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CHS being ignored?

Thompson says building has renovation needs

By Brian Joseph

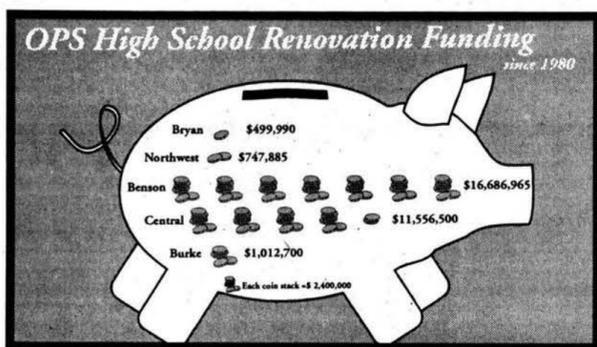
"I think the building has been neglected somewhat," Central principal Dr. Gary Thompson said. "It has some serious needs."

According to data obtained from Omaha Public Schools (OPS) Services Department, over the past 10 years, Central has received the least amount of funding for renovation.

Since 1988, the OPS district has spent \$29,700 on renovating Central High School, \$22,175,226 on renovating South High School and \$2,345 on renovating Benson.

"For the past 10 years] nothing has happened," Dr. Thompson said.

Junior Dustin Hogarth said this year that Central is being neglected



by the OPS administration.

"We ain't got no air conditioning, the rooms are too small and the desks are falling apart," he said.

Sophomore Joe Rider agreed saying that Central's facilities were

lacking in comparison to the other high schools' buildings.

"When you play your varsity sports at a junior high, that doesn't

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Nice hands



CHARLIE CARLIN/THE REGISTER

"STICKY" FINGERS... Central graduate Lawrence Butler catches a pass during a University of Nebraska-Omaha (UNO) football practice on Nov. 3. Butler, who is playing at strong safety with the Mavs, is being redshirted this season. For complete coverage see page 11.

POW speaks to students

By Brian Joseph

"The Germans didn't furnish us with toilet paper. We were always scrounging for toilet paper. One poor fellow had his shirt up to here [points to his lower ribs]—he was tearing off his shirt and using it for toilet paper."

This was just one of the many experiences Mark Copenhaven, a World War II veteran and prisoner of war (POW), shared with the History Club on Nov. 11.



Senior Jamison Richart, president of the History Club, said that he and History Club Sponsor Vicki

Deniston-Reed brought Copenhaven into speak to the club because he could offer insight on World War II.

"Kids these days have an interest in war," Richart said. "Also, he's got something to share with us."

Junior Jessica Boro, who watched Copenhaven speak, said she agreed.

"A first hand account of an event in history is always powerful to hear," she said. "We wouldn't read about the conditions [in a textbook.]"

Plus, Social Studies Department Chair Carol Hipp said having Copenhaven speak on the 11th was ideal because it was Veterans' Day.

Whatever the case, Hipp said that the stories he shared with the History Club and American History students were invaluable.

"These [veterans] are eye witness accounts [of history]," she said.

Copenhaven, who was drafted at the age of 22, said that he was captured on Aug. 11, 1945 and spent eight months in a German prison.

After he was captured in a small French town, Copenhaven said that he and eight other prisoners were forced to walk to Germany.

It took three weeks... "If I would have kept a journal of those 21 days, it would have been a different experience everyday," he said.

However, Copenhaven said that the journey to Germany was only the beginning of his unusual experience. When he finally reached the prison camp, he said that a German officer promptly interrogated him.

"I walked into the room and saluted the German officer," he said. "The officer said, in perfect English, 'Were you born in a barn?'"

"No [he answered]."

"Well, close the door."

For the following months, Copenhaven said that he lived in a prison barracks and survived on little more than vegetable soup, bread and Red Cross Rations.

Texas school caters to gays

By Mary Lynn Super

"The learning environment here [at Walt Whitman High School] is so much better for me.

I don't ever have to worry about the people not accepting me because of my sexual orientation."

Janko Petrovich, a sophomore at a private gay and

lesbian high school in Dallas, Texas, said that his decision to transfer to Walt Whitman Community High School was probably the best one he has ever made.

Becky Thompson, director and

co-founder of the new school, said that almost all of the school's 13 students feel the same way.

"We [the teachers at Walt

Whitman] are trying to give them a place where they learn without feeling threatened or out of place," Thompson said. Junior Kelli

Mattson said that she does not think that a separate high school for homosexuals is necessarily a good idea.

"They are going to have to face the cruelties of the real world

someday. Why not do it in high school?" she said.

Thompson said that the idea for the high school came when Thompson and Pamela Stone, the other co-founder of the school, decided to fight discrimination against homosexuals.

The two had noticed that one of the female students at the private alternative school where both used to work was being harassed because she was a lesbian.

"There is not much acceptance or tolerance for gay and lesbian teenagers," Thompson said. "The statistics as far as harassment were

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Survey says teens lie, cheat

By John Eubanks

The first thing that would come to one's mind when they hear the

words cheating and lying, is ethics.

The Josephson Institute of Ethics, located in Marina del Rey, California, recently released a survey of

high school and middle students that stated 70 percent said that they had cheated on a test within the past year.

Also, the survey said that 92 percent of high school students and 88 percent of middle school students lie to their parents.

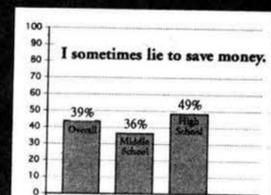
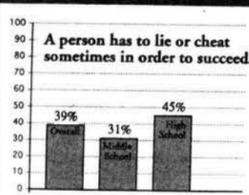
David Martin, Central English teacher, said that the rate is very high.

"Students exhibit behaviors from what they see in society and at home," Martin said. "Parents need to teach good morals."

Martin said that students model the "microwave" society in which they live in.

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1998 Report Card on the Ethics of the American Youth



Now hear this...



CHARLIE CARLIN/THE REGISTER

VOTE "NO" ON 413... This was the message of senior David Rennard and the Student Democrats at a rally held at Central on Oct. 29th. Rennard, who organized the rally, said that 30 to 40 people attended the rally.

Nebraska Board of Education

Test scores to be reported by race

By Mary Lynn Super

The purpose of separating test scores by race, gender and socioeconomic background is to answer questions about whether all students are getting "a fair shot" at a quality education, the president of the Nebraska Board of Education said.

Kathleen McCallister, who voted for the new separation, said that this type of division by groups would help to show what type of students are not doing well on standardized tests.

"If 30 percent of the students are not scoring well, how will we know if that 30 percent isn't from one main background, race or gender?" Doug Christensen, another Board member who voted for the separation of scores, asked. "That is the purpose of

disaggregation."

The scores of several national and regional standardized tests will be involved with the score separation, McCallister said. Such test include the California Achievement Test (CAT), the Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS), the Stanford test and the Metro Achievement Test.

Dr. Gary Thompson, Central High principal, said that while he does not like the idea of disaggregating test scores, he certainly understands the reasoning behind the idea.

"While it does help us recognize certain discrepancies, it also causes some finger pointing as far as which schools are not scoring well," Dr. Thompson said.

He also said that he much rather keep the results of the score separations within the school so that each specific school can make

the necessary improvements to solve inequities.

McCallister said that the new score reports will not only show where inequities exist, but also where they don't exist.

Still, there are several Board members who do not agree with the idea of separating test scores by groups.

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FUNDS

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show much," he said. Dr. Thompson said that there are various factors that have led to this large discrepancy, not the least of which being that Central has had greater success attracting students than other high schools.

"I think sometimes we [the OPS District] put money into schools to attract students," he said.

He said that despite its lack of cutting-edge facilities, Central has always attracted large amounts of incoming freshmen.

However, he said that other OPS high schools have struggled.

For example, Dr. Thompson said that in the 1970s, North High School was floundering—at one point, the school had only 900 students.

Thus, he said that OPS spent large amounts of money renovating North and other high schools to entice incoming freshmen to attend them.

However, Mark Warneke, the director of building and grounds for OPS, disagreed, saying that the reason other high schools have been getting more money recently has to do with the fact that Central was already renovated in the early 1980s.

"If you look at the period of time between 1980 and 1990, Central probably has received more money than other school," he said.

According to the numbers obtained from the Business Service Department, Central received some \$11,426,800 from 1980 and 1984.

"That, in some people's minds, makes it [Central's recent lack of funding] fair," he said.

However, Dr. Thompson said that he does not agree with this notion.

Rather, he said that the rules under which Central's renovation plan had to operate were vastly different from those which North, Benson and South had to follow.

He said that while Central's renovation basically consisted of adding outlets and making cosmetic improvements, South's renovation entailed a major overhaul of the entire school.

In fact, he said that the basic philosophy of those drawing up South's renovation plan was "You want the halls moved? Move the halls."

"The discussions were nothing like that here," he said.

"Here you don't move rooms."

However, Assistant Superintendent Dr. John Smith said that this was due to the fact that Central is a historical site, meaning that the building could not be significantly altered.

"We are under some restriction [with Central] because it's a historical landmark," OPS School Board Member Mona McGregor said.

Also, another board member, Nancy Huston, said that the area of the city Central is located affected the renovation plans.

"The building at South was extended," he said.

"We couldn't do that at Central if we wanted to."

Plus, Warneke said that the alumni group that oversaw Central's renovation objected to some major changes to the interior of the building.

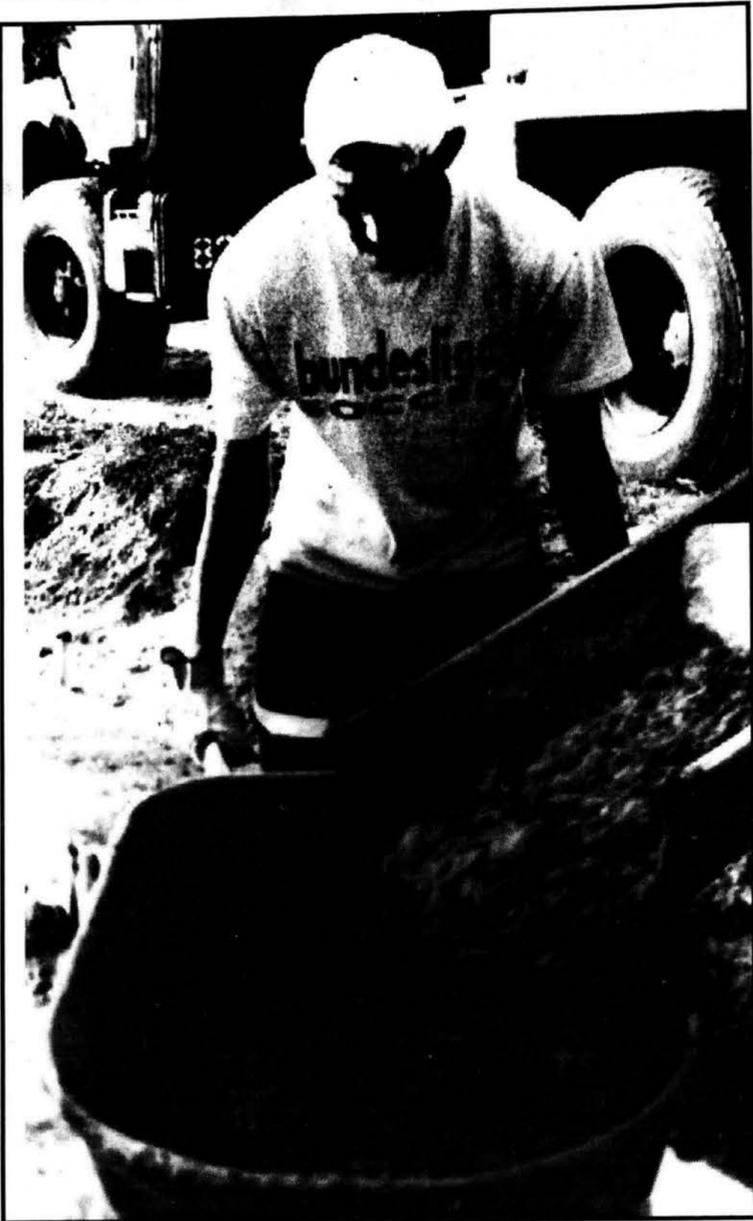
"At Central, we left the wood floors in because that's what we were asked to do," he said.

Whatever the case, Dr. Thompson said that today Central has weaker facilities than any Class A or Class B school in Nebraska.

"There are some blatant differences," he said.

However, Huston said that even with its lack of up-to-date facilities, Central is very competitive with the other schools.

"I don't think the appearance of the school affects the academics of the school," senior Larahn Minnifield said. "I still think Central is the best high school."



CARA MILLER/THE REGISTER

OFF TO WORK WE GO... Senior Kristoff Berzins flexes his muscles while loading cement into a wheelbarrow. Berzins was one of the Central National Honor Society members who helped lay the foundation for a Habitat for Humanity house.

