekend working on prom. She said, "I thought it went pretty good."

Maggie Boyle, president of student council, said, "If we did it again, I would have gotten more decorations that could have been made ahead of time."

Sara Swisher, member of student council, said, "It was awesome. It was better than I expected."

Ms. Bender said, "The enthusiasm, dedication and follow-through with responsibility were great." She said that the behavior was great. She said the police officers made numerous comments about how well the students acted.

Three hundred and fifty prom tickets were sold. Most of them were couples tickets.

Ms. Bender is not yet sure, but she thinks student council made some money on prom. She said that student council spent less money than last year.

Taria Conley, secretary of student council, said, "I think that everyone had a fairly good time." She also said she thought the music was "well-balanced."

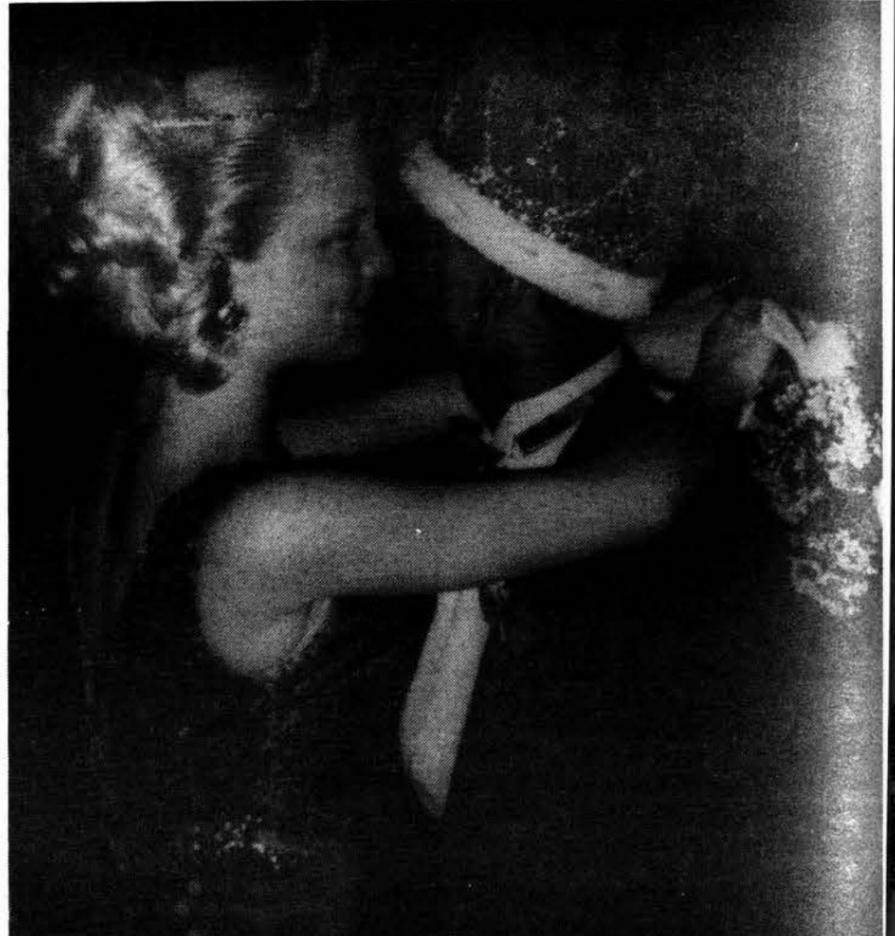
Maggie said, "It went well. The decorations were good and people enjoyed the music."

Pat Firstenau, junior, said, "It was O.K." However, he said, "We need a post-prom party."

Damien Falkner, junior, said, "I liked it, but it wasn't worth nine dollars." He also agreed that we need a post-prom party.

Ryan Base, sergeant-at-arms of student council, said, "With all the time and money spent on making prom, it was guaranteed to be a success."

Luke Wilwerding, vice president of student council, said, "It was an extraordinary and entertaining experience."



Dancing the night away... Prom king and queen, Jessie Value and Heidi Hausman, celebrate their victory with a traditional dance at prom.

## Attention Central Students!

**If you are planning on driving to Central next year, act now to avoid the hassle of parking problems. This summer we will construct a new, 112 stall parking lot just west of Central at 23rd and Davenport. You will be able to park in your own reserved space just one block from school.**

**You must act now! Spaces are limited. First come, first served. The cost for your own reserved space is only \$100 for the entire school year. We will issue a hanging parking tag for your rear view mirror -- just hang that tag on whatever car you drive and park hassle-free in your own space. Start next year right. Call or stop by today!**

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321 North 23rd Street  
346-0400**

by Sean Rourke

"Let's go see *The Player*," said Liz in her usual over-bubbly tones.

"What's it about?" I asked.

"Kinda' sounds like it's about you, Sean."

"Oh, alright! See if I buy you any movie tonight." She just beamed. "Who's it?" I asked, cautiously.

She stopped to think for a second. Then, with a toss of her head, she joyfully replied, "Everybody!"

It turns out that she was right. Everyone who's anyone in Hollywood makes a cameo appearance in this movie. The only thing that kind of turned me off about that was the simple fact that some big name stars played parts, and others played themselves.

For instance, Cher, Nick Nolte and Kurt Reynolds are all referred to by their real names. However, when Whoopi Goldberg makes her entrance, she's a police lieutenant. Go figure.

