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Students protest school's action

Administrators' firing of cafeteria worker draws controversy, attention

By Kaitlin Davis

The community of Weeping Water, Neb. met with its school board on April 10 to discuss recent allegations against a school official's actions during a student protest.

"We Luv Sue, Boo Hoo Stew! We want Sue!"

The implications of v. Des Moines Independent Community School District

The 1969 Supreme Court case *Tinker v. Des Moines Independent Community School District* acknowledged that First Amendment rights were not diminished at school. The case went to court after a number of students were suspended for wearing black arm bands in protest of the Vietnam War.

Implication 1: Supreme Court ruled that students do not lose any rights when inside school

Implication 2: The right to free speech is protected as long as it does not cause "substantial disruption... with school activities"

Implication 3: The *Tinker* case said that students have the right to voice unpopular opinions

Implication 4: Supreme Court said their decision applies to junior and senior high schools

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This slogan was what the Weeping Water students were wearing, on t-shirts and buttons, in protest of the superintendent firing one of the school's lunch aides, American Civil Liberties Union representative Tim Butz said.

The students petitioned the School Board to investigate the firing of lunch aid, Sue Spangler, because the principal refused to give the students or Spangler a reason for the firing, Butz said.

When the principal discovered one of the petitions, he threatened to give the students, who had signed the petition, detentions, Weeping Water freshman Michaela Mason said.

He [the principal] was not disrespectful to students in any way," Superintendent of Weeping Water Schools, Dean Stewart said.

Mason said the students began wearing t-shirts and buttons to protest the firing of Spangler. The shirts did not contain any slander or profanity. Students also gathered in the cafeteria and refused to leave until they were given a reason for Spangler's firing, she said.

Stewart said that some of the shirts did contain profanity and if they hadn't there would not have been any problems with the students wearing them.

Mason said she thinks that the "Boo Hoo Stew" (referring to Stewart) was taking it a little far.

There were about 75 students that gathered in protest Weeping Water, freshman Jamie Thomas said. The school administrators then attempted to break up the students with threats of suspension and detentions, she said.

"There are about 75 to 100

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Women's conference teaches self reliance

By Meredith Zendejas

Senior girls had the chance to get to know who they are at the Young Women's Leadership Conference that was held on Apr. 3 at the Holiday Inn Convention Center.

Senior Elizabeth Kieffe, student advisory committee member, said the purpose of holding the conference was to enlighten and encourage high school senior women about their special strengths.

Kieffe said around 250 to 300 girls attended the conference. She said that the girls came from all over the metro schools.

"A lot of people thought that all of the confer-

ence was a male bashing session," senior Katie Lubauskas said, "but it wasn't. It was really informative."

Kieffe said that after the keynote speakers, the girls were able to attend many different workshops.

One of the workshops was called Strategies For Self Defense. Kieffe said it was taught by Judy Williams, who is a fourth degree Black Belt in Judo.

"The self defense class was a quick perspective on how to avoid dangerous situations with different techniques," Lubauskas said.

"What really opened my eyes was when the self defense instructor told us that two in every three women were assaulted," Kieffe said.

Students receive new ways to pay for college

By Andrew Danford

Scholarships, stocks, bonds, grants, loans... the Nebraska Educational Savings Plan?

Students looking for another way to pay for college may soon be presented with the option of creating a college savings account with the state of Nebraska through Legislative Bill (LB) 1003.

People would be allowed to donate up to \$10 thousand to the account annually. The beneficiary of the account would need to pay no taxes on the account while it is maturing, State Sen. Don Pederson, the bill's sponsor, said.

Pederson said anyone could create a fund for their prospective college student any time before the student's 17th birthday. Money must be withdrawn from his account the fall of the summer before his 22nd birthday, Pederson said.

When money is withdrawn, it will be taxed under the student's lower tax bracket, thus saving the beneficiary and donor money.

"There is no family relationship requirement for establishing the initial plan," Pederson said.

He said that 46 other states currently have laws that allow for this type of savings plan.

Central junior Cassandra Wright said she thinks that another option such as this plan may help to encourage people to start savings more for college.

"If they did have an account like this, they might have the opportunity to attend college," she said.

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Summer heats up gas prices

By Andrew Danford

As the temperature increases this summer, so too will the prices at the gas pump, a Department of Energy spokesperson said.

Jonathan Cockens said prices have been on the increase for over a year now as the result of lower production by the Organization of the Petroleum

Exporting Countries (OPEC).

"The fact that OPEC has control of most of the oil in the world does not help the high prices," he said.

He said that although OPEC adopted these lower production standards nearly three years ago, the United States has not felt the true effect of the lower production because the government requires American oil distributors to keep reserves of oil in the event that foreign production decreases.

"They have significantly reduced those reserves, and as a result, prices have risen significantly on petroleum products over the past year," Cockens said.

Obere Donaustasse, a spokesperson for OPEC, said that whenever gasoline prices go up in the United States, his organization is unfairly blamed for the high prices.

"OPEC is usually made the scapegoat by some sections of the media, politicians and the general public," Donaustasse said.

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German exchange students visit Central

By Ally Freeman

Heinz Olk, president of the German American Society and founder of the exchange program said the program started in 1984.

Olk said that he initially had the idea of having a sister-city to Omaha in Breunschweig, Germany, but when presented before the City Council the idea was turned down. Instead, he came up with the ideas of having a student exchange.

Olk said that the Council approved the exchange, as did the city manager of Breunschweig.

He said that Burke High School was then chosen as the sister-school, but all schools in Omaha are welcome to host students.

Olk said that 20 students and two chaperones from each country participated in the

exchange.

The exchange lasted for three weeks, he said. While the German students were in Omaha, they stayed with an American student. High schools participating included Central, Burke, Westside, South, North, Millard West and Millard North.

Senior Jacqui Morgan said she signed up to host a student after learning about the program from a friend.

Morgan said the idea interested her because she

choose what kind of tests to administer to their students," he said. "They should not just have this test thrust upon them by the state."

Christensen said he supports a plan that would allow local school districts to choose between several standardized tests in four subject areas: reading, social studies, math and science.

However, Bohlke said if the district was allowed to decide which tests to administer, the district would tailor the tests to fit the strengths of

the individual districts and not truly display their weaknesses.

"There are just too many ways to work around such a system," she said.

Central junior Ty Griess said he does not think that the state can effectively administer a test to students.

"In high school, students learn so many different things that it would be hard to write a test to cover it all fairly," he said.

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"The students became honorary citizens of Omaha during their visit," Olk said.
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City to vote on convention issues

On May 9, the city of Omaha will vote on two issues related to the proposal to develop the arena/convention center at the Union Pacific Yards. The two issues, which will be voted on separately include financing the cost of the project by selling \$198 million in public bonds and the approval of an independent authority to oversee and operate the project. In addition, approximately \$75 million is expected to be raised from private businesses and individuals in the community.

Students chosen for district music

The annual District Music Contest took place on the weekend of Apr. 14. Students in both vocal and instrumental music were selected to compete in this yearly contest held in Fremont, Neb. Large ensembles such as A Cappella, Band, CHS Singers, Bel Canto and Orchestra were required to participate.

State second in Census returns

Rankings released in late April revealed that Nebraska tied for second place in the percentage of households mailing back the Census 2000 questionnaires. Nebraska, which had been the early leader, ended up tying with South Dakota, Minnesota and Wisconsin each having a 72 percent response rate. Iowa came in first with a 73 percent rate, and the national average was 65 percent response.

Study discovers drinking origin

A recent Harvard study found that binge drinking most likely starts in high school. Based on questionnaires sent to over 10,000 college students at 199 colleges around the country, they reported that binge drinking has been on the rise up 22.7 percent, from 19.8 percent in 1993. The study also determined that problems begin in high school.

Science teaching poll surprising

According to a recent survey by a Washington D.C.-based civil liberties group, most Americans think creationism should be taught in schools, along with Darwin's theory of evolution. The poll conducted by People For the American Way foundation found that about 83 percent of Americans generally support teaching evolution in public schools, but about 79 percent believe creationism also has a place in the public school studies.

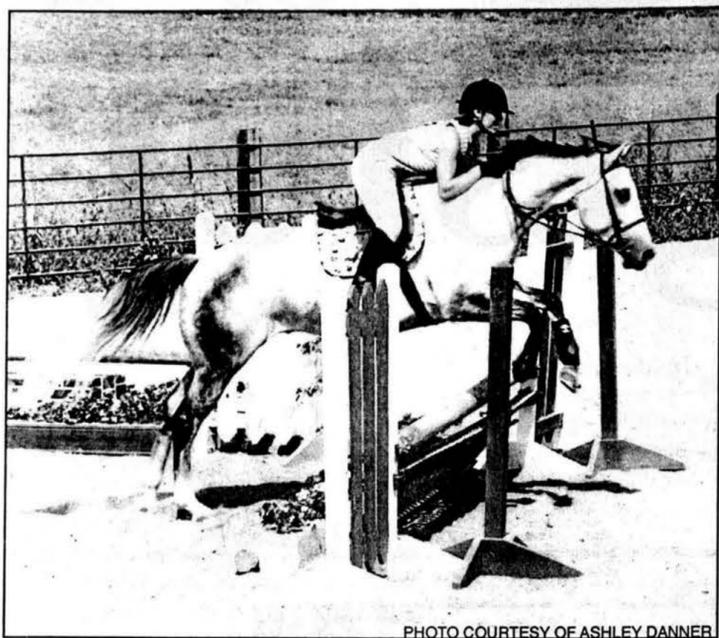


PHOTO COURTESY OF ASHLEY DANNER

UP AND OVER... Junior Ashley Danner clears a jump with her horse Smokey. Danner said she hopes to compete in the World Show in Fort Worth, Tex. later this year.

Junior excels in horse competition

By Melissa Angelo

Saddle up! For one CHS junior, horse riding has become more than just a hobby.

Ashley Danner rides at Hahnleigh Hill Stables at 204th and Maple Street and said she has been riding since she was a child but has been introduced to competing in horse riding shows for the past four years.

"I got a horse for my 13th birthday, and I only rode for pleasure," Danner said. "After a year, I sold him and started taking lessons."

She said they compete in two types of shows; Hunter/Jumper and Quarter Horse.

"In the Hunter/Jumper shows the breed of horse does not matter as long as he can get over the jumps gracefully," Danner said. "Competition in Quarter Horse Shows is much tougher. You compete against horses of the same breed and some basic conformation."

Danner said she is optimistic about her future in horse competitions.

"When I bought my horse, Smokey, he was untrained, but had a lot of potential. In order for us to compete successfully, we need to work together as a team," Danner said. "He still has much to learn, but eventually he will be a champion."

Technology provides new venue for criminal activity

By Meredith Kalina

What has recently become a hobby may cause some people to break the law without realizing it, Gregg Jansen, attorney-at-law, said.

Jansen said that burning compact discs has become a very popular thing to do, and that although burners can be very helpful, they are being used improperly in some cases.

Adam Jacobs, a computer programmer, said that compact disk burners are a way to store data from a computer and a way of storing information on a compact disk, rather than on a floppy disk.

He said that compact disk burners are generally used to copy music and software compact disks for free. And that is perfectly legal.

Jansen said that people start getting into trouble with the law once they begin downloading or copying music compact disk's and software.

"It is hard to regulate the misuse of burners because of the fact that so many people have them and use them illegally," Jansen said.

Jansen said that the law is very clear on the legal issues concerning burners but many

people do not realize the severity of the law.

He said that owning a burner is perfectly legal along with copying a compact disk for a friend with written permission from the producer or author, which would probably require a small fee.

"It is also perfectly legal to make a copy of a music compact disk or software in case your original copy were to get scratched or ruined, but you must own the original compact disk," Jansen said.

He said that people run into trouble when they make copies of compact disks for friends without the consent of the producers and even more trouble when they sell the

compact disks to make a profit.

Jansen pointed out that it is comparable to renting a video game, burning it and then returning it.

Although it makes sense why these actions would be illegal, he said that many people own burners for this very reason and don't realize what trouble they could get into.

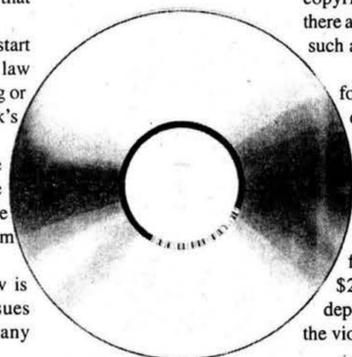
Sophomore Tony Stearns said that he got his compact disk burner six months ago and uses it often for a number of different reasons.

Stearns said that he doesn't take the fact that he is breaking the law very seriously and does not think the odds of getting caught are very high.

Jansen said that using the burners illegally breaks copyright violations and that there are economic penalties for such actions.

He said that it is typical for a violator to have to pay damages for economical harm done to a company or an author if they are caught using a compact disk burner illegally.

Jansen said that fines could range from \$250 to \$250 thousand depending on the severity of the violation.



ANDREW DANFORD/THE REGISTER

Juniors win history competition

By Ally Freeman

Seventeen hours prior to the competition, and they are still laminating, stapling, cutting and gluing; after two late night trips to Kinko's they finish two hours before competition time, tired, hungry and full of history.

Two Central juniors, Becca Iverson and Laura Hendee, participated in this year's History Day Competition.

The theme for this year was "Turning Points in History."

Hendee said that she and Iverson chose "Slaughter to Survival; the Bison," as their topic this year.

Iverson said the project requires a lot of background research and interviews. Then you take the collected research and try and create a display board out of it with pictures and primary documents.

Iverson said the goal of the project is to present the theme of the competition on the display board. The bison is a major turning point, especially in Nebraska history, because of their dramatic comeback from slaughter, Iverson said.

"We wanted to do [a topic] native to Nebraska," she said, "That way it's easier to find more primary resources."

This is the third History Day competition for both Hendee and Iverson. Both have

previously competed at the national competition, but not as a team.

Hendee said that it is easier to do as a partner than individually.

"You spend so much time on it," Hendee said, "It's more fun to participate with a friend"

By doing this people can also collaborate, share ideas and divide up the tasks, Hendee said.

Iverson said their board placed first in the district competition held on March 25. They were one of the top three to go on to compete in state and top two qualifiers in state go on to national competition.

"Our goal is to reach the national competition," Hendee said.

Hendee and Iverson both agree history day is extremely fun and interesting to work on, despite the hard work required.

"I like it a lot," Hendee said, "It's an interesting finding obscure, but vital part of history that nobody knows about."

Iverson said they chose their topic in December and worked on it until two weeks before competition time.

"It's very stressful, but Laura and I are very proud of ourselves because we did the whole project without any guidance, with sports, activities and school," she said.

"Once it's over and you know you're going to state, it's really relaxing," she said.

Bill allows for state college accounts

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She also said this type of savings account might reduce the stress caused on both students and relatives when students have to work their way through school.

"Most teenagers have a job in order to take the strain of college off of their parents," she said. "It is difficult for a student to get to college and work at the same time."

An initial contribution of no less than \$300 is required to open the account. No one individual may contribute more than \$10 thousand annually to the account, Pederson said.

Pederson said the plan should work well because people can donate money whenever they wish within these limitations.

"It allows for a lot of freedom in the way of giving," he said.

The money from the fund could be used to attend any institutions of higher learning the beneficiary chooses, Pederson said.

However, there will be an incentive for student attending the public universities in the state of Nebraska. A separate endowment fund will be established to add a little more income to the account as an incentive to stay within the state, Pederson said.

When donations are made to the account, the donor may write-off as much as \$2,000 annually, Pederson said.

This too should provide motivation for people to donate toward college funds,

he said.

If not all the money in the account is used, penalties would apply, however, return to the student, Pederson said.

On March 29, the bill passed the first round of approval process with a unanimous vote in the Unicameral.

"This bill should provide a lot of motivation for people to donate toward college funds," Pederson said. "I have a number one priority in this legislative year."

LB 1003

- \$ Creates a college fund with the state.
- \$ Money must be spent for educational purposes.
- \$ Up to \$10 thousand may be given to the student each year by one individual.
- \$ A \$300 initial investment is required.
- \$ A separate endowment fund will be established to give an incentive to stay within the state for college.