NHS members help build homes for needy

By Mary Lynn Super

Whether it be shoveling gravel and wet cement or scraping paint off of windows, several Central National Honor Society (NHS) members seemed more than happy to volunteer a morning to help Habitat for Humanity, one of the volunteers said.

Sonja Shelstad, senior and secretary of NHS, said that helping Habitat was a great way to become involved in the community.

"It made me realize how fortunate I truly am," she said.

Shelstad was one of 10 NHS students who volunteered to perform some type of service project for Habitat on Oct. 24.

The volunteers were performing one of the two required service projects required of them each semester, John Waterman, NHS sponsor, said.

Habitat for Humanity is a program through which volunteers help build houses for people who can not afford to buy a house on their own, Adina Lau, a partnership director at the Omaha section of Habitat, said.

Lau said that once the houses are built, they are sold at cost with no interest rate loans.

She said that all of the money for these loans must come from private donations because the organization receives absolutely no government funding.

"The money comes from congregations, businesses, individual donors and eventually the homeowners themselves," she said.

As for the actual construction of the houses, she said that the organization relies almost completely on volunteers.

Volunteers can be of any skill level to work with habitat, Lau said.

Of course, though, she said that they always need to have some type of professional, such as a foreman, to help with the technical aspects during the construction of the house, she said. Senior Cara Miller, who has worked with Habitat a number of times, said that she believes the fact that almost anyone can help is the best part about Habitat.

"The fact that I can tell people that I helped give someone in need a permanent shelter makes me feel great," Miller said.

RACE

Nebraska Board of Education votes to separate standardized test scores by students' background

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"I completely believe in the ideas of Martin Luther King Jr., who said that a person should be judged by the content of his or her character, not by the color of his or her skin," he said.

Senior Meghan Gibilisco said that she vehemently disagrees with the idea of separating test scores by race.

"The way someone learns should not be determined by the color of his or

her skin, but by the amount of effort he or she puts into it," Gibilisco said.

Savage also said that, while he does not see the new way of reporting scores as inherently bad, the "potential for abuse is very possible".

McCallister said that she can understand this side of the debate, but the positive aspects involved with the separation of scores outweigh the negative ones.

"The votes against it come from an honest attempt at being

colorblind," McCallister said.

"It's just a matter of misplaced understanding of reality in that they are trying to make all kids learn the same way."

The problem with that, Christensen said, is that all kids do not learn the same way.

The division of test scores is meant to show where different strategies are necessary in order to give the highest quality education possible.

"I definitely do not want to see any kind of system that uses demographics as an excuse," he said.

Freshman Lequisha Johnson said that she believes that the only way the separation of scores will be beneficial is if it actually proves that one race is learning faster than another.

"I think that it is just as important to look at the [separated] race scores as the overall scores," she said.

"That way improvements can be made in all areas."

Christensen said that he believes the way to raise test scores in all gender and socioeconomic groups is at the instruction level.

The level of a school's education, he said, depends on three things: quality of the teachers, the amount of spending of available money, and the leadership of the school principal.

"All schools deserve to be very best that they can possibly be," Christensen said.

Fear of school violence rising, survey says

By Andrew Lieben

Student violence is a problem in many schools, and according to a recent White House study, student fears of violence in schools is growing.

According to the study, which was included in the first Annual Report on School Safety, released on Oct. 15, 9 percent of all students ages 12-19, feel unsafe in their schools. This figure was determined in 1995, and is in increase from the 6 percent that was determined in 1989.

Erica Lepping, a public affairs specialist for the U.S. department of education said that even though schools are becoming safer every year, students are becoming more and more fearful of crime and violence in their own schools.

"By far, our schools are becoming safer than the communities they are in," Lepping said. "But fear can be seen across the board."

Students are highly affected by the negative pictures of school violence and violence in general that they see in the media, Lepping said. The media is the main factor that influences whether students are comfortable or fearful in school.

The study was the first actual look at school safety across all 50 states, Lepping said. According to the report itself, 43 percent of all schools in the U.S.A. reported no crime at all, and 90 percent of the schools reported no violent crimes, or crimes involving weapons, robbery, rape, murder, or suicide. Only 10 out every 1000 students were involved in

serious violent crimes at school, according to the study.

"Schools are basically safe, but the fear of violence is growing," said. "It's only that 10 percent of students who are involved in violent crime that creates fear in other students."

Dr. Gary Thompson said he believes that students are becoming more and more fearful of violence in schools.

"Our society is becoming a more violent society," Dr. Thompson said. "Across the country are showing more violent behavior. They solve problems by fighting instead of talking."

Samira Nazem, junior, said she has seen violence in schools.

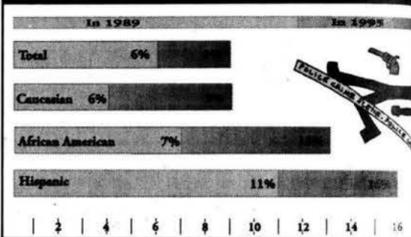
"I don't really understand why there are so many fights in school," Nazem said. "Sometimes I'm afraid I'll look at someone in the wrong way and he'll threaten me."

Central is relatively safe, but students just feel unsafe, Nazem said.

Sophia Theophilopoulos, does not feel into school afraid of violence.

"I've heard of a couple cases of violence, but I've never thought of them," Theophilopoulos said. "Incidents in Jonesboro, AK, are awful, but it doesn't affect my life at Central."

Changes in Students' Fear of Violence



Cuttin' loose...



CATHY COLLING/THE REGISTER

CUT ALONG THE DOTTED LINE... Molly Hoberman, junior, concentrates on cutting ribbons for Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD). The ribbons will be used to remind people not to drink and drive, especially during the holiday season. The marketing department sponsored the activity to help students get involved in community service.

ETHICS

Josephson Institute of Ethics survey says high school students lie to parents, cheat in school

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"Students work hot, fast and speedy," Martin said. "Getting done easily and efficiently is more important."

Martin said that students feel put out when delayed gratification becomes part of their lives.

"They don't want to work hard

anymore," Martin said. "We need to thrive."

Some students, like junior Samira Nazem, said that they work hard and to see people cheating angers them.

"I can't stand it to see people cheating after I worked hard," Nazem said.

"It will eventually catch up to

haunt them in the long run, though."

Along with cheating on tests, lying is another big part of some students' lives.

Senior Randa Philbin said that she believes (she doesn't know for sure) that almost every teen has lied to their parents at least once, if not more.

"Teens are very private people

from their parents," Philbin said. "Parents and teens usually don't have a great bonding relationship."

Philbin said that some of the things that she does her parents wouldn't approve of.

"It is not like they are bad things," Philbin said. "My parents are very strict, and they keep a close eye on me."

Philbin said that in a way the situation is reassuring but it can also get annoying when she has to check up with her mom every hour.

Junior Nichole Curry said that she disagrees.

"My mom is like my best friend," Curry said. "I don't have to lie because she trusts me."



Alumnus elected Student President-Regent of UNO

Derek Tritsch
Climbing to top of the political ladder with that first step, one that a former student just took.

Shradar, a member of the Central Board of Regents, was elected President-Regent of the University of Nebraska at Omaha.



Shradar, a junior, said his job entails such things as presiding as president of the student body and working with the state-wide Board of Regents, of which he is currently being trained to do. He will take office effective January 1, 1999. Running as a Republican in the partisan election, Shradar defeated opponent, Democrat Len

Junior certified as network administrator

Tanya Greenspoon

While some students cannot wait to get out of school at the end of the day, one Central junior has a job where she spends her days and afternoons working on computers at school, she said.

Jenny Klein said that she has always enjoyed working with computers and now that she is a certified distributor, she is able to work at Central.

Being a certified network administrator means that Klein is able to work with Novell 4.11 Administration, she said.

"Novell 4.11 is the networking program at Central used to enable multiple computers to be connected to one system," Klein said.

Hillhouse, by a "healthy" margin.

He said the election was campus-wide and that only 3.8 percent of the student body actually voted, a number he thinks can and will improve.

"One of the things I hope to accomplish in office is getting the student body more involved, but I realize it's tough on a commuter campus," Shradar said. "But I think UNO is starting to transform its image from a commuter to a residential campus."

Step one in that transformation process, Shradar said, is constructing dorms on campus, a process that UNO has already undergone.

"We need to have the majority of students living on campus, then they'll be more active in supporting their school," Shradar said.

Step two is for UNO to continue to promote their athletic teams and academic quality, Shradar said.

"UNO is a great university with great academics and athletics," Shradar said.

Klein said that she took a class called Systems Integration at Central in her sophomore year. Though this class is usually just for juniors, she was encouraged by Murray Fenn, the Computer Department Head, to take it, she said.

Fenn said that Klein showed a strong desire to take this class, and she had the ability to succeed.

After taking Systems Integration, Klein went to Kansas to take a test to become certified network administrator, she said.

"People usually take this test until they are about 20-years-old," Klein said. "The proctor in Kansas said that he only sees two to three high schoolers a year."

This test proved that Klein had the experience to get a job working on computers, she said.

Her job is as a computer technician and helps to install computers and to get people logged on, Klein said.

Born to be wild



MORGAN DENNY/THE REGISTER

SCARY, GUY! The Scary Guy signs a picture for sophomore Ally Freeman after speaking to a group about prejudice, which he refers to as "America's number one social disease." Previously a professional tattoo artist, he legally changed his name to The Scary Guy after being unfairly judged in a newspaper advertisement. He now travels around the world speaking out against prejudice and violence. "I viewed him as mean and tough and harsh before [she had talked with him]," Freeman said. "But, he was just the opposite, caring and nice."

WALT

Private Texas school caters to gays, lesbians
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startling. We realized that such problems had to stop."

The two women then took the idea to three gay and lesbian youth groups to get their input, Thompson said.

She said that the majority of the youth group members seemed really enthusiastic about the idea. Still, she said, the school is definitely not for everyone.

"We realize that not every gay or lesbian student needs a school like this," Thompson said. "Some of them find a niche in the typical public high school and become very successful. But, a lot of our kids would have quit if it weren't for us."

In fact, she said, the number of gay and lesbian students who drop out of high school is alarming. She said that many students are almost encouraged to drop out by teachers or counselors.

"There are typically very few positive feelings portrayed to gay and lesbian students from teachers and counselors," Thompson said.

"In fact, many of our students were involved in situations where they were actually told to drop out."

Fortunately, she said, this negative feeling is not generally felt within the Dallas community.

"As long as [the high school] is small, people in the community don't feel threatened," Thompson said.

She also said that she does not think the school will ever have a large population.

In fact, she said, the number of students has dropped from 16 students last year to 13 this year.

As far as the education that the students at Walt Whitman receive, Petrovich says that the quality is not only as good as his previous high school, but better.

The reason for this is the small class size, Petrovich said.

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Millard schools

Competency tests redundant

Millard schools have adopted performance or competency tests for all of their core classes.

This means that students in Millard Schools must pass a test after they have completed a course in order to receive credit for that course. This action is redundant.

Course curriculum is more than enough to prove that students have learned the material. By completing assignments, students properly learn the information in the first place.

They prove their knowledge by taking regular tests in class. They prove they've retained this knowledge by taking unit and final tests.

Taking yet another test at the end of the school year is even unfair to some students.

Many students complain that actual classwork and homework is their strong point, and they just do not do well on tests. To base their entire class credit on a single test is unfair to them.

Teachers also spend a lot of time creating a workable, teachable class curriculum. Now, with these tests, students might completely ignore their teacher's curriculum and just do well on the test.

The teachers alone should decide if the student knows enough to receive credit.

With a new standardized test, some teachers may even have to change their curriculum.

The test may cover some aspects of the subject that the curriculum does not.

Joslyn Art Museum

Funds give great opportunities

A number of people, including Central students, should thank the Peter Kiewit Foundation.

Recently, the Kiewit Foundation donated \$500,000 to the Joslyn Art Museum in order to fund free admission Saturday mornings. The museum had to cancel free admission Saturdays after having it for 30 years.

It was such a shame to see the long time financed program cut in the first place. So many tourists and city residents made trips to the museum to view the great quality of art, whether during the free admission times or not.

Hopefully, the people who went appreciated the art and the opportunity they had to view the art at no cost. And because the program is being brought back at the end of November, many more people will have that same chance.

This large sum of money will most likely finance the Saturday admissions for many years to come, and people should take advantage of it.

Although some people may not realize it, Omaha is very fortunate to have one of the best museums in the region, perhaps even the nation.

Students across the United States have seen a number of arts programs cut because of lack of funds. This is just the opposite. Because of the donation made to Joslyn by the Kiewit Foundation, people have the great

Downtown convention center

New arena will help Central High

The proposed downtown convention center will bring new prosperity to Nebraska and new opportunities to Central.

The convention center, if approved by the city, will be built on the Union Pacific railroad grounds. It will bring better sporting events, famous bands, bigger conventions and businesses to Omaha.