The movie itself is basically a behind-the-scenes look at the politics and inner workings of Hollywood. Although the premise is a good one, the story leaves several things to be desired.

It's about a man who reads submitted scripts to the production company he works for and then chooses which ones will be produced. While he is in the throes of a mid-life crisis, he begins to receive death threats from an anonymous writer who's screwed-over in the past.

In an accident, he kills a man and falls in love with the guy's girlfriend. Make sense? No, wait, it gets better. All the while, the police are following him, and in the end...he doesn't get caught! WHAT?! Not only that, but he marries the woman, and you never do find out who the death-threat guy was. WHY?! What does it take to do that to a movie?

The whole film seemed to be more like



Rourke and Lieben

The Final Review

The Player

By Liz Lieben

How often do you see a good quality movie? How often do you see a movie that reflects real life? How often do you see a movie that you actually like?

Movies today reflect people's dreams and fantasies. John Cusack, the perfect boyfriend in *Say Anything*, does not actually exist in real life. There is no man alive like Bruce Willis in *Die Hard* who can actually survive gun shot wounds, walk barefoot on glass and save his wife from terrorists. Never, do you see a movie that you, the viewer, can actually relate to. Rarely, do you see a movie with a depressing ending.

The movie, *The Player*, is a satire on the movies of today and what they have become. *The Player's* main character, Griffin Mills, played by Tim Robbins, has the job of listening to people's plot ideas and deciding if people would pay to see the idea on the screen. Mills hears a lot of ideas but rarely calls the people back. One writer who suggested an idea to Mills is extremely angry that Mills never returned his call and is sending him threatening postcards through the mail.

Mills sets out to find this writer, and his adventure involves a murder, a police interrogation and a love affair with the writer's girlfriend, June, played by Greta

a way for Hollywood to show the public what it was like and got a sad storyline to do it with. There were, of course, several humorous parts. Some of the cameos by the big stars were pretty hilarious.

Another thing I liked about it were the two writers that eventually get their script published. They're played by the guy who portrays Hal on *Quantum Leap*, as well as the guy who played the Puritan witch-hunter in the fantasy epic, *Warlock*.

Most of the acting was alright, but the girlfriend's part was one of the shallowest, most inconsistent roles I've seen since the female lead in *Highlander II*. Otherwise, the characters were okay. The only great characters were Whoopi Goldberg and the two writers.

Although the movie was, on a whole, okay, the end was awful. I wouldn't suggest going to see it unless someone else is going to pay your admission. I give it a thumbs-down.

On a final note, several movies are coming out this summer which promise to be good. (It's almost strange that they're all sequels, but hey, let *Time Life* figure it out.) The potential must-sees are *Batman II*, *Lethal Weapon III* and naturally, the sequel to one of the greatest movie series of all time; *Alien III*. These selections, I would recommend very highly.

Scacchi. June is definitely an interesting character who paints everything in blue and only wears white and nicknames herself the Ice Queen.

Mills is very nervous about the whole deal with the threatening postcards. The audience feels nervous for him. The music in the background is awesome because it is suspense-filled.

Whoopi Goldberg plays the lieutenant who questions Mills about the murder. She has a hilarious scene in the movie which made all of the girls in the audience giggle and made Sean blush.

There were also all these subliminal messages through old movie posters and Japanese karaoke at a sushi bar.

This movie is a totally new innovative

...through old movie posters and Japanese karaoke at a sushi bar.

approach to movies. The well-known stars in the movie play themselves. Lily Tomlin is Lily Tomlin. Cher is Cher. They are playing the part of movie stars in Hollywood. Tim Robbins is a new face and he plays the part of a big shot movie link between the writer and the producer. Tim Robbins is the Player in the movie. He plays the part that he is not in real life.

Simple black and white movies of the past are gone. Everything is overglorified and dream-like. This movie shows how an original idea to show a movie that reflects reality is made into fantasy by adding famous stars and a happy ending.

If you would like to see something aside from the happy endings and aside from the murder-mystery-horror-adventure-gore, this is definitely a must-see.

Jungle fever spreads through the city of Omaha

by Liz Lieben

*Jungle Love. It's driving me mad. It's making me crazy.*

-Steve Miller Band

All of Omaha is going crazy with jungle fever. The Lied Jungle opened at the Omaha Henry Doorly Zoo on Saturday, April 4 and hundreds of Omahans flocked to the world's largest man-made rainforest.

Else Festersen, senior, fell victim to the jungle fever when she visited the rainforest. She said, "I felt like...like I belonged there. I tried to swing in the trees and swim in the water, but my parents wouldn't let me."

Craig Lee, junior, sums up the whole jungle experience by stating, "The rainforest represents man's attempt to imitate nature. It is a successful effort and should be appreciated by even non-nature buffs and non-tree huggers."

According to the zoo newsletter, rainforests are disappearing every minute because of timber harvesting, mining and cattle grazing. Important soil nutrients are lost, the climate severely changes and a lot of land is lost. Many species of plants, flowers, trees and animals are fast becoming extinct. The Lied Jungle provides a chance for most Omahans to

experience a walk through the rainforest, a chance that most other people will never have.

The zoo did not take any of the animals out of their natural environment. They borrowed or bought the animals from other zoos across the nation. They purchased the plants from several different nurseries.

However, Megan Nelson, sophomore, felt that the "jungle seemed more man-made than real because the animals were in cages."

