

Steinbeck's *Grapes of Wrath* at Playhouse

Student acts in major production

By T. J. Brumfield

Erika Wulff, junior, always dreamed of acting. She is living that dream now at the Omaha Community Playhouse.

Erika played Aggie Wainwright and various other roles in the Playhouse's production of *The Grapes of Wrath*. In one scene she was Floyd's wife and in the next she was the proprietor's daughter.

Erika said she saw the audition in the *Omaha World-Herald* and decided to try out with a friend.

Call Backs

After the initial audition she was called back and asked to act like she was giving labor.

Giving labor, Erika said, is a vital part of the final scene. In that scene Rosa Sharon, the role she was auditioning for, gives birth to a stillborn child and then allows a starving man to nurse on her. The scene is typically done in the nude.

The play, set in the Great Depression, centers on a poor family traveling from Oklahoma to California in hopes of finding new jobs. They encounter great difficulties securing employment.

The family isn't very intelligent, Erika said, but they're very giving, even to a fault.

Erika said the play deals mainly with the suffering of humans.

"It's all about learning there are certain things you have to do in order to survive," she said.

Tough schedule

She said for her that meant spending breaks between scenes working on homework and missing out on sleep.

"It's such an experience! You forget sometimes how much of a big deal it is," she said. "You begin to take it for granted."

Erika said one of the greatest aspects of acting is the people. She said actors tend to be flamboyant, outgoing and despite all the stress, no one is ever depressed.

While she was rehearsing her show, the Playhouse was also putting on *Leader of the Pack*, a show set in the 1950s.

At first she was overwhelmed by the spectacular costumes and hair styles, she said.

Other shows

This is her first show at

the Playhouse and only her third major production ever. She starred in *Forever Brady* at the *Mutant Diner*, an original play at the Dundee Diner theatre and Central's first One-Act Festival.

Erika said she dabbled in acted during sixth and seventh grade at the Emmy Gifford but never really pursued it.

Erika said she finds acting to be emotionally draining and time consuming but she dreams of seeing herself on Broadway or even directing one day.

"I don't know why I ever stopped doing it," she said. "It's been a dream of mine, but I don't know if it will ever be a reality."

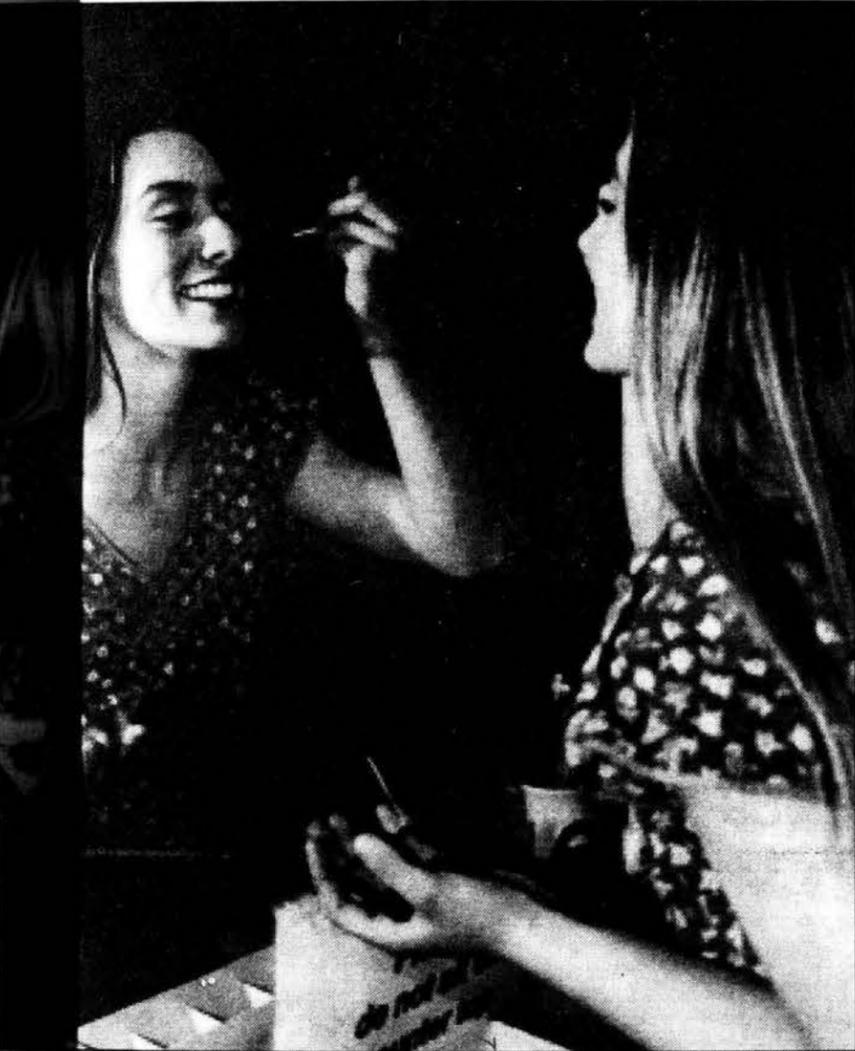
Acting

She said it's not hard for her to become someone else, to take on the thoughts and feelings of another person.

Erika said the emotions that people feel are pretty universal, so it's easy to see and feel what her character is feeling.

She said she is much too busy with school and tennis to do another play right now though.

"It's going to be a shock when it's all over," Erika said.



Lea Brown

Lights, camera, action: Erika Wulff applies blush to complete the part of Aggie Wainwright. In her audition for the part of Rosa Sharon, she had to fake giving birth. Although she did not get the part she tried out for, the role of Aggie Wainwright at the Playhouse brings her a step closer to her dream of professional acting.

Environmentally aware form conservation party Natural Law new alternative party

Lea Platz
A new political party wants to mold the government into a more prevention-oriented assembly.

The Natural Law Party promotes renewable energy production and energy conservation practices. Their platform calls for natural, sustainable agriculture practices to increase crop yields and profitability without hazardous chemical fertilizer and pesticides. Their main concern is preserving the environment for future generations.

Bill Dunn is the Natural Law party's United States senate candidate. He said its purpose is to bring national and government policies into harmony with natural law. They want to bring civility, respect, and dignity to the political process and promote practical, scientifically proven solutions to the problems troubling the nation.

Founded in 1992, four years later 1,000 candidates will seek public office under the banner of Natural Law. Dunn says the party plans to be on the ballot in every state.

Dunn's pamphlet says in April, the Natu-

ral Law party will run congressional candidates in each of the three districts in Nebraska. Bill Dunn will be running for the U.S. Senate.

Dunn's brochures refer to Natural Law as a non-abstract idea. The policies and practices that are in harmony with Natural Law are safe and cost-effective.

The Natural Law party is trying several new approaches to reform politics.

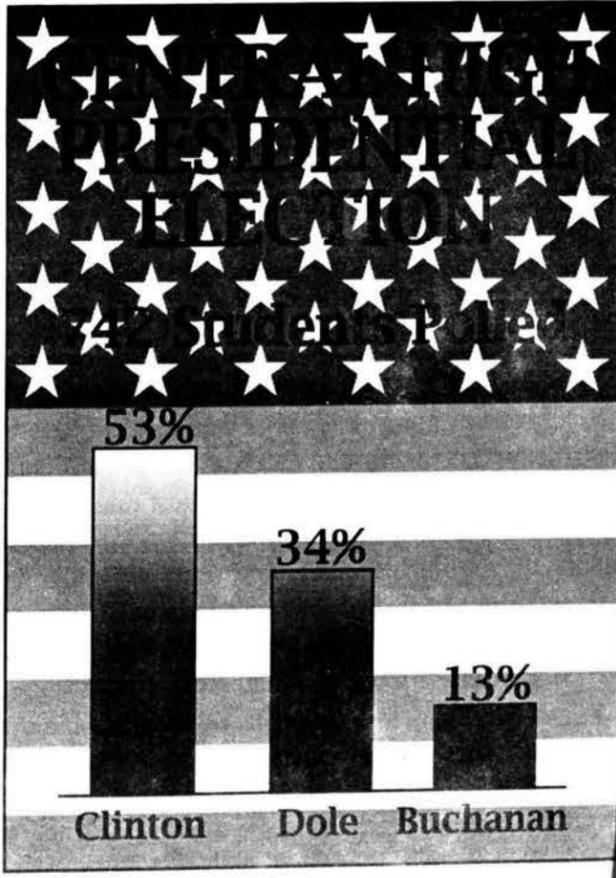
"The party advocates want to put an end to negative campaigning and partisan politics and supports essential campaign finance reform to estimate special interest control of government," says one Natural Law pamphlet.

The pamphlet also states that education will be improved through programs that develop the inner creative genius of the student.

"Conflict-Free Politics and Problem-Free Government," another Natural Law brochure, claims all of their suggested programs have been researched and proven to show an increase in I.Q., learning ability, moral reasoning and even a decrease in substance abuse.

"The fact that this party appears to be centered around fundamental elements of living makes it appealing," Alex Lund, junior, said. His father is involved in with the Natural Law Party.

The Natural Law Party is very supportive of developing profound mind-body coordination and creating coherence and harmony in national consciousness through transcendental meditation.



Inside...

- Block scheduling.....4
- Israeli students.....5
- Recycled products.....6
- Teacher lounge.....7
- State parks.....10
- Prom preview.....11
- Ladies tennis.....14
- Gale Sayers.....16

Community service is not emphasized, encouraged enough in OPS schools

As a general rule, young people are concerned only with themselves. It is hard for them to see the big picture, to see that they can make a difference beyond the circle of friends and family.

One way to expand horizons and grow as a person is to perform community service. Performing community service not only helps those in need, but also allows the volunteer to learn a lot about what they are capable of. It is for these reasons that many school districts, including District 66, Millard and Ralston have begun community service requirements for graduation.

Clarann Winslow, who is the Service Learning Coordinator at Westside High School, said that putting in community service can help students realize their career goals. She also said that students who complete the requirement with an open mind learn a lot about themselves.

"I have students all the time say to me, 'I didn't know I could do this' or 'I never thought that this could be considered service,'" she said.

The requirement for the freshmen and sophomores now attending Westside is 80 hours of service before the end of their senior year. Winslow said there are several sophomores who have already completed their requirement. "Since the fall of 1994, we have 15,000 hours of community service documented. If you converted those hours into paid wages, we have given a lot of value to the community," she said.

The efforts of these students and Winslow should be applauded. Volunteerism and community service can benefit all students be it in a job search or college acceptance or just learning more about ourselves.

Though the answer for the Omaha Public School district may not be required community service, something needs to be done to get OPS students more involved.

Because of the nature of our lives, this type of activity needs more solicitation. Students need to be more aware of service events that they can participate in.

One way to involve more students would be to institute a community service requirement for seniors wanting to graduate with honors. At Central, graduating with honors is done through the National Honor Society. Though some community service is required to be accepted into the organization, not enough is done to ensure that the students keep giving their time and energy to the community.

"We all complain that the government has too big of a part in our lives. If people don't step in and volunteer, then the government will have to. We all have to pay the price one way or another," Winslow said. Young people want to help, they want to give. They just are not exactly sure how. Most are not confident enough in their abilities to do it alone, they need a push. Educators and organizations such as NHS, need to be the push that is lacking, especially in the OPS district.

Recruitment rules restrict junior high students in choice of high school

Maturity. Coming of age. It means making your own decisions and living with the consequences. One of the first major decisions people make is the choice of a high school. It is through this decision-making process that a student's future life is shaped.

Currently, high schools determine the options of junior high students by focusing on achieving the best possible racial balance. For example, since the residential area which feeds students into Burke High is predominantly white and the residential area for Central High is predominantly minority races, students who live in these areas have either high school as options.

While this system helps to diversify the high schools, it also restricts the options of many students. Many are not able to attend the school of their choice. This limited recruitment restricts eighth grade students and often keeps them ignorant to their best option.

