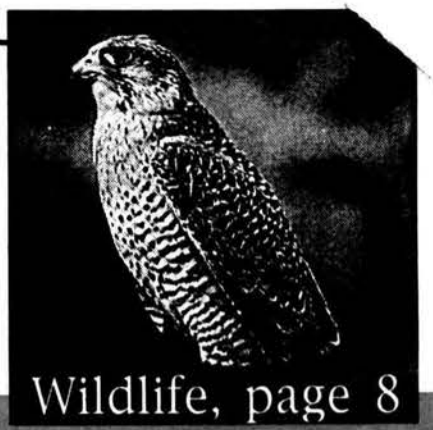


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## ASARCO Questions surface on riverfront development

By Josh Cohen

With the Missouri River being named the nation's most endangered river, questions are raised about ASARCO's, American Smelting and Refining Company, plan to develop the river front site in downtown Omaha.

The Missouri River was named the most endangered river in the United States by American Rivers conservation group on Wednesday, Apr. 16, 1997. American Rivers is the nation's leading conservation group on rivers.

"The Army Corps of Engineers continues to manage the Missouri River for the benefit of a handful of barge operators and at the expense of every other economic and environmental use of the river," Scott Faber, director of Floodplain Programs for American Rivers, said. "It's time to recognize that navigation on the Missouri River is a 50-year-old experiment that has failed and manage the river to meet the real economic needs of riverside communities."

ASARCO is planning to develop a river front park that should attract tourism and create a nice environment in downtown Omaha.

ASARCO is proposing to lay a synthetic liner then dump new dirt on the site. By doing this, all the polluted land from years of refining lead and other harmful materials are left untreated under a layer of synthetic liner.

Mr. Fred Thomas, environmental activist and former *Omaha World-Herald* Environmental columnist, said, "The site should be dug out, and the

contaminated soil hauled away in the safest manner possible."

Thomas said that it is possible for ASARCO to clean the site, but the cost would be tremendous.

According to reports released by ASARCO, they are going to spend \$17-\$20 million to clean the site.

Another report that was done for ASARCO by Henningson Durham and Richardson (HDR), one of the largest engineering firms in the U.S., estimated that if ASARCO wanted to clean up the actual soil in the site, it would cost them around \$215 million to clean only 11 feet down from the surface, but the ASARCO land is polluted up to 20 feet below the surface.

According to the HDR reports if ASARCO attempted to clean the entire site, it would cost an estimated \$500 million or more. That is over half a billion dollars. If it takes that much money to clean the site, one can imagine how polluted it must be.

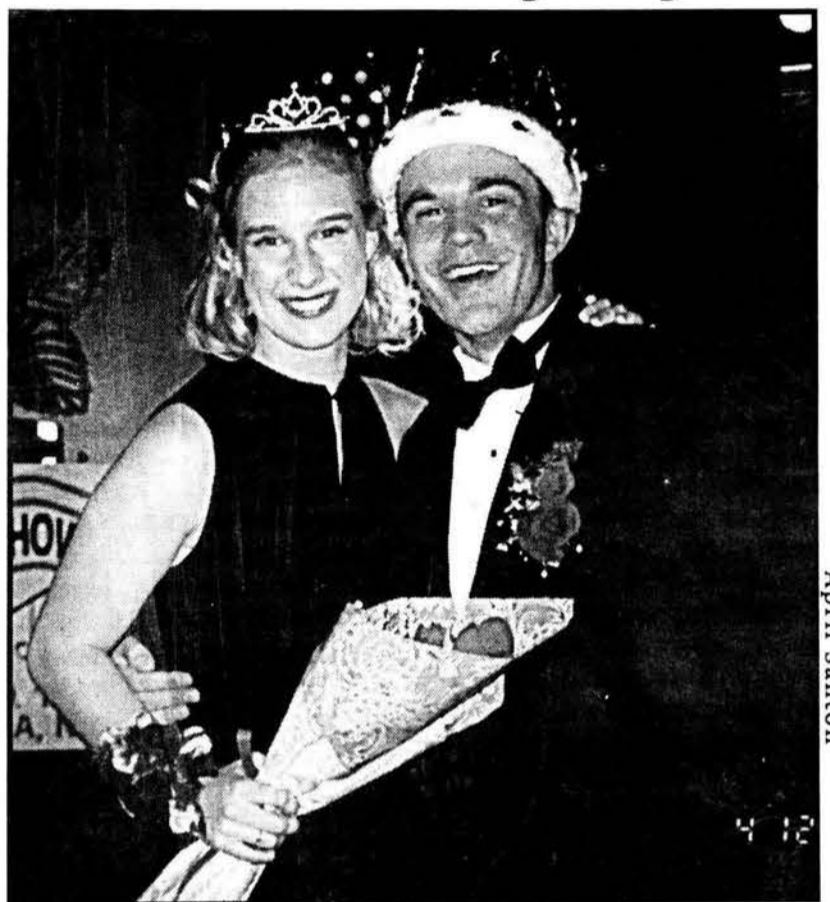
Thomas said if the city takes title to the polluted land it can only be bad for taxpayers.

no matter what happens," Litle said. "But there are still some legal indemnifications that need to be worked out."

The Environmental Defense Fund's Senior Scientist Mr. Daniel Luecke and Senior Attorney Mr. Timothy Searchinger released a joint statement saying that under the plan, as they understand it, the City of Omaha would take title to the land. They say as an owner (regardless of any indemnification agreement with ASARCO), Omaha would become

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## Central Royalty



April Santon

The Queen and the King... Seniors Mary Hill and Mike Kelly were crowned at Central's spring prom on Saturday, Apr. 12, 1997. They were chosen from a senior class of over 400 students.

## Mayoral candidates state stances as election nears

By John Gaskins

On Tuesday, May 13, Omaha voters will go to the polls to decide who will be the city's mayor for the next four years. The two candidates from the April 1 primary are incumbent mayor Mr. Hal Daub and District 2 City Councilman/Central High graduate Ms. Brenda Council.

Both have claimed they plan to run a positive campaign. They answered the following questions concerning the election and the city of Omaha —

1. **Crime** - How well has the city handled crime over the last four years?

**Daub:** Crime, overall, is down during the past two years. We have established a five-year strategy, a back-to-the-basics plan. There are 85 more officers are on the streets, and we have initiated zero tolerance for gangs, drugs and guns. The murder rate is down, and Precinct Advisory Councils are better connecting neighborhoods to

our public safety efforts are workins and 911 is merged.

**Council:** Unfortunately violent crime is rising in Omaha. Instances of violent crime rose by 32 percent nationwide while crime dropped by 12 percent. Those figures tell me that we need to more actively fight crime.

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Daub

2. What would you do over the next four years to combat crime and what programs have you outlined at the present time?

**Daub:** I would complete the remaining 30 steps of 100 in five-year plan, complete 911 merger with 800 megahertz Channels, labtops and Mobile Date Terminals, continue strengthening management and im-

proving response time for calls for service, traffic control and warrant service and expand prisoner work program.

**Council:** I propose four ways to combat crime: 1) Giving police the tools they need, such as more money for training, new police cars and growing the police force as Omaha grows.

2) Community policing which develops a partnership between the police and citizens which targets suspects and makes effective use of our officers time. 3) Proactively addressing the root causes of crime by establishing a Mayor's Commission on Youth, focusing on the positive achievements of Omaha's youth and continuing anti-gang efforts and implementing programs to provide positive alternatives to non-gang youths. 4) Prioritize Fund-

ing and streamline management by discontinuing the position of Special Assistant to the Mayor for public safety and discontinuing the helicopter program. These funds then can be shifted to giving the police the tools they need.

3. **Youth crime** - What would you do to decrease the number of youth crimes in the city?

**Daub:** I would continue cooperation with families, neighborhood watch, citizens patrol in our schools, and advocate state law changes to redefine arrest and prosecution rules to focus on "thought crimes" rather than the artificial distinction of juvenile crime vs. adult crime at age 18.

**Council:** Intervening with children before they choose a violent course of life is a key part of my plan to fight crime. I want to establish a Mayor's Commission on Youth which would form a partnership with Omaha's young people, youth service organizations, the business community and my administration to create internship, mentorship and educational opportunities for Omaha's youth people. Further, I want to focus on the positive achievements of Omaha's youth by congratulating those young people who have done well in school, sports, the arts or any other positive activity. I also want to continue anti-gang efforts and implementing programs to pro-

vide positive alternatives to non-gang youths.

4. **Education** - Omaha Public Schools is going through a transition period with superintendents, possibly hinting a new era in education. How do you feel about the status of our schools and what new ideas could you propose to improve the education of our students?



Council

**Daub:** Our high quality public schools are a valuable selling tool for promoting economic development. The city's role is to be supportive and responsive to school needs - truancy, 911, fire police - summer and year-round partnerships for use of parks, playgrounds and parking lots.

**Council:** I served on the Omaha Public School Board from 1982 to 1993. I believe our current school system is doing well, but it could do better. We need to take

better advantage of the technology that currently exists are risk that our students will fall behind. However, we cannot sacrifice basic education. We also need to better encourage students to excel in school. My youth recognition program would be one way to encourage students to do just that.

5. **Taxes** - Do you think the city's income, property and sales taxes are acceptable or too high and are you in favor of increasing or decreasing taxes?

**Daub:** Too high. We have streamlined city government and successfully reduced property tax 7.66 percent (two tax cuts in two consecutive years) the first real cuts (confirmed by the Omaha World-Herald) in over a decade. The city does not control five cents of the six-and-a-half cent sales tax. The State does. Income tax which is too high for our small state does place us at a competitive disadvantage. This is a state legislative matter also. The city does not have an income tax.

**Council:** The amount of taxes required depends on the cost of programs and how well the city government is run. I am in favor decreasing taxes so long as it does not negatively impact city programs. That requires not just that the equipment is available, but also an appropriate number of staff.

# State-sanctioned murder remains unconstitutional

On June 29, 1972, a split 5-4 Supreme Court reached a landmark decision in *Furman v. Georgia* which held that "as the statutes are administered... the imposition and carrying out of the death penalty [constitutes] cruel and unusual punishment in violation of the Eighth and Fourteenth Amendments."

This has not changed. The United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights states that "no one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment." No one. Not you, or a convicted murderer.

The assertion that execution at the hands of the penal system is civilized and painless is incorrect after witnessing the many tortuous deaths that have been suffered. Jimmy Lee Gray, executed in a Mississippi gas chamber in 1983, did not die a painless death. His head struck repeatedly against the pole behind him, and he had convulsions for eight minutes before finally dying. James Autry, executed by lethal injection in 1984, took 10 minutes to die and was conscious and complaining of pain for most of those ten minutes. The death penalty has been documented to be cruel and inhumane, and is therefore unconstitutional.

Human error is also a factor that cannot be disregarded. A man is convicted of murder by a jury of his peers. Their ability to misinterpret evidence and guilt are great. Walter Mcmillian was sentenced to die in the electric chair and spent almost six years on Death Row in Alabama before the state acknowledged that he had been wrongfully convicted and was an innocent man.

That an innocent man might lose his life is a chance not worth taking to satisfy the bloodlust of advocates of the death penalty. Revenge is an archaic and barbaric form of justice, and a civilization as advanced as the United States believes itself to be, should not permit such brutality.

Racial bias is also an issue of much concern. The Government Accounting Office have found that the race of the victim "was found to influence the likelihood of being charged with capital murder or receiving the death penalty." Any assumption that the law is colorblind is incorrect, and the value of a human life is too great to risk losing because of the racial bias of a jury.

Those concerned with the financial burden of maintaining a prisoner in jail for the rest of his life, the numbers disprove their argument. The GAO found that in New York a death penalty costs at least \$1.8 million to defend and prosecute a capital case, while the cost of care for an inmate for 40 years amounts to only \$602,000. No solutions have been offered to the footing of this bill, and the financial burden of execution lays heavy on the taxpayers.

As the leader of the free world, it is ironic that we are the only Western democracy still permitting the execution of criminals.

Justice Harry Blackmun put it simply when he said, "I feel morally and intellectually obligated to simply concede that the death penalty experiment has failed." The experiment has failed, and needs to be canceled. Too many lives have been sacrificed in the name of revenge.

The simple hypocrisy of the death penalty is enough to defeat all arguments for the death penalty. Even young school children know that two wrongs do not make a right. Murder remains murder, regardless of whether or not the murderer is a tool of the state. The horror is intensified when it is realized that the nation, which is meant to protect its people, has condoned their execution.

## Destruction not part of God's law

At Central Christian school in Omaha, the students participated in a destruction of what they considered ungodly materials.

The session of smashing offensive CD's and burning inappropriate articles was a result of the seminar which Steve Peters was giving at Central Christian during Spiritual Emphasis week.

Once a year the school participates in a week when spiritual matters are stressed and the Bible is explored. This year, Peters known for his seminar, *Truth about Rock*, came and spoke to the students about rock music.

This seminar takes lyrics from songs and pulls quotes that the musicians have made in some magazines such as *Rolling Stone* and imposes the belief that the music is a barrier between its listeners and God. Peters then suggests that when choosing ones music, they should look at the graphics accompanying the CD or tape case, read the lyrics thoroughly and investigate the goals of the musicians.

Half way through the week with Peters, students were encouraged to bring from home any negative things (especially music) in their lives. Whatever was hindering them from their relationship with God was then burnt in a fire, or obliterated with hammers. The reason for this act was simply to get rid of the object which was violating the student's relationship with the Lord.

The actions that Peters encouraged he justified by what people did in The Book of Acts, chapter 19 vs. 18-20. In these verses people burned what was a barrier between themselves and their God.

People cannot go around burning and smashing anything which they feel stands between them and their deity. Physical destruction is not (as it has been said to be in this case) the only way to remove harmful things from one's life.

If everyone concluded that this was the only way to get rid of the things which had an adverse effect on their relationship with their Lord, was rto set them on fire, continual blazes would light up the entire globe. Environmental monitors would be overrun with issuing permits for fires.

Religious groups should not sanction mini-riots on their idealistic crusade to be surrounded by things which only reflect their love for their creator.

Religion teaches strength. The people which feel that certain music is so distracting in their pursuit to have a relationship with God should give themselves credit enough to believe that they hold within themselves enough forbearance to passively oppose that which is so intrusive to them.