Andi Keyser, senior, did not feel that the cages separated zoo visitors from the animals. She said that she "liked the fact that you are so close to the animals. Iguanas, birds, bats and monkeys are in trees right in front of you."

Craig adds, "I liked the interaction with animals and nature. It did not feel like I was in the zoo. Everything was loose and free."

The jungle features rainforests from Asia, South America and Africa. The jungle safari begins in Asia with monkeys galore. Along the walk you can see exotic birds swimming in the water moats surrounding the small island. Next, you enter a nocturnal cave filled with small amphibians and insects.



Mike Buckley

Jungle Fever hits Omaha... Omahans enjoy a walk on the wild side as they journey through the rainforest.

From Asia, you journey on to Africa to see pythons and pygmy hippos. There are also curtains of hanging vines. Else said, "I was captured by the monkeys and hypnotized by the python. It was a lot like the movie, *The Jungle Book*."

Next, you travel on to South America. You walk behind a water fall and cross a rope suspension bridge. Then you climb to "Danger Point" to overlook the same

waterfall. Then you continue to the jungle floor with lots of plants and underwater viewing areas. Megan said that she "liked the lower level the best because you can walk freely on the trails."

There is a new restaurant right next to the jungle. The jungle is definitely an experience that you do not want to miss out on. Catch the jungle fever, grab your vine and swing on into the jungle.

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**Mr. Shonkwiler by day...Rock star by night.** Central Math teacher tutors Tracey Norfleet, junior, during the day, but drops his pencils and picks up a microphone at night.

## Teacher jams with *Fast Break*

By Sean Rourke

Most students know that Mr. Shonkwiler is a math teacher at Central, but few know that he is also the lead singer for a local band named *Fast Break*.

He said that although he and his band used to play all the time several years ago, he does not do it that much anymore. "We're rarely playing. If something comes up, we do it," he said.

He said that when he was teaching at Horace Mann, he and his band played at local clubs, many times for 800 to 1000 people a night. "Any of the large rock 'n roll places, we played at." He said that *Fast Break* was, at that time, one of the number-one local bands in Omaha. "We played anywhere and everywhere," he said.

Mr. Shonkwiler also commented that *Fast Break* has played outside of Omaha as well, including Lincoln, Blair and several spots in Iowa.

He said that at first, "There

were three of us playing acoustic guitar." He commented that they used to play all original songs, and basically had a really good time.

Through the years, he has assembled groups such as *Baby Face* and *Squeeze Play*, doing a lot of Top 40 commercial songs. He said, however, that *Fast Break*, his present band, plays "straight forward rock 'n roll." Its line-up consists of songs by the *Rolling Stones*, *Neil Young*, *the Doors*, *Chris Rea* and some older songs by *the Eagles*.

Mr. Shonkwiler said that he got his start in music while playing for his church (His father was a minister on the island of Saint Vincent in the West Indies). He learned on several instruments including the piano, violin, clarinet and eventually, the guitar.

He said that he mainly sings for *Fast Break* but also plays rhythm guitar for the band and does "a few little things here and there."

"Music means different things to different people," he explained. "Music to me is very emotional." He said that he knows people who like listening to music just for fun or play their instruments just to be playing them. He stated, however, "The music I listen to is going to move me in some way." One of his favorite musicians is Harry Chapin.

When asked about the business, Mr. Shonkwiler stated that he did not want to discourage any one from trying it, but that in his opinion, only a small percentage make it big, "and there's a whole bunch of people sleeping on the floor."

Mr. Shonkwiler also has a part-time job away from Central. "I put in a few hours at Paragon music."

He explained that he is planning on building a recording studio in his home and that he works at Paragon to learn about the new equipment on the market. "That's my latest project," he said.

## Karaoke popularity rises in Omaha

Karna Swanson

It's been to the East Coast, it's been to the West Coast, and now karaoke is here in America's heartland.

Karaoke, for those unfamiliar with the popular night club attraction, is an activity in which you are able to sing along with the actual back round music of your favorite hits. You may recognize this activity as the same one Frazier fell in love with on the hit series *Cheers*.

Karaoke, meaning empty orchestra in Japanese, originated in Japan and quickly became very popular before spreading to the United States. Its popularity stems from the

“Places other than Grandmother's that offer karaoke are usually bars that require ID's, but new places are advertising this new attraction all the time.”

fact that anyone with a working voice box can participate, but before you can participate in

Karaoke, you need a Karaoke machine.

The machine plays the background music and provides the microphone into which you sing. The words to your chosen song appear on a large screen to facilitate easy singing.

One spot to participate in Karaoke is the Ralston Grandmother's restaurant at 4712 S. 82nd St. According to the manager of Ralston Grandmother's, the karaoke machine is a popular attraction in the lounge.

"People come in and eat, dance and then maybe sing. The microphone is cordless so you sit at your table while you sing. It's an all-around fun time," he added.

He also said the reason for the karaoke machine is because the Midwest always seems to get left out. "It's the new fad on the East and West Coast, so we thought we should try something new and let Omaha get in on the trend."

The manager added that it is mainly an attraction to draw people in and raise the evening sales.

The karaoke machine runs from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday evenings.

Skateland also featured the karaoke machine at rotating

locations last month. This is where Christi Klein, senior, sang her favorite song.

"I sang 'Unchained Melody' by the Righteous Brothers," she said.

