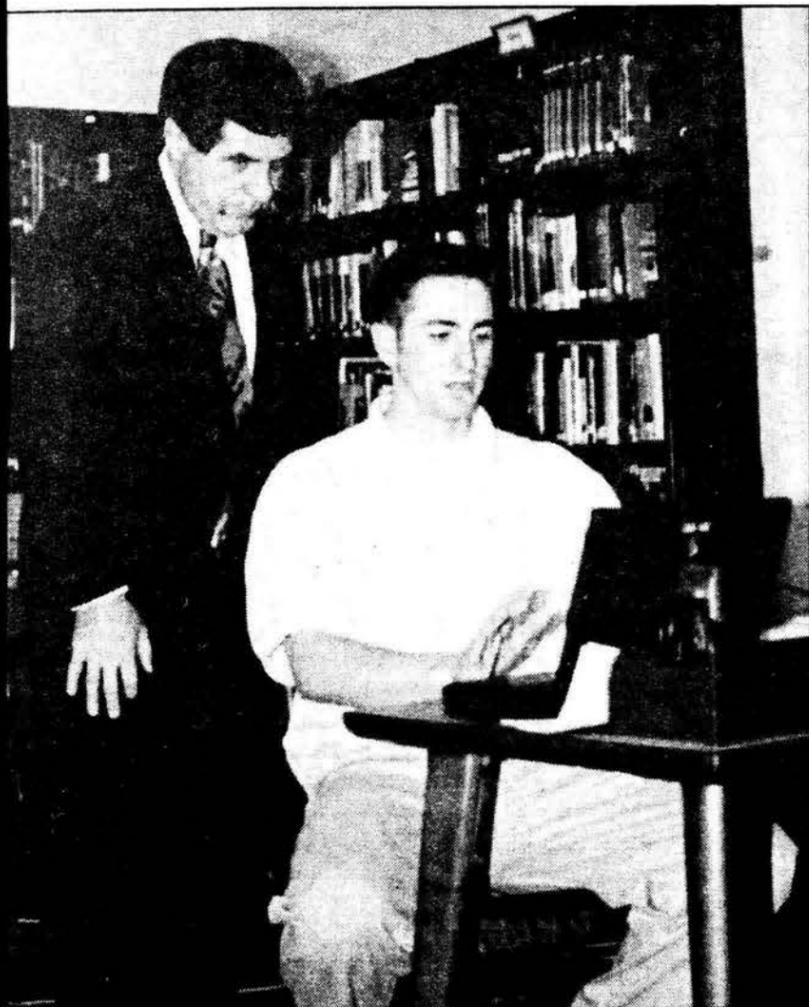


Omaha Central High School

From the Heart of Downtown Omaha

## Miss America dials up Central

By Sarah Pugh



Lei Brown

Gov. Ben Nelson looks on as senior Jarod Anderson finds Central's home page on the Internet. The two then placed a phone call with the new cellular phones to Senator James Exxon in Washington D.C. Dr. Norbert Schuerman, superintendent of Omaha Public Schools, said, "This is another example of [businesses] coming up to the plate to help our students and teachers out."

Miss America Shawntel Smith and Gov. Ben Nelson visited Central May 1 to inaugurate the use of cellular phones at Central. With the help of senior Jarod Anderson, Nelson placed a call from a cellular phone to Senator James Exxon in Washington D.C.

"Congratulations to Central for being only the 25 school in the U.S. to have this opportunity," Exxon said. "I'm very pleased you placed the initial call to me here in Washington D.C."

Twenty five cellular phones were donated to Central as part of the ClassLink program. First Cellular of Omaha and Lincoln Telecommunications collaborated with Central High to implement the phones.

Frank Hilsabeck, chief executive officer and president of Lincoln Telecommunications, said First Cellular of Omaha coordinated the wireless aspect of ClassLink. His business worked with the actual implementation at the school.

"LinTel did the wiring for the base stations," Hilsabeck said, "which was not an easy job at Central."

Miss America's platform is the "unification of business and industry with education."

"School to work is about empowering all students," Smith said. "This is a partnership which will not only help business, but our students, which are our future."

Cellular phones in the building increase communication between students, teachers and faculty.

"Teachers in study hall can call to the attendance office or a lab to see if a student is there," technology coordinator Tim Larson said. "I think it affords teachers more opportunities to make parent calls."

Larson, as the main trouble-shooter for all of Central's computers, said the new technology is "fantastic." Since implementation a week ago, Larson has already logged 77 minutes.

Daryl Bayer, foreign language department head, said this helps the foreign language department because they are in charge of the satellite dish.

"We'll be able to sit in front of the satellite and do configurations with guidelines over the phone," Bayer said.

Students in the computer assisted design and stock marketing classes already had the opportunity to use the phones.

"It's virtually impossible to wire [the CAD room] for phones," Jarod said. "Class Link solves that. It saves both students and teachers time."

In the stock marketing class, cellular phones are used to call for information on mutual funds. Students can then analyze the data.

"We're learning almost on a daily basis new things we can do," principal Gary Thompson said.

Larson said approximately six of the phones will be reserved for Internet hook ups.

Future goals for the phones include an English as a Second Language connection and one in the PASS room.

## Students offended

# Westside bans 311 T-shirts

By Rebecca Hammond

Students at Westside High School can not wear clothing associated with the band 311.

Clothing, specifically T-shirts with the band's name on them, are banned because of controversy surrounding the meaning of the band's name, 311.

"311 doesn't have to mean anything. It's a number," Zac Hexum, brother of Nick Hexum, lead singer

of 311 and Westside senior said.

"Four students came into my office about three weeks ago offended by the shirts. They thought 311 stood for KKK," John Crook, assistant principal at Westside said. "They interpreted 311 as KKK because k is the eleventh letter in the alphabet. So they thought it stood for three k's."

After hearing the students complaints, Crook asked Westside's police liaison officer, Michele Rookes, if the numbers 311 are associated with the Klu Klux Klan. According to Rookes, the numbers 311 have in some cases been associated with the white supremacist group, said Crook. The band, Zac said, is not associated with the KKK.

"Students who wear the shirts are not intending to make a racial slur, but if it's interpreted that way we can't let students wear them,"

**T**he whole situation is a really tough call between individual rights and free speech.  
--John Crook, Westside assistant principal.

perceive it to be racist the school has to react. But there are going to be

Crook said.

Zac said the controversy is "just a coincidence."

"Several 311 songs talk about racism being stupid. How could the band be racist when one of the members is Hispanic? People were just uninformed about what the band is about," Zac said.

District 66 has officially banned 311 T-shirts at three schools in their district, including Westside. Students who do wear the shirts will be asked to turn them inside out, Crook said.

"I understand that if people

people who are not going to realize the band has nothing to do with the KKK. It is just a rumor that got out of hand," Zac said.

On Tuesday, April 23, several students wore their 311 T-shirts as a protest. According to Zac most teachers did ask students to turn the shirts inside out.

"The whole situation is really a tough call between individual rights and free speech. Do we protect the students right to wear the shirts or do we protect individual's rights to be protected from racial slurs, even if it is unintentional," Crook said. "We at Westside are at a disadvantage because we don't have very many minorities. It is important how they react."

Zac said there is a good side to the controversy. *The Omaha World Herald*, *Spin*, *Rolling Stone* and MTV have contacted the band about 311's problems in their home town. Three members of 311 graduated from Westside. The band is now based in Los Angeles.

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## Spending lids clamp down on school budgets, cuts will follow

Less supplies, fewer teachers and a tight budget are in store for the Omaha Public School system during the next two school years. As a result of LB 299, the school district will only be allowed a two percent growth in their budget during the 96-97 fiscal year. There is only one exception to this rule. If three-fourths of the members of the school board agree, the growth can be increased by an additional one percent. This decrease in funds will ultimately result in fewer educational opportunities for students.

The situation gets worse. In the 97-98 school year, the spending lids will drop to a zero percent increase in growth. The school district will then be forced to support only the minimum necessities for education. Because no growth will be allowed, the district will have no way of compensating in any way for the steadily increasing inflation rate.

These cutbacks were made in an attempt to give taxpayers relief in their property taxes. Since the school system is the biggest consumer of property taxes, the state decided that its spending should be cut. How are our schools supposed to maintain the high level of education they have always had without the necessary funds? Taxpayers do not seem to understand the importance of quality public education. Perhaps they will when the lack of funding begins to seriously affect society.

Under this new system, the district will be forced to consolidate smaller schools. Soon there will be less individualized attention for students as the population of the school explodes.

With the emphasis on technology in the world today, more and more jobs require solid educational backgrounds. Because of the lack of money, students will not be as prepared for college or entrance into the work force.

The first major cutbacks will naturally be found in the fine arts departments, such as instrumental and vocal music. Band camp at Central High has already been canceled for this year due to lack of funds. What other "unacademic" subjects will be cut back because of these spending lids?

If LB 299 seems harsh, it is only in preparation for LB 1114 which will go into effect in 1998. This law will remove the lids from school budgets but will also eliminate \$50 million of revenue. The state is going to attempt to supply the missing funds, but, realistically, only part of the original funds will be replaced.

It is up to taxpayers, students and teachers to persuade their representatives to remove these ridiculous lids. The educational system can only be harmed by these new laws.

## Schuerman's job not a private matter

Seven months ago the Omaha Public School board voted 11-0 to renew superintendent of schools Dr. Norbert Schuerman's job contract through August of 1997. In recent weeks however, the public heard from John Langan, school board member, that the superintendent may not get his job back.

Why? Well, no one is talking, at least not in public. In fact, since the entire issue of the superintendent's job goes through the school board, it is considered a personnel matter. Therefore, the board is allowed to have private, confidential meetings about the subject, leaving the public out in the cold.

Earlier this fall, board president Karen Shepard called an unscheduled review of Schuerman's job performance. In more recent months, two closed-door sessions have been called to discuss the superintendent's job. None of the information in the meetings or the evaluations has been disclosed to the public.

With new educational spending lids, the OPS school board doesn't have the time to waste, especially on private matters. Bigger and more eminent concerns would be a budget that complies with the new spending lids without letting any quality or traditions of excellence in our schools fall.

The school board should realize that though they do have the responsibility of hiring and firing the superintendent, it is taxpayer money that pays for his 112,000 dollar a year salary. The public has the right to know if our superintendent is not living up to expectations. Certainly, the results of the past two job evaluations should not contain anything so secretive that it cannot be disclosed.

Whatever decision the board makes concerning Dr. Schuerman should be made soon and it should be made public. Precious time is being wasted when there are matters of larger concern to be discussed. The people of this district have been left in the dark too long.

## New senior finals policy



## Register Your Opinion

### What is your opinion of the treatment of animals in the circus?



"I think it's okay. From as far as I can see, the animals are treated well."

- Quiana Michem, junior



"They used to be treated badly, but in modern times they are treated with respect."

- Grant Lundin, sophomore



"I went to the circus, and I thought it was fine. All the animals looked like they were playing and having a good time."

- Tom Bowen, senior



"I think it's cruel because they are not in their natural environment. Even if they are treated nicely, their life doesn't amount to much."

- Jordan Acker, senior



"I think the treatment of animals in the circus is sometimes inappropriate. It is supposed to be fun for kids, but I do not think seeing animals get whipped is fun."

- Courtney Worrell, junior



"It depends. I don't think animals should be put in cages, they need to run. But in a way it's okay because they are taken care of and fed."

- Sarah Martinez, sophomore

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## "...Long Ago and Far Away..." by T.S. Burfield



figure or told you some gruesome tale of inhumane animal treatment.

But as I depart from these halls, never to return again, I leave you not with another column of criticizing and complaints, but with the hopes and dreams that I carry with me.

For it is easy to point a finger and name names. We all see the problems in our society.

We hear about them all the time. I think the real problem with our generation, with our society as a whole, is the fact that we are too damn afraid to make a difference. We're afraid of failure.

We're afraid that on our own we're nothing. We're afraid that the problems are so huge, they are beyond our control.

All too easily we give up and try to forget. As long as we don't see the problem staring us right in the face, it doesn't exist, right?

Well, it's getting to the point where many problems are so bad that we can't ignore them anymore, and yes one person CAN make a difference.

Let me repeat that. One person CAN make a difference.

Anne Rice once wrote that each of us is like a candle. We dance naked in the dark, unpredictable, frail and yet fierce.

As a candle we feel helpless against the dark, but still each one of us on our own brightens the world just that much more.

It's small enough that few may notice, but it is a difference none the less.

The paths we each take are dark and filled with uncertainty, but those other flames make us stronger. They

let us know we are not alone.

We too can be flames for others. It doesn't take much.

It could be a simple smile as you pass a friend in the halls or it could be much more.

You can make a difference in everything you do. By buying recycled products or just plain being aware.

As large as these problems may seem, it was you and I that spawned them. We can fight them.

We can open our eyes to the wisdom of little boys and recognize our faults. And maybe you are aware.

You read the newspaper and see the world around you. Then you can take a stance.

God gave us a voice for a reason. Maybe we should use it.

I look into the sky at night and see the stars above, sky-candles in their own right. Some of them are long gone.

They burned up thousands of years ago but still the light from that star shines above the Earth, silently brightening billions of lives.

I give thanks to all the people that have made a difference this past year.

I give thanks to God, Jenny-fer, Cammy, Jammy, Katya, Brig, Melly, Bec, my editors, Dr. Shawver and Kelly.

Anyone else I fail to mention, I apologize.

My dream is that as I leave this school I too can be like that star. I pray my thoughts and fears have not fallen on empty ears.

I pray that I will not die out like those nameless stars I never knew, 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.

### 'Volunteerism for graduation'

Dear editor,

Volunteerism is good; our nation was founded on that principle. Required servitude is bad; that is why we fought for freedom. Democracy by its nature is volunteerism. "Required Volunteerism" is an oxymoron. Our society has the greatest number of volunteer agencies in the world. Our society also has the greatest participation rate in volunteerism. Human nature being what it is, we feel good doing what we enjoy; helping is one of those joys.

Many school districts and some states now require volunteerism for graduation. This is wrong for a number of reasons. Could you volunteer to distribute KKK or neo-Nazi literature? Remember, we have freedom of association. Could you volunteer at a pro-life or pro-choice clinic for religious reasons? Could we volunteer for hospital work or for the National Rifle Association? Who is to decide what is "appropriate" volunteerism - hopefully not the same people who decided that we should require it.

Brian E. Watson, social studies teacher

### 'Student council makes Central's Prom even better'

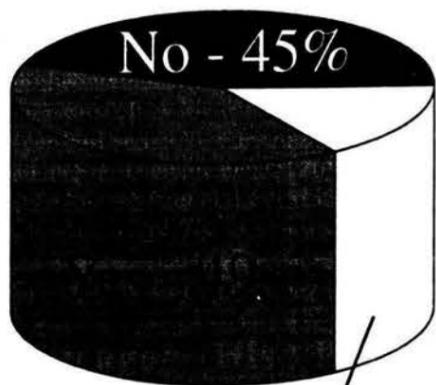
Dear editor,

Every year, the decorations for Central's Prom are amazing. Every year the student council has worked hard to make the courtyard become a magical, almost unrecognizable place. They work very hard for many hours to make Central's prom the best it can be, and they are never really given the credit they deserve. Not a lot of people know that the student council stays very late on the Friday before prom and then comes in early on Saturday. On Sunday they have to come in and do all the cleaning as well. Prom is the student council's biggest event of the year and they always do a great job of promoting and decorating it. I went to Prom last year and this year and I was impressed both times. Prom is a special part of high school and student council makes Central's Prom even better. Congrats, student council, on another wonderful Prom.

Sarah Raful, senior

## Central Standards

### Do you approve of Clinton's veto of the recent abortion bill?



Undecided - 16%

125 students polled

### 'Homosexual behavior is not right'

Dear editor,

The last issue of the newspaper contained a spread about homosexuality, and I must admit that the contents astounded me. I was shocked at how homosexual behavior was portrayed in a positive way in that entire spread. I would like to know why they chose to leave out the facts about homosexuality. Nearly every article was merely an opinion about how homosexuality is normal and just an alternative lifestyle. However, the facts clearly show that this is not the case.

First of all, some common sense is in order. Think about it logically. Two bodies of the same sex were not designed to go together. After all, one result of sexual activity is children, but with homosexuals this is impossible. Secondly, health problems among people who practice homosexuality are horrendous.