School bank lets students cash in

By Jennifer Friedman

Imagine stopping by the bank to withdraw lunch money from a savings account without having to leave school. For students attending Dickinson High School in Dickinson, ND, this is a reality.

Elsie Reichert, the high school's banking instructor, said that the bank has been part of the school since 1994.

"The local bank came up with the idea," Reichert said.

Reichert said that students enrolled in the school's banking class run the bank. The class lasts one semester and teaches students how to be bankers and how a bank operates.

Reichert said students prefer to use the school's bank rather than a regular bank because the school pays 4 percent interest on accounts.

Student savings accounts cannot exceed a maximum of \$500, Reichert said. At 30 students currently have savings accounts in the school bank. Faculty members utilize the bank.

In addition to offering savings accounts to students, the school's bank cashes checks for a 1 percent fee.

Reichert said that check cashing is one of the more popular aspects of the bank because no other place in the school can do it.

The bank also makes student loans in order for the bank to make sure of paying the students must have their parents co-sign the loans.

The students take turns working the bank under the supervision of Reichert and an advisor from the local bank. The school's bank is open for a half-hour before school during lunch.

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Police make arrests at area park

By Andrew Danford

In response to growing complaints from both neighbors and the Parks Department, the Omaha Police Department (OPD) recently increased efforts to curb curfew violators at Memorial Park, Sgt. Dan Cisar, OPD spokesperson, said.

Cisar said the Parks Department reported that they had found empty beer containers at Memorial Park in the morning that were not there the day before and asked them to check out what kind of activities were happening at the park late at night.

Parks Department Spokesperson Larry Foster said this problem at Memorial Park is a fairly recent issue.

"It really started to happen when the weather started turning warmer this spring," he said.

Foster said that ever since the curfew at Memorial Park was changed from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. several years ago, there has been very little trouble until this year.

Central junior Justin Alexander was ticketed at Memorial Park twice in one weekend.

Once, he was ticketed because his friends were smoking marijuana in the car with him.

The second time, Alexander said he was ticketed for violating the curfew as he was turning around in the parking lot.

Alexander said he expected that there were police officers in the area, but he never thought the police to be plainclothes officers.

"I've hung out there since seventh grade," Alexander said. "I knew there were cops around, but I never expected undercover cops to be hiding in the bushes."

As a result, Alexander said he was completely surprised by the officers' presence out of uniform and with unmarked cars.

"It was weird," he said. "It was like I was in a movie. The guy just pulled up his shirt and showed us that he was with the police."

Cisar said police made 30 arrests the weekend of March 25, the weekend when Alexander received two citations.

He said that while all of the offenders were cited for merely violating the curfew, six people were arrested for marijuana, five individuals were cited for

possession of drug paraphernalia and two were ticketed for the consumption of alcohol in the park.

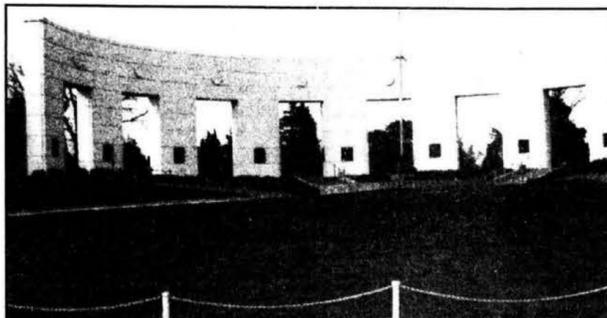
Foster said he hopes these arrests impress upon the public the importance of obeying park regulations.

"The bottom line is this," Foster said. "The parks close at 11 o'clock. It's just that simple. There is no

difference between this rule and the speed limit or any other law."

He said that in the weeks following the heightened police enforcement, the number of complaints made by neighbors has decreased significantly.

"I think that the arrests helped get the point across," he said. "The parks are for use by everyone. It is expected that they will obey the rules."



THE SCENE OF THE CRIME . . . The Omaha Police Department recently heightened efforts to curtail crime in Memorial Park. Neighbors and park-goers complained about activity in the park after the 11 p.m. curfew.

State testing causes controversy

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Griess said he thinks the tests are a good idea in theory, but could never be successful in practice.

"There are just too many factors with standardized testing," he said. "People have different teachers who teach different things. Even here at Central it would be hard because every teacher teaches their subject in their own way."

Dr. Robert Hauser, a professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, has studied the relationship between standardized testing and student's performance. He said standardized tests are often a bad idea in general.

"Sometimes it is hard to judge a student's performance in school based upon test scores," he said. "Students sometimes have bad days. What happens if you catch them on a bad day?"

He said if the state truly wanted to evaluate the performance of the students and districts, they would have to consider other factors too and not rely solely upon test scores.

"Test scores only give you a general idea about student's performance," he said. "There are just some intangible things about students that also need to be taken into consideration."

He said that such things were the learning environment the students were presented with and the attitudes of both teachers and students.

Christensen said he would continue to push for multiple-test plan to both the public and state senators.

"One test just isn't enough," he said. "We need several tests in order to truly evaluate a school's performance."

Bohlke said she hopes her plan and Christensen's will be able to work together to form a program in the state.

Students, officials clash over first amendment rights

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Students that eat breakfast in the cafeteria every day," Stewart said.

There were only about five to ten people who were actually protesting, he said.

Students were then informed that they could follow the principal to his office and he would give them an explanation as to why the lunch aid was fired Thomas said.

"Dozens of students followed him to his office, but instead of keeping his word he threatened them," Thomas said.

Mason said that she can understand why the school should have the right to breakup protests but only if the protests were violent or disruptive.

The principal's action was uncalled for in this situation, she said.

Central High Principal Dr. Thomp-

son said that in this situation he would try to discuss the problem with the students and try to peacefully find a solution. Thompson added that he hoped he would never have to be in that situation.

"They shouldn't have been threatened," Central junior Melissa Slape said, "I'd keep on protesting."

Thompson said that he would not consider t-shirts that did not contain slander or profanity disruptive to school. If teachers felt there was a problem then they could notify the principal and he could take the appropriate actions.

"If its not bothering anyone then it's okay," Central freshman April Gayer said.

People sometimes have a hard time dealing with the situation without all the facts, Thompson said.

"Wearing the t-shirts was no more disruptive than wearing a rock concert t-shirts," Butz said.

DEA drug museum celebrates first anniversary

By Andrew Danford

Just across the Potomac from the Smithsonian and over the bridge from Washington DC, a city with one of the nation's worst drug problems, the Drug Enforce Administration (DEA) has opened a museum that documents the history of narcotics in America.

DEA Administrator Thomas Constantine said the museum, which will celebrate its first anniversary on May 11, chronicles the perils of drug culture, the past successes of drug control in America and the current problems that face drug law enforcement today.

"This is the first museum in America which traces the impact that drugs have had on American society and the efforts by federal law enforcement to combat this growing problem," he said.

The museum uses photographs, posters and items used by both drug users and law enforcement to tell the story of drugs in America, Constantine said.

The exhibit is entitled "Illegal Drugs in America: A Modern History."

Sean Fearn, a DEA spokesperson, said he hopes the exhibits help dispel some of the false impressions American society sometimes gives people regarding drugs.

"Often, movies and television glamorize drugs," he said. "Hopefully, this museum will help give people a better taste of reality."

Although the museum is relatively small, measuring only 22,000 sq. ft., it is able to house a wide variety of artifacts.

These artifacts include pipes used

by opium users of the 19th century and money counting machines employed by modern drug lords of today, Constantine said.

Some of the more interesting artifacts include a diamond-encrusted gun, a \$35,000 Hell's Angel's Harley-Davidson motorcycle and a hollowed out lime-green surfboard used to traffic drugs off the coast of Florida, Constantine said.

He also said the exhibit included some unusual items from agents attempting to curtail the drug trade. Several of these artifacts are an old Tommy gun, a fur coat and green snakeskin platform shoes worn by an undercover male agent and a wooden booby trap used in marijuana fields in Thailand that agents had to face in their war on drugs.

Constantine said he hopes these artifacts will better help people to understand what agents face in the war against drugs and the lengths both dealers and law enforcement have gone to further their cause.

"This stuff is real," he said. "It isn't like anything from a movie. It was all used at one time on the streets."

The artifacts in the museum are presented in chronological order.

The museum's first display features artifacts from the 1850s-1914, America's first drug epidemic, Fearn said.

The second part shows how the United States enforced new drug laws followed World War I and continuing through the 1950s, he said.

"The United States decided it must enforce tougher drug laws at home through domestic law enforcement and overseas by spearheading a world movement to limit opium poppy and cocoa crops," he said.



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Boston Conservatory
Location: Boston, Massachusetts
Tuition: \$25,235 (including expenses)
Admissions: audition-most important, academic and artistic background strongly considered, test scores and essay viewed as unimportant
Enrollment: 297 (undergraduate)
Athletics: none
Housing: Dormitories (men, women, coed), guaranteed on-campus housing for freshmen
Additional Info: A 4-year private college of music, musical theater, and dance.

Rhode Island School of Design
Location: Providence, Rhode Island
Tuition: \$25,235 (including expenses)
Admissions: portfolio drawing assignment, academic record, GPA, test scores, class rank
Enrollment: 1,818 (undergraduate)
Athletics: intramural sports, and clubs
Housing: Dormitories (coed), apartment housing available
Additional Info: A 4-year private art college.

Colorado School of Mines
Location: Golden, Colorado
Tuition: \$21,625
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Enrollment: 2,271 (undergraduate)
Housing: Dormitories(men, coed)
Additional Info: A 4-year public engineering college.

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Homosexuals, bisexuals face challenges of alternative lifestyles

By Jenny Nelson

Growing up gay or lesbian today is not easy. People coming out need a positive support system, the Director of the Gay and Lesbian Community in Phoenix said.

Lyle Miller said that the number of reported hate crimes against homosexuals and/or bisexuals is increasing. This may not mean that there are more incidents, but people are finding safe places to report them, such as programs like where Miller works.

People that report hate crimes to the police have an innate fear of additional repercussions, Miller said. There is an anti-violence

project started in New York City to decrease hate crimes against homosexuals and bisexuals.

Sophomore Danny Whelan said that he is a part of the Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA) that was recently started at Central.

He said the mission of the GSA is to educate people, raise acceptance levels and help homosexual people to feel safe at school.

"It's not about acceptance, it's about tolerance," Whelan said.

Lynn Pakieser, who is on the board of Parents Family and Friends of Lesbians & Gays (PFLAG), said that Central is one of the first Omaha high schools that has a GSA. PFLAG supported students in forming the GSA.

Whelan said that since he is gay, he wants tolerance levels to be raised.

Whelan also said he believes that people are born the way they are, that homosexuality is something from birth.

Pakieser also said that homosexuality is not something that a person would choose.

"Why would you choose to be harassed or beaten?" she said.

Sophomore Mindy Baker said that she does not believe that people are born homosexual. She said the Bible states that homosexual people are going to go to hell.

"I don't believe God would create a homosexual person just so they could be sent to hell," she said.

Pakieser said in the "Bible-writing days," the population was in danger of becoming extinct. She said that is why homosexuality was a sin—sex was only for procreation.

"Whenever two people are in love and committed to each other, it couldn't possibly be a sin," Pakieser said.

Baker said that none of her close friends are homosexual, and although she does not approve of homosexuals, she would not treat them any differently than anyone else.

"I just don't approve of how they're living their life," she said.

Junior David Rachwalik said that he is bisexual. He said he thinks that homosexuals are not oppressed any more than heterosexuals because everyone is oppressed for something.

"I believe gays should be ac-

cepted fully and have all the same rights as heterosexuals," Rachwalik said.

He said that being homosexual is not a big deal unless the gay person makes it a big deal.

Rachwalik also said that the gay struggle reminds him of the civil rights struggle of the 1960's.

"We need someone like a gay, Martin Luther King," he said.

Miller said that young people need to be aware of the consequences of coming out. He said that there have been reports of parents beating their children or throwing them out of the house once they have learned that the child is gay.

He said that the process of coming out is different for each person. Generally, people come out to a close friend or acquaintance before a family member, he said.

"They've got to come out to themselves," Miller said.

Pakieser said PFLAG helps people through the coming-out stage. It is a volunteer organization, and they do not pressure young people into telling their parents that they are gay or lesbian.

PFLAG has a youth group that

meets every Saturday for anyone who wants to come, whether they are homosexual or heterosexual, she said. The meetings are held at First United Methodist Church.

Miller said that statistics on how many homosexual people there are in the world are impossible to come by because each person has certain comfort levels.

"There is much speculation on that because people are at varying degrees of coming out," he said.

Miller said that the media is affecting society's view on homosexuality.

"In general, gays and lesbians are not necessarily more accepted but more understood," Miller said.

Pakieser said that being homosexual has become more acceptable.

"You don't have to stay in the closet anymore," she said.

Miller said that gays and lesbians used to be viewed as the "bad guys," but now thanks to television shows such as "Will and Grace" and "Ellen," and movies such as "In & Out" and "Boys Don't Cry," homosexuals are changed into more positive characters.

"Media shapes how accepting society is going to be," he said.

People in general need to be supportive, Miller said.

Does your religion affect your decisions about sex?



Yes. Sex is something sacred that should be between married couples and not between delinquent adolescents.

Analisa Jacob, 11
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints



No. People should make their own choices. They shouldn't have to do what the church says.

Andrew Delehant, 9
Industrialism



Yes. If it's their choice to believe in a religion, then it does.

Laura Jensen, 12
Atheist



No. It's your belief. Everyone has their own opinion. It [religion] doesn't affect me.

Ashley Danner, 11
Lutheran



Yes. God would look down on you if you have sex before you're supposed to.

Shanae Nared, 11
Baptist



Not more than personal views, but it is part of it.

Matt Smith, 12
Methodist

NO LOVE WITHOUT A GLOVE...
Condoms, a common form of contraceptive, help to prevent pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases.

Religions have different views, teachings on sex

By Sarah Peterson

All religions have different views on sex, which either affect or are ignored by believers in that religion.

In a recent poll of 235 Central students, 30 percent said that their religion affected their decisions about sex, while 70 percent said religion had no effect.

Reverend Dorothy Hill of the United Church of Christ (UCC) said she saw that teenagers who were more active in church were also more likely to wait to have sex until marriage.

She also said that people in a good relationship with parents were more likely to wait.

Hill was on the national committee that designed a curriculum for the church on human sexuality.

Separate classes are taught to parents and children. She said that youth should begin to learn about sex as soon as they are ready—almost as soon as they can talk. Hill said that teens have to love themselves.

"If teens don't care about themselves, they

can't love anyone else," Hill said. "This can lead to teenagers using drugs, abusing alcohol and becoming pregnant."

Reverend Richard Benner of the First Unitarian church said his religion believes that everything, including sex, is an individual decision.

"We believe that the Bible is not authoritative," Benner said.

The church educates teens so that the teens can make the best decisions. A new curriculum, entitled "Our Whole Lives," was recently developed to educate members on human sexuality.

Ralph Hicken, area leader for Soko Gakkai International USA—a Buddhist community, said that they are not prepared to define what is legal and what is not legal.

"We do not, as an organization, teach people either way," Hicken said, "as long as people are respecting the dignity of human life and not violating any other Buddhist principle."

Hickens said that self-development is the aim of the Buddhist practice.

"People don't develop best when they are taught to develop," Hickens.

Junior David Gutman said that he does

not believe that religion should influence people's decisions about sex. He does however believe that religion can be beneficial.

"Religion provides a good moral base for people to make good decisions," Gutman said.

Junior Tarah VanBecelaere said that she does not think that religion affects her decisions about sex.

"If I want to have sex before marriage, it's my own decision," VanBecelaere said.

She said that she believes it is her body, and she should make the decisions—not her religion.

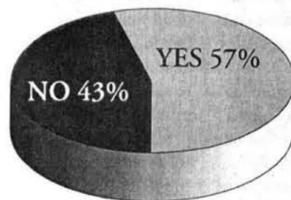
"Whatever I want to do is my choice," VanBecelaere said.