She said it was "very vocally demanding," but she thought she carried it off well at the end.

"I was embarrassed at first, but before I knew it I was singing away."

Christi concluded by saying it was "good fun."

Maggie Guzman, junior, commented that she had heard about it and was very interested in participating in karaoke. "My sister did it and said it was a lot of fun."

Angela Freshman, senior, however, is an old pro at the karaoke machine. "I did it in Key West, Florida. I sang a lot of songs including *La Bamba*, *The Greatest Gift* and *The Rose*," she said.

She stated that "it is kind of nerve racking, but you know everyone else is in the same boat. You do not need a good voice to do it, you just need a sense of humor."

Places other than Grandmother's that offer karaoke are usually bars that require ID's, but new places are advertising this new attraction all the time.

## Spring play's large cast results in all-around good performance

By Katie Cleary

With 78 actors in this year's spring play, *The Pink Panther Strikes Again*, the cast is anything but small. But this size did not hurt the play at all because it was an all-around good production.

Mrs. Pegi Georgeson, director of the play and drama teacher, said, "This cast is the largest I've ever worked with in the sixteen years I've been at Central, including musicals."

Tom Rose, senior, played the lead, Chief Inspector Jacques Clouseau. Tom did an excellent job playing the dim inspector who is always making blunders with everything but always amazingly solves the case correctly. Tom's accent was also very good, and the mistakes people make in understanding what he was saying were hilarious.

Matt Hovde, senior, did an equally excellent job as Dreyfus, the former Chief Inspector who bears a deep grudge against Clouseau, who took his place. Clouseau thinks that the two are friends. Dreyfus wants more than anything to have Clouseau dead, and his methods are very entertaining. Dreyfus is also insane, and Matt acted this out really well.

The supporting actors and actresses also did a very good job. Clouseau's love interest, Olga, played by Nicole Blizek, sophomore, was good, as well as Cato, Clouseau's servant, played

by Tristian Walker, senior. Sean Rourke, senior, and Ren Johnson, junior, were great as Dr. Fassbender and his daughter, Margot.

The insane people, the staff of the Fassbender's, especially the butler/female impersonator, played by Kevin Cody, juniors were super. The German people at the Oktoberfest, and the pink panthers also did a terrific job.

Stage Crew ran the show smoothly, and the sets were new. The costumes were also fantastic. I loved the music, especially "How much is that doggy in the window" song.

Mrs. Georgeson said that the reason why everyone was cast this year is "because the play entitled me to do that." Mrs. Georgeson added that 83 people tried out, so she "created parts." She said that she chose *The Pink Panther Strikes Again* because she likes "to do comedies and large cast plays."

Mrs. Georgeson said that she had a "large contingency seniors" this year in the play. She said the seniors "something special." She added that the seniors are "all good friends" and they "all work together." She said another thing she likes about the seniors "their friendship with underclassmen." Mrs. Georgeson added that "you do find that very often."

A matinee performance was held Thursday, April 30, and the weekend of May 1 and 2.

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## Microwaves, the Zoo, and Celery

Your Piece of Chalk

By Duncan Joyner

"Why on earth should I follow you down? all I've ever been was your piece of chalk, that you can write with what you want, and will always...rub off."-s.joyner

I'm feeling a little somber about this being my last column. I had a couple of ideas; however, none seem dramatic enough to be a finale to this column. The day you receive this, all of us seniors are out of this institution, and a new breed of seniors will move into place. Kind of exciting huh, except that the new breed will have two more weeks of school after we are gone, before they get their vacation. It's different for us seniors, however. To us, it's the end of everything we know. Well not really, but it is the end of free education and that's enough to make a person cry.

In my opinion, public universities should be free. It's not fair of this world to require a college degree to excel in this world, and then require a cash supplement to pay for it. So the message sent out is, if you're not well-off financially, then you're gonna have a hard time becoming something. I don't know, I guess it's just the socialist in me. The end of free education, I think, brings out the socialist in all of us; except maybe my friend Chris, who revels in the knowledge that after college he is going to have to pay off 40,000 dollars plus interest in college loans. Yes, he declares it the "best value in today's society." Chris has always been considered kind of odd though.

So, I guess the question is: What do we do once we're out of school? There is a plethora of exciting adventures awaiting a little exciting adventurer if one can pull himself out of bed before 2 o'clock.

One suggestion is the Zoo. I know it's pretty cliché to suggest the Zoo as something to do in the summer, but oh well. I went to the Zoo awhile ago with Celery and we had a pretty fun time. I was not optimistic about going, however. I took Celery for her birthday, but I found myself having a really good time.

First, there's the Lied Jungle, which is really extraordinary. I was in astonishment the whole time. There are so many interesting animals there. I really do recommend it. Next there is the rest of the Zoo. I used to love the Zoo when I was little, but I went through a period of five years or so when the Zoo sounded like the most unattractive thing in the world. My Zoo apathy ended on this visit. When I was little I used to laugh at my dad because when we got to the tiger den, he would read all of the signs about the animals in genuine interest. I could care less

about the stupid signs, I just wanted to see the animals. But on this trip I found the signs about the animals just as fascinating as the actual animals, if not more. It is a very romantic setting, also. You and your date find yourself experiencing all of these new interesting things together.

At one point, when we were in the nursery (a family was also in at the same time), a little cub had been born and the incubator thing was still in the room. The little child in the family next to us asked his father why the cub had his own microwave. Oh well, why should I laugh? I don't even know what it is, I'm just assuming it's not a microwave.