The facts alone prove that homosexual behavior is not healthy or normal. This does not justify violence or hatred, but it does support the fact that homosexual behavior is not right. The right solution is to lovingly help them overcome it.

Jill Roberts, senior

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**News in Brief**

**Students celebrate Purple Feather Day**

Central students with a grade point average of 3.5 or higher were invited to attend Central's annual Purple Feather Day on Wednesday, May 1. Students gathered on the East Porch and were given balloons, pens, bumper stickers, doughnuts and juice. Fifty students were given door prizes such as CDs and gift certificates.

Mel Clancy, in the Instruction and Special Education Department for Omaha Public Schools, Norbert Schuerman, OPS superintendent, and principal Gary Thompson spoke at Purple Feather Day. Seniors signed a Purple Feather Day banner. All Purple Feather Day honorees are able to purchase an academic letter for \$7.

**Plastic dolls educate about parenting skills**

The "babysitting an egg" idea as a way for teens to learn the responsibilities of parenting is getting an update. Planned Parenthood of Omaha now has two "Baby Think It Over" dolls available for community use.

The seven pound, soft plastic dolls have an internal computer that mimics infant crying at random intervals of two to four hours. The person watching the doll is given a hospital-like bracelet with a "care plug." The only way to quiet a crying doll is to insert the care plug into the doll's back and holding it for five to 35 minutes, about the length of time it takes to care for a real infant.

The internal computer also monitors any neglect or abuse such as shaking or rough handling.

Planned Parenthood currently has one male and one female doll. Due to high demand, they plan on adding more dolls to their teen pregnancy preven-

**Hat day**

The student council held a "hat day" to raise money for the Make-a-Wish Foundation. Students and staff members of Central were allowed to wear hats on Thursday, May 2.

Stickers that enabled students and staff to wear hats were sold for \$1.

Approximately \$275 was raised for the Make-a-Wish Foundation, said Maria Theophilopoulos, a member of the student council.

"The student council decided to raise money for Make-a-Wish Foundation because to give to charity, it's a nice thing to do," said Jon Lynch, student council president.

The members of the student council often do charity work for the NASC, the Nebraska Association of Student Council.

**Teachers end their service at CentCe**

By Mark Eyman

Nine Central staff members will retire at the end of the 95-96 school year.

Jerry Gillogly, Carol Valdrighi and Jim Rawlings will retire from the social studies department; Marlene Bernstein from the English department; Joy Morris Physical Education teacher; Carolyn Orr Business teacher; Barb Denman school nurse, and custodians Roy Huey and Gertrude Shelton.

According to principal Dr. Gary Thompson, all of these staff members will be replaced and an additional six new members will be added.

The reason for the high number of retirees in the past two years is due to a bill passed by the schoolboard allowing teachers to retire at the age 57-58. In the past, teachers had to wait until age 65 in order to retire.

According to Dr. Thompson, during the middle 1960s through the 1970s Omaha Public Schools was a very large district and many of the teachers that are retiring now were hired at that time.

"I love the kids," said Bernstein. Bernstein said that she is not retiring because of any problems that she has had, rather because her husband retired last year. She also wants to spend time with her grandchildren.

Bernstein has been teaching at Central since 1972 with a break in 1990 to teach at Norris for four years. However, Bernstein's ties to Central go back to her freshman year in 1946, and all of her children graduated from Central.

"Everybody says thank-goodness," said Rawlings.

Rawlings on staying home now and becoming a "Househusband."

Dr. Thompson also said that class sizes will be unnoticeably larger and there will be fewer supervisors throughout the day, due to the fact that teacher will have more classroom time.

There will be the same administrators next year, but the Guidance Department is hoping to add another counselor.

Shelton said, "I am ready to go." She said that she plans on going on a cruise in December to the South Caribbean and is looking forward to a lot of traveling.

"Leaving Central is a happy and sad occasion. I've loved this place, but I think students need someone with a little more oomph. Central has a great reputation in the city and the state and I hope that I've done my share to be a part of that," said Orr.

Orr said that she has many activities lined up such as, traveling,

photography classes even a chemistry class.

Denman said that she is just ready to go and is looking forward to traveling and photography.

Valdrighi said, "I am ready to new challenges."

She said that she plans on spending time with her grandchildren and refocusing her attention on art.

"I have mixed feelings looking forward to retirement," Gillogly said.

Family, fishing, reading are all on Gillogly's new list.

Morris said, "I'm ready to have to live by bells and clocks and I am excited."

Morris plans on traveling tickets to go to Olympia.

There will be a celebration of their achievements at Central.

**Omahans clean up downtown area**

By Morgane du Liege

You may have noticed the many flyers posted around the school. The Third annual Downtown Omaha Cleanup occurred on Saturday, May 4th.

This year again, Central students had the opportunity to be part of this event along with Downtown Omaha, Inc., Creighton University, Old Market Association, Inc. and whoever wanted to help.

A community service effort, the project invited the volunteer groups to pick up trash in order to clean downtown.

The volunteers arrived at 8:30am at Central High School where they got oriented while having rolls and coffee.

The cleanup started at 9:00am and ended around noon where everybody returned for a pizza party with food provided by Godfather's pizza and Coca-Cola.

Jon Lynch, senior and member of the Student Council, was the big publicity event.

"KMTV, Channel 3 came, Godfather's donated pizzas, even was there," he said.

He also said it was good the student council got involved. "I knew what was going on from previous years, they could help ask not only the senior class but the entire student body to help."

"Last year's cleanup was extremely successful with over 1000 volunteers," said Fred Wackerhagen, cleanup Committee Chairman.

To the people who might not be enthusiastic about it last year and although I was not willing to, I had a lot of fun.

"It also allows the school and the students to thank Downtown Omaha for using it all year long," Jon said.

**Central students help save the Earth**

By Rebecca Hammond

Earth Day Omaha celebrated its sixth birthday this year with the help of Central seniors Angela Harbison and Beth Katz.

Angela and Beth were active in the planning of this year's Earth Day Omaha celebration.

"I think this year's Earth Day was a real success," Angela said. "It was definitely one of the best we've had."

Angela has been involved with Earth Day since 1994. This year she organized the booth section at the Earth Day festival.

"I got involved because I think it is a good opportunity to get people involved and educated about the environment," Angela said.

She called previous booth sponsors, sent out surveys and formatted booth applications for groups interested in running a booth. In order to operate a booth at Earth Day Omaha, groups must promote environmental awareness and education and help clean up afterwards. Profit booths and food vendors had to sell environmentally safe products. Booths were available to any vendor or organization who meet the requirements for a fee.

Twenty-two non-profit groups and 10 for-profit groups operated booths this year, Angela said. Booth operators included NOW, the National Organization of Women, the Audobon Society, Citizens for Action, the Nebraska Vegetarian Society and representatives of the Natural Law Party.

In addition to organizing the

booths Angela worked a booth selling t-shirts and bumper stickers and covered the Earth Day Headquarters booth answering questions and administering minor first aid.

Earth Day Omaha is organized by members of the community and students from area high schools and universities.

"We have a responsibility to the Earth in what we do and use everyday," Mary McGranahagan said. "We have a vested interest because we are part of the population."

McGranahagan is John Foster's partner. Together they own and operate McFosters Natural Kind Cafe.

McFosters is an Earth Day Omaha sponsor.

McFosters allowed the Earth Day Omaha committee to meet in their restaurant, rented a booth at the festival, helped publicize the event and donated a gift certificate to the raffle.

"At McFosters it's Earth Day everyday," Foster said. "We are the only restaurant in town that recycles all of our aluminum, glass and cardboard, use energy efficient lighting and all of our paper products are 100 percent post-consumer waste."

Beth has also been involved with Earth Day since 1994.

"I am involved with Earth Day because I believe in respect for the Earth and to heighten public awareness," Beth said.

Beth said she spent most of her time at the Citizens for Action booth encouraging people to sign letters to Jon Christensen and Bob Kerry



Angela Cammarata, junior, pets her lizard at Earth Day 1996 at Elmwood Park.

asking them to support environmental legislation.

"Overall, the booths play a vital role in making Earth Day a success because they reinforces the be-

lieve that ecology is a little once a year activity.

Beth and Angela sold tickets to raise money for the event.

# Central takes first in car pull



Lei Brown

By T. J. Brumfield

College football has the repeat national champion Nebraska Cornhuskers. Professional basketball had the three-peat Chicago Bulls, and the University of Nebraska at Omaha Car Pull has the five-peat Central Eagles.

Central won the competition five out of the six years it has been held. The only year Central did not win the competition was its first year, when they took second.

Andrew Gaylor and Tom Bowen, seniors, won the contest this year for Central. They reentered the car that won first place last year, which they built with Steve Farington, Joel Mueeting and Nate Darling, seniors.

Each competitor is given a six volt motor and power supply to work with. Using this motor they are to construct a car. They are judged on the cars ability to pull weight, hence the name car pull.

These aren't cars in the literal sense though. The cars are small metal frames that roll on rollers, not wheels. These rollers are Central's secret Frank Marsh, physics teacher, said. He was given the rollers from an old laminating machine.

Marsh said that these competitions stress physics knowledge and creativity.

He said competition is very intense in these events. "It isn't everything, but it's a big part of it," he said.

In the real world engineers face plenty of competition and physics club allows the students to experience some of that competition, he said.

Andrew and Tom said the strongest competition this year came from Rob Connor, Central senior, who came in second place.

"We give out props to Rob," Tom said. "Rob would have beaten us if he had mastered the voltage doubler."

The voltage doubler is a small electronics device that doubles the voltage of the motor, so the motor spins more.

This provides a greater torque, and allows the car to pull more. The winning car was geared down to 700 to one and pulled over 100 pounds. This means that the motor spins 700 times every time a wheel turns.

In years past the cars pulled a sled full of large weights, but this year they pulled a small computer. The computer measured exactly the force with which the car could pull. Students were given the data from this computer on diskette to take home and analyze.

"Hopefully someone will take the car back next year for a three-peat," Andrew said.

## News in Brief

### Prom: an enchanted evening

By Morgane du Liege

"An Enchanted Island" was the theme of Prom this year and for most of the students it was quite an enchanted night.

Central High School's prom took place on Saturday, April 20 in the courtyard. The courtyard was decorated for the occasion.

The decorations were provided by student council. The decorations included a small wooden hut, a waterfall, a volcano and other tropical items. The backdrop for posed photos consisted of metallic palm trees and balloons.

In an effusion of colors and sparkles, guys and girls were dancing or just hanging around, having a good time.

According to Krysta Griess, junior, Prom was well run and the decorations looked very nice.

"I had a blast at Prom," she said.

Prom wouldn't be Prom without its most important event, the election of the king and queen. Around 9:30pm everybody found out. Jon Lynch and Nadia Blazevich, both of student council, won the titles of king and queen.

"I was surprised to be king" Jon said, "This Prom was one of the funniest I have ever been to".

Nevertheless, if everyone was pleased with the atmosphere, some students thought the music could have been better.

Susie Lamm, senior, wished the music would not have been so "Sweet 98-ish."

According to Sally Otis, sophomore, they could have put different kinds of songs in order to satisfy every style.

The decision not to have a Post Prom disappointed a lot of people.

"I had a really good time, but I do think that Post Prom would have been a good idea" said Anna Jane Kerns, junior.

Besides that, everybody had a good time, the teachers as well as the students.

Larry Andrews, art teacher, said it was well attended, the decorations were excellent and it was fun to see the student all dressed up.

With the end of the year coming, this night marked one of the most important memories.

"I really thought it was great," Anna Perilo, senior said.

Student council also participated in Death Day to raise awareness about drinking and driving on prom night.

# Freshmen enrollment to grow in 96-97 school year

Rachel Slosburg

More students, less space. This is the scenario for the 96-97 school year at Central.

Starting this fall, students who have completed eighth grade at Lewis and Clark will attend Central for their freshman year.

In previous years, the Lewis and Clark students did not attend Central until tenth grade.

However, approximately 200 additional ninth graders from Lewis and Clark will arrive Central on Aug. 28, the first day of school.

The principal of Lewis and Clark, Jerry Bexten, said the administration has mixed feelings about the ninth graders leaving.

He said the ninth graders were the leaders of the school and provided a mature role model for the younger students to follow.

"It is always great to see the ninth graders grow and mature; they possess leadership qualities for the whole student body, but I'm happy that they will be able to do the same things as their ninth graders already in high school," Bexten said.

Bexten said a drawback as a result of having the ninth graders leave is losing several good teachers.

Gary Thompson, principal of Central, is excited for the ninth graders to arrive. Although the ninth graders will increase Central's student body and make space less available, Thomp-

son said he thinks the change will be beneficial.

Because of the larger student body, Thomp-

**I think the additional students and larger population will strengthen Central.**

**--Gary Thompson, principal**

son said certain rooms at Central will be remodeled and class sizes will be slightly bigger.

Thompson said room 245 will be cut into a small classroom and the other two-thirds will

be used as an English as a Second Language room.

The other change will be made to room 313, which is currently used as a math room. Next year, room 313 will become an additional science lab.

Thompson said he expects class sizes to increase only slightly as a result of the ninth graders moving to Central.

Six additional teachers and a counselor will become a part of Central's faculty to help balance the number of classes per teacher.

Currently, most faculty members teach five classes. However, next year many will teach six classes because of the larger student body.

Central's projected student body for the 96-97 school year is 1,900 students with a graduating class of 400.

Dr. Thompson said Central's reputation will continue to be what it has been.

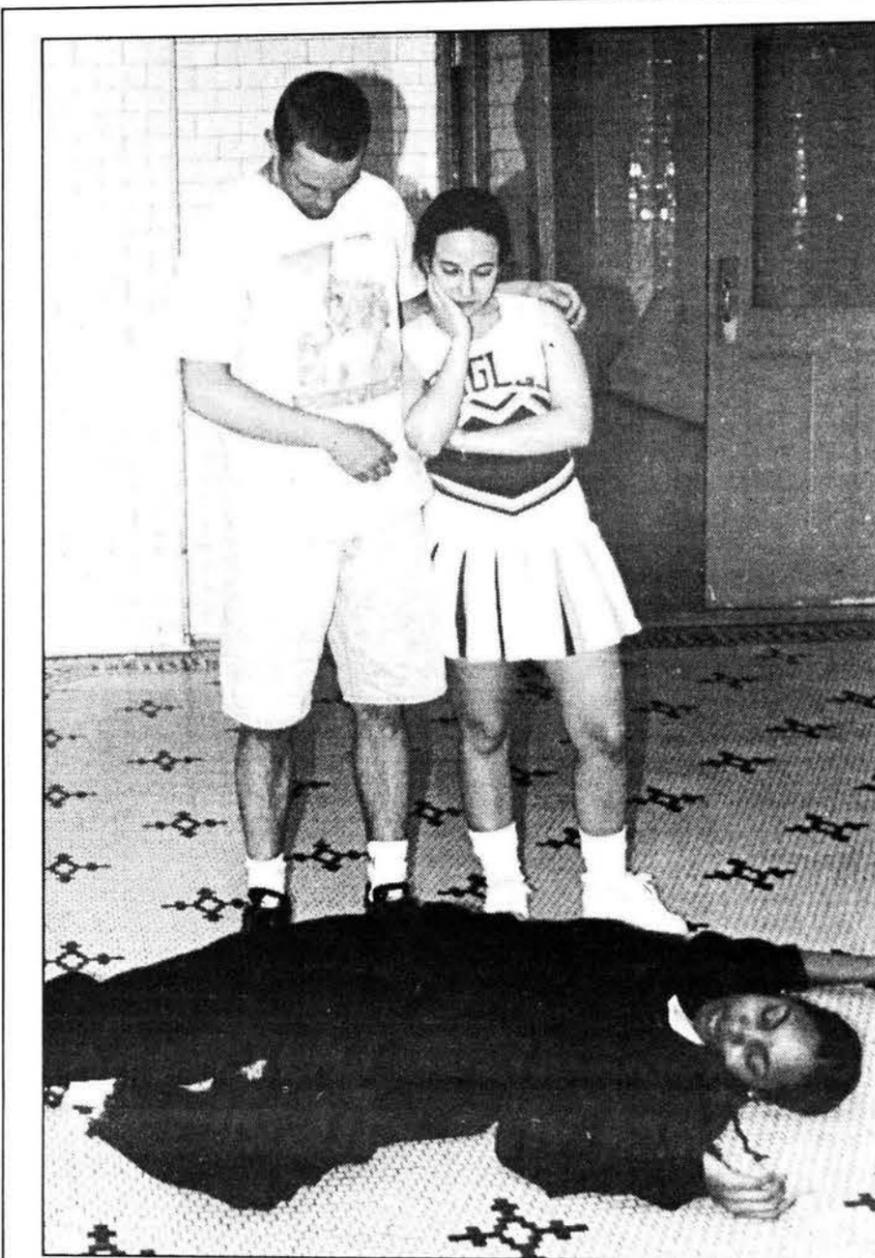
"I think the additional students and larger population will strengthen Central; it may be a little tighter, but overall it is a very positive change," he said.