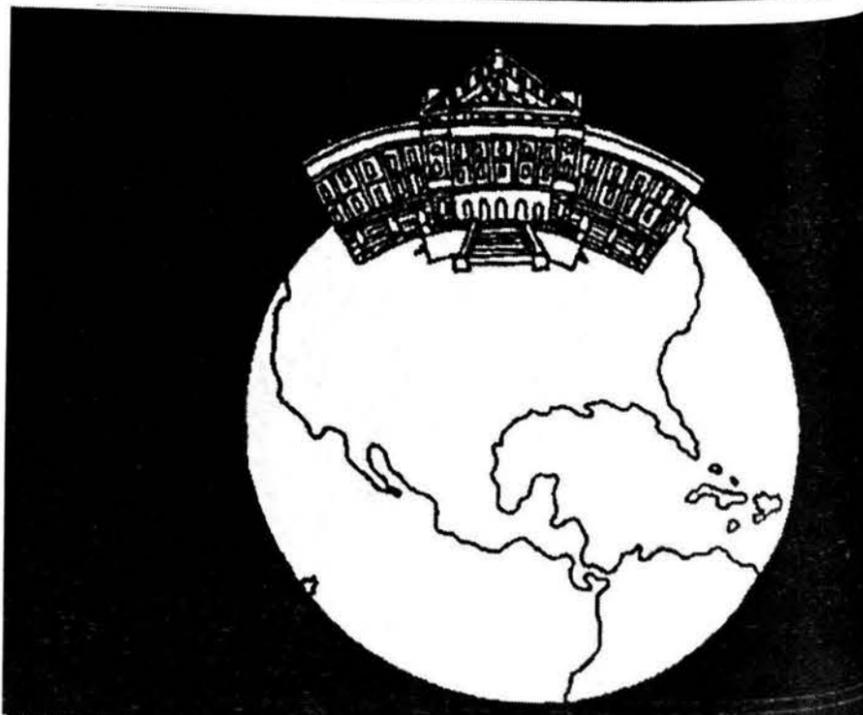
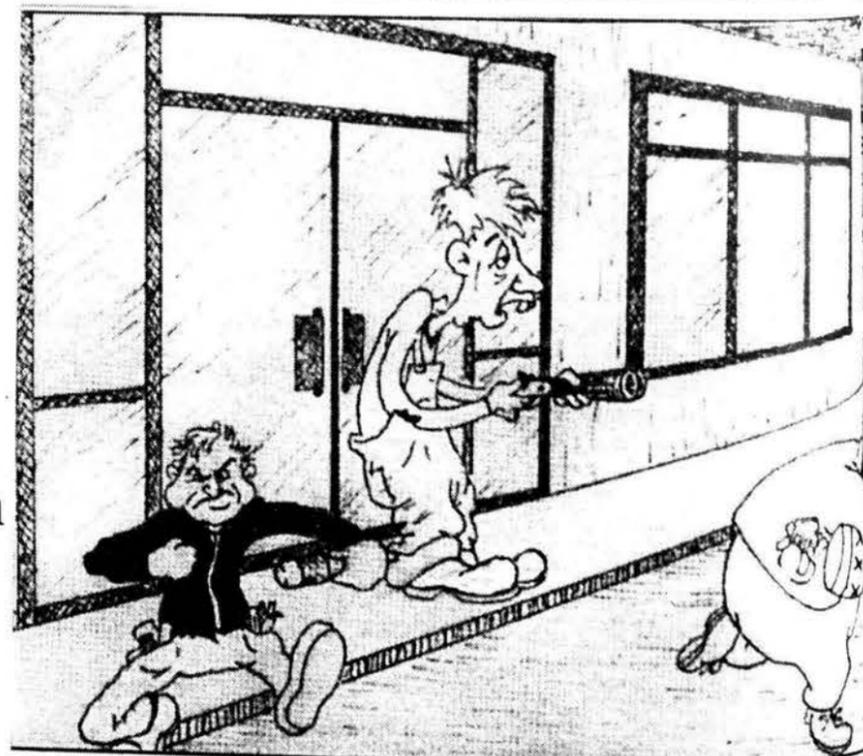
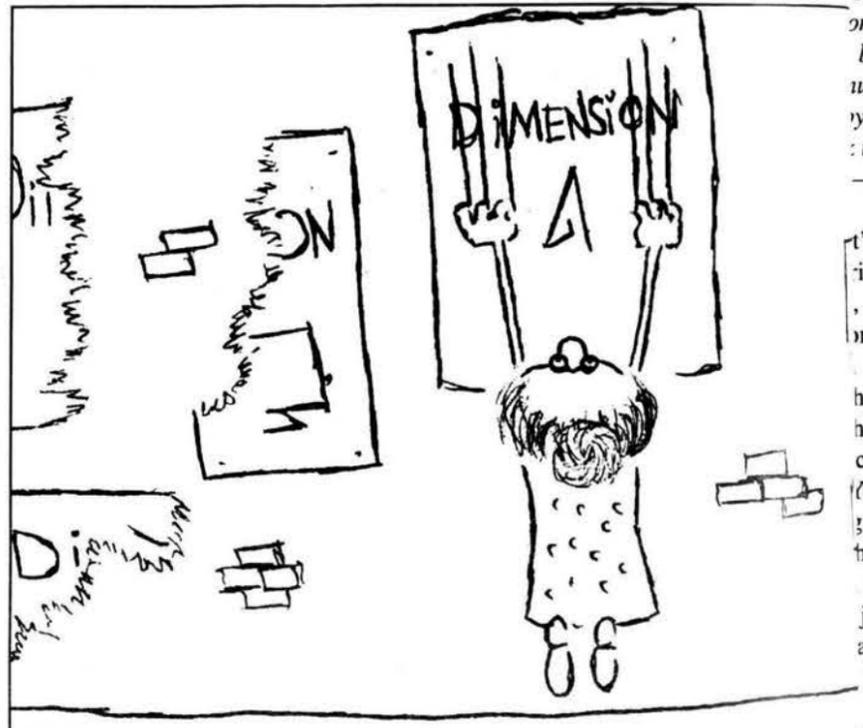
If the Omaha Public School system truly wants to develop their students, they will give equal opportunity by allowing open recruitment. It is only through this method that students can take responsibility for themselves and learn from this important experience.

According to Dr. Gary Bennett, assistant superintendent of OPS, the system is moving toward open recruitment, and option which will probably be discussed in a committee in the spring. OPS should instigate open recruitment so that students can make the best choice possible.

Students are ready to make this decision without barriers set up by the school system. Please allow them this freedom.

★ Best of Editorial Cartoons!

In the spirit of the Oscars, we would like to present the best two editorial cartoons of the year, along with a new cartoon from Meagan Cody.



CENTRAL'S NEW BOUNDARIES

"...Long Ago and Far Away..."

by T.S. Buntle



boy can be 'Christianized' and 'Americanized' for his own good, of course.

But that child ends up doing more slave labor working crops than he ends up spending time in a classroom. The parents were never notified that their child was taken. Instead, they are left to wonder the fate of their child. But that's the 1800's right? Wrong, try 1950.

Okay, how about this one. A man starts walking home from a bar. Following that man is a truck full of other men.

They do not know the first man, but they approach him nonetheless with hate in their eyes. They corner him and jump out of the truck with bats and crowbars in hand, slinging forth derogatory terms and insults.

Okay, so maybe this isn't an everyday incident, but it does occur none the less. Hate crimes are once again on the rise and they are one of the many forms of discrimination still found in our society.

This reoccurring theme throughout American history often leaves me wondering whether or not we really do want equality.

On one hand we have programs like affirmative action, which according to the American Heritage Dictionary, "seeks to redress past discrimination through active measures as to ensure equal opportunity, as in education and employment."

But the discrimination it fights no longer exists. It has given way to new forms of discrimination.

There never will be equality as long as programs such as affirmative action, and movements such as feminism seek to grant special privileges for one group and not the other.

By favoring one group, you are discriminating against the other. But many people feel that the only way to reach equality is to give power to the minority and hinder the majority.

If we still categorize people, if we still see them as being African-American or Caucasian, male or female, then we are missing out on who that person really is.

But this is not the only blatant form of discrimination evident. Homosexuals are not allowed in the military and don't have the right to marry.

This is the theory that you have the right to believe what you want, just not practice it. I can understand that if one was to believe in say, human sacrifice.

By practicing sacrifice you are depriving a human being of his right to live.

But what does one's choice of homosexuality as a lifestyle have to do with you or anyone else for that matter? How are you hurt? What right are you being deprived of?

It is time to make a decision, right here, right now. If we really do value freedom and equality then we can't go half way. Either we truly grant every individual rights, or we don't.

People tell me that they can't stand up for gay rights because they aren't gay.

So then I can't stand up for African-American rights because I'm not African-American?

If we only stand up for our own, then we truly stand up alone.

I used to think discrimination was a thing of the past. If only it truly was buried deep in the past, long ago and oh so far away...

Letters to the editor

Send all letters of opinion to room 315 or look for the box on the two side in the courtyard. It is the policy of *The Register* not to print unsigned letters. *The Register* reserves the right to edit letters based on length or appropriateness.

'Boys got all the recognition'

Dear editor,

I have been on Central's track team for the last three years. Everytime the newspaper comes out there is always something about the boys and nothing about the girls. The girls have accomplished just as much as the boys track team.

When I was in the tenth grade, I won sixth place at state in the 110 high hurdles, and I and another person were the only girls to make it to state for Central. But, that next year when the paper came out and talked about track, it only said something about the boys who made it to and placed in state. I was kind of angry, but I did not pay much attention to it.

Then my junior year, I made it to state again in three different events. We did not place for our 4 x 100 team, but I was third in the 110 high hurdles and 100 meter dash. Also, in this same year a few more girls from Central made it to state. There was no mention of us in the paper, but the boys got all the recognition. By this time I am really angry because the school always puts boys sports before the girls.

I am sick of always just seeing that boys sports are important and girls sports are just a game. When you award one person and not the other for doing the same thing, that is just not right. I am writing on behalf of all girls sports. We put work in too, just like the guys, but we are always looked at as just some girls.

Dunina Brown, senior

'Many major errors in the item'

Dear editor,

After reading the last issue of *The Register*, I must inform you of many major errors in the item about Creighton's Physics Field Day by Mark Eyman. First, "Chalk Talk," one of the events at Field Day, is not an activity in which students talk on random topics, the topic this year was previously chosen by Creighton. Also, teachers do not compete in impromptu discussions, as Mark Eyman stated.

Most importantly, Central has NEVER lost the car pull race to North High School. I understand that the lack of time restricted the writer from commenting on the trophies and awards that Central won at Creighton, but that does not excuse the lack of research and writing ability on what was written.

Please give more credit to the excellent success that Central Physics students had at Creighton's Field Day, while, also, correct the errors in future articles.

Jennifer Lee, junior

'Supposed to represent each team'

Dear editor,

Thank you so much for your support of the Lady Eagles soccer team. Oh, wait. There was nothing in the paper about Lady's Soccer. My fault, I thought since you were doing a spring preview that maybe we should be in there, but I guess we're not worthy of your space in the paper. I have had problems like this before in previous years. I thought the problem was solved. Who are you to say what is more important to go in the paper?

You are supposed to represent each team equally no matter what their record is or who their coach is. We are the only spring sport not covered. Can you tell me why? I hope to see this problem solved in the future, and please let's not have a repeat of what happened last year about Lady Eagles soccer. Not only was that rude, but not fair to our team.

Nadia Blazeovich, senior

In the February issue of the Register, security guard Mike McWhorter's name was misspelled. *The Register* apologizes for the error.

"In Germany they first came for communists and I didn't speak because I wasn't a communist... Then they came for me by that time no one was left to pick up."

— Pastor Martin Niemoller

It's 1954 and you're a African-American student living in Little Rock, Arkansas. It's election time, once again your father heads to the polls hoping that this he'll beat the system, that this he'll pass all those stupid tests actually get to vote.

You're sitting in the kitchen, trying to do some homework, wishing that you had a textbook you could take home to help you. But, there just aren't enough funds for a African-American school to receive more than one old, beat-up set per class.

You sit and listen on the radio as Governor Faubus declares that no matter what the Supreme Court says, he will never allow any colored children in an all white school.'

But that's 1954 right? How about this. A Native-American boy is on the tall grass of Oklahoma. All of a sudden, someone kidnaps that child and takes them to a special school so that uncivilized

The Register
 Heart of Downtown Omaha
 Volume 100 Number 1
 Monday, April 5, 1998

Editorial Board
 Editor: Sarah Pugh
 Managing Editor: Carrie Parrott
 News Editor: Shadi Bashir
 Sports Editor: Hannah Rennard
 Features Editor: Colleen Cleary
 Opinion Editor: Erin Beal
 Photo Editor: Caroline Foley
 Web Editor: Nick Steadler
 Entertainment Editors: Rachel Jacobson, Jen Houlden, Valerie Newhouse, Laura Richards, Angela Parks, Cory Olson, Stacy Cody, Rebecca Hammond, Josh Cohen, Les Anich, T. J. Brumfield, Mark Eyman, Kate King, Lea Platz, Beth Katz, Thomas Parks, Andrew Binkley, Lei Brown, Luke Atkinson, Morgan du Liege, Rachel Slosburg, M. Deabler

CENTRAL STANDARDS

Would you rather have OPS end first semester before or after winter break?

After - 8%
 Undecided - 6%

168 Students Polled

News in Brief

Bloodmobile visits Central

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile visited Central on Wednesday, March 13. Student Council sponsored the blood drive, which lasted the whole school day.

Judy Storm, Student Council sponsor, said 44 students donated blood during the drive.

"It was very successful," Storm said. "We met our goal and we're going to try and increase the number of donors for the drives next fall and next spring."

Beth Chapman of the American Red Cross' blood services said there is great need for blood donations every day of the year.

"We need to collect 420 units a day to meet our regional needs," Chapman said.

Patrice Turbes, junior, gave blood for the first time during the blood drive.

"I was actually nervous, but it was a good experience," Patrice said. "The people were really friendly and made you feel welcome. I'll definitely give blood again."

The process of giving blood takes approximately one hour. Students are required to fill out a questionnaire about their health history before the pint of their blood can be taken.

Spring break in Spain for students

Some students who take Spanish at Central High School will be going on a trip to Spain with Vicki Anderson, foreign language teacher, over Spring Break, April 8 - 14.

John Anzalone junior said, "We will be traveling through Spain, sightseeing mostly."

The group plans to stop at major cities including Barcelona and Madrid in Spain. The students will get to view the beaches and the mountains in Spain.

Also, the group will have the opportunity to go to mass on Easter.

"The flight will be 24 hours with stops in Chicago and New York," John said.

NHS members selected

Over 110 juniors and seniors have been selected for the National Honor Society. The students were selected based on leadership skills, character, and service.

The three sponsors were Jack Blanke and John Waterman.

"At least three teacher recommendations were needed," Faye Johnson, one of the sponsors, said.

The students selected will be inducted into the National Honor Society during a banquet on Sunday, April 28, 1996 at the Scouler Grain Building.

Registration policies change with coming

By Lea Platz

As the end of the 95-96 school year draws to an end, students returning in the fall have discovered changes in the registration procedures and requirements.

In the past, students were pulled from study halls. But this year, next year's sophomores, juniors and seniors were taken out of their math class.

Central obtained the idea from South High school.

"Not all students take a study hall, and those who do have often signed out before the call for the student to go down to the counseling center has arrived," Sharon Cipperley, guidance counselor, said.

Judy Maniscalco, guidance counselor, said that she did not feel as if the registering counselors were getting a consistent response.

In order to expand the contact with students, it was decided that with the permission of Paul Semrad, administrator, Gary Thompson, principal, and John Waterman, math

department head, this year a different class would be used. The class that most students were required to be in would be used.

I think I am entitled to a study hall because of my workload.
--Kara Spoonhour, sophomore

Of the three classes most students are enrolled in, English and social studies are both already used on occasion for visits by the guidance counselors.

This leaves math as the class

most students have that is not already preserved for some interruption.

But some students said they feel that the math class was not the class to deem a registration period.

"They should be doing this in a different way because some students do not take math," Katie Glover, junior, said after sending down what she felt were too many slips inquiring about her registration.

Other non-math taking students did not find it to be too problem inducing.

"I sent a slip down first period, and got called down by tenth," Cameron May, junior, said.

The other of the changes in registration involves the number of classes that students must carry for the next school

year.