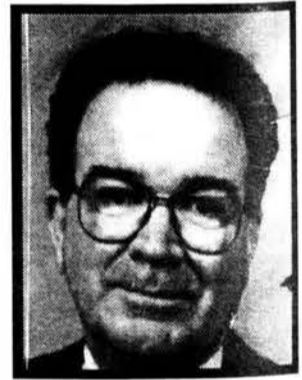
## REGISTER YOUR OPINIONS

"Register Your Opinions" is a sampling of school opinion. It is not meant to represent the views of the entire student body or the staff of *the Register*.

### Is lawsuit reform necessary to insure the validity of the justice system?

No. This so-called litigation explosion is a myth generated by the insurance industry and corporate America to avoid paying rightful damages to wronged parties, especially so in Nebraska where punitive damages do not exist.

Mr. Dan Daly, AP English teacher



No. There shouldn't be any limitations on lawsuit reform. It should remain a free for all.

Sam Farrington 12

Yes. I think there should be some limitations. Some of these cases are ridiculous, but nothing can be seen as black and white because many of these issues are so confusing.

Sam Fraser 11



Yes, absolutely. Frivolous lawsuits take up time that could be used productively.

Dr. Gary Thompson, principal

# Adoption Often Overlooked

# Through My Eyes

By Erin Beal



One of the most controversial issues in the news today is abortion. No matter which side of the fence you stand on, most agree that between the rallies and protests, both violent and peaceful, the actual core of the issue often becomes lost in the activists' overpowering emotions.

People often get so riled about this issue that they fail to see the other options available to pregnant women.

Instead of aborting their children, these mothers can choose to let them live.

It is understandable that many of these women feel that they will not be able to provide adequate care for their children.

Many also think that they are not ready to take on the responsibility of supporting another person.

For these mothers, adoption is the perfect solution.

People often do not recognize this other side of the "baby" issue. While getting rid of them seems to be on everyone's mind, many forget the difficulties which multitudes of people go through in order to simply have children of their own.

For many couples who are unable to have children, adoption is their only hope.

Unfortunately, those who are not directly involved with this process often have no idea about the problems prospective parents must face.

These couples must wait for an

indefinite time, often years, just for the opportunity to adopt a child.

This extensive waiting period is due to the shortage of children in comparison to the long list of hopeful couples.

If half of the mothers who had abortions gave their children the chance to be adopted instead, many more happy families would be created.

I can say this with authority, since I am adopted myself.

Because my birth mother placed my future above her own convenience, I am now alive and living with a wonderful family.

Some women are concerned about placing their infants in a stranger's home.

It is easy to understand why these women would be anxious regarding the future well-being of their children.

However, birth parents are allowed a significant influence in their children's futures.

The birth parents are given information files on all the prospective parents who are on an agency's waiting list.

These files include information on just about everything one would want to know.

For example, the files include information regarding the couple's race, religion and employment just to name a few.

This information allows the birth parents to make an educated decision regarding which home to place their child in.

After careful thought, the birth parents make their choice.

Since they are given so much information about possible homes, these birth parents can place their children in homes where the parents have similar values to themselves.

This gives parents a peace of mind since they can be secure in the knowledge that their child's new family will be able to provide and care for them.

Many pregnant women claim that they could never deal with the emotions involved in giving birth to a baby only to give the infant to another.

Instead, many would prefer to abort their babies. I understand that these women want to avoid the pain of separating themselves from their infants.

However, the alternative is certainly no better. The emotional problems a mother would face after aborting her baby would be far greater than from simply letting the child live with another family.

I know that this is a very difficult decision for parents but they should consider the fact that there is a second life which should, but is unable to, have a say in this decision.

Instead of thinking only of their own hurt feelings, these parents must consider which situation would be best for their baby's future. In reality, this choice determines whether or not the baby can have a chance at a future.

This is a difficult issue any way you look at it. From my own personal experience, I believe that adoption is truly the best answer. I would not be here today without it.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## A READER OPINION FORUM

Dear Editor,

I am a 15 year-old college-bound sophomore in high school and already I am planning for college. I attended the college Fair back in the fall and registered to receive information on financial aid and scholarships. I have received many brochures and information.

What most people don't see in the brochures behind all of the smiling well-educated faces in the pictures is the ridiculous amount of money it takes to become one of those smiling faces. My problem is that I am a middle class white female and money for future education is a problem.

I will apply for financial aid and scholarships, but it seems as if you have to be either really poor or a minority to receive benefits like that. The whole situation, to me, is absurd.

I do not believe that education should have a price tag on it. Colleges are only discouraging kids from attending. We are the future of America, and if education prices keep increasing, the future of America is going to be uneducated and society will suffer a downfall.

Kelsey Stump, Sophomore

Dear Editor,

I was appalled by your February Editorial Cartoon depicting Mayor Hal Daub and Marilyn Manson dancing together to "The Beautiful People." This insulting message to the mayor's stand on the concert was disturbing.

In my opinion, people that try to brainwash a society as bad as ours to believe in Satanic views is wrong, and their concerts should be canceled.

Also why don't you cover Christian concerts? Every month Crosstunes (a local Christian music store) has a famous Christian band play. Also such special events as Spiritfest 97 which was to be held last month was not even mentioned in the upcoming events section of the entertainment pages.

I think if you can review Satanic materials and have advertisements for their concerts, then you can review albums and concerts of Christian music which leads people towards the light of Jesus Christ and not to the darkness of Marilyn Manson.

Jonathan Noland, Freshman

Dear Editor,

I would like to state my opinion on behalf of the Counseling Center and the job they are doing. There are only eight counselors at Central High School dealing with close to 2000 students.

Many people put down the Counseling Center and feel that the counselors are incompetent, but how well do those of you who put them down think you could handle a school as large as Central with seven other people?

Those of you who complain need to realize the stress and strain involved in trying to keep track of all the students who come to the counselors for everything from psychological help to college information.

The ladies in the center have a large job, the job of making sure the students at Central are well balanced mentally and know what their options are throughout high school and college. I commend the Counseling Center; they are doing a fine job.

Sirf Heese, junior

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# CENTRAL STANDARDS

**NO** **YES**

24% 86% Do you think a person should have the right to carry a concealed weapon? 74 students polled

35% 65% Do you think a person should have the right to carry a weapon openly? 68 students polled

15% 85% Do you think a person has the right to shoot someone in self-defense? 64 students polled

83% 17% Do you think there would be a change in crime rates if people are allowed to carry concealed weapons? 68 students polled

94% 6% If yes, do you think the rate will go up? 60 students polled

# NEWS IN BRIEF

## Ten students inducted into Honor Society

The French National Honor Society Induction was held on April 16, in Central's Courtyard. Approximately 10 students were inducted in the ceremony.

"In order to qualify for the French National Honor Society, a student must average a 90 or above in French through three semesters, have a B average in all their remaining courses, and have twenty hours in the French Club or French Cultural Activities," Mrs. Daryl Bayer, French teacher and head of the language department, said.

She said each inductee received a certificate during the ceremony and then a reception followed for the students and their parents.

"In order to remain in the French National Honor Society, the students need to participate in civic services, a tutorial program, cultural programs and support amity and attend social activities such as French film, operas, and French exhibits," Bayer said.

She said that the French National Honor Society is a reward for students who demonstrate leadership and who excel in the study of French.

## OPS hosts appreciation banquet for interns

The Omaha Public Schools' Business/ Marketing Programs presented the twenty-ninth Annual Employer - Employee Appreciation Banquet on Wed., April 9, at the Holiday Inn Central.

The theme of the banquet was "Education for a Marketable Future." The guest speaker was Mr. John Knicely, WWT News Anchor.

Mrs. Vicki Wiles, marketing teacher, said that Knicely gave a speech about growing up, entering the work force and setting goals.

Also, Dr. Norbert J. Schuerman, superintendent of schools for OPS, was honored for service to OPS before his retirement in August.

"I really enjoyed it, the Central group of students and their employers did an excellent job," Wiles said.

Also, two businesses, Security National Bank and Caniglia's Steak House, were honored.

About 600 people attended the banquet, with approximately 180 from Central.

## CHS student, teacher, discover theorem

By Tim Hakanson

A Central sophomore and teacher have created a whole new mathematical theorem.

David Rennard and Mr. John Waterman, math department head, have found a relationship between exponents, factorials and Pascal's triangle that they believe was previously undiscovered.

The theorem uses exponents of consecutive integers, that is numbers such as one, two, three or negative one, two, three.

It relates these to a factorial. A factorial is a number multiplied by all the numbers preceding it.

David said that he discovered the relationship in a rather unusual way.

"I was up late on a Sunday night, and I can't figure out why, but I started thinking of numbers," David said.

He eventually found a pattern in the finite differences of numbers to a certain power.

By subtracting, he found factorials.

For example, squares of numbers eventually led to two factorial and cubes of numbers led to three factorial.

He said that the rest of the work took place during passing periods in

school or in his E-math class with the help of Waterman.

After David told Waterman about his discovery, Waterman took the relationship, turned it around, and used it to find the rows in Pascal's triangle and factorials.

For example, he used squares of numbers to find the second row of the triangle and cubes to find the third row.

Waterman then wrote an equation for this relationship.

Then they checked it on a computer to find 500 factorial and 1,000 factorial.

David said that the computer took about ten minutes to do 500 factorial, but overnight to find 1,000 factorial. It worked for both numbers.

They sent the theorem to Mike Lawlor, a Central graduate and mathematician at Brandeis University.

Lawlor proved the theorem. He wrote two proofs, each approximately four pages long.

David will now enter it in the Metropolitan Science and Engineering Fair.

He said that if it is well received, they will try to get it published in a student journal.

"Our ultimate hope is to get it published," David said.

He said that the theorem is useful for finding factorials and for checking the speed of computers.

Waterman said that it is hard to tell what the theorem might be useful for.

"The first person that worked with conic sections thought it was interesting but not very useful.

Now we know that all motion is parabolic and all orbits are ellipses.

It's hard to know what this might be useful for someday," Waterman said.

He said that it is uncommon for new relationships to be discovered.

"All the easy things have already been done, so it is remarkable when somebody finds something new," Waterman said.

He said that this is the first time that a connection has been found between factorials, Pascal's triangle and powers.

David is very excited about the discovery and Waterman thinks that it is very interesting.

"I'm still in a state of disbelief," David said, "It's pretty cool because we might actually go somewhere with it."

## ASARCO plan

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"Our primary concern has been the threat to human health posed by the exposure of Omaha children to lead dust from the plant," Luecke and Searching said. "We have also been concerned about the large discharge of lead, arsenic and other heavy metals from the plant into the Missouri River."

With the problems in the Missouri, there are many concerns about what will come of the proposed plan.

Mrs. Donna Rhee, environmental chemist with Nebraska Audubon Society, said that several areas of high contamination are outside of the flood walls on the Missouri.

"The Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality cannot justify a program that fails to address the stabilization of these highly contaminated (in some cases finely divided) wastes and reduce the potential for groundwater contamination," Rhee said.

With these high contaminations

## Central well-represented at VICA competition

By Brian Joseph

Two Central juniors won second place medals at the Nebraska VICA Leadership Institute and Skills Competition 1997 in Lincoln. The Nebraska VICA Leadership Institute and Skills Competition 1997 is the state convention for those involved with the Vocational and Industrial Club of America, or VICA.

Shamilia Lindsey won in broadcast journalism while Ally Jessing won in photography. Both were part of the Career Center VICA group that went to the state convention located at Lincoln Southeast Community College, Mr. Jeff Koneck, the advisor to the VICA group, said.

Junior Chris Schroeder and sophomore Rich Blair also attended the state convention with the Career Center group.

Chris competed in collision repair technology on automobiles while Rich attended the leadership conference portion of the convention.

Overall, the Career Center group brought 90 percent of their entire chapter to the convention. Collectively, they won a total of three second place medals and one third place medal.

However, Koneck said that there were other reasons besides winning that they went to the convention.

"We went to compete, to have a good experience and have fun," he said.

Koneck said that there were 700 students from high schools and community colleges all over the state that have VICA chapters in them. Those students competed in over 35 separate events at the state convention including cabinet making, construction and graphic design.

A competition itself would consist of two parts; those competing would take a written test and then do a hands on activity. For example, if one was involved in electronics, one would make a circuit board.

Koneck said that the competition was stiff and intense.

"I don't think I've seen 700 kids that involved in something for a long time," he said.

Koneck said that the judges of the competition were community college instructors and retired high school teachers who have been involved with VICA.

The prizes for many of the top winners were scholarships that paid for a quarter, half or all of the tuition at Lincoln Southeast Community College. Other prizes ranged from a set of automotive tools to a set of screwdrivers.

Shamilia said that her partner and herself were nervous during the competition. Also, she said that the judges just stared at them when they were asked questions.

"The judges tried to trick us with trick questions," Shamilia said.

However, Shamilia and her partner pulled out a second place victory.

"My partner and I believed we should have been first," Shamilia said.

Rich said that he enjoyed the leadership conference. He said that they had a motivational speaker who engaged them in special activities.

One activity involved a problem solving exercise where the student had to come up with a way to cross a 30 foot wide space by using only six paper plates.

Rich said that originally he became involved in VICA as a way to get out of school.

But, as time went by, he said that he began to realize how valuable VICA is.

"VICA helps you be a productive worker," he said.

Shamilia said that there is an emotional aspect to VICA as well.

"VICA builds up your self-esteem," she said.



## Fundraising auction raises money for scholarships

By Emily Martin

Central's 15th annual fundraising auction was held on April 4, 1997 in the Scouler Ballroom. A part of the money raised goes to scholarships for CHS seniors.

The fundraising auction, titled Gold Rush, included silent and oral auctions, dinner and balloons.

"It's a casual event, but very successful," Mrs. Erin Rinaker, co-chairperson, said.

Student volunteers dressed in an old western theme with cowboy hats and bandannas, and attendants did not dress up for the event. Central's fundraising auction is the

most successful of its kind in the area.

"We have the most people attend our fund-raiser and the most money raised," Mrs. Amy Friedman, co-chairperson said. "This year we had over 270 people attend."

The fundraising auction raised a net of around \$27,000 this year. The money raised will be divided into thirds and dispersed between senior scholarships, an endowment fund for grants and towards activity programs that benefit all students.

Scholarships are given to seniors who apply and are then selected, 17 scholarships at 500 dollars each will be given out this year.

"The best parts about the auction are raising money for the seniors and the school which desperately needs it," Mrs. Sue Ochsner, co-chairperson, said. "It is also rewarding to get to know the people who are involved with the auction."

Ochsner, Rinaker and Friedman worked as co-chair people for the fundraising auction. Ochsner headed the committee that solicited businesses and people to donate to the auction.