As the closest school to the Union Pacific railroad grounds, Central will reap the rewards of the new convention center.

With this convention center, Omaha can get "on the map" through sports. Arena football and semi-pro hockey will become possible if this arena is approved. The NBA might even start holding exhibition games in Omaha. There is talk that an actual NBA team might be established in Omaha if the convention center is built.

The auditorium will also provide jobs for many Central students. With all the extracurricular activities Central has to offer, finding a good job is very hard for some students.

The new convention center will need ticket salesmen, workers for food courts and custodians. Though it is not the best of work, it is good local work nonetheless.

Therefore, the teacher must incorporate those aspects into their carefully planned curriculum.

Students ignoring class assignments could escalate into an even larger problem. Certain class projects not only teach the students the curriculum, but also help the students apply that knowledge to real life situations.

It also helps the students learn to teach themselves certain subjects.

Ralston and District 66 have already adopted similar testing procedures. If this program becomes popular, Omaha Public Schools could adopt it as well.

If this happens, Central's excellent curriculum could be ignored by the students considered with the performance testing.

Omaha Public Schools should remember that the curriculum in their schools is some of the best in the state. It should not be sacrificed for some test.

Central's curriculum in particular is well-known across the country.

Colleges throughout the United States recognize Central for its excellence in preparing students for college tests through English themes.

If all students are interested in is doing well on one that year, they will simply choose not to do well on themes.

In this case, the old ways work best. Students must learn that hard work, homework and testing, all together, are what makes a grade.

opportunity to view art for free.

Some people seem to think that Omaha is boring and that there is nothing to do in this town that doesn't cost money. Joslyn's free admission program is a perfect example to prove these people wrong.

Although a person may think that there is nothing there that would interest them, there is bound to be some type of exhibit that would be interesting.

Students in art programs at Central would generally agree that in order to make art, a person must first be able to view and experience art.

Because of the donation, students will be able to take advantage of the museum and view the fine art.

Also, families who cannot afford the normal admission prices for their entire family, will be able to enjoy a day at Joslyn as well, without the expense.

Most people would agree that art is such an important part of almost everyone's life, and when fine arts programs do have their funds cut in any way, people should jump to the programs defense and try to find a way to keep the program alive.

Because of the amount of people who were shocked by the cancellation of the program, Joslyn reps were able to find financial backers to reinstate the program. Hopefully, with the outpouring of concern for Joslyn, people will do the same if and when more school programs funds are cut.

The convention center will also help Omaha reach some groups which it has missed in the past few years.

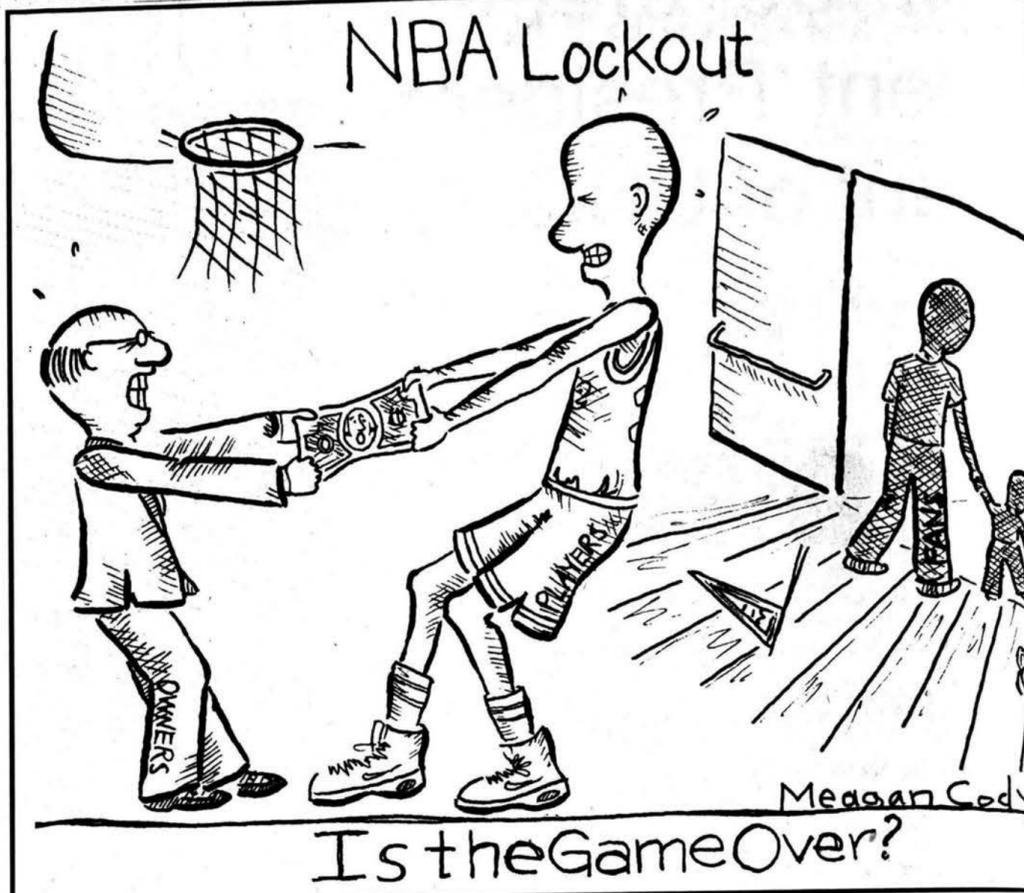
Omaha has been ignored by some of the major businesses and bands because it does not have a large convention center, but now the city has a chance to draw some of those groups in.

Several bands, such as the Rolling Stones, only visit cities with large convention centers or arenas, such as New York City or Kansas City. The new convention center will attract some of those famous bands to Omaha.

Of course, bigger and better conventions will draw bigger and better businesses. These businesses will provide more tax dollars to the Nebraska economy, tax dollars that will eventually come back to the schools.

Several local businesses, such as the Schouler Company and the Civic Auditorium have helped Central out in the past, and some have even become Adopt-A-School partners. If the new convention center wants to share its prosperity with a local school, Central is the closest and the most in need.

All in all, the proposed convention center will bring nothing but business and opportunity to Central, Omaha, and all of Nebraska.



Pro wrestling: more like a big soap opera

Pro wrestling... do you really have to be a professional?

I think not!
All you need is two solid feet, 300 excess lbs. and a really cool lookin' mask that is meant to be intimidating.

Well hey, in that case, my grandma will be making her wrestling debut Sunday night against Hulk Hogan—now there's a true blond.

It'll be an event which will attract thousands, millions even.

We'll sell T-shirts and, if we choreograph it to a T... who knows, the old Grandminator might even win that really big belt.

Swear to goodness gracious, if you slowed a wrestling match down to anti-

turbo speed (that means really slow in Morgan language), every match would look like Swan Lake—it's a flippin' ballet!

However, I must say it'd be quite entertaining to see huge scary-looking guys wearing masks dancing around in tutus and sparkly tights.

Yep, that'd be an evening to remember.

Actually, come to think of it... what a strategy!

If you were a pro-wrestler and your opponent showed up wearing proper dance attire carrying a purse, I don't know, I'd be a little wary of some type of secret weapon coming out of that cutesy little handbag.

Something like...DUHN DUHN

DUHN—mace. That's right, or googoo fashioned pepper spray.

Even more threatening, they might throw something—get this—UNSCRIPTED!

In fact, it has been brought to my attention that wrestling is like a big soap opera, only the mistresses are in real life.

All in all, the basis is there. Some magicians wins and the loser, of course, accuses the winner of not playing by the rules.

Of course there absolutely must be a rematch. However, in this business, the only word is revenge.

Too bad it's all a big Heckeraronies, if wrestlers were instead be actors they'd be busy courting Juliet, they would still wearing tights!

Oh well. I'm not the one who's mucho grande moola. Whatever won't be a



Whatever Works Morgan Denny

Wardrobes should be original, creative

We just can't be original anymore. With wandering eyes, fashion is being robbed from our closets.

Copycats and fashion-deprived teens steal the shirts right off my back.

And I don't know about you, but lately I've seen more and more people with their body parts pierced.

It seems like when one person gets one a body part pierced, friends and others follow in his/her molded footsteps.

If you want to analyze it, the whole idea is to have a hole in your body and to stick a piece of silver or gold in it. So what's the big deal?

Yes, I admit, when I was in Hollywood last summer, I followed the crowd, suffered a week with less sleep than normal and got one of my ears pierced.

Then I came back to school and noticed that I wasn't the only one who did this.

Ah, nuts! Everyone who thought they'd be cool and get their ear pierced was ashamed when they returned to school and noticed that everyone and their mom had gotten theirs done too.

So what's was the next step? The belly button.

Yes, ladies and gentleman. The belly button was the next thing to get punctured.

However, I haven't been sucked up by

the fascination of getting a ring in my gut. Why was it the belly button?

Maybe it was the Aerosmith video that put the thought in people's minds, but whatever it was, it gave a lot of people the same idea.

And yet, another example.

I try to buy shoes that no one has, and two months later, I see nine people with the same exact shoes on.

Then I get colored laces that clash with the color of my shoes, just to be different and not follow the crowd, and what do I see?

Eight more people suddenly had the same idea.

Am I being too picky? No, I don't think so.

Because I don't want to look like an average T-shirt and jeans kinda girl, I shop around and to find clothes and accessories that no one else will have or find.

But, it seems no matter how many endless hours I spend shopping, when I buy a T-shirt, two months later, I see four people with the same shirt on their backs.

However, sometimes when people ask me where I bought my shoes, I'm forced to tell them that I don't remember.

I just want them to go get the same one so I'm forced, by fashion, to fit in.

With all the changes in fashion and over the decades, the '90s should be the independent fashion decade to live in.

There are so many choices of what to wear out there, and yet everyone buys the same thing.

So, what's the point to all this complaining?

If you're original in your dress, it will you be independent and not follow other's footsteps.

fashion. So, throw a creativity into your fashion.

This is just plain common courtesy.

No one wants to be around looking like everyone else.

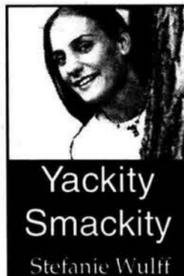
At least I sure as heck don't want to be called "being original."

It's called "being original."

It's called "being original."

If you happen to see your friend in the mall and they have a cute shirt on, don't where they bought it, just smile and say, "nice shirt."

And another thing... Next time you go to the mall, spare us all and leave the Torn shirt on the shelf.



Yackity Smackity Stefanie Wulff

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Nebraska football has taken a turn for the worse

What do you think of it? The Huskers can't buy a win. (And their credit on field goals is no better, either.)

Watching the University of Lincoln (UNL) get embarrassed at the University of Texas 20-16, I set out to discover why my most beloved team is in such a state of decline.

The answer may surprise you.

Plus, the years in which UNL has had a Central alumnus playing at I-back (1984-1993 and 1995-1997), the Huskers have averaged nearly 350 rushing yards per game.

In fact, other than the 1970, 1971, 1983 and 1994 teams, all of UNL's recently successful teams have had a Central graduate in the mix at I-back.

I have some bad news. Since 1973, the years in which UNL has not had a Central alumnus at I-back, the team has had an average winning percentage of .822.

In a 12-game season, that would roughly mean a 9-3 record for the mighty Big Red. Ugh.

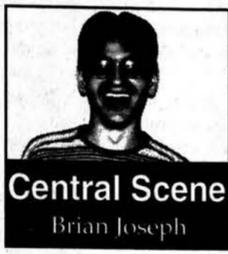
(And, as we all know, 9-3 teams don't go to prestigious bowl games. Instead, they go to highly meaningless games like the Ford Motor City Bowl.)

So, us fans are just going to have to bide our time until 1998 graduate DeAntae Grixby can come back from his shoulder separation until we can see some real Nebraska football again.

However, the UNL Training Staff has decided to redshirt Grixby for the 1998 season.

We won't see a Central back at NU until next year at the earliest.

Until then, the only thing we can do is wait. Or, I recommend becoming a fan of the Seattle Seahawks. They have a new rookie—Green's his name, I think—that is just phenomenal.



Central Scene
Brian Joseph

So, with this in mind, it's understandable why Nebraska has been struggling so much in 1998—they simply don't have their usual staple of Central talent.

I don't care how talented DeAngelo Evans or Correll Buckhalter may be, they simply don't have the one thing a Nebraska running back needs to succeed: a diploma from Central. (Besides, what kind of name is Correll anyway? Correll Buckhalter just doesn't have the same ring as I.M. Hipp or Keith "End Zone" Jones.)

Thus, for all you Nebraska fans out there,

Idea of beauty should reach beyond looks

What is this country coming to? I recently read a very interesting, and yet an extremely sad, article about eating disorders.

According to the cited expert, the average age of females with an eating disorder, whether it be bulimia or anorexia, is rapidly increasing.

As young as 11 and 12 years old are sacrificing their health to be "beautiful."