**Reading List**

- Cats Cradle*  
-Kurt Vonnegut, Jr.
- Still Life with Woodpecker*  
-Tom Robbins
- A Farewell to Arms*  
-Ernest Hemingway
- The Godfather*  
-Mario Puzo
- In Watermelon Sugar*  
-Richard Brautigan
- Tooth Inprints on a Corndog*  
-Mark Leyner
- The Prince of Tides*  
-Pat Conroy
- Trout Fishing in America*  
-Richard Brautigan
- The Fixer*  
-Bernard Malamud
- Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*  
-Douglas Adams
- The Listeners*  
-Christopher Pike
- The Body Farm*  
-Patricia Cornwell
- Cruel Shoes*  
-Steve Martin

**Student Council members raise drinking and driving awareness**

By Carrie Parrott



**Death day at Central-** Junior Quiana Mitchem lies on the floor pretending to be dead. She is representing a teen killed in a drunk driving accident. Mike Kelly and Maria Theophilopoulos, juniors, stand above Quiana's body thinking about the many teens killed in drunk driving accidents every year. Death Day was held on April 19, the day before prom, to encourage students to not drive if they have been drinking.

Forty-two teenagers died as a result of drunk driving in 1995. For that reason, Central's Student Council organized "Death Day" on Friday, April 19, before Prom.

Select council members dressed in black and were silent during certain periods of the day to represent a teenage life lost by drunk driving. Students wore name tags and represented themselves as drivers themselves.

"This time of year there are many accidents as a result of drunk driving," Judy Smith, council sponsor, said. "We want to promote safety."

Junior Chris Darst, council member and organizer of the day, said, "Instead of just hanging around the building, we wanted to do something that would make a more personal impact on us. We want to make them more aware of the consequences of drunk driving."

Chris said that although many students at school might not take the day seriously, for one person it's worth it.

Chris, who represented a deceased friend, said the day made an impact on him personally.

"The day definitely makes an impact on me for [prom] weekend," he said.

Jan-Michael Williams, senior, said the death day was a bad idea.

"I felt that it shouldn't have been held at school," Jan-Michael said. "That kind of attracts to students in class. Also, it contacted some of the student council members and harmed them because they couldn't go to prom."

Jan-Michael said that although some people have been affected by the day, "for some things to laugh about. I know several people thought it was funny and went out to drink."

Jessica Mauro, senior, said she thought the day was a good idea.

"[The student council members] really didn't want to drink and drive. It was a really good idea," she said.

Jessica said she thinks the day had a positive impact on the student body.

"People I talked to said that if they weren't drunk on Prom night, they weren't going to be a cause of death day," she said.

**Teacher works to improve education**

By Rachel Slosburg

Politics play an important role in Central High School Spanish teacher Vicki Anderson's busy schedule.

Anderson tries to improve the educational opportunities for students enrolled in the Omaha Public School (OPS) system.

Anderson is a contact team teacher for OPS; she volunteers to work with local entities including school board members and state senators for the public schools' benefit.

Anderson said public schools are often forgotten when it comes to politics.

"Unfortunately, public schools are subject to political decisions: locally at the school board, in the state legislation, and at the federal government level, which are not based on what is best for education, but rather monetary spending and special interest groups," she said.

Recently, Anderson attempted to persuade the school board to vote for air conditioning in Central. Although the proposal did not pass, Anderson convinced Dr. Bernie Kolasa, the school board president and representative to whom she is assigned, to spend a day at Central during the first week of school and experience the heat.

Anderson said she meets with the other public school contact team members and their

state senators. Together, they discuss their concerns and decide to lobby on specific issues.

Before LB299, the tax lid bill for all Nebraska public schools, was voted on by the legislature, Anderson and other contact team members pulled the senators out of session to protest the negative affects of the bill.

Anderson said the passing of LB299 will cause worse conditions in public schools.

"Because our budget may only be increased by two percent this year, and zero percent in 97-98, more

financial cuts will have to be made. This will not allow public schools to buy better books and increase their technology, instead it will make

it hard enough to cover the fixed costs of inflation," she said.

Previously, Anderson has been

**B**ecause our budget may only be increased by two percent, more financial cuts will have to be made. --Vicki Anderson, Spanish teacher

education between the people involved in the schools and the three different groups making the schools' decisions." Anderson

## CENTRAL SCENES

*Top Right- Junior Jeff Evans explores the world of reptiles at Earth Day Omaha 1996.*



*Bottom Left- Senior Lindsay Conn defies the forces of gravity on Crazy Hair Day during Senior Spirit Week.*



*Directly Below- Junior Tammy Robertson spins the wheel up in room 425 for her pottery class.*



*Directly Above-Senior Martha Nelson welcomes inductee Junior Nick Rowland to Central's National Honor Society.*



*Above-Seniors Jon Lynch and Kori Leavitt sell senior T-shirts.*



*Above- Miss America, Shawntel Smith, speaks in Central's library.*

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## Filipino dancers take to the stage



Lei Brown

By Sarah Pugh

"In my country there have been some changes in traditions," sophomore Jennifer Castro said. "Doing cultural dances is like going back to tradition."

Jennifer has lived in the United States for one year and is a member of a Filipino-American organization.

Lita Calimlim of the same organization taught her traditional Filipino dances along with about 20 other dancers.

"There are a lot of dances," Jennifer said. "I just know six."

The types of dances vary with the geographic regions.

The group will be performing with the Philippines Orphan Choir on May 20.

The Philippines Orphan Choir is composed of children ages six to 16. Jennifer's group will perform two dances during intermission.

The costumes are usually dressy skirts with blouses, according to Jennifer.

Both the dances and costumes are a part of Filipino culture.

"Most Asian people taught their kids since they were little kids their cultural dance," senior Isabella Rilantono, senior said.

These cultural dances are often rooted in previous ways of life.

Jennifer performed the candle dance at the Cultural Fair held at Central.

Jennifer said that as island country, the main occupation of the Philippines is fishing.

House wives waiting for their husbands would get bored waiting in the dark since they had no electricity.

The wives would take their candles and dance on the shore while waiting.

## Teachers active during summer

By Carrie Parrott

Contrary to popular belief, most teachers don't spend their summers thinking about school. Teachers around Central have different plans for the summer.

Brian Watson, economics teacher, said he plans to travel and have fun during the summer.

"I spend most of my summers traveling," he said. "My summers are just play, having fun." Watson will travel to Phoenix, Arizona, Helena, Montana, and Stockton, Kansas and Sturges, South Dakota during the summer months. He collects, restores and sells motorcycles throughout the year, so he will be attending motorcycle races with his wife while vacationing.

Watson owns 10 motorcycles and holds half-interest in 70 others with a friend.

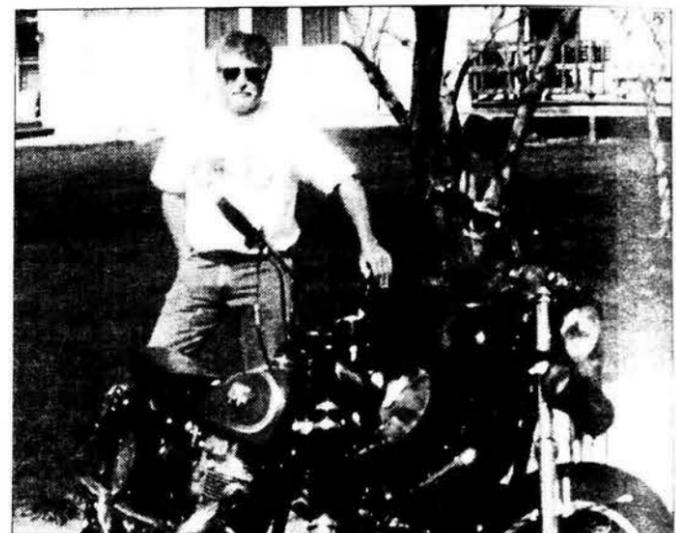
"My major love and hobby is restorations," Watson said.

Watson said he will not miss teaching at all over the summer.

"One of the little secrets about teaching is enjoying the free vacations," he said. "You need that time to recharge and think."

Beverly Fellman, French teacher, will be traveling to another country this summer. Fellman was awarded a stipend worth \$2,825 from the National Endowment for the Humanities to participate in the 1996 Summer Seminar for School

for the football season." Allner said up until the end probably going to house...



A man and his bike: Brian Watson, economics teacher, has collected, restored and rode motorcycles since 1957.

Teachers Program.

The five-week seminar, entitled "Visions of the Dark Years: Literary and Cinematic Portraits of the German Occupation of France, 1940-1944," will be held in Caen and Paris, France.

Another teacher, Mark Allner, math teacher, said he plans to paint houses over the summer as a job.

"I paint houses and get ready

said. Skoog, Central sponsor, will also be Squad practice then vacationing in Illinois some biking, swimming--summer things.

Skoog said she teaching over the summer. "I'll miss interacting with students, but not teaching," she said.

## Professor enlightens French class

By Josh Cohen

Some of Central's fourth year French students had the chance to be a part of a question and answer session with college professor Orville Menard to talk about Twentieth Century French History, on Apr. 5, 1996.

Menard graduated from Central High in 1951, and then attended the University of Nebraska at Omaha before becoming a United States Air Force officer.

While enlisted in the Air Force, Menard was stationed in Paris for two years.

His time spent in France is what sparked his first interest in French history.

While lecturing to Beverley Fellman's ninth period french class, Menard gave many new ideas about the French Revolution and other important parts of French history to the students.

"Some of the questions that were asked were very insightful and they revealed that the students had developed some real background of France," Menard said. "I was very impressed."

Menard is not only a college professor, but an accomplished author as well. He wrote the book *The Army and the Fifth Republic*, published in 1967.

It dealt with the fall of France's Fourth Republic and the rise of the Fifth Republic, which is France's current government today.

"I became a professor because when someone tries to specialize in an area to write a book, and they

want to do research for it, a university setting becomes very appealing," Menard said.

Now teaching at UNO, Menard handles all levels of students.

He specializes in the twentieth century gives students an opportunity to develop their own ideas since the turn of the century.

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## Central student lends helping hand at zoo

By Lea Platz

Junior Kelly Albers has been working at the Henry Doorly zoo with the Bird Crew for a year, and in the aquarium since last May. In the zoo, Kelly said she works with Kathy Williams, reproductive physiologist assistant, and the Penguins.

Kelly is a part of what is known as the Explorer program. She explained that this is an organization that allows selected youth to shadow, or intern with lawyers, doctors and other professionals that have agreed to participate.

"Being a zoo aid is even better than the other choices because you can stay in it until you are 21," Kelly said. In order to become a part of this program, Kelly said that she had to apply and then go to an interview conducted by the zoo's Educational directors. More than 100 people applied to volunteer, and eight to 10 could be chosen. Albers found out about this opportunity through her father.

"My dad owns a pharmacy, and the zoo orders medication for the animals through him. The Veterinary Technician told my dad about it, and after three years I will finally get to work with her," Albers said. But before Albers became a zoo aid officially, she went through an eight week learning process.

"I had to learn about the different areas in the zoo, and get a feel for what it is all about," Kelly said. Once on the team of volunteers, Albers said that there are certain requirements that have to be

filled. These hours are outside of the time spent with the animals. Kelly puts in about 32 total hours a month, working weekend mornings from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., and then with the reproductive physiologist from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Kelly will start working with the veterinary technicians in the summer to help with caring for the animals.

Kelly said that unfortunately she won't get to help raise the baby penguins in the nursery because she has not had the proper training.

"I have to be 18 to work as a keeper and get paid," Kelly said.

For now though Kelly said that she is satisfied volunteering her time on Saturdays and Sundays because "it's never boring."

"While working with the penguins, I am constantly learning. I feed the penguins, hose down and disinfect their areas, prepare diets and give the vitamin and mineral supplements that they would normally be getting in the wild," Kelly said.

According to Kelly all the penguins have distinct personalities.

"They are their own little birds. They get jealous, they fight, they play," Kelly said. Kelly also said that she has always loved animals and is thinking about being a veterinarian. In continuing her education she plans to attend graduate school at Kansas State, which she said has a strong veterinarian program.

"Most of the people I work with used to be zoo aids," Kelly said. "So I think I am on the right track."



Lea Brown

Junior Kelly Albers volunteers her weekends at the Henry Doorly Zoo, where she takes care of birds through the Explorer program.

## Summer break provides fun for hard-to-please

By Stacey Cody

Summer is coming, and with it plenty of time to keep oneself busy with great games like, "How Many Hairs are Really on my Toes" and "Let Me Count the Blisters on My/Your Back."

But before you sacrifice yourself to the deities of summer boredom, think about a few options you can take to earn some extra cash or just have a good time.

### Church or Synagogue trips

These can be fun, be it in your own backyard or south of the border. The prices can range from nothing to a lot, depending on where the trip is going to.

Generally, a participant is not paid for their time, but is rewarded with feelings and emotions one can only encounter through missionary work.

Jill Roberts, senior, is taking a missionary trip with her church to Ecuador. She and 30 other students will be gone from June 15-29.

"It will be a lot of fun," Jill said. "We're going to help build schools for missionary kids. We do it every year."

Information on these trips can be obtained from youth groups.

### Out-of-Town Jobs

These are a little more difficult to find, but a lot of fun. This type of work is focused mainly at resorts or hotels, but can even include a relative's or friend's cappuccino cart. Salaries vary, but the chance to spend a summer earning money with no parental supervision is tempting.

Senior Jeremy Richardt is spending his summer at a resort called YMCA of the Rockies at Estes Park. He'll be working as a lifeguard, earning \$150-200 a week plus room and board.

"It's a dream job," Jeremy said. "I was skiing this winter and met the manager for YMCA. He offered me a job and I took it. I can't wait to go."

### Camp Counseling

Counseling can be anywhere from the thickest woods to the most urban city. It allows people to spend time with people their own age or younger, while learning life skills and making lasting friendships. Salaries can be from nothing to \$1500 a summer, depending on the camp.

Sarah DeWitt, senior, is counseling at Sanborn Western Camps this summer in Colorado.

"I absolutely love it," Sarah said. "I've been going to that camp for the past seven years. As a counselor, I'll be able to give back what counselors in the past have given to me."

Senior Jeremy Evans is also counseling this summer in Cincinnati. Evans said he heard about the job through a close friend.

"I've personally never been there," Jeremy said, "but my friend has been going there for a while."

Counseling jobs are obtained through an application and interview process.

### Attending Camps

There are many different camps and academies available to students of all ages over the summer. Besides the regular outdoorsy ones, camps now cover a variety of hobbies and future career goals that can be both fun and educational.

Music, dance, art, writing, college and many other camps now exist to give people a chance to learn more about a certain field.

Senior Roland White is planning on attending a Film Academy in New York this summer.

"I want to study cinematography in college next year, so I figure it will be a good learning experience," Roland said.

Chris Darst, junior, is participating in the Outward Bound Program. It is an outdoors camp that lasts 30 days and costs on average \$2,500.

"You live off the land," Chris said. "It develops a lot of independence skills one might otherwise not achieve."

### Summer Employment

This might be the least glamorous of things one could pick to occupy time over the summer, but it definitely has its advantages monetarily.

While it might be fun to scale rock walls or visit other countries, the chances of making a lot of money, if any, are very slim.

If financial stability is a main focus in life, it might be wise to stick around the city and try to make some extra cash.