Rinaker set up the place, food, decorations and auctioneer for the event. Friedman was in charge of public relations and the booklet that attendees received at the door.

"We've been working for a year planning the auction, there is a lot that goes into it," Friedman said. Changes this year include fewer oral auction items, which allowed the event to get over earlier.

"They made the auction look like fun and it is," Mrs. Ginny Bauer, CHS treasurer who has been a volunteer with the auction every one of the 15 years, said.

The auction allows people to contribute to Central and have fun at the same time.

"I thought it was great, everyone had a lot of fun, and they raised a lot of money for a great cause," Friedman said.

**Downtown Omaha Cleanup**

**Volunteers clean streets to help community**

By Brian Joseph

Perhaps you recognize this situation: You're walking down the street and litter blows across your path like tumble weed in a Western movie.

The Downtown Omaha Cleanup project is hoping to change such a scenario.

"It's like a spring cleaning of the Downtown Omaha area," Mrs. Judy Storm, the advisor of Student Council which is volunteering for Downtown Omaha Cleanup.

The Downtown Omaha Cleanup project, sponsored by Downtown Omaha Inc., the Old Market Association, Park East, Inc., Creighton University, Central High School and Keep Omaha Beautiful Inc., is the fourth of its kind.

Volunteers go into the streets of downtown Omaha and pick-up litter as a way to make downtown Omaha a cleaner place.

Dr. Gary Thompson, Central's principal, said that many clubs and organizations at Central have volunteered for the project. The girls' soccer team, ROTC, Student Council, the Cheerleaders, History Club and National Honor Society are all volunteering.

Besides Central students, Mr. Fred

Wackerhagen, a downtown businessman and chairman of the Downtown Omaha Cleanup project, said that those who work, live or are interested in the downtown area are all invited to be involved in the project.

Wackerhagen said that he compares the project to doing yard work. If one does not keep up with the yard work, it becomes overwhelming.

He said that the reason Central was invited to become a part of this project was to provide a way to include Central students in the downtown area.

"We want Central students to know we want them in downtown," Wackerhagen said.

Dr. Thompson said that he was glad that Central is involved in the Downtown Omaha Cleanup project.

"We'd like to show downtown that we're a part of it and care about it," he said.

Wackerhagen said that last year's Downtown Omaha Cleanup was a success.

"We picked up about 500 bags of litter last year," he said.

He said that approximately 200 people vol-

unteered to be in the project last year. The businesses and the people of the downtown area were all appreciative of the work done by the volunteers, Wackerhagen said.

Mary Beth Stryker, senior and president of National Honor Society at Central, said that the Downtown Omaha Cleanup project is good for Central as well as the community.

"It lets the public know that Central students and staff care about the environment," she said.

Mary Beth said that even though this project is only done once a year, it is still worth while.

Senior Jennifer Phillips who is involved in the project through the Lady Eagles' soccer team, said that she feels that it is her duty to help the community in some way.

"If I'm going to be here at this school I want to take part in keeping it nice," she said.

Rachael Kellett, senior and volunteer through National Honor Society, said that the Downtown Omaha Cleanup project is a way of showing responsibility to the city by cleaning the downtown area.

**NEWS IN BRIEF**

**Judges critique musical groups**

The music department at Central High School was very busy two weeks ago. The band, orchestra and A Capella choir participated in the OPS adjudication.

The orchestra adjudication was held on Mon., April 7, 1997 at Bryan High School. The band's adjudication occurred a day later at Benson. The vocal adjudication at Benson, scheduled for Thurs., April 10, was canceled due to the snow. However, on Thurs., April 17, A Capella was judged.

The three groups performed their pieces in front of an audience and the judges.

"Adjudications give excellent opportunities for groups to prepare themselves for contest and for instrumental or vocal programs at their school," Mr. Pete Wilger, Band Director and Head of the Music Department, said.

The groups listened to judges comments and will try to make improvements for Districts.

**Sophomores take CAT tests**

California Achievement Tests (CAT) were administered on Wed., April 9 to sophomores. All the sophomores spent approximately three hours on the test.

ESL (English as a Second Language) students take the test every year until they test out of the program.

"This is a good tool for teachers, students and parents to assess their students' learning," Dr. Gary Thompson, CHS principal, said.

He said that schools should not be compared or judged based on their test scores on the CAT.

Mrs. Faye Johnson and Mrs. Phyllis Mol, Central counselors, were in charge of the CAT tests this year.

They coordinated all the things that were needed to prepare for the test.

"The testing went well with all the parents' help as proctors, and everyone else's cooperation," Johnson said.

Johnson said that California Achievement Test scores should only be compared on district sophomores instead of narrowing down to specific schools.

She also had some worries about logistic problems.

"The conversion of the study hall to a computer lab next year will cause limited space. One of the counselors suggested that the CAT be administered in English class, but the only problem with this was the concern for floating teachers," she said.

**National Honor Society inducts new members in ceremony**

By Emily Martin

Central's National Honor Society (NHS), inducted its new members on April 6, 1997, during a brunch at the Scouler building.

New NHS members and their parents and/or guardians were invited to the induction brunch.

Central's 1997-98 NHS consists of 81 candidates, all but four of whom attended the brunch.

"This group is a little smaller than last year's," Mr. John Waterman, sponsor, said. "Last year, we had around 100 new members."

The induction includes a guest speaker.

This year, the speaker was Mrs. Barbara Gaskins, Associate Dean of Creighton University School of Law, who gave encouragement to the new inductees by reflecting on her life while inter-splicing excerpts from Dr. Suess.

"The different speakers every year give similar speeches,"

Waterman said.

These speeches reflect the importance and prestige of the NHS, Waterman said.

Brunch itself was presented differently from previous years. Last year the attendees served themselves buffet style while this year they were waited upon.

The induction ceremony took place after brunch was completed. Inductees had to line up alphabetically and walk on stage to receive a certificate, NHS pin, and congratulatory handshakes.

Photographs were also taken of the group by the "Picture Man."

"It was interesting taking the NHS picture," Rebecca Harmon, junior and NHS member, said. "It took a while for everyone to have a spot where you could see them."

Inductees found their own place to stand on the risers or sit on chairs themselves for the group picture. Qualifications for membership include scholarship, service, leadership and character. All four areas are considered before admitting or rejecting someone for the NHS.

Scholarship is based on a student's cumulative grade point average, it must be at least 3.5. School or extra-curricular activities determine a student's service, he or she must have at least three activities. Leadership is demonstrated through these activities or in the classroom, as is character. "It is very hard to determine leadership and character," Waterman said. "There is no perfect way to determine it, different schools use different methods." The NHS itself does activities that includes volunteer work and tutoring Central students during study halls. "These kids are very busy," Waterman said. "The only thing we really expect them to do is tutor, besides that, it is a voluntary organization." Central's NHS is the second oldest in the country and was established in 1927.

**I**t is very hard to determine leadership and character.  
-- Mr. John Waterman, NHS sponsor

**Fights, assaults low at Central, principal says**

By Brian Joseph

The amount of violence, such as fights and assaults, at Central is low compared to other schools, however, the number of fights has increased since last year, Dr. Gary Thompson, Central's principal, said.

"Do I see violence as a real issue at Central?," Dr. Thompson said. "To be honest, I don't think so."

He said while the number of fights has gone up, it does not mean that Central students are becoming more violent.

Rather, he attributes the increase in the number of fights to the fact that Central has more students in the building than last year.

Mrs. Bernice Nared, Central administrator, said that in comparison to other schools in OPS, Central has a low amount of violence.

"We're pretty near the bottom of the list of OPS high schools in terms of violence," she said.

She said that the most prevalent form of violence at Central is fighting. In fact, Nared said that many of the fights this year have involved both males and females.

Nared said that Central has not seen many assaults.

She said that there are certain differences between fights and assaults. A fight is mutual combat. Both parties have passed words and then it is mutually decided that there will be a physical conflict of sorts.

An assault, on the other hand, is when one student attacks another student to intentionally cause injury.

Nared said that the student attacked has no chance to defend themselves or even say something in return.

Both parties involved in a fight have a five day suspension. If one is involved in three fights total, he or she is then expelled for one semester.

When one commits an assault, he or she is suspended with the recommendation for expulsion for one semester.

Dr. Thompson said that he attributes the low number of fights and assaults to the visibility of teachers and security guards and to the consequences that go along with fighting or assaulting someone.

"I think we've taken the hard-line on fighting," he said. "If you get in a fight at Central, you're going to be suspended from school."

Nared said that during passing periods teachers are asked to go out of their classroom and watch the halls.

"For Central High School," she said, "we try to utilize all of the eyes and ears of the faculty."

Dr. Thompson said that he believes this increased visibility and watchfulness deters some students from committing acts of violence.

Ms. Nancy Huston, a member of the OPS

Board of Education, said that there many different things that could be done to help prevent and limit violence.

One idea she said that she liked was making schools a welcoming place to the public. By making schools welcoming places, people would come into schools to volunteer and the public would learn that schools are good places.

Many students said that they thought violence was low at Central.

"I think it's a pretty low rate of violence at Central compared to other schools," Zach Jacobson, sophomore, said.

He said that he has many friends that go to Burke and they witness fights everyday.

Junior Joe Croskey said that in comparison to schools that the media focuses on, like South and North, Central has less violence.

"Central keeps me safer than I would be at any other school," Joe said.

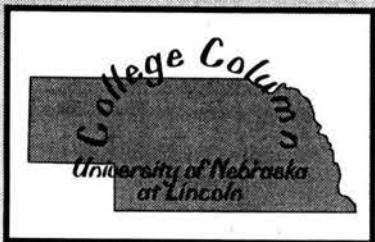
Tony Tubrick, junior, said that there is not enough security around after school.

"There's too many open places for fights," he said.

Tony said that most people do not know half of the violence that goes on.

Mark Desciscio, junior, said that he believes that the Central administration does nothing to help students.

"You've got to protect yourself," he said.



**By Rachel Slosburg**

School: University of Nebraska at Lincoln

Location: Lincoln, NE

Percent Male and Female: 54 and 46

Number of Applicants: 7,434

Percent Accepted: 82

Percent of Admitted Students in Attendance: 65

Undergrad Enrollment: 3,984 Students

Time Needed on Campus to Graduate: 30 Semester Hours

Mean SAT (Recentered): 496 Verbal and 513 Math

Estimated In-State Tuition (Including Room and Board): \$5,905

Percent of Students Involved in Greek System: 15

Most Popular Majors: Education, Business and Communications

Mascot: Cornhuskers

Miscellaneous Information:

University of Nebraska at Lincoln, located in the capital of Nebraska, is considered one of the most spirited schools.

UNL takes great pride in its competitive athletic teams including its well-known, national champion football team led by Coach Tom Osborne.

UNL offers a variety of majors and academic programs.

Many students take on a double major or enroll in the reputable honors program.

Students living on campus find housing in single-sex and coed dorms as well as on-campus apartments and fraternity and sorority houses.

UNL also tries to provide a secure campus with campus escorts, patrol and locked dorms.

UNL encourages a diverse student body, but 90% of the students are from Nebraska.

All information taken from *The 1997 Edition of The College Catalog.*

## Volunteer recognized with community award

**By Emily Martin**

A Central junior was honored with a national community service award on March 31, 1997.

Erin Jenkins received the Jefferson Award at a banquet sponsored by KETV, channel seven.



"It's a big honor and a great experience to receive the Jefferson Award," Erin said.

Annually, seven winners are chosen for this award, six of which are adults and one who is a juvenile. Every city gives out Jefferson Awards.

Out of a total of 150 applicants, Erin was selected based on her work with a handicapped teenager named Melanie Quest.

"It's nice to see someone who wants to

do volunteer work get recognition," Ms. Dena Lauderville, program director at the Greater Omaha Association for People with Mental Retardation and Other Developmental Disabilities (GOARC), said.

GOARC sponsors the group Erin volunteers with called Just Friends. Erin has been involved with Just Friends since her freshman year.

"It's really fun to be around Melanie and share experiences with her," Erin said. "She likes to come to my house a lot and bake cookies and I enjoy going with her family to their cabin."

Through Just Friends, Erin and Melanie do group activities once a month and also spend time together by themselves.

"Erin helps Melanie in a million ways," Mrs. Judy Quest, Melanie's mother, said. "She is very deserving of the award and she didn't do it for recognition."

Quest got the idea of entering Erin when her mother saw an advertisement on television for it.

"She's got everything going for her, but no matter how busy she is she spends significant time with Melanie," Quest said. "It would be so easy for her to put her on the back burner but she doesn't."

Erin participates in many other activities including swimming, many music groups, teaching Sunday school and an assortment of additional extra curricular activities. Despite the many demands on her time, Erin makes ways to spend time with Melanie.

"I really have an appreciation for Erin's faithfulness to Melanie," Quest said.

When Erin goes to college she said she plans to be involved in a group like Just Friends called Best Buddies.

The theme for this year's Jefferson Award was people helping kids and kids helping others.

The recipients were honored at the banquet with a plaque and the group they work with was given a donation of 200 dollars.

## Plethora of college mail informs, annoys students

**By Brian Joseph**

"Junk mail" one receives from a college during one's sophomore through senior years can be a helpful tool in one's college search although many students feel that the mail can be annoying.

"I think that it is valuable that students get mail," Ms. Janette Matney, college counselor, said.

She said that she does not consider the mail from colleges to be junk mail.

"One person's junk mail is another person's treasure," she said.

Rather, Matney said that the mail can be influential on students. She said that a high percentage of students go to colleges that recruit heavily. One form of recruiting is by sending mail.

"If a student is undecided in his college choice, the mail might be a tool to turn them in a specific direction," Matney said.

However, she said that if one is not interested in a college who sends them mail, they should disregard it.

Also, Matney said that one gains a lot of information from the mail from colleges.

"The colleges are going to tell you everything you need to know in general," she said.

Matney said that many things will be covered in the mail from a college including housing at the college, extra-curricular activities and special programs offered. Also, in the mail one may receive an application, a catalog for financial aid, information on scholarships or a view book about the college itself.

Noelle Thornburg, sophomore, said that she, too, believes that the mail from colleges is worthwhile.

"I think it's a great way for them to sell their college," she said.

Noelle said that one never knows what one will find in those pieces of mail.

"I don't want to close my options," she said.

Senior Tammy Robertson, however, said that she thinks the mail sent to her from colleges is a waste of paper. She said that she has already

made up her mind about which college she wants to go to and therefore she should stop being bothered by colleges.