Last year, seniors were required to take five classes. But as of the 96-97 school year, seniors will be taking a minimum of six classes.

The number of classes that

freshmen, sophomore students are required to be increased. For the number of classes will now

Some students are displeased by the modification of classes, largely interfered with their study halls.

"Everyone always says your junior year is the I think I am entitled to a study hall because of my workload," Spoonhour, sophomore

This administration also upset sophomore students who feels that the change in her studying time.

Cipperley said that she lies in two major areas

students with two study halls have any homework which defeats the purpose of having homework, or the time constructive

"If we are here to prepare for college, we should be using their time," Cipperley

Cipperley felt that the changes were made to benefit the student body, not small groups

At the end of the year, changes will be evaluated and it will be determined if the program will be repeated.

High school changes to block scheduling

By Rachel Slosburg

North High School has changed its daily curriculum for the 96-97 school year. Students attending North next fall will begin a form of block scheduling which divides a normal eight period day in two separate school days.

Starting this fall, students at North will have four ninety-minute periods per day with six minute passing periods between classes.

Currently, students at North have eight periods in one day. Each lasts 46 minutes with four minute passing periods in between classes.

Students are still given a total of eight class periods, but only four of the eight registered classes are visited by the student each day. This form of block scheduling is called alternate day block scheduling.

Alternate day block scheduling uses a system of "A" and "B" days. For example, a student will go to four of his classes on an "A" day. The following day would be a "B" day with four different classes. The cycle would then repeat with the start of another "A" day.

According to Gerry Huber, the student support teacher at North, the idea for alternate day block scheduling originated at a parent advisory meeting.

Huber said that Thomas Harvey, principal of North, and other North teachers, researched schools in San Antonio, Texas, comparable in size, which used the system of alternate day scheduling and have been successful.

Huber said the system of alternate day block scheduling has several advantages.

"The alternate day block scheduling limits the number of transitions students make during a regular school day," Huber said. "In a

typical school day, by the time the teacher takes attendance and the class begins instruction, the bell rings. In the block scheduling format, the teacher has more time to provide the students with individual instruction and concentrate on the material."

Huber also said the system of alternating block scheduling relieves the number of preparations for both the students and teachers each day because the class has a full day to work before it meets again.

Although in the block scheduling system the students have class for double the amount of a regular class time, Huber said the content and assignments won't necessarily be equivalent for two class periods.

"Teachers will have to be more selective with their material, but the students will not miss out on content," Huber said. "The lesson plans from last year will have to be revised or incorporated with new approaches and teaching strategies because of the longer class period and more time to spend on each individual area," she said.

The faculty, students and parents are all very supportive of the change at North, Huber said. After a student committee was formed, the whole student body was formally introduced to the new schedule format by the people who orga-

nized the program, including Huber, visiting the homeroom and discussing the change.

Huber said in-coming freshmen learned about the block scheduling at North's open house in January.

"Everyone seems very excited and positive. After we explained the block scheduling to the students they were a lot less apprehensive," Huber said.

Math teacher Carla Bissell is also supportive of the change to block scheduling.

Bissell pointed out that frequently less time is spent on the textbook, but more time on concepts.

"The textbook is the path of a class and of block scheduling. A textbook is based on the development of a skill; concepts 1.2 and 1.3 does not mean the student understands mathematical concepts."

Sophomores McGregor and Dan

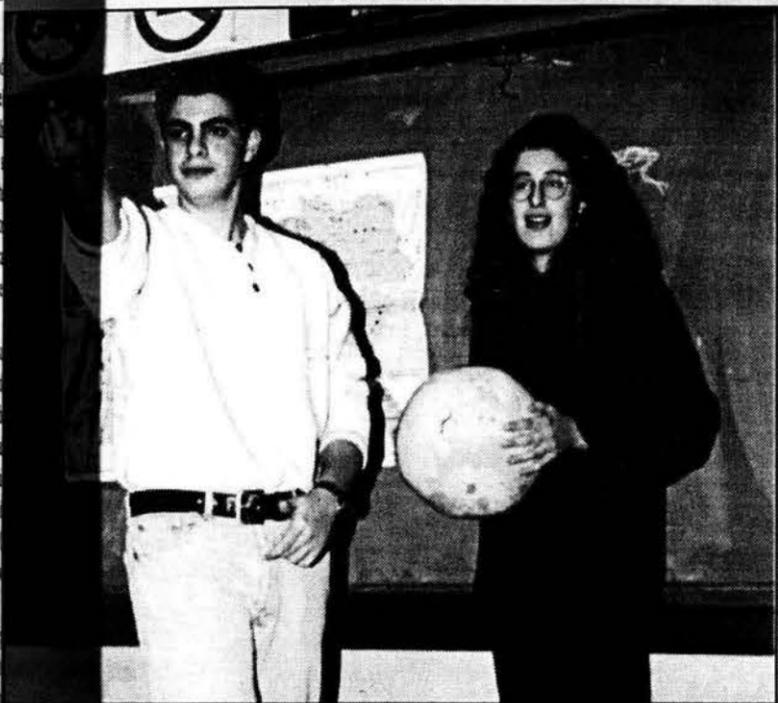
Sample Schedules	
Joe Abercombie at North	Joe Abercombie at Central
<p>"A" Day (class periods 90 minutes each)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> History Algebra P.E. French 	<p>Everyday (class periods 40 minutes each)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Algebra Art English P.E. 6. History Lunch Journalism Chemistry French
<p>"B" Day (class periods 90 minutes each)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> English Chemistry Art Journalism 	

"In math, I think that the longer class periods will give us a chance to expand topics more than we do now," she said. "As a result of the block scheduling, I think team teaching, a greater use of technology and exploring different ways to teach concepts may truly happen in the near future."

to, but the overall idea of block scheduling will be beneficial to the school.

"It will be strange for people in my class on other days, but if the teachers adapt to the change, the program will be successful," said.

Exchanging ideas



LeI Brown

By LeI Brown

United States and Israeli teenagers met one on one for a unique program and special opportunities. Israeli students Nadav Boiman and Shani Hockberg visited Central High School Tuesday, March 19.

The Anti-Defamation League/Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Federation of Omaha hosted the two Israeli youth delegates. Arrangements for their week long stay in Omaha were coordinated by the Consulate General of Israel office in Chicago, Ill. and the ADL/CRC office in Omaha. Central students Jason Hoberman volunteered to house the students for the week.

Nadav and Shani presented an educational-cultural program to educate American students about Israeli students' lifestyles.

"Students were asked to participate in the program," Nadav said. "We try to get the students involved in the presentation in order to make it both interesting and effective."

Both said they enjoyed the opportunity to share their culture with American students and hoped that better understanding between Israel and the United States would result from their visit.

Central recognizes soldiers' sacrifice

By Rebecca Hammond

A new memorial will be built to recognize Central students who served and died in Vietnam.

Retired English teacher John Keenan decided something should be done to recognize those who participated in Vietnam because of one particular student.

"I got involved because of a student named James Fous," Keenan said. "He earned a Congressional medal of honor in Vietnam and there is nothing at Central to even suggest that he went to school here. That's a disgrace."

While serving in Vietnam, Fous saved three people's lives by throwing himself on top of a grenade, Keenan said. He received a Congressional Medal of Honor, a Bronze Star and a Purple Heart for his service in the war.

Fous graduated in 1964. After graduation he attended the University of Nebraska at Omaha. According to Keenan, he had been in the army for a total of seven months but died three weeks after arriving in Vietnam.

"There is nothing at

Central to honor those who served in Vietnam or Korea," said Sharon Cipperley, guidance counselor. "I believe when you give your life to your country, you deserve some recognition."

Crossman said the memorial will be made of beige granite and will have the names, graduating pictures and biographies of each of the ten students who were killed on inlays of black granite.

The materials used to build the memorial were donated by former Central student Jack Kidwiler. Kidwiler donated the materials after hearing about the memorial at his 30 year class reunion, Crossman said. Kidwiler is a businessman in California.

A dedication ceremony for the memorial will be held on the day before Veteran's Day, Nov. 10, 1996.

"The hardest part of the project is getting a hold of relatives because some have moved out of town, changed names or passed away," Keenan said.

The committee and Central High principal Dr. Gary Thompson are looking into naming the football field after Fous, Crossman said.

News in Brief

NHS members inducted

Over 110 juniors and seniors were selected for the National Honor Society. The students were selected based on leadership skills, character and service.

The three sponsors were Jack Blanke, John Waterman and Faye Johnson.

"At least three teacher recommendations were needed," Johnson, guidance counselor, said.

The students selected will be inducted into the National Honor Society during a banquet on Sunday, April 28, at the Scouler Grain Building.

Earth Day at Elmwood

The Sierra Club's Earth Day Committee has organized a fair at Elmwood Park for Sunday, April 21.

From 1-8 p.m. adults and children can participate and enjoy the hundreds of booths that will be set up.

Bands and speakers with environmental messages will donate their time throughout the day. The speakers are from the midwest and Washington D.C.

The Sierra club will also be holding a run/walk on Earth Day at Chalco Hills. This event starts at 9 a.m. The run is 6 kilometers and the walk 1 kilometer. The entry fee is \$15.

Central teacher wins scholarship

Daryl Bayer, foreign language department head, was awarded the Lingo Fun/International Software "Tech Scholarship." This scholarship awards \$300 to be used towards any conference, seminar or workshop concerning computer technology in foreign language classrooms.

Scholastic art awards held

Central students Christine McCollum, Cassandra Koziol, Michelle White, Erica Longe, Dominic Holmes, Andrew Binkley, Emily Meyer and Lindsey Meyer all received gold keys at the Nebraska Scholastic Art Awards Competition. Andrew Binkley, Dominic Holmes, Kristina Detwiller, Gabe Henry and Joe Lupo won silver keys. Kristine Backman, Erin Onkka, Kara Spoonhour, Ken Stuart, Sarah Dewitt, Roland White, Anne Huston and Sarah Pugh won honorable mentions. Andrew Binkley, Roland White and Kristine Backman all had portfolios sent to the national competition in New York.

Counselors aid grieving students

Carrie Parrott

Central's guidance department offers support groups for students dealing with grief, loss and bereavement.

"There are so many things going on in teenagers lives today that interfere with getting the best education possible," Sharon Crawford, personal/social counselor said. "This is something that meets students' needs really well."

Central's grief and loss group has five members last semester in a seven week session, and a second semester group will be formed in a few weeks. The intent of the group is to familiarize students with the grief process, to help students cope with personal feelings and to give them a forum which allows them to talk and work through the grieving process.

"Knowing that your feelings are normal is important in dealing with loss," Kerry Timm, personal/social counselor, said. "Sometimes the groups are easier for students than going to a counselor."

"You're learning from your peers how they handle it [grief]," Crawford said.

Before the group was formed, Crawford and Timm put announcements in the circular and in Central's newsletter so students,



LeI Brown

Grief Wreath: the grief and loss group tie ribbons on this wreath in memory of those lost.

teachers and parents would be aware of it. Teachers referred students they thought would benefit from the group to Timm and Crawford, and the two counselors spoke to the students one-on-one to inform them of what the group would be like.

"Participation in the group is

voluntary," Timm said.

"It's important for people to know that these types of groups are not 'group therapy,'" Crawford said. "It's more along the lines of an educational support group."

Before the group meets for a session, Crawford and Timm make an outline of what the group will talk about.

"If you walk in with a road map, you'll get where you want to go," Crawford said.

"There are several curriculums for groups we use, plus some of our own ideas when we work with the groups," Timm said. "We set several goals for the students."

Timm said that in the next group, students from the last session will help students in the new grief and loss group.

Crawford said that students from last semester's group meet once a month to check up on each other's progress.

"We're going to offer more groups next year depending on what needs students have," Timm said.

Ask for the Central High Special



Ray Gain
FLORIST

FREE ROSE
with the purchase of any corsage or boutonniere

5 minimum purchase valid if order is placed prior to Tuesday April 16, 1996

4224 Leavenworth 551-0658

MAKE YOUR PROM NIGHT SPECIAL

LA STRADA 72
BAR E CAFE ITALIANO

3125 South 72nd St. • 397-8389

Reservations Please

FYI

Uniforms investigated

By T.J. Brumfield

Will mandatory uniforms become a reality for Omaha Public Schools? Carolyn Grice, President of the Omaha Educational Association, or OEA, said there's no way to tell at this point.

Currently the school district is studying the pros, the cons and the possible reactions to a uniform policy.

Grice said that the policy would be aimed more toward elementary schools, not high schools.

If a policy was adopted, she said, its goal would be simply to reduce youth violence.

According to the original OEA memo announcing the study, the policy would allow individual schools to decide whether or not they would require uniforms.

She said that members of the OEA discussed the issue after noticing other school districts moving toward uniforms.

The Board of Education then set up a committee to head a study.

They visited other districts, asked them why they went to a uniform policy and what they felt about it.

They also talked to Parent Teacher Association groups and elementary school principals.

Grice said she feels that some of the major pros would be fewer fights over clothing, less attention paid to clothes and a change in attitude.

She said if students aren't worrying about their appearance, then they can concentrate on school.

The attitude change she said would come from students who no longer felt they weren't dressed as well as other students.

Some of the cons would be the need for individuality, the difficulty in reaching a consensus of what the uniform should be and the trouble in gaining total support from parents, teachers and students.

Grice said another concern is the feasibility of adding the uniforms.

She said the district is looking into possible provisions for families who wouldn't want to participate or couldn't afford to purchase uniforms.

But there is no way to determine the individual cost until you decide upon a specific uniform she said.

The uniform could be anything from dark slacks and a white top to suits and skirts.

Advisory boards give students a voice Principal and students work to benefit school

By Morgane du Liege

Willing to give the students the opportunity to express their own opinions and desires, Doctor Thompson, principal, created the Student Advisory Committee and invited students in the four grades to apply for it.

He used to do this when he was principal at Lewis and Clark Junior High School and was very pleased with the pupils' involvement.

About 160 students returned their application form, which surprised Thompson. However, he included them all in the advisory board.

"I didn't want to say no to anybody but I think that smaller groups can be more comfortable," he said.

However, he said he has been extremely pleased overall and he hopes to keep the same people next year.

