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## Candidates speak at Central

### Krejci, Boyle run for mayor

Stewart Diemont

Mayor Mike Boyle and mayoral candidate Mr. Jim Krejci each gave speeches to students at Central. Mayor Boyle spoke in the auditorium third and fourth hour on Wednesday, April 24. Mr. Krejci spoke on Wednesday, April 17 also in the auditorium third and fourth hour.

Mr. Krejci opened his speech with pro-Omaha statements. "Most of my roots are in Omaha," he said.

His topics moved to taxes and waste in city government. He said, "I have become enchanted with the city and its bureaucracy."

"We need fresh ideas," Mr. Krejci said. "Taxpayers have to have some accounting for their tax dollars. The funds are drying up—programs are now going to become extinct," he said.

Mr. Krejci attacked the status quo in his speech, saying, "Fifty six percent of a person's income is eaten up in various taxes." He said, "Nobody has attacked that issue in four years."

#### City wastes

Mr. Krejci spoke of various city wastes. He said that \$4 million were overspent last year, and the city still came up with a \$1 million surplus. He added those two figures together saying, "Omaha taxpayers have overtaxed \$10 million last year."

Mr. Krejci said he could eliminate some expenditures by cutting down sales, property, and wheel taxes.

"Waste in city government is phenomenally high," he said. "We have got to get returning to the basic values." He stressed his emphasis on having a leader instead of "belt tightening time."

In terms of local business, Mr. Krejci said, "Omaha should always give priority to local business. We should keep the money here." Mr. Krejci cited several examples in which the present administration did not follow that priority.

#### Good shape

Mayor Boyle's speech had a more optimistic note. "Omaha is in good shape," he said but added, "I hope that we can work together to make our city even better. We can do anything we set our minds to do." He also spoke of the improvements he made in his first term. According to Mayor Boyle, the number of street repairs has increased by eight times; public safety has increased with the hiring of more firefighters and policemen; nine times more renovations occurred in 1984 than in 1983, and public services have also improved.

Mayor Boyle said, "Omaha is in excellent financial condition. We have \$6.1 million in the bank, and we're putting \$4 million into the fund for the 1986 budget." The final election in the mayoral race is on May 14.



Pat Boyle (left) and Jim Boyle (right) plant a campaign sign for their dad. Pat, Jim, and brother Mike, senior, all attend Central.

photo by Brian Lundin

## Centralites aid 'Dad's' campaign

by Brooke Rose

The teenage years are some of the most difficult times with which a student must deal. They involve new friends, homework, driving, and learning the rights and wrongs of social etiquette. But for Mike, Jim, and Pat Boyle, these years have also been times spent in the public eye.

Mike Boyle, senior, and Pat and Jim Boyle, both juniors, are the sons of Omaha Mayor Mike Boyle. Mayor Boyle ran for office four years ago when Mike was in the eighth grade.

"I didn't think much about it," said Mike, "I was only in the eighth grade." Pat and Jim agreed, adding, "Everyone else thought more of it than we did."

The Boyles agree that having a father that is mayor does change life a bit. "He's not home as much," said Pat. "You are watched a lot more," said Jim. "More people know who you are without you knowing who they are," said Mike.

Pat and Jim both feel that they have to be careful about how they act in public and toward other people. "Things are expected of you," said Jim. "People are always watching the way you act."

None of them feel that this watchful eye has really affected them very much, though. "I don't let it control my life. I just do what I normally do," said Mike. Mike has had a couple of personal incidents with the media

that he found to be very frustrating, though.

As far as helping with their father's campaign, the Boyles occasionally find themselves putting up signs and licking envelopes. "I help him when he needs it," said Mike, "but I don't do any talking or anything like that."

Mike said there are probably more disadvantages to having a father for mayor than there are advantages. "People's attitudes are a bit of a problem," said Mike, "and everywhere you go, if people know who you are, they always watch you."

Jim and Pat also feel that being watched is a major disadvantage, but they enjoy getting the chance to meet people. "People want to meet you since you're the mayor's son," said Jim.

The three boys are all very glad that their father is running for another term. "We'd get a lot of feedback from our friends if he didn't run," Jim said.

The family is very supportive of their father's activities, according to Jim. Although their father doesn't require them to attend all the special functions, they are always present at the important activities. "He just asks us if we want to go," said Jim, "we don't have to go if we don't want to."

The boys feel that the easiest way to deal with being in the spotlight is to ignore most of what is said. "You can't let the little stuff get to you," said Pat.

## Students in CloseUp program travel to Washington, D.C.

Juniors Shanda Brewer, Monica Hart, Peter Hoickvam, Peter Holmes, Gene Simmons, Chris Swanson, Mary Turco, and sophomore Tim Schaeffer are taking part in the trip which is sponsored by the CloseUp Foundation. The Foundation sends students from all over the nation to Washington, D. C.

Mr. Jack Blanke, Central history department head, and Mr. Dean Neff, Central history teacher, are sponsoring the trip. Mr. Blanke said, "It's strictly voluntary. It involves an expenditure of money, but it's a very good opportunity for students to study government."

More than fifteen schools from Nebraska are participating in the program this year.

The students will participate in seminars dealing with political, social, and economical issues, and they will also spend an afternoon touring historic Washington sites. The group will visit with members of Congress on Capitol Hill, attend the theatre, and participate in a banquet followed by a dance.

Mr. Blanke said the trip is a good way to meet other students from all over the country.

"I want the students to get a much better understanding of their government, and, hopefully, they will become better participants in government, setting an example for their peers. The trip will probably be the best week they've ever spent," said Mr. Blanke.

## Job programs, minimum wage may be cut

by Kari Hulac

Various youth-oriented training programs and state-run summer jobs organizations may be cut or completely eliminated, and minimum wage may be lowered by the Reagan administration's new budget proposals.

These proposals would cut out \$617 million dollars which the Job Corps is now spending on vocational training for disadvantaged youths and would eventually abolish the Corps in 1986. The Job Corps trained about 88,000 teenagers in 1984.

The administration also wants to eliminate the Work Incentive Program which provides jobs and training for many disadvantaged young people and welfare recipients. Congress has resisted this proposed measure strongly in the past and is expected to continue doing so.

The Reagan administration also supports the Youth Employment Opportunity Wage Act to pay teens hired for summer jobs a subminimum wage of \$2.50 an hour instead of the current minimum of \$3.35.

The unemployment rate for Americans aged 16 to 19 is about 18 percent nationwide and 19 percent in Omaha, according to the Job Service of Nebraska. According to the Omaha World Herald, President Reagan has estimated that the proposed subminimum wage could result in the hiring of as many as 400,000 teenagers for summer jobs.