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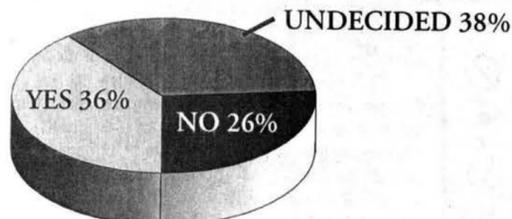
(Far Left) Although sex and religion may seem like they do not go together, sex plays both positive and negative roles in different religions. In this photo, the cross and mouth represent how religious beliefs and sexual urges are interconnected.

Have Your **SEX** Talk About... **SEX**

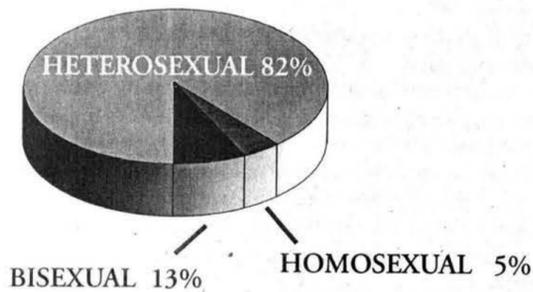
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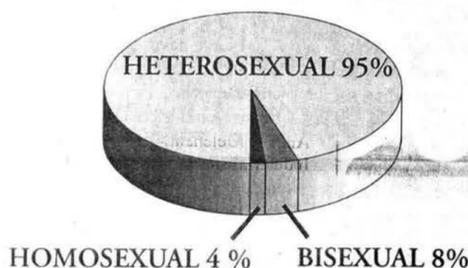
Are Central students saving themselves until marriage?



Sexual preference of Central students who have had sex.



Sexual preference of Central students who have not had sex.



235 students polled

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Abstinence proves best form of birth control

By Courtney O'Malley

"Sex is something that is supposed to be saved until marriage," Janelle Ritsch, sophomore, said. "It's a gift that God gave to you to give to one special person."

Abstinence is abstaining from all sex, whether that be sexual intercourse, oral sex, heavy touching or anything where penetration may occur, Betty Shuler-Weingarten, Human growth and development teacher said.

"Abstinence is the best choice for teenagers, no doubt!" Schuler-Weingarten said.

There are many benefits for abstaining from sex. Such benefits include no sexually transmitted diseases (STD),

pregnancy or cervical cancer, she said.

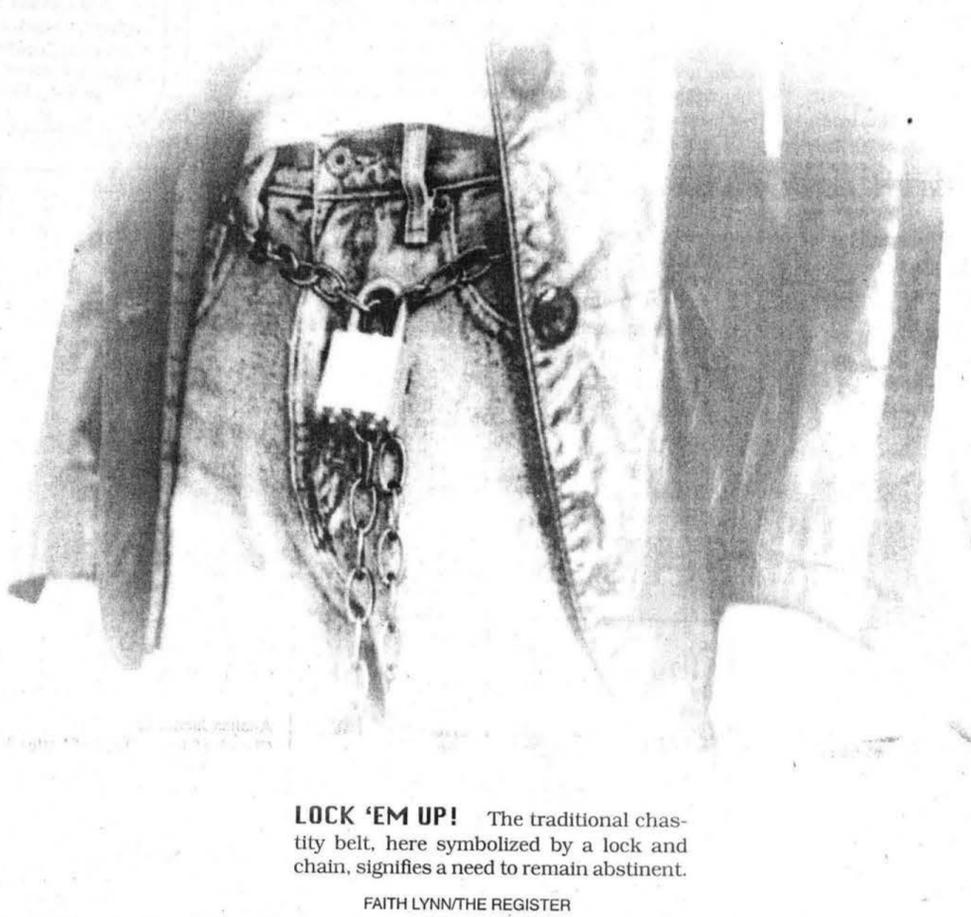
There are also psychological benefits such as the absence of feeling used, rejected or guilty.

There are also many religious beliefs and values against sex, Shuler-Weingarten said.

Abstinence is the best birth control, by society's standpoint, Schuler-Weingarten said.

Central Junior Chris Fisher is a believer of abstinence.

"I would rather support abstinence because I don't want to get a girl pregnant, and have to support them," Fisher said.



LOCK 'EM UP! The traditional chastity belt, here symbolized by a lock and chain, signifies a need to remain abstinent.

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RAPE & OTHER SEXUAL ASSAULTS

- * rape is not about sex--it's about power and control
- * a rape occurs in the U.S. every 6 minutes
- * 8 out of every 10 rapes are committed by someone the victim knows
- * the highest risk years for rape are 11-25
- * rape drugs have become more prevalent in today's society
- * rape drugs may be put into victims drinks, food or even chewing gum
- * the internet has become an easy place to find rape victims
- * victims of rape experience tremendous trauma and pain
- * if you have been attacked, yell fire. People are more likely to run toward you if you yell fire rather than help

Information from the YWCA Rape Services Brochure

Substance abuse linked to sexual activity among teens

By Sarah Peterson

Alcohol and driving have long been tied together as a dangerous pair. A new study now pairs the abuse of substances with sexual activity, a spokesperson for the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University (CASA) said.

Alyse Booth said that a recent report conducted by CASA has found that teens who drink or use drugs are more likely to have sex, initiate sex at a younger age and have multiple partners.

This can present many problems because these teens are then at a higher risk for pregnancies, HIV and sexually transmitted diseases (STDs).

"This is a serious subject," Booth said. "It [sex along with drugs or alcohol] can result in serious diseases and a higher number of pregnancies."

CASA decided to look into the relationship between substance abuse and sex because they saw a lot of indication that there was a connection between the two, Booth said. They felt that this connection was important to look in to.

Dr. Amy Lacroix, a pediatrician at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, said that the relationship between people being sexually active and using substances that change the way people think has been noted. This is due to the fact that substances such as alcohol inhibits a person's normal caution.

"Alcohol makes you throw your caution to the wind," Lacroix said.

Booth said that the CASA report carries an important message for parents and educators that there is an important connection between substance abuse and sex.

The 170-page report, entitled "Dangerous Liaisons: Substance Abuse and Sex," found that teens 14 and younger who use alcohol are twice as likely to have sex than those that do not use alcohol.

Teens 15 years and older who drink are seven times more likely to have sexual intercourse. In addition, they are twice as likely to have sex with four or more partners.

Drug use among teens 15 years and older increases the likelihood of sexual intercourse by five times. These teens are also three times likelier to have sex with four or more partners compared to teens who do not use drugs.

In total, the study found that 63 percent of teens who use alcohol and 70 percent of those who were frequent drinkers had had sex. Only 26 percent of those who never

drank had engaged in sex. It also found that 72 percent of teens who used drugs and 81 percent of those who used drugs heavily have had intercourse. Only 36 percent of those who had never used drugs admitted to having sex.

Junior Alex Garcia said that he does not believe that sex and alcohol should be mixed.

"Sex is a choice that should not be made when a person is under the influence of alcohol," Garcia said.

One thing that the study could not determine, however, was which came first—substance abuse or sex, Booth said. They concluded that the two most likely came together.

Lacroix also said that it has not been determined which comes first.

"It's kind of like the chicken and the egg thing—we don't know whether this relationship exists because people who are drinking are older, more mature and therefore have sex or if it is because alcohol brings about sex," Lacroix said.

In the same situation, people are more likely to have sex if they had been drinking, both Lacroix and Booth said.

"If you're in a situation where there is drug use and alcohol, there is likely going to be sexual activity," Booth said.

The report was compiled based on the original analyses of national data sets of more than 34,000 teenagers concerning the relationship between substance abuse and sexual activity. It was also based on information from more than 800 articles and books, interviews with over 100 experts in the field and the examination of prevention and treatment programs.

The study also reported that a growing proportion of 15-

year-olds were having sexual relationships. A national survey in 1970 found that less than five percent of girls were having sex. In 1972, 20 percent of 15-year-old boys had engaged in sex. CASA's study found that in 1997, 38 percent of 15-year-old boys had engaged in sex.

A survey conducted in 1998 by the Kaiser Foundation found that more than half, 52 percent, of 17- and 18-year-olds considered sex an accepted part of dating for couples in their age groups.

The growing number of youth participating in sexual activities presents the problems of STDs. The United States has the highest rate of STDs in the developed world, with nearly 12 million new cases every year.

Adult heavy drinkers are five times likelier to have sex with at least 10 partners a year. This makes these people three times likelier to contract STDs.

Somewhat ironically, heavy use of alcohol and some drugs can lead to male impotence.

While alcohol, cocaine and methamphetamine may initially increase sexual desire, heavy use can impair sexual functions. Alcoholic men have been shown to have three times the rate of impotence of non-alcoholic men. Impotence can persist even after sobriety.

Tobacco, cocaine and heroin use have also been linked to impotence.

CASA hopes that parents will talk to children about the link between drinking, drug useage and sex, Booth said.

The program hopes that middle and high schools will create educational programs that address the link between substance abuse and sex.

Quick Facts on SEX, ALCOHOL & DRUGS

- ✓ 63% of teens who drink have had sex
- ✓ 26% of teens who never drink have had sex
- ✓ 81% of teens who use drugs have had sex
- ✓ 36% of teens who never use drugs have had sex
- ✓ teens 15 yrs. or older who drink are:
 - ✓ 7x likelier to have sexual intercourse
 - ✓ 2x likelier to have sex with 4 or more partners

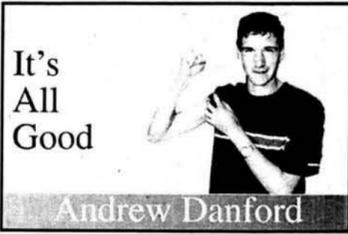
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Perspectives

Senior Wills • Eugenics • Summer

Summer: For some too much, for others too little



In less than a month, the air temperature in the halls of this fine institution will drop by some 15 or 20 degrees—school will be out for the summer.

For twelve weeks or so, students will be deprived of the many fun-filled opportunities presented by high school.

They will no longer have to look forward to waking up at 5 a.m. in the hopes of parking on Davenport St., staying up until 3 a.m. in order to finish their history paper and sleeping through their first four class periods as a result of these activities.

Most notably, students will no longer have to answer the problems concerning their homework. However, the proposition of summer

vacation raises a question that has plagued students since the dawn of time: How are you going to spend all the extra time?

In my mind, there are two extreme approaches people take when addressing this issue.

The first is to get out and do as much as they possibly can, for as long as they can until the final week of August rolls around. Then they are nearly burned out.

The second, and more popular approach, is to turn the television on, crank up the air conditioning and pay the electric bill from the comfort of their couch.

Those who are occupied all the time will come out empty in the end.

They will miss the opportunities to take in life and enjoy the simple pleasures of life.

Those who try to do everything (i.e.

working, partying, practicing a sport, going to the park, seeing the world, . . .) will find themselves stretched beyond their limits in the end. Summer vacation truly is not a vacation for them.

During the school year, it is expected that students will be busy. This approach to school, although probably not the most fun, often becomes a way of life for many individuals.

There needs to be a time for them to relax. Besides, the summer is too hot to overwork yourself. Heat stroke is no fun.

Likewise, those who spend their summer in the glow of their television set or computer screen will find themselves just as unfulfilled.

The summer is a time for tanning or burning in my case. The glow of a vacuum tube does not quite do the trick.

Those who are overly concerned with doing as little as possible during the summer need to re-

think their place in life.

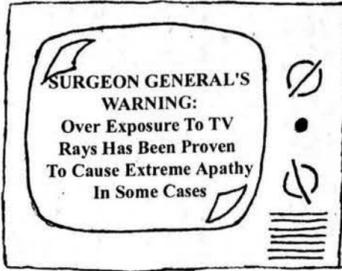
Students need to make the most of the opportunity afforded them through summer vacation. Before too long, they will be employed at some occupation that does not permit them to take two and a half months off during the middle of the year.

Students probably have one of the best jobs in the world. If only the pay were a little better . . .

However, there will be those who decide to ride the fence and try to find the happy medium between these two trains of thought. These people are quite possibly the happiest individuals in the world.

They get the best of both sides. They practice the idea of moderation in all things. Not only do they get out and have their fun, but they can also make time to sit themselves in front of the television set and relax for a minute. Get outside and enjoy your time this summer.

If this is your last summer before work or college, enjoy it. If it's not, you still should enjoy it. You only have a few more left. Don't waste it. It's all good.



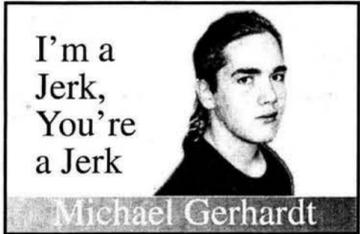
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Top Ten Projects for Summer Vacation

1. Finally get around to doing what all the voices in your head have been telling you to do all school year.
2. Learn cross-stitching and ceramics, perhaps at a day camp of your choice.
3. Take up the glamorous lifestyle of a hermit.
4. Think up the fourth activity for this list.
5. Get ahead for next year's English class by reading all the Cliff's Notes in your spare time.
6. Decide what to get pierced.
7. Pay off all those parking tickets by redeeming the beer bottles from Memorial Park.
8. Devise a means to siphon gasoline out of the storage tanks from your neighborhood Kwik-E-Mart, then sell it to poor people forced to walk by OPEC.
9. Go into a state of hibernation and coming out of your dark cave only for the essentials—to drink water, eat Pop Tarts and pee.
10. Graduate high school after cracking the security codes on the administrator server at school to change your second semester grades.

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Send stupid people to Fiji, year-long problem solved



My car got stolen. Some twit broke out a wing window, jammed a screw driver in the steering column, and drove it to Papillion High School. They didn't take anything from it, they just drove it for a little bit. They didn't even really do that much damage.

This person is stupid. They shouldn't be allowed to reproduce.

Come to think of it, about 70 percent of American citizens shouldn't be allowed to reproduce.

Think about it, you've all seen the people who:

- own Shaq Albums.
- are Lego maniacs.
- who date online.
- drive 8,675,309 miles an hour down Dodge street to beat me to the red light. Moron.
- steal my car.
- are vegetarians.
- smoke.
- steal my car.
- think I'm a Satanist.
- can speak a dead language.

See? People who do this kind of stuff can have children! They can have many, many children, who go into the world and buy things like pork hocks and wrestling T-shirts.

They can also vote, which explains our current government (I didn't inhale) (I can't recall) (I was attacked by a giant swimming rabbit!). We, as a society, need to keep this from happening.

So, here's my ultimate plan of keeping the stupid from reproducing. We buy Fiji, with the money we usually set aside for things like

National Sausage Plant Appreciation Night in the Moonlight of a Gibbous Moon which is Kind Of Red and Green. Depending on the Way You Look at it Day (NSPANMGMKRGDWYL Day).

We take the many people who have been judged unintelligent enough by "The Jury" (Myself, my friends, my dog, members of my favorite bands and Bruce Campbell) and send them to Fiji. If they need companionship, we'll give them many corn husks so they can make beautiful spouses. Should they some how copulate, it would be harmless, since they would be far away from anyone intelligent.