The meetings have been

scheduled according to the students' concerns.

Thompson said it was fairly easy since a lot of people chose the same topics.

His goal is to solve problems with students' input.

The students have showed a lot of involvement and support.

Dana Whitmarsh, senior, said it allows students to get out frustration they have about school and activities.

As far as

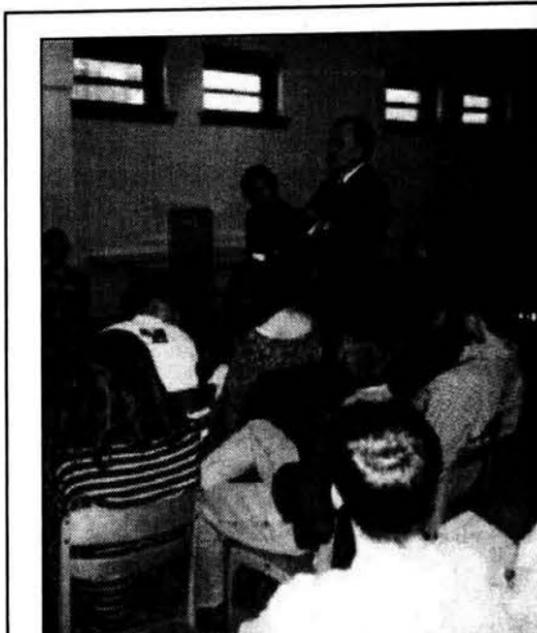
changes are concerned, Thompson is expecting many

he's aware that seniors this

year won't probably see them.

His main concern is to involve students more in things that the administration does.

"This year, NHS students will organize the annual banquet, and Senior Class Officers have an important role in the Graduation Ceremony," he said.



Principal Gary Thompson listens to student's advice.

Lel Brown

Businesses pitch in to save environment

By Carrie Parrott

Local businesses are becoming increasingly more environmentally aware and introducing new lines of recycled products to consumers.

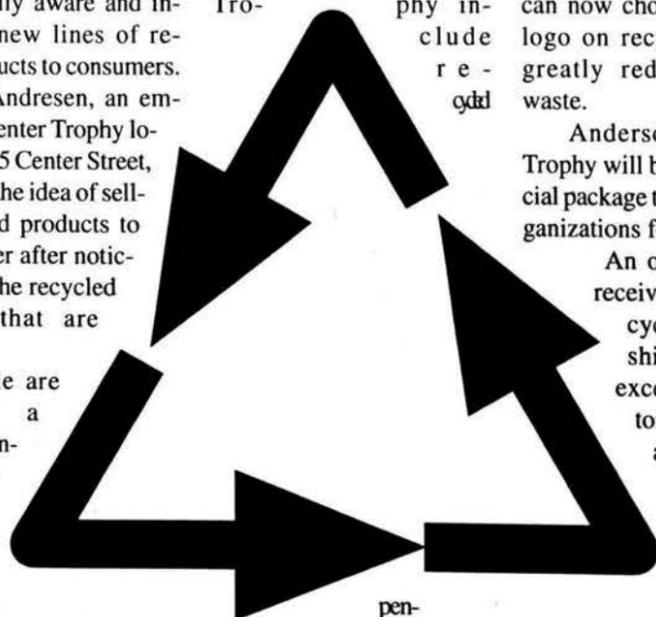
Lane Andresen, an employee of Center Trophy located at 5435 Center Street, introduced the idea of selling recycled products to his employer after noticing "all of the recycled products that are available."

"People are becoming a little more environmentally aware," Anderson said.

"There are a lot of products made from recycled material that can be made more avail-

able to the public."

New products offered in bulk by Center Trophy include recycled



pens, mugs, shoes, briefcases and backpacks.

Anderson said that if a school or business wants its logo printed on a product, it can now choose to print the logo on recycled material, greatly reducing landfill waste.

Anderson said Center Trophy will be offering a special package to schools and organizations for Earth Day.

An organization can receive 100 percent recycled cotton tee-shirts, made from excess milling cotton, with one color and a free screen for \$12 per shirt.

Anderson said recycled products do not cost much more than the other products they offer. For example, he said a

pair of hiking boots made from recycled tires and cotton from the company Deja Shoe would cost \$69-\$79, while a pair of Nike hiking boots would probably cost significantly more.

Another local store offering recycled products is Hempfield's, located at 1211 O Street in downtown Lincoln.

Jennifer Edwards, a Hempfield's employee, said that the store is "offering the products to provide access to environmentally responsible products."

Among the recycled products at Hempfield's are tee-shirts, backpacks, pens and pencils.

Edwards said there is "not a large difference" between the prices of recycled and new merchandise.

SIMPLY FLOWERS
AT THE CENTER
42nd & CENTER • OMAHA NE 68105

RECEIVE 10% OFF
PROM CORSAGE OR BOUTONNIERE
WITH MENTION OF THIS AD

open evenings and weekends

MID-CITY JEWELRY
SAVE \$\$\$ ON

Musical Instruments - Luggage - Gold
Diamonds - Stereos - TVs - VCRs

321 North 16th Street 341-5466

Imperial Palace
RESTAURANT & LOUNGE

"Experience authentic Chinese dishes in our Spectacular New Palace"

皇宮

Lunch Mon - Fri
Dinner 7 Days A Week
Sunday Lunch from 12 Noon

Private Party & Banquet Rooms
Reservations & Carry Out



112th & Davenport • Old Mill South, Omaha
330-3888 "Omaha's Best Oriental Restaurant"



Staff eats, takes breaks, lounges in secrecy

Stacey Cody
Ever wonder exactly what goes on behind those closed doors marked teacher's lounge?

"I think they're plotting destruction and doom," Al Meigs, freshman, said. "Probably contemplating the effects nuclear physics will have over life as humans know it," Jeff Baxter, senior, said.

"I'd rather not say," Lynn Keel, junior, said.

All of these answers, though not impossible, are incorrect. When it comes right down to it, these teachers are doing nothing more than students do during an average lunch period. Eating lunch.

There are two rooms in the halls of Central High that teachers claim as off limits to students.

Room 13E, off the courtyard, and room 134. There, faculty can enjoy a quiet and relaxing atmosphere with all the modern conveniences of home (microwave, refrigerator) and extra bonuses as well as a machine, comfortable

furniture).

"I just like to eat lunch here," Judy Maniscalco, counselor, said. "It's a place I

"friends" usually spend time in 13E, the one time smoking lounge. Here, they con-

is laid out to satisfy their appetites.

On the wall to the right,

gloominess.

"Don't take pictures of that," Paul Semrad, adminis-

don't need to know about that."

But he is unable to prevent the photographers quick trigger finger, and a picture is taken of a snapshot of James Rawlings, psychology teacher, sitting in a lawn chair with the words, "The Great Poom-Bah" taped underneath it. Exactly what is the meaning of all this? And why are the teachers segregated?

According to Jurgen Shawver, English teacher and 13E groupie, 13E was the smoking lounge before the OPS non-smoking law was passed. Teachers sustained their preference not to be segregated, but through habit.

"We just like this room better," Shawver said.

Math teacher Jim Harrington visits 134 for the same reasons.

"I'm not a smoker, I've never been a smoker, and (13E) was at one point the smoking lounge. I just go to 134 out of habit."

As for the private jokes, they will remain private as long as the reigning monarchs of 13E still rule.



Renee Proskel (right), Special education teacher, entertains Special education teacher **Tim Shipman** (left) and Spanish teacher **Kat Piper** (center), in room 13E.

can go to get away from students and relax a little."

Maniscalco and other

gregate at a large round table in the center of the room, where an impressive spread

a large billboard displayed with funny pictures and private jokes decorates the

trator and frequent visitor to 13E, exclaims. "That's private business. The students

Computers propel students into world of business

Lea Platz
As the 1990's race begins, some students, who wish to keep pace with technology, enroll in the marketing and computer courses that Central has to offer.

However, to Craig Er, senior, and Charlie Carlin, freshman, that is the beginning. These Central students have started their own separate businesses in the area of computers.

Fuller started installing and personalizing computers last fall. He said it was until this year that things started to take shape. Er also said that it will really start to prosper. "I build systems for

high school students," Fuller said. He has ten computer installations lined up already for this summer for students going off to college. And since he also will be attending college in the fall, he said he would be scaling his business down.

The items that Fuller typically assembles are IBM compatible modems, mother boards, hard drives, monitors, CD Roms and software.

"When ordering the parts for the computers, pretty much each part comes from a different distributor," Fuller said.

Initially he had to establish relationships with

these distributors. Fuller is connected with such mail

has not caused conflict with school. "I am able to set my own hours," Carlin said.

Carlin started his business last spring with a Westside friend. He said he does most of his work over the holidays like spring break, Christmas and of course, the summer.

Like Fuller, Carlin installs modems, hard drives and custom builds systems. However, his true area of expertise is in tutoring people who he said feel threatened to take a class on how to use their computers.

I am able to set my own hours.
-- **Charlie Carlin, freshman**

order services such as "Edge." Fuller said that most of the work that he does is done on the weekends and does not interfere with school work.

Carlin agreed that having created a business

"Going to the clients' homes, I offer convenience and a laid-back environment," Carlin said.

Carlin feels that computers and people with a knowledge for them are in high demand, and people are willing to pay for their expertise.

"I have worked to find my niche. This is where I can break into the market. Big companies can't offer tutorials," Carlin said.

Carlin also deals with IBM compatible equipment. Carlin explained that Macintosh has kept their codes secret and can't be dealt with. However, the PC market has been open.

Since both Fuller and Carlin have taken their skills and turned them into profit, taxes have become part of the picture.

"I have to file schedule C tax forms and collect

sales tax," Fuller said, "but it's not hard as long as you keep really good records."

Carlin said that it only gets bad if you do not stay on top of things. In fact, he said that learning how to fill out tax forms was kind of nice, because he would not have to worry about doing it later.

Carlin and Fuller were also in agreement that advertisement through word of mouth was sufficient.

"There isn't the capital to advertise in newspapers," Carlin said.

Fuller said that he did not want to go to people he did not know. "I want to start off small and see where it goes," Fuller said.

For Fuller and Carlin, their businesses have stemmed from something they enjoy. Fuller said he regards it as a hobby that has grown.

Earth Day Omaha Meetings

Every Wednesday at 7:00 P.M.
McFoster's Natural Kind Cafe
302 S. 38 Street (on Farnam Street)



Join us in organizing the annual Earth Day celebration on April 21 and help spread environmental awareness in Omaha!

Greek & American Foods
Catering for Special Occasions
Dine In - Carry Out

GREEK ISLANDS

Open Seven Days A Week
Happy Easter and Happy Passover

321 CENTER STREET 346-1528

Omaha's Best!

The Aquarium
A Unique Dining Experience...

Reservations 392-0777
Next to Embassy Hotel
1850 South 72nd
OPEN at 6p.m. Mon. Sat.

prime
415 South 11th • 341-7040

Afraid you might be pregnant?
554-1000

EPS Pregnancy Services

Free Pregnancy Test
Confidential Counseling

Open 6 Days a Week • Call for Office Hours

5001 Leavenworth
or
New North Omaha location:
1723 N. 33rd Street, Lower Level

STUDENT

Central student changes OPS policy

By Angela Parks

*Name of student has been changed to protect anonymity.

One student speaking out against harassment of sexual orientation two years ago helped in the decision by the Omaha Public School Board to allow for discipline of students who harass someone because of their sexual orientation.

"I got the ball rolling," *Mack, a Central student, said.

He did say that he wishes that "harsher penalties" would be given to students who harass students based on their sexual orientation.

The student code of conduct states that harassment of student, school employee, agent or official on the basis of the person's gender, sexual orientation, race, color, age, religion, natural origin, marital status or disability will face short-term suspension. A second offense by a student would result in a long-term suspension or reassignment. A third time means expulsion.

Law enforcement is contacted if

the harassment involved sexual assault, according to Dr. Doug Bahle, Director of Student Personnel Services of Omaha Public Schools.

"Schools are to provide a safe environment regardless of a student's sexual orientation, gender, race, age, marital status or disability," Bahle said.

For Mack two years ago, Central was not a safe environment. When Mack spoke to the school board in 1994, he told them how a student in his gym class wrote "homo" on the back of his shirt and how students started harassing him.

Mack was asked by a counselor of Parents, Friends of Lesbians and

Gays Support Group, which he had been attending at the time, to speak to the school board in hopes they would add sexual orientation to the harassment policy.

Mack was not alone at the meeting. Thirty people stood up when asked to show support for includ-

lems he has had this year were not as bad as the incident two years ago.

"It is very hard to enforce a policy on harassment, so students are harassed," *Liz, a Central student.

According to Paul Semrad, administrator, harassment overall has not been a major problem.

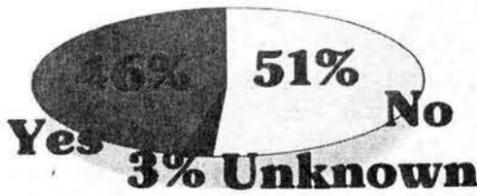
"Harassment is inexcusable and we have made that point clear this year," Semrad said.

No student this school year has been suspended for harassment. According to Paul Pennington, administrator, he had one student who received in school suspension and a parent conference for writing offensive language on a garbage-can about a student's sexual orientation.

Bahle said there was neither an increase or decrease in the amount of harassment cases this school year.

"I encourage any student that is being harassed for their sexual orientation to speak to a counselor or administrator," Mack said.

Do you feel that students are harassed about their sexual orientation at Central



ing sexual orientation under harassment in the student code of conduct according to Mack.

The amendment passed, on May 16, 1994, and took effect in the 94-95 school year.

Now a year-and-a-half after adding sexual orientation to the harassment policy, Mack said he feels that harassment of sexual orientation is rising. He said the prob-

lem he has had this year were not as bad as the incident two years ago.

State legislation for, against homosexuals

By Kate King

School clubs, marriage, adoption, jobs, occupational benefits and civil rights all differ according to one's sexuality in some states.

Some state and local laws exclude homosexuals. Colorado, Utah and eight other states all have had some type of representation of legal action against homosexuals. In comparison, Hawaii and four other states supported positive legislation for homosexuals. Each of these states faced different issues to face dealing with the rights of homosexuals.