What else is there to do. Well you could always work, play basketball, toss the frisbee, bask in the sun, go swimming, frolic in the park, stroll downtown and visit the huge fountain, go watersliding, buy a wet banana and slide with the neighbor pre-pubescent, run through the sprinkler or have water pistol fights.

“ It's different for us seniors, however. To us, it's the end of everything we know. ”

Speaking of water pistol fights, have you seen the water guns they have out now? They're scary. When I was little, we had little colored transparent water guns that dribbled down your arm when you shot. And if you were really lucky, you could buy a 12 dollar Entertech gun that used batteries and broke in a week. But I was at Sebastian's house one day, and I saw this little neon water gun that had a huge water reservoir on top and a pump action, continuous stream when you pulled the trigger. I was amazed. It was his little brother's. The next day I was at his house and there was that same pistol with a new addition sitting beside it. This new gun was an enlarged version of the other one. It was more of a shotgun-sized water gun than the pistol-sized other one. The next day, next to the other two water weapons, was a larger version of the shotgun-sized one. Only it had two, huge reservoirs on top, each able to hold a liter apiece, plus a water reservoir on back. I was genuinely scared. Sebastian told me that his parents had paid 25 dollars for the gun. Geez, I never had a gun even as close to as big or efficient as those guns.

I'm extremely happy to leave this place; I've enjoyed my classes and my teachers, and although this column didn't turn out the way I expected it to, I still enjoyed it. This final column of mine is pretty bland, but it's somehow fitting to conclude the year in a rambling, no-structured piece of my mind. Or, piece of your chalk.

My final thanks goes to my photographer, T. Rex.

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### Locker Room Talk Al Bakhit

## Inadequate facilities at Central?

In the past Central was considered to have one of the more dominant athletic programs in the state. Now due to lack of facilities we are falling out of that category. We have resorted to using other schools' facilities, and therefore we have limited access to these facilities.

The entire OPS school system has been through a renovation and unfortunately Central was the first school to go through it. Central received a new gymnasium along with an artificial surface football field. You may think these improvements sound great, but the problem is that Central teams can't play any of their games here due to lack of parking and low seating capacities. Shouldn't someone have thought about details like parking and seating before the construction began?

Why did we pay to build these complexes if we can't even play our games on them? How much money must we pay each year for the use of other schools' facilities for our home games? The transportation of players and equipment to and from other schools for our own home games will add up.

The problem here is a lack of planning on the part of OPS. Go look at Benson's new gymnasium, plenty of bleachers and a school that looks more like a shopping mall than a place of learning.

They also got a renovated football field that they can play actual games on unlike Central.

Our football team plays most of its home games at Norris Junior High. There have been several games where we have used the field at

“**Now because of our lack of facilities we are falling behind the competition,**”

Burke due to large crowds or repairs to the Norris stadium. This has also caused several scheduling conflicts including a couple of Friday night games moved to Thursday night. I don't know about you but playing games on a Thursday night isn't very exciting to me. Our basketball team also uses Norris for home games. In basketball part of the homecourt advantage is being used to your rims, but how can we be if we don't get to practice there? Up until recently we had to share this facility with South.

The baseball team does have its own field, but it isn't on Central's campus. The team plays its games at Booth. The field is owned by the Salvation Army and was formally the home field of the Creighton Bluejays. Central is responsible for general upkeep on the field. Another problem is the location. Booth is

“**Why did we pay to build these complexes if we can't play our games on them?**”

about as close to Central as it is to South.

The soccer team doesn't even have a home field. They hold their practices at Lewis and Clark, except for rare days when they use the turf. They play games all over the town, from N.P. Dodge Park to Tranquility Park.

Our tennis team has to practice and play at Dewey Park, which is almost a mile away. The swim team holds its practices at Norris.

Some of Central's teams are, however, able to use our facilities. The wrestling team holds its competitions at Central. Volleyball competes in Central's gym. The track team is able to use the track and the turf. The girls' varsity basketball team plays some of its home games at Central.

Something that is contradictory about not holding boys' varsity basketball games at Central is that Central has been the host of the girls' Holiday Tournament in past years. If we can handle the crowds for the tournament, why can't we play our regular games here?

Central used to be considered one of the athletic powerhouses of the metro. Now because of our lack of facilities we are falling behind the competition. In my years at Central there have been very few outstanding teams in any of the sports. There were a couple of exceptional football teams my first two years. This year the boys' soccer should be a top contender for the state title.

The only Central team that doesn't have facilities at the school is the golf teams, but I have no complaints about that.

I don't think any of these things will change in the immediate future, but if Central wants to retain a reputation as a school with a quality sports program, things are going to have to change.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Two Central wrestlers honored on All-Academic team recognition

The *World-Herald* last week announced its All-Academic wrestling team. Jason Brilz, junior, qualified with a 3.78 GPA. Jason wrestled at the 160-pound weight class. Jason had the fifth highest GPA among Class A wrestlers honored.

Demetrius Richards, junior, received a honorable mention with a 3.10 GPA. Demetrius wrestled at the 189-pound weight class this season.

To qualify a wrestler must have been a junior or a senior, have wrestled at least 15 varsity matches, have a minimum season winning percentage of .600, have a GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale and have been nominated by his coach.