There are other reasons to keep the stupid from reproducing. For one thing, we wouldn't have anymore songs like, "The Thong Song." While this may be off the subject, people who listen to this song and like it shouldn't be allowed to reproduce.

"Dumps like a truck." From what I understand, that means the female has a posterior much like a dump truck.

I have never gotten a woman by telling her that her bottom reminds me of a dirty, rusty city-dispatched, metal vehicle, driven by angry obese men. I tried it once . . .

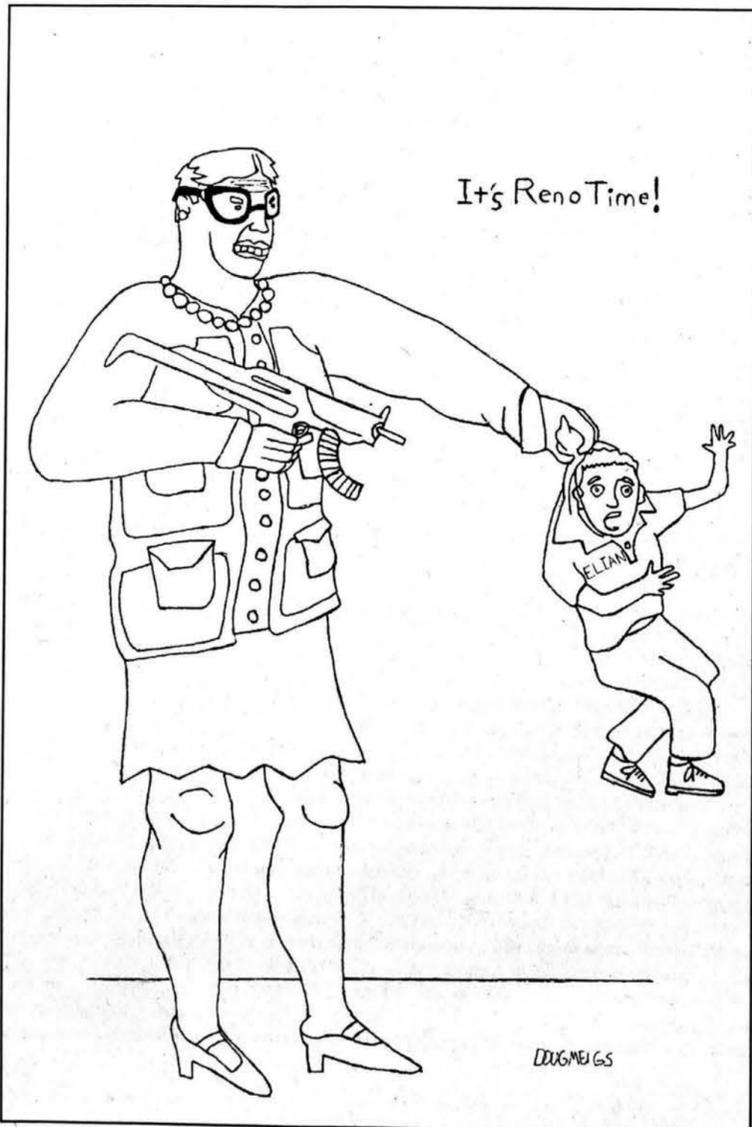
Me: Hey baby, your bottom reminds me of a dirty, rusty, city-dispatched metal vehicle which is driven by angry obese men.

Beautiful Woman: Get away from me, don't ever come near me, I'm going to gut you like a fish.

Me: Popular music lied to me NOOOOOOO!

But I digress. Clearly by the last couple of incomprehensible paragraphs of unrelated garbage, we need to keep the stupid from reproducing. There are other ways of keeping people from reproducing, and they all don't involve large, sharp swinging blades or unreasonably large catheters.

Currently, I can't think of any other good ways. Well, except maybe castration. Which would effectively remove the problem and leave us all as happy as pigs in poop. Or not.



DOUG MEYER

Senior wills out of control



cow-ard (kou' rd) n. [ME. & OFr. courd, coward, lit. with tail between the legs < coue, coe, tail < L. cauda tail] a person who lacks courage, esp. one who is shamefully unable to control his fear and so shrinks from danger or trouble —adj. cowardly

The senior class is filled with cowards. For those of the underclass who have had no past experience in this, probably don't know what the senior wills are.

The senior wills originally were humorous documents of seniors leaving talents and things to other students started in the 70's.

Like so many things at Central it has become a tradition to produce these wills. Originally these things were more like, "I, Jared Hart, leave my pimpin' skills and OEA spot to Danford." But as so many things are, it has become corrupted through time.

Past seniors have perverted these wills to make them derogatory. They mention people and why they hate them. No reason, just pure back-stabbing fun. No more of the fun-filled, jocund writing. People don't even give the pretense of humor, they just rage.

It has been so bad that these wills have been sent underground. Such is the problem.

No matter what anyone writes or preaches to the masses, the senior wills continue to go on, attempting to degrade others, through their sorry excuses for vengeance.

Some may question what I have against

these so called wills. Well, in a word, everything.

These wills have no dignity anymore. In a school built on pomp and circumstance, it is rare to find something so ludicrous.

The writers of these wills have no spine, whatsoever. They bottle these juvenile emotions up over four years, and then using a fifth grade vocabulary, attempt to be hurtful and write it down.

Yeah, and no cynical edge either, can you believe these clowns?

These writers are spineless in the way they write something that they don't have the daring to say in person. Why? Because they know that they are too dim witted to not get shut down.

The wills are childish because the authors, if you can call them that, are too yellow-bellied to put their names after their writing. If anyone read last years senior wills, you can get a mental picture of the ghetto trash pansies that write these things.

It almost upsets me more that people value the opinion of these wicked writers. It's the people who go home and cry about what a few unimportant idiots think.

Now we come to the part where I once again reveal my superiority. Not only do I write with the vocabulary of an eight grader, I also am bold enough to sign what I write.

So all of you cowardly, wannabe senior class officers, who need to get even with all those mean people who made you cry, write your little hearts out.

I challenge all the senior wills writers to compose these panty-waist wills, but moreover, be sure to write about me.

I would hate to miss out on something where a group of weak back stabbers try to make themselves feel better about the last laugh in high school.

But trust me, that laugh is mine.

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Survey proves policy ineffective

According to a recent survey conducted by the Pentagon inspector general, the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy is clearly not working.

This is evident by the fact that 85 percent of those surveyed felt that anti-gay behavior was tolerated in the military. Nearly 40 percent of military personnel had experienced or have witnessed harassment based on a person's sexual orientation.

The enlistment numbers in the armed forces have been steadily dwindling and the Defense Department needs to take an active role to solve this problem.

They should not do this for enrollment numbers alone. But the fact is that this disruptive behavior should not be tolerated anyway.

Members of the Armed Forces are supposed to be united and defend our country. This is exceedingly difficult in a hostile environment.

It is an arduous task to pinpoint this problem, but it needs to be done.

There is also concern about the presence of homosexuals in the military and that it may be disruptive or inappropriate. Yet any such exclusion of a particular group of people would

be considered discriminatory, and it should be no different in this situation.

At this present day and age, some people consider homosexuals to be inferior. This is eerily familiar to the treatment of African-Americans in the past. History does repeat itself, but people should learn from what happened in the past and correct the problem.

Pentagon leaders are taking the first step and acknowledging the problem, but in order to alleviate it completely, they need to take serious action.

Currently, an openly homosexual person is not allowed to serve in the armed forces. Homosexuals have every right to serve their country and should be able to do so in any manner they choose that is within reason. Military service is well within reason.

The "don't ask, don't tell" policy is supposed to decrease disruption but it is targeting the wrong problem.

Instead of not allowing openly homosexual people to serve, they should not allow people who are openly disrespectful of homosexuals.

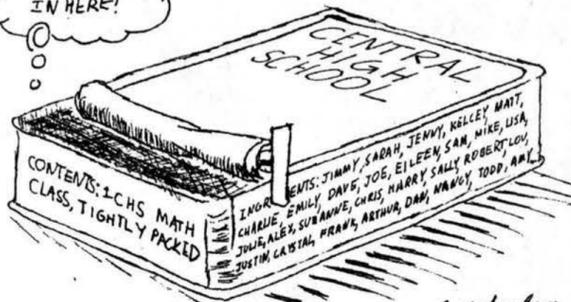
If an officer displays intolerance of a fellow homosexual officer, they must be reprimanded.

Homosexuals should not be punished, those who harass homosexuals should.

Editorial

The opinion of the Register

MRS. SMITH CAN I OPEN A WINDOW? IT'S A LITTLE STUFFY IN HERE!



THE RESULT OF OPEN ENROLLMENT

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Register Your Opinion

"Register Your Opinion" is not meant to represent the view of the entire student body or the staff of the Register.

Do you think the new open enrollment in OPS will enhance the learning environment at Central?



No. I think it will make the school too crowded. Send them to Northwest. Mindy Baker, 10



No. Some schools would be crowded and others would have nothing at all. Ben Delgado, 11



I don't think it will help or hurt. I think the staff is well prepared for any problems. Mia Jones, 11



Yes. People should be able to go where they want to, but they should have limited choices. Mike Gonzalez, 10

New sex offender registry law to be put into effect

A new law has been put into effect in Nebraska requiring that warnings of the locations of sex offenders be given in many different places. While there are laws like these in place all over the country, this law has different parts that will make it beneficial to all of Nebraska.

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The law requires when a sex offender moves into a new community, different places be notified.

The law was passed by Gov. Mike Johanns

and will apply three levels to sex offenders, based on criteria such as whether violence was involved in the crime, the offenders criminal record and the age of the victim.

These levels will help secure justice for all people, and make sure their punishment in accordance with their crime.

The notification to different authorities will depend on the levels of the offender. Low level offenders only have to notify local authorities, while with high level offenders, church youth groups, police, churches and schools will be notified.

Usually a huge outbreak of lawsuits fol-

lows the passage of a bill like this, so these different levels are a requirement.

These different levels of notification also help to ensure fair treatment for all convicted offenders. Low level offenders should not be treated the same way as a high level offender would be treated.

A low-level offender would be a person who committed statutory rape in his youth, and had no criminal record. No one who does this deserves to be classified with a 55-year-old child molester.

People connected with the laws said that 55 percent of convicted offenders will be clas-

sified as moderate, 35 percent as high level and ten percent as low level offenders. This small percentage of low level offenders means that no slack is being given to those who prey on the most vulnerable of people.

The information about high level offenders will be available so that any one with a computer or access to a computer will be able to find information about local sex offenders on the Internet.

A bill like this has been needed for a long time. With the passage of this bill, Nebraska aims to protect its children from those who commit atrocious crimes.

Supreme Court considers suspending art funding

Congress has decided it wants to cut funding for the National Endowment of the Arts (NEA), and now Supreme Court will make a final decision on the issue.

If Congress gets its way, it would greatly diminish the impact of the Arts on every American's life.

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That would be a great loss. The Arts are a strong symbol of a country's culture, and America already has a questionable culture at best.

A decision by Supreme Court to cut the NEA's funding would greatly affect many Central students who are involved in classes such as Drama, Bel Canto, Orchestra, Art and Band.

The NEA's mission statement is as follows:

"The National Endowment of the Arts, an investment in America's living cultural heritage, serves the public good by nurturing human creativity, supporting community spirit and fostering appreciation of the excellence and diversity of our nations artistic accomplishments."

Any organization that makes one of its goals the nurturing of human creativity is worth supporting.

The NEA creates more than 1.3 million full-time jobs, a large portion of which can be obtained by high school students and graduates. It is a huge contributor to the economy, pumping nearly \$37 billion into it through annual expenditures. It also generates over \$5

billion in revenue for state, federal and local governments.

If funding is cut for this economic powerhouse, it could cripple the organization and its various subsidiaries. These subsidiaries include the Public Broadcasting System (PBS) and National Public Radio (NPR).

Since taxes for the NEA from the general public equal \$1.12 per person, maybe Congress should just leave the funding for it alone.

After all, in a 1995 CNN/USA Today/Gallup poll it was indicated that 76 percent of Americans wished to keep funding for PBS, coming in third only to national defense and law enforcement.

However, it is understandable for Congress to want to give more money to other organizations. The Endowment has had plenty

of funding since 1965, and it is only fair for another organization to get the funding it needs.

After all, there are various other organizations which apply for government grants. Perhaps they have to be turned down because the NEA already requires such a large portion of national funds.

But since the NEA is so popular among voters, Congress should think twice before taking away its funding. Perhaps that will mean raising taxes or continuing as things are now and waiting until next year to let other groups have their shot at a large funding raise.

Regardless, the American Public voted that they want PBS to stay on the air. The decision that the Supreme Court makes should reflect public opinion.

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LETTERS, E-MAIL & FAXES

Arena raises concerns

Why build an arena?
 This is a question most families and businesses are asking each other, referring of course to the Omaha Arena/Convention Center that will be built downtown.

There are many questions to be asked about building this center, though. For example, space is a major concern for Creighton University and the downtown campus is running out of room to expand.

With the construction of a new arena, space for expansion of the Creighton campus would be extremely limited.

A positive aspect of the new arena would be that it would greatly affect the popularity of Omaha. With a new center many performers who have not played here before would now consider including Omaha on their tour schedules.

The city is hoping the center would boost the economy in Omaha and bring more money to the city in general.

They think that with the center, more people will come to Omaha and therefore more things such as hotels, restaurants, and other tourist attractions would be built.

They also hope that the new center would boost the popularity of the Old Market.

The building of a center has been done in many other cities, and sometimes

it helps the city.
 Expectations for the center are high though, and hopefully they will be met.

Marie Engdahl, 10

Bigotry still an issue

There is a severe discrepancy in treatment of homosexuals and "normal" people.

The "h" word is a bad word, I know, and I must apologize for using it, but in a country where all men are created equal, certain people's rights are simply not being protected.

Only six US states have legislation protecting homosexual discrimination. Why is that?

In 1992 Colorado voters approved a constitutional amendment prohibiting civil rights protection on the basis of sexual orientation, which effectively wiped out laws in several Colorado cities that did extend equal rights to homosexual citizens.

So much for equal rights to all citizens of the US. By being homosexual are these people giving up their citizenship?
 How can it be justified in anyone's mind to deny rights to someone because they are different?
 People should be more tolerant and realize that, as much as they may want it to, the "problem" will not go away.
 Homosexuals just so happen to be people, too, and they deserve the same rights and protection that heterosexuals get.
 People need to be more tolerant. There are still men that feel women should stay at home.
 There are still people who feel African Americans are inferior.
 Both of these types of people are wrong.
 People must realize that eventually the homosexuality issue will end up like the two prior examples. They should accept it, protect it, and move on.

Emily Neumann, 10

When writing a letter to the editor, please include your name and grade

Rising gas prices spur government action

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Instead, Donaustasse blamed high taxes on petroleum products as the true root of the problem.

"Even if we increase production, the prices of gas will not change significantly in the long run," he said. "The only real way to lower the price of gas is to reduce taxes. We all know whose court the ball is in now. Just think about it."

Donaustasse said that nine OPEC countries agreed to increase production to the levels they were at before March 1999. However, Cockens said it will still take until the end of the summer before consumers start to see the results of this increased production.

"Gas prices should start coming down significantly in late summer or early fall," Cockens said.

In the meantime, Cockens said the government would investigate several avenues in order to help lower gas prices.

"The Department of Energy has implemented several initiatives to produce domestic oil production," he said. "Several pieces of legislation are now before the Congress in order to help lower gasoline prices."

Cockens said these initiatives include a reduction in tax prices that might permanently lower gasoline prices.

Central sophomore Ben Cramer said he has been driving for the past six months. He said the gasoline prices have limited the amount of driving that he has done.

"The gas prices really suck," Cramer said. "You can put about \$10 into your car and the tank will only be about half full. I never have enough money to fill my tank completely."

Cramer said he thinks the government needs to take more action in order to help resolve the high prices.

"The government needs to lower gas taxes or buy more oil or do something to help make the prices reasonable again," he said.

Cockens said the government does have a vast reserve of oil stored in the event of a major oil crisis. This oil reserve, known as the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, was first created in the mid-1970s and currently contains 560 million gallons of oil, he said.

"It is still there and still an option," he said.