The establishment of a subminimum wage could have several different effects on the working conditions and hours for many teenagers, several interviewed students felt. Senior Whit Whitney said, "Employers might not hire additional teenagers but just pay the lower wage for the same amount of work."

He also said, "Some businesses might fire their present workers so they can hire teenagers for less money."

These proposals do not appear very inviting for any self-supporting teenager or college-bound student, especially with the lack of availability of student loans.

As Fred Peterkin, Central senior, pointed out, "With the proposed financial aid cuts, most college students will have to work their way through their education. With a lower minimum wage, it could be very tough and maybe impossible for some students to do this."



photo by Krista Lanphier

Ray Mercer, senior, models a tuxedo at the prom fashion show held March 28. Prom is tomorrow.

## Spring Prom

Spring means Prom, and along with Prom comes the selection of the royal couple. Recently, seniors with Student Activity cards nominated their favorite classmates for this honor which will be announced at the dance, on May 4 from 8-12 p.m. in the Central High courtyard.

Final voting will take place at the door on Prom night. Central Student Council is sponsoring the dance and running the Prom king and queen selection process. The theme for the dance is "Love Is..."

## Third annual auction tonight

The third annual Central High scholarship auction and dinner will be held tonight in the courtyard. The auction starts at 7:30 with dinner beginning at 6:00.

Proceeds from the auction will go to serving senior students in the form of scholarships.

Items have been donated by parents, alumni, students, and the faculty. Items for auction include an ROTC sword, antique ware, gift certificates, Cabbage Patch dolls, artwork by students, a gourmet dinner, and many different services.

Several student groups will help with the auction.



# Intended wage cut may hurt students

Recently, the government proposed a cut in the minimum wage. If it becomes law, the very least a teenager could be paid for his work per hour will be \$2.50, down from \$3.35. Present \$3.35 earners will retain their wage. President Reagan's theory (he supports the cut) says if the minimum wage is less, employers will hire more workers. He claims that the measure will create 400,000 new summer jobs for teenagers.

Of course, 400,000 is a considerable number, but it hardly compares with yet another — 1.5 million unemployed people between the ages of 16 to 19. Add to that figure the number of people presently earning \$3.35 who may be fired because their employers will be able to hire cheaper labor. This cheap labor force includes all teenagers, college students, and many adults, all of whom work part-time jobs. Since President Reagan forgot to lower the cost of living as well, the economic situation will be worse than ever.

## Editorial

But to make life even worse, for college students in particular, Reagan is pushing cuts in federal loans. Many of these loans help finance college education for young people. The U.S. Secretary of Education, Mr. William Bennet, got himself in trouble by implying that college students use such loans for vacations, cars, and stereos. His foolish statement makes two things very clear — times will get worse for students who want to receive any form of higher education, and the government is supporting business instead of education.

Though the President must cut and save where he can, education is not the right place, and it never will be. Presidents will always need people — educated people — advising them, or, as is more likely, cleaning up after their mistakes. The fewer people who attend college, the more unskilled, part-time workers who will be earning only the minimum wage. If this minimum wage is cut, life will get harder for all of us.

## Registered Opinion: Ideas on wage drop differ

Congress is currently debating legislation which would lower the minimum wage to \$2.50 from \$3.35. The supporters of this legislation claim that the cut will create more jobs. Those against the legislation believe the cut will have more bad effects than good ones. We asked students and faculty what they thought.

### Chantelle Dunbar — senior — below

"Dropping the wage could create more jobs because employers would have more money to hire others. But they shouldn't drop it so low — they should compromise on a higher amount."

### Mr. John Waterman — teacher — above

"Congress should repeal all minimum wage laws — they create unemployment. If they set the minimum wage below market value, it would hurt the economy. If they set it above market value, it would create unemployment. They should let the free market decide what the wage should be."

### Tim Decker — sophomore

"They shouldn't drop it that far. I think they're gypping the kids if they pay them less for the same work."

### April Honnies — senior

"I think it's stupid. What if there are teenagers out there who have to live off minimum wage? I know some who are — they have to pay rent and stuff, and they're barely making it now."



photos by Scott Hoburg

## Letter to the editor

Dear Editor,

At a Nebraska High School Soccer Association meeting on April 2, 1985, Mr. Duane Haith, coordinator of physical education and athletics for the Omaha Public Schools (OPS), stated that for about three years OPS has allowed soccer as a "club" sport. He went on to say that it is treated like other clubs in OPS and that a volunteer, certified person employed by OPS must sponsor teams.

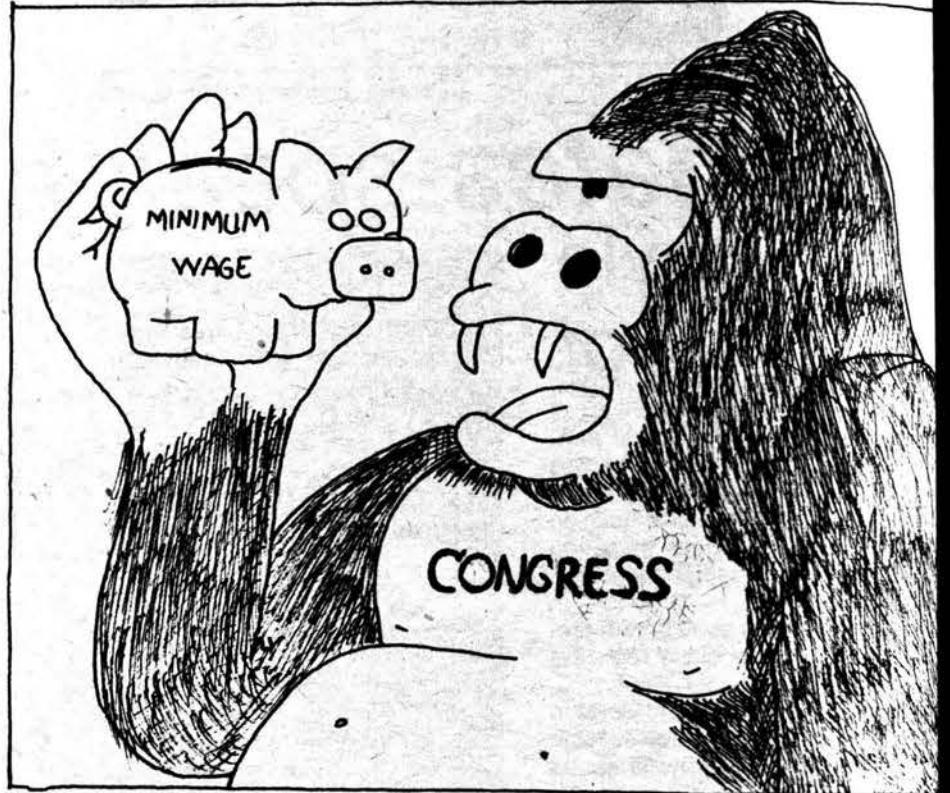
Central High School had sixty young people try out for a soccer team in February. Students and their parents have shown a great deal of support. One parent, who is a certified OPS employee, offered to sponsor the boys' team. The boys were told it could not be allowed. The boys and girls who are on the teams solely support themselves with equipment, uniforms, and fine volunteer coaches.