So I guess what I am trying to understand is when did outer, physical beauty become more important than inner, emotional beauty?

Who a person is, what he or she stands for and believes in should be what determines that person's beauty, not the number associated with his or her waistline.

Sometimes I wonder if this whole "need to be thin" idea came from the leaders of the fitness industry.

Almost everyone wants to be considered beautiful by the general public.

What better way to make money than to claim to help people achieve this very thing?

Advertisements have to be one of the worst promotions against the desire to be beautiful on the inside rather than the outside.

Ads for clothes, shoes, cars and even diet products are promoted by thin models and actors.

Maybe the only way to stop (or at least slow down) the terrifying trend involving the large numbers of girls with eating disorders is to change the way we talk as well as the way we think.

Instead of using the phrase "you look beautiful today," maybe we would all be better off saying "you act beautiful today."

It could be yet another little step for man and huge step for mankind.



S(o)up of the day
Mary Lynn Super

Communism thrives in land of the free

Direct commies. America supposed to be the land of the free. Since we were children we've been told that America was perfect and the Soviet Union was this big evil empire.

A profound rhetorical question: How is America different from that former communist nation?

It's not.

The former Soviet Union had a system where the government ruled the enterprise system with an iron fist.

In America, business should run itself, in a free market.

flashbacks my way. Isn't the whole point of business to beat the other guy into submission? Then how can we be offended when it happens? Answer: the American Republic says so.

On the evil, socialist side, the government doesn't deny it controls free enterprise. What? Would our beloved U.S. Government try to hide something from the American people? Really? My childhood illusions are shattered as we speak.

Thus we are led to communism. Ooh, a naughty word. I, being a non-anarchist, lover of freedom, do hereby state that communism is all that is good and wholesome in this world.

No matter what the one-sided television media has programmed us to think, commies are great!

Think of it. Life would be an endless abyss of happiness. There would be no poverty, no hunger and, in a perfect world, no unemployment.

Oops, reality check. The world is not perfect and communism no longer exists. But, people are still getting money for nothing. Yep, I am treading on the forbidden territory of welfare and it's great.

Communism worked only because the people worked for it. Then, when the people didn't work, neither did communism. Why are we a communist nation? Welfare. Am I jumping on the welfare-haters bandwagon?

Yes.

For those of you who may have lived in a paper bag your whole life, welfare is when you are not working, but the government is paying you. So, if getting paid to not work brought down the classic boys in red (commies), why do we still support the thing that makes us just like the commies?

Why is mainstream America so cocky? We feel that we are immune to welfare's manipulative powers? Can you really look me in the eyes and deny that America is less than I described?

So next time you see the American flag, think of me and remember that the government owns you, the flag, the ground and probably the air around it.

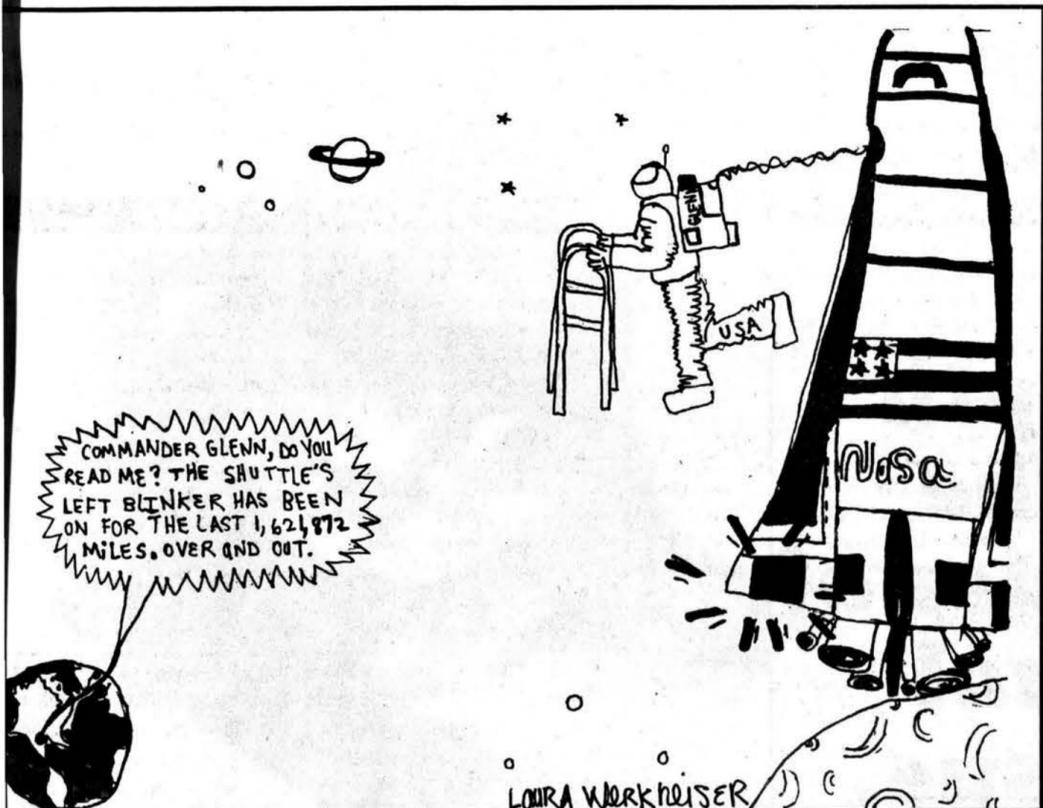
So, what is my time honored and long respected solution?

Elect me as your Czar. With me running this classic world of hate, I would conquer all.

How would that not be perfect?



I'm better than you
Jared Hart



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 it right for someone to help end a person's life if he is suffering?

Yes. If someone is suffering to the point where there aren't any medical options left to lessen their pain, they should have that option.



Jordan Sena, 12



Laticia Pargo, 10

No. It's different if someone wants to end their life themselves, but no one else should be involved with helping or planning the death of that person. I think it's morally wrong.



Brandy Eaves, 9

Yes. If someone is in true, incurable pain, they should have the option if they want to die or not and if they want someone to help them, that's their choice.



Brooke Ponec, 12

No. Anytime someone assists someone in dying, it should be considered murder and not assisted suicide or a mercy killing. It's against my beliefs and should be considered morally wrong.



Liz Lebedz, 9

Yes. If someone is close to a person who has an incurable disease and is in unrelievable pain, they should be able to end that person's life, with that person's consent.



Jamaine Billups, 11

No. It's just like murder. I don't think that I would want to take on the responsibility of killing someone because they are in pain.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A READER OPINION FORUM

Dear Editor,

Now I'm ticked. Brian Joseph's column in this past issue was very offensive and assuming.

Okay, so the majority polled felt they were undecided, fine. But those polled included those who were ineligible to vote, and the poll was conducted at a point in the campaign where gubernatorial debates were just beginning to come into play. The *World-Herald* made it a point that the issues were a deciding factor, and later debates emphasized the issues in question. So why is it any wonder that those of us who wanted to carefully think about and weigh the candidates' platforms didn't yet know who to vote for?

Second, independence is not now and never will be a "cop-out." If I don't position myself along Democratic lines, or observe all Republican views, or find myself following Libertarian policies, I am independent from the three "real parties" I am eligible to register as affiliated with in the State of Nebraska. So I will join the growing Independent party and follow my conscience as I vote, that's not a "cop-out." That's the whole point.

Lastly, anti-feminist and sexist jokes, especially in his [Joseph's column] context, are wholly inappropriate. In the midst of a serious commentary on the awareness of our parents' generation, how they protested against war and for equal rights, he suggests women should burn their bras to protest tax lids and phone bill inequities. If he wants to see a bra-burning, he should hire an arsonist to burn down Victoria's Secret. That's my Independent opinion.

Sincerely,
Liz Montag, senior

Dear Editor,

Minority Scholars is a new program offered at Central High School for excelling minority students. This program has been beneficial to many of Central's students by getting them involved in activities inside and outside of school.

Many teachers and students do not know how involved the participants in Minority Scholars are. The participants are also very grateful to their great sponsors. If the sponsors did not care so much, many students would not know where to get information in high school.

The sponsors make it a major goal to help the students know what is going on. Students often find it hard to get help from the counseling department because they can be very busy. These teachers are easy to reach, and very helpful. This program is readily preparing its participants for the professional world. Hopefully, more recognition can be given to the Minority Scholars program in the future.

Sincerely,
Tai Burleson, junior

FIGHT FOR THEIR RIGHT

Vegetarianism

Cruelty to animals prompts vegetarianism

By Talya Greenspoon

"I could no longer put the products of pain in my mouth," the Public Information Specialist at People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) said.

Melynda Duval said that after she learned about the suffering that happens to animals who are killed for food, she could no longer eat any animal products and became active in the fight for animals' rights.

Duval said that animals are put through a great amount of pain and suffering before they are eventually slaughtered.

"I recommend wholeheartedly that teenagers should become vegetarians," she said.

Duval said that besides saving animals from a painful existence, being a vegetarian is a much healthier way to live.

"Meat has been conclusively linked to the

three largest killers in America: heart disease, strokes and cancer," Duval said.

Junior Samira Nazem became a vegetarian about a year ago, when she said that the reality of eating meat really hit her.

"I saw videos in school about animals being killed and tortured and I finally had enough, and stopped eating meat," Nazem said.

Nazem has basically taken on the responsibility of making her own food because her parents do not agree with her decision to become vegetarian, she said.

She said that animals deserve the right to live and not a life where their only purpose is to be killed.

Duval echoed Nazem's feelings and said that farming animals for meat is inhumane, cruel and bad for the

environment. She said that she sees no compelling reason to eat animals.

Some people, on the other hand, do see the need to eat meat.

Mike Gerhardt, sophomore, said that he enjoys eating meat and sees nothing morally wrong with it.

"Humans are on the top of the food chain, so we have the right to eat animals," Gerhardt said.

Like many others, Gerhardt said that he was concerned about the nutritional problems of not eating meat. Duval said that by eating a varied diet with enough calories, a vegetarian does not have to worry about nutrition. For teens who become vegetarians, Duval said that it is important not to eat a lot of junk food like french fries and potato chips.

She said that a better diet would consist of whole grains and lots of fruit and vegetables. "Animal products are the only foods that have saturated fat in them, which contribute to disease," Duval said.

Duval also said that people are concerned about getting enough protein, calcium and the important bacteria B-12.

"It is ingrained in education that we need so much protein, when in fact vegetables provide more than we will ever need," she said.

Calcium can be found in many vegetables including broccoli, beans and leafy greens, Duval said.

The bacteria B-12 is very important to the central nervous system, Duval said.

B-12 is found in the intestines of animals who are slaughtered, mixes in with the meat, she said. It can also be found in the soil on cereals. Senior Sarah Johnson said her view on vegetarians depends on reasons for not eating meat.

"If you don't eat meat because of religion, then you should eat plants either," Johnson said.

Duval also said that she recommends being a vegan, which is a vegetarian who does not eat any products including eggs and dairy products.

Junior Audrey Kosmicki is a vegetarian, though not a vegan.

"I don't think it is necessary to eat meat," Kosmicki said.



What are your opinions on animal testing?

Point Counterpoint



"It definitely shouldn't happen." Alyx Matyja, sophomore



"In the case that it might save a human life, I believe animal testing is a better choice." Andrew Glasser, sophomore

Student raises 30 cats



PHOTO COURTESY OF MIKAYLA WARD

RISKY BUSINESS, one of Mikayla Ward's 30 cats, is displayed by Gary Powell, a Cat Fancier Association judge. Ward said that Risky Business had won the award for the best cat in the Midwest. Risky Business has won over 40 awards, in addition to this one. "It is probably one of our best groomed cats," Ward said.

By John Eubanks

Imagine having 30 mouths to feed.

Senior Mikayla Ward said that her family has about 20 Persian cats that are shaded (gray) and chinchilla (coat is all white with gray tippings).

"We have been raising them for 10 years or so," Ward said.

Ward said that her family had the cats for a long time, but that they just started breeding them recently.

She said all the cats belong to the Midlands Cat Fanciers (MCF), which is an Omaha group which puts on cat shows.

"All of our cats are registered in the Cat Fanciers Association (CFA)," Ward said.

Ward said that the CFA is an organization for all cats around the world.

The many different divisions that they register their cats for are long hair, short hair, championship, premiere (spaded or neutered) and household pet, Ward said.

"The cats are mainly judged based on their attitude and appearance," Ward said. Ward said that the cats have

won approximately three awards and one of their cats won best cat in the Midwest.

"If a cat wins first place, they go on to Finals and are judged individually out of all the cats," Ward said.

Ward said the cats have also won 40 rosettes, which are big superior ribbons.

"We have enjoyed raising and showing the cats, even though it has been extremely stressful," Ward said.

Ward said that her family is going to cut back because she will be leaving for college next year and she was a big help.

Ward said that many people feel that a cattery (home families who house many cats) is a bad thing, especially the National Humane Society.