Senior Kelsey Keith said that she is sick of getting mail from the same colleges.

"A lot of mail is stupid because I haven't shown any interest in these colleges and they keep sending me stuff," Kelsey said.

Kathryn Schroeder, sophomore, said that she can see the benefits of getting mail from colleges.

"I think it's great that they're trying to promote their college," she said.

She said that she is particularly interested in the summer programs that many of the colleges offer to high school students. For example, she said she was very interested in the University of Miami's summer program that dealt with the study of marine biology.

Many students said that they wondered how schools got a hold of their names and address in the first place. Matney said that colleges get students' names from the standardized tests students take.

"Colleges get students' addresses as a result of PSAT, PLAN, ACT and SAT tests," she said.

Matney said that students will check the blank on the tests asking them if they would like to have their scores given out to colleges for recruiting purposes.

To get one's name off of a mail list, Matney said that one should call the admissions office of a college and ask to have one's name removed from the list.

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# Senior devotes time to competing, caring for horse

by Lea Platz

For eight years senior Mary Baddorf has been competing in horseback riding competitions. As a young girl she read all the books she could about horses until she was old enough to really get started.

A friend of Mary's mother was the jumping off point. She introduced Mary to Quail Run Stables.

At first the lessons were only half an hour, once a week. Now Mary still has lessons once a week, but on her own time she comes in for at least two hours every day.

"Keeping a horse in good shape takes sacrifice of a person's own time," Mary said.

Since Mary never feared this large animal, she started competing soon.

"I just liked horses," Mary said.

During her early years working with horses, her trainers tried to keep her on the same horse.

The horses that the stables generally would use were older. Mary said that this way they are nice and quiet for beginners. She said that they are specifically picked for their relaxed temperaments.

However Mary's sophomore year she began working with a different type of horse. Mary's trainer helped her find her own horse that year.

The horses which many trainers choose have just come off the race track. This means that the temperament of the animal is not as relaxed and confident as the older, previously used horses.

Mary had to patiently train her horse for six months before he was ready to compete.

"Trust is something which takes a great deal of time to build with an unsuspecting animal," Mary said. "Cody was spooked for a long time."

Even now after building a trusting relationship with her horse, there are still times during competition when, for an

unknown reason, the horse is nervous and performs poorly. Mary said that tension at the beginning of a competition affects her horse less often now that he is more accustomed to the competing environment.

"It is not unusual for young horses to be unpredictable in their actions," Mary said.

Still, Mary has managed to place highly in her competitions in the categories of Hunters and Jumpers.

Hunters is a competition which is graded by how quiet the horse is, how smooth the canter is, the animal's level of calmness and how nicely a jump is executed.

Jumpers is more based on time and the number of rails knocked down during the competition.

On the 3rd and 4th of April, Mary was competing in Olatha, Kansas. She took four 1st places, one 2nd place and two third places.

Three of the 1st place awards were won in flat classes, where the horse trots and canters around the ring and places are based on the animals flowing strides and fluid movements.

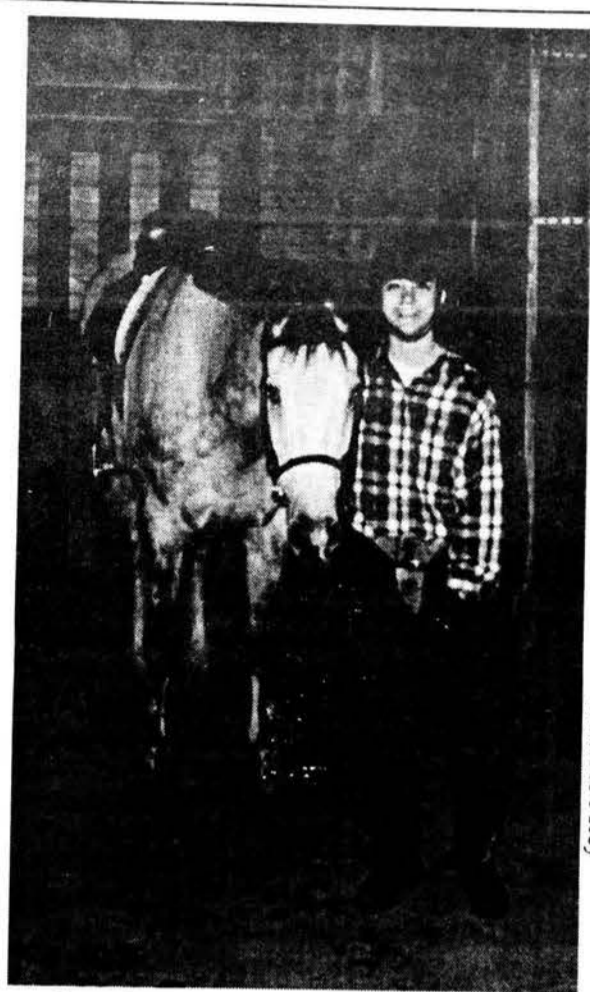
Mary took her fourth 1st place award in the Equitation class. In this class the rider is judged by the position they place the horse in over the fences.

Based upon Mary's superior control over Cody, Mary walked away with another addition to her collection of awards.

Mary said that no matter how high or low she places, she is happy as long as Cody behaves well. The older Cody gets the better he is, and the less apt he is to get over-energized and buck during the competitions.

During the years Mary has only had to part with the horses for the winters. But now that she is leaving Omaha for college, she will soon be finding a new home for her horse.

**K**eeping a horse in good shape takes a sacrifice of a person's own time.  
--Mary Baddorf, senior



Caroline Foley

**Senior Rider** Mary Baddorf poses with her horse, Cody at their stable. Mary has been competing in horseback riding competitions for eight years, continuing to place highly in the category of Hunters and Jumpers. Recently she has won four 1st place ribbons in a competition in Olatha, Kansas. She plans to continue to ride during college.

### Your Future 101

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# Preserving

## Wetlands key to healthy environment

By Rachel Slosburg

According to the National Audubon Society, the nation's wetland ecosystems are in a state of deterioration.

The National Audubon Society describes a wetland as a transition between water and dry land.

The World Wildlife Foundation reported that wetlands are a vital element to the earth because they provide basic ecosystem functions upon which human health and safety and a sustainable economy depend.

Wetlands cover only 5 percent of the landscape, however they play key roles in maintaining the larger systems that support fish and wildlife, the National Audubon Society reported.

The National Audubon Society also said that the wetlands support a greater density and diversity of fish and wildlife species than any other habitat type.

The National Audubon Society said that the destruction of wetlands is expensive to individual citizens and property owners, as well as the whole public.

The society said that the cost of artificially replacing wetland functions with engineering solutions is enormous and almost impossible.

A third of the total bird species in the United States can be found in the wetland ecosystems, the World Wildlife Fund reported.

The National Audubon Society said that 50,000 acres of wetlands are saved every year as a result of federal permitting regulations. However, the society reported the loss of 500,000 acres of wetland territory per year.

Another person knowledgeable on the topic of wetlands is Dr. Schalles, a professor of Biology and director of the environmental program at Creighton.

Dr. Schalles said there are several reasons why wetlands are important to the environment. He said the wetlands act as a waste remover, and disposes of several materials which humans put into the environment.

"The wetland habitat is capable of trapping and removing several types of waste which humans generate in the environment," Dr. Schalles said.

He said the wetlands also trap and remove toxic pollutants. Dr. Schalles said some of the toxic pollutants include heavy metals such as mercury and lead.

"The wetland is like a filter, and because of the wetland habitat the environment is much cleaner," Dr. Schalles said.

He said the only negative aspect of the process of removing waste is that much of the toxic material is buried underneath the soil.

Dr. Schalles said the third major reason why wetlands are important is because they are responsible for transforming materials and carrying out nature's processes. He said the nitrogen cycle is one function of the wetland habitats.

"Because of soils and plant production such as cattails, wetlands happen to be very important sites in nature for chemical processes," Dr. Schalles said.

Dr. Schalles said Nebraska has two primary locations for wetland habitats. He said the first is located southeast of Grand Island in area called the rain water basins. He said the wetland is not directly located on the river. Dr. Schalles said these wetlands are a primary habitat for migratory water fowl. The other location of Nebraska's wetlands is in the sandhills, Dr. Schalles said. He said this area covers nearly one third of Nebraska's land.

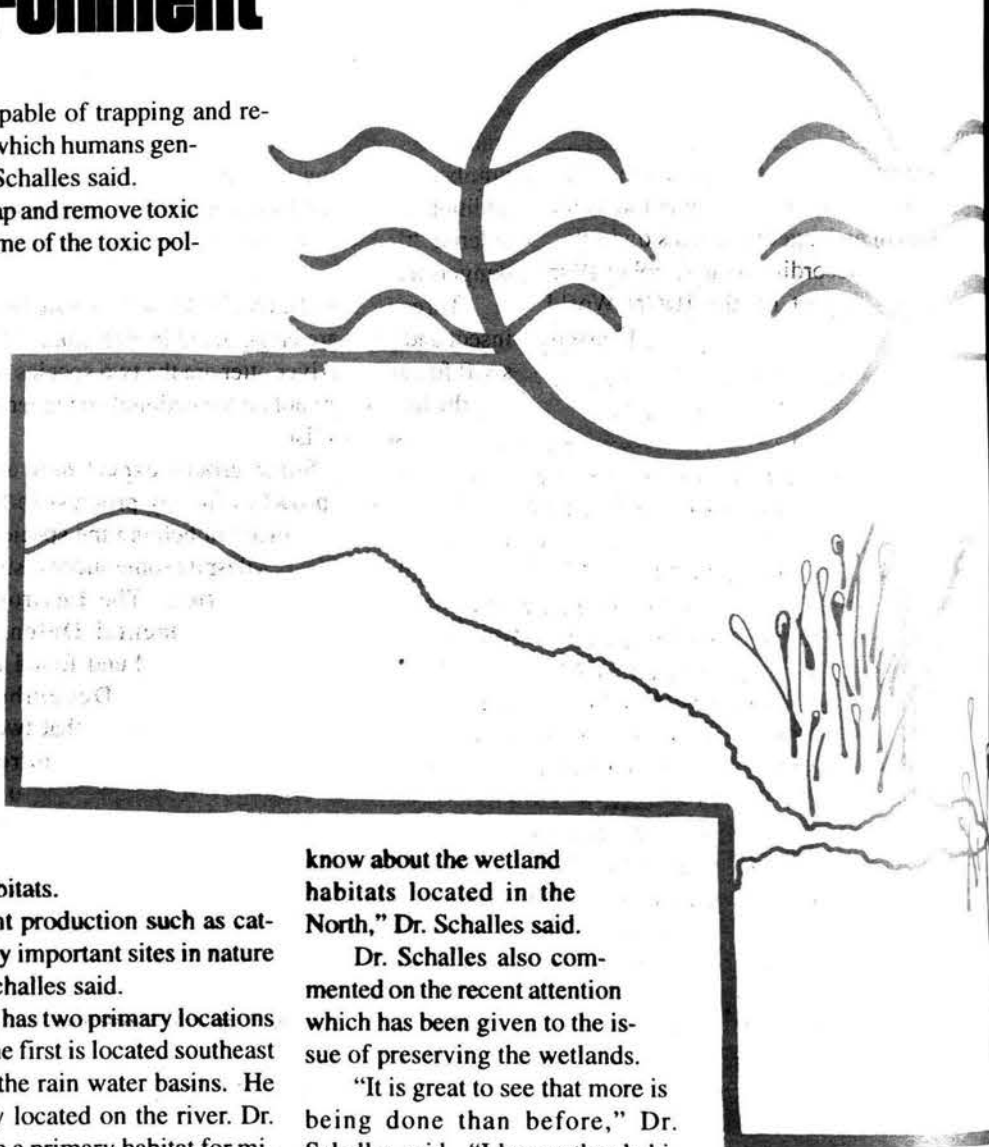
"Many people who live in Eastern Nebraska do not

know about the wetland habitats located in the North," Dr. Schalles said.

Dr. Schalles also commented on the recent attention which has been given to the issue of preserving the wetlands.

"It is great to see that more is being done than before," Dr. Schalles said. "I hope other habitats that need to be preserved and protected also get the public's attention," Dr. Schalles said.

He said it is necessary to realize that the world needs a balance of habitats and a mixture of different environments.



## Water quality secured by MUD filtration

By Erika Wulff

The purity of Omaha's water is essential to the health of nearly half a million people.

Metropolitan Utilities District (MUD) subjects Omaha's water supply to series of tests and treatments to ensure the safety and purity of the city's water.

Most people don't think about the treatment process water goes through before it pours out of the faucet.

Naturally one would expect the water to be clean and safe.

Having a clean water supply means having a clean city.

Contaminated water can cause lasting epidemics.

Omaha's water is subject to herbicides and pesticides due to the agrarian region it is located in. Therefore, some Omahans are apprehensive about the sanitation of their water.

MUD treats all of the city's water at two local treatment plants.

The Florence Water Treatment Plant is located along the banks of the Missouri River in northeast Omaha.

The Platte Water Treatment Plant is located along the Platte River in Sarpy County.

All of Omaha's water is treated through one of these two plants.

"During the treatment process, all organic and inorganic material as well as living organisms are filtered out of the wa-

ter," Mr. Zoltan Kerkess, MUD Director of Water Quality said.

The treatment process consists of five steps: sedimentation, softening, clarification, filtration, disinfection. During this process, several benign chemicals are added.

Alum is added to remove any dissolved iron or manganese.

Fluoride is added to prevent tooth decay. Lime is added to reduce hardness in the finished water.

However, some people still fear the inconsistency of pure water.

Raw water quality constantly changes due to environmental factors, such as runoff from the soil when the snow melts or after heavy rains.

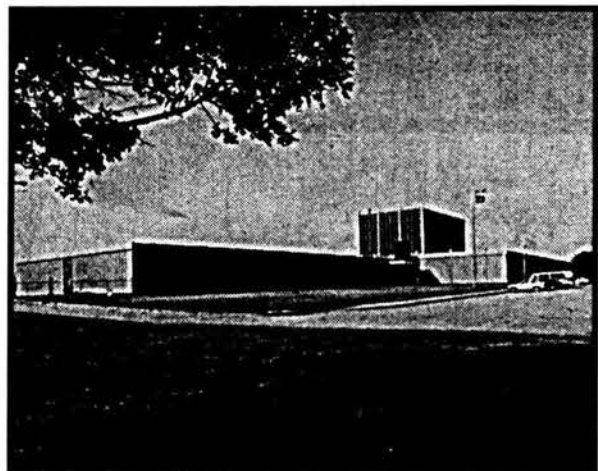


Photo Courtesy of MUD

Thirsty..The Platte Water Treatment Plant (shown here) is responsible for ensuring the quality and purity of Omaha's water. The water is tested for a variety of chemicals and treated for any pollutants before it is transferred to the faucets of any citizens.