It appears that the administration is not giving the recognition and support which these hard-working young people are entitled to receive. They have not been issued permits for practice and games. They are allowed access to the field only if no one else is on it.

Mr. Haith said OPS will support the legislative process for sanctioning soccer through the NSAA. With over 12,000 young people in Nebraska participating in this sport, it is obviously a growing and worthwhile effort.

It is time that the administration at Central High School extends a cordial hand and supports the young people involved in this sport. The boys are in the number one standings in their division at this time, and they have worked hard to be there. These young people should be recognized and allowed the privileges of other clubs, such as recognition in the O-Book. It is time to stop pushing their requests aside and allow soccer to become an important part of Central High School.

Sincerely,  
Anthony Sortino  
Parent



## TV, music, cookies waste dull research paper time

Recently, I wrote a research paper. I never knew that I could waste so much time. Oh, I learned a lot from writing it but not much about the topic I chose. You see, I set a world record for sitting down to write and then becoming distracted.

### From Me to You



### LeAnne Lovings

I knew this paper was going to be trouble from the very beginning. My first mistake was procrastination. I waited too long to start research. (I won't say how long because the teacher I wrote it for would take pleasure in laughing in my face.)

Anyway, one day I finally decided it was about time to go to the library. I never saw so many magazines in my life! The problem was, I had to use current magazines. They weren't on microfilm, yet, so I had to flip through them. However, while looking for articles on my topic, I came across some very interesting articles, like one on summer hairstyles, and, of course, I had to read them. I think I spent about eight hours at the library. I also spent about \$10 photocopying the articles I finally found.

After two days of this material just laying on my floor, I decided to look at it. Somehow, I ended up dusting my room. I don't know how it happened or when it happened, but it happened. After my room was completely dusted — twice — I dragged myself back to the tedious task of making notecards. Remarkably, I finished my notes in less than a week. (You should see the lovely artwork I added to make these notes very stylish.)

Then I was ready to type. I sat down, and no sooner had I placed my paper in the typewriter than I decided I was thirsty. I ran downstairs, got my drink, briefly watched the TV as I passed it, and came back up to my room to "work" (ha ha).

Then it happened, I turned on the radio. This was the ultimate mistake. I know one poor chap who stops typing to play air-drums to a good song, but me, I type to the beat. The problem with this is the tempo is always slower than I normally type, and, when a faster song comes on, I must take time out to dance — just a little.

Song over. Time to work. After a little while, my concentration was wandering out my window. I watched my neighbors do

things that I had never seen before, like water the lawn. Or, I watched shadows on my walls move.

Then, a commercial came over the advertising soft, chewy, chocolate cookies. I was downstairs again searching desperately for cookies! After about a dozen cookies, I climbed the stairs more.

This same routine happened about ten times before I finished the paper. I think I'd be very fat from all that food the exercise I got walking up and down steps balanced the food consumption.

I am happy to report that the product of all this chaos was a pleasingly pretty paper. However, my room was not so fortunate. I had to clear a path to even get out!

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# Kubik invited to hear the 'world-renowned' Johanson speak

Jeff Bonenberger

Mr. Gary Kubik, Central anthropology teacher, was invited to Creighton University for a round table discussion March 27 with world-renowned anthropologist Dr. Donald C. Johanson, Ph.D. Certain "gnatharctics" from around the Midwest were invited to attend the discussion.

Dr. Johanson spoke about his 1974 discovery of "Lucy", a startling three-million-year-old skeleton in Ethiopia. Lucy, so named because her pelvic bones indicate she is female, is the oldest, most complete skeleton ever found, according to National Geographic.

Lucy appears to be a member of the genus Homo because the flattened end of her knee-joints prove that she walked upright on two legs, and several of her vertebrae indicate that, like many other primates, Lucy suffered from arthritis. Her other human characteristics include hominin-like teeth and hands.

However, Lucy stands less than four feet tall, a height which is far below that of the average man. This fact makes Lucy quite controversial. The famed anthropologists, Mary Leaky and her son Richard, still do not believe that Lucy and her peers marked the beginning of modern man.

Dr. Johanson respects the Leakys and refers to himself as "the new kid on the block" because the Leakys have been the authorities on pre-historic man for many years. Nevertheless, Mr. Kubik said there are many respected Johanson-followers. Mr. Kubik explained that Lucy has rocked the scientific world, especially theories on evolution. Mr. Kubik said that Dr. Johanson's presentation was "very interesting."



Senior Mitzi Markese, president of the French Club, directs a meeting in preparation for the annual Ethnic Festival in June.

photo by Kathy Fritz

# CHS French Club sponsors booth at the Ethnic Festival in June

by Gwen Oberman

Although June is still a month away, plans are underway for the annual Ethnic Festival to be held June 1 and 2 at the Civic Auditorium. New to the Festival this year will be a French cultural booth sponsored by the Central French Club.

Mitzi Markese, senior and president of the French Club, has single-handedly undertaken the project of organizing the booth. "Linda Diemont (junior) came to me with the idea, and we're putting it into action," Mitzi said.

Mrs. Toni Blazeovich is the chairperson of the entire Ethnic Festival, and she said that about 20,000 people go through the Festival each year.

The Ethnic Festival is an annual event in which various groups representing specific cultures and nationalities exhibit items indicative of their background, and

they sell traditional foods.

Mitzi said that because "it's the first time around, we're not going to have a food booth. We didn't have the experience, the time, or the money to prepare food for such large crowds of people."

Mitzi has organized individual groups to work on various aspects of the cultural booth with a French Club officer heading each of the groups. One group will concentrate on creating special projects such as a wine and bread basket display, a Tour de France display, and a French poster display.

A second group will work on getting together a slide show and a postcard display, while a third group will put together traditional French costumes because everyone working at the Festival is required to dress in traditional costumes. Finally, a fourth group will research French cultural activities in Omaha.