In Colorado, an amendment to the state's constitution was ratified in Nov. 1995. Amendment Two of Colorado's Constitution states "no protected status based on homosexual, lesbian or bisexual orientation. Neither the State of Colorado...shall enact, adopt or enforce any statute, regulation, ordinance or policy whereby homosexual, lesbian or bisexual orientation, conduct, practices or relationships shall...be the basis of...discrimination." Bumper stickers supporting this amendment say "equal rights, not special rights."

The problem of the *Evans v. Romer* case is that special rights and equal rights are difficult to distinguish between, according to Jeffrey Rosen's article, "Disoriented" in *The New*

Republic. That means that the state government's efforts to protect homosexual people from both public and private discrimination would be nearly nonexistent. Equality in

Two would have is the state's refusal to legitimize homosexuality.

On Wed., March 27, the Vatican City in Rome con-

demned a ceremony in San Francisco which symbolically wed homosexual couples. The Vatican based its actions on Pope John Paul II's statement that the marriage of homosexuals causes "moral disorder"

In Hawaii, the legislation granting legal equality is opposite to Colorado's legislation. Ha-

waii has proposed bills to legalize domestic partnership through an amendment of Hawaii's state constitution.

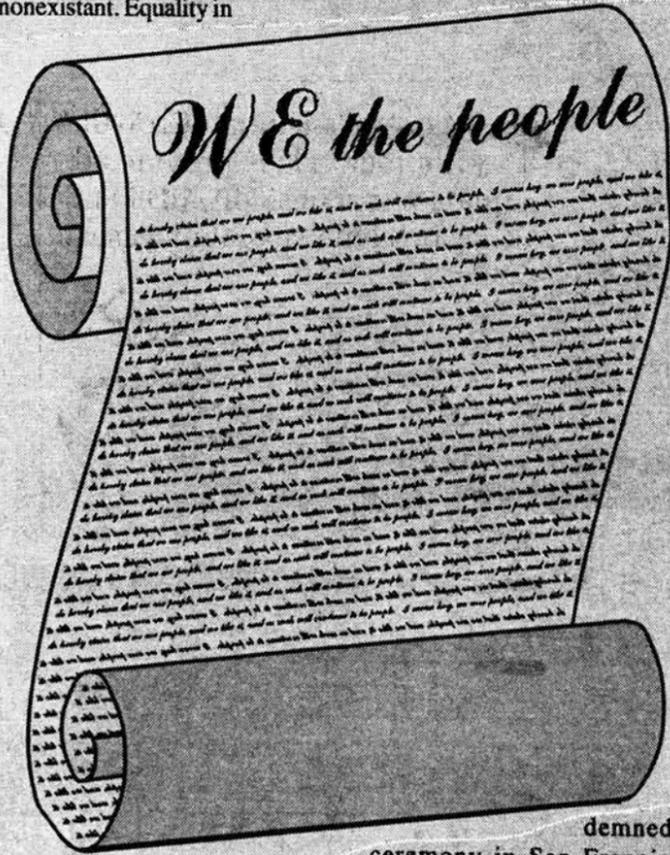
"Everything is at a standstill," said Les Tatenaka, a researcher for Hawaii's Speaker of the House. "The Senate has passed the bill to the House which includes domestic partnership and giving some benefits excluding marriage. There are many, many things going on, but nothing has passed. Neither house will budge."

At East High School, in Salt Lake City, a group of concerned citizens gathered to create a policy to equalize clubs in order to allow non-curricular clubs, such as a Bible study club, to form. After this policy was agreed upon, a group of students attempted to form a gay-straight-lesbian club.

"Legislature passed a law to not recognize the [gay-straight-lesbian] club, but the governor vetoed it," Carol Peterson, chief clerk for Utah's Speaker of the House, said.

Jaynes, a secretary at East High School, said that "no club that is not affiliated with a class" can be created.

"That happened about one month or so ago," Jaynes said. "A gay-straight-lesbian club tried to start, but it was a club that they didn't recognize. It was just something new and they didn't acknowledge it."



demned a ceremony in San Francisco which symbolically wed homosexual couples. The Vatican based its actions on Pope John Paul II's statement that the marriage of homosexuals causes "moral disorder"

In Hawaii, the legislation granting legal equality is opposite to Colorado's legislation. Ha-

Media news on sexualshi

By Laura Richards

Sexuality is portrayed in a variety of forms through the media. Not one television show or movie is the same with their stance on a person's sexuality.

"Media is a teacher. It teaches adults and especially children that relationships should be...," said the Chairmen of Omahans for Diversity.

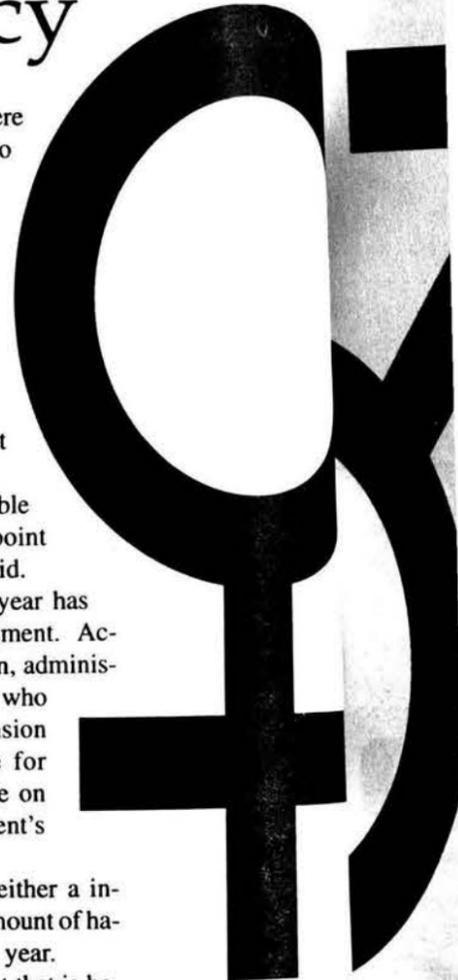
Americans need to see a more diverse image shown on television and screen, Kohls said.

Shereen Bingham, Assistant Professor of Communication at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, said she found through her research that the media mostly portrayed a reotypical image of men and women in relationships and roles, with few exceptions.

Bingham, through her research for her "Gender and Communications" course, said recently that reotypical roles of men and women are being expanded. It is not uncommon now to see a sensitive, assertive woman.

One of the exceptions Bingham may be referring to is one of the most popular watched television shows, "Friends." "Friends" tries to portray Ross' ex-wife as a lesbian life-style as normal, and it has been accepted into the group of her lesbian lover.

Ross is a little uncomfortable around the lesbian lovers.



Gay teen finds obstacles in school, family, future

By Valerie Newhouse

**David's name has been changed to protect his identity. He agreed to this interview to educate the students at Central about the diversity of the student body.*

Imagine being afraid to tell people who you really are. Being afraid to say something that might "give you away." Some students are unsure of how others will accept them. The difference these students have? Their sexual preference.

One Central junior knows how it feels.

Home Life

He told his mother on the way to school one day when he was 13 years old. According to *David, his mother was hysterical.

"She cried and blamed my

friends. Then she started blaming herself." David asked his mother to tell his father the news.

"My father said he already knew and rolled back to sleep."

David's two older sisters accepted the news. Since he told them, the three have become much closer.

Only David's grandmother does not know that he is gay.

School

David said that he has always been closer to girls than boys.

"Even when I was little, I had more female friends than male friends."

One of the reasons his mother was so upset was because he had so many more female friends. She thought they somehow "made me gay," David said. "She at least thought they somehow influenced me."

David said he has had few

problems with people at school making fun of him. Because David is so open with his sexual preference, people don't "discover" that he is gay, rather, he tells them he is.

One problem David encountered is the reaction of guys to him.

"A lot of guys thought if they hung out with me, they would become gay." Others "thought I would make a move on them or some people would think they were gay for being with me."

Relationships

David recently ended a relationship.

"He was still in the closet and was afraid of other people's reactions," David said.

David is interested in a serious, long-term relationship now, but he hasn't found anyone yet.

He might go to Hawaii to marry a partner sometime in the

future, when he has found someone he wants to spend the rest of his life with. Hawaii is currently one of the few states that will allow homosexual marriages, David said.

Government

David said he believes in the "Don't ask, don't tell" policy. It simply means don't ask someone their sexual preference and don't tell them yours.

David is active in the human rights campaign. He also has petitioned the president and Congress members to advocate gay rights.

He also is interested in educating the public about homosexuals.

"Too many people assume without facts," he said.

David also wants to clear up misconceptions about HIV and AIDS. "They're not just gay diseases."

Teens at risk for STDs, AIDS

By Angela Parks

With an increase in sex among teens in the 90s, Nebraska AIDS Project, or NAP, Educator Coordinator Larry Bierce is worried about teens contracting the HIV virus and other sexually transmitted diseases, or STDs.

"There are more teens contracting the HIV virus than in previous years," said Bierce. He also said that Nebraska follows the trend of big cities on number of AIDS cases.

Betty Schuler-Weingarten, human growth and development teacher, said teens take risks that could result in AIDS or other STDs.

The Nebraska AIDS Project is a nonprofit organization that started in 1984, after the first AIDS case showed up in Nebraska.

The Project provides community education and for people who have AIDS and community education.

The Nebraska AIDS Project tries to get rid of the misconception that "gays" are the only ones to get AIDS, according to Bierce. He said that the number of AIDS cases is increasing among sexually active women, blacks and Latinos.

Bierce said that the risk of HIV infection is increased by having multiple sexual partners, either homosexual or heterosexual.

AIDS is a defect in the immunity that fights against diseases. People with AIDS are vulnerable to serious illnesses because their immune system is not functioning normally to fight diseases.

"AIDS is the number one killer of 25-44 year olds in America," Bierce said. In Nebraska 25 percent of AIDS cases were among 20-29 years of age, according to Bierce.

He also said a vast majority of AIDS cases were contracted during the teen years of the 25 percent of AIDS cases among the 20-29 year olds because it takes 10 years for AIDS to be "full-blown."

An estimated total of 1,100,000 HIV cases reported in North America, according to the 1996 World Almanac. The total numbers of AIDS cases worldwide is estimated to be more than 4.5 million.

AIDS is not the only disease that causes devastation. Sexual transmitted diseases can lead to pelvic inflammatory disease, infertility and ectopic pregnancy, according to John Hopkins University Population Information Program.

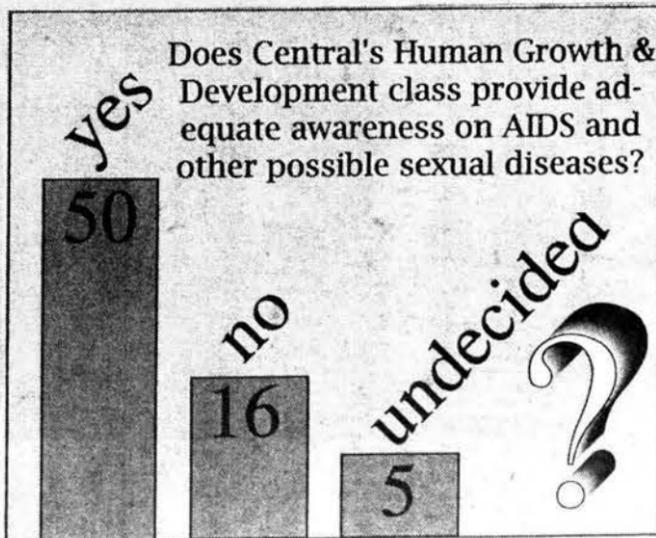
"Chlamydia is the most common STD in Douglas County," said Tim Tague, Disease Intervention Specialist for the Douglas County Health De-

partment. Other common STDs include herpes and gonorrhea.

"The highest rates of STDs are seen among 14-24 year olds," Tague said.

The 1996 Almanac says that the World Health Organization estimates the four major bacterial STDs are: gonorrhea with 25 million cases, genital chlamydial infections with 50 million cases, infectious syphilis 3.5 million cases, and chancroid with 2 million cases.

If one suspects that they might have a STD they can go either to their doctor or to the Douglas County Sexual Transmitted Disease Clinic said Tague.



He said if one is 13 or older they can be tested and cared for by the clinic without parental knowledge.

With AIDS and STDs increasing Bierce feels that education is important and that teens should strongly consider taking a human growth and development class while in high school.

Schuler-Weingarten also feels that all students should take a human growth and development class. She feels that although honor students are bright, they are faced with the same issues as other students.

"Human growth and development class gives you an explanation of what the sexual transmitted diseases are and what they do," senior Mike Cory said.

"Best way to avoid STDs, AIDS or unwanted pregnancy is to abstain,"

Bierce said. "Abstinence works every time."

He said if one chooses not to abstain they must use barriers to protect themselves. The most common barrier protection is condoms.

In many school districts the question has risen whether to let student have some type of access to condoms. Omaha Public Schools, or OPS, does not want to get involved in the condom issue said Dr. Doug Bahle, Director of Student Personnel Service of OPS.

Schuler-Weingarten said that healthwise, schools should give students access to condoms, but morally, no. She also feels that giving student access to condoms might send a double message to students.

Sophomore Julie Crawford thinks that schools should provide access to condoms because not all the time does a teen feel comfortable going in a store and make a purchase of condoms.

"I recommend that all high schools should consider giving students access to condoms," Bierce said.

AROUND OMAHA: MYSTERIES AT THE NEON GOOSE

By Nick Stender

The Neon Goose, in cooperation with the Mystery Capers Dinner Playhouse is offering a unique theater experience that is unlike traditional dinner theater.

According to Michelle Grisamere, owner of Mystery Capers, her company offers comic murder mysteries that involve a lot of audience participation.

Grisamere said there are three main reasons why her productions are different than traditional dinner theater.

One reason is that the actors actually serve the patrons instead of having a separate wait staff. Between each act they come out and serve parts of a full three course

meal.

The actors are more than helpful, going the extra mile to make sure everyone is satisfied.

The second reason that makes this dinner theater unique is the interactive style. The shows are usually 60% script and 40% improv.