In a new report documented in the Omaha World-Herald, the Missouri River is the most endangered river in the United States. According to MUD, the scare of cancer,

"The filtration system and chemical additives effectively lower the atrazine level to well below the maximum amount allowed," Mrs. Mary Suza, MUD water quality technician said.

MUD tests the contaminate level of the water when contaminants in the water are most likely to be high, especially during the spring and summer months.

The amount of atrazine needed to cause cancer in humans has not yet been determined.

"Many people are misinformed about the contaminant level of Omaha's water. I've heard all the horror stories," Suza said.

The district monitors Omaha's water 24 hours-a-day for consistent water safety.

All testing follows the exact regulations of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

In addition to government mandated tests, MUD tests for nearly 100 regulated elements.

Suza said citizens should trust the water plants to treat their water.

"Due to complete filtration of MUD water, home treatment devices are unnecessary," Suza said.

She said she understood people's concern.

"However, if you use a home treatment device, one should keep tabs on the water purity because some systems can harbor disease causing bacteria if not properly maintained," Suza said.

nervous disorders and kidney and liver damage looms in the possibility of polluted water. The most feared contaminant in Omaha is atrazine.

Atrazine levels in Omaha's water are the highest in April and May, due to the heavy rains.

Atrazine is washed into the river and into the city's drinking water.

An over abundance of atrazine is apt to cause cancer in humans.



# Our Worlds

## Animals' lives in danger

Jim Hakanson

The protection efforts of the government are under constant scrutiny and re-evaluation as the populations of endangered species dwindle.

According to an October 1996 report by the IUCN-World Conservation

stand the status of animals who are decreasing in numbers, they may be added to the state list. In addition to the 11 endangered species, nine are considered "threatened," that is, they are facing endangerment.

Three mammals, five birds, and a single fish, insect and plant are endangered in Nebraska. The swift fox and the river otter are the two species on the list that are not on the national endangered species list.

Some groups expect new approaches for any progress to be made in helping the species, despite some success stories. The Environmental Defense Fund found in December that two-thirds of

of the law.

Directly threatening a species is hunting, trapping, or otherwise killing them. Indirectly threatening a species includes destroying their habitat. Destroying the habitats of endangered species on federal land was already illegal.

The present

Endangered Species Act dates back to 1973 when it became the first act of its kind to encompass all plants and animals. It has since been amended three times.

Last year, an act called the Endangered Natural Heritage Act was proposed by Republican Senator John Chafee of Rhode Island to close both the legal and biological loopholes in the Endangered Species Act.

Among the provisions of the act are increasing the safeguards for plants, providing better protection before species are on the brink of extinction, making recovery the goal of the Endangered Species Act, and fully funding Endangered Species Act programs.

### NEBRASKA ENDANGERED SPECIES LIST

Common Name	State Status	Federal Status
<b>Birds</b>		
Bald Eagle	Endangered	Endangered
Perigrine Falcon	Endangered	Endangered
Eskimo Curlew	Endangered	Endangered
Whooping Crane	Endangered	Endangered
Piping Plover	Threatened	Threatened
Mountain Plover	Threatened	Threatened
Interior Least Tern	Endangered	Endangered
<b>Mammals</b>		
Southern Flying Squirrel	Threatened	Threatened
Swift Fox	Endangered	Endangered
Black-footed Ferret	Endangered	Endangered
River Otter	Endangered	Endangered
<b>Fish</b>		
Lake Sturgeon	Threatened	Threatened
Pallid Sturgeon	Endangered	Endangered
Blacknose Shiner	Threatened	Threatened
Northern Redbelly Dace	Threatened	Threatened
Finescale Dace	Threatened	Threatened
Pearl Dace	Threatened	Threatened
<b>Insects</b>		
American Burying Beetle	Endangered	Endangered
<b>Plants</b>		
Hayden Penstemon	Endangered	Endangered
Western Prairie Fringed Orchid	Threatened	Threatened

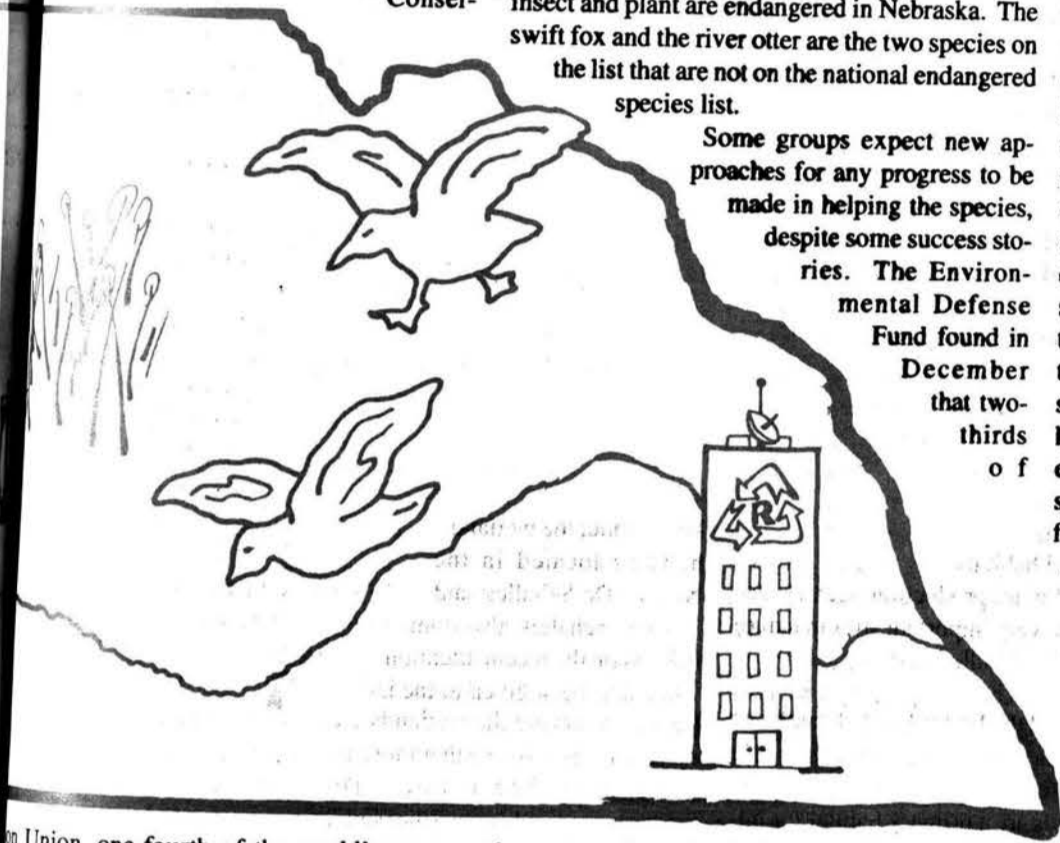
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The Endangered Species Act has not failed in all cases, according to the Environmental Defense Fund.

The revival of the American Eagle, the Peregrine falcon, the California sea otter, and the wolf near Yellowstone are some success stories.

The Northwest Ecosystem Alliance predicted that Congress will likely reauthorize the Endangered Species Act during the present session.

They predicted that a bill would get through Chafee's Environment and Public Works Committee by June or July and on to the Senate floor by September.



on Union, one-fourth of the world's mammals are endangered.

This report, considered the most complete analysis ever, compiled by *The Washington Post*, surprised many conservationists at its numbers.

The December 1992 Nebraska endangered species list contained 11 endangered species.

All Nebraska species placed on the federal endangered species list are automatically added to Nebraska's list. As biologists begin to under-

stand the protected species in the country were still in decline.

The Fund said that new approaches must be taken, especially where the law applies to private land.

A 1995 Supreme Court decision said that landowners were violating the Endangered Species Act whether they directly or indirectly threatened endangered species on their property.

Previously, only landowners who directly killed endangered species were considered in vio-

# Recycling collects success in Omaha

Rachel Slosburg

The recycling program in Omaha, known as the Omaha Effort, has become a major success, according to the city's recycling coordinator, Mr. Paul Dunn.

Dunn said the green bin system which is collected at the curbside with residents' other trash has increased the amount of garbage Omahans recycle.

Dunn said the bin system replaced the use of blue plastic bags on Jan. 2, 1996. He said the system of plastic bags began in March of 1991, when the city first attempted recycling program.

"We are providing a service that the public wants and appreciates," Dunn said. "It has been going really well for the whole city of Omaha," Dunn said.

Dunn said the city signed a contract with Deffenbaugh Industries, the company which collects the recycled products.

He said the contract is for a seven year period with a possible three year extension.

"We try to avoid any adjustments in the contract," Dunn said. "It will probably be ten years before the city sees a change in the collection of recycled products," Dunn said.

Weyerhaeuser Recycling is Omaha's processor for the recycled products.

Dunn said the city also has a seven year contract with

Weyerhaeuser Recycling.

Recycled products do not include everything, Dunn said.

He said it is important that the residents learn what is appropriate to put in their green bins.

Tags are attached to a resident's green bin if the person has violated the city's solid waste collection rules.

Dunn said the rules are primarily to protect a citizen's health and ensure the safety of the collectors who must lift hundreds of containers each day.

Products such as glassware, mugs, light bulbs, flower pots, vases and eye glasses are not recycle-

able. However, most types of bottles including pickle jars, ketchup bottles, juice bottles and baby food jars are

recyclable.

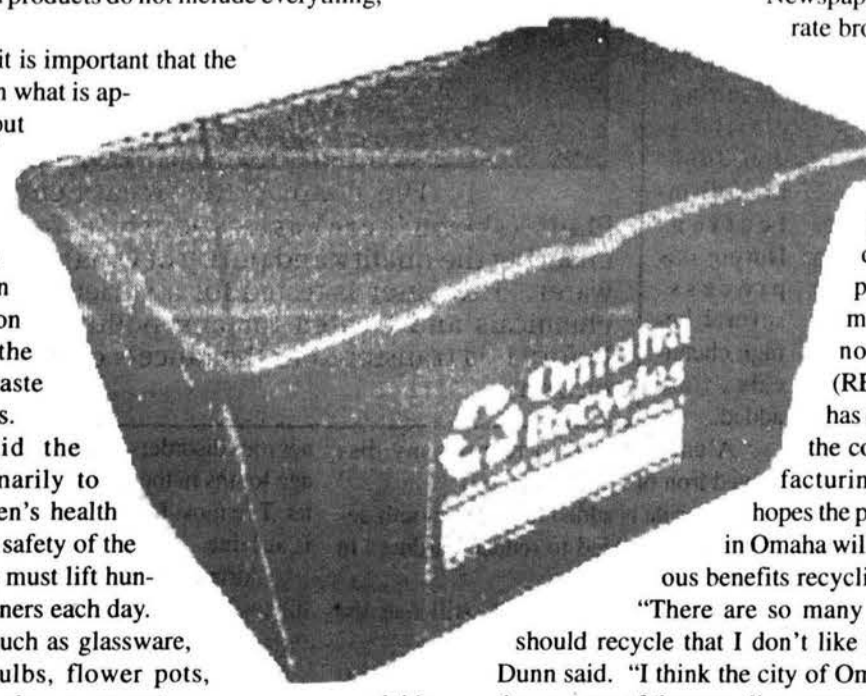
Newspapers should be recycled in a separate brown bag, Dunn said.

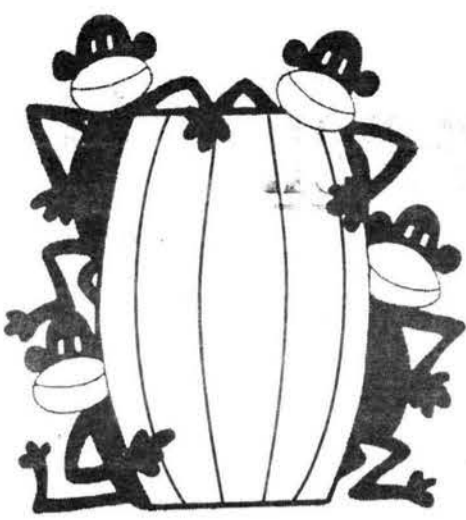
He said another brown sack should be used for mixed paper and loose bottles should be placed inside the resident's bin.

Dunn also provided information from a recent survey conducted by both the Nebraska Department of Economic Development (DED) and Recycling Economic Development Advocate (REDA), which stated that recycling has created 66 new jobs dealing with the collection, processing and manufacturing of products. Dunn said he hopes the progress of the recycling program in Omaha will continue because of the numerous benefits recycling gives the community.

"There are so many different reasons why people should recycle that I don't like to mention only a select few," Dunn said. "I think the city of Omaha will have a better future if the success of the recycling program continues."

New drop off sites at apartments will give more citizens a chance to recycle, Dunn added.





# Entertainment

April 25, 1997

## Students grace *Seventeen's* pages

By Rebecca Starr

*Seventeen* magazine made its presence known through the halls of Central. Some students are bending over backwards to get in, while others are swearing off the whole idea of being published in the magazine.

"The students were so cool," Jennifer Laing, *Seventeen* employee, said. She also commented that there were a lot more interesting people here.

The purpose of *Seventeen's* visit to Central was to compile photos and information from students to put into a section called "School Zone." This section basically consists of a couple of pages of photos and bits and pieces of student surveys.

Each issue *Seventeen* magazine features a different high school and yearly they feature multiple high schools in the same special "School Zone" issue.

In the August issue Central is being featured along with three other schools from Phoenix, Philadelphia and Miami.

"I think its a really good way for our school and community to get national recognition," Steffen Hooi, senior, said.

While some look at this as an opportunity for Central to be exposed in a national magazine, others look at it as a disruption to our school environment.

Some complain that the selection of students wasn't random, and instead was a cross section of sports stars and honor students.

"Sounds like they were pretty stereotypical about the selection of students. Anyone working for a newspaper or magazine shouldn't be," Shawn Cox, senior, said.

"I think that it is really cool that they're here. I've always wanted a school I attend to be in "School Zone," Laura Hannaford, junior, said.