### Girls tennis comes up short at district

The Central Girl's Tennis team finished its season at the district tournament held on May 13. According to junior Megan Burnett, the team was disappointed with their performance at the match. "We really could have played better," Megan said, "but we just couldn't get it done." Megan said that the team had only two veterans and was very young.

Freshman Deeann Hul was ranked eighth in the metro in number two singles and was a definite plus to the team, according to Megan. Other team members are Jana Yourkoski, Libby Broekemeier, Lucia Pioreschi, Karna Swanson, Katie Cleary, Lori Myers, Mimi Douglas, Jennifer Jones, Ruth Carlson, Kayla Swanson, Michelle McCone and Liz Lieben.

### Central alumni wins collegiate tournament

John Musselman, a graduate of Central, won the University Athletic Association individual golf championship April 20-21 at Concord, Ohio.

Musselman, a junior at Emory University in Atlanta had a two-day total of 144, including a school-record 68 on the final round. He also earned a spot on the all-UAA first team. He is the third Emory golfer in four years to win the UAA championship. Emory finished second overall as a team.

The team was ranked 20th nationally in a recent poll. They are awaiting a possible invitation to the NCAA Division III national championships. The national tournament is May 19-22 at Wooster, Ohio.

### Girls soccer looks towards next season

The "underclassmen development" and "senior leadership" of the 1992 girls' soccer team gave them a 3-4 record season, and a win over Benson and a loss to Burke in the May 8-9 district round.

According to Kelly Moyer, sophomore, hopes for next year's team are high. "We'll go far next year since we have so much to look forward to," she said.

### Track teams prepare for State

State track finals will be held May 22-23. With strong experience in the 400 and 800 run, the discus throw and hurdles, head coach John Georgeson expects the team to have a strong standing. The team placed in the middle so far this season in their seven meets.

### Central baseball players picked for allstar team

Three starting seniors were chosen this year for the allstar baseball team. Among the three are Scott Sheehan who is the starting catcher and has a batting average of .368 1 homerun and 17 R.B.I.s, Mike Kay who is the starting first baseman has a batting average of .358 4 homerun and 27 R.B.I.s, and Eric Behrens who is the starting third baseman has a batting average of .368 and 19 R.B.I.s.

### Boys' soccer headed for state

The Central High boys soccer team earned the second place seed in the state soccer tournament. They defeated Papillion 3-1 to win the District 4 title. This is their third appearance in state in the past four years, but they have failed to win it. The team was ranked second in the state before districts and after defeating top-ranked Papillion they are tops in the rankings.

### Golf team wins tournaments

In the opinion of John Farrell this is the best golf team that Central has had in recent years although they failed to qualify anyone for state.

They finished the season with a 6-2 record as well as winning 3 out of 7 tournaments.

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I would like to extend a special thanks to several people who have helped me in putting out the sports section issue after issue. They are the Register Staff as a whole, the photographers, and to Mike Hansen who gave me a lot of advice on my column. Also special thanks to Tim James who filled in for me when I was sick. Thanks for all the memories.

Al Bakhit  
Sports Editor

# Central boys' golf team experiences success

**Todd Reiser**  
The Central High Golf team has had one of its best seasons ever according to junior John Farrell. "We've looked the best

this year out of all my years on the team," John said, "and probably the best team in the last decade." Varsity members were John Farrell (#1),

sophomore Brian Wilson (#2), freshman Pat Lineham (#3), Lewis and Clark freshman Clark Lauritzen (#4), and the #5 player who switched every week. Other

team members were Chad Kudym, Dan Shearer, Rob McCormack, Jake Marlin, Nick Kammerer, Chris Yambor, Dave Wallace, Dan Morrison, Pat Lynn, Brian Jans and Clint Starks.

The team had great success all year through their duals and tournaments. The team lost two matches, winning the other six and took 3 out of 7 tournaments. The team also had a number of medal winners throughout the season. Farrell took the title in both the Lewis Central Invite and Central's own invite. Medalists (top ten) in tournaments included freshman Pat Lineham, who medaled in 5 of 7 tournaments, Wilson, and Lauritzen.

The team played districts on Tuesday, May 12, and according to John the team "did not pull together too well at the tournament." The team shot a combined total of 339 and had no qualifiers for the state tournament.

Although the team has no state

## Track team gains experience

**Rachel Kozol**

To head coach John Georgeson, the 1992 boys' and girls' track teams seems to be running on solid ground.

With six to seven seniors on each individual team of thirty, underclassmen dominate this

year's track.

But Georgeson remarked that the teams have experienced no difficulty in this. "We're pretty level from last year," he said.

Georgeson stressed that the 400 and 800 distance run have been the stronger qualities for

both boys and girls, while discus throwing and hurdles have been weaker.

"This year we're mainly trying to develop as a team," Georgeson commented. "If there's no team potential, there is no individual talent."

So far this year, the teams have placed middle in the five meets they have competed in. Georgeson also remarked that Bellevue East and Northwest are expected to be the toughest competitors this season.

According to many track athletes though, positive attitudes will help the teams along. "The spirit is great," said Bobby Franzese, senior. "Everyone is for each other not against each other." Jenny Hurst agreed by commenting that "everyone is friends on the team."

But despite this, the track team experiences much hard work with the fun. According to Jenny, practices are much longer and tougher from those in junior high.