Not all summer jobs are limited to flipping burgers or following people around with a large perfume bottle.

Seniors Charles DeBoer and Matt Whitten are starting a lawn mower service to make their summer fortunes.

"We've already put out fliers," Matt said. "I figure we'll be pretty busy."

If starting a business doesn't sound too realistic, the newspapers and TV advertisements are beginning to alert students for summer employment. Restaurants, malls, offices and amusement parks are all places to search for a job.

Boredom doesn't have to be a necessary part to the summer. Don't let those deities get the best of it.



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# Central senior fights evil while searching for stardom

By Stacey Cody

Look out Power Rangers, Street Knights, the newest fad in superheroes, are coming to television.

This new show is being filmed in Omaha and stars five teenagers, each of a different ethnic origin.

They talk about everyday young adult problems while doing different martial arts moves and fighting big, bad monsters.

Central senior Shaun Housh was one of nine people to audition for a role on the new program.

Shaun said he was interested and called the casting director to set up an appointment.

"I heard about the auditions through Mrs. Georgeson, the drama teacher," Shaun said. "The people in charge of auditions sent her a letter asking if there were any students from Central interested in a shot at the show."

Shaun said he was interested

and called the casting director to set up an appointment.

"They said they were excited to meet me and couldn't wait until try outs," Shaun said. "Neither could I."

Auditions were held Sunday, April 21, in Claris Methodist Church on 53rd and Ames.

Shaun arrived with a friend, Chris Wiig, former Central student.

"We were both kind of freaked out when we got there," Shaun said. "There weren't very many people at the audition, but it was scary."

After meeting the director and other crew, he was given a paper to fill out his name and personal information, as well as any previous drama experience he had.

Afterward, he was given a screen test, where he told the camera about his character through improvisation.

"It was fun, but I didn't portray a lot of confidence," Shaun said. "Auditioning is the worst. It really scares

me."

After the audition, Shaun said the director told him they liked him a lot and they would give him a call when they decided.

If the show passes judgement by the company sponsoring it, the crew will return to film the pilot with the original five actors chosen from the audition.

If the pilot does well, those original five will be replaced with company actors.

"I think I have a pretty good chance at making it, probably because I'm the only Latino who tried out," Shaun said.

Shaun does not plan on pursuing a dramatic career if the show does not go through.

"I suppose it could be a lot of fun, but I think I'll stick to police work," Shaun said. "I've never really thought about acting professionally before."



**Hold-on to your bagora!** Rick Emas spreads scottish tunes through the halls of Central on day, April 29. English teachers Dan Daly and Ma Bernstein conspired to bring the culture to Central. Emas is the son-in-law of Bernstein.

# Student vacations reach around the globe

By Kate King

With summer vacation lurking around the corner, most Centralites are planning their three months of freedom with various activities ranging from work to summer school to nothing at all.

Two Central students are planning to do a bit more. Junior Jason Hoberman and senior Lindsey Schulz plan to travel overseas during the summer months.

Lindsey plans a European tour of Germany, Austria and Albania.

For Lindsey's three weeks in Germany, she will be staying with Sandra Keading, who came to the United States for three weeks this and lived with Lindsey as part of the German-American Society's exchange program.

Lindsey will be staying in the town of Braunschweig with Sandra and her family.

There she will attend two days of school with Sandra, tour the northern part of Germany and visit various sites in Berlin.

"We don't have the itinerary yet, but we will be visiting a lot of sites in northern Germany and Berlin," Lindsey said. "I hope to see more of the artsy stuff, like museums and old buildings. I'm very excited to spend my summer before college like this and I'm ready to go."

On June 27, Lindsey will leave Germany by train to go to Austria.

This part of the trip is not part of the exchange program, but a trip that she and her family prepared.

For one week, Lindsey will stay in Klagenfurt, Austria to get accustomed to the culture change. In Klagenfurt, she will witness several traditional events.

"I will be staying with Gertraud Havranek," Lindsey said. "She was my mom's foreign exchange student when she was in high school.

They've kept a strong relation-

ship all of these years. When I get to Klagenfurt there will be an apple-picking ceremony which I will par-

ticipate in. This is a big event because the apples only come once in every two seasons. Along with the apple-picking, they have festivals."

**I** am very excited to be spending my summer before college like this.

--Lindsey Schulz, senior

After an undisclosed amount of time in Klagenfurt, Lindsey will continue on to Vienna where she will stay with relatives of Havranek. She said that she would be seeing the "touristy" places around the city.

"This is my second trip to Europe," Lindsey said. "I stayed for seven weeks in Austria and Italy in 1994 so this time will be more fun, I hope, since I already have an acquaintance with the area. I'm not sure how long I'll be in Vienna though."

Lindsey will go to Innsbruck to stay with more of Havranek's family to see the "artsy stuff" and tour that area of Austria.

"Gertraud's brother, Manfred, is a wildlife conservationist chemist who spends two weeks at a time in

the forest and I will be going to see his work in the woods," she said. "Then I will be going

for four weeks with Artza, a group sponsored by the Bureau of Jewish Education.

Along with Jason, 39 other students ranging from freshmen to juniors. This group of students has been holding one and a half hour meetings every other Sunday to get the group informed for the trip before they leave on July 7.

"The purpose is to allow Jewish teenagers to visit their Jewish homeland while also having a fun vacation," Jason said. "Each one of the participants has a Bible topic to research, so when we go Israel and visit the site of that part of the Bible the researcher has to give an anecdote at the site of its purpose."

Jason said that the group will visit sites in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Eilat, the Dead Sea, Masada, and Egypt.

The trip into Egypt will be a historical one for Artza because they have never taken a group there.

In Egypt the students will visit

Mt. Sinai. The group, estimated at 40, will leave from Israel on August 4.

"I'm staying an extended stay until August 11," Jason said. "I'm going to stay in an apartment with two of his friends from South Africa."

This will be Jason's second trip to Israel.

His last trip was two weeks on a family mission.

He said that six other students from Omaha and 15 others across the United States will be joining him.

"I'd like to gain some understanding of the Hebrew culture because later in my life I'll live in Israel for an extended period of time, whether two weeks or months," he said. "I hope to see everyone there and show them pictures of my trip."

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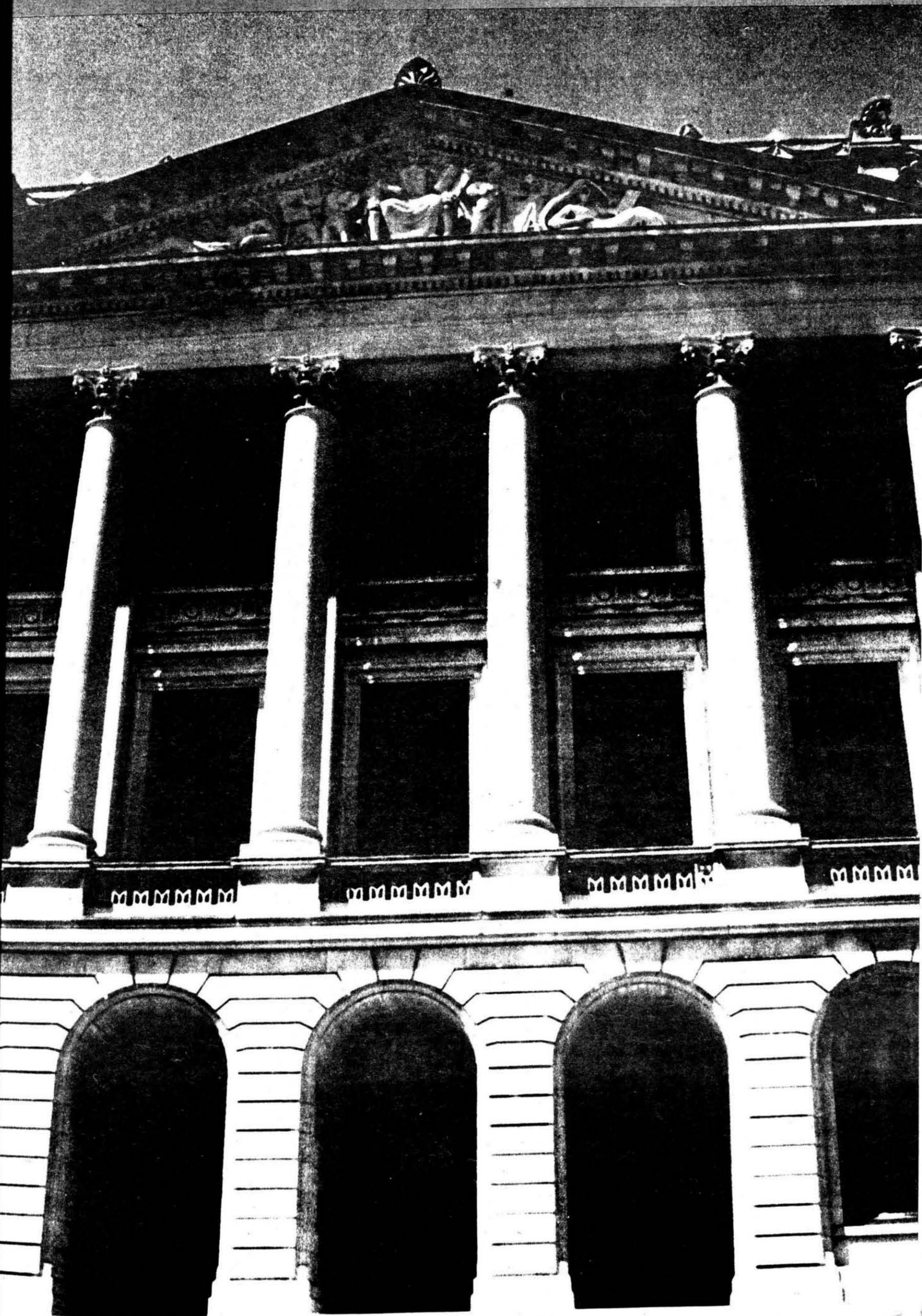
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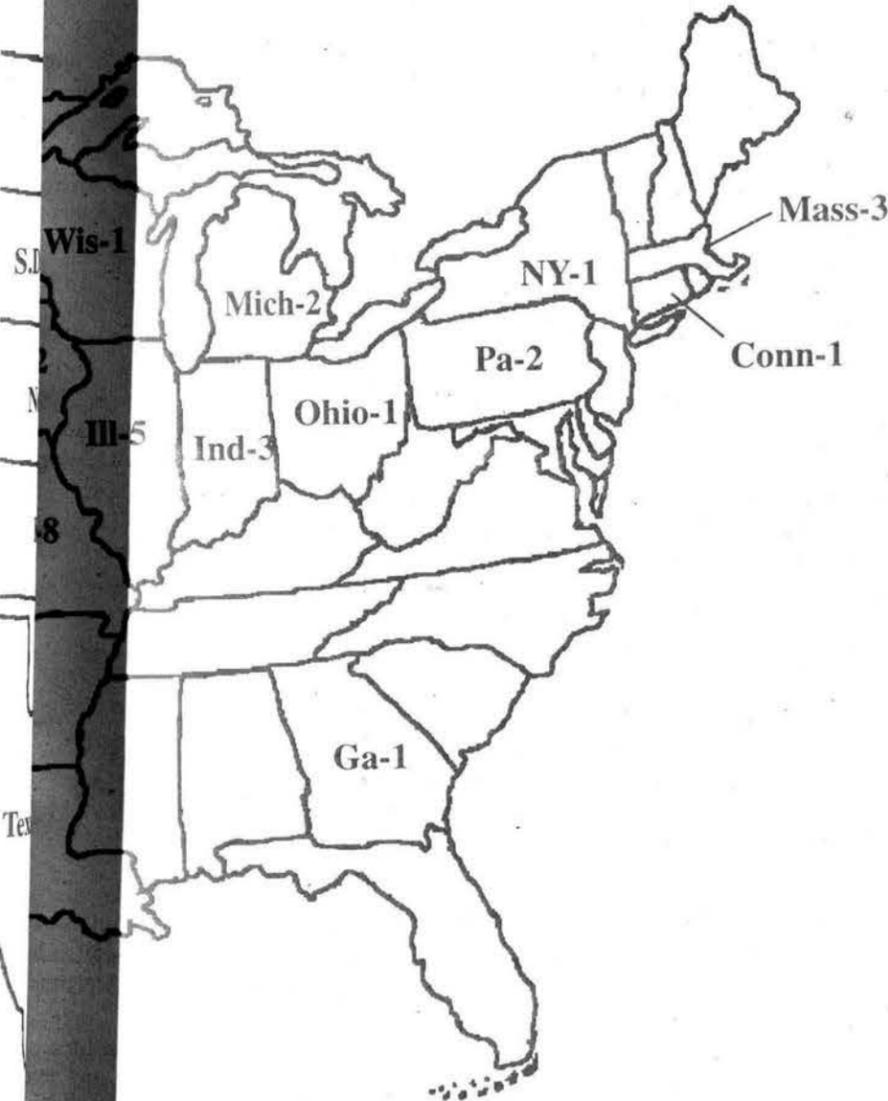
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Allen, Gwen	Iowa Central Junior College	Fort Dodge, IA
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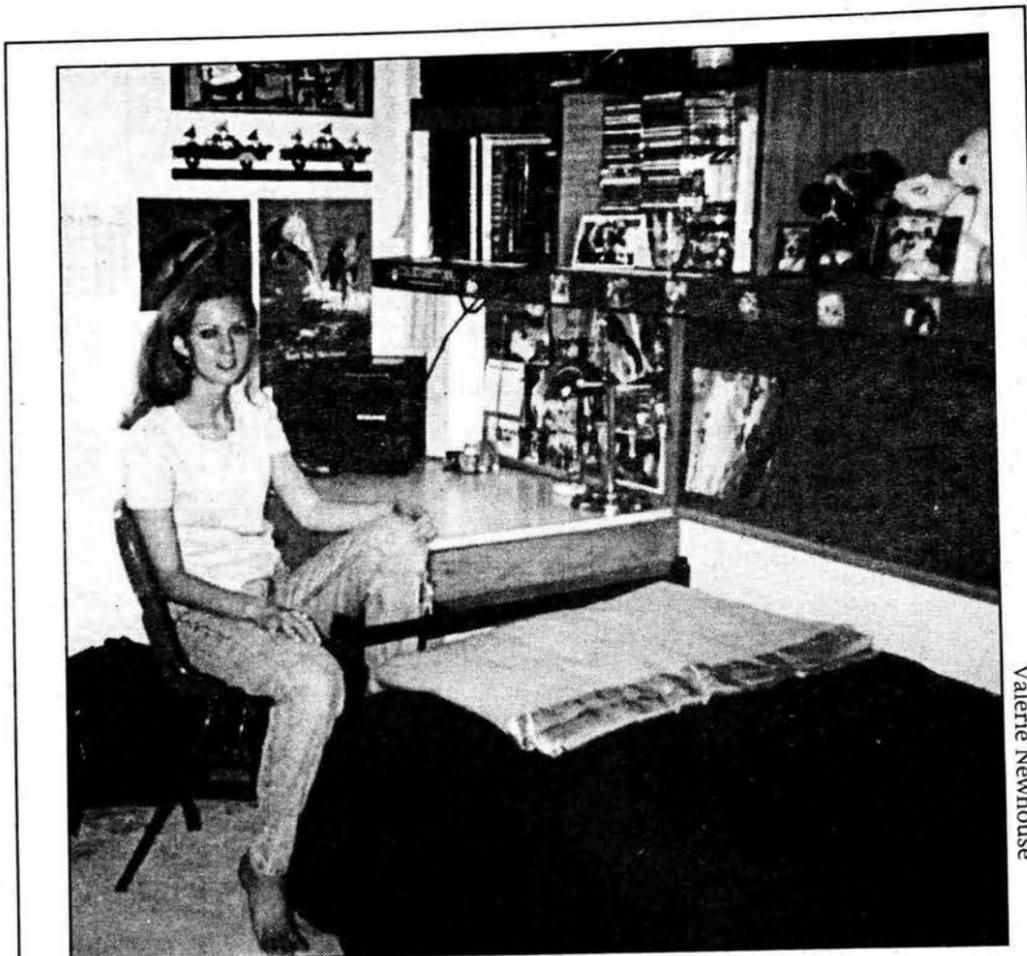
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Wybranski, Chris	School	Berlin, Germany
Yin, Charlie	University of Pennsylvania	Philadelphia, PA

# Dorm room decorations show personal



Valerie Newhouse

**Cindy Halley**, 1995 Central graduate, displays her room, decorated to fit her personality. Since the dorm room becomes a freshman's new home, it is important to feel completely comfortable.