Others students said they don't feel that a photo shoot belongs in school and find it to be a disruption or annoyance more than anything else. Still others think that they are not reaching their audience, which consist of a more pre-teen group, by photographing Central students.

Jane Swirzinski, sophomore, said that, "*Seventeen* wanted Central to conform to a pre-contrived notion that they had before they came."

"I think that all of the guys that are in that magazine end up being some fourteen year-old girl's fantasy," Andy Hickman, freshman, said.

Carrie Walter, senior welcomed their presence but said that the shots should have been taken randomly to show a truer scene of Central.

There will be twenty to twenty-five shoots done and each shoot involved anywhere from one to ten people. Most students involved are excited by the opportunity to appear in *Seventeen*. However, some students involved in the project don't have anything positive to say about it.

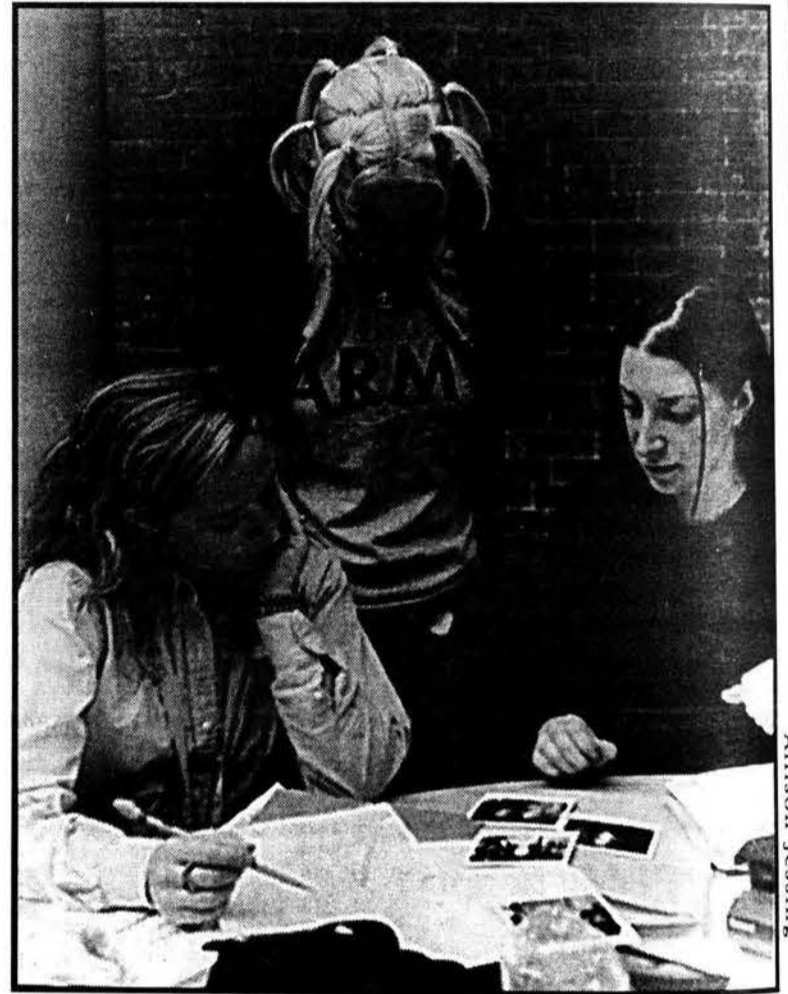
"Well, they present one view of American youth today. Too bad there is so much plastic," Robert Foley, junior, said. Robert took part in a photo shoot.

In general reaction to the whole event, people commented on the fact that many people were dressed a lot nicer after *Seventeen's* presence was made known.

Emily Williams, sophomore, appreciated the chance to "show that Nebraska is not a bunch of hicks."

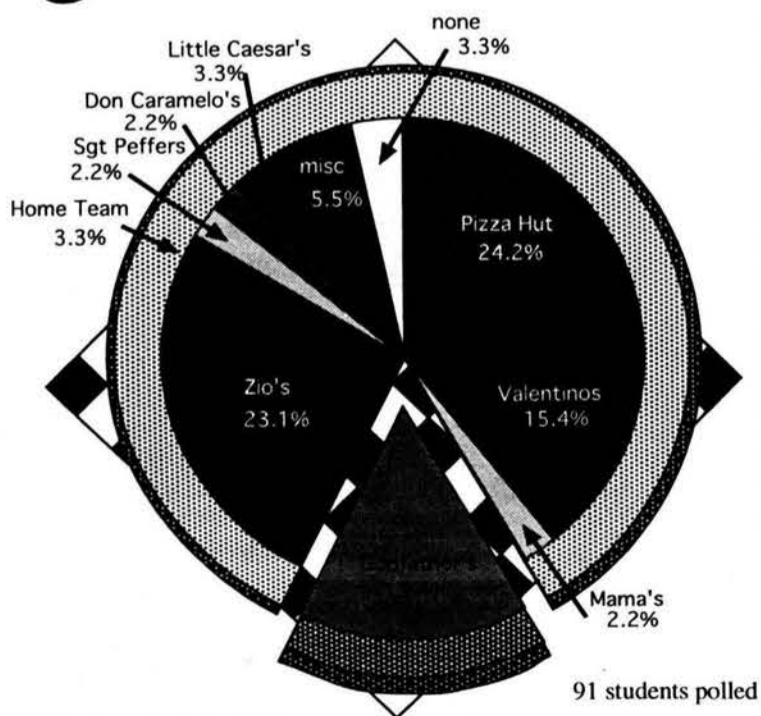
Some students said they feel divided by this visit, but others, like Zack Johnson, senior, dismissed it as "an excuse to buy a women's magazine."

While *Seventeen's* visit to Central has become a shadow of the past before summer, students will have a reminder of what total strangers thought of Central.



Say cheese! *Seventeen* magazine fashion writers Susan Swimmer (left), and Jennifer Laing discuss modeling opportunities with Gail Braddock, junior. The magazine photographed Central students that will be featured in the August issue.

## Where Central goes for Pizza



## Ad war turns pizza industries in circles

By Rebecca Starr

With advertisements that depict multiplying sheep and sports stars, the pizza industry is competing for student's business in a big and expensive way. It seems that one can hardly turn on the TV without seeing these images flashing across the screen.

In the hectic world in which we live, most rarely enjoy sitting down to a home cooked meal. It is no wonder why they're bending over backwards for your business.

"Pizza! Pizza!" has echoed through TV and newspaper advertisements since Little Caesar's came to Omaha a few years ago. Their obscure advertising style has entertained consumers with images of a small roman man and his adventures from the company's founding through their latest venture of pizza by the foot.

Pizza Hut attempts at an advertising campaign in which you supposedly see their office memos announcing that they are basically doing an advertise-

ment laced with ramblings meant to be serious and heartfelt. Consumers may have at least some doubt about whether or not these memos were actually sent when the content of the memo vaguely resembled an advertisement.

Surprisingly enough, Godfather's spokesperson is the Godfather, perhaps one of the less common mascots of a pizza chain.

Here in Omaha, the national chains include Pizza Hut, Little Caesar's and Domino's. A few local chains are Zio's, Godfather's, Valentino's, La Casa and Don Caramelo's.

Most of the local chains are kind enough not to disrupt our television watching hours with advertisements. Written advertisements are informative and not nearly as disruptive as commercials. Somehow when advertisements are made for TV, someone always has to do something to them that makes them boring, cheesy, or both.

But, is it worth the money?

# Kilmer approaches sainthood

Sandra Cummins

Despite incredible acting and a heavenly body, Val Kilmer's image in *The Saint* is anything but angelic. Kilmer plays a modern-day mad scientist who is a cold and cynical healthy operative. He uses different disguises and voices to fool everyone who is after him. Kilmer's secret name is Simon Templar, a reference to his bizarre childhood shown at the beginning of the movie. Every identity he cre-

ates for himself is named after a saint. Thus, he is known as "the saint". The movie's setting is mainly in Moscow where Tretiak, a former communist hot shot, and his Russian thugs are planning to overthrow the existing presidential-parliament. Rade Serbedzija, a Croation actor, played the part of Tretiak with tremendous energy. The saint cleverly steals a high-tech computer chip which stores the

plans of Tretiak and threatens to reveal them. Elisabeth Shue co-stars with Kilmer as Dr. Emma Russell, the world's leading cold fusion researcher. Shue isn't a convincing scientist but plays a romantic and charming woman who falls in love with the saint. The saint makes a deal with Tretiak to steal the successful cold fusion formula for a handsome price. The plan backfires and that's

when the movie takes off. Kilmer and Shue show great chemistry in the following series of gripping chase scenes. They narrowly escape Tretiak and his Mafia and come close to freezing, drowning and burning. Although there are some intense action scenes, there is little blood shed and very few deaths. It is refreshing to see a movie that isn't so gory, but that will keep you on the edge of your seat.

# Bjork's Telegram sends sweet sounds

By Carolyn Bullard

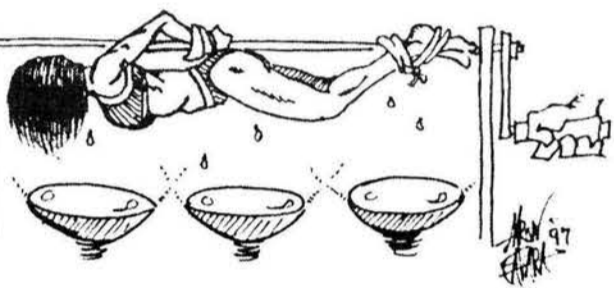
If you happen to be a Bjork fan, then her newest release *Telegram* is sure to please you. A complete remix of the songs from her last CD *Post-Telegram* is full of the creativity, unpredictability and great mixing found in any Bjork CD. One of the greatest aspects of this music is the simplistic honesty of the lyrics. The CD transforms every single song to be listened to from an entirely fresh perspective. Between the genius talent of Bjork, her amazing voice and all of those who mixed her stuff, *Telegram* is like an entirely new CD. This CD, like any other CD is completely inconsistent, but that's the beauty of listening to Bjork. Her style is versatility. Between the Symphonic rendition of "Hyperbalad," and the loungey sound of "Isobel," the style pivoted from techno, to dance, to windchimes and xylophones. It was completely unexpected. If you ever feel the need to listen to something fun and enjoyable, Bjork's *Telegram* would definitely benefit you.

# Fake bake offers off season tan

Sandra Cummins

The tanning season is upon us and so are new methods of achieving the bronze look so many people desire. Tanning beds and self tanners are two of the most popular alternatives to outdoor tanning, Sandy Kraemer, owner of Amore Tans, said. "Spring's here and people are sick of being pale. They want a tan but it's too cold outside they tan indoors," he said. Senior Kristen Bauer has tanned three times a week for the past two months. She said she tans during spring because she doesn't want to look pale for summer. She also wants to get her skin acclimated for the summer's UV rays. "There's nothing uglier than a fake bake," Ms. Wendy Olson, CHS Spanish and word study teacher said. "They cause skin cancer and carry germs and bacteria." Kraemer said that at Amore Tans they use

a standard hospital sanitizer diluted with water to wipe down the tanning beds after every use. "Still," Olson said, "why would anyone want to lay down where someone was sweating?" Olson said she tanned when she was younger and was badly burned because no one helped her get started the right way. "Where I tan, the staff was great about getting me started and watching how long I tanned," said Kristen. "When soccer started everyone got burned but me because I was already tan." He recommends always wearing protective eye wear indoors and UV coated glasses outdoors. Ms. Ellen Maschka, counter manager at Clinique in Younkers at the Westroads, claims



that self tanners are quick and easy and the best method of tanning. "All of our products have been allergy tested and are for all skin types with the exception of our face formula," she said. Maschka said that unlike tanning beds, self tanners do not cause skin cancer and give you an even bronze color. "Self tanners are definitely a healthier and safer way to tan," Maschka said.

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## Sometimes Dazed and Usually Confused

By John Gaskins



admire my teachers for trying to hang in there for us, but, sorry, I can't take it anymore. This school has prepared me and hundreds of students excellently for my future and has taught me about doing hard work to succeed. But I think a couple things need to be said about the concept of homework. Think about it.

We are locked up in this building for six, maybe seven hours a day. Seven hours! Minus passing periods and lunch, we are still here for about five and a half hours in the classrooms. Now you tell me we shouldn't be able to learn everything we need to know in five and a half hours a day. Uh, I guess not.

Apparently, the concept to some teachers, and I won't name names, is that we need to be in school figuratively 24-7, and therefore they assign two hours of homework a night.

Once again, sometimes this is good. We're using our minds more than most kids are. But for those of you (I've given up on this homework thing by now) who have to do all this work, what happened to a life? Free time should be that - free time, and I think most of us are tired of not having any. That is where symptoms of senioritis come in to play - those of us afflicted try to create our own free time.

This happens more frequently as graduation nears. The afflicted are dying for free time and making the most of it. Unfortunately, the ones afflicted sometimes fall short. We know we have work to do, and we don't want to do it.

That mission accomplished, we have to figure out what to do with our precious free time. Usually, we waste it. For some reason, pathetic middle-of-the-afternoon reruns of *Saved By the Bell*, *American Bandstand*, and *The Real World* intrigue us.

Especially *The Real World*. I don't know how many times I've seen the one where Dave allegedly rapes Tammy and gets kicked out, or when Julie has a rendezvous with Eric or Aaron and Dominick make fun of John because he's a dumb hick, or the great one of all time, Puck picking away at Pedro.

Sick that I can recall of these and sick that everytime I see them on TV, I watch them. Life? Sometimes the afflicted need to get one.

And sometimes they do. Take, for instance, weekends. I'm going to talk about them mainly because I don't know how many of you have asked me at some party, "my God, you should write about this." Okay, so I hope this makes you happy.

I'm not saying it's just seniors, but it is definitely the seniors who are afflicted who live for Friday and Saturday nights, and some maybe a little too much.

When you go to these get-togethers, you sometimes wonder exactly how many brain cells the afflicted have at these times. The most intelligent, well-mannered, down-to-earth classmates you associate yourself with at school turn into raging lunatics. I won't name names but you know who you are. Everyone does.

Go to a party on a Friday or Saturday night, and if you are in the right frame of mind, look around every once in a while. Notice the words and actions of your fellow peers, especially those with senioritis, which would be all of them.

I can't get into specifics, but it is quite a pathetic yet hilarious sight. People telling stories that couldn't make sense if Dr. Ruth were listening, people yelling and cheering for no other than a particular reason to make idiots of themselves, and most of all people who are just plain out of it, just glad to not be in school or be worrying about school. The weekends are the afflicted's haven, and they will be until school is out for good.