Other schools and clubs have become involved after Mitzi contacted them, she said. Burke and Benson students are participating, as are members of the Alliance Francaise, a French cultural organization. In fact, native Frenchmen will be on hand during the Festival, Mitzi said.

Mitzi explained that the cost of a cultural booth is \$50 and that the CHS French Club provided the money for it. She said that the French Club would also provide the needed funds for any of the special projects. However, most material for the projects will be borrowed "from around town," Mitzi said.

About 30 Central students are involved with the Ethnic Festival, and each will probably serve on a three-hour shift throughout the duration of the two-day Festival. Mitzi said, "Students need not be members of French club to participate. This is an effort to promote the awareness of French culture in Omaha."

# Thompson attends National DECA competition

Central junior Leah Thompson won first place in her category at the State DECA competition, and she is now at the national competition in San Francisco, California.

"I placed first in the Entrepreneur Participatory Contest, and I made state office district floor vice president," said Leah. She will be in charge of district four which encompasses about six OPS schools.

There were several areas of competition for participating marketing students, such as general merchandising, restaurant marketing, and general marketing, in which Leah placed sixth state-wide.

Leah entered the campaign for DECA officers several months ago, and she was screened as a candidate for district vice president. Those students who were successfully screened campaigned at the state competition.

Before state, last year Leah also participated in a district competition in which students attended seminars and were given advice on projects.

Leah's entry in this competition, an outline on how she would run a chosen business including her marketing and promotional ideas as well as financial management, was judged by four businessmen at the state competition and will be reviewed by businessmen at the national competition.

"The judges search for plausibility holes in the projects. These students virtually start their own business. They have to provide an estimated first year income statement and a five year cash flow statement," said Miss Jerrie Harris, Central marketing teacher. "Many accountants have never done that before. The judges look for perspective in the students' estimates."

There will be 6,000 competitors at the national competition, with representatives from all fifty states, Puerto Rico, Guam, the District of Columbia, and Canada. Leah's entry will be judged with the work of about 250 students.

Mr. Harry Gaylor, Central marketing teacher, will go to the nationals with Leah and a district vice-president from Benson as OPS national DECA competition sponsor.

"The competition at the nationals is much more intense, but there are definite cash and educational advantages," he said. "National winners usually receive stock in major companies. The students are pushed to their maximum potential in competition, and, as a result, there are better equipped for their fields than their counterparts."

Leah said she is excited about the trip and plans to sightsee as much as possible in her spare time.

# CHS juniors participate in teleconference

Nine Central juniors from Mr. Clyde Lincoln's government class attended a teleconference entitled "Is Congress Working?" on April 17.

The conference panel, narrated by Mr. Harding Carter, included Alan Simpson, Senate majority whip, Alan Cranston, Senate minority whip, two members of the House of Representatives, and Mr. Ralph Nader, consumer advocate.

The national panel, located in Washington, D.C., discussed topics such as the farm crisis, economics and jobs, and foreign aid. The local panel composed of former representatives John Cavanaugh and Tom McCollister and Dr. Thomas Mans, professor of political science at Creighton, discussed whether or not Congress is really doing its proper job.

Representing Central were Mr. Lincoln,

Central government teacher, Miss Susan Roberts, student teacher from UNO, and juniors Eric Biggs, Debbie Howland, Kurt Hubler, Sandy Johnson, Sean Kershaw, Kellie Kubik, Laura Murrey, Sabrina Rhoades, and Chris Swanson.

Eighteen universities around the nation participated in the live conference, including both UNO and Creighton. Students from UNO's political science classes asked questions of the senators and representatives and received instant feedback.

Mr. Lincoln said that he feels that the Central students got a lot out of the conference. "I think they learned that legislation is a lot more time consuming than they thought. They also learned that it is very difficult to decide just exactly which way to vote and how to reach that decision."

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# of Central importance

## Awards highlight banquet

The Central High Drama Club, better known as Pegi's Players, will hold its annual drama banquet on May 17 at Club 89.

At the banquet, the final vote will be held for the Pegi awards, and winners will be announced and awarded.

The Pegi Awards are named after Central drama teacher and sponsor, Ms. Pegi Stommes. Pegi Awards are given to best actor, best actress, best supporting actor, best supporting actress, cameo role male (2), cameo role female (2).

Also during the banquet, newly-elected drama officers for the 1985-1986 school year will be inducted into office. (Election of officers will be May 8.)

The banquet is open to the entire school. Those wishing to participate must have reservations in to Ms. Stommes by May 13.

## Class tours businesses

This year the Foods III-IV class has taken several trips to tour area businesses to view food servicing in progress. Trips have included St. Joseph's, Distinguishing Catering Service, InterNorth, and Brandeis. In Brandeis, students saw a film and toured the china department, where they learned about the cost of china and how it is made.

Now the students are planning a tentative trip to Kansas City to go to a restaurant or to Worlds of Fun. Students have been holding fund-raisers to finance the trip.

Mrs. JoAnn Roehl, Foods III-IV teacher, said that the fund raisers are helping her students learn how to manage money, set goals, and carry out plans.

## Class visits Red Cloud

On May 15, approximately 47 juniors will participate in the annual all day honors English class trek to Red Cloud, Nebraska, home of pioneer author Willa Cather.

Mrs. Marlene Bernstein, trip organizer and honors English teacher, said, "We take the trip in conjunction with *My Antonia*. It's an opportunity to see the locale of a piece of literature while we're reading it."

The students visit various places about which Willa Cather wrote or frequented herself. They tour the Cather Memorial Museum and also visit the cemetery where the actual models for Cather's characters are buried.

Mrs. Bernstein said, "If the weather's bad, we can't get out to the country." She explained that last year she had the driver stop the bus in the middle of nowhere just to let all the students out to explore.

"There's not that much to see," she said, "but it's a different pace of life. People aren't in a big hurry."

This will be the fifth year Mrs. Bernstein chaperones the trip.

## Choir travels to compete

May 11-12, A Cappella students will travel to Kansas City to participate in a competition involving schools from the middle part of the country, with groups of the same size. A Cappella members will also go to Worlds of Fun.

A Cappella members held fundraisers, including candy, magazines, and jewelry sales, to finance the trip.

Tentative competition songs include, "Create in Me, O God, a Pure Heart" by Johannes Brahms, "Vere Lanuores" by Thomas Victoria, "All the Ways of a Man" by Knut Nystedt, and "Hava Neitzey B'Machol" which is an old Israeli folk song.

Senior A Cappella member Susie Gaffney said, "It's fun to sing, get away, and do something that you want to do."