By Valerie Newhouse and Laura Richards

You have the acceptance letter. You've filled out the housing form. You know the name of your soon-to-be roommate. But what do you take with you?

Many colleges supply lists of recommended items, but they tend to be stock items; not really anything to personalize your room.

Carpeting tops many college students' lists. Annette Hynes, a senior at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, UNL, says that it "warms up a room."

Annette also suggests taking lots of pictures of friends and family so you don't get too lonely.

Plants were other items that Annette took with her to college. She named all 10 of them. She said they are her "pets" because of UNL's no-pet rule.

Krista Schulz, a 1989 Central graduate, chose an artsy approach to make her dorm room at Wittenberg University more friendly.

"White washed walls were so impersonal and boring, I chose to brighten up my room with artistic creativity," said Krista.

Krista and her roommate decorated their ceiling panels, but when room checks were made they flipped the panels back to the standard paneling.

Kyle Long, a freshman at UNL, is a

member of the Theta Chi... suggests taking water gun... self-defense for late-night

Kyle said another way... a room is to decorate with... rowed" street signs. He

Another item that Kyle... suggests "Neighborhood War... lege was his iguana.

Michelle Chandler... UNL and a 1994 Central... suggests taking a fan, or at lea... your dorm is air-conditione...

Andrea Clemetson... graduate and UNL fresh... getting to know your room... making any major decorat...

Morgan Dugdale, a fres... suggests that since dorm roo... ally small you should ta... double in use.

Some of the items she... laundry baskets, pillow case...

To maximize space, En... 1991 Central graduate and... Washington University, sug... the beds on cinder blocks to... bed storage space. She al... using stacking crates to bui... maximize floor space.

Before putting to use... ideas, please check the guid... college for any restrictions... ply.

# Parents of seniors make own college adjustment

By Angela Parks

Once senior year hits, most seniors are waiting anxiously until the time when they get to leave their homes and go off to college.

"I am excited to leave and do things independently," senior Beth Beninato said.

For former graduates of Central, such as Jim Kovarik, the feeling of excitement has changed to a feeling of missing home, "a little."

Feelings of homesickness occur the first week at college, according to Central graduate Tim Langan. He said the main reason is that a person has no friends and living in a new environment.

The reasons for missing home during the rest of the year for graduates of Central are due to such issues as food and laundry.

"I miss home cooking," Tim said.

Food is one issue that worries senior Jeff Baxter when he goes to college.

"My mom makes such good food I could not live on Burger King food forever," Jeff said.

Tim said that care packages that include food make living away from home a little easier. A good time to send care packages according to Jerry Petersen, father of Central graduate Jill Petersen, is during finals.

The one thing Jill misses the most is Valentino's pizza. She said there is no Valentino's in Texas.

Cash is number one on the list of what college students miss the most when living away from home.

"Have your parents send you

lots and lots of money," Jim said.

The issue of laundry is another reason for missing home said Dee Kovarik, mother of Jim and Central math teacher.

"Jim misses having a laundry maid."

Jim said the problem with laundry is he has to spend money to clean his laundry where before it was free.

### Tips for homesickness

Tim recommends that students who go away to college should bring something small of sentimental value with them. He said that girls usually bring teddy bears and the boys bring pictures.

Another tip to help in homesickness is to have access to e-mail.

"E-mail is the biggest help and it is free," Jim said. He said it is a great way to keep in touch with family and friends.

Visiting home on the holidays also cures homesickness. He says he would not recommend having parents come up to visit because seeing them on breaks is usually good enough.

Jill recommends that students take along posters of the Huskers to remember the state of Nebraska.

### Tips for parents

Kovarik suggests that parents start now on making a list of items that their child will need to survive away from home.

She then suggests that before they leave they have agreed on a

time to call each other

Kovarik said that... has been agreed on... it is time for parents

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# What will seniors miss most about Central



**I will most miss the courtyard, the activities, the clubs and the teachers.**

**-Tanya Watzke**

**I will miss baseball, the business teachers and my underclass friends.**

**-Tom Shearer**



## Earth Day recycles great tunes and groovy feelings

Most people attending Earth Day were mainly interested in the environmental issues, but there was

a bonus of some of the best local and regional bands and artists around.

Juniors Matt McLarney and Ben Wiediwult, guitarist/vocalist and bassist respectively, and Central graduate Andrew Kammerer, keyboardist, opened Earth Day with their band Truman Sparks.

A favorite of many Centralites, Truman Sparks, got a great reaction from the audience.

One of the first acts on the main stage was Dr. David Corbin, a professor at the University of Nebraska, and an environmental activist since the first Earth Day in 1970.

He was alone on stage with his guitar, and before he began to sing he made a statement about the sanctity of the earth.

He opened with a slow soulful rendition of "La Bamba." Corbin, with a true folk style, performed some very well known songs and added music to the words of José Martí.

Meanwhile, across the park, Echo Farm, with their coffee house feel and jazzy undertone, was a breath of fresh air to the crowds early in the day.

Appearing to be a typical "chick band," Echo Farm was musically well-rounded.

The soulful bass player, the lone male in the band, surprised most people with his funk-ed-out bass lines. Unfortunately, the arrange-

ment of Echo Farm's music is much more vocally centered, and there wasn't much time allowed in their songs or set to showcase particular musicians. They all definitely deserved it.

Even though I wished for a little bit more jam time from the band, the vocals were enchanting.

With two vocalists, it often seems like there is competition for "lead singer," but the two women created harmony without shadowing over the other vocalist.

Their voices were great in song, but I think one of the women had delusions of comedic grandeur.

Between most songs she would throw in a snappy little comment about cappuccino or something unfunny like that, and George Carlin she was not. Comedy, or lack thereof, aside, Echo Farm put on a good show and has definite potential to hit the scene a lot stronger in the future.

Stick Figures was unquestionably the best band at Earth Day. They started their set about 20 minutes later than scheduled, and the anticipation was incredibly difficult to deal with.

They have an original style, and much of the crowd got up and danced, a nice change from the sullen seated crowd of before. The bongo player/vocalist is one of the most animated artists I have ever seen.

They have a genuine quality to their music, and take time to just jam out for the crowd instead of sticking straight to the set list.

Much to my dismay, the set was

only about five songs long, and ended the best part of Earth Day.

The crowd watching Stick Figures was one of the most animated I have seen in a while.

The flow of the crowd was excellent; people totally into the music and unconcerned about the others around them.

Even little punks who usually dance like decapitated chickens were chilled out enough not to run into each other and disrupt the rhythm of the crowd.

It was a beautiful thing, as are all of the Stick Figures' shows. If you're looking for a band to let loose for, Stick Figures plays fairly often around town is worth checking out.

Towards the end of the evening, Six Speed Universe, a band with surprising diversity, played on the main stage.

A mainly instrumental band, with a tonal quality that will make you feel like you are listening to a Songs of Nature album, Six Speed Universe let their melodies roll through the crowd.

Fortunately, the bongo player keeps things lively enough to let anyone drift away.

Six Speed Universe was a unifying band; everyone from little children to their grandparents were up and swaying to the melodies. Six Speed Universe finished their set with the main guitarist exchanging his guitar for a sitar.

The result was an enchanting song which sounded somewhat Indochine because of the sitar. This charming band is also worth an extra visitation.



Lei Brown

Perussionist Jason Mayberry and his band, Stick Figures, add to the Earth Day Omaha festivities by performing on the alternative stage. Earth Day Omaha offered a variety of music, food, and speakers geared to spread environmental awareness.

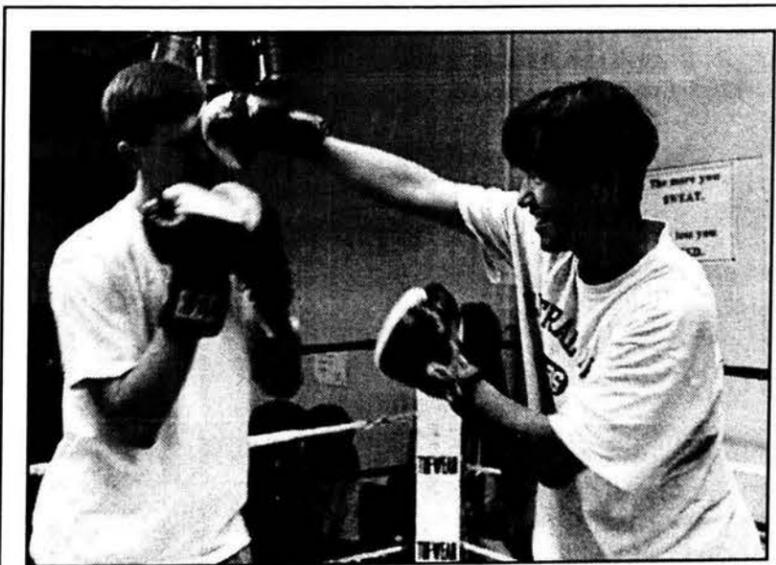
## AROUND OMAHA: C. W. BOXING FACILITY

Rachel Jacobson  
 "No glory, no glory." "Success happens when hard work meets ambition." "The more you sweat, the less you shed." Motivational posters with these words deck the walls of the C.W. Boxing facility. The gym doesn't look like a run-down building, but it's located down the D.E.A. at 1512 Cass St. As you first enter, the gym construction sight with the floor and scattered above. C.W. Boxing's atmosphere is immediately welcoming. The founders and the trainer of C.W. Boxing, John, said it was founded in the basement of Carl Washington's gym, which moved to the Cass St. location in 1994. According to Littlejohn, the gym was founded strictly on a vol-

unteer basis. It was a place for kids who wanted to learn to box to have an opportunity to have professional training for free. The club still exists on these principles. "We allow people to train here even if they don't want to compete," said Littlejohn. "We'll put them on a program and help them out a little, but we focus most of our time and energy on the competitors." Central seniors Charlie Yin and Brandon Meigs recently began training at the gym on a regular basis. Neither student is

interested in competing, but both Brandon and Charlie go to learn how to box and, in the meantime, get a great work-out. "About a month ago, Brandon

and I started coming down here once or twice a week," said Charlie. "Everyone is very helpful. We attempt to figure stuff out on our own, and they show us what we're doing wrong." Anyone can go to C.W. boxing Monday through Friday from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. They supply gloves, but you have to buy your own hand wraps and mouth guards. Otherwise it doesn't cost anything, and they may give you some



Lei Brown

Knock-out! Charlie Yin, 12, throws a successful right upper-cut at his sparring partner, senior Brandon Meigs.

good pointers on your left hook. "We have everyone from professional boxers to kids like Brandon and Charlie who just want to train for fun," said Littlejohn. Just because you're not going to jump in the ring right away, it doesn't mean you don't have to work hard. "I recommend, if people want to learn how to box, that they work out here every day," Littlejohn said emphatically. Charlie and Brandon said they get an excellent workout at the gym, but it's far from painless. "They dropped medicine balls on our stomachs," Charlie said. "They weigh twelve pounds. It hurts a lot." If you want to get in shape, or just work on your swing, C.W. Boxing is a fun and cheap alternative to Elle Macpherson work-out tapes. Another sign on the wall of the gym states, "If you want to box train, if you want to win train harder." C.W. Boxing is a great place to start.

# Music with a message still hardcore

By Caroline Foley

They have done it again. Rage Against the Machine has somehow managed to produce an album of the same caliber as their self-titled 1993 release.

*Evil Empire* is an incredible combination of hard-core music and lyrics that makes everyone want to get up and do something.

The forever politically-minded fellows of Rage Against the Machine have continued to preach about the evils of the persecution of African Americans. One of their many goals is showing the effects that stereotypes have on the advancement of African culture. The insert of *Evil Empire* in-

cludes pictures of books by selected black authors who have inspired the band.

and hard-core music that has been heard on any recent release. Tom Morello, Rage Against the Machine's guitarist, produces a sound similar to that of the scratching many rap artists use.

With songs like "Revolver" and "Year of the Boomerang," featured on the *Higher Learning* soundtrack, *Evil Empire* will definitely help you rock those summer months away. It is truly a feat for a band to rival or even come close to the originality and quality of their first release.

Rage Against the Machine has done just that. However, *Evil Empire* was much more of triumph for Rage due to the flawlessness of their first album.



courtesy of Epic Records

The music on the album is the most interesting combination of rap

# Punk compilation gives up real d

By Cory Olson

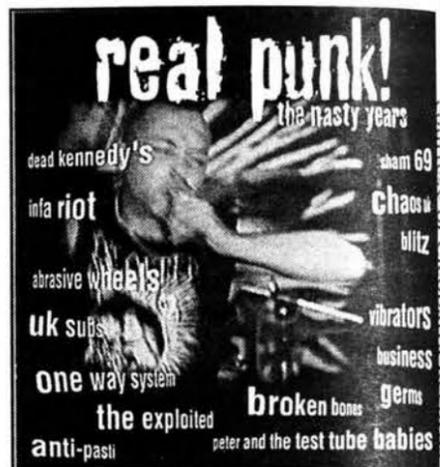
When the Sex Pistols shot to the forefront of punk in 1977, no one knew what to expect. Here were a bunch of angry young men shouting exactly what they thought to anyone who listened. What started as a disturbance in the music industry became a full blown assault. Unfortunately, punk's popularity was short lived as the 80's stormed in.

Nineteen years later, Cleopatra released *real punk: the nasty years* commemorating the angry youth that started it and kept it alive.

This CD contains a decent balance of Brit and So-Cal punk. It opens up with one of my all time favorites, the ever sarcastic Dead Kennedy's with "Police Truck," and just keeps pounding from there.

Some of the better tracks include: "Do They Owe Us A Living," an ode to unemployment lines

by Business; a live recording of The Kids Are United and humorous songs by Peter and the Test



quently adjust the volume on the stereo. One of the recorded tracks is actually a recording of the "Throw It Away." Despite the lack of vocals through most of the album, it is great to hear the screaming through the ears of Pat Smear and the Foo Fighters line. Overall, this is a decent compilation, a short of raw, abrasiveness, 100 percent punk.

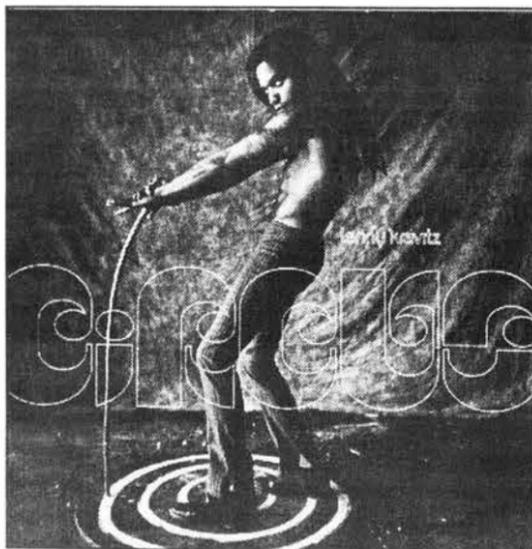
# Kravitz's new album missing passion

By Jen Houlden

The new album, *Circus* from Lenny Kravitz is a well rounded addition to his long list of successes. Not necessarily huge money makers, Kravitz's albums have always proved to be critically acclaimed and have definitely built up his reputation.

*Circus*, will prove to be popularly approved, and cement his career as a performer. The mood of the album is difficult to get into, and there is an irking quality to his lyrics.

One of the most aggravating things about this album is the song "God is Love." Nice concept, irritating song. The song is not heartwarming, it's more of a Jesus-freak thang. More power or you if you have a deep spiritual belief or what-not, but Lenny preaching his "God sent his only son blah



courtesy of Miss Bessie Music

blah..." is really not what I was looking for on this album. I don't want anyone to be offended by this comment, it's just a music preference, not a religious statement.