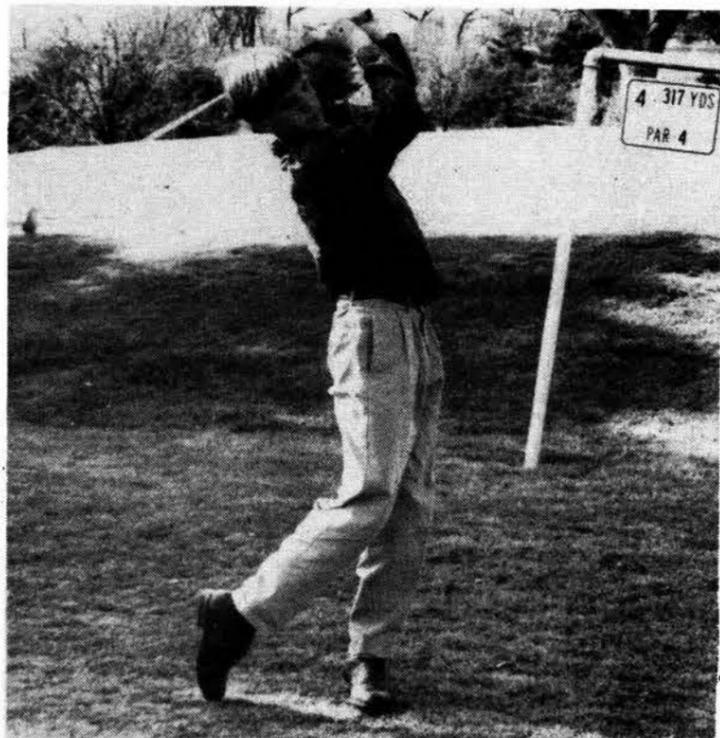
Kevin Armstrong, sophomore, said, "It's basically relaxed to me since I don't think I'll be going to state." State will be held May 22-23.

Even though the chances are unclear for state, team and individual expectations are high. "I'm hoping for a lot of people to come to the meets and cheer us on," Jenny said. "It boosts your spirit to hear your friends cheering you on."

Chris Meyer



Heads up... Brian Nelson, senior, demonstrates his shotputting ability.



Kristen Steenberg

Golf team enjoys success... Freshman Clark Lauritzen watches as his drive flies down the fairway.

qualifiers, there was no lack of talent, according to Jim Galus, head coach. "The team had a great year, probably the best of all my years at Central," Galus said, "and all our top players will be returning next year." Galus also said that the team had a great deal of success in their tournament play. "It was the first time during my years at Central that a team has won a majority of their tournaments."

Central golfed especially well at their own invite at Elmwood Golf Course, and had several medal winners, Farrell said.

The top players at districts qualify for the state tournament, which begins on May 19. Despite a somewhat disappointing finish, the team had a very successful year, according to Farrell. "We should have gone to state, but everybody did well anyway, and we had a great season."

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'The positive greatly outweighed the negative this season.'

## Girls' soccer promotes unity

**By Rachel Kozol**

The 1992 girls' soccer team clinched their season with a 3-4 record and districts results of a May 8 win over Benson and a May 9 loss to Burke.

According to head coach George Grillo, "Underclassmen development" and "senior leadership" mainly contributed to a successful season. This year's team had three seniors, two juniors and 15 underclassmen.

Junior Jessica Lawrence and senior Megan Horton remarked that defensive passing and team communication have remained the strongest skills throughout the season. But, Megan added, "The team always got down on themselves when things got rough."

Despite such an obstacle, Jessica feels the positive greatly outweighed the negative this year. "Even though our team is so young," she said, "we've improved a lot."

Kelly Moyer, sophomore, agreed with this. "I've learned a lot on varsity since it's so much more competitive. We really came together at the end of the season."



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Centralite gets a kick...senior Maggie Boyle drives the ball past a defender. The Lady Eagles finished the season with a 3-4 record.

Mr. Grillo agreed with this. "All I promoted was unity," he stressed.

Besides good team relations, Megan feels Mr. Grillo deserves much recognition. "He works hard to win our respect," she said. And according to Jessica, "He's been a positive coach

throughout the season." With such a strong team spirit to back them up, Kelly expects a great team next year. "We'll go far since we have so much to look forward to," she remarked. "I'm expecting a lot of strong talent next year," Mr. Grillo concluded.

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# Baseball team finishes as the runner-up in districts