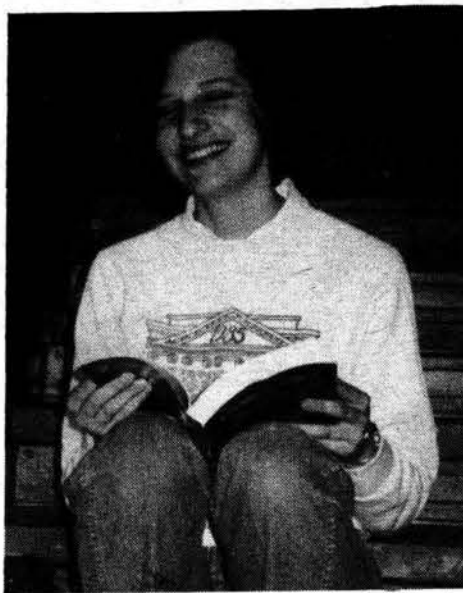


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**Senior Dawn Hogan keeps up with her studies. She recently won a \$1,000 scholarship.**

## Senior wins scholarship

Central senior Dawn Hogan received a \$1000 scholarship from the chemistry department of the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. The university awards the scholarships to students planning to attend the University of Nebraska at Lincoln after they are nominated and take a competitive examination in chemistry.

Dawn received the top score of approximately 22 students taking the examination. She heard about the competition through her chemistry class and promptly applied.

This year was the second consecutive year that a student from Mr. John Williams' A.P. chemistry class has won this particular scholarship. Andrea Tkach was the winner last year.

## Central foods class gets a taste of the military

On April 16 Central's Foods class experienced military food, but it wasn't quite what they expected. Specialist Enoch and Specialist Rosenbaum, both of whom are stationed at Fort Carson in Colorado, spoke to the foods classes about military foods and foods from all over the world. The two gave examples of basic military meals and prepared a Korean dish for the students to sample.

Mrs. JoAnn Roehl, Central homemaking teacher, said "I enjoyed the presentation although I have reservations about using the military as a way to get into the food industry." But specialist Rosenbaum said, "You can learn about all aspects of food service and preparation through the military."

## Daly becomes consultant

Mr. Dan Daly, Central English department head, was the consultant at an annual College Board-sponsored A.P. conference at the University of Nebraska at Omaha on Monday, March 25.

The College Board selected Mr. Daly because he is one of the readers for the College Board Achievement Tests.

Mr. Daly, who was attending the conference for the first time this year, ran two 2-hour sessions. The sessions included interested parties from Nebraska, Western Iowa, and South Dakota.

Mr. Daly talked about all kinds of A.P.-related items to help schools which are just starting A.P. programs or are considering starting them.

## Music concerts approach

Central's music department is once again busy preparing for the annual band, orchestra, jazz band, A Cappella, Singers, junior choir, sophomore ensemble, and mixed chorus concerts. The concert dates are as follows:

May 9 - Band/Orchestra

May 14 - A Cappella

May 16 - Spring Swing Thing (Singers and Jazz Band)

May 21 - Spring Musicale (Junior Choir, Sophomore Ensemble, and Mixed Chorus)  
All concerts are at 7:30 in Central's auditorium. Both Mr. Warren Ferrel, Central instrumental director, and Mr. Robert McMeen Central vocal director, said the annual concerts give the students one last opportunity to do their routines and "show off" to their peers and parents. They also stated that the concerts have a lot of sentimental meaning to the graduating senior class.

## Poster wins contest

Harold Adcock, senior, won the Omaha Education Association's Poetry and Poster contest with the same poster he drew to win Central's foreign language poster contest.

The theme for the contest was "Nebraska — A Cultural Rainbow." His poster for the foreign language contest was about the Germanic influence in Nebraska, but when he learned of the OEA contest, he added a rainbow to the design and entered it in both competitions.

Harold received a plaque from Dr. Norbert Schuerman, superintendent of schools, at a downtown YWCA reception on March 15.

There were first, second, and third place winners in each age group in both the poetry and the poster divisions. Harold won first place in the senior high division.

## Junior selected as outstanding youth leader

Junior Monica Hart has been selected as one of the outstanding youth leaders in the Omaha Area Youth Salute, sponsored by the Omaha Area Youth Leadership Council.

Each year the Council recognizes high school juniors for leadership and scholastic achievement by requesting nominations from high school counselors in the Omaha area. The students must be in the upper 10% of their class and have been elected to a position of leadership by their peers in the past two years. Ms. Faye Johnson, Central guidance counselor, nominated Monica.

Nominees meeting the criteria are recognized in a "Youth Salute" through newspaper and radio, and they have their portraits displayed throughout the community.

A selection committee will review the qualifications of each youth leader and choose the Omaha area Outstanding Youth Leader for the year. The winner will be recognized in an awards ceremony and press conference. All nominees will be eligible to compete for a \$500 savings bond in a National Youth Leadership essay contest sponsored by the National Council on Youth Leadership, Inc. The winner of this competition will also receive an all-expense paid trip to the annual National Leadership Conference Town Meeting of Tomorrow in St. Louis, Missouri.

Monica said she feels honored to have been chosen. "I didn't expect it at all."

## Students take college to

Seventeen Central students participated in a minority college tour March 28 through April 5.

Mrs. Faye Johnson, Central guidance counselor, and eight supervisors took the trip with thirty-nine students from the Omaha area.

"The trip is sponsored by the United Methodist Association, a national organization which funds tours for minority students and staffed by Wesley House, a service organization under the United Methodist program," said Mrs. Johnson.

Students paid \$100 for the trip, and funds of the United Methodist Association covered the balance for the 39 participants from the Omaha area. "There were many students interested to fill two to three busloads, though," said Mrs. Johnson.

The students toured Central State College in Edmond, Oklahoma; Bishop College in Dallas, Texas; Texas Southern University in Houston, Texas; Prairie View College outside Houston; Philander Smith College in Little Rock, Arkansas; and the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff.

## Co-op's hold banquet

Central's office and marketing co-op held their annual Employer-Employee Appreciation Banquet April 10 at the Red Inn.

Office co-op offers office jobs to students taking office procedures or advanced shorthand, and marketing co-op offers various jobs to advanced marketing students. Both co-ops give one credit semester to employed students.

"The banquet honors companies that have employed the students throughout the year, and it shows employers around the city that they are a viable part of business education in the schools," said Mr. Gaylor, Central business teacher and marketing co-op sponsor.

Employees and students from several high schools involved in the co-op program, Benson, Bryan, Burke, Central, North, Northwest, and South, were present. Students treated their employers to a dinner on-the-job training, along with classroom instruction," said Mrs. Kaipust, business education teacher and office co-op sponsor.