This brings the audience into the performance and allows each show to

vary and ensures that every performance is an original.

The most unique aspect of Grisamere's productions is the fact that there is no stage.

The shows take place on the floor, in-between the tables. According to Grisamere this makes the audience members feel as if they are

in the play.

The lights never flash off with a blood curdling scream.

Contrary to popular belief, the lights never flash off with a blood curdling scream and then turn back on to reveal a body lying on the floor.

Instead, the murder takes place off stage, out of sight. The actors then introduce the situation to the audience.

The current production, *C Sharp Makes B Flat*, is set in an Italian Bistro. To help set the mood, Italian food is served to the audience.

Several audience members are picked as judges for a fictional beauty contest that is to take place in the evening. These people are often called upon and must improvise their parts.

C Sharp Makes B Flat week, but the next production will be *Jack Be Dead*.

It is a play about a nursery rhyme olympic.

The pressure to get someone killed.

Shows are currently formed every Friday night at the Neon Goose.

Tickets are \$34 and include dinner, the show and a drink.

All shows start at 7:30 p.m. and begin at 7:30 p.m. No reservations are required and calling Mystery Capers Dinner Playhouse at 1-800-735-7353.



ass

State parks: good-natured fun

By Jen Houlden & Luke Atkinson

A visit to Nebraska State Parks is perfect for anyone seeking the ultimate outdoor escape. Nebraska's eight state parks are located throughout the state. Indian Cave, Platte River and Eugene T. Mahoney State Parks are all within a few hours drive time of Omaha.

Platte River State Park offers swimming, hiking, paddle boats, tennis, archery, volleyball, mountain biking, horseback trail rides and buffalo stew cookouts on its 420 acres. Some of these activities are only available during the parks open season, from Memorial Day to Labor Day. However, the park is open year round for hiking and mountain biking.

Lodging includes 21 fully equipped housekeeping cabins. Camp Owen, consisting of 13 cabins, are open year-round. For campers seeking a more rustic experience, basic cabins and tepee villages provide a taste of frontier living.

Prices for the accommodations range from \$72/night for the Comp Owen lodges to \$10/night for a tepee. Each tepee accommodates six to eight people, and facilities include wooden floors, fire grates, picnic tables and pit toilets. Group and conference facilities are also available. For information or reservations contact Platte River state park at 402-234-2217.

Indian Cave State Park spans 3,052 acres bordering the Missouri River. The park is dedicated to nature and wilderness activities, including backpacking, hiking, mountain biking and camping. The park features 20 miles of biking/hiking trails, and horseback rides are also available in season. Two hundred and twenty five campsites are available for use, some of which have electricity on site. There are modern restrooms, laundry, showers and drinking water available. Primitive and group camping spaces are also available. Adirondack shelters are provided for backpackers.

A taste of history is furnished through the old river town of St. Deroin, which features a restored schoolhouse and a rustic general store. Indian Cave State Park information is available at 402-883-2575.

The newest addition to Nebraska state park system is Eugene T. Mahoney State Park. A vast array of activities include swimming pool, waterslides, miniature golf, driving range, tennis, sand volleyball, horseback trail rides, crafts, fishing, picnicking, soccer, softball, hiking, 70-foot observation tower, nature observatory, mini-theater, playhouse and waterway.

Lodging includes 39 2-bedroom cabins and 40 guest rooms at the Lodge. Camping is available at two modern RV sites and primitive campground. You can contact Mahoney State Park at 402-944-2523.

BISTRO

at the market

Prom '96

Plan your Prom Dinner at one of Omaha's finest restaurants. Choose between chicken, beef, pasta, or fish dishes, with salad, dessert, tax and gratuity included for \$25 per person. Make reservations now to join the fun in our special "Prom Room!"

346-4060 ♦ 12th & Harney

YOU'LL Pronounce Black

Choose your tuxedo from a large selection of the latest styles and accessories at very affordable prices starting at \$44.00

Michael's Formal Wear



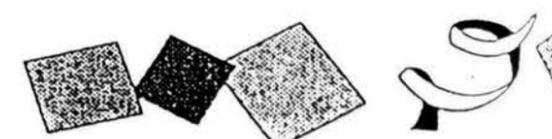
4448 S. 84th St. (84th & J)
339-7775

25% 25% Student Discount



Michael's Formal Wear
4448 S. 84th St. (84th & J)
339-7775

25% This coupon entitles you and 3 friends to a discount.



ushi a
hiban, rol
7.75 and s

ntra

chel Jacobs

th April 20
nt temperm
decisions su
difficult and
monopolize
e country.
ow is the tir
tions of wh
as the sch
entral style
Black is by
nior Kari
ess likely t
it other sch
ome studen
think there
Meghan M
do think

Although
at idea do
with the ex

ma

en Houle

Imm... p
comforta

shaperone
Doesn't s

you and
vered the
ixedos an
ed up to

A lot mo
on April
na is full
as it may
There is
n of hav



ENTERTAINMENT

11

April 5, 1996

Classy restaurants serve raw fun on Prom night

By Caroline Foley



Lel Brown

Sushi anyone? Masaaki Kudo, chef at Sushi Ichiban, rolls and slices California Rolls. The rolls are \$5.75 and served with wasabi and soy sauce.

Sushi Ichiban

Sushi Ichiban is a classy restaurant for those whose tastes are on the refined and exotic side. For many sushi is out of the question, but if someone is in for a new experience the Tekka Maki (tuna rolled in rice and seaweed) and the California Roll (shrimp and avocado rolled in seaweed and rice) are delicious. Vegetable dishes and cooked seafood entrees are offered. The Shrimp Tempura and Ikka Ten are among the best, that are reasonably priced and very tasty. Every meal begins with a damp cloth for people to clean off their hands. Even though many of the sushi samples look small, they are quite filling. A dinner for two with a variety of sushi costs approximately \$30. The sitting room provides a special atmosphere that would add to prom night. Reservations are needed. If in doubt about what to order, choose the box dinner. It is a variety of all types of food at a reasonable price. Located at 8035 West Dodge Road.

Salvatore's Ristorante

The food is absolutely delicious at the Italian restaurant Salvatore's on 4688 Leavenworth. The atmosphere is that of an 1970's lounge and many of the people there hail from that decade. This provides an interesting and mildly humorous atmosphere for dining. Almost anything that one orders at Salvatore's, most definitely, will be good. For those undaring individuals, the lasagna is divine and the calamari are absolutely fantastic. Dinner for two costs about \$35. The food, especially the wide array of desserts, is rich so anticipate being tremendously full. Reservations are needed.

Neon Goose

The Neon Goose has an atmosphere all its own. Lately they have been sponsoring Mystery Dinners every Friday and Saturday night. The Neon Goose serves a variety of fish, chicken and steak dishes that are all delicious. The appetizers are particularly good and plentiful, so be aware when ordering. The dessert is also exquisite to the eye and palate. Some of the fish entrees are rather expensive, but in many cases, worth it. A meal for two ranges from \$30 to \$40. The Neon Goose is located at 1012 South 10 Street. Reservations are necessary.

Central students dressed to dazzle with simple style and elegance

by Rachel Jacobson

With April 20 fast approaching, pre-prom anxiety is the most prevalent temperament among Central juniors and seniors. Vital and important decisions such as finding a date, finding a restaurant and, the difficult and stressful pre-prom hurdle of all, finding the perfect dress, monopolize the primary concerns of high school students all over the country.

Now is the time to begin the search for an elegant formal, when the options of what "Central style" will be for prom are as varied and diverse as the school itself.

"Central style is more casual, elegant, simple," senior Kori Leavitt said. "Black is by far the most elegant color for dresses."

Senior Kari Johnson agreed. "I think that Central students are less likely to buy dresses with bright colors and sequences than at other schools," she said.

Some students had broader perceptions of what prom will be like. "I think there is going to be a lot of 'trendy' styles for dresses this year," Meghan McCallan, senior, said.

"I do think the guys will all go with the simple, traditional tux-

es. "Although my boyfriend did contemplate wearing a kilt until I talked him out of that idea."

With the exception of a few originally patterned bow-ties and

cumberbunds, most Central guys will wear simple, black and white tuxedos. Despite their monotonous wardrobes, most guys are not without enthusiasm about prom night.

"I like getting all dressed up for prom," senior Steve Farrington said.

Tom Bowen senior had similar sentiments about putting on a tux. "Every once in a while it's fun to get dressed up," he said.

Of course men enjoy black-tie events. They don't have to go through the pain and distress of finding a great dress at a great price. Some Central women have already found their dresses at reasonable prices.

Senior Angela Harbison found her dress at a second-hand store. "My dress is velvet with an empire waist," Angela explained. "It's black and purple with big sixties flowers on the bottom."

"I bought my dress early, in January, because I found one on sale," Kari said.

Other students aren't planning that far ahead.

"I probably won't have a dress until the day of prom," senior Beth Beninato said.

Jerry Gordman, sales representative for Kalico's in Regency Fashion court, said that styles for prom this year are more fun and colorful than in years past.

"Although black is still the most popular, we have found that we are selling quite a few dresses with bright colors, also," he said.

"Prom should look a little more interesting than in the past with more whites, reds, greens and purples.

Gordman said Kalico's has the largest selection of prom dresses in this region.

"People come from four states just to shop here," he said.

Gordman already has a good idea of what many students will be wearing to Central's prom. Kalico's keeps a binder behind the counter with every high school and a list of dresses that students have bought so that no one will face the embarrassment of having the same dress as a classmate.

"I would say that Central, as well as other schools, seems to be leaning toward long, flowing dresses more than short, party dresses this year," he said.

Long or short, satin or velvet, black or fuchsia, Central's prom dresses are sure to be more diverse than any schools' in the district. The traditional tux will have few variations, but women's dresses will be as elegant and unique as the girls wearing them.

Central provides exciting alternatives for Prom 1996

by Jen Houlden

Hmm... prom night-all dressed up and uncomfortable, being stared down by a chaperone.

Doesn't sound like your cup of tea?

You and many others may have discovered that high heels, pantyhose and tuxedos aren't everything they are cracked up to be.

A lot more things go on in this town on April 20 than you may think. The town is full of activities, unbelievable as it may sound.

There is always the cheap easy option of having a picnic in the park.

Moonlight and good company- what else could you ask for?

If you want a little less nature and a bit more action have a party at the Holiday Inn Holidayhome.

A swimming pool, sauna, mini-golf course and the whole hotel party environment automatically provides a good time.

Or if you're one of those rebel types, celebrate prom by not celebrating prom with a big ol' anti-prom party.

Everybody wears their grubbier clothes and doesn't dance. A party for beatniks.

Go to a laser magic show. Besides better music, the chaperone quota goes way down.

If you feel like kickin' it at home, get all your anti-establishment friends together and hold a rent-a-movie-marathon.

Rent all the Rocky and Rambo movies and Sylvester Stallone yourself until you puke. Flight of the Navigator is also a great flick.

Want some sort of sports-related activity?

Bowling is always an extremely cultured activity.

Billiards is also a good accompaniment to the bowling scene.

If you want to make a weekend of it, take a road trip to Kansas City and visit Worlds of Fun.

Not too into roller coasters and cotton candy? Spend the weekend camping. Enjoy the company of prom goers by going to a restaurant, very casually dressed, and laugh at the girls stumbling in heels with uncomfortable dates.

Another prom-mocking activity would be to dress up like you are

going to prom, but throw stuff at the real prom goers as they go in the door.

Go to the Bullet Hole shooting range in formal wear, or some other casual place all dressed up in satin and tuxes.

Family Fun Center also offers a wide range of activities with Space Ball as the main attraction.

Now if you really want to accomplish something, study for the Advanced Placement tests or plan to run for president in 2000.

Or you could be a loser and just go to prom.

Exoticism can't disguise lack of intellect

By Caroline Foley

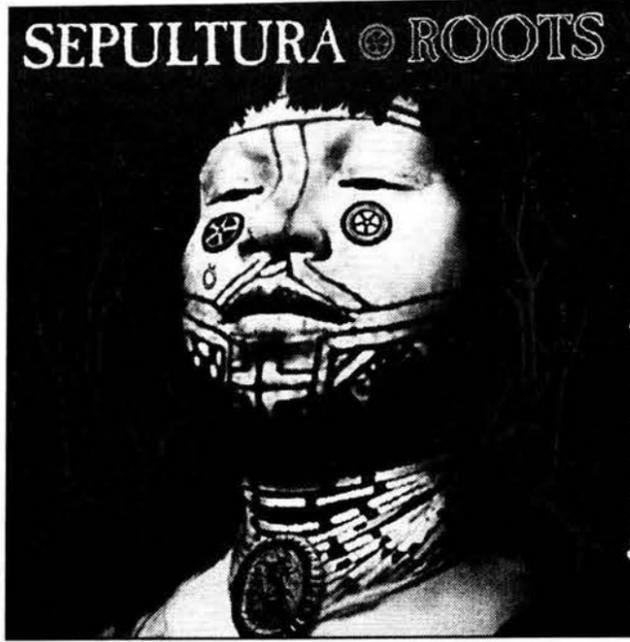
The sixth and most interesting album from Sepultura combines their signature metal style with the exotic sounds of sitars and Xantes tribe chants. *Roots* is definitely Sepultura's most sophisticated production.

The usual sound of *Roots* only slightly resembles the hard-core metal of their past albums. However, this is a welcome change for those who do not like indecipherable lyrics, music that sometimes seems to lack rhythm and drums that have the capacity to explode one's eardrums.

Roots opens very impressively with "Roots Bloody Roots," by far the album's best song, but it sometimes sounds like "Ruth, Baby Ruth." From then on, the music seems to be sloppily recorded or, possibly, sloppily written.

This unfortunate aspect of the album is compensated by the intriguing sounds of the Xantes tribe.

The influence of tribe's music is continuously shown throughout *Roots*. Sepultura shows their respect for the native Argentinean tribe in many of their lyrics and are pictured in tribal costume on the album's cover.



courtesy of Rose City Records

Besides featuring the Xantes look-a-like band members, the album cover displays the lyrics very artistically. Usually written on ripped pieces of paper, the lyrics are shown taped on a tree, covered with nails and written in a blood-like substance.