However, Cockens said he doubts the reserve will be tapped in this case. He said the oil is for use in emergencies only, and the current situation does not qualify as an emergency.

He said the reserve has been tapped only twice before. Once, the reserve was used for Operation Desert Storm during the early 1990s. Also, it was sold for revenue once at about the same time, he said.

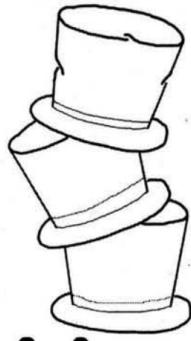
"It is not something to turn to every time prices go up," he said. "It is specifically used not to manipulate market prices."

Cockens said another option lies in alternative fuel sources.

"Battery power, fuel cells, wind power and solar power are all possible energy sources to replace petroleum," he said. "The list goes on and on."

Cockens said the current oil price increase is nothing new to the market and will probably increase again sometime in the future.

"The price of gasoline will continue to go up and down as it has in the past," he said.



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The Student Council sponsored Hat Day to raise money for the Make-A-Wish foundation to assist in giving an Omaha boy his last wish.



HEY, HOW YOU DOIN'? Conrad Goetzinger (9) left, and Meredith Rinaker (11) above, were active participants in this year's Hat Day fund raiser on Friday, April 28. Students and teachers could purchase tickets for a dollar in order to wear a hat. PHOTOS BY CATHY COLLING/THE REGISTER

Hat Day 2000

Koalas become newest attraction at Henry Doorly Zoo

By Jennifer Friedman

The new addition of koala bears has recently brought more visitors to the Henry Doorly Zoo, Julie Neemeyer, the zoo's marketing director, said.

"It's something different that we've never had," Neemeyer said.

Neemeyer said that the new koalas have increased traffic, profits and attendance at the zoo since they arrived.

"The profits from the exhibit go back to help support the zoo," Neemeyer said.

The koalas bears are temporarily on loan from the San Diego Zoo.

In order for the Henry Doorly Zoo to acquire the koala bears, Neemeyer said they had to pay the San Diego Zoo.

She said the zoo was also required to make a contribution to the Australian Koala Foundation, a conservation program for koalas in Australia.

The San Diego Zoo loaned Omaha one male and one female koala bear, Neemeyer said.

The male koala is three years old and the female is one and one-half years old.

Neemeyer said the koalas eat eucalyptus leaves flown in from Florida.

"They're very picky eaters," Neemeyer said.

Neemeyer said that the zoo flies in 33 different species of eucalyptus leaves for the koalas to choose from for their diet.

"Eucalyptus leaves are the only things that the koalas eat," Neemeyer said.

Neemeyer said that the koalas sleep approximately 20 hours a day, leaving little exciting viewing time for guests hoping to see action.

Senior Jacquelyn Morgan went to see the koalas at the zoo with her German exchange student.

"It was pretty much overrated," Morgan said. "One of them was sleeping and one of them was eating."

Morgan felt that there should have been more koalas flown in.

Senior Jeremy Hanson also went with Morgan to the zoo.

"I'd never seen one up close," Hanson said. "They were really awesome to see."

Hanson said he felt sorry for the koalas because the signs say they do not like loud noise, but all the people were very loud.

The koalas will remain at the zoo through Sept. 4, and can be seen in the Wild Kingdom Pavilion.

Koalas at a Glance

- Koalas are the sole member of the family *Phascolarctidae*.
- Koalas were first described in 1908 by an explorer called E. Home.
- Koalas obtain most of their water from leaves.
- Koalas do not live in families. They are solitary animals.
- The word "koala" means "no water."

SOURCE: KEN PHILLIPS, KOALAS - AUSTRALIA'S ANCIENT ONES

Students experience life in foreign countries

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Katharina Gode, one of the students from Germany said she chose to come on the trip after hearing about it from her brother.

Gode said that she had already made several exchanges to England and France and had looked forward to eventually visiting the United States.

She said that her experience surprised her in a positive way.

"It [the United States] was much different than I thought it would be," Gode said.

She said she hoped exchanges like these

continue to happen so they can break down prejudices countries have against each other.

Morgan said that although she was excited she was a little apprehensive about the language barrier, despite her four years of German classes.

In return, the Omaha host student will travel to Germany over the summer and stay in Breunschweig with the student they hosted in April.

Morgan said she is excited about her trip to Germany, and learning how Germans live.

"The program gives students from different countries a good idea of other cultures," she said.

Olk said most of the German students were extremely excited to experience American life.

"In Germany, the English [language] a must," Olk said.

The German students have all studied English for seven or eight years, and the country intensively; some may know more about the United States Americans do.

He said he sees this program beneficial to both countries.

"They [students] gain an international understanding on both sides, getting to know the cultures of both countries," Olk said.

Central celebrates centennial birthday

By Lainie Gabriel

The Central High School building will be celebrating its centennial birthday this year.

The building was installed on Nov. 16, 1900, and was originally the only high school in the city, Merrilee Miller, former president of the Central Alumni Association, said.

Miller said that when the building was finished, there was a large parade. The school board members and the mayor made speeches.

The Central Alumni Association is putting together an open house in the fall of this year to celebrate the birthday.

Other activities include a reunion chorus for alumni involved in the music department

at Central, Dr. Gary Thompson said.

Thompson said a tentative date for the birthday celebration has been set for June 8.

"I think it's great that [Central] is turning a hundred years old and it's great that we're having a ceremony," Thompson said.

There will be tours and refreshments, as well as mini-reunions for each class, Miller said.

Miller also said that if restoration plans have been decided on, they will be displayed

along with artifacts such as a cheerleader sweater from the 1940s and a baseball uniform from 1910.

The building itself was built around the

original building, which was the shape of a courtyard.

A better building was necessary each side was built at a separate time.

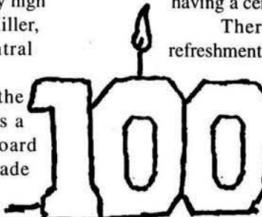
The east side was built first and connected with the original building, and south and west sides were built following the east.

The north side of the building was finished in 1904 and the original building was torn out to create the courtyard.

The courtyard was open air until 1910 when a covering was built over it.

Miller said that the open house will bring alumni the chance to visit their school and see what changes have been made.

The date for the open house has not been set, but further information will be announced.



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ONE OF A KIND... Bellicose's hardcore beat illustrates originality that gives bands style and prestige. Bellicose plays at the Cog Factory on May 31 with Recluse.



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Hardcore genre proves popular with Bellicose

By Stefanie Wulff

Bellicose: /bel-i-kos/ adj. Favoring or inclined to start quarrels or wars.

Bellicose: "Four teenage guys with musical talent and a unique sound no one can compare to," Bassist Dustin Treinen explained.

"The name describes our music," he said. "It's tough, war-like."

Bellicose consists of four guys, Treinen on bass, guitarist Martin Murphy, drummer Matt McCandless and lead singer Brian Durkan. Treinen, Murphy and McCandless all attend Creighton Prep.

In the beginning, the only members of Bellicose, then called Element Blue, were Treinen, Murphy and McCandless who only worked on music and the writing of a couple of songs.

However, Element Blue had no lead singer to make the words come alive, Treinen said.

About six months later, Durkan

joined the band's punk style and claimed that "meshing with their style sucked."

"They were in the punk scene and I tried my best to influence them out of it and into harder stuff," Durkan said.

Treinen said that Element Blue was friends with the Central band Chew Toy, who recently had changed their name to Blue Panic.

The two bands did not like the fact that both of their names consisted of the word "blue," so it was time for Element Blue to get a new name. Thanks to Murphy, Bellicose was suggested and the band was ready for a rebirth, he added.

After several months of practice, Bellicose played its first show at the Ranch Bowl and had a decent turn out, Durkan said.

"When ever we have shows at the Ranch Bowl, we sell our own tickets and then get a percentage of what the turn out is," he explained.

Durkan said that the turn out is

not usually that bad and they make at least \$100 every time they play a show.

Bellicose has played with bands such as System Failure and often plays at the Cog Factory as well, he added.

"We play new age hardcore. Some say we sound similar to the Deftones," Durkan said. "But really, our sound is original and incomparable to any other band out there," he added.

All the members stressed the fact that their style was original sounding with a powerful hardcore beat that sounds similar to older Korn music, the Deftones and Machine Head.

Bellicose came out with its first album, "Tension" in March of 2000. The album has six tracks and the members said they hope to release another album in the fall, McCandless said.

"We want to get t-shirts made for publicity and keep working on songs for now," he said.

McCandless said that through out the years of Bellicose's existence, he has noticed a growth in not only the talent of the band, but also the size of the audience at shows.

"We have a bigger following," he said. "Every show we play there seems to be more people in the audience."

Bellicose's shows are not only for the ears, but also for the eyes, McCandless said.

"At shows, we bring a cement cow we stole out of someone's yard and place it in the middle of the stage," he said. "We also have a big cardboard cut out of Elmo and Big Bird that we bring with us," he added. "The crowd loves it!"

All the boys said they agree that being in a band takes up a lot of their free time, if not most of it, but it is their favorite thing to do.

Durkan said that Bellicose's next show is on May 31 at the Cog Factory with fellow local band Recluse.

Concert reviews Lead hypnotizes audience

By Michael Gerhardt

I went 85 mph down to Lincoln just to get to this show on time, even though it started 40 minutes late because the bassist for the opening band was in a pornography store next door. I knew this was going to be cool and it went far past my expectations.

I was at Knickerbockers to see Lead, Skinless, Coffin Text and Incantation. It sounded like a great show when I saw the flier; it turned out to be even better.

Opening for that night was Omaha's own, Lead. Since their bassist was "distracted by something" and subsequently late, they only played five or six songs. Regardless, it was crushing. Lead is one of the most talented, technical bands I have ever seen. Whenever I see Lead, I end up watching the members play and ignoring the music. Lead's bassist and guitarist are both amazing. Their fingers moved so fast and fluid that it's nearly hypnotic.

The band's sound was great, although the vocals were very hard to pull out of the wall of sound that Lead creates. For those who haven't seen Lead play, I would definitely suggest you get out to see them.

Next was one of the most amazing bands I had ever seen before, Skinless. Skinless went on, and utterly annihilated everything and everyone in the bar. About halfway through Skinless's set, some fat guy in a cowboy hat got on told them to stop playing, since it they weren't going to be paid.

"We don't care if we don't get any money from this show. We'd play even if we lost \$200 from this &*&ing show," the singer from Skinless said.

The band had some other problems. Their power died, the bass amp died and its microphone died. But all their problems were more than made up for when the singer climbed on top of a stack of amps and jumped, regardless of the fact that there were only 30 people there. A friend of mine climbed on stage for a time-filling impromptu wrestling match with the bassist. It was what a concert needed to be.

Skinless's sound was super heavy, their bass was thick, the drums were punchy and the vocals cut through everything. Skinless was a band whose show I will not soon forget.

The last band that I actually wanted to see was Coffin Text. The band did a few original things with its sound that set them apart, but other than that sounded pretty typical of the genre. They did a lot of different stuff with their guitars and amps that most bands don't use. They had more atmosphere than a lot of bands, and were really friendly guys. I enjoyed them a lot, but they weren't as good as Lead or Skinless.

Last of the night was Incantation. I didn't bother stay for them, since all the Incantation I've ever heard sounded like a guy banging a frying pan against a guitar and another burping.

The Urge plays a smashing show while the crowd turns violent

By Ally Shandell

I broke my nose, but the show was pretty good.

The Urge played a sold out show at the Ranch Bowl Apr.1 with Lowercase i and Twitch.

As an alternative band with ska influences, The Urge tours almost constantly and always makes a point to stop in Omaha once or twice each year. From my past experience, their shows are always a lot of fun, but this time I attempted to disregard all previous biases I had.

The show was not disappointing, as all three bands were very good and each played with a lot of energy.

With sweat dripping down their faces, The Urge played hits such as "Closer," "Straight to Hell" and "Jump Right In," along with many songs I had never heard before.

A highlight of the band are the horns. A trombone player and a saxophone player are regular members of the band, and these instruments add a ska-like sound to many of their songs, which gives their music a little more bounce.

The crowd, as opposed to the bands, was not quite up to par.

When I tried to crowd surf, they dropped me. Twice. I weigh 98 pounds, the fact that they couldn't hold me up was pathetic!

It didn't help my sentiments toward the audience when a very large guy ran into me (while I was getting up after falling from atop the hands of the crowd) and broke my nose. Now, I am used to mosh pits, and I fully understand how they work and that they are supposed to be violent and insanely energetic.

It was in no way the guy's fault that he ran into me. But here I am, a very small person who has just hit her head and is a bit dazed, and now has blood gushing out of a broken nose. I wiped my blood on him.

Twitch opened for The Urge, it was a show that was rumored to be their last. However, the lead singer said, that the band was just in a strange situation and needed to take some time off to refocus. Twitch will continue as a band, he said.

Overall, the show proved to be a good time. Despite the audience and the fact that the experience was not exactly beneficial to my health, the bands played an unblemished show, which I thoroughly enjoyed.

Values come into play in 'Keeping the Faith'

By Sandi Czapl

A priest, a rabbi and a blonde walk into a karaoke bar.

No, this isn't a joke as much as you would probably like to hear one.

It's actually the plot for the new film "Keeping the Faith" starring Ben Stiller, Edward Norton and Jenna Elfman.

The film is a wonderful must-see romantic comedy with lively and colorful characters.

The plot is a different and unique one that will definitely catch everyone's attention.

"Keeping the Faith" specifies the importance of friendship and how powerful love can be.

Brian Finn (Norton) and Jake Schram (Stiller) play a priest and a rabbi whose best friend from their childhood, Anna Reilly (Elfman) comes to New York and reunites with

her old friends.

The main plot follows Stiller's character. He has a chance to become the head rabbi of his synagogue and let his career take a change for the better.

The only problem is that his congregation wants to find him a good Jewish wife to marry otherwise his chances at becoming the head rabbi are pretty much nonexistent.

Not only does Stiller want to please his congregation, but he also finds it necessary to please his mother (Anne Bancroft.)

He learned from his brother's marriage to a Catholic female that his mother was not pleased with interfaith relationships.

Unfortunately, as soon as Elfman comes in looking all grown up, Stiller immediately tries to put love before his faith or profession.

The only thing is that each of

them has completely different values and outlooks on life.

Elfman is involved with her job and personifies everyone's image of a workaholic, whereas Stiller is completely dedicated to his faith and pleasing other people.

The two prove that more often than not, friendships blossom into something more and that it's easy to put what you do aside to love someone.

They continue their relationship for months without telling anyone, even Norton, about their involvement.

In the meantime, Norton begins to question his dedication to his faith as he also slowly starts to "fall in love" with Elfman.

Not only is "Keeping the Faith" a phenomenal story that exemplifies the choice between love and money, but it also brings forth the option of having both at the same time.



COURTESY OF DREAMWORKS

WALK WITH ME, TALK WITH ME... Ben Stiller, Edward Norton and Jenna Elfman star in "Keeping the Faith," a romantic comedy about two religious men and a beauty.

'Hooray for Boobies' illustrates Bloodhound Gang's creativity, silliness

By Stefanie Wulff

Every once in a while, the Bloodhound Gang seems to get enough strength to release a new single and manage to hold a top spot on the Billboards for several weeks and then gradually, the popularity of the song fades away and the cycle starts over months down the road.

But this time, the album is smashing.

With the debut of "The Bad Touch," the Bloodhound Gang's newest release, "Hooray for Boobies" is sure to sell off the shelf at stores.

Plus, the fact that the Bloodhound Gang is coming to Omaha on May 14 at Sokol Auditorium is sure to boost the sales as well.

I first witnessed the catchy verse of "You and me baby, ain't nothin' but mammals, so let's do it like they do on the Discovery Channel," on the Internet at a friend's dorm some months back.

My first impression of the song was "Hell,

yeah!" which was then followed by a booty shake and a dance around the dorm.

After that night, I yearned for the album that I was too broke to buy and chanted in my head for several minutes, "It will be mine, oh, yes, it will be mine."

Months passed and I was still broke. I was at a party and the Bloodhound Gang album was bumping on the stereo and so was I. (Well, not on the stereo, but you catch my drift.)