"The Humane Society feels that it is not fair for animals to live in a compressed area with a lot of other animals," Ward said.

The Humane Society inspects every cattery every year; to see if the animals live in a safe, clean environment, Ward said.

"We provide our animals with the best," Ward said.

Ward said that Claudia Myers, a

cat breeder with 89 cats was a disgrace in that

"Her cats were malnourished, fleas and also ringworm," she said. "No one wanted to sit by the shows."

Ward said that she had to be down because of her cats being groomed and they were filthy.

"That lady gave every cat she has animals a bad name," Ward said.

"She is probably the best I couldn't handle it," Ward said that to see if people are properly treated, she bought a pound bag of cat food once.

Once every three months they buy \$200 worth of cat food, she said.

Ward said that upon going to the cat shows including animals in May, put on by the Humane Society and also a cat show held at the Civic Auditorium in December.

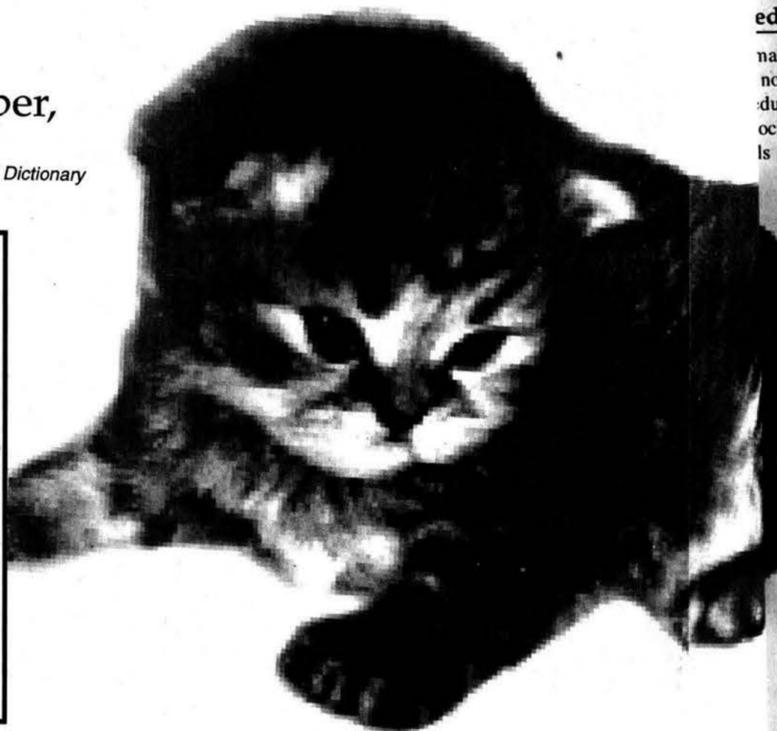
"I am really going to miss raising cats after I leave for college," she said. "There aren't that many things dealing with cats in general."

Animal n. any living organism, excluding plants and bacteria

Right n. what is right right, or just, lawful, morally good, proper, correct, etc.

SOURCE: Webster's New World Dictionary

An in-depth look at the many sides of the animal rights issue.



... here is one phase of the deer cleaning process. At this stage, the carcass is hung and gutted to remove the carcass.

Animal Testing

Morality of animal testing debated

By Meredith Kalina

"If people want to test a product to find out if it would hurt an eye, I think that they should find a human volunteer, not an animal," the assistant director at the Town and Country Humane Society said.

Lori Reidler said that she is totally against the unnecessary testing of products on animals in any case but said that there are a few occasions when she feels it's all right.

"Some testing of animals is necessary for the betterment of animals and to test the safety of a product on an animal," Reidler said.

She said that sometimes companies need to test vaccines or other medicines that will eventually help the animals.

"I suppose that I would want my pet to be safe, and so that area of animal testing I agree with," she said.

Reidler said that she does not think it is right to deprive animals of their social needs, and perform tests on them.

Sophomore Anne Muskin said that she agreed.

"It's a terrible form of cruelty, and I can't see why animals can't be treated the same as humans," she said.

Muskin said that she thinks that if people are going to test animals, they should test humans also.

Marian Forbes, a representative for Proctor and Gamble, said that their company does do testing on animals.

"We do not do ongoing testing on animals, only what is required for specific experiments," she said.

She said that they test animals for poison control reasons.

"I think animal testing is all right for medical purposes and only if they test responsibly," Laura Hendee, sophomore, said.

Forbes said that although her company hates to hurt animals, some of the tests they perform are required by law. However, she said that they are trying to find alternatives to the harsh testing that goes on.

"We are committed to trying to find an alternative way of testing our products," she said.

Forbes said that by the year 1999 they are planning to spend \$67 million to try to eliminate or lessen the amount of testing they do.

Raul Brown, a representative for Reckitt and Colman in New Jersey, said that his company is also trying to limit the amounts of test they do on animals.

He said that they have been trying to limit them, but some of the tests are required by the government. Brown said that the government requires them to test whether or not their products are toxic, and if the specific tests will

hurt humans.

Brown said that Reckitt and Colman supports research for alternatives to animal testing and once the government approves the alternatives, the company will change the tests they perform.

Jerri Wortman, an associate representative for Graham Webb, said that her company has found ways to test products on humans and do not believe in the hurting of animals.

"Our products are tested by actual people, whether in a lab or at home, before they are sold to the public," she said.

Colleen Brown, a veterinary technician at the American Veterinary Pharmaceutical, said that the only reason she believes testing is acceptable is to better the health of the community.

"Our law should be stronger against those people who violate animals' rights," she said.

Shamp

This product is NOT tested on Animals

CHS students hunt for sport

By John Eubanks

"It's like the food chain," a Central student said. "If I don't kill them someone or something else will."

Freshman Doug Ehberg said that every fall he hunts for deer and pheasant.

"I don't have a set place where I go," Ehberg said, "but I obviously go out of city limits."

Ehberg said that anyone could obtain a hunting license from a local retail store for a small fee, but some may have to apply through a lottery.

"It usually ranges from \$20 to \$25 for a hunting license, \$12 for a habitat stamp (special tax) and \$22.50 for a deer license if one is resident of Nebraska," Ehberg said.

Greg Wagner, an information officer at the Games of Parks and Commissions, said that there are many licenses given away this year.

"We approximately are going to allot anywhere from between 60,000 to 62,000 permits," Wagner said.

Wagner said that the money paid for licenses is put back to wildlife research and helps put more shelter into public and private lands.

Bill Riha, a local carpenter by weekdays and hunter by weekends, said that he hunts in southeast Nebraska for deer.

"It is called blue section in a hunt-

ing license," Riha said.

"Nebraska is divided into different sections and one must obtain permit for individual ones."

Wagner said that there are 15 management units of deer in the state of Nebraska.

Along with deer, Riha said that he hunts pheasant, quail, duck and geese. "There is a limit one can hunt," Riha said.

"One must get their game tagged or else they can face a big fine."

Wagner said that they are issuing many permits to narrow down the population of deer.

"It is up to humans, through legal hunting, to decrease the population," Wagner said.

"If not, the deer could die from disease and starvation."

Wagner said that hunting is a serious matter and one, who is under 21-years-old, must take hunter's safety to learn the proper manners and regulations of hunting.

Riha said that he hunts with a 7 mm magnum, which is a high powered rifle.

"Hunting is fine unless it is not illegal," Riha said. "There are many other ways animals are killed, also."

Riha said that for people who don't want animals to be hunted should either pay to feed the animals or burn their houses down to give them trees or somewhere to go.

"If there aren't enough hunters out there, then the animals will get diseased," Riha said.

For some, hunting is nothing but a crime in killing animals, Wagner said. Junior Liz Roach said that animals deserve the right to live also.

"I treat my pets at home like they are my brother or sister," Roach said. "They need the love, too."

Roach said that when she hears of people hunting she tries to persuade them not to, regardless if it works or not.

"Someone has to speak up for their rights," Roach said. "I will defi-

nately use my voice to do so."

Along with Roach, junior Jessica Schroeder said that hunting is completely stupid.

"All it is, is a bunch of men running around trying to be macho and killing animals," Schroeder said.

Schroeder said that she knows that it is all a part of the food chain but people can go buy it from the butcher instead of killing the animal themselves.

Riha said that he used to clean and skin the animals himself but now he takes them to a professional butcher.



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DOE, A DEER...Bill Riha, Victor Riha and Tim Riha (pictured from left to right) show off the products of their hunting experience. Bill Riha said that he and his family hunt every fall for deer and pheasant. "It is a great sport," Riha said, "and great food afterwards."

Are you a vegetarian?

Yes 12% No 88%

What is your stance on testing chemicals on animals?

For 26% Against 74%

Do you hunt?

Yes 16% No 84%

100 students polled

Humane Society provides service for animals

By Meredith Kalina

... have the right to be abused," the director of adoption at the Nebraska Humane Society said. "We do not want animals to be abused or treated in a cruel way."

Pam Carter said that the Humane Society of Nebraska

Humane Society is a nonprofit organization committed to the protection of animals.

She said that the Humane Society provides various services covering many areas.

"We provide education services, sanctuary to animals and adoption services," Carter said.

Carter said that they also promote being a responsible pet owner.

To do so, she said that she travels around to area schools to teach children how to properly care for pets.

"Pets are not to be thrown around and taken lightly; they are not just things, they are living things," she said.

She said that she teaches young

people to properly feed their pets and how important it is to train a pet. Also, Carter said that she tries to express the fact that it is hard on a pet to keep changing its living environment.

"We also want people to understand that their pets can not be happy sitting around all of the time," she said. "Animals, like people, need exercise and fresh air."

Plus, Carter said that the Humane Society provides an adoption service and is always looking for good homes for animals.

"We also provide animal cruelty services to protect animals," she said.

Carter said that the Humane Society will house lost animals without tags for three days until they are put into the adoption program.

"If the animal has a tag on, we try to contact the owner as soon as possible," Carter said.

In order for the Humane Society

to provide all of these services, Carter said that they are in need of volunteers.

Marci Holmes, senior, said that she decided to become a volunteer at the Humane Society after she adopted her cat from them.

She said that she volunteers by bathing puppies and cleaning cages.

"They have you do anything that needs to be done and it's really fun," Holmes said.

This year, Holmes said that the Humane Society is beginning a new program called Santa Paws.

Santa Paws involves taking pictures of families and their pets.

"This program, along with many others, is a really good way to raise money to protect and provide for animals," Holmes said.

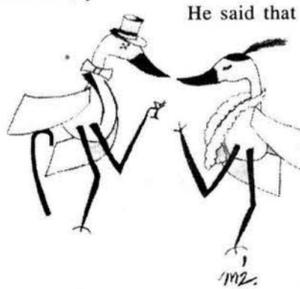
Whatever the case, Holmes said that she is glad that animals have a place to go when they are unwanted and unsafe.

Entertainment

Stork Club begins all-ages night

By Meredith Zendejas

Swing, baby, swing!
The Stork Dance Club, 1012 South 10th St., opened its doors to all ages every Sunday nights.
Sean Campbell, co-owner of the Stork Club, said that the purpose of the all ages night is to let the younger generation have a taste of the new swing that has become so popular.
Allison Gatzke, senior, said she started to swing dance her sophomore year.
"I like dancing and I love the music," Gatzke said. "I also love the '40's and '50's era."
Campbell said that one of the reasons that they opened the doors to high school students is because they want to get students away from rap and country.



He said that

rap has a negative tone and country is so depressing.

Campbell also said when students listen to swing music, it is difficult for them to be in a bad mood.
Matt Smith, junior, said he has a swing dance party once a month because there was no other place for teenagers to swing dance.
Smith said that when he found out about the Stork Club, he was excited.

Then he said he found out it was only for people twenty-one and over because of the alcohol.

Campbell said that the all ages night started about a month ago, and since then they have had a great response.

He said that the big all ages night is Sunday, but they have a form of an all ages night every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Don't know how to swing? Don't worry. Campbell said that they open the door at 7 p.m. every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday for dance lessons at \$2 a person.

Campbell said that there is no admittance charge to get in the doors, except for when there is a live band.

The Swing Dance Club will be holding a Swing Fest., Nov. 4 through the 18.

Morissette puts out "Junkie" album

By John Eubanks

Swallow down that jagged little pill because Alanis Morissette is back once again.

Her follow-up, anticipated album is *Supposed Former Infatuation Junkie*.

It's been three years since her last album, *Jagged Little Pill*, has hit the radio.

This album is worth your money. Morissette's weeping willow days are over. She takes a complete 180 degree turn.

Her songs in *Supposed Former Infatuation Junkie* still have anger in them, but she expresses her lyrics in a different manner.

Morissette's twisting lyrics give the songs a peaceful atmospheric tune. Her songs are related to her last album, but she digs deeper into them with her lyrics.

"That I Would Be Good" is a song about her telling herself that no matter what happens to her she will be good.