"Can't Get You Off My Mind," Kravitz's current MTV hit, is a good representation of the rest of the album. This album has a much more polished and commercialized feel than his others, which is not necessarily a bad thing. The popularization of the album seems to add a bit of maturity and consistency to his music, but unfortunately saps away all the raw passion that made him the demigod he is, or was. He's still got his wild hair, poetic arrangement and sultry mouth, but it seems like its been watered down, and dilution is probably the worst thing Lenny could do to this album.

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## Hit TV series soundtrack mediocre album scores X-Files fan

**Foley**  
The soundtrack for the *X-Files*, Fox's sci-fi hit, *Songs from the X-Files*, is probably the most interesting collection of bands and songs to make the album a must-have. The P.M. Dawn remix of "The Meow" is the most interesting song in the world, the soundtrack lacks this quality. Artists like Sheryl Crow

and the Meat Puppets, something seems to be missing in the songs. Could it be talent? There are a few good songs on the album. For example, Frank Black's "Man of Steel" absolutely rocks, but who would think that the former Pixies vocalist could hit an off key. The Screamin' Jay Hawkins song, "Frenzy," is also notably cool. The problem is that there are only a few good songs on the soundtrack, and three out of 15 interesting tunes are not worth \$15.00. If you're a die hard fan of the spell binding series, than the *X-Files* soundtrack is a must-have. If not, save your money and listen to the theme song every Friday at 8.

## Political preaching ruins soulful sounds

**By Nick Stender**  
Where's communism now that Tracy Chapman really needs it? She'd have prospered under the USSR's old regime, which rewarded artists who clung to Socialist Realism, a state-mandated form of political correctness. Capitalists had to be utterly evil (the song "The Rape of the World"), the poor noble (Cold Feet) and America a place of violent ghettos ripe for revolt (Remember the Tinman). I'm being facetious, but only slightly. Chapman is so politically correct here that even when you agree with her, as I frequently do, you feel she should have gone into politics instead of song writing.

Like a politician, she wants to "change it now this world with too few happy endings." The lyrics are so earnest, obvious and propagandistic they come across as silly. Part of the problem is that she is so humorless. The British social-

ist folkie Billy Bragg expresses the same sentiments, but he leavens them with wit. Chapman is at her best when she is personal. The song "At This

Point in My Life", about the mistakes that we make in the past, is stunning. Musically, this is a well-crafted folk-pop. Co-produced by Don Gehman, the songs emphasize her soulful singing. She uses keyboards, electric guitars, bass and plenty of percussion, but it never overwhelms her basic folk approach. Don Gehman, who did the mixing, deserves considerable credit. The music retains her integrity. When Chapman burst upon the scene with her brilliant, self-titled debut in 1988, the classic "Fast Car" told about a lowly checkout girl's brief fling with an exciting life. Chapman's two other albums, *Crossroads* (1989) and *Matters of the Heart* (1994) devolved into polemics. To be fair, there are several good songs on her new album, and musically most are clear and compelling. It's just that you expect so much more of an artist of her caliber. Certainly, you don't want to be lectured, especially when you know the course's content already.



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## Local beauty salons provide spa services

By Caroline Foley

Many salons in Omaha have started providing spa services that were previously unavailable in the Omaha area. Water treatments, aromatherapy, facials and massages are now offered.

"People can enjoy a variety of the indulgent services we offer for a fraction of cost of the week-long European spas," Ally Kramer, a receptionist at Creative Hair Design, said.

The packages offered from Creative Hair Design, located at 12025 Pacific Street, range in price from \$50 to \$222. Some of the packages include lunch from Cafe Cafe.

"It all depends on what kind of spa treatment people are looking for. We can design a package to include whatever people want," Kramer said.

According to Tracy Cooney, a hairstylist at Creative Hair Design, spa services have become popular due to the natural therapy craze.

"Our spa provides services to cure whatever ails you," Cooney said.

Another day spa in the Omaha area is Design of the Times on 123rd and Center. Cathy Randall, a receptionist at the salon, said that many people enjoy spa treatment so much that they book monthly appointments for the special services.

"Our most popular package is the Ultimate Indulgence," Randall said. "It includes a one hour facial, a manicure, pedicure, hair cut, blow-dry and lunch for only \$150."

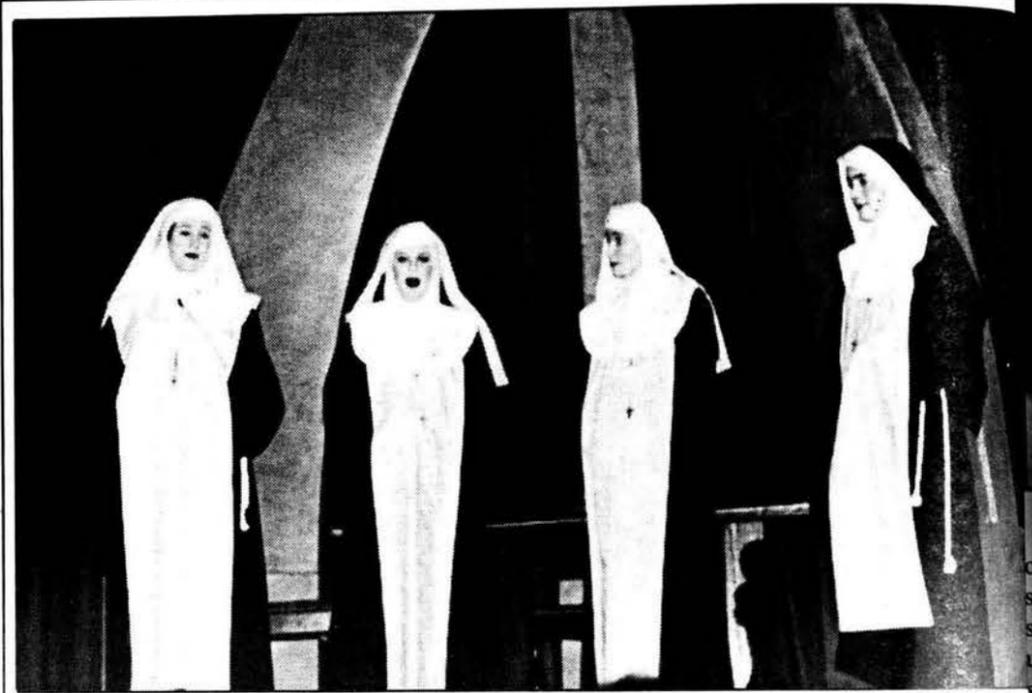
Design of the Times is planning on expanding their spa services to include mud treatments and body sugaring, a type of hair removal.

Many other salons are starting to incorporate spa-like services into their business. Dimensions, 46th and Leavenworth, is one of these salons who are now providing massages and facial treatment.

"In the future we hope to have a full service spa," said Ria Jacobs, a nail technician at Dimensions.

Norma Steffano, a recipient of the Vichy Shower, a hose-like spraying of mineral water all over the body, at Creative Hair Design, said that she looks forward to her bi-monthly appointments to "relax and help me forget the last two weeks."

## The Sound of Music rings through CHS auditorium



How do you solve a problem like Maria? Senior Rebecca Wolfson as Mother Abbess, senior Kari Hoyga as Sister Margaretta, junior Courtney Worrel as Sister Berthe and senior Tanya Watzke as Sister Sophia sing one of the most famous songs in *The Sound of Music* in Central's production of the musical. The show was performed April 25-27 at Central's stage. Over forty Central students were featured in the cast.

By Rachel Jacobson

Central's long-awaited Spring Musical *The Sound of Music* was performed Friday, April 26 and Saturday, April 27. The student matinee was on Thursday, April 25.

Students' reactions to the show, which was post-poned due to problems with set-design, were extremely positive.

Sophomore Kim Higgins said, "It seemed very well-rehearsed. People worked hard and it showed."

The cast and crew put in a great deal of time and effort to make the show come together. Senior Julie Otis played Maria, the governess who is the focus of the musical.

Other cast members included junior Damion Thompson as Captain Von Trapp, senior Anna Perilo as Leisel, junior Chris Darst as Rolf, senior Joe Lupo as Max, junior Anna Jane Kerns as the Baroness and senior Rebecca Wolfson as Mother Abbess.

"The supporting actors did an excellent job," senior Jennie Waldmann said.

Senior Meghan McCallan agreed. "Damion did an excellent job portraying Captain Von Trapp," she said.

Junior Brandy Crozier said that

she thought the variety of people casted was excellent.

"There seemed to be a better variety of grade levels than previous years," she said.

Although the cast did an excellent job of singing, dancing and acting, some of the most positive comments reflected the crew and stagecraft.

"The sets were really good, and the lighting was well done," senior Seth Farrington said.

The sets, built by a stagecraft class from Creighton University, were extremely professional.

Hilary Kyler, junior, was impressed by the overall look of the show. "The scenery and costumes were better than ever before," she said.

Other positive comments reflected the excellent technical efforts of the crew.

"In past productions we haven't been able to hear very well," said freshman Mikayla Heris. "This show, the microphone helped the actors to project."

The presentation of the show was excellent, but some thought the content was controversial. *The Sound of Music* is the story of an Austrian family during the Nazi take-over. It was therefore necessary for students to portray Nazi stormtroopers.

"I don't think a swastika has a place in a high school play," Mike Corry said.

Although some students were uncomfortable with the content, it was a necessity to the plot. Overall, student reactions to the spring musical were extremely positive. The cast and crew did an excellent job with a difficult show.

## Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls... Big top visits Big "O"

By Nick Stender

The 69th annual Tangier Shrine Circus rolled into Omaha April 18-21. The circus brought with it such attractions as the Atos Duo, a team that rides a motorcycle across a wire that is suspended 150 feet in the air, and the Estrada Teeter board, a toy that looks like it would be a lot of fun to play on.

Like all circuses, the show included the usual acts. There was a man who trained lions, a woman who could make her birds ride bicycles and a man who could juggle with his feet.

The grand finale performance was the Globe of Death. In this act, three men on motorcycles and a lady enter a spherical wire cage 20 feet in diameter.

The lady stands in the middle of the cage as the three riders zoom inches away from her head.

People of all ages showed up for the circus. Senior Sarah Boro said she has loved the circus ever since she was a little girl.

"My dad and I would go to the circus every year and split a big cotton candy," Sarah said.

Senior Tom Bowen also went to check out the action at the circus.

"My favorite act was the Globe of Death. I was practically on the edge of my seat. I could hardly watch because I just had this feeling that she was going to get run over," Tom said.

Junior Chris Darst, a cotton-candy salesman at the civic auditorium, said his favorite time to work is during the circus.

"I like walking around and see-

ing all of the little kids in awe," said Chris, watching the crowd.

The circus was enjoyable but it was no Barnum and Bailey. The quality of many of the acts was extremely poor and the performers lacked any personality.

My two biggest gripes about the show are the selection of certain acts, (you can only watch a bird ride a bicycle for so long), and the overpriced coloring book.

The book is fun to color, its just that there are about 4 pages of pictures and 150 of advertisements.

Actually the more I think about it, even the clowns were bad. When I took my coloring book out to have Flowers, a purple haired clown, sign my book he pulled out his little rubber stamp, slapped it down, and walked right on by. As if it would have taken any extra effort to personalize it.

The best advice for anyone who enjoys the circus is to sit the Shrine Circus out and wait until Barnum and Bailey comes to town.

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Hub? By Carrie Parrott



themselves, I just am sickened by seeing so many stark, hairy toes staring up at me, taunting me with their ugliness. "Look at us, Carrie!" they seem to scream.

The major dilemma with sandals is that the people with the ugliest feet are always the ones who wear them. These people seem to feel that since everyone else is wearing Birkenstocks, they can too. I know that, ideally, people should be able to wear whatever they want. It's a free country, right? Who cares what other people think? Not so, my friends. It is simply a matter of taste.

When I am sitting in class behind a sandal-decked person with misshapen, crusty feet, I cringe. My concentration is ruined for the entire class period. People simply need to start putting other people's feelings into consideration before they slip on that pair of Birkenstocks in the morning, no matter how comfortable they are.

There are only a few people I have met in my life who have nice, aesthetically pleasing feet. These people will remain nameless, but their feet have been tanned, well-shaped, not too dry, toenails not too long or too short, everything you could ask for in a foot.

Because of my intense hatred of feet, I believe that one of the worst jobs in the world is that of a podiatrist. Though it is said that podiatrists are some of the happiest doctors, I don't understand how they do it... touching other people's dry, dirty feet all day long. I have great respect for someone who touches the foot daily.

I feel better now that I have vented my frustrations. People may mock me for hating something so trivial with such passion and for writing about such a stupid topic, but it is not my fault—it is innate. I know that there are others out there like me. We feet-haters have a special bond.

If a 500-pound man was seen on the street in a spandex jumpsuit, somebody would probably say something to him. But put a pair of ugly, long-toenailed feet in a pair of sandals, and no one says a word. This is just one of the tortures that feet-haters across the world endure daily.

The mere mention of the word "feet" sends shivers running up and down my spine. The fact is, the foot is one of the most disgusting parts of the human body. It is ugly, it smells and, when not well groomed, it is highly displeasing to all senses. I don't even like my own feet.

When I was in gym class last year, we had to do the sit-and-reach and everyone had to take their shoes off. The stale stench of feet slowly filled the gym and I slowly became more and more nauseated. I felt sick the entire day because some of my classmates hadn't had the courtesy to wash their feet since seventh grade.

A disturbing trend in the nineties that has been detrimental to the psyches of we feet-haters has been the sudden flux of people wearing sandals year-round. Birkenstocks, Texas, thongs and other sandals have become increasingly popular, increasing the number of feet showing around school by roughly 100 percent. If sandals cover the toes, no problem! I have nothing against sandals

Abandoned theater crumbles



Lei Brown

By Rachel Jacobson

The recent renovation of The Rose theater was an exciting addition to the rebirth of downtown Omaha. But abandoned theaters are scattered throughout the city, and what are they being used for?

The Admiral Theater on Farnam Street was opened in the 1940's to show the blockbuster movies of the time. According to Ken Taylor, Chief Housing Inspector for Douglas County, the city now plans to tear it down.

"It's been empty for over a decade now and it has pretty much just been sitting there," said Taylor. "The city is just waiting for the money. It may be privately funded or funded by the city. Either way, it's not going to be there much longer."

Many people feel that tearing the Admiral down isn't the answer. It would be much more constructive to renovate and re-open it.

Senior Olivia Armenta said, "I think it's disappointing because Omaha could use more theaters to enhance the culture of the city."

BRAIN CANDY SWEETENS SPRING SCENE WITH SMART ANTICS AND RAW HUMOR

By Nick Stender

*Brain Candy*, the new movie based on the cable comedy series *Kids in the Hall*, is a journey into the world of weirdness. Having never even heard of *Kids in the Hall*, I had no idea what to expect. I just figured they were referring to freshmen.

The movie begins with a bombardment of random images. The movie jumps around to different characters and their unusual lives. It flashes from a foul-mouthed caddy, to a gay man who is convinced he is not gay and then to a super-depressed heavy metal singer.

After sitting there totally confused for the first 15 minutes I started to see a plot. It wasn't much of a plot, but it was a plot. A young scientist develops a new super anti-depressant drug that the world becomes hooked on.

The movie uses a lot of visual humor as well as the old scapegoat

stupidity. There are many parts that are so ridiculous that you laugh out of pity. An hour into the movie I made two important discoveries. One, all of the women in the movie are played by men, and two, there are only five actors in the whole movie.

The characters are quite original and all play on some sort of issue that society is concerned with today. It seems as though someone is trying to raise questions about society. The movie is full of little skits that mock the heterosexual fear of homosexuals.

The movie is funny and somewhat enjoyable, but should not be put on the list as a must see. I'm sure that the regular half-hour show would be enough *Kids in the Hall* for one night. You are probably better off going to see something a little deeper, and if you absolutely have to have your fix of *Kids in the Hall*, save your money and watch it on television.

By Rachel Jacobson

*Kids in the Hall* is one of the funniest sketch comedy shows on T.V. Directed by Lorne Micheals, the five young Canadian actors, Scott Thompson, David Foley, Kevin McDonald, Bruce McCullough, and Mark McKinney, have cracked up television audiences for over a decade.

*Brain Candy* marks their transition to the big screen and it was far from disappointing.

At the beginning of the movie, it seemed that it would be similar to a typical half-hour show: random comedy sketches featuring hilarious and original characters that all have absolutely nothing to do with each other. But eventually all the characters were tied together and I was surprised to find that it actually had a plot.