The songs I heard made me laugh, shocked and laugh some more.

I have one word with four syllables for you: HI-LA-RI-OUS!

Not only does "Hooray for Boobies" have the ever so clever Discovery Channel song, but a track with the tune to Pink Floyd's "The Wall."

They sing about a body part missing another body part, but it's not meant to be perverted. It's about a mean guy who thinks he's a tough cookie when he's really a pansy

with no balls.

Most of the Bloodhound Gang's songs tell stories. The group's lyrical style is creative, using universal, delicate situations and twisting them with funny, out of the ordinary events. The Bloodhound Gang makes rhyme time flow in with poppy tunes that will make anyone bob their head up and down.

"Hell Yeah" introduces us kids to "another friend of the Bible," God. The Bloodhound Gang explains what they would do if they were elected God.

He sings, "If I were God, I'd get a bunch of slaves to do everything; Norwegian lesbians that feed me grapes and know how to sing."

The song can be bashing to the most religious of the religious, but everyone keep in mind that they're the Bloodhound Gang, back with crazy lyrics and beats.

"Hooray for Boobies" is full of eighteen tracks and over an hour long. Some of the

songs have no lyrics and are mixes by the band's DJ, Spanky G. These tracks are more techno-like and get me movin' even more.

The fifteenth track, "A Lap Dance is so Much Better When the Stripper is Crying" has a tough, catchy beat and the hilarious lyrics flow together like Jell-O and water.

Few albums are successful in making me laugh, and this is definitely one of them. It's great to hear a band that has beat, hilarious lyrics, good looks and can put on a good show. That's what entertainment's all about.

The Bloodhound Gang clearly illustrates that creativity sells and singing monkeys are what the people want to see.

If you haven't been a

Bloodhound Gang fan in the past, it's never too late to start. Everyone should pick up this smashingly hilarious album, "Hooray for Boobies!"



COURTESY OF GEFHEN RECORDS

THE BLOODHOUND GANG is back with their newest release, "Hooray for Boobies." The Gang will be performing at Sokol Auditorium on May 14 with Nerf Herder.

Raving popular among Omaha teenager

By Lainie Gabriel

It's a Saturday night and somewhere around the Omaha-metro area, there is a rave going on. Several Central students are there and having a great time. There are a few police officers keeping everyone safe and a few DJs spinning music for everyone there, commonly called ravers. There's a promoter making some money and a bunch more kids dancing and having a great time. This is their story.

Adam Queen - Central High junior

Queen has been to about 15 raves starting in the middle of his sophomore year. He got interested in raves because he liked the music. His first rave was in Colorado.

Queen described a rave as beginning with not very many people there, just talking and meeting each other. Then the situation explodes as more people arrive. The DJs start spinning and the ravers start dancing.

"The whole idea of a rave is just unity and you want to meet everybody," Queen said.

It's basically a big party and they are held at pretty much any large space, Queen said.

Queen finds out about raves from fliers that he gets from raves he has already attended. He said that production companies hold them most often and that security consists of police officers and the people throwing the rave.

He said raves are mostly on Fri. or Sat. nights and are usually preceded with pre-rave parties with only one DJ and in a smaller venue.

Queen said he enjoys the rave experience and likes the good vibes put out by ravers.

Officer Dave Rieck - Omaha Police Department

Rieck said that larger raves are held about once a month and have about 4,000 people at them. He usually does security along with the promoters at the raves. He said that ravers usually get patted down before they are allowed to enter the rave.

Rieck said that major drugs he knows of at raves are ecstasy and GHB (gamma-hydroxybutyrate), more commonly known as the date-rape drug.

Rieck said that large doses of ecstasy could be lethal. He said both ecstasy and GHB are used to enhance feelings and senses, as well as perceptions. He said that both drugs create illusions and it is not very obvious to tell who is using drugs and who is not.

Rieck was at the rave, Delicious, on Apr. 1, and said to his knowledge, there were no overdoses at the rave.

"We're afraid [drug overdoses] may get to a serious point here," Rieck said.

If a rave is set up well, it is a safe environment when ravers do not use drugs, he said. Rieck said he has absolutely no problem with ravers when they are not using drugs.

"Everyone's real orderly, [there are] no problems, usually," Rieck said.

He said that DJs are flown in to play at the rave from out of town and the promoters make quite a bit of money. He said that the common age for ravers is about 20 years old.

He said that there are a bunch of officers at the raves doing security and they are mostly plain-clothes officers.

"It's a job," he said, but he added that the rave on Apr. 1 wasn't too bad.

Ryan Kniewel - Central High senior

Kniewel has been to raves since the end of his sophomore year. He went to his first rave with friends. He has been to raves all over the Midwest, and has traveled as far as Indianapolis and Chicago.

He got interested in raving because he likes to dance and was interested in watching break-dancers. He got into that dancing and he loved it.

There are police officers at every rave, and Kniewel is very aware of them. He said they are mostly there for crowd control.

"They make sure people don't get out of hand," Kniewel said.

Raves mean different things to every raver. For some, such as Kniewel, the techno music is what makes the experience all that it is.

"Personally, it's all about the music," Kniewel said.

Although the raves last all night, Kniewel has no problem staying awake.

"The love for the music keeps me awake," Kniewel said.

Maggie Day - Central High senior

Day has been to only five raves and went to her first in November of last year. She said she was nervous her first time and did not

know what to expect, but she had a great time.

"I love to dance, I love the atmosphere, the music's awesome," Day said.

The fashion at raves is very different from the fashion on the streets.

She has seen people wearing wings, crop tops, glitter, huge pants and glow sticks.

"I went go unless I have some [glow sticks]," Day said.

Day thinks that raves are a good experience for anyone that goes.

She said that if the raver knows their limit that it can be a bunch of fun.

"They're safe and they're under control," she said.

Aaron Perilo - Central High senior

Perilo has been going to raves for two and a half years. He has no idea how many raves he has been to. He went to his first rave with his friends, and now goes every weekend.

"It's the best experience I've ever had," Perilo said.

Perilo first got interested in raves because he liked the idea of seeing a live DJ around a lot of people.

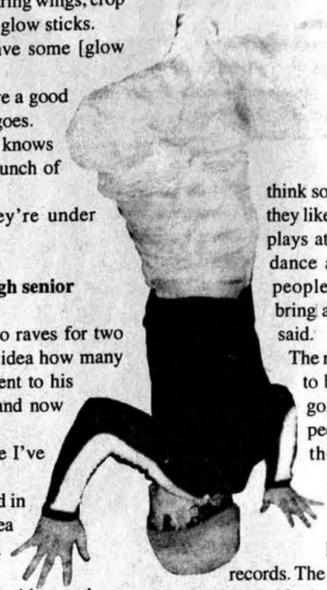
He loves the music and said that he prefers trance and ghetto house music.

"Ghetto house is fun to freak to," he said. He said that the vibes there are what keep the rave experience so intense.

Seeing drugs is not uncommon, Perilo said, but he does not think they are necessary to make the rave fun.

"If there is a good vibe, and those are the only drugs you need at a rave. You'll be higher than Perilo said.

Perilo

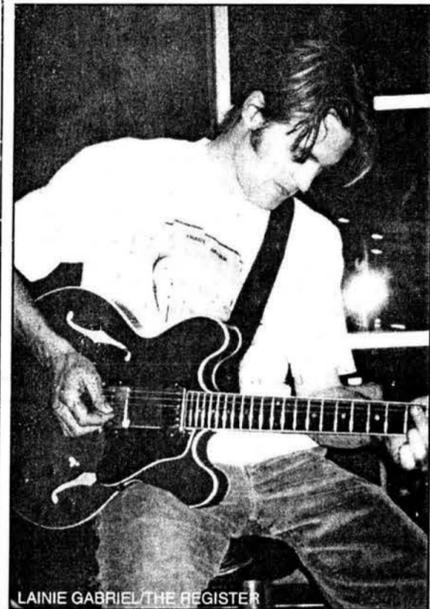


think someone should play at raves, if they dance and be with people. And if they bring any bad vibes, said.

The rave experience to be enjoyed by go, including the people. The kids the night away police officer watch over crowds and keeps on spinning records. The vibe is amazing, ravers said. And the party goes until dawn.

ABOVE: A raver shows off breakdancing talent at Natu sasters, a rave in Kansas City

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CONCENTRATE ON MY PART: Bryan Elder, lead guitarist, joins the rest of the band, Five Story Fall. The band focused on a different kind of musical style for their show on April 21 at Border's.

Five Story Fall

"... Call me a dreamer, call me a fool. You can tear down the empire or fall by the rule. All that I know turns out to be tainted and bittersweet..."

acoustic guitar player, continuously made jokes about books on tape. Stevens threw in a few "books on tape" that sounded almost like an impromptu song. A few times, the band members would just sit and crack jokes to the audience, almost making it more than a musical performance.

After an hour of music, the band decided to take a little coffee break. At the end of the break, Gehrman played a few songs alone. It was a very intimate atmosphere - just Gehrman, his guitar and the audience.

I noticed Brekke sitting at a table away from the stage area just staring at Gehrman intently. Gehrman had a very captive audience and the songs were both very intense.

After that, the rest of the band joined Gehrman and played a few more songs.

Then, they got to the kicker. Gehrman's mother was in the audience and they played "Garden Party" by Ricky Nelson for her.

Gehrman said that he learned the songs to anger the band's manager as he began to play the song.

Then, they played "Tainted," one of my favorites. The song was very different acoustic, but I really liked it. Gehrman's, Stevens' and lead guitarist Bryan Elder's parts

meshed amazingly.

Elder played a different solo than what was on the album, and it added to the song.

The band later hit the audience with "California," its most recent single.

The audience seemed to love it, and quite a bit of the audience was singing the "Hey, San Jose" refrain with the band.

The last song the band played was "Riverside." Gehrman informed the audience that it was an older song, but it does not appear on "Look and See." Stevens' and Gehrman's finger picking technique was very good and the song was a good upbeat selection to finish the show with.

Quite a few audience members were swaying or tapping their feet to the music.

All in all, the show was very pleasing, although the whole thing was not acoustic.

Gehrman and bass player, Stan Tribble, played an acoustic set while Stevens and Elder were using their electric guitars and Brekke was using a bass drum, hi-hat cymbal, snare drum, bongo and various other small percussion instruments.

The show was very enjoyable and was just as great as seeing them play normally.

The band seemed to have a great time and the audience loved the show.

New The 9's album on to

By Sandi Czapla

Ever since The 9's stepped onto the stage at the 18th Amendment in 1998, the city of Omaha has been addicted to the music of the irresistible band members.

The band, whose originality shines through in all the songs they perform, has played at The Music Box, Pastime's, Trovato's and The Exchange, one of the band members for the group said.

Mitch Towne, who plays the electric piano, organ and sings background vocals for the band is joined by a wonderful group of talented performers including lead singer and guitarist, Jason Birststihl, drummer, Dan Maca, synthesizer and background vocals, Justin Palmer and bassist and background vocals, Craig Balderston.

The unique songwriting was a collaboration between Birststihl, Palmer and Towne in 1996 and were joined by Balderston and Maca in 1998.

"Everyone in the band came from a different direction and when these varied influences are combined they hopefully result in an original sound," Towne said, "Each of our influences had influences of their own, but the music they produced was

unique because they didn't settle for imitation."

Towne said that the name The 9's has a particular meaning and is probably the thing that lacks originality within the band itself.

The band is currently working on an album which is as yet untitled and will likely be released in June at all the locations, Towne said.

The band also has a wide variety of listeners.

"Our listener base is widely ranging in age from high school people in the 50's and 60's, which is rather unusual for a band playing all-original music," Towne said.

Their music is a mixture of pop, soul, jazz and all the other different types of musical genres.

From songs like "I'm the Only Rock You Know" and "Sonja," it is apparent the band's spontaneity shows through smiles and involvement in the audience.

Few perform with such slick, contemporary style and The 9's do it with spunk and flare that they set the city of Omaha on fire for both the young and the young at heart. No matter what the age or what the music is bound to be enjoyable.

By Lainie Gabriel

Over Spring Break, I decided to see Five Story Fall's acoustic show at Borders on Maple Street.

I have had Five Story Fall's album for a while and decided this would prove to be very interesting. It was not as acoustic as I was expecting, but the show proved to be great.

The show started with the familiar chords of "Smash" off of "Look and See," one of the band's first singles.

The drummer, Wayne Brekke, played barefoot and his toenails were painted black. I found that to be really cool.

The rhythm guitar player, Aaron Stevens, was wearing a John Lennon shirt, which was interesting because Stevens bears a striking resemblance to Lennon.

But the John Lennon shirt was not the only Beatles' reference. About four songs into the set, the band played a song Stevens wrote, "Great Unknown."

Just listening to it made me remember those good old days that I was not around for.

The band, mainly Stevens, Brekke and Pat Gehrman, the lead singer and

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- May 10- Eddie Money at Winna Vegas
- May 11- LAST DAY OF SCHOOL, SENIORS!
- May 14- Bloodhound Gang with Nerf Herder Sokol Auditorium
- May 14- Molly's Yes with Apostrophe at the Ranch Bowl
- May 17- Counting Crows with Cracker at the Civic Auditorium
- May 19- Sutter Cane at the Cog Factory
- May 20- Twitch and Ravine at the Ranch Bowl
- May 20- Sweetstock at the Westfair Amphitheater
- May 23- Death Cab for Cutie at Sokol Auditorium
- May 30- Nine Inch Nails with A Perfect Circle at the Civic Auditorium
- May 31- Bellicose with Recluse at the Cog Factory
- June 1- LAST DAY OF SCHOOL, UNDERCLASSMEN!
- June 1- Back That Thang Up contest at Benson High
- June 4- 93.3 K-Rock concert with 311, Stone Temple Pilots, Godsmack & more
- June 6- Sutter Cane with Bellicose at the Ranch Bowl

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Entertainment Briefs

Autobiography to be released by The Beatles

of the band.
The Beatles have released yet another anthology but this time it's not a mini-series or an album. "Beatles Anthology," their first group autobiography, was written by George Harrison, Paul McCartney and Ringo Starr and will be released later this year. The book is over 350 pages and dispels all the rumors

Nine Inch Nails hammers through Omaha

Nine Inch Nails is at it again. Trent Reznor, Robin Finck, Jerome Dillon, Danny Lohner and Charlie Clouser are presenting Nine Inch Nails' most recent album "The Fragile" to audiences all over the United States.

Nine Inch Nails is touring with A Perfect Circle and will have a show in Omaha at the Civic Auditorium May 30. Tickets went on sale Apr. 15 for \$40 at Ticketmaster.

Counting Crows, Cracker swoop to Civic this month

The Counting Crows will perform with special guest, Cracker at the Civic Auditorium on May 17 at 7:30 p.m. The Counting Crows are on tour to support and promote their November 1999 release, "Desert Life." Tickets are \$25 through Ticketmaster.

What a girl wants...



COURTESY OF RCA RECORDS

MS. GENIE IN A BOTTLE ... relaxes as she awaits her performance at Sweet 98's annual Sweetstock on May 20. Christina Aguilera will be performing at the Westfair Amphitheater with Smashmouth, 2gether, LFO, Hanson and Mandy Moore. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster.

Lip Smackin' Good



else for your teachers.
Throughout my whole high school career, I have been proud to be known as a "butt kisser." If you are one of the lucky few to earn this status, then stand tall and strut your stuff. It takes a lot of work to earn the respect of your teachers.

- Speaking of respect, if your teachers respect you, then you should respect them. Farting noises in class are not cool. Teachers are here for a reason. They get paid little money to teach disrespectful little brats (no offense). Maybe you should look at it from their point of view every once in a while.
- Gossip runs abundant in high school. Accept that fact. It will happen your whole high school career and will probably run into college.

If I have any words of wisdom for gossip, the most important is be careful who you talk about and who you tell. People will act like your friends just to spread rumors of their own.

- Taking all honors classes your senior year is STUPID. As if junior year wasn't stressful enough?

Don't think that you can do all of your homework along with college applications, scholarship applications, cap and gown orders, graduation announcements, graduation arrangements, etc. I mean, geez. Take a breather.

- From the beginning, we were all told that studying comes first. Well, I am a firm believer that this is absolutely absurd.