The lyrics in some of the songs tend to be the stereotypical, masochistic rantings of an under-educated, death-metal band. The lyrics "Endangered Species" describe the painful

existence of human life that can only be solved, apparently, by killing, complaining and swearing.

The music on *Roots* is much better than these lyrics and make the album an asset to any one's music collection.

Lost album revives the grooves

By Jen Houlden

"We want you to relax and have a ball. If you feel like clapping your hands, feel free to clap your hands. If you want to pat your feet a little bit, pat your feet. If you

of Gladys Knight and the Pips' *Lost Live Album*. Used by a collaboration of Buddah Records, released until recently.



want to say amen, say amen..." — Gladys Knight at the Pine Knob Amphitheatre in Detroit, July 27, 1974.

Gladys Knight and the Pips took the stage with Gladys' invitation to the crowd, living up to the standard of a roaring seventies party. In 1996 you may think that all this good clean fun is only a foggy memory in your parents' minds, but there is hope for us too. Thanks to the good folks at Buddah Records, this concert is yours for antiquity.

Anyone who appreciates true Motown soul of the seventies will be quite pleased with the purchase

ing her thang on stage. Pips work it as they say. thing is that it hasn't been up in a studio or over-processed through a filter.

Gladys sings like they were close friends providing an intimacy usually not found at today's concerts. The album, full of soul style, is a great purchase.

Murderously funny Coen brothers recreate trauma

By Caroline Foley

Fargo, the latest movie from the Coen brothers, is a truly bizarre tale of abduction, murder and life in Minnesota.

Fargo is the exaggerated true story about the abduction of a Minneapolis house wife that somehow goes horribly wrong. The movie opens by saying that the incidents described in the movie are true and apologizes to the victims of the crimes that occurred. The names of those who survived the crime were changed.

The movie stars Frances MacDormand, William H. Macy, Steve Buscemi, Peter Stormare and Kristin Rudrud, who all give riveting and comic performances.

Fargo opens with Jerry Lunderd's, a debt-ridden man who desperately needs money, conversation with two men that have agreed to abduct his wife. The abduction will cost Jerry a new Seville and \$40,000.

Jerry's idea is that his rich father-in-law, Wade, will pay a ransom of \$1 million dollars. Jerry will

then take all but \$40,000 of it to pay off his mysterious debts.

The two men hired to kidnap Jerry's wife head for Minneapolis from Fargo, North Dakota, hence the movie's title. This is one of the most hysterical and traumatic parts of the movie.

From this moment on, the movie is filled with such random and horrific displays of violence that the viewer is forced to ask himself, do things like this actually happen? Apparently they do in Minnesota.

The setting of the movie is thor-

oughly enjoyable. The scenery is gorgeous and the Minnesota attitude and accents are hilarious.

With the curt description of the murderers as "strange" and "funny looking," the audience gets a weird idea of how the stolid Minnesotans deal with such a mind-blowing crime.

Frances MacDormand gives a hysterical performance as Margie, the pregnant and unphasable chief of the Brainerd, a desolate town north of Minneapolis, police force.

In her first appearance, she is

bending over a wheelbarrow shot in the head and her head and prepared. Margie assures her geants that it is only a mess, not the mutilated spread before her. She slowly links the abduction of her wife.

Although mistaken as a *Pulp Fiction* wannabe, this fantastic movie outshines the Tarantino

For A Tux That Fits Your Personality, Not To Mention Your Body.

- Choose from more than 60 styles,
- More than 100 colors and patterns of ties, cummerbunds and vests,
- With prices starting at just \$39 for a classic black tux!

So stop by Mr. Tuxedo today, and get yourself a prom tux that really fits. Cool or classy, Mr. Tuxedo has the tux you want.

MR. TUXEDO
2807 S. 108th St.
One block South of 108th & Center.
397-3933

now open in the Old Market!

Always The Freshest Toppings

Zio's PIZZA

13463 W. Center Road • 330-1444
7924 W. Dodge Road • 391-1881
1213 Howard (Old Market) • 344-2222

Janousek Florists
Central Students

* Flowers For Every Occasion
* City Wide Delivery

4901 Charles St. 550-5000

Let Dundee Florist Make Your Prom A Memorable One!

Hours
M-F 8 AM - 5:30 PM
Sat. 8AM - 3:00 PM
Closed Sundays

Bring in this ad and receive 10% off your corsage or boutonniere

Hub? By Carrie Parrott



grinding to loud music, mixed in with the aroma of sweat and alcohol. But in times gone by, parties were of a different nature: brightly packaged presents, happy little faces and the tune of the birthday song playing in the background.

Parties in early grade school often took place at a location other than at the birthday kid's house, in order to save a parents' home from total destruction. The location ranged from Skateland to Showbiz Pizza, depending on the child's taste.

At Skateland, everyone was able to skate with their friends for a few hours, play video games and consume miniature cakes, hot dogs and soda. If a child was at a school skating party, no parents allowed, the evening revolved around couple skating—who to skate with and how to ask. Beneath those flashing colored lights, you could almost hear young love beginning to blossom.

Showbiz Pizza, a.k.a. Chuck E. Cheese, was a strange concept, but a favorite among all kids. Large mechanical animals would sing, move their arms and heads and tap their feet to music while children ate pizza and birthday cake. After the festivities and present-opening were complete, the children moved into the play area, with skeeball, my personal favorite, giant playpens filled

with plastic balls and vast quantities of video games. Kids won tickets if they won a game, which could later be redeemed for squishy plastic bugs or other fun prizes.

Around third grade, kids finally had enough self-control to hold slumber parties. Mix ten giggling girls, pajamas, games and a few movies and you have the greatest slumber party ever. My dad always planned out games for my friends and I. His most popular experiments were egg tosses, Name That Tune! and the waitress game, where kids had to carry plastic wine glasses, plates and anything else that could fit on a tray and run relay races around our house.

Finally, boy-girl parties began. Sometimes there was dancing, sometimes not, but there was always

music, food, sweaty palms and, frequently, games of a new sort. Spin the Bottle was played most often. Everyone sat in a circle, each boy and girl taking turns spinning an old pop bottle, watching nervously to see where it landed. Would it stop on the annoying boy you had hated since second grade, or on that cute blond boy with the red baseball cap? Once the bottle stopped, the type of kiss depended on the consensus of the group. Spin the Bottle was a new form of entertainment that kept fifth and sixth graders busy during numerous parties.

Parties evolve greatly over the twelve years of a student's life. The innocence of Pin-the-Tail-on-the-Donkey is gone, leaving behind nothing but a few drunken, sweaty bodies and some deafening music.

Aaron Spelling phenomena hits NBC with new TV show

By Rachel Jacobson

Saved by the Bell, *Beverly Hills 90210*, *Melrose Place*... What do these TV shows have in common? Well, for one thing, sickeningly tanned, beautiful people, but, more importantly, the same multi-millionaire producer, Aaron Spelling.

All four of these shows are flawless, predictable and monotone. But, somehow, each one is irrationally and unexplainably addictive. How else can one account for their immense commercial success? *Saved by the Bell* is shown in syndication on about six channels, virtually impossible to turn on TV at any hour of the day and stumble upon Zack, Kelly, Coach and the rest of the gang at the Bayside school song before they

learn the Pledge of Allegiance.

No one would ever refute the fact that *Saved by the Bell* is a show of less than mediocre entertainment value (if you find yourself chuckling during an episode, consider yourself lucky—this is extremely rare) and absolutely no intellectual value whatsoever. So what makes it so addictive?

Beverly Hills 90210 was even more successful than *Saved By the Bell* when it first began in the early 90's.

The show featured a wholesome family, the Walshes, who move from the innocence of Minnesota to the glamor and corruption of Beverly Hills. The twin teenagers of the family, Brenda, played by Shannon Dougherty, and Brandon, played by Jason Priestley, immediately became best friends with the most popular and beautiful people

in the school.

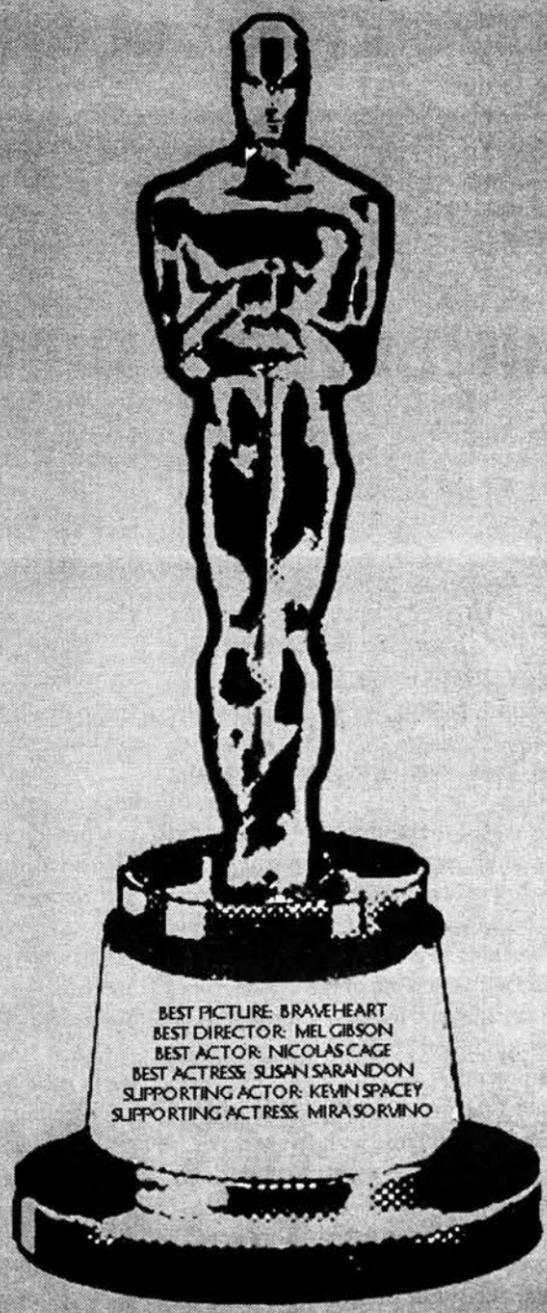
For some reason, this simple premise became the most popular show for teenagers on TV. The faces of Jason Priestly, Luke Perry, Jenny Garth and Shannon Dougherty decked the walls, T-shirts, pillowcases and lockers of junior high students all over the country.

Aaron Spelling is the father of *Tori*, *90210*'s Donna Martin. Of course, it was an innocent coincidence that the producer's daughter got cast in such a large role. In fact, when *Beverly Hills* was at the peak of its popularity, a *Saturday Night Live* skit featured an impression of Ms. Spelling claiming that she had "auditioned under an assumed name... Mary Spelling!"

The success of *90210*'s successor, *Melrose Place* is not quite as surprising. Sex and scandal has always been an excuse for Americans to watch television. The show is pretty much a soap opera that happens to be on prime-time. The plots are completely shallow and unrealistic. Each in the show character has been stalked by another cast member at some point.

Now, Spelling's new show, *Malibu Shores* is about to air on NBC. It promises to be just as shallow as his other shows. To think, it all began with the *Love Boat*...

And the Oscar goes to...




CALL TO ORDER
342-4500
3025 Farnam

LARGER LARGE	HUGER HUGE
6" Single Topping	Huge 20" Single Topping Pizza, Biggest Pizza in Town!
7.99	\$9.99
<small>Additional Toppings Extra. Tax Not Included. No Exp.</small>	<small>Additional Toppings Extra. Tax Not Included. No Exp.</small>
FREE DELIVERY IN 30 MINUTES*	
GUARANTEED!	

* Limited Delivery Area



H & K Auto Restoration & Sales Inc.

Complete Autobody Repair & Paint

558-6393 5020 William

QUALITY • PRIDE • EXPERIENCE

- Free Estimates
- Collision Repair
- Hail Damage Repair
- Frame Machine
- Guaranteed Paint Match



From the bench:

Sports Opinion by Josh Cohen



Looking back at the Nebraska Cornhuskers basketball season, one might wonder what happened to the Huskers during what seemed to be a long and tedious year.

They started off the season looking very impressive, winning the Hawaiian Invitational, a tournament at the beginning of the season in which they participate every year.

This was a very good start for the Huskers. First, it boosted the team's confidence. They now knew what they could accomplish when they were put to the test. Second, it showed the nation that Kansas is not the only Big Eight team to be reckoned with in '96.

Well this persona held true for most of the earlier part of the season. The Huskers were winning most of their games and looked very sharp. But their loss to Oklahoma turned things around.

Nebraska led for most of the game, but Oklahoma ended up winning in overtime.

This loss was the first skid the Huskers hit during the season, but it was the beginning of a long road of trouble for Head Coach Danny Nee.

Nebraska, at one point, had a record of 15-4 and a legitimate chance of going to the N.C.A.A. tournament. But the Huskers really hit a trouble spot by losing 10 of their last 11 regular season games, and knocked out any chance of receiving a bid to the N.C.A.A. tournament without winning the post-season Big Eight tournament.

They ended the season 16-14. They did not win a single game in the month of February, which was the month that the internal conflict between some of the players and coach Nee came to a climax.

At the midway point of the season, some of the senior players, including Jaron Boone, Erick Strickland and Tom Wald, staged a walk out from practice.

Almost the entire team participated because they did not agree with the way coach Nee was handling the team. At this point, Nebraska basketball sunk to an all-time low.

The players went to Athletic Director Bill Byrne to convince him that Nee was incompetent and needed to be replaced. When the

players on any team, be it basketball, football or any other sport, turn against their coach something bad will happen.

Throughout this whole ordeal, coach Nee ended up pulling his program up from rock bottom and got them back on the right track for the post-season.

Although the leadership from senior players did not seem to be genuine after the walk out, the players began to see what they needed to do. If they all worked together and listened to their coach they would start to win games again.

Aside from all the controversy, Nebraska went on to a very impressive finish in the post-season.

Their first stop for post-season play was Kansas City for the Big Eight tournament at Kemper Arena.

The Huskers faced mighty Iowa State, then the No. 23 ranked team in the nation. Nebraska took it to the wire, but ended up losing by two points in the final 30 seconds of the game.