Her song "Are You Still Mad" is about asking her ex-lover if he's still mad at all the things she has done.

Morissette is not scared about expressing her affairs she has had with various guys and the problems she has overcome.

Her lyrics still don't rhyme and aren't as blunt as the lyrics in *Jagged Little Pill*.

She sings of an abusive boyfriend in "Sympathetic Character" and how she kept quiet about how he'd hit her

if she talked.

It seems that Morissette had gone through many experiences for only being 24 years old.

As I listened to this compact disk, I realized that I've become attached to it.

She wrote this C.D. for herself, to let her pain out.

Most artists write to make money and please others. Morissette could care less. She simply writes for the joy of writing.

Instead of passionate screams of rejection and love, Morissette's new album turns to compassionate self-perceptions.

Obviously affected by her stunning rise to stardom, she uses the wisdom learned from a trip to India to examine her role in her personal life.

While some artists have explored whiny road songs, Morissette gives us "Front Row", which talks about the need for contact.

That is pretty much the deep examination of the rest of the album. The first single, "Thank U", which literally gives praise to India and the concepts of real life.

As much as listeners were astonished by the confessional tone of the first record, they will equally be affected by the self examination of the deeper meanings behind every song.

Even though this album is filled with an abundant amount of compassion, there are still some people out there who may be uncomfortable listening to it mainly for the fact that it is not a rock or pop album.

I don't care what other people think. I liked it anyway.

Morissette still has a confessional style to her music.

Her personal experiences makes this great album pure.

Alumnus releases seventh album

By Rebecca Rennard

Writing countless songs and releasing a new album every year, one Central alumnus has made a name for himself in the music business.

Simon Joyner, graduate of the class of '89, said he has a new

album coming out in mid-November called *Yesterday, Tomorrow, and In-between*, featuring songs like "Bring Down Goliath" and "Ballad in The Past."

In order to promote the album, Joyner recently spent two weeks touring in such cities as Chicago, New York, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia,

Columbia and Bloomington.

Although he has made seven albums and tours at least once a year, Joyner said he should not consider music his career.

"I think of my music as an artistic outlet for me," Joyner said. "If I thought of it as a career, my approach would change. I would spend all my

time trying to promote it and would not be able to do good music."

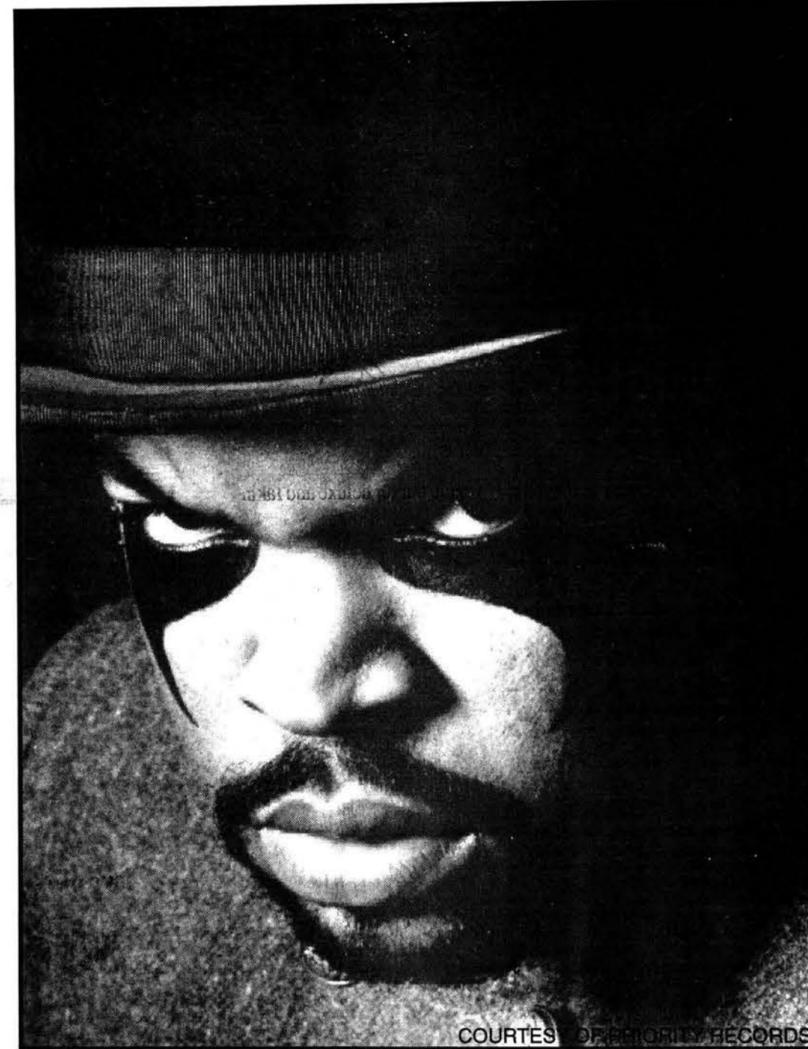
Even if Joyner does not consider music his career, he spends a lot of time on it. It supplements his income.
"I consider it a hobby," he said.

TOP: Orgy, a five man band, opened the Family Value Tour at the Civic Auditorium on Oct. 24.

BOTTOM: Ice Cube performed after the band, Limp Bizkit, in the Family Values Tour. Ice Cube entertained the crowd with music and special effects.



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Family Value

Concert delivers awesome music, special effects

By Kara Lund

The Family Values Tour is a parent and teenager's dream.

I will never forget this unbelievable concert. The Civic Auditorium held the concert on Oct. 24, featuring Korn, Rammstein, Limp Bizkit and Ice Cube.

This tour combined several types of music. In some sort of twisted way the music blended together making the night so special. Although my ticket was \$30, I have to say it was definitely well worth it.

Orgy opened the show. Orgy had a unique sound to them, kind of a hard rock and '80s pop mix. Not only did this five-man band show musical energy, but they did it with a sense of fashion.

Next on stage was Limp Bizkit. Their stage was a space ship. Limp Bizkit had a funky, jazzy, hip-hop sound. This was my first time seeing Limp Bizkit; I thought they were more aggressive in this show.

The next performer was Ice Cube. He displayed a statue of President Abraham Lincoln with Cube's face on it. I have to admit, I am not a fan of Ice Cube, but he put on a great show.

Rammstein, a German Band, was the next band. Its special effects were amazing. I was going to the concert for Korn, but Rammstein was definitely the most entertaining musician there.

I have one word for Rammstein: pyromaniacs.

The headliner, Korn, was the last band to perform. Korn was really loud and awesome. It was amazing seeing Korn on stage. They were such good performers. They really pleased the crowd.

The audience was incredibly aggressive. They were jumping around in a huge mosh pit. It looked like a huge waterfall of bodies flowing around the stage.

Central alumnus create film festival

By Caroline Walburn

Matt Damon, Ben Affleck, Keri Russell... all of these current stars and many more were discovered at the Slamdance Film Festival, the 1985 Central graduate who co-founded the festival said.

Central grad Dan Mirvish and three of his friends decided to create Slamdance as an official "reject" film festival. This was after his first movie, "Omaha (the movie)," was denied entrance to the renowned Sundance Film Festival.

"My original idea was to call it 'LoserFest,' however that idea was swiftly rejected," he said.

As it turned out, Slamdance became an enormous success and is

now harder to get into than Sundance, Mirvish said.

"Slamdance was a terrific shot in the arm for 'Omaha (the movie)," he said.

Currently, Mirvish is trying to finance his next script; a modern day Western called "Stamp and Deliver."

"It's the second of my Nebraska trilogy, the third of which being a bestiality of a movie called 'Make Love, Not Steak,'" Mirvish said. "I'm sure it will get me kicked out of Nebraska for good."

The Nebraska trilogy originated because Mirvish figured filming in and around Omaha would give him access to local actors who he was already familiar with through the Central drama department.

"Julie Anderson is one Central graduate who had a leading role in 'Omaha (the movie).' I have heard really great things about it [the movie]," Mitch Raftery, a Central drama student, said.

"Omaha (the movie)" is the story of a young man who returns from a trip abroad to confront not just his peculiar family, but also a gang of kickboxers from Des Moines and a pair of Colombian jewel thieves who chase him from Omaha, Nebraska, to Carhenge, Nebraska.

Originally the movie was only released throughout the Midwest, but eventually it was booked in a nationwide, Mervish said.

"I think it's a great accomplishment to have a movie in Nebraska local actors," Corbin, a Central drama student, said.

He said he enjoyed writing the movie but acting became a lead him to small jobs writing for the *Washington Journal*, *New York Times*, and writing speeches for Iowa Sen. Tom Harkin.

Mervish said that everything he knows about writing he learned from Central English Department Chair Dan Daly.



"Pleasantville" captures audience

By Talya Greenspoon

With the modern problems in the world today, have you ever wished you could escape to a simpler, more innocent time?

Welcome to Pleasantville, a sickeningly-sweet, oh-so-perfect town in the middle of, well, nowhere. That's because Pleasantville is not a real place at all, just an old black and white television show set in the 50's.

While watching this movie, I started appreciating the simpler things in life. I liked this movie.

It opens with a typical high school student named David, played by Tobey Maguire. David is perceived as a loser by his high school peers and his twin sister Jennifer, played by Reese Witherspoon.

David is obsessed with the simpler times in the Nick-at-Night

type show "Pleasantville." Jennifer is engrossed in the modern, material world. Their tastes clash one night when David wants to watch a "Pleasantville" marathon and Jennifer has a date to watch MTV.

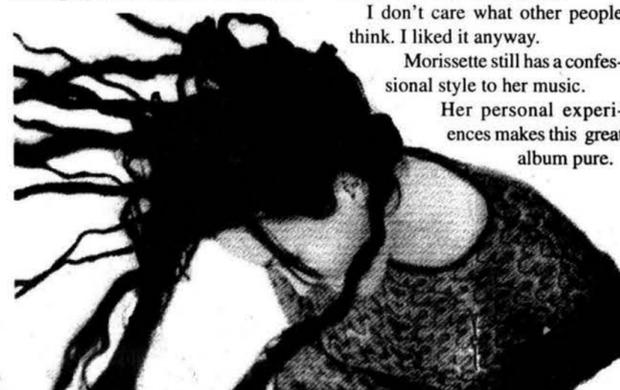
David tunes into "Pleasantville," when all of the sudden, the two teenagers are zapped into the mythical black-and-white world.

At first, everything seems to be going fine. David and Jennifer find

themselves playing the roles of Betty and Mary Sue, the brother and sister of the main family in the show.

The paradise does not last though. Jennifer, a self-proclaimed "slut", cannot help but stir things up in the naïve town where sex is not even in their vocabulary.

This sets off a chain-reaction which causes color to begin showing up, starting with a few material objects and spreading to people.



COURTESY OF MAVERICK RECORDS



Restaurant Reviews

Sushi Ichiban Serves it up raw

By Meredith Zendejas
I stared at it for a few minutes before I ate it. There was this green blob which I guess was supposed to be a spice you put on your sushi, and there was this other stuff that was yellow and kind of looked like leaves from a plant. The green stuff I didn't want to try, but the other thing looked edible so I took a bite. It tasted like the way Noxema smells. Whatever it was, it was disgusting. As for dessert, there were only a few different items to choose from. They had Vanilla Ice-Cream, Ginger Ice-Cream, Green Tea Ice-Cream, and Tempura—a ball of vanilla ice-cream battered and fried. I ordered the Tempura. The Tempura was probably the best part of the whole sushi experience. Overall, it was good. Definitely weird, but good. I've never really liked fish, but eating at Sushi Ichiban was bearable. So, I imagine that if you like fish, you'll probably enjoy the sushi at this place, at least more than I did.

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Italian entrees make for a messy meal

By Meredith Zendejas

Mama Mia! That was good. Malara's Italian Restaurant was some of the best Italian food I have tasted, second only to my mom's.

Malara's is a very small restaurant on the corner of 21st and Pierce, 2123 Pierce to be exact.

It was really easy to find, and coming from me that says a whole lot, because I usually need landmarks to find my way around Omaha.

The interior of the restaurant was very authentic.

They had those naked statues that you see on fountains and plants all over the place.

I ordered the half dinner of fried ravioli with beef.

You have a choice of a full dinner or a half dinner.

The full dinner was only a couple of dollars more, but you also get a lot more food. I think that the extra couple of dollars is worth it. I probably could have eaten the full dinner, because I was very hungry that night, and it was excellent.

The prices were very reasonable. The half dinners were about \$6, and the full dinners were about \$8.

With the dinners you get a salad and bread.

I think they make their own salad dressing, because I have yet to find anything like it.

The dressing was very strong, and sweet, I loved it.

The main dinner came next. The ravioli was very good.

They put the sauce on the side so I was able to use my fingers and dunk the noodles in the sauce.

Who needs silverware? My sister, who went with me, let me try some of her lasagna.

That was good, too. She got the half dinner also, but she wasn't able to finish it.