The characters were typical *Kids-in-the-Hall*; a gay man in denial, an irrevocably depressed hardcore alternative rock star, a business tycoon who insists on being addressed by his first name, his stereotypical "yes-man" side-kick, and a vulgar taxi-cab driver. The primary focus of the film is a scientist that has recently invented a drug to cure depression, obviously a play on Prozac.

The plot, like many comedies, is simplistic, and it would be uninteresting if it wasn't for the characters and scenes that gave the *Kids* their off-the-wall image.

*Brain Candy* is one of the funniest movies so far this year. If you've never seen *Kids in the Hall* the show, you may want to watch a couple episodes to prepare yourself before you see the movie.

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# Central High

## 2nd Annual All-Athlete Award

These awards are targeted at student athletes who excel on the field and in the classroom. They are selected by the sports staff from nominations received from their peers. They are given to three girls, three boys and one coach. This year's All-Athlete awards were a great success. We would like to give congratulations to those athletes who received honorable mentions. They were: seniors Gabe Lawrence, Traci Rooks, Nicole Benson, Jake Ortmeyer, Steve Farrington, Nick Dubas, Aaron Champenoy, Kelly Allen, Traci Rooks and Parnell Walton, and juniors Emily Broom, Quiana Mitchem, Brandon Meyers, John Gaskins, Sarah Deacon, Galen Morrison, Kenny McMorris, Jimmy Ortmeyer, Jed Ortmeyer, Josh Norcutt and Scott Dall. The Sports Staff would like to congratulate all the applicants and wish the very best to all of them with their future endeavors.

This year at Central High School there are many athletes who stand out as being amongst the best in the state. One particular athlete is junior Luke Denney.

Luke is not your typical athlete. He does not play one varsity sport and say that is enough for him.

Luke plays for a varsity team in each of the three major sports seasons. He is starting place kicker, punter, free-safety and split end for Eagle football, forward for Eagle basketball and starting goalkeeper for Eagle soccer.

Not only does Luke play all these sports and play them well, but he also man-

ages to keep his grade point average at 3.45 which is quite an accomplishment.

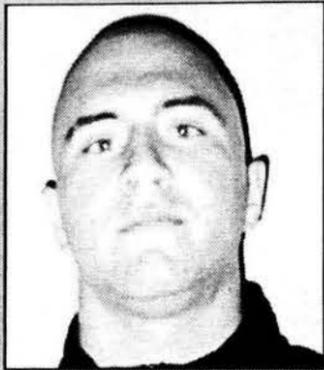
This is a major achievement for Luke because of all the time he devotes to his extracurricular sports activities.

This year in football he was picked as All-Division free-safety and lettered for the second time.

Not only does Luke excel in football and basketball, he is the number one goalkeeper in the state for varsity soccer.

As a sophomore he was voted All-Metro and

led the state among goalkeeper with .52 goals against average



Luke Denney

When you hear Central Softball, one name comes to mind, senior Kelly Custard.

Kelly is one of the top softball players in the state and has not only made outstanding achievements on the field, but in the classroom as well.

She is a member of Central's marching band and National Honor Society.

Along with being named to the All-Division and All-Metro first teams, and to the All-State second team her junior and senior years.

Not only has she succeeded in softball, but her freshman year she also lettered in swimming and track.

This year for Lady Eagle softball tied the state records for most complete shutouts and most wins.

She was selected to play on the 18 "Team Nebraska" which consisted of the players from the area.

Team Nebraska played in Seaside, Florida in a Training Tournament and came in second. The highest finisher was a non-Florida team.

In the fall Kelly is attending Dakota Wesleyan University on an Academic/Athletic Scholarship.



Kelly Custard

"Andrea continually strives for excellence on and off the tennis court," Women's Head Tennis Coach Larry Andrews said.

Coach Andrews said that Andrea, junior, somehow seems to maintain a very strong work ethic with the tennis team.

She balances her tennis with academics and social commitments and strives to achieve her best.

Since her freshman year at Central she has consistently been one of the top state girls' tennis players.

In 1994, she went 14-4, placing third at the Metro tournament and fifth at State.

She also took Central's invitational tournament.

In 1995, she upped her record to 17-4, again placing third at Metro, but this time moving up two notches to third at State as well.

In the Ralston Invitational tournament she placed second.

Andrea is not just a model athlete, but student as well.

She boasts above a 3.5 grade point average.

Andrea was inducted into Central's chapter of National Honor Society this year, and was a member of O-Book staff.



Andrea Friedman

Fifth highest point total in the state, despite being double teamed every game. All-time assist leader for the state of Nebraska with 34. First team All-State as a junior.

These are just some of what senior Matt Hein has accomplished in his four years of starting varsity soccer at Central High.

"Matt is the best player I have ever had the privilege to coach personally," Men's Head Soccer Coach Tim Herbert said.

"He is more of a silent leader," coach Herbert said. "He does not boast much, or even talk much, but when it comes time to play he is in a zone where he

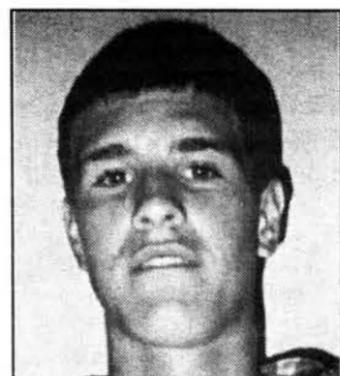
only concentrates on soccer."

Well the so-called "zone" has paid off for Matt. This season he is Co-Captain and lettered for his straight season as a starter.

He has also been a student of his academics. He has been student of the twice and continues for academic excellence.

"Matt really works to keep his grades up," Herbert said. "He has a lot of positive things to say about him."

This season Matt was one of the top vote recipients for Nebraska's senior team.



Matt Hein

"Ryan was the best overall player on our team this year," Men's Head Basketball Coach Rick Behrens said.

Not only does junior Ryan Behrens spend his time behind the arc shooting threes, he is also playing the cut-off man for the Eagle Varsity Baseball team.

"Although Central has tons of talented athletes, in my opinion Ryan is one of the better ones in the school," coach Eubanks said.

"Ryan is a two-sport starter that is quick, agile, gifted and very well-rounded," Men's Head Baseball Coach Steve Eubanks said.

Ryan led Eagle basketball in three-point shooting, assists and free-throw percentage.

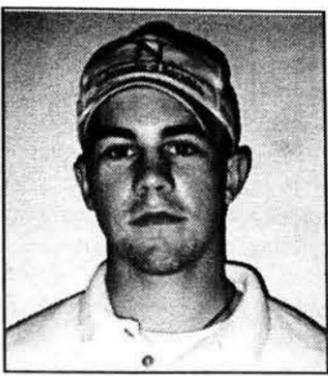
He was second in scoring.

This season, the Eagles had a great year in the Metro Conference.

Considering the starting five were juniors, the season was a real success.

In the Metro conference he was first in three-point field goals, second in assists, third in free-throw percentage and sixth in three-point percentage, an outstanding feat for a junior.

During the '95-'96 basketball season he scored 254 points. An average of 11.6 per game.



Ryan Behrens

When you hear the name Nadia Blazeovich, you might think of Central's Student Council.

Others might say, "Hey isn't she like Prom Queen or something?"

Both of these are true, but not only is she Prom Queen and involved with Central's student government, but she is also Captain of Central's Women's Varsity Soccer team.

As a freshman, she played varsity soccer and was a stand-out among the older players.

During her junior season she played fullback and goalkeeper for the Lady Eagles.

For the 1996 season, she was

Captain and has been named fullback permanently.

It was just announced last week that she has been selected for the Shrine Bowl game.

This is quite an honor for any player.

Nadia has excelled on and off the field and currently holds above a 3.5 grade point average.

"Nadia is a very competitive player," Women's Soccer Coach George Grillo said.

She is a one hundred percent player from the start.



Nadia Blazeovich



**Coach of the Year**  
**Men's Volleyball Coach**  
**Brad Reichmuth (see story pg. 24)**



## TRACK TEAMS PREDICTING SEASON SUCCESS

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won gold with a 8:03 time, only eight seconds slower than the school record.

The relay team consists of juniors John Zendejas, Jeremy Colvin, Tim Riveria and senior Nick Dubas.

"Dubas was honored as the Metro All Academic Selection at the Metro Meet," coach Felici said.

Nick finished second place in the 300 intermediate hurdles and fifth in the 110 high hurdles. He is ranked in the top 10 in the 300 intermediate hurdles.

Jeremy placed fourth in the 3,200m with a 10:05 time and John placed third in the 800m with a 1:59.6 time.

The four by four relay team placed first with a time of 3:28.7 at the Metro Meet. The relay consists of John, Nick, Tim and junior Kyle Thomas.

Senior Parnell Walton placed second in the 200m and fourth in the 100m. The four by one relay team placed fifth. The relay consists of Parnell, Kyle, freshman Wayne Reynolds and sophomore Deante Grixby.

"Parnell is in the top 10 charts in the 200m," coach Felici said.

Wayne placed sixth in the 110 highs.

Districts are held on May 9 against Lincoln Southeast, Ralston, Westside, Creighton Prep, Benson and Bellevue West at Ralston. State is on May 17 and 18.

**I am predicting that we will win districts.**  
-- Dave Felici

## Lady Eagles reach .500, look to Districts

By T. J. Brumfield

The Lady Eagle's soccer team battled back from a 1-3 start to a .500 record this season.

After dropping their first three games to Bellevue West, Millard North and the Indians of Millard South, Central went on a three game winning streak.

In each of the first three games, Central packed the goal and was shut out. Packing the goal occurs when you bring back extra defenders to protect the goal. The girls played excellent defense, but packing the goal hinders your offense, Head Coach Grillo said.

In the next couple of games, the team shifted its focus from defense to offense and outscored their next three opponents 19-0. After blasting Benson 7-0 in the Central invitational, Central beat Bellevue East 2-0 and clobbered South 12-0.

The Eagles then traveled to face Burke. Central lost that game, 4-0.

Central was without four of its players for the Westside game though. Kristin Bauer, junior and Sarah Carse, sophomore, were out

with injuries and two other players were out of town.

Kristin was suffering from an ankle injury but has recovered and started against Lincoln in the District tournament. Sarah has suffered

Bears 5-0.

Then, in the Westside tournament, Central played Columbus and Westside. Columbus gained an early three point lead, but Central battled back to avoid a shut out. The Lady Eagles fell short, 3-2.

The consolation game was a rematch with the Westside Warriors. This time Central lost 4-0. The final regular season game of the year came at Millard West. Central came away with a close win in a tight game, 2-1.

Central finished the regular season 7-7 entering the District tournament. Despite the seven losses, coach Grillo said he feels many of the players put forth an excellent effort throughout the season.

Erika Mullen, junior goalie, shut out opposing teams five times and has a 1.66 goals-per-game average. Jaclyn DiGiacomo, sophomore, and Sarah Deacon, junior, lead the team in goals. Jaclyn finished the regular season with 21 points, and Sarah racked up 19.



Lei Brown

Racing to beat a Columbus defender, sophomore Jaclyn DiGiacomo sprints down the field in the Westside Invitational. Central fell short in that game, 3-2.

## EAGLE SPRINTER TAKES OFF TO ASIA

By T. J. Brumfield and Josh Cohen

Though he has never been out of the country before, Central junior John Zendejas will be running in Asia this summer.

John was selected to represent the United States along with 34 other students from Nebraska, Iowa, Colorado and Wyoming in a foreign track exchange program.

John Whissler, the athletic director for Ralston High School, brought this idea to John during the summer track season. John had to gather recommendations from summer and school track coaches before being selected.

Whissler said that John was selected because he ran very well over the summer.

The students were required send in their applications to be accepted and approved by the Nebraska State Activities Association.

On June 18, John will travel to Seoul, Korea. From there he will visit cities such as Beijing while touring around China over a period of three weeks. He will even have the opportunity to stop at the Great Wall of China.

While in these cities, John will be competing in track meets against adult and student athletes from

around the world.

This level of competition will be much higher than that of what he is used to, but John said he is real excited to get the chance to meet people from around the world.

He will be running the 1500 meter, the 800 meter, the steeple chase and possibly the 4 x 800 meter events.

The steeple chase is ran over barriers and water, while the other events are ran on an actual track.

The Omaha Native American tribe, which John belongs to, will be partially sponsoring him on the trip. He will have to raise the rest of the \$2,600 to be able to go.

"It will be a honor for me to represent the United States as well as my Indian tribe," he said.

John said that his father inspired him to run track, but now running serves another purpose as well.

"This will also help me in my quest for getting an education after high school," he said. "Scholarship committees look at this highly."

Right now John said he doesn't know how well he will do in competition and he is more nervous than usual, but more than ever before, he is focused on running his personal best.



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# From the bench:

Sports Opinion by Josh Cohen



## Detroit: Sweep or Stonewall?

The Detroit Red Wings have had the best season ever for a professional hockey team.

They broke the 1977 Montreal Canadiens mark of winning 61 games in a season.

The Wings won 62 games, the most ever, and only lost seven, which is the fewest ever as well.

Last season the Red Wings did almost the exact same thing. They had the best regular season record in the National Hockey League, although the season was shortened by a strike and because of that their were no intra-conference games played.

The Wings were the first team to clinch a play-off spot, much the same as last year.

But the fact that this season was not strike shortened, and there were games played between both conferences, makes it a greater achievement.

Many critics speculated that Detroit was not actually as good as they appeared to be.

Without intra-conference games, they were labeled as not being tested during the regular season. Many of those same critics thought this would lead to an inevitable choke in the play-offs.

However, they rolled through the play-offs with what appeared to be great ease, but when they got to the finals, there was a different story brewing.

The New Jersey Devils, the Red Wings opponents for the championship, had been strong contenders in the play-offs the past several years and were a very tough team to beat.

But Detroit had no idea how tough until they played them, and ended up losing.

It was an embarrassment to have such a flawless regular season and get beat by a team who barely made the play-offs.

What went wrong? Will it happen again this season? Will Detroit choke when it comes to crunch time? Are they really a play-off caliber team?

Inexperience. No. No. Yes. These four words answer the questions above. Detroit is out for revenge, and to prove something to the world as well as themselves.

They will win Sir Stanley's Cup this year, all the questioning of their performance will end and they will end the longest drought for winning a Stanley Cup in the N.H.L.

(Clearly sweep! The octopuses will be flying at Joe Louis and the Russians will prevail. That is, if the Coffey is strong.)

## Chicago: His Royal Airness or a Bunch o' Bull?

Michael Jordan, Scottie Pippen, Dennis Rodman, Tony Kukoc and John Sally.

When someone sees these names together they naturally assume they are part of

an all-star team, but that is not the case. In actuality these names represent part of the Chicago Bulls line-up this season.

These are not their only great players, just some of the more recognizable ones around the league.

When Michael Jordan retired from basketball, it looked as if the Bulls dynasty of three National Basketball Association championships was going to stay just that, three.

When Jordan returned for the play-offs last season, the Bulls were amazing. He helped them become a team once again.

Although they did not win the N.B.A. championship, with Jordan in the line-up the Bulls were back for real.

This season they went all out, acquiring Dennis Rodman for his obvious taste in hair styles, as well as his 14.0 rebounds per game, and some other players that really played a major part in the Bulls crowning season.

In the same fashion as the Red Wings, the Bulls had a record breaking season. They now hold the record for most games won in a single season by an N.B.A. team.

Again, there was much speculation about whether or not the Bulls will be able to pick up the slack in the play-offs.

Well once again, the answer is yes. The Bulls are the best team in the N.B.A. At this time, no other team in the league can compare to the coaching or talent the Bulls have.

Only a man like Phill Jackson could coach this power packed team. He is probably one of the only coaches in the National Basketball Association who can really control so many egos, and although this has not really been a problem for the Bulls this season, it is always something that has to be taken into account.

The Bulls are loaded, and if they can come together and play the same way that won them 72 games this season they are a dead lock for the N.B.A. championship.

(His Royal Airness prevails! Michael Jordan and the Chicago Bulls beat Orlando in the championship. Shaq and Penny will be off their games because they will be too distracted by Rodman's special hair-do for the N.B.A. finals.)