Miss Brenda J. Warren, President of the Omaha Public Schools Board of Education was guest speaker at the banquet.

## Citron asks for opinion

On Thursday, March 28, Peter Citron, critic for WOWT Channel 6 in Omaha, invited 150 Omaha area high school students to the Maplewood Twin Theater to review the motion picture *Ladyhawke*. His purpose was to compare the students' reactions to the review.

*Ladyhawke*, the latest Warner Bros. production, revolves around a young knight and his lady who have been cursed by a bishop. The bishop is also in love with the young lady. The show stars Mel Gibson and Catherine Deneuve as Phillip and Isolda, young pick-pocket who becomes a knight in an effort to lift the curse.

Peter Citron's review closely mirrored that of the students. He admitted the show was a bit predictable at times, but the students generally liked it. Mr. Citron gave the movie a 92 on a scale of 100.

This was the first time Mr. Citron invited students to a review. He was pleased with the turn out and plans to repeat the invitation.

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# Junior active in Pony Club, enters horse in many shows

Anneliese Festersen

Spring marks the beginning of good weather and, consequently, many people's outdoor hobbies. For Central junior Elizabeth Lanphier, spring means the beginning of the show season.

Liz participates in many horse shows in the Midwest. During these shows, she enters in many events, each of which involve different types of riding, dressage, stadium jumping, and cross-country.

Dressage involves walking, trotting, and cantering through a lettered test area with precise movements. Stadium jumping involves riding on a course in a closed area and jumping over obstacles, mostly posts and rails. Cross-country riding usually takes place on a two-day course with obstacles such as water, ditches, drop fences, and banks.

**Liz is a member of the United States Pony Club**

Liz is also a member of the United States Pony Club. The Pony Club sponsors tests which evaluate both riding ability and horse knowledge. The tests are divided into various skill levels.

Liz plans to take the second highest level of the knowledge portion of the exam in August. This test is very difficult as well as expensive, according to Liz, so she has already begun to study.

"You have to be a mini-veterinarian to pass," Liz commented. The exam covers many topics such as horse diseases, farrier work, and deworming processes, and requires utilization of all the proper medical techniques.

Another portion of the knowledge test involves showing an unfamiliar horse and pointing out its special features. Liz explains, "Each type of horse should be shown in a particular way, so you have to know a lot about all types of horses. Really what you're trying to do is 'sell' the horse to the tester."

Liz has had two horses of her own, a quarterhorse, and her current horse, Cowboy Cody, a thoroughbred. She has trained, cared for, and groomed both of them.

Liz explained that one does not "buy" horses — he "invests" in them. "People try to buy cheap buys in horses, then train them and sell them for quadruple their original price."

**Owning a horse is "serious, hard work"**

Liz enjoys owning horses, though she says most people do not understand how much work a horse involves. "When people think of owning a horse, they picture girls with ponies in their backyards, but it's not that. It's serious, hard work."

She particularly likes training horses. "I get the satisfaction of getting a horse that

knows nothing and training him to jump four-foot fences. It's hard to get a 2,000 pound animal to jump fences, pivot, or move sideways, whether he wants to or not. It's not natural for him."

Nine years ago Liz became interested in horses because of her dad's business associates. One of them was the district commissioner of the Pony Club, and another's daughter was also involved with horses.

Liz boards her horse at Ponca Hills Farm, which is about a half an hour north of Omaha, right outside Douglas County. She goes to see him six or seven days a week. "I usually leave right after school, and I get home between 7 and 9 p.m."

Through her riding and showing experiences, Liz said, "I have learned a lot of respect for horses. Horse riding and showing have taught me to be very organized and to accept a lot of responsibility."

As for the future, Liz said, "I'd definitely like to do something with horses in my career — maybe becoming a vet or even managing a small barn."



Elizabeth Lanphier, junior, poses with her horse, Cowboy Cody. Liz enters her horse in many shows in the Midwest. photo by Krista Lanphier

## Mrs. Hazuka is an 'invaluable aid'

by Stewart Diemont

Many people often go unheralded for their extensive efforts at Central. According to everyone interviewed, Mrs. Linda Hazuka, guidance center secretary, is one such person.

"Mrs. Hazuka is an invaluable aid. She does so much so well. She really does an excellent job for us," said Mrs. Judy Mahaffey, guidance counselor.

Miss Jo Valasek, guidance counselor, calls Mrs. Hazuka "worth her weight in gold." Mr. Kevin Moran, guidance counselor, calls her "the greatest."

### Numerous duties

Mrs. Hazuka's basic job includes the following: typing for all seven counselors, processing all college and scholarship applications, coordinating the Job Fair and mini-Vocational College Workshop, helping students with the guidance center computer, keeping up the scholarship file, publicizing various workshops, answering student questions, answering the guidance center phone, arranging all correspondence with counselors, working with college representatives, arranging career visits, and relaying all scholarship information to the morning bulletin, the parent newsletter, and the Senior Times.

"Mrs. Hazuka relieves us of a lot of add-

itional details so that we can spend more time with students," said Mrs. Geri Zerse, guidance counselor.

Mrs. Hazuka came to Central in February, 1979, but her position has changed once since then. "I started as a secretary in the science and social studies departments. After half a year I came down to the guidance center," she said.

### Fast-paced environment

When asked her opinion of her position, Mrs. Hazuka replied, "I like my job. I enjoy working with students, and I enjoy a variety of jobs. I like a fast-paced environment — although sometimes it becomes too fast-paced."

According to Mrs. Mahaffey, Mrs. Hazuka does "many things above and beyond" even that fast-paced style.

Mrs. Faye Johnson, guidance counselor, recollected the times Mrs. Hazuka remained at Central for a long time in the evening. "On December 1 and April 15, the two major college and scholarship deadlines, Mrs. Hazuka will be here until 8:00 or 9:00 at night. Sometimes she will go home, prepare dinner for her family, and then come right back.

Another way in which Mrs. Hazuka goes beyond her job requirements is in her rela-

tionship with students.

"We call her our eighth counselor," said Mrs. Zerse. "She goes way beyond what her job requires in order to help students. She is always patient and kind and always has answers for students. Or if she does not, she finds the answer."

Mrs. Hazuka's concern for students is evidenced in the students' reflected concern for her.

### 'Very reliable'

"I don't think people give her enough credit," said Heather Hammans, senior. "She is never uptight or impatient and is very reliable. You never think, 'She's not going to get my application in.' If she were not here, I would have been more confused in my college preparation."