Playing so well against such a formidable opponent like Iowa State gave new life to the Huskers post-season play.

Nebraska received an invitation to the N.I.T., National Invitation Tournament, the consolation tournament for teams who do not get into the N.C.A.A. Tournament.

During their run through the N.I.T. they knocked off many formidable opponents including Tulane and Colorado State.

The coach is the nucleus that holds a team together. When the players around the coach don't listen to him the team unit breaks up.

Sometimes coaches can be wrong, but the players are not always right either.

Players have to be adult about what goes on within their teams. They should not run and pout like little children because they don't get their way all the time.

When you are a part of a team, you should stick together with your coach and teammates to work through adversity to beat it together. This holds true for any sport, at any level, not just Nebraska's basketball team.

As for coach Nee, he did not look incompetent when he led his team through the N.I.T. and won the championship. Given it was not quite the caliber of competition found in the N.C.A.A. tournament, Nebraska still faced some good teams.

But to come off such a terrible end to a so-so season and get your players back to playing to their capability is truly the mark of a coach who knows what he is doing.

Congratulations to the 1996 N.I.T. champion Nebraska Cornhuskers. (Technically the sixty-fifth best team in the nation.)

Tennis eyes winning season

By Les Anich

"The girls have been working hard during the preseason. We should be somewhere in the top of our division this season," Head Varsity Tennis Coach Larry Andrews said.

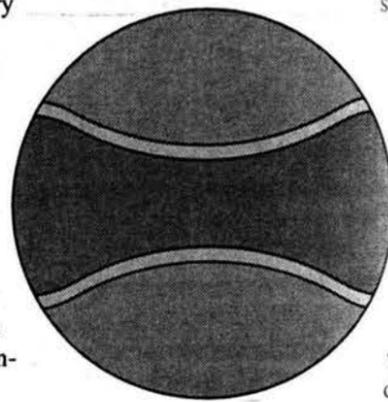
Coach Andrews said the Lady's tennis team is strongest in the singles category, and this season is a rebuilding year for the doubles team.

Junior Andrea Friedman is the number one singles player and a State and Metro title contender.

"We have the top singles player in the state," coach Andrews said. "She is a great tennis player."

Coach Andrews said,

20 to 24 girls went out for the tennis team. Ten of them will be chosen to be part of the varsity team and the remaining tennis players will be on the junior varsity team.



"The varsity team looks pretty good. The girls are very dedicated and experienced," coach Andrews said. "The

junior varsity of inexperienced they're very

The Lady's has great singles year, but the

still a question "It is to

dict how our are going Andrews

Slo Slosburg ber five

last year with a 9-0

"Rache well last year definitely be

doubles teams higher than coach Andrew

The 1995 team finished

VOLLEYBALL DIGS IN TO

By Rachel Slosburg

The men's volleyball team defeated Thomas Jefferson and Creighton Prep on the evening of March 20 in Central's gymnasium to set the pace for the season.

Central's latest victory was on March 28 against the two North teams, North Gold and North Blue.

Coach Brad Reichmuth said he was very pleased with the team's performance against TJ and Prep.

"I was very happy; I couldn't have asked them to do anything more than what they did," he said.

Central ended both matches quickly, beating the opponents in two straight games. Central defeated TJ 15-5 in the first game and 15-4 in the second.

Although Prep proved to be a harder team, Central finished strong with scores of 15-9 in the first game and 15-6 in the second.

Reichmuth said it is impressive when an opponent never scores ten points during a game. He said the players' performance shows the state title is still very reach-

able.

"I think if we continue to work on specific areas which need improvement during practice and play smart during our matches, we can still compete for the state title," Reichmuth said.

The recent matches against North Gold and North Blue made Central work for their victories. Reichmuth said because of schedule conflicts involving other sports and activities, practice was shortened on Tuesday, March 26, and he felt the team was not prepared to play a match.

However, Central was able to defeat North Gold 16-14, 15-9, and North Blue 15-10, 15-10. In the match against North Gold, sophomore Ryan Lewis started as Central's setter in place of Jeff Driscoll. Jeff was late to the match due to the Central-Millard North soccer game running overtime. Reichmuth said Ryan did a great job filling Jeff's position. "Ryan did really well as setter. He was under a lot of pressure, but handled the situation smoothly," Reichmuth said.

Central was down 12-6 and

14-13 in the

against No Reichmuth

relief for the James Nelson

guys loosen together for comeback.

Reichmuth Central play

leading the Sta for set assists

and service ac seniors Nick

with 28 kills, with eight aces

with 16 digs, set assists.

Currently made 53 succes

sists within th matches. "Jeff

tally the best league. Jeff

that setting t takes a lot of

of practice. He recognize we

other setters enough to keep

in early to train Reichmuth said

Central highly ranked

and Millard N the next two

Youth Support Group

Serving Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Heterosexual Youth
Weekly Meeting: Saturday, 4:00 - 6:00 pm

You Are Not Alone

For more information
Call (402) 291-6781

PFLAG
Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays

Sponsored by Omaha PFLAG



NEW & COLLECTOR
• Comics
• Cards
• Toys

7603 Pacific St.
Omaha, NE 68114
Ph: (402) 391-4131

HOURS
Mon - Sat 10-8 PM
Sun 12-5 PM

USED CDs & TAPES

- We buy, sell and trade
- We pay the most... in CASH!
- We guarantee ours 100%
- The largest selection of new and used CDs and tapes

Only at
HOMER'S

OMAHA • LINCOLN • COUNCIL BLUFFS
BELLEVUE

USED CDs

Thousands to
from, Guarant
at Low Prices

Plus, the reg
largest sele
New Indie R
on LP, CD, &

1215 Penn
Old Man

Hey batter, batter...



Lei Brown

Swing, batter swing: Jimmy O'Connor, junior, takes a swing during the Millard South game. The 1-3 Eagles lost 6-0.

MEN'S GOLF LOOKS TO DRIVE FAR THIS SEASON

By Les Anich

"We have some promising and talented golf players this year," Men's Head Golf Coach Jim Galus said. "There is a good mixture of athletes, hopefully we'll do well in competition."

This 1996 golf season, there was more of a turn-out than last season.

"I am happy with the turn-out. There were mostly freshmen and seniors coming out for the golf team," coach Galus said.

Coach Galus said the seniors have a responsibility to help the younger golfers on the team.

The golf team has a difficult district that includes Creighton Prep, Lincoln SouthEast and Lincoln East.

"Those schools were previous State champions," coach Galus said. "but I am sure we could give them good competition."

Coach Galus said the team has a lot of promising individual players who could help out the rest of the team at tournaments.

"I know that it is an individual sport, but we had some problems in the past in team scoring at tournaments," coach Galus said. "We should focus on having an overall better team score this season."

The only returning letterman is junior John Haskins, a two year letterman.

The 1995 team finished with three wins and six losses.



Lady Eagles look to improve upon 1-3 record

T. J. Brumfield

Despite starting off the season with a 1-3 record, girl's soccer coach Geoge Grillo said the team is not discouraged at all.

He describes the team as young but experienced and improving.

Only six of last year's starters are returning, and there is only one senior varsity member and one freshman. The rest are either sophomores or juniors.

The Lady Eagle's lost their season opener against Bellevue West, 2-0.

The following week Central faced second-ranked Millard North. Millard North is known for its explosive offense including a national team player, Kelly Lindsey, coach

Grillo said. So he "packed the goal."

Packing the goal is bringing an extra player back towards your own goal to strengthen your defense. On the other hand, he said, it also weakens your offense.

Central held Millard North to three goals, but was unable to score. Coach Grillo said despite the loss, the players were very pleased with their performance.

He called it a moral and psychological victory. He said if the team allowed Millard North to score more than three points on them, it would have devastated the players.

Coach Grillo said that holding the second ranked team to such a low score only improved everyone's outlook and determination

for the next game.

He said the results of that could be seen the next day when the Lady Eagles played the fourth-ranked Indians from Millard South.

Grillo said that once again the team focused on defense, but they also attempted to match the Indian offense, taking 14 shots on goal to Millard South's 18.

"There was a great deal of determination to win that game," he said.

But the Eagles lost their third game, 1-0.

Central's next game came in the second round of the Central invitation tournament.

The Eagles trounced the Benson Bunnies 7-0.

Sarah Deacon, junior, provided four of

those goals. Danielle Wieczorek, junior, Jaclyn DiGiacomo, sophomore and Cara Dalrymple, freshman, provided goals of their own.

That win put Central in the championship game against South, who came back from three points to win against Bryan in double overtime.

But Central's championship game against South was cancelled due to weather.

Coach Grillo said the team's goal is not to win a set number of games or a district championship, but rather to play as a team.

He said he believes if the team does that, then they'll be able to reach that next level of competitive play.

CENTRAL EAGLES • CENTRAL EAGLES • CENTRAL EAGLES



We're Proud To Support Central.



first national bank of omaha

MEMBER FDIC

16TH & DODGE • 16TH & CAPITOL • 24TH & OAK • 48TH & AMES • 50TH & G • 76TH & CASS • 4211 SOUTH 84TH
7855 SOUTH 84TH • 3205 NORTH 90TH • 90TH & FORT • 114TH & WEST DODGE • 127TH & O • 132ND & WEST CENTER • 133RD & WEST MAPLE
DAVID CITY 397 FOURTH • BEATRICE INDIAN CREEK MALL AND EIGHTH & COURT

You'll call us first for years to come.

CENTRAL EAGLES • CENTRAL EAGLES • CENTRAL EAGLES





SPORTS



We Cover Eagle Territory

Track takes off at Burke

By Les Anich

Women's Head Track Coach Cheryl Tieger predicts a major improvement from the 1996 Men's and Women's Track Team this season.

"There is a lot of talent on this team this year," coach Tieger said. "I predict five or six State qualifiers."

The four by one relay should make it to State, coach Tieger said.

The relay consists of junior Thessa Anderson, sophomore Sophia Carthwright, seniors Dunina Brown and Traci Rooks.

"We have a lot of confidence to make it to the State meet and definitely place in the top five," Thessa said. "We should be in contention for a medal at the State Meet."

The Lady's Track Team placed sixth at the Burke Invitational on March 16 and participated in the Grand Island Invitational on March 23, but did not place because they did not compete as a team.

"We finished third in both the invites in the

four by one hundred relay," Thessa said, "but should have placed higher. The major problem we have is the hand-

coach Tieger said.

Freshman Annika Carlson has a great chance to qualify for the State Meet in the eight

vite compared to last year's second to last at the same invite.

The relay consists of Marian Enoch, Donnette Briggs, Kristin Freeman and A mee Sternberg.

"Come senior year, these girls are going to be very competitive," coach Tieger said.

"Team-wise, we'll win district and place in the top five at the State Meet," junior Tim Riveria.

Tim runs the four by four and four by eight relays. He also runs individually in the 800 meters.

"Tim and Nick Dubas have a lot of potential," Men's

Head Coach Dave Felici said.

Senior Nick Dubas is in the 300 intermediate hurdles and 110 meter hurdles.



Lei Brown

Off to the races... junior Kyle Thomas helps the four by one relay to a fourth place finish at Burke.

offs. We need to work on them."

"A lot of girls came out for track. I was really glad that 30 or so girls tried out for the team,"

hundred or mile, coach Tieger said.

The freshman four by one hundred relay team placed sixth out of eleven at the Burke In-

Central Alumni uses fame for benefit of younger generation

By Josh Cohen

You might know him as the Kansas Comet, or just plainly the greatest Chicago Bear running back of all-time. He is Gale Sayers, Central graduate and National Football League Hall of Famer.

Now living in Chicago, he was in Omaha on Thursday Mar. 28 for the unveiling of a new station added to the Cox Communications cable line-up.

The new station is the Classic Sports Network. Sayers said that this network should provide educational television about sports for younger audiences. It will provide them with programming that will teach them about the origins of the games they play and love so much today.

Sayers graduated from Central in 1961. He played football for the Eagles before going to the University of Kansas to become a Jayhawk.

At Kansas, he was a two time All-Ameri-

can I-back, and today he is considered one of the greatest backs in Kansas football history.

After graduating from KU in 1965, Sayers was drafted by the Chicago Bears and quickly established himself as an All-Pro running back. In 1965, his first season, he was voted Rookie of the Year, and two years later he was voted Most Valuable Player of the N.F.L. All-Star game.

"Football just came easy to me," Sayers said. "There was no special coach or anyone who actually taught me to play. I was just blessed with a God given talent and I knew what to do when there was a football in my hands."

Sayers said that not everyone has such natural talent to play sports, so it is much more important to focus on education rather spending too much time on one's jump shot.

While playing with the Bears he suffered a knee injury which basically ended his career. He said when he came back after the injury it just was not the same as before.

Sayers retired in 1971 and seven years later became the youngest player in N.F.L. history to be inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Although Sayers is one of the greatest running backs in N.F.L. history, he said he knew that the most important thing in his life was his college degree.

After his injury his college education is what held him above ground, and helped him to succeed in his life after football.

Today Sayers is president and C.E.O. of Sayers Computer Source, his own computer company based in Chicago that deals with the business needs of Fortune 2000 companies in

the United States.

"As you prepare yourself to play, you must prepare yourself to quit," Sayers said. "By this I mean that you have to get your high school and college degrees. These two items are what will prepare you for the time when you can't play sports anymore and have to rely on your education."

He said that no matter how many great players there are, not all of them are going to play professional sports.

He strongly emphasized that education is the foundation to build everything in life on.

"I think starting my business was harder than anything I had ever endured while I was playing football,"

Sayers said. "Football came easy, but I really had to work at getting the business going. It was different from everything else I had done in my life, and I strive to do well with it."

Sayers said that today's role models don't give kids the right ideas about life. He said that they should be selling education, not false

dreams because there are not many professional sports to be filled.

"These role models should be able to get their education first, because it lasts them a lifetime. Sports is only fun no matter how long you play for."

"If you are even good enough to be a



Lei Brown

N.F.L. Great Gale Sayers is now president and C.E.O. of his own computer corporation.

be a motivational speaker for students. He preaches that getting an education is the most important thing that a young man can do.

"No matter what you do in life, your education is what will always be with you."

Departments

Page 14 From the Bench

Page 15 Women's Soccer