If it comes down to a choice between studying or going out and having fun with friends, choose your friends. Trust me, you won't regret it. Time with your friends before you leave for college is worth so much more than those dinky ten Trig problems.

Well, I hopefully I didn't make you too teary.

I know how much you're all going to miss me and all the knowledge I have given you over the past school year. But something tells me that you'll survive.

Here's to you underclassmen

As we leave the stench-infested hallways of Central, I hope all the underclassmen realize exactly why seniors have the right to feel above all the other students.

I know what you're thinking. "Oh no, here goes Sandi on one of her emotional, sentimentality trips where she's going to get all nostalgic and stuff (sniff, sniff)."

Alas, you are wrong my friend. I have decided to completely dedicate this column "dropping knowledge" for those who will be returning next year.

And I promise, I won't mention anything that might make you veclempt.

- First and foremost, always respect our elders. By elders, I mean seniors. When they walk around with their nose up in the air being pompous, well, they're doing it for a darn good reason.

• Sleeping is a great and wonderful thing. I can't tell you how many times I went home to study and ended up going to bed instead. It's all very healthy.

- I know none of my teachers will appreciate this, but if you ever feel the need to sleep during class, all you need to do is cover your head with your hand while supposedly "looking in your book and slowly nod off. It's as easy as that.

- Kissing butt is purely natural (figuratively I mean) as long as it doesn't come down to you buying food or anything

Top 5 Picks

- Top 5 Songs
1. "Thong Song," Sisqo
 2. "Left, Right, Left," Drama
 3. "The Bad Touch," Bloodhound Gang
 4. "Big Pimpin'," Jay Z
 5. "Just Like Heaven," The Cure

- Top 5 Web Sites
1. www.MTV.com
 2. www.37.com
 3. www.RATM.com
 4. www.emode.com
 5. www.yahoo.com

* Thanks to the 106 students polled

Stefanie's Prophecies



Taurus (April 20- May 20) The end of the school year will bring the end of a relationship with a certain someone.

Whatever will be, will be. Whoever you'll see, you'll see. You never know how it will go, but I guarantee you won't want to go with the flow.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) A favor will be asked of you and it's only proper that you accept. What goes around comes around. You'll get your sugar soon.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) It's the summer of love for you. You may begin to realize that you are becoming more and more popular during the summer. Maybe it's the tan.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) If you have at least one true friend, then you have more than your fair share.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Talk your differences out even if you two don't agree. It takes two to tango so mellow out.

It's better to reason than to fight about meaningless things and damage relationships.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) A new friend will bring happiness to your life, but only for a short while.

Make it a point to stay in touch with all of the important people in your life. They're important for a reason.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) The spice of life is easy to find and heats up your life. You have more zest than all the rest. You are no doubt the best.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 22) Keep a positive mind when faced with a sticky situation. If you don't let yourself look down then it will be easier to fall.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Put your foot down when called for. Don't let others take advantage of you. Put an end to the lend of the advice that's so nice.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Lay low this month, your social life needs rest. All the parties you've been attending are about to catch up with you for the worst. Take leave from your coolness.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) Peace and harmony is what you are all about this month. You know how to spread the love to make others feel good so don't hold back.

Aries (March 21-April 19) The choices you've been making haven't been the smart-est ones. Just say no to the evil temptations dished out to you in your near future.

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*Honorary Graduates

With senioritis comes feelings of sadness, excitement

Sandi Czapla

Your time has come. The mere adolescence you once possessed has now developed into adulthood. For the whole year, the seniors have been complaining and whining about having senioritis. Let me tell you, I used to think I knew what senioritis was. But I never had a firm grasp on the concept until now. I

recently discovered what it entails when I shoved by World History book aside, screaming expletives in the courtyard and shouting that I no longer cared. THAT, my friends, is what we call senioritis. Although, I must admit that however happy I will be to leave the doorstops, stairs, homework, useless math problems of Central High, I will get teary and misty. I mean, really. Think of all the

people you have met and how many classes (whether useless or not) you have taken. And I'm sure you're all thinking, "Well, I'm going to keep in touch with the people I want to keep in touch with so I won't get melancholy." But think about it for a while. All the people who have had an affect on you and changed your life for the better and you're never going to see some of them until the reunions. . .

that's ten years, providing you come. So what if the song for the senior class is by a person named Vitamin C? I guess you just have to learn how to appreciate all those moments you shared with your friends to understand the song. A good friend of mine recently told me that no one ever knows when someone will affect his or her life for the better. That is completely true. I can give specific instances

when one hug or one compliment put me in a better mood for the whole day. Now don't get me wrong, there are more than a few people who I'll be happy to remove from my high school memories. But for the most part, I can find at least some good in most people. Some. No more tripping down (or in my case, up) the stairs, no more stubbing your toes on doorstops, no more wasting time on needless homework,

no more late nights, no more logarithms, no more. No more sleeping in class, no more coffee, no more Mountain Dew, no more mornings where you barely open your eyes, no more. So my final words to the class are: So long, farewell, wiederssehen, au revoir, hasta la vista, adios, das vidania, good night, good luck. You have come. You have seen. You have conquered.

No more teachers, no more books

Meredith Zendejas

- This is it, our final week.
- Never again will I have to climb the stairs from the first floor to the third floor.
- Never again will I trip on the doorstops, and then have to try and make it look like I meant to do that.
- Never again will I have to weave between people in the halls to get to my classes.
- Never again will I have to eat school lunch.
- Never again will I have to wait in the long breakfast line.
- Never again will I have to write a theme.
- Never again will I have to copy notes from an overhead.
- Never again will I have to arrive to school early to find a parking spot.
- Never again will I have to go to zero hour.
- Never again will I have to go to a practice.
- I now only look forward to...
- ...not knowing anyone at school.
- ...walking across campus from one building to another.
- ...dodging upper classmen.
- ...writing double digit page book analysis.
- ...walking to school because I don't have a car.
- ...sharing a bathroom with fifty other girls on my dorm floor.
- ...taking notes from lectures (not over-heads) while trying to figure out which things are the important things and trying to keep up with the teacher at the same time.
- ...eating in a cafeteria for three meals a day.
- ...living with someone I have never met, and hoping that she is normal, and not annoying.
- ...paying bills.
- ...taking finals that are worth half of your grade.
- ...being in a class with one-hundred other students.
- ...having to wake myself up in the morning instead of my mom, even though I have an alarm clock, but I just hit the snooze button instead.
- ...pulling all-nighters.
- Just thinking about going to college is a little scary. It kind of makes a person want to stay in high school where she has some control of her life. And all of those horrible things that everyone always complains about seems really good at the moment.
- I have done my time, and now I must move on.
- I would like to say good-bye to the senior class! If I don't see you before the first reunion, good luck.
- And I would like to say good-bye to all of my teammates, especially the cross country team (But I would like to add that the freshmen on the team still haven't washed my car. Spitting on it does not constitute as washing, it's just gross). I love and will miss you all.

Imperial Dreams

~Prom 2000~



TOP: Junior Andrew Thom and Senior Sophia Theophilopoulos put up the decorations for prom, which was held on Apr. 8. The dance was held in the courtyard at Central.
ABOVE: Julius Aquino, senior, takes part in after prom activities at the Ranch Bowl, that included bowling, pool and sand volleyball.
LEFT: Seniors Mandy Frank and Emily Kammerer show off their moves on the dance floor at the Ranch Bowl.

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Letting walls down forms relationships

Meredith Kalina

Relationships. When I think about graduation, that is the thing I can honestly say that I will miss the most from high school. I bet you're thinking, "Sure, this girl is real original," but please stick with me. There's more to what I've said. By "relationships," I mean all of the people that have somehow touched our lives in some way in the past four years. The word "relationships" covers everything from close friendships, acquaintances, dating relationships and even teacher/student relationships. I was just thinking the other day about how much I take for granted all of the relationships that I have with people. Seriously, think about it. The many people that we see and talk to every day have been a part of our lives almost everyday for four straight years. I mean, we see people at school more often than we see our families. Just think about all of the relationships you have; that person that you talk to on your way to third hour everyday. Those friends that you sit with everyday at the same lunch table, the guy that you chat with in second hour, the girl that everyday has a new crisis she must tell you about, the friends you wave at in the hall everyday like clockwork. The teacher that you stay after class with just to talk with for a while and all of the girls at a 'girls night out' will no longer be a part of your daily routine. Now, I don't mean to depress y'all, although it is a very sad thought. But it is not my point. The point I want to make is that since it is so obvious that relationships are very important for all people to have, why hinder, in any way, the op-

portunity to do so? As I reflect over my own life, I think that I am beginning to understand the importance of going your way to meet people and to form friendships. I remember vividly that when I moved here in the middle of my freshman year, and how hard it was on me. All of the friends that I had were comfortable with were gone, and I was faced with having to meet new people. I can vividly remember all of the people that pretty much refused to know me because they were completely comfortable with their own friends that they had known all of their lives. Over and over again, I have seen people build a wall around themselves with all of the people they have known for twelve years inside, leaving everyone else on the outside. Don't get me wrong, I have done the same thing. Yet, I had the opportunity, you said opportunity, to go through the side and I believe that it has taught me a lot. I hate to sound sentimental and sappy, but I am so thankful that in a few cases in my own life I have let my wall down in order to meet new people and even more so thankful that other people have let their walls down for me. Because of that, I have memories and good ones at that. Guys, that is all that is really important; meeting people, forming relationships and creating memories. That is what causes us to tear up and not look forward to leaving. So, I guess what I am trying to say is that maybe instead of criticizing people who are different than you and all of our friends and instead refusing to meet new people, we should let the wall down. Who knows, with any luck, the person will end up being a person who will never forget.

Declaration of Independence created in light of graduation

Justine Walton

I could take this space to write about how I am going to miss this or that. However, instead I am going to write my Declaration of Independence. I will attend a school with air-conditioning. After spending four years in this school, I feel the need to be cold. Downright frigid. It's not like I didn't appreciate having air-conditioning during the months of December and January, but it was four months too late. I want to be able to go to school and not have to smell body odor. That is not a pleasant experience. I will go away from my family. After living with my family for seventeen years, I feel that it is time I flew the coop. No more waking up early on a Saturday morning to drop my brother, David, off at work or being called names by my other brother, Mac. No more listening to my parents repeat themselves constantly by asking me to clean my room. I am going to college now, and my room will be as I want it to be. If I want it messy, it will be messy. If I want it clean, it will be clean. "Goodbye," to the land of curfews and lectures. "Hello," to the land that parents have no control over. I will not miss the stupid people.

I could say that I will miss everybody and their mother, but I won't. To those stupid people who spent their time making fun of me and other over-achievers, we will meet again. Start practicing the words, "Do you want fries with that?" now. You'll need it next year. Now maybe if you had spent that time quietly or God forbid studying, you wouldn't be in the predicament you are in now. So as I go to college and live a better life, remember this: Jealousy is an awful thing. I will make new friends. Contrary to how I feel about the stupid people, I will miss my friends. I will miss the long talks and pizza on late nights. As all things do, our friendships will start to fade away. I hope that, like me, you will make other friends. So ten years from now please remember this: "Make new friends, but keep the old. One is silver and the others gold." As this year ends, I am ready to make my mark on this world. This is my Declaration of Independence. I will not back down without a fight! I will not be grounded anymore! I will succeed! The day I leave for college will not be a sad day for me. It is my Independence Day! Look out world here I come!

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Goalie defends soccer team through strenuous season

By Chris Aponick

You have to build a soccer team around a goalkeeper.

Soccer Coach Tim Herbert said at the Central men's soccer team has been lucky to build around senior Justin Galaska for the past four seasons.

Galaska has been one of the keys to Central storming off to a 7-1 record this season as well as a number three ranking in the district this season, he said.

"One-on-one he is the best [goalkeeper] I've ever coached," Herbert said.

Last year, Galaska led Class-A in saves with 164, and this year he is allowing less than one goal per game. Galaska's strength in goal has allowed the team to develop a strong defense, Herbert said.

"They can take chances knowing he's back there," Herbert said. Galaska kept us in a lot of games last year. However, we haven't had to rely on him as much this year."

Herbert said he believes that great quickness and reflexes are Galaska's best physical abilities.

"He can take a point blank shot and can still get a hand or foot to knock away," he said.

Despite his coach's praise, Galaska attributes his success to more fundamental skills.

Galaska stressed the importance of proper and continual training.

"It's important

to be prepared mentally and physically," Galaska said.

However, Galaska and Coach Herbert do agree on Galaska's leadership qualities. Galaska has been a team captain three out of his four years, all of which he has played on the varsity team. His best qualities are the way he plays and his personality, Herbert said.

"People like to play with Justin on the field," Herbert said. "They play harder for someone they like and respect."

He is very positive and a quiet leader, Herbert said. As a third-year captain, his role is to get people fired up when they need it, he added.

"It is important to guide the other players. You have to help them and tell them what they can do differently to improve their game," Galaska said.

Galaska said he believes that he serves as a role model for future team captains.

"They need to know how to take things into their own hands when they become the ones leading the team," Galaska said.

The team has hopes of playing at Lincoln for a state title but it is trying to take it one game at a time, he said.

"Making it would be amazing," Galaska said. "It would top my year."

Galaska's success has been only slightly noticed in the state however, he said.

For example, last year, Galaska won Honorable Mention All-State.

"He's deserving of first or second team All-State," Herbert said.



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Justin Galaska

Athlete given All-State honors

By Jeremy Scurlock

Central Senior Ben Jacobson was named to the Omaha World Herald's Nebraska High School basketball post season honors list, Coach Rick Behrens said.

Jacobson said he was placed on the Nebraska High School Class-A All-State First Team and the Nebraska All-Class All-State Second team at the conclusion of the 1999-2000 basketball season.

"I'm glad all of my hard work has paid off," Jacobson said. "I am excited to receive such prestigious honors."

Behrens said Jacobson averaged 20.1 points and over 10 rebounds in 29 games. Jacobson finished the year with 21 blocked shots, 382 points and 93 rebounds.

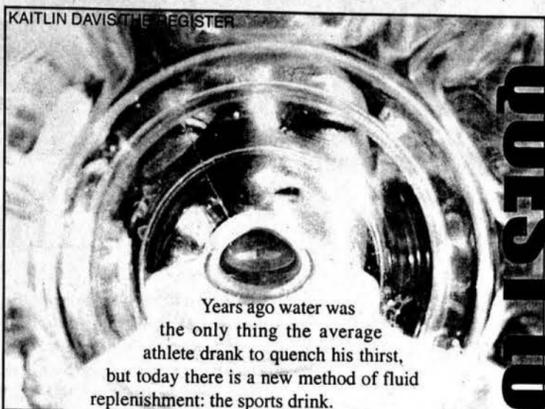
"Ben brings points and boards [rebounds] to the floor," Behrens said. "If we had another game scheduled he'd have finished the season with more than 400 points and 200 rebounds."

Jacobson played each of his four years at Central on the basketball program's varsity level. Behrens said that Central has not had many players that have played all four of their high school years at this level.

Jacobson said that he is proud of the way he has played while in high school and is looking forward to furthering his basketball achievements while playing in college at Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas.

"He [Jacobson] scored over 1,000 points during his time at Central," Behrens said. "I don't think any other Central basketball player has done that."

DRINK IT UP... Sophomore Mervine Opere [right] guzzles his favorite sport drink.



Years ago water was the only thing the average athlete drank to quench his thirst, but today there is a new method of fluid replenishment: the sports drink.

There are many different colors and flavors, but they all promise a few things to athletes. They claim to help an athlete play better, harder and with greater endurance. They provide carbohydrates, fluid and electrolytes to the athlete's system.

Kristi Reimers, associate director of the International Center for Sports Nutrition, said that sports drinks such as Gatorade and PowerAde, can be beneficial to certain athletes only if the drinks are used in the right situations.

Many athletes drink sports drinks to quench their thirst, but one expert says that water may be the key for some.

She said that these drinks are designed to prevent dehydration and to supply carbohydrates to the athletes.

"Fluid is the number one need of athletes," Reimers said. "When they sweat, they lose fluid from their body and that needs to be replaced of

else the body will overheat."

She said that body temperature regulation, or thermoregulation, is extremely important to athletes.