Malara's is a great restaurant for any occasion; it is a very casual restaurant. It also has great service, better than some

the other restaurants I have been to.

I would not recommend wearing white when you eat there, it gets pretty messy with the sauce.

Or maybe it was just me?



Veggie joint fails to convert meatlover

By Stefanie Wulff

Walking in to McFoster's Natural Kind is something I thought I'd never do. I was a little apprehensive at first, but hearing on the vegetarian I may be walking in there



McFoster's Natural Kind is located at 302 S. 38th and seemed to be a little place to dine.

The menu said that the McFoster's is a union of McGranaghan, which is a keeper of the grain, and Foster, which means "to feed or nourish."

McFoster's was a restaurant organized to combine that the two men, McGranaghan and Foster, had discovered during 20 years of vegetarian life style.

I walked into the corner restaurant, I

was greeted at the door with a smile. Yet, I was a bit scared, for I love beef.

I imagined the food would be nothing but soy burgers and fish. However, I was wrong.

When I was seated I received the menu right away and ordered a drink.

I was surprised to see that the menu had a wide variety of food and that it was not too expensive.

The appetizers were anything from veggie mini pizzas, to guacamole dip and blue chips, all priced from \$1.00 to \$5.95.

According to my waitress, the salads were popular items. They consisted of Kashi salad, which contains cooked oats, rice, barley, seeds and veggies. They also serve a fresh fruit salad.

For the main dish, I had several items to choose from. I could have veggie enchiladas with tomatillo sauce or scallop sauté and fresh Nebraska raised baby coho salmon.

The café also serves burgers.

No, not hamburgers, but veggie burger deluxe and fakin' bacon burgers.

These were a little higher in price, and didn't sound as good as the rest of the food.

With all the browsing done, it was time to order. I chose to go with the rasta pasta, garlic bread and guacamole dip with blue chips.

After waiting 20 minutes, I received my long awaited meal.

The guacamole dip was excellent and the blue chips added to the flavor.

The pasta tasted like it was straight from Italy and the garlic bread was very tasty, as well.

Even though the meal was very tasty, it was not enough to convert me into a vegetarian.

Asian restaurant offers big portions, tasty meal

By Vince Wesselmann

Hidden in the corner of Plaza 72, is a but excellent family owned Asian restaurant.

When I walked into the Vietnamese Asian restaurant, which was cleverly named "The Vietnamese Asian Restaurant," my friend and excellent food for an excellent price, so I quickly and by friendly people.

The Vietnamese Asian Restaurant, near a Mart, looks like a small Asian diner.

I was immediately seated.

The menu was huge and I had no idea what to order, so I asked the waiter what he would recommend. I then asked him if he knew Phuoc Dam, junior, who had recommended this place. He said yes and pointed to an item on the menu, Dam's favorite. I trusted him, and ordered the lemon chicken.

My companion ordered a bowl of soup. We assumed from the low price that it would be a small bowl.

Less than ten minutes later, maybe closer

to five, we received our food.

About that "small bowl of soup", my friend received an enormous helping. He also received a plate of dressings and spices, which he could mix in to his soup.

My plate had a mound of rice with three chicken breasts on top. It was decorated with vegetables and topped with some kind of sauce.

These chicken breasts were amazing. I loved it. We finished our food and received the check for \$13.00.

Oh yeah, I'll be back.

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Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) This month will be better than last, but only if you want it to. Somebody wants your attention, so approach every corner with caution.
Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) A new love interest will enter your life. Be on the lookout for a mysterious someone with enchanting eyes.
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) This changing season brings falling opportunities for you. Many opportunities are offered, but they slip through your fingers.
Aries (March 21-April 19) Popularity for you will be booming this month... but don't let it go to your head. That's all we need... more arrogant people at Central.
Taurus (April 20-May 20) Go on... try something new... you've been meaning to do something different, so why haven't you done it yet?
Gemini (May 21-June 20) Listen to your parents, they may know what they're talking about. Get along with them this month. Spend some time with them and be the best darn kid you can.
Cancer (June 22-July 22) Pay attention in class this month, you're beginning to slip. It's time to stop daydreaming about your plans for the future.
Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) There is a pot of gold over that rainbow, but hopefully it's not fool's gold. People are trying to trick you this month.
Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Don't make a mountain out of a molehill. The problem you're facing is not as big as it seems to be.
Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You're very lucky this month. No that's not a leaf on the ground... that's a wad of money!
Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Communications with your friends get hectic, so prepare for war. Get 'em back with a prank.

By Stefanie Wulff



Entertainer of the Month: Grasshopper Takeover

COURTESY OF GRASSHOPPER TAKEOVER

Band takes act to coast

By Meredith Zendejas

Grasshoppers they're taking over! Grasshopper Takeover (GTO) is a three-man band that started out in Omaha in the summer of '96. With Curtis Grubb on the guitar and vocals, Bob Boyce on drums and vocals, and James McMann on the bass, this trio has managed to play at the famous Roxy in California, the Coconut Teazser, the Dragonfly and many other clubs. GTO has since moved to California because they wanted to move to a bigger market area, and to be closer to the music industry. They also said they couldn't handle another Nebraska winter. Who could blame them? In high school McMann said he graduated in the top 3% of his class at Gross High School, while Grubb and Boyce both graduated with honors at Westside High

School. Grubb and Boyce said they formed the band in '96, and were looking for a bass player to start the new project. They had heard about McMann through a mutual friend, and went to go watch him play in his band he was with at the time. Grubb and Boyce asked if he was interested, and the rest is history. GTO has recently put out their second recording, Gaia. Gaia, along with their first record, has sold over 3,000 copies. Grubb said that the main goal for the band is to make a career out of what they are doing. "We want to get our music out to as many people as possible, and have tons of fun along the way. We want to make anyone who comes to see a show leave saying those guys were a great band and a great time." GTO will be back in Omaha in December, playing at the Stockyard Ballroom on the 19th.

Happening



Nov. 20--Mötley Crüe Greatest Tour at Aksarben Coliseum
Nov. 22--Garbage with Against Boys at Sokol Hall
Nov. 23--The Hi-Fives at Factory
Nov. 25--Two Skinneeys Everlast at Ranch Bowl
Nov. 27--Tricky with Whiskey at Sokol Hall
Nov. 30--The Brian Setzer Orchestra at Sokol Hall
Dec. 1--The Wrens at Cog Factory
Dec. 3-6--"The Nutcracker" at Orpheum

TV Trivia

- In the TV show "Seinfeld," what chocolate flavored does Bubble Boy's father deliver in his truck?
Who played the Festruck Brothers in the 1975 "Saturday Night Live" skit?
In "Quantum Leap," what beauty pageant does Sam win?
On the soap opera "Days of Our Lives," who's wedding day did a Polynesian princess, named Kim, rush in and she was still married to the groom because their divorce wasn't legal?

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Alumni redshirt for UNO

Derek Tritsch
 Experience is a virtue, then two former athletes are as virtuous as they come. Thomas Hubbard and Lawrence Butler, members of the Central graduating class of 1997, have been forced to sit out the entire season of Nebraska-Omaha (UNO) because of redshirts.

Hubbard and Butler don't take the loss of game action as a sign of failure. "Mavericks aren't going to be the same without them," Coach Pat Behrns said.

Both good athletes, but not that they're good persons."

Hubbard, in his fifth year as Maverick head coach, said he is fully expecting both of them to return next season as redshirt freshmen, which could possibly mean cracking the lineup.

"I'm not going to put them up to them if they want to start next season," Behrns said. "They're both excellent athletes and they both have the mental toughness to do so."

Whether or not they will be put in the work in the weightroom this season, but I think they could be of some use some day."

Defensive Coordinator Marvin Sanders, in his fourth year, echoed Behrns' warm sentiments.

"Thomas and Lawrence are exactly the type of athletes that we're trying to recruit here at UNO," Sanders said. "They're excellent all-around athletes, but they're good students, too. With them, we don't need to worry about their GPA's, because we know that they'll take care of it themselves."

Hubbard has been working at the cornerback position and has impressed the coaches with his excellent speed by running the third fastest 40-yard dash time among all returning Mavericks at last summer's conditioning drills.

"I'm expecting big things from Thomas next year," Sanders said.

Hubbard, too, is expecting big things from himself next season.

"I've made a goal to be a starting cornerback next season," Hubbard said. "I won't accept anything less."

Butler also has been playing in the defensive secondary, at the strong safety position.

While Butler has shown great athletic ability, Sanders said that the coaching staff is working on getting Butler to be more aggressive.

Butler said that he has been surprised by the amount of time that scholarship players

are forced to commit to the game of football.

"It's 15 to 50 times harder on this level," Butler said. "You don't have time to do anything but study and play football."

Football-related difficulties aside, are the two happy they ended up at UNO?

"I think I made the right decision," Hubbard said. "Not only am I close to home, but I'm a part of one of the best programs in Division II."

Butler had a somewhat different slant on that issue, however.

"It's a little too early to tell if I made the right decision," Butler said. "I don't think you can say that until a couple of years down the road."

"Not that things aren't going well now, because they are."

Hubbard and Butler universally agreed that the academics at UNO have been "easy" so far.

Both players have also decided on majors: Hubbard in business and Butler in architecture and engineering.

When asked about the difficulty of his freshman curriculum, Hubbard responded with the following assessment.

"You can get all your work done in study hall," Hubbard said.

To which Butler responded, "That's why you get all C's!"

As for other benefits of UNO, Butler said that the weight program, run by former University of Nebraska-Lincoln star lineman David Noonan, is "solid."

"We lift everyday, and you can definitely tell a difference," Butler said. "The instruction is second to none."



New coaches fill vacancies

forward to one of their first swimming competitions.

"The Omaha Public School (OPS) Invitational is one of my challenges that I look forward to," Dunbar said. "I think this will be, realistically, a meet that we can do well at and maybe even win."

Dunbar said that there are many schools like Central who have smaller swimming programs.

"Many schools are in the same boat as we are and do not have a lot of people try out for the team," Dunbar said.

Dunbar said that she expects the team to count on her.

"I expect a 110 percent commitment from the whole team," Dunbar said. "I want the team to rely on me to be their mentor and the one to motivate them."

Dunbar said that she has already met with some prospective players through two meetings that were held at school and a team dinner.

"I've been in their shoes before," Dunbar said. "To me it's rewarding to coach swimmers."

Just like Dunbar, Hernandez also said that he enjoys coaching.

"I have a strong passion for the game of soccer," Hernandez said. "If they decide to come out for the team, they have to have to be committed and they have to have the desire."

Hernandez's interest for the game started late in life.

"Some of my friends from Mexico got me into the game," Hernandez said. "I also got into coaching because I like working with

youth, and my kids were playing at the same time."

Hernandez has quite an impressive coaching list beginning in 1986 with some Division II men's teams.

Hernandez has also coached teams from Gross, Marian, Bellevue University, the College of St. Mary, the Olympic Development Program and Gladiator youth program.

Even though the season has yet to start, Hernandez has some goals in mind for the team.

"My goals are to improve and to make the soccer program here at Central stronger," Hernandez said.

Hernandez said that it is equally important that the players develop as players.

"I want the players to improve as individuals first and then later on to improve themselves as soccer players," Hernandez said.

Hernandez said that since this is his first year as coach he has to be patient.

"I expect us to peak at the middle of the season," Hernandez said. "Just when the time is right."

Hernandez also said that he does not know who his biggest competition for the season will be yet.

"I'm not worried who our competition is yet," Hernandez said. "This season is a whole learning process."

Hernandez said the thing that impressed him the most was how much the athletic director wanted to improve soccer here at Central.

"They wanted to make sure that the girls' soccer program goes to the next level and takes the next step," Hernandez said. "That was the one thing that really impressed me."



Heather Dunbar



Donnie Johnson



CATHY COLLING/THE REGISTER
FINGER ROLL...Creighton junior Donnie Johnson goes in for a layup on Head Coach Dana Altman at practice.

Former Eagle comes home

By Derek Tritsch

If home is where the heart is, then Creighton University basketball player Donnie Johnson must be in the right place.

That's because home is precisely where the former Central standout finds himself. After spending two years at State Fair Community College in Sedalia, Mo., the 6-foot-8 forward said he was ready to come back home.

"I knew I was coming back," Johnson said, "it was an easy decision."

Johnson, now a junior after sitting out last year as a redshirt, was recruited heavily in high school by Coach Dana Altman at Creighton and by the likes of current Chicago Bulls Director of Basketball Operations Tim Floyd, then a head coach at Iowa State University.

Johnson's ACT score, though, did not meet the NCAA requirements for incoming scholarship athletes, and he was forced to go to junior college.

Johnson said after spending two "good" years at State Fair, Division I coaches were back knocking on his door, but his mind was already made up.

"Coach Altman stayed with me the entire time, plus I wanted to be back home anyway, so Creighton made the most sense," Johnson said.

Johnson's high school coach is

happy to see him back in Omaha, Central Head Coach Rick Behrens said.