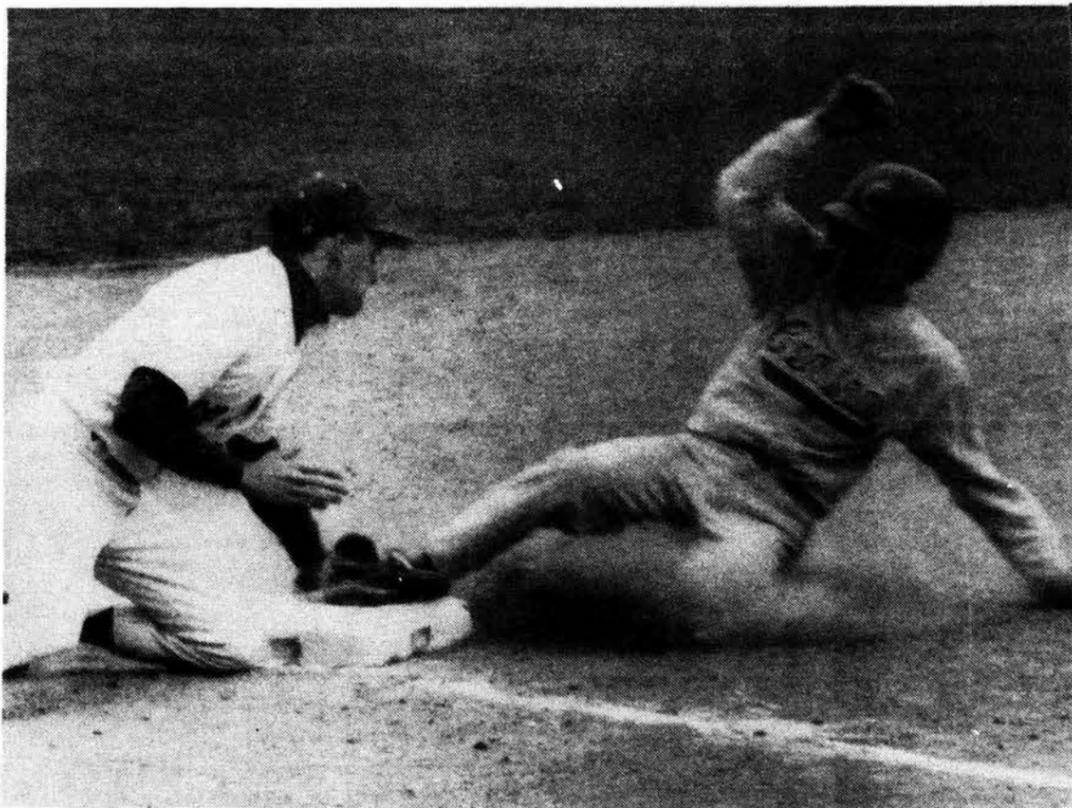
By Thomas Rose

The Central Baseball team finished its season with a 12-10 record, second in its division, and seeded second in the district behind Burke.

The starting players are seniors James Archer, short stop; Matt Auslander, left field; Mike Kay, first base; Scott Sheehan, catcher; and Eric Behrens, third base. The four Juniors who are on the team are also starters. They are Justin Noel, second base; Pat Driscoll, pitcher; Mario Henderson, centerfield; and Jesse DiLorenzo, right field. The rest of the team consists of Kris Klanderud, sophomore, who is the designated hitter, Travis Duncan, senior; Jason Kirchhevel, sophomore; Eric Gilpatrick, sophomore; Donnie Lakin, sophomore; all of whom are pitchers and Jason Lawrens, freshman, who plays the infield.

As a result of the snow storm on April 28 Central was forced to play five days straight on May 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9. May 9 was the last game of the regular season. Central won its first game against Millard South 4-2. On the 6 they lost to Roncalli 6-5 and beat Bryan on the 7, 17-16. They lost their last two games against Westside 8-6 and Creighton Prep 7-5.

The last two games Central played were on May 12 against Roncalli and May 13 against Burke. Those two games were



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Safe... Justin Noel, junior slides safely into third base in a recent Central baseball game.

played to see who was going to play in the State Tournament.

In the game against Roncalli, Roncalli scored 2 runs in the first inning. During the second inning Jesse DiLorenzo hit a single, and then stole second base. Matt Auslander hit a single to bring DiLorenzo in for a score. Later Auslander was brought in to make the score 2-2. In the third inning Justin Noel hit a single. Kay was

walked which brought Noel to second and set up Behrens to bring him home with a single. In the fourth inning Roncalli scored two which make the score 4-3, Roncalli. In the sixth inning Roncalli scored one while Central scored four. Kay hit a double which brought Henderson and Noel home and Behrens hit a double that brought Kay and Sheehan in for two more. In the

Seventh inning Arche ran in on a wild pitch that the catcher dropped. The final score was 8-5.

On May 13 Central played Burke and lost. The score was 4-1. Mr. Dominguez, Central's head coach, said, "It was a well-played ball game and our kids really did well. Altogether we had a good season." Central may still get a wild card to state.

# Weight room fundraiser to help fund new improvement

By Joe Maginn

A recent fund-raiser was held by the weight training department and a goal of \$7000 was set in order to modernize the existing weight room. Mr. Standifer, weight training instructor, said, "We didn't reach our goal, but about \$3000 was raised." He added, "This will help us do some things."

According to Mr. Standifer, the weight training room is presently overcrowded. "We need another weight room," he said. A lack of space and the need for new equipment led to the fund-raiser. The current weight room was built in 1981 on space that was previously the old boys' locker room.

Renovations planned for the weight room include: a new mirror, weight benches, up-a-incline benches, and a new job complete with a logo.

As of now, a time has not been set to begin the improvement because the school board has not been completely completed by the fall. "Hopefully, we'll have realistically it's going to take a range planning to get construction done," said Standifer.

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best talent in the state this year, we've had the best talent the last four years," added Oweil.

State began on Sat. May 16 at Bryan. The Eagles faced Bellevue West in their first game. The Eagles could face a possible rematch with Papillion in the second round tonight depending on the outcomes of first round games.

The state final is May 20 at 8 pm Sean put it simple by saying, "If we score more goals than the other team we'll win."

## Sports Calendar

Oct. 18	State Golf State Soccer
Oct. 19	State Golf State Baseball
Oct. 20	State Baseball State Soccer
Oct. 21	State Tennis
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