"For example, if an athlete has lost only two percent of their body weight in sweat, they will already start to notice a decrease in endurance," Reimers said.

Coca-Cola advertises that its sports drink, PowerAde, provides electrolytes to the body, a necessity to athletes.

Reimers said that these drinks do indeed provide electrolytes, however, it is a very low level. The same, if not a higher amount of electrolytes can be obtained by a simple meal of a bagel and orange juice. The small amount of electrolytes contributes mainly to flavor in these drinks, she said.

In the respect that the sports drinks replenish the body's fluids, the drinks appear very similar to water.

Gatorade, the first sports drink ever invented, claims that its product works 30 percent faster than water. According to a study published in the American Journal of Physiology, this is true. However, this study was conducted by injecting the drinks directly into the small intestine, not accounting for the fact that the drinks may actually take longer to digest in the stomach.

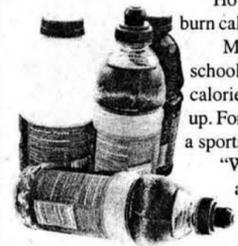
Reimers said that a large reason sports drinks can be more effective than water is simply because of their flavor. The flavor is a personal preference, but it promotes drinking because an athlete is likely to drink more fluids if they taste good, rather than simply drinking water," she said. "But it is important to know that nutritionally, sports drinks are in no way superior to water."

Reimers said that sports drinks are most beneficial to endurance athletes who work out at high intensity for long periods of time. Long distance runners, for example, could run a little faster and cover more distance in less time, she said.

However, she said that if a person is exercising in order to burn calories, they would be much better off sticking with water.

Many Central students drink PowerAde throughout the school day, but Reimers said that students need to get a lot of calories, rather than carbohydrates, to keep their energy levels up. For them, she said, there is not a significant difference between a sports drink and a soda.

"We know that these drinks enhance performance for endurance athletes and they are also helpful for high school athletes as a useful pre-practice drink," she said. "They can be very beneficial if they are used appropriately."



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Story by Ally Shandell

Sport initiations show team unity, spirit, players say

By Ally Shandell

The spring sports season brings many things to mind, but most recently some of those things have been shaved heads, t-shirts with catch sayings and egged cars.

Sports such as boys' and girls' varsity soccer, and boys' varsity baseball have some unusual initiation traditions that have been going on for years.



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TYLER KLUSAW(9) points in the right direction with his newly shaved head.

along with the other new members of the boy's varsity soccer team. He, along with the other new members of the team, had his head shaved by the older members of the team. Shelton's hair was shaved into rings around his head. Other designs were peace signs, arrows and soccer balls.

Freshman Travis Farley is also a new member of the varsity soccer team.

"They [the older team members] took us into a garage and gave us two choices," Farley said. "We could cut our own hair, or let them do it. Most of us just sat down and took it."

Junior Joey Rider, a newly initiated boys' varsity baseball player, said he was written on in marker by the older boys on the team.

"It was one night when we were all together," he said. "They permanent markered me while I was sleeping. They wrote their names and [team] numbers all over my face and hands and back."

Rider said that there were other players on the team who were also harassed, but in different ways.

"They got Jon Rhoads one time when he was going out to his car," Rider said. "They started punching and just kept hitting him. But it didn't last long, only a couple minutes. It was just a beat down. They also egged Jamie Heimann's car."

Paul Pennington, Central High School Athletic Director, said that Central is against any sort of initiations. The school does not feel that they are a necessary part of the team experience, he said.

"I was unaware of any type of initiation on the men's soccer team," Pennington said. "I hope that those young men on the soccer team wanted to have their heads shaved, but these are things that sometimes happen."

Freshman Cassie Dalrymple, a new member of the girls' varsity soccer team, said that she would not call what the team had her do an initiation.

"They made us dress in outfits that they chose for us," she said. "We had dresses and wife beaters that said something personal on them."

Pennington said that many times teams do things to show its team unity, but students should not be forced to do anything against their will.

"Initiations are totally unnecessary," Pennington said. "They can be a way to show team identity, but if someone does not want to, they should not have to."

He also added that the coaching staff at Central is aware of his sentiments on team initiations, and they are available if there is a problem.

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Soccer team wins its way into top-ten

By Jeremy Scurlock

The Central High soccer team could have ignored its absence in the *Omaha World Herald's* pre-season top 10 rankings, but it didn't.

"We [the members of the soccer team] thought we should have been ranked before the start of the season," senior defender Jeff McWhorter said. "But, we knew we would be [ranked] by the time the season ended."

The team's response to the lack of a rank was a first place finish in the Bellevue East Invitational with wins against Plattsmouth High 3-1 and Roncalli Catholic High 1-0. The team then rolled on to win their next five games versus Omaha North 2-1, Bellevue West 5-1, Omaha South 3-0, Westside 3-1 and Omaha Northwest 3-1. Head Coach Tim Herbert said.

Three of the five teams Central defeated were ranked in the same top ten the team was left out of. North was number ten, Bellevue West was number six and Westside started the season as the number one team in the state.

When the Nebraska high school soccer top-ten was released for the second time,

Central could be found third on the list with a record of 7-0, senior forward Matt Smith said.

"After the Westside game we [the members of the soccer team] were pretty banged up," Herbert said. "We had hurt backs, sprained ankles, sore hips, and bruised ankles plaguing the team. I had maybe two players to use as substitutes."

McWhorter said that the team's next game was against Omaha Burke, then ranked second in the state. The team played Burke extremely well even though many players on the team were hurt, Herbert said.

"We had them 1-0, then they scored two in the last four minutes of the game to win," McWhorter said.

The team won its next two games against Omaha Bryan and Millard West, before losing its second game of the season to Millard North 5-2 and its third 3-0 against Omaha Creighton Prep, a team in their district. Both teams are consistently and currently in the Nebraska top ten, McWhorter said.

McWhorter said after losing its third game, the team dropped from third in the state to seventh.

"We lost a couple of games we thought

we could have and should have won," McWhorter said. "But, our record stands at 11-3 which is better than it's been since I've been playing here."

The record was good enough to move the team up in the rankings to fifth, which is where they lie presently in the rankings, McWhorter said.

Herbert said that the 2000 soccer team has ten seniors, six of whom have been on the varsity squad since their freshmen year. He added that it's the team's confidence and the excellent play of the younger players coming off the bench that has made their season so successful.

"I can bring guys off the bench and the level of play won't drop at all, that gives the starters a chance to rest," Herbert said.

McWhorter said that the team's offensive leader is senior forward Erik Smith, with nine goals, and the defensive leader is senior goalie Justin Galaska, the state

leader in saves.

"Galaska lead the state in saves at the end of last year and is on pace to have more at the end of this year," McWhorter said.

Herbert said that if the team can stay healthy for the rest of the season, they can compete very well with the teams in the district; Fremont High, Omaha

Bryan and Omaha Creighton Prep. "The team was real down about the loss in our district," Herbert said. "They're looking forward to another shot at them."

CAN YOU DO THIS? Senior Jeff McWhorter displays a little of his ball handling techniques for the camera after practice.

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THE REGISTER

Student races BMX as hobby

By Daisy Bonham-Carter

American Bicycle Association (ABA) Bicycle Motocross (BMX) racing is a sport achievements for the American youth and the American family.

For senior Greg Berger, BMX bicycle racing is a huge part of life. Berger said he practices on his own everyday, around town and along the racing track the Star City BMX Track, located in Lincoln.

Berger said Governor of Nebraska Mike Johanns, is considering putting a bike track in Omaha because of the request to have one. Papillion, Nebraska had a racing track for some time, but it ran out of funds and was torn down.

Berger works on a variety of biking skills, speed, cornering and jumping. These skills are what it takes to win the holeshot. The holeshot is given to the person who gets out of the gate first, Berger said.

Berger has been involved with BMX for six years, but has been racing competitively for one year.

"It [Biking] stands out and not very many people do it," Berger said. "It's an adrenaline rush too, and it takes a lot of time and endurance."

BMX Racing started during the 1950s and has become increasingly popular, Berger said. The first National biking organization was the NBL (the National Bicycle League) but the ABA is now dominating the two organizations.

"I like it [racing] because it's an individual thing-if something goes wrong, then you're the only one who could get blamed for it. My parents don't take an active role in my racing because it's a high risk-injury sport," Berger said.

Foul Play



Meredith Zendejas

Seniors: Plan to lose weight for reunions

It is the final stretch of senior year, but what will you be doing in ten years?

It is reunion time and you have yet to do any physical activity since your glory days here at Central High School.

You are probably thinking to yourself "no one is going to recognize me since I have gained a couple of pounds, and I have a different last name."

But you really want to lose weight because there are a little more rolls (the ones around the stomach area and the ones that you inhale everyday for breakfast) than their used to be.

So as a favor for you, I have compiled simple ways to lose weight.

Here are six ways to lose six pounds according to Dr. Liz Plegate, of *Runner's World Magazine*.

1. Limit your choices. According to anthropologists, people are programmed to eat more when offered choices.

Have you ever heard the expression "my eyes are bigger than my mouth?" I have had this dilemma many times. When I see all of that good food, I just feel like I have to try some of all of it. And if it is really good, I have to have more of it.

2. Eat "heavy" foods. Appetite-control researches recently have found that the human brain may monitor how much people eat based on the weight of food consumed.

For example: While munching on a few handfuls of potato chips, you can easily consume 300 calories and still feel hungry. But have you ever tried eating something like 300 calories of oranges? It takes about five whole oranges to equal 300 calories. And who really eats five oranges in one sitting? You would get sick of them after about two and a half, and would probably get full.

3. Think small. Humans have a tendency to eat everything that they see. This one will have to take some will-power. You will have to try and block your primordial urge to overeat simply by giving yourself smaller portions. So when the dessert is being served, try not to study all of the pieces of pie to see which one is the largest piece.

4. Keep moving. Additional calorie burning can counteract a few extra drinks and desserts. You do not necessarily have to start running every day, even though it is really fun! Why don't you try using the stairs instead of the elevator, or play a game of twister. Or better yet, pull out the old basketball shoes and shoot a couple of hoops. You might surprise yourself and realize you still "got it!"

5. Move before munching. To keep your appetite under control, slip in a quick, vigorous workout before eating. In one study done, a group of cyclists peddled hard on stationary bikes for thirty minutes, while another group peddled slowly, and a third group didn't exercise at all. When offered food 15 minutes later, the fast-peddling cyclists weren't hungry.

They initially turned the food away, while the other two groups dug right in.

6. Drink before eating. After finishing your workout, drink plenty of water. After working out the stomach has a tendency to shrink, so why not fill it with water instead of greasy food?

I now expect all of my fellow classmates to be in just as good of shape in ten years as they were in high school. So if you are planning on packing up your old tennis shoes and balls, just think of what could happen to you if you don't at least try and stay in shape.

Sure, you may have high metabolism now, but just wait until you are not active any more and you can't fit into your pants.

Grads play for hometown Beef

By Ally Shandell

Four Central graduates are playing football with the Omaha Beef, a new team in the Indoor Professional Football League (IPFL).

Randy Rouse, Abraham Hoskins Jr., Lamar O'Neal and Damion Morrow once played football for the Central Eagles. Now, they are proud members of the Omaha Beef football team.

Morrow, who graduated from Central in 1995, was a first team All-State running back in 1994 for the Eagles. He then went on to play football for Wayne State, but only for his first year. He now plays defensive back for the Beef.

Hoskins graduated in 1989, and was a receiver and defensive back for the Eagles. He was an All-State and All-American football player. He was given a football scholarship to Purdue and then transferred to Tulsa. "I came back for the love of the game," he said. "I missed the players and watching them go through all their highs and lows."

O'Neal graduated in 1989 from Central, where he played strong safety for the Eagles. He currently plays defensive back for the Beef.

"I love the game," he said. "The opportunity was there, so I decided to go out [for the team]."

Rouse, an '87 Central grad, said he went to Wayne State after high school. He played offensive tackle, defensive tackle and nose guard. Now, he is the left guard on the blind side of the quarterback, he said.

"I joined the Beef to have fun," he said. "I felt like I should go pro and here was my chance to play professional ball."

The IPFL has many rules that are different from those of outdoor professional football. The field is only 50 yards long, and the goalposts are 10 feet wide. Players must get used to playing on the smaller field.

Both Rouse and Morrow said that although the field is smaller, it makes the game faster and more intense. The players do not have to run as far.

"When I first started practicing I had to get used to the smaller field," Hoskins said.

The players agreed that despite the differences in rules and size, it is still the same game they have always loved.

"I like the competition," Rouse said. "I like the anticipation of not knowing whether your opponent is better than you or not. It's a rush."

Rouse said he is married and has a three-year-old boy. He said he plans on teaching his son how to play football, but he would much rather his son play a sport such as baseball because it is less violent.

Hoskins said that he enjoys football because it allows him to take out his aggression.

"It is a violent game," he said. "You can go out and express your anger in full gear and there are no repercussions"

The team members, although they are getting \$200 per game, do not plan to make football their careers.

Rouse is a computer programmer for First Data Resources. He said he has no intentions of making football into anything more than a hobby.

Hoskins said he is currently working at the University of Nebraska Medical center, and does volunteer work.

He also made a point to say how much he loves Central. He said he is very proud to be a Central alum.

The team first had tryouts in February. The players said that they were fairly simple.

They played their first game at the Civic Auditorium on April 7, 2000. They beat the Idaho Prowlers 26-12.

The team practices Tue., Wed. and Thur. from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. in various places around Omaha, Morrow said.

Games are held at the Omaha Civic Auditorium. The Beef's next home game will be May 20 at 7:30. Games are broadcast on ESPN radio 1620.



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AIR JORDAN . . . Senior Jordan Freeman practices his long jump on Central's track during one of the track team's many practices after school. Freeman said that his longest jump was measured at 20 ft. 11 1/2 in. Freeman placed second in the long jump event at the Millard South Invitational track meet on.

Shrine Bowl serves as Neb. All-Star game

By Jeremy Scurlock

With hopes of helping those who are less fortunate, Coach Joe McMenemy said he and three players from the 1999 eagle football team will participate in the 2000 Nebraska Shrine Bowl on July 22 at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln's Memorial Stadium.

Seniors Ernest Harrington, J&Maine Billups and Lornell McPherson will be playing for the South side in this summer's Shrine Bowl McMenemy said he was selected as the coach Former Central High Men's track coach John Farra was selected to be the coach for the North.

McMenemy said he was an assistant coach the 1994 Shrine Bowl and considers it honor to be asked to come back as the head coach in 20 McMenemy added that in 1994 he and the rest of team went to a Minneapolis Shriners sponsored hos to meet children who were sick.

"[The trip to the hospital] really puts the game in perspective," McMenemy said. "It reminds you why you're playing."

This year those participating in the game will be visiting the Shrine Hospital in Chicago, Ill. McMenemy said that there is several other activities the players participate in prior to playing the game.

"[In order to become coach] you're first nominated, then a committee of local Shriners selects a coach for the northern and southern teams," McMenemy said

McMenemy said the coach for both the North and the South selects the players for his team. He said that since

Interstate 80 splits Nebraska approximately straight down the middle it serves as a dividing line for what teams the coaches can pick from

Dodge Street splits Omaha schools; those North of Dodge play with the North and those South play for the South, the only exception McMenemy said, is Central is North of Dodge and playing for the South and Burke being South of Dodge and playing for the North

Lincoln Southeast and Lincoln East was designated as a southern school while Lincoln Northeast and Lincoln High are playing for the north.

McMenemy said he personally selected the team with only two guidelines. Only two players from each school can be selected and there must be at least one player from each class.

"If a player I selected declines the invitation to participate, a third person from a school can be selected," McMenemy said. "That's why I was able to select a third player from Central."

Harrington said he has been looking forward to the 2000 Shrine Bowl since attending the game last year.

"I'll get the chance to compare my play with other linebackers," Harrington said. "A lot of people say that they're better than me, this game gives me a chance to prove them wrong."

McMenemy said that he likes the fact that he will have another chance to coach three great players from his own school one more time.

"Hopefully I'll get clobbered and a lot of carries to prove why I decided to play offense next year in college," Billups said.

The team will practice approximately ten times before the game is played, McMenemy said, including two-a-days and an inter-squad scrimmage on July 16.