Krista Lanphier, senior, went one step further by saying, "If Mrs. Hazuka were not here, I would not have gotten into college. She would remind me of things I had forgotten."

LeAnne Lovings, senior, cited Mrs. Hazuka as "the reason a lot of students get scholarships."

"Mrs. Hazuka," said Miss Valasek, "is not only very, very efficient but also a fine person. We are so fortunate to have her."

Mr. Moran added, "We would really be lost without her."

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# Central junior pursues interest in paleontology

by Bob Soukup

When walking down a gravel road or along a typical stream bank, the average person simply enjoys the exercise and the outdoors. To junior Matt Pospisil, however, this trip would mean much, much more. Matt has been an anthropology student at Central for the past two years, and, with an interest in paleontology, much of his time is spent hunting artifacts in the field.

Mr. Gary Kubik, Central science teacher, teaches anthropology. Matt is working under Mr. Kubik for Special Projects, an advanced program which involves special research and a lot of out-of-class work. His collection of artifacts comes from all over Nebraska, especially in the southeastern part of the state and a few spots in Wyoming.

Matt's most recent find of fossilized shark teeth came from Schramm Park near the Ashgrove Quarry. Matt said that his discovery was a joint effort by Mr. Kubik and him.

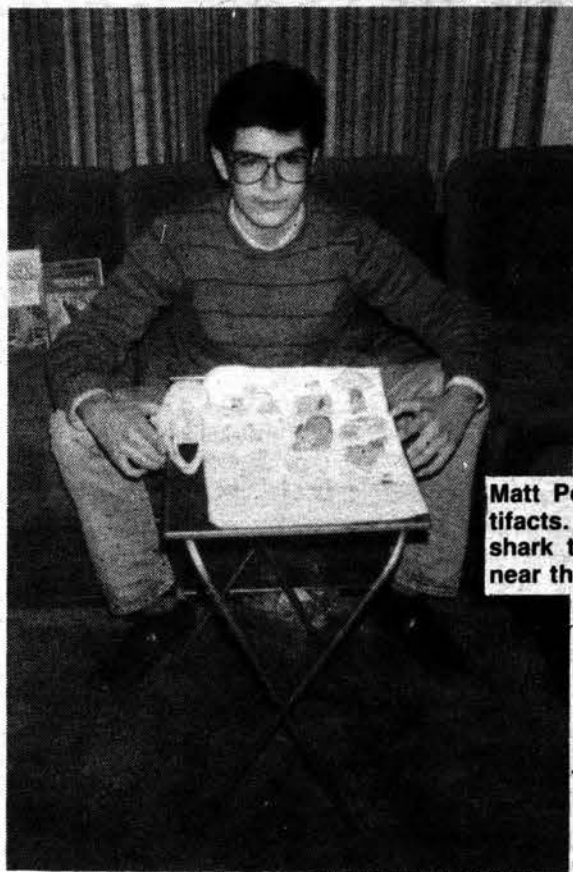
Mr. Kubik was working farther up the road from me," Matt said. "I had walked by the spot where we found the teeth a couple of times before I came across them. Mr. Kubik got really excited about the whole mat-

ter. The biggest problem was getting them out of the rock. Finally, we just had to remove a big chunk of rock with all the teeth in it."

One of the most interesting aspects of such finds, according to Matt, is that most people don't realize the artifacts are there. "People pass by these all the time and don't even know it. To me it is frustrating because I know it's there somewhere, but you have to look in the exact spot. Luck plays a big part in it."

Matt's collection includes Brachiopods, which are fossilized seashells, crinoid segments, which resemble modern sea lilies, and Bryozoa, a type of coral. He also has a fossil fish from Green River, Wyoming, and a fossilized jawbone from a large camel-like grazer from the Oligocene epoch which was 30 million years ago.

Matt isn't the only person in his family with an interest in the past. Mr. Gary Pospisil, his father, enjoys the artwork and artifacts of the Southwest American Indians. Matt says that his own start was early. "When I was little, my parents bought all types of dinosaur books for me. That kind of opened it up because I kept wanting to know more."



Matt Pospisil displays some of his artifacts. His most recent find of fossilized shark teeth came from Schramm Park near the Ash Grove Quarry.

photo by Steve Berman

# Army ROTC 'worthwhile challenge' for Debra Carter

by Jeff Bonenberger

In ninth grade, Debbie Carter started her JROTC career, mainly influenced by the impressive-looking medals on her sister's ROTC uniform from Technical High.

Today, as a senior, Debbie is a Deputy Brigade Commander second-in-command of the entire Omaha Public School Brigade which includes more than 500 cadets. She will tell you, "ROTC is an immense challenge that is well worth it."

Debbie said, "ROTC has so much to offer — mainly a lot of self-discipline and leadership." She explained that the first two years of ROTC are rigorous ones spent learning the basics of every aspect of the Army. "You learn how to treat authority with respect," she said.

"The third year, cadets gain leadership experience. Debbie said at this point, the students are in charge of the program. "The instructors are there to help you, if you need it, but, if something goes wrong, the cadets in charge are the ones that get yelled at."

At the end of Debbie's third year in ROTC, she was selected to be the Battalion



Debra Carter

photo by Jim Hazuka

Commander at Central for 1984-85. This position brought a lot of responsibility, as it

meant she would be in charge of the oldest ROTC program in the OPS system. "We needed a lot more programs and enthusiasm in our battalion," Debbie said.

Debbie and her staff started more extra-curricular activities such as inter-company sports competitions, additional drill teams and competitions, and an ROTC picnic. They also put together the only Cadet Handbook in the OPS Brigade. Debbie said this handbook explains what ROTC, especially at Central, is all about.

Last December, Central had its Biannual Formal Inspection (BFI), and the Central battalion received the highest rating possible for a high school ROTC unit, Honor Unit with Distinction. "We put a lot of work into it," Debbie said. "It was really hectic around here for about two months before the BFI, and then all that work really paid off."

Debbie said during the BFI, Army officials judge the battalion on their uniforms, military knowledge, staff areas, and a staff briefing. According to Debbie, in Omaha, only Central and North High Schools received

the highest rating possible.

Not long after the battalion received the award, Debbie received the Legion of Merit Bronze Cross of Achievement Award. This award is the second highest possible for a JROTC cadet, and only four are awarded throughout the United States. Requirements for the award include active participation in school and ROTC functions and a grade of 3.5 or better. Now after four years of parades, military activities, and more, Debbie has been promoted to Battalion Commander. "I love it," she claims. "It's great." Her new rank title is colonel, and there are only two in the city. "Colonel is really hard to describe," Debbie said. "The feeling is also really hard to describe."