"I think Creighton's a great place for Donnie," Behrens said.

Johnson said he plans to play both the forward and the center position, but as for playing time—he'd just as soon leave that decision to Coach Altman.

"I have no idea how much playing time I'm going to get," Johnson said.

Behrens said that he thought Johnson should be able to excel in the Missouri Valley Conference.

"He's got good shooting range," Behrens said, "but he'll be able to score down low, also, because most of the time he'll be quicker than the man guarding him."

However rocky the transition from junior college basketball to Division I basketball may be, it may not be able to compare with the academic transition, Johnson said.

"The academics are real tough here," Johnson said.

Johnson said the basketball players are forced to attend a two-hour study hall every single day and that the academic support is second to none. Johnson also said that the education he received at Central is continuing to pay dividends.

"Central was very hard," Johnson said. "It seems like all the hard work I put in at Central is carrying on."

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Full-Court Press

By Jeff McWhorter



Roller coaster season finally comes to end

Frustration. This is the only word I can manage to think of when remembering this year's Central football season.

It was a roller coaster season. It had its highs, it had its lows and there was a loop in there, somewhere.

Of course, the season started off great. A 3-0 start to be exact. Three straight wins including a down-to-the-wire win against ranked Millard South, and the trouncing of Metro rivals North and Benson. Students were singing the tune of an easy State Playoff berth in September and possibly an appearance in the State Finals.

The Eagles were destined for success, right?

Wrong. This is where the season took its loop.

In its next two games with ranked opponents Westside and Creighton Prep, Central lost two close, hard-fought games, 24-17 and 35-33, respectively. Both losses came on final second mental lapses.

These two games defined the Eagles' season. The team had great talent and could hang with the big boys; they just couldn't beat them.

The "track meet on grass" was won by Westside. After that, Prep picked Central apart in the second half to erase their 21-point lead.

A homecoming win over South gave hope back to the fans; we still were the team of the first three games, weren't we?

The downward spiral began again, though, as they ventured to Columbus to suffer what was another disappointing loss.

With the team down, Millard West took advantage of them and showed that they were for real. The Wildcats ousted the Eagles 56-21.

No one knew what would happen against a better-than-usual Bryan team. With a record of 4-4 and coming off a loss, this was the moment of truth for Central's season. No win, no playoffs. They prevailed 27-12 and the playoff berth was achieved.

This ascent seemed a small one, but it gave way to the largest descent.

The Eagles headed into their first-round playoff game against Papillion-LaVista, however, with some confidence for an upset. After the first quarter score of 21-0, that confidence was all but decimated, as was the team.

As the Eagles played this season, the talent was evident. No one could deny their big play threat.

The team just didn't have the experience or the chemistry to achieve their goals. Silly mistakes, turnovers, and lack of focus marred a potentially great season.

The one thing the young Eagles need to do is take the positives from this season and build from them. The inexperienced start of this season can be the seasoned professional start next season.

I personally am looking forward to the future, and fans should count on having a great team.

As for this year, it was a ride I won't forget.

'99 open date looms for CHS football

By Jeff McWhorter

An open date on the Central football schedule for next season could give the Eagles a new scheduling opportunity, Central's Athletic Director said.

Paul Pennington said that because Class A is composed of an odd number of teams, a unique conflict has occurred. The twenty-five teams in Class A always makes scheduling a problem by leaving one team left with no one to play each week, he said.

This unique dilemma is not only a problem for Central. Millard North and Lincoln East are also experiencing the same situation. There are a few proposed plans to solve this problem and they may prove to be easier said than done, Pennington said.

The gap is normally filled by a Class B team who moves up to play a Class A squad. However, the Eagles' open date happens to occur during the ninth and final week of the season—the same week Class B has its playoffs. Since every team in Class B is given a bid to the playoffs, no additional teams would be available to play a Class A team.

Teams in surrounding states, such as Iowa, Kansas and South Dakota, are all on statewide schedules which require them to travel every week and precludes them from being able to play a Nebraska team.

Another reason it would not be possible for Central to play a team from a nearby city, such as Council Bluffs, is because of their two-year rotation.

Home/away games in these areas are on the opposite year than

Central's. One team would have to sit idle for a year to join the other's schedule.

Despite the fact that many teams are not willing to add a large school like Central to their schedule, a plan is being considered for Lincoln East to do just that, Pennington said.

One solution to the scheduling conflict that Central is proposing is playing a game two days before the season is scheduled to start. The proposed game would be against opponent Lincoln East.

The state may be leery of this

solution, however, because of possible lawsuits stemming from injuries that occur in a game played before the official start of the Nebraska Schools Activities Association (NSAA) season, Pennington said.

Other complaints about the action include that it could create a commotion with every team asking for early starts.

Pennington went on to say, however, that Central and Lincoln East would ask for no extra practice. If the plan were approved, Central would play three games in their first two weeks and have a bye on the ninth week before the playoffs.

"We would prefer to start early.

Tight preparation is crucial to playing eight games," Central Football Coach Joe McMenamin said.

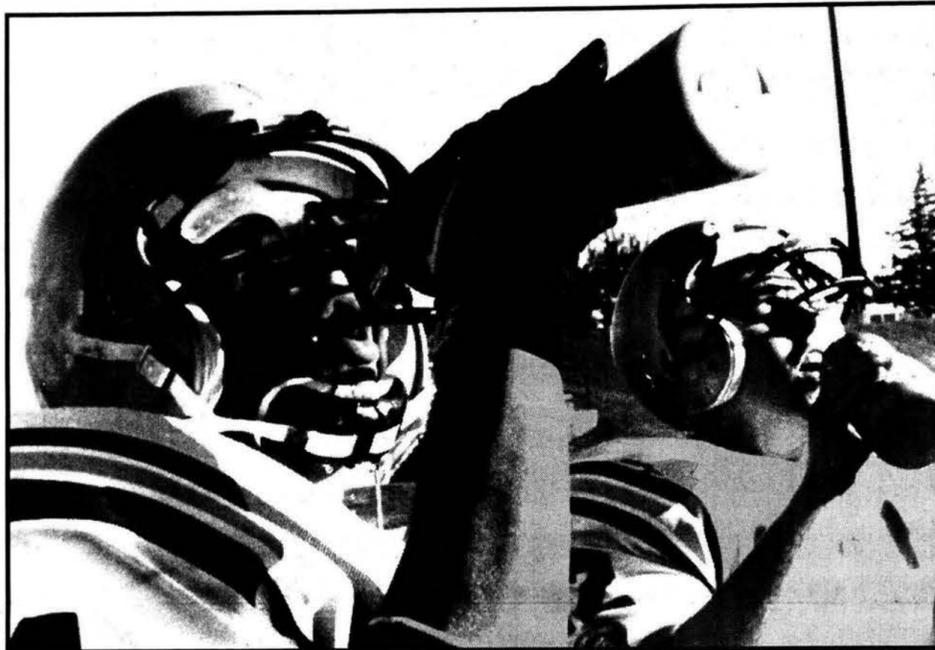
On Nov. 18, Central will meet with the NSAA to discuss the solution with the NSAA. The plan needs the approval of Metro and Lincoln schools enacted for the duration of the season, Pennington said.

Many Eagle players are excited about the potential change with different teams. We're forward to facing new competition," junior Andrew Mitchell said.

If the deal is not approved, Central will probably have the ninth week and consequently have to forfeit revenue from a home game, Pennington said.

1999 Eagle Schedule

9/3	at North
9/10	Benson
9/17	Westside
9/24	at Creighton Prep
10/1	Millard North
10/8	at Papillion-LaVista
10/15	at Bellevue West
10/22	Northwest
10/28	OPEN



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TWO CENTRAL RESERVE football players take a water break (left). Junior Will Gregory (right) leaves the 'Pack in the dust during the Eagles' 28-12 homecoming victory against South. Central's season ended on a 48-0 loss to Papillion-LaVista. The defeat marked the second time in four years that the Eagles' varsity season ended in the first round of the state playoffs.



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Eagle football season ends on sour note

By Derek Tritsch

Even though Omaha has yet to see its first significant snow of the season, the Eagle football team got buried by an avalanche.

But this avalanche wasn't made of snow; it was in the form of Papillion-LaVista players.

"We just had way too many turnovers," Central Head Coach Joe McMenamin said. "They took advantage of them and it just snowballed on us."

And snowball it did, as then-Omaha World-Herald Nebraska Top Ten No. 5 Papillion-LaVista shut out Central 48-0 in the first round of the Nebraska State playoffs.

"Looking at the film before the game, we thought we could win," McMenamin said. "But they scored three or four touchdowns off our turnovers. You're not going to be able to beat Papio playing like that."

The Eagles (5-5) went in with the game plan of trying to stop running back Tyler Davies, McMenamin said.

Central's defense did an excellent job, he said, as they held Davies to his lowest single game output of his career, 56 yards on 21 carries.

Lacking similar success, though, was the Central offense. Papillion (8-2) held Central's Brandon Williams to eleven yards on 19 carries, his worst output of the season.

"I couldn't do anything inside because they had three linebackers keying on me," Williams said. "And I couldn't cut when I went out wide because the field was so bad."

Central, which has 17 underclassmen starters, seemed to be intimidated after the Monarchs jumped out to an early 14-0 lead in the first quarter, senior offensive lineman Terrell Gardner said.

"I think we really got deflated after Papillion got off to such a quick start," Gardner said.

The first half injuries of junior quarterback Lornell McPherson and junior running back Jamaine Billups probably didn't help the Eagles' cause, either.

"Lornell and Jamaine are an integral part of our team," McMenamin said. "They're really tough for us to replace."

Central's special teams were a little to pick up the slack during their absences, either. Several punters and kick returners consistently gave Papillion a field to work with, Williams said.

"They never really drilled us on the field at all," Williams said. "They never had to."

Indoor soccer team sets sights on repeating as league champion



CHARLIE CARLIN/THE REGISTER

CENTRAL JUNIORS Brian Pfeifer and Ben Davis battle for the ball during their game on Friday, Nov. 6.

By Amy Yin

An indoor soccer team composed of Central players is primed to defend their league title, a team member said.

"We ready to defend our title," Senior Ben Rinaker said. "The enthusiasm and participation is excellent."

The participation Rinaker referred to was the 23 players who signed up to play. Under indoor rules only six players are on the pitch at a time, so two teams were formed.

"One team is made up of mostly seniors and the other one is made up of mostly underclassmen," senior Kristoff Berzins said.

So far both indoor soccer teams, which are named after each team's goalie, Juniors Justin Galaska and

Chris Ochsner, respectively, each have a record of 2-0.

"Both teams have played the same team twice," Berzins said. "And both teams beat them twice."

Since the team is not school-sponsored, it is not coached by the boys' varsity coach, Tim Herbert. The team is entirely player-managed, Rinaker said, with one stipulation.

"There must be one parent or one former player present at every game," Rinaker said. "They don't do much; they just sit there."

Berzins said that the both teams' goals are to make the finals and to get into better shape.

"We have a good mixture of players this year," Berzins said. "Since both teams' are from Central

we are used to playing soccer with each other."

Senior Andy Thompson said that the toughest team that Team Galaska will face this year would most likely be the team from Millard South.

"They beat us last year in the championship round at the Omaha Flames tournament," Thompson said. "But I think that we have enough talent to beat them this year."

Although Team Galaska made it to the finals last year, Berzins said that they need to work on being more organized.

"We're a really good team, but we still need to work out a few kinks," Berzins said. "We have to learn how to work with each other and how to capitalize on the other team's mis-

takes."

Thompson said that even though they lost two seniors to graduation, it has not affected the team.

"Losing two seniors had us a bit," Thompson said. "We're as strong as we were last year."

Berzins also said that the team is looking forward to the spring indoor soccer season.

"Indoor soccer helps us stay in shape for the regular season," Berzins said. "And we get to know some guys that haven't played for a while."

Thompson also said that the team is looking forward to the season.

"The varsity team should be a really good this year," Thompson said. "Indoor soccer should help our timing."

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WRESTLING

The Eagle varsity wrestling team will kick off the season on Thursday, Dec. 3, at the Vern Ekfelt Invitational at North High School.

The Central wrestlers are eager to improve as Jimmie Foster begins his second year as head coach, junior Dusty Friedman said.

"We got a lot of guys back off last year's team," Friedman said. "And we're all used to Coach Foster's coaching style by now. We should have a better team this year."



Friedman said that Central's State hopefuls are: senior Max Kenny and juniors Will Garcia (pictured), Anders Christiansen, Ishrat Husain and himself. In order to qualify for State, each wrestler must finish in the top four of Central's district at the end of the season.

Central had four wrestlers qualify for State last year, and Friedman said that that number should increase this year.

The Eagles are bolstered by the addition of junior Ray Guzzi, a transfer from Chicago. Guzzi's brother wrestles for the University of Nebraska-Omaha (UNO) Mavericks.

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