So, at least we got that going for us. To all of you who join me in this tragic yet understandable disease called senioritis, all I have to say is, I'm with you, it's almost over, and our automatic cure is graduation. Maybe I'm making no sense at all. I hardly ever do, so don't take me too seriously, but my bottom line this time is - senioritis, in my mind, can be good for you if you take it the right way!

## Senioritis, the friendly and contagious virus

I am coming out with the official announcement that I have contracted a very contagious and disasterous disease that many of my fellow graduating classmates have. It's nothing big. In fact, I've had it for quite a long time, but I feel it would be good to share my feelings with my fellow students, because I know a lot of them feel the same way. I have the thing, the bug, the beast, what the medical experts like to call *senioritis*.

I know I am not alone in my affliction and I am here today to write, it is okay. It is justifiable. Stop listening, if you ever still listen anyway, to parents, teachers, counselors, administrators trying to tell you that it is not good to be overwhelmingly anxious to get the heck out of here. Adults, the truth is, we are, and there's nothing you can do about it.

Don't get me wrong. It's been a nice ride. I am going to miss the friends I made, the defining moments and the smaller, weirder ones and all that jazz. High school can be a fun experience if you make the best of it. It's not the everyday small talk and dopin' around that I want to go away.

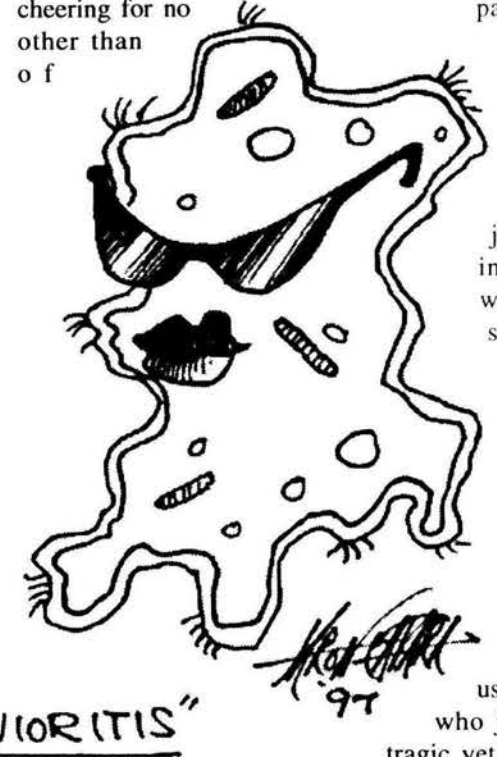
Seniors, I'm sure you know what I'm talking about, especially you honors students out there. Monday morning, you go to class and there is your wise and prestigious Advanced Placement teacher who you think is a good person and you know who means well. This teacher suddenly decides to tell you approximately every mother-lovin' assignment and test that is coming up for the next lifetime.

Especially these long term assignments. Unless you're a hermit with no social life or an actual perfect individual with decent time management, at least for myself, I find it way too often that I end up at four in the morning the night before the paper is due trying to figure out where I went wrong.

It was probably all those days and weeks where I had nothing to do, I mean less to do than a part-time postal worker, and more time in the world than Michael Jackson at a preschool, and I still insisted on not working.

I mean there are tough decisions in life. Even on nights before an important test (even though there are no important tests to us anymore). Let's see here... 11 p.m., should be going to bed, would like to do anything in the world besides study for a test... okay, so what should I do? Watch *Seinfeld*, or study for a test. Uh, call a friend and bull crap for an hour, or study for a test. Put a gun to my head and end my life, or study for a test.

At some point in high school there was motivation for doing well, and there still is. It is just really hard to find it. I



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## Audience energized by Beck's music

By Kate Alselth

Beck's high energy performance overpowered the Civic Auditorium stage. March 14 with an excellent concert.

The show opened with bands Atari Teenage Riot and Root. Root, a hip hop group, had an unusual sound.

One member of the band imitated the sounds of record spinning with his voice while the rest of the group spit out lyrics and danced around the stage.

The other band,

Atari Teenage Riot was a techno group from Germany. Both bands were talented and extremely entertaining.

Finally, Beck came onto the stage and began playing.

He started the show off with an acoustic set. During this he played "Ozzy," an obscure song that is a favorite of many Beck fans.

After the acoustic set he began to rock with his funkier, more upbeat songs.

The crowd started dancing and grooving in

front of the stage. Many fans ended up with small injuries in mad attempts to get as close to Beck as possible.

The energy was incredible as he rolled off his funky lyrics, as only Beck can.

Beck played many favorites from his album *Mellow Gold*, including "Loser." He also performed many of his other popular songs. On this list was "Where It's At," the most well known song off of his album *Odelay*.

Many fans were ex-

cited that he decided to play "Beer Can," an older favorite to many, but very rarely performed at his shows.

"Beck was amazing. It was definitely one of the best concerts I've ever been to," freshman Steve Holmes said.

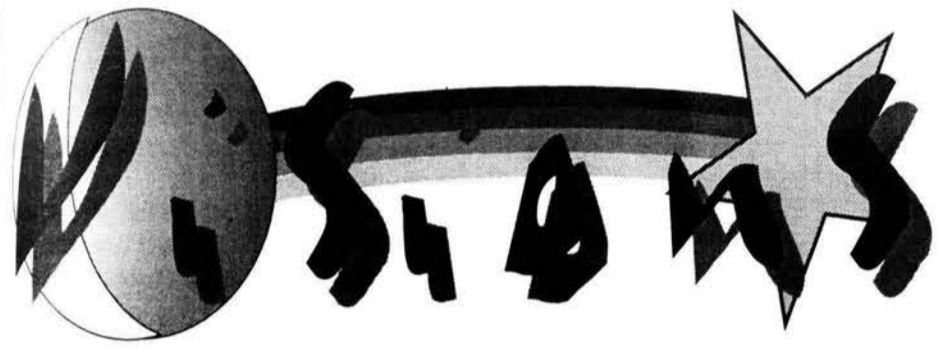
Beck ended the show with an encore of "High Five," a popular song from *Odelay*.

A large majority of the concert goers left the Civic covered in bruises, soaked in sweat and in total amazement of how incredible the show was.



# Happenings

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**Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19**

What is the deal with procrastination? A brief word to the wise... get on task. It would be of great benefit to you if you could get your priorities straight.

**Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18**

There will always be new opportunities for success. Don't let one bad situation get you down. There will be plenty others along the way.

**Pisces Feb. 19-March 20**

There is someone who will be

getting on your last nerve this month. Let them know exactly how you feel. Don't try to make it sugar coated, or else the nuisance will be eternal.

**Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19**

This month it will be very necessary for you to take things from a new or different perspective. Don't rely too much on people who claim to be doing you favors.

**Taurus Apr. 20-May 20**

What started out as a really big pain will end up to be a blessing. You will be con-

fronted with a moral dilemma this month. There will be more than one person involved in this situation. Working with them will make things easier.

**Gemini May 21-June 2**

The end of April and the beginning of May will bring you luck and prosperity in your romantic affairs. However, don't try to be too suave and debonair... or you can expect a definite backfire.

**Cancer June 22-July 22**

A little time outdoors should cure your spring fever. You can expect to encounter someone new and intriguing in the next month. Look for the color blue.

**Leo July 23-Aug. 22**

It is a great time for you to prioritize and get thinking about your plans for the next few months. If things aren't going exactly as planned, don't worry. May will be both a time to relax and a time to spend more time with people you actually like.

**Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22**

With school coming to a close, there may be some loose ends that need fix-

ing. Don't let yourself wait until the last minute or else the times could become extremely hectic.

**Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23**

You will be feeling very creative this month. Funnel your creative energy into some type of job or work that you are currently enveloped in and people are guaranteed to notice.

**Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22**

Something that you do this month will make a lot of people really angry. The out-

come of this will not be detrimental, but instead, it could improve respect in your situation.

**Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21**

There is little you can do to change the way things are going for you right now. However, you can change the way things are for you in the future. There is someone that you need to talk to ASAP. Talk before it is too late.

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# Turf Talk

By Les Anich



## Men's soccer will go all the way

Let the games begin. Spring sports is in full swing. This season may end with great accomplishments for the majority of Central's athletic teams. There are hopes for both varsity baseball and men's soccer to take state this year. Granted, the season started a bit slow for both of them, but they will certainly come around, brush the cobwebs off and win state.

I predict the women's soccer team will finally win districts this year. If not, they will definitely qualify for the State Tournament for the first time in a long time.

The baseball team will make a run for the state title and if everything goes as planned, they will certainly win the title.

Track will have solid performances out of seniors John Zendejas and Tim Riveria and surely from the 4x400 and 4x100 relay teams.

Funny man and golf king senior John Gaskins will give the young golf team all around great leadership and will certainly make a run for a state title.

Men's soccer has the best chance of winning the state title this year. The team lost in the semi-final game against Lincoln East in 1996. It was one game short from playing for the championship game last year.

With most of the starters returning from last year, the team is experienced and skilled for a title drive, and they are unquestionably capable of doing just that. It is in their power to win the whole thing this year.

It is now or never for the majority of the players. The team consists of mostly seniors who have been part of the team for three or four years.

The most important factor they did not have in the first three four games of the season was readiness in some positions. With two freshmen players in the starting line-up and the shifting about of players because of last year's graduation, the chemistry on the field during game time is not where it should be.

Chemistry may not be the right word, but it fits. Players misjudged where they should be and what they should do. Players were in each others' way.

This will not be a problem in the future, hopefully.

As the season winds down towards the end, the team is playing much better and now they have a definite shot at the title.

The one thing the soccer team will certainly miss or definitely need is senior Sam Farrington. With him in the line up, the offense would be substantially stronger.

Sam would give the mid-field a great deal of strength and assist senior Sam Achelpohl in the mid-field. Achelpohl is the most experienced mid-fielder on the team, but, unquestionably, would be obliged for some help to dispose most of the pressure off him.

The soccer team has begun to overcome the pressure placed upon them because of its success in the past few years. Although a few early losses in two very close games have tarnished a perfect season, the team should keep their heads up high and focus on the upcoming games.

Although the team is not ranked in the top 10 because of a 4-3 record at the time the first ranking came out, Stu could have been just a little bit lenient and placed the eagles at the 9th or 10th spot.

Two losses came against a very strong no. 1 Millard North and no. 2 Millard South (these rankings came from the first top 10 ranking of the season). Both games were very close.

At Millard South, the game went to two five-minute over-times and a shoot-out that ended in sudden death.

That's one long game.

Considering that these close games came early in the season should definitely help to give them a boost for the rest of the season.

This should tell the players that they are capable of playing hard teams and also, teams who have better facilities. I just wonder what they could do to schools who do not have these at their disposal like South High School.

Now that was a game. Central only won by a score of 8-0.

Little by little, the team is responding well to the pressure of each game especially to the ranked teams in the top 10.

With most of the hard games already played, the Central Eagles should definitely win the rest of the games remaining on the schedule.

Given that the team will improve in each game in the future, they will be ready to compete for the state title in May.

Good luck to all the spring sport teams and individual athletes.

## Golf shoots for Metro

By Sam Achelpohl

Senior leadership and young experience has earned the men's golf team early success as their season has swung into full gear.

"We're off to a very, very good start," Head Coach Jim Galus said. "We are going to be a definite metro contender this year."

At the recent Central Invitational held at Field Club of Omaha, the team had its best finish since the 1994 season, shooting a score of 335 and finishing in third place behind Gross.

Senior John Gaskins won the individual title which has not been accomplished since the 1994 Lewis-Central Invite. Gaskins shot a four-over-par 71.

The victory was a special one for Gaskins, who has been playing Field Club

since he was ten-years-old. Gaskins came from four shots behind with seven holes left to tie and win a playoff with Omaha Gross' J.J. Sullivan.

"He knew how to play the course and he knew he could do it," coach Galus said. "It meant a whole lot to him to win. It was to him the greatest day in his golfing career."

Sophomore Chris Kelly earned a seventh place finish, the first medal of his high school career.

The team's success carried over into their next match in the Council Bluffs Invite, which was held at Dodge Park on Apr. 4.

The Eagles finished 4th as a team in the 13-team tournament with a 331 score.

The invite posted some good scores from all Central golfers including John with an 80, Chris with an 80, jun-

ior John Ashford had an 85 and sophomore Phil Jonak with an 86.

Chris earned a 9th place finish while John finished 10th despite being tied for the lead with five holes left.

"He got too caught up in trying to win instead of hitting good shots," coach Galus said.

Chris had one of the best back nines in the field. Coach Galus said he was pleased with Chris's play and is realizing his potential.

"Chris is going to be an excellent player if he isn't already one," coach Galus said.

Expectations are high for the team's continued success.

"Hard work, conditioning extra hours on the driving range and the putting green are paying off," coach Galus said.

## Lady Eagles kick into full gear

By Les Anich

The Lady Eagles soccer team has sprung into the season with some close defeats coming at the hands of some tough opponents.

"We would be definitely happier with more wins," Women's Head Coach Kathleen Laughlin said. "But all the games we lost I'm very happy with considering the two losses came from ranked teams."

With three games under their belt, the team is playing with a lot more chemistry and "that is one huge improvement," coach Laughlin said.

"There's a freshman and a new coach and a lot of chemistry had to be established at first," coach Laughlin said. "By the second game, they were playing much better."

Two losses came from no. 9 Millard South, 2-0, and no. 7 Mercy, 1-0. The other loss came in overtime against Bellevue East, 1-0. The lady eagles beat Omaha South.

Senior goal-keeper Erika Mullen has been

only scored on five times out of 54 attempted shots on goal.

"Erika has stepped up as a senior," coach Laughlin said.

Coach Laughlin said senior Sarah Deacon is leading the team in goals and is playing as expected.

"Sarah is playing real well," coach Laughlin said. "She's been contributing a lot to the team during practice and also game time."

One improvement the coach would like to accomplish is to take the athletic abilities of the players and make them great soccer players.

"This year, I would say, is a rebuilding year," coach Laughlin said. "We have a majority of underclassman."