# TENNIS CONFIDENT MEDAL AT STATE M

By Les Anich

"There is a great possibility that we will place in the top six or seven teams at the State Tournament," Women's Varsity Head Tennis Coach Larry Andrews said. "We'll see what happens in the remaining duals. We are playing great tennis. We will definitely have a winning season."

Coach Andrews said that in seven years of coaching tennis, the Lady Eagles' tennis

team never had a losing season.

"I don't remember ever having a losing season in my years of coaching tennis here at Central," coach Andrews said.

The lady eagle's tennis team has five wins and two losses this '96 tennis season.

"We are on the right track this season like last year when we finished with six wins and two losses," coach Andrews said.

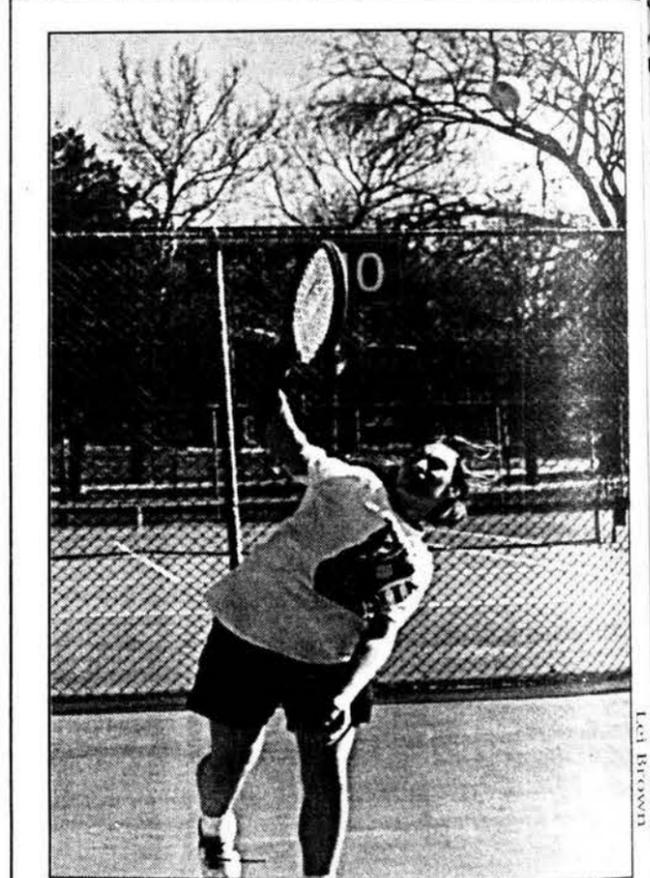
The team won against Omaha Bryan, South, North, Millard West and Millard South. Losses came against Omaha Marian and

Omaha Westside.

"Westside and Marian chances to finish in the top of the State Tournament," coach Andrews said. "We'll see what happens in the remaining duals. We are playing great tennis. We will definitely have a winning season."

The lady eagle's won the Invitational in the number one two singles.

The number one singles



Eyeing the ball: Junior Erika Wulff perfects her serve during a team practice. Erika placed first at the Bellevue Invite in number two singles.

Lady Eagles are confident about at the Metro and State Tournament, coach Andrews said.

Metro is held on May 9-10 and held the following week on May



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# The Big Eight annexes the state of Texas

Lincoln  
 Nebraska Cornhuskers won more national championship in football and last year. They also won the very first title to ever be given out in four sports.  
 The year marked the end of the Big Eight Northwest Conference but this year marks the beginning of the Big Twelve conference.  
 Teams from the disbanded Southwestern conference, Baylor, Texas A&M and Texas University, the Big Eight is annexing the state.  
 What does this mean for the Big Eight? The most obvious changes will be the addition of the Texas teams. A two-division system is proposed. The Texas teams will comprise the majority of the south division. Either Texas A&M or Missouri will be the north team. The rest of the former Big Eight teams will make up the north division.  
 Sports that normally don't have a Big Eight championship game between north and south teams will most likely be nationally televised and generate more income for the conference like that of the South East Conference.  
 In these divisions, teams will play all their games in their division each year, and only one of the teams in the other division. Only Nebraska sports, such as football and basketball, this will mean playing old rivals like Oklahoma only once every

two years.  
 Colorado will remain in Nebraska's division insuring they play each other every year. The thinking behind this was that the Nebraska-Oklahoma rivalry is dying out and a new rivalry with Colorado is forming.

Oklahoma fans could be cringing or overjoyed at the addition of Texas to the conference. Oklahoma already played their border relative regularly with limited success and has been developing quite a rivalry there.

For football the new teams fit perfectly in the conference. The Texas teams have moved towards the same smash-mouth, bust-'em-up defense and power running attack prevalent among most Big Eight teams.

Texas Tech's nameless defense gained quite a bit of recognition two years ago from a national televised game against powerhouse and number one ranked Nebraska.

And tight games against Colorado and Oklahoma have motivated the Texas Long-

horns to greatly improve their team.

A match-up between Texas A&M and Nebraska last year would have been ideal. After all, Texas A&M was a preseason favorite to win the national championship last year and boasted one of the top backs in the country.



The conference is expected to sign new contracts in the bowl alliance as well, guaranteeing the top Big Twelve teams a televised bowl game.

Basketball won't be affected too much by the new teams. The Big Eight is run by powerhouse teams

like Kansas and Iowa State. Texas is not known for its excellence playing basketball.

The conference will now be littered with more good to mediocre teams squabbling over who will get last place.

The addition of Texas will greatly affect the conference's volleyball program though. The Big Eight is a strong women's volleyball conference. In fact Texas and Nebraska are

the only two non-California colleges to win a national championship.

Many other sports such as baseball, gymnastics and track will probably grow stronger by the addition of the four Texas teams. Already the Big Eight competes for a national title year in and year out in these sports, but a bigger, well publicized conference usually has an easier time recruiting.

Only a small handful of sports, such as wrestling will remain unaffected. Currently there are five Big Eight teams with wrestling programs, and none of the new Texas teams have wrestling programs.

But that is not to say the Big Eight is without success in wrestling. Nebraska and Oklahoma were both in serious contention for the national title this year.

Representatives from each college are still deciding upon new conference rules, such as restrictions of eligibility and recruitment.

One of these proposed changes would be to no longer allow recruitment of ineligible players. This is where an incoming freshman is recruited for a team, even if he or she does not meet current NCAA requirements. The purpose is to allow the player to practice and play in the future when they meet eligibility requirements.

Incoming schools such as Texas are against recruiting ineligible players, but many Big Eight schools have been doing this for years. A few members of Nebraska's national championship football team such would have not been given a chance to play under the new proposed rule.

How much of a difference these changes will actually have on conference play is still unknown.

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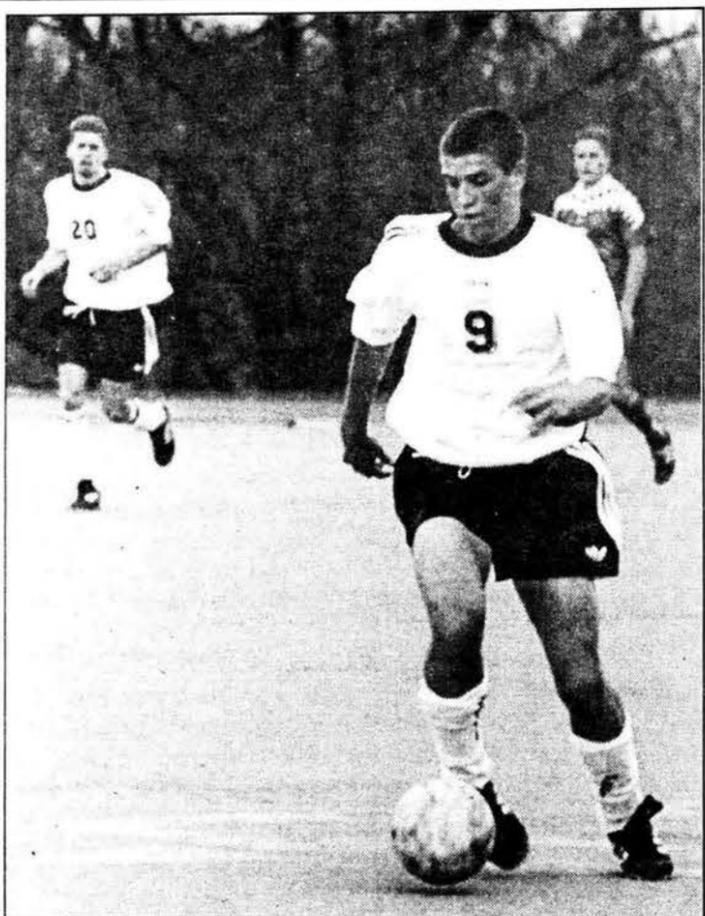


# SPORTS



## We Cover Eagle Territory

### Eagle soccer sweeps to Districts; looks to Sta



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Breakaway... senior Co-Captain Matt Hein eludes defenders to get a shot on goal against North.

By Josh Cohen

Since their loss to the number one ranked Burke Bulldogs, the number four ranked varsity Eagle soccer team won seven straight, shutting five of their seven opponents out.

"We set forth a new goal for the rest of the season," Men's Head Coach Tim Herbert said. "One was not to lose another game, and the other was not to give up another goal the rest of the season."

They almost accomplished this goal. Only three goals were scored on the Eagles, and two of them were from the same team.

That team was Omaha Benson. The Eagles played Benson in their last game before entering Benson's own invitational tournament. The Eagles beat the Bunnies 6-2.

Next, in tournament

play, Central was matched up against Omaha South in the first round of the Benson Cup. The Eagles already beat South earlier in the year 8-0.

This game proved to be at the same level of competition as the last, and the Eagles rolled to a 9-0 win.

After playing South the Eagles faced Omaha North in the finals.

North came out strong and it was scoreless for much of the game.

Finally the Eagles got a break off of senior stopper Steve Farrington's throw in. Junior left half-back Chad Dalrymple headed the ball past North's goalkeeper and gave Central a 1-0 lead.

That goal was enough to give Central the win, 1-0.

Their next game was against Omaha Bryan. The Eagles came out strong against the Bears and played a very intense game. Senior center midfielder Matt Hein

led the way in scoring in the Eagles 2-1 victory over the Bears.

The next stop for the Eagles was the Westside Invitational Tournament. The Eagles first opponent was Columbus. The Eagles came out strong and put them away quickly. Central prevailed, 5-0.

"We passed the best we ever had all season against Columbus," coach Herbert said. "We played extremely well."

After that, they faced Columbus Scotus in the finals. "Scotus is a very solid team," coach Herbert said. "I was pleased to see that we could control every aspect of a game against such a talented team." The Eagles won 2-0.

Taking the Westside title home, Central looked forward to their final regular season game against Millard West.

"The field conditions

were really poor," Herbert said. "The field was basically sand."

Despite a crowded field, the Eagles controlled the first game against West and waited for their scoring.

Senior center forward Jeff Driscoll on a pass from back Sam Farrington.

Central won the game with a score of 1-0.

The Eagles Millard West in the opening round of play. If they win, most likely face High in the second round.

If the Eagles win, they will face Lincoln East in the District Championship.

## Central volleyball bumps their way into nationals

By Rachel Slosberg

San Jose or bust - the Central men's volleyball team is on its way to San Jose, Calif. during the week of July 2-8 for the 1996 National Tournament.

Although the state tournament, where the winner qualifies for nationals, is not held until May 19, Central received a wild card and already has a definite spot reserved in San Jose.

Even if Central loses the state title, they are still traveling to nationals.

Volleyball coach Brad Reichmuth said the team's sure-spot at nationals is a great opportunity, but the players must continue toward their goal of winning the state title.

"I have held the exciting information concerning San Jose from the team for three weeks. It is important that the players focus their attention to winning the state title,

instead of concentrating and relying on the wild card," he said.

The winner of the state tournament will be eligible for nationals, but if Central takes state, no other Nebraska team will go to San Jose.

Winning the state title also ensures Central that the national tournament admissions fee will be covered.

However, in the event that Central loses, the \$700 tournament fee will have to be raised by the players.

Several players can't wait for their trip to nationals.

Senior Jeff Driscoll said it will be a difficult tournament, but a once in a lifetime experience.

"I think we have been given a chance to compete against the top teams in the country and will really advance our skills with the playing experience," Jeff said.

The middle blocker for the team, senior Aaron Champenoy, said the whole team is enthused for this summer.

"We have been coming together as a team lately, and I can't wait to play against harder teams with more training and ability," Champenoy said.

Currently, Central is ranked number two in the Metro conference, behind Millard North and ahead of Lincoln East. Lincoln East is an All-Star team composed of players from all of

the Lincoln Public High Schools.

Central's record is 10-1, the

The Central-Millard North

match went to three games, with

According to Reichmuth, the Millard North consists of all seniors who have experienced and have been together for two years. Central is a relatively inexperienced team.

In the past two weeks Central defeated Thomas Jefferson 0, 15-1; Elkhorn 15-1, 15-10; Blue 15-9, 11-15, 15-10; North Gold 15-9, 15-7.

Central plays their final game against Lincoln East on July 7.

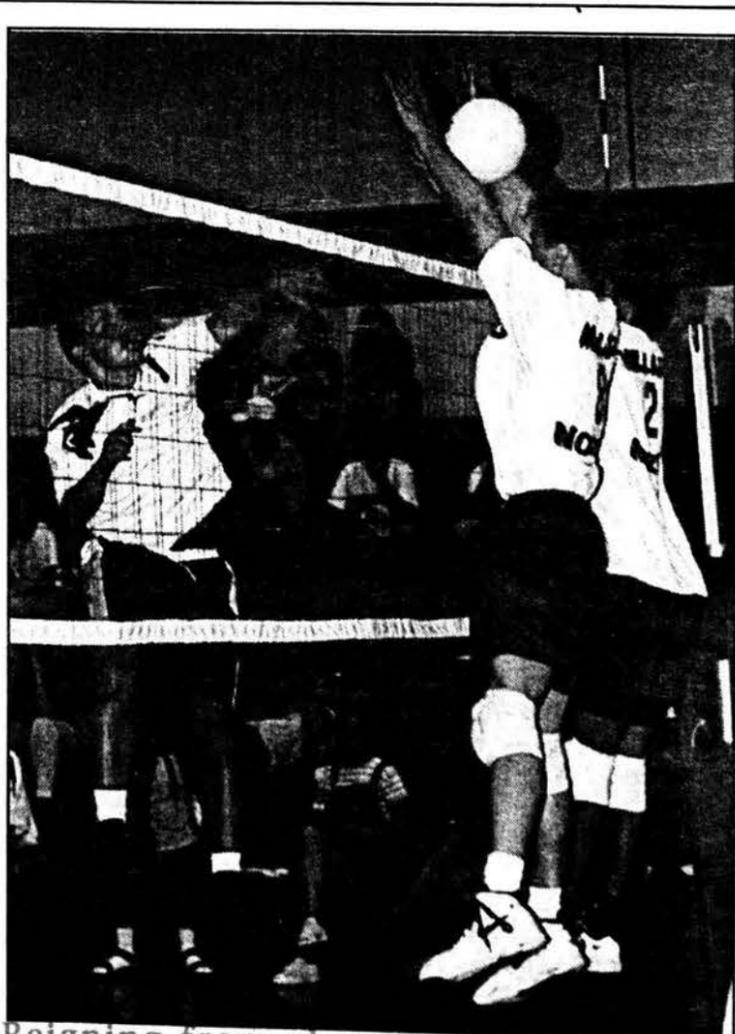
The following week on July 13 will be a rematch with Millard North and an additional match against Creighton University. Jeff, and seniors Nate and Nick Friedrichsen will lead the conference in kills and service aces.

The team has undergone minor changes during the last two games including the addition of a new player and changing positions.

Senior Cory McCune is a member of Central's volleyball team.

He said he enjoys the position of right side attacker. "I like contributing to the team, but I realize I need more experience," Cory said.

Coach Reichmuth said McCune is a good player and will be a positive influence to the team. McCune becomes accustomed to the position.



Lei Brown

Reigning from above... senior attacker Nick Friedrichsen smashes the ball past Millard North Defenders.

only loss to Millard North in a close match on April 18.

Central losing 13-15 in the final game.

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