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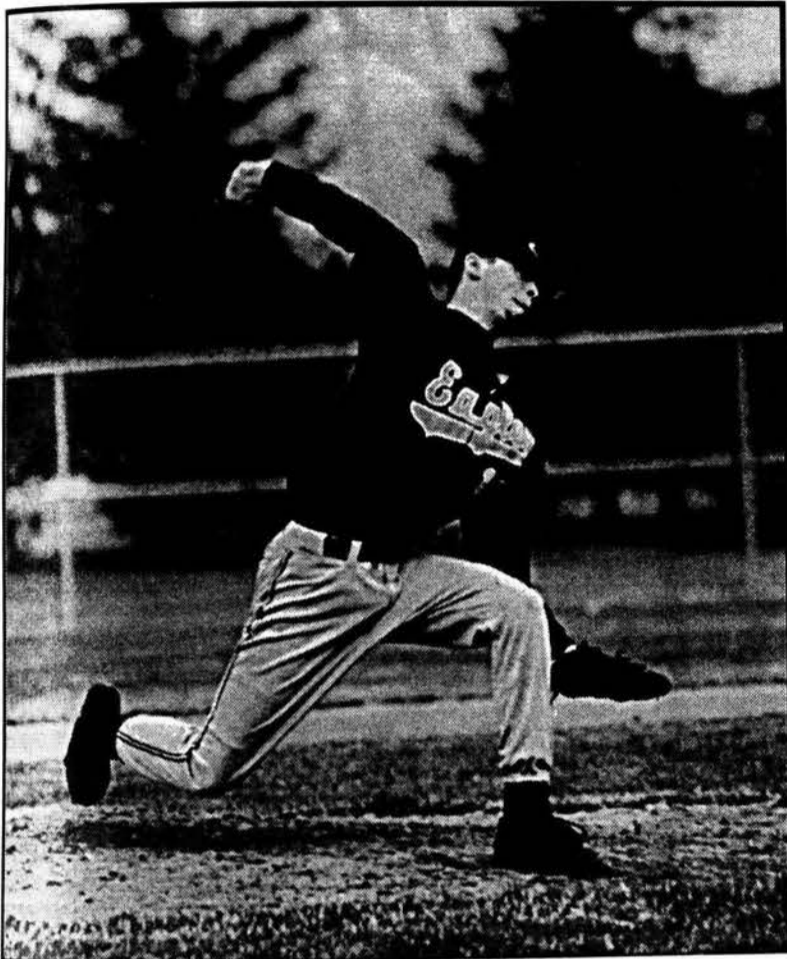
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## Wind up...



Lei Brown

**Senior** pitcher Pat Maulick goes through his pitching motion during the Millard South game. The team has a 4-3 record, including a pair of close losses to Millard South and Northwest, two of the top teams in the metro. The team has earned a recognition from the Omaha World Herald, with a preseason ranking of 9th in the metro. The team came back from two losses to beat Omaha Benson before the weather forced the cancellation of four of their games.

## Student dedicates life to arts

By Les Anich

Martial arts, an artistic style of fighting, elevates an individual's confidence in himself and builds strength both mentally and physically. Junior Aaron Jackson is dedicated to a martial art and he plans to make it his career.

Aaron is a first degree black belt in kung fu. He has been taking it for four years at Martial Arts of America in Southroads Mall.

"I've been taking it since I was twelve years old," Aaron said. "I've taken other martial art styles earlier, when I was six, like karate and taekwondo at other martial art schools."

He said he would have received his black belt in karate at age nine, but the karate school closed down.

"I was about to receive my black belt in karate at the time the school closed," he said. "So, I got robbed from a black belt."

Aaron is a full time student and also a part time teacher at his dojo. To receive his black belt in kung fu, he had to go through a slight contact fight with another student.

Aaron has been teaching since August 1996 when he received his black belt.

Most of the students have a confidence problem and Aaron said he works with them to build up their confidence level.

"I work with white, yellow and orange belts with their confidence," Aaron said. "I tell them to concentrate and focus on something else, so they will not be too nervous to complete the task they were assigned to do."

He said that kung fu students are not taught weapons skills until they reach the black belt level.

"They have staff form sets from one to five," Aaron said. "Students are not given the opportunity to choose their weapon. All the weapon skills are taught and can be used mostly for any weapon."

Aaron is planning to make kung fu his career. He plans to be part of the Martial Arts of America full time in the near future.

"It may be too much to ask if I become owner of the school or at least have a partnership in it," Aaron said.

## Women's tennis team starts strong

By Les Anich

The 1997 women's tennis team successfully brought down their first two opponents to open the season. Head Coach Larry Andrews said.

The wins came against Duchesne and Millard South, but lost to Omaha Westside in the third game.

"Westside was our toughest opponent. There is no doubt that they will be the top seed in Metro and State," coach Andrews said.

Seniors Erika Wulff, Andrea Friedman, Colleen McGinty, Michelle Seider and junior Rachel Slosburg return from last year.

Rachel was the only player to win and score a point against a strong Omaha Westside team on Apr. 17.

"Andrea should be in the top seed at Metro and State," coach Andrews said. "Also, we should have several seeds at those tournaments in singles and doubles."

Coach Andrews said that with four seniors on varsity, the 1998 season will certainly be the rebuilding year.

"We have players with several years of experience," coach Andrews said. "The younger players will certainly benefit from these players."



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# SPORTS



## We Cover Eagle Territory

### Soccer discovers route to victory

By Mike Kelly

The Central men's varsity soccer team has started off the season with a 7-3 record.

After a 3-1 season opening loss to Bellevue West, the Eagles rebounded to win the Bellevue Tournament for their first championship of the season.

The Eagles decimated Class B Plattsmouth 8-0 and defeated Roncalli for the tournament championship.

Senior striker Dane Foster and senior midfielder Sam Achelpohl combined for 10 goals in the tournament as the Eagles improved to 2-1 on the season.

"The tournament win was important for us because we really needed it after losing the opener," sophomore Ben Rinaker said. "We have always tended to play pretty well in tournament."

Central carried the momentum from their tournament win into their match with Millard North.

The top-rated Mustangs have several returning players including all-state players Kyle Small and Tom Kousgaard.

On the strength of a Dane Foster goal the Eagles led 1-0 twenty minutes into the match. Millard North tied the score with under two minutes to go in the first half. The game was tied at half-time.

In the second half, the Mustangs broke the tie with a shot past senior goalkeeper Luke Denney.

Central answered ten minutes later with Dane's second goal of the game. Set up by senior striker Steve Quackenbush, Dane put the ball out of reach of the Millard North goalie and into the top left corner of the net to knot the score at 2-2.

The score stayed tied until there was 90 seconds left in the game.

Millard North proceeded to score two goals in the last 30 seconds to beat the Eagles 4-2, and drop their record to

2-2.

"We just had a defensive lapse for their third goal," senior sweeper Chad Dahlrymple said. "There is not much margin for error. They snuck one of their guys past our defense and that was enough for the goal."

After the Millard North game, the Eagles continued their tough week at Millard South.

The game was a defensive struggle on an extremely windy day.

Millard South dominated the first half while Central took control in the second half. Despite many shots on goal, neither team could put it in the net.

At the end of regulation the score was still 0-0. After a scoreless overtime, the game was sent into a shootout. Sam, Dane and Steve all scored on penalty shots and the shootout was sent into sudden death.

A spectacular three saves by Luke Denney was not enough, the Indians scored in sudden death and won the shootout 4-3 and the match 1-0.

On Apr. 8, the Eagles avenged a pair of tough losses by defeating Bellevue East 6-2. The Eagles controlled the whole game playing in the 30 degree weather. Sam and Dane added two goals each, to improve Central to 3-3.

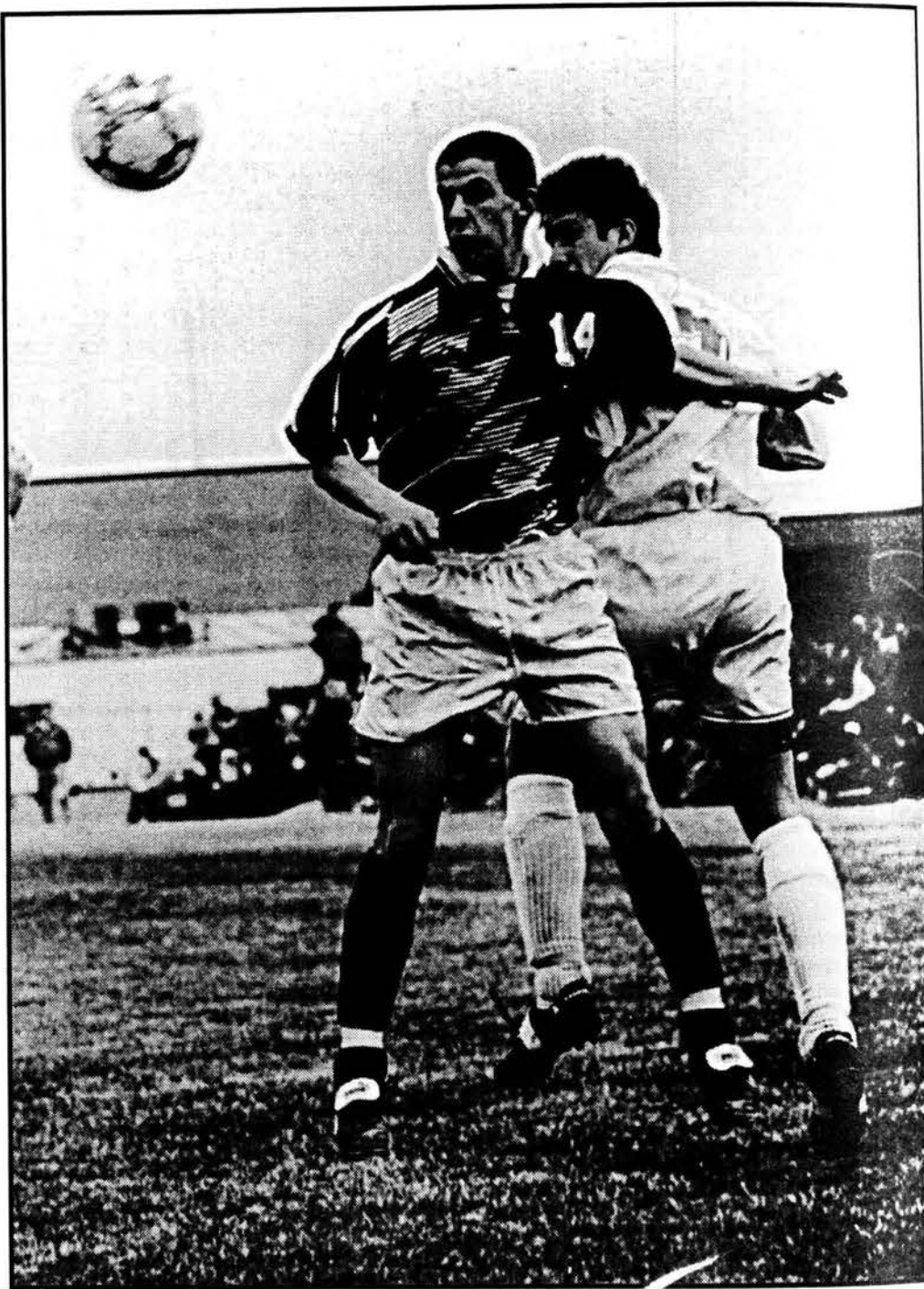
"The Bellevue East game was a big confidence builder for us," senior stopper Jeff Ludwig said. "After tough losses it is always nice to come back with a convincing win."

After a victory over Omaha Westside, the Eagles repeated as champions of the Benson Cup.

The Eagles defeated Omaha Gross 2-1 to claim the championship. Dane scored both Central goals.

The next major test for the Eagles will be Apr. 28 against Omaha Burke.

The game will be the first one played on the newly renovated Berquist Field.



**Head-ache:** senior T.J. Ernst connects on a header during the Millard South game. Central fell victim to the Indians in sudden death after two overtimes and one shootout. A spectacular three saves by senior Luke Denney was not enough to save the eagles from a loss. Millard South won the shootout 4-3 which gave them a 1-0 victory over the Central Eagles. The team opened their season with a loss to Bellevue West and a first place finish at the Bellevue East Tournament. Central, 7-3, has victories over Omaha North, Omaha Gross, Omaha South, Bellevue East, Roncalli, Plattsmouth and Omaha Westside and losses to Millard North, Millard South and Bellevue West. The eagles won the Omaha Benson Tournament on Apr. 19.

### Central volleyball team braces for state

By Mike Kelly

After a close loss to Creighton Prep and a victory over Omaha South, the Central Eagle purple volleyball team looks to peak at the right time.

With the State Tournament coming up on Apr. 27, the Eagles know

it is now or never.

"We have to start playing the best brand of volleyball that we have played all year," senior setter Steve Quackenbush said.

"I think we are starting to peak at the right time."

After a week-long layoff over spring break, the Central Eagles took the court against Lincoln, who they defeated handily two games to none.

On Apr. 8, the Central purple team played both Omaha South and Creighton Prep.

After losing the first game to Prep 15-9, the Central Eagles rebounded to win the second game 15-1, only to fall in the third and deciding game 18-16.

"The Creighton Prep

game was one game we never should have lost," sophomore Stuart Waters said.

"We made some mistakes that we never should have made this late in the season."

The Eagles then had to regroup and play Omaha South later in the evening. The Eagles decimated the winless South squad by scores of 15-2 and 15-1.

"The way we played against South was the way that we should play all the time," sophomore Gary Bullard said.

Helping out the Eagles during the stretch run of the season is senior Luke Denney. Luke, a starting forward on the basketball team, joined the team when basketball team's run at the State Championship ended.

"I just want to do whatever I can

to help the team," Luke said. "Plus it would be fun to go to nationals as well."

Coach Reichmuth said he thinks that Luke is an excellent addition to the volleyball squad, both on and off the court.

"Luke is a great leaper, so he will provide us with help around the net," coach Reichmuth said. "He is also an all around great leader that the guys respect very much. He is an excellent addition to our volleyball team."

Senior captain Steve Hernandez is very pleased with the way the volleyball team has progressed this year.

"I think we have done better than we expected to do," Steve said. "The younger guys have progressed very well and we are working fairly well as a unit too. If we play the

best volleyball that we can, we should have no trouble repeating at State."

The Eagles will have to play two-games per night from now on. The remaining schedule includes games with top-rated Millard, Omaha North, Council Bluffs and the Central white team that currently has a 1-6 record.

Central currently remains third in the State.

The State Tournament will be held on Apr. 27 at Offut Air Force Base in Bellevue. All the high school teams in the state are invited, with the winner going to the national championships held in Denver on July 4-8.

"If we put together a great week-end of volleyball, then good things will happen," coach Reichmuth said.

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