Debbie said that she is looking forward to the first OPS Ceremonial Brigade Review Parade, May 3 at Berquist Stadium. She said she will lead 500 cadets. Superintendent Norbert Schuermeyer will review.

When asked how her parents figured into these ROTC years, Debbie said, "They have always supported me in ROTC or anything else, even if it was something off the wall. Also, my parents have been a tremendous amount of support to me."

Major Richard Yost is the ROTC instructor at Central.

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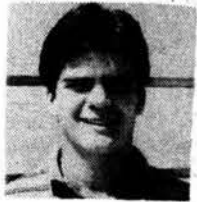
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# Problems of college sports are affecting high school athletes



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programs offering illegal enticements in order to lure athletes to their school. Payoffs of money, cars, and other valuables have become so common that it is almost expected by the athletes. Programs are often under investigation for misconduct concerning academics. The NCAA guidelines are constantly abused in order to insure the availability of a high school athlete upon graduation.

Few and far between are the recruiters who show a genuine interest in the academic ability of a prospective athlete. The interest of the recruiter lies only in the athlete's ability to help build a winning program; he has no concern for the athlete's potential in any other area. Gone are the days when a recruited athlete was judged on his potential as a student at the institution. Academic standards have become lost in the entangled web of recruiting, and a prospective student-athlete's education becomes secondary.

Unfortunately, the recruited athlete often becomes a victim of the crime committed by these big-time college recruiters. The athlete is unaware that he is becoming nothing more than a tool with which a school can build a solid program and thereby get a piece of the college sports market.

### Relaxed enforcement

The root of the problem concerning the recruitment of high school athletes lies in the ineffectiveness of the NCAA as an enforcement agency. Recruiters realize that they can get away with almost anything while courting high school athletes, and their schools will do almost anything in order to get the services of a high school athlete. The rules regarding grades and offers are all but ignored.

Obviously, something must be done to halt the unethical practices of recruiters before any more high school athletes become victims of the system. The first step is to acknowledge the problem's existence. Too many times the problems are swept under the rug in order to preserve the existing athletic program. There are those who would rather ignore the recruiting problems and let the high school athletes continue to be misled and misrepresented than bring the problems to the view of the public.

There are several options available for colleges and for the NCAA to insure that recruited athletes are dealt with fairly and ethically. First of all, discontinue the freshman eligibility rule for colleges. This measure would lessen the pressure on recruiters to land that prized recruit who could immediately change the program. It would also insure that the athlete has time to adjust academically from a high school

to a college setting. When an athlete coming out of high school is suddenly thrust into the world of big time college sports, the academic adjustments become secondary considerations.

Secondly, universities should raise the re-quirements for incoming freshman athletes — either on an individual basis or as part of a supervised effort by the NCAA. The current standards are shamefully low. At private schools, the comparison between SAT requirements for entering students and the average for entering student-athletes is an indication that academic standards are not enforced on the athletes. This double-standard held by many colleges, sends a message to any high school athlete that academics are secondary to sports. If requirements are raised, high school athletes will come to realize that a combination of athletics and academics provides the best opportunity for success.

Finally, stricter penalties should be enforced by the NCAA in order to curb the trend toward recruiting violations. If programs realize that illegal practices will not be tolerated, the recruiting system will cleanse itself. Faced with harsh penalties, recruiters will think twice about unethical practices concerning the recruitment of an athlete.

If the system of recruiting is cleaned up, the real winner will be the high school student-athlete. Instead of having to endure the unethical practices of recruiters, a high school athlete should be able to enjoy the process and come to a decision based on own judgement, void of outside inducements. The college sports system and the high school recruit will both benefit from the change, and the purpose of sports will again be put in proper perspective.

# Teachers enjoy softball through summer months

by John Carlson

Teachers at Central have joined together once again to form a softball team. Sponsored by the Marylebone Tavern and organized by P.E. instructor Mr. Stan Standifer, the team plays every Wednesday at various softball fields around Omaha.

"Two years ago we got together and won the Omaha Education Tournament for teachers. I thought it would be a good idea for us to play on a regular basis," Mr. Standifer said.

After a not so successful first season, in which the team often did not have enough players to play, Mr. Standifer said he is looking forward to this second season. "We went out and got a few younger players this year, so the team is mixed well with veterans and youth."

### Relaxing

According to outfielder and biology teacher Mr. Gary Kubik, the season is good way to relax and still be athletic. "I don't have to worry about any injuries, it is very convenient, and the league is a good way to be with friends," he said.

According to Mr. Standifer, the fact that teachers are together during the summer was the most important part of the team. "We are out there to have fun. It is nice to be able to play with people you work with. Winning is just an added bonus."

Mr. Standifer said this year's team will be able to win some games. "A lot of teachers have played softball before, and it seems like we have the right chemistry," he said.

### Want support


Other teachers participating on the team are: outfielders Mr. Dave Martin, Mr. Kubik, and Mr. William Reed; third basemen Mr. John Waterman, first basemen Mr. Standifer and Mr. Dan Connelly, shortstop Mr. Chris Kenney, pitchers Mr. John Georgeson and Mr. Paul Pennington, catcher Mr. Joe McMenamin, and utility players Mr. John Geringer, Mr. Warren Ferrel, and Mr. Mark Allner.

Mr. Standifer said he would like to see students come out and watch the team while it competes in the men's slow pitch "B" league.

The teachers' games started April 24 and will continue through the summer months.

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# Tae Kwon Do popular among young athletes

by Mark Buckner

Of the sports which exist yet today, few are as old as the martial arts. Involving intense discipline of body and mind, the martial arts are beginning to make a come back among young athletes. Tae Kwon Do, a fast moving combination of hand and foot blows, is becoming especially popular.

Senior Scott Johnson has participated in Tae Kwon Do for seven years and has reached the first degree black belt level. "Most people are finding out now what I already know. It's a great sport," said Scott.

Johnson describes Tae Kwon Do as 70% feet and 30% hands. "Tae Kwon Do is geared more towards the use of the lower body. In tournaments, most of your points come from scoring with kicks, as opposed to karate where hand blows score more highly," Scott said.

Throughout his career, Scott has compiled an impressive list of victories and awards. Competing as a red belt, he won second place at the Grand Island Invitational. As a blue belt, he placed second at the Creighton Prep tournament. As a sophomore Scott moved up to the junior division.

As a black belt he placed first in the Las Vegas tournament facing much tougher competition than ever before. "That was a big one because it was in Las Vegas and some good people were there," said Scott.

At the Spencer, Iowa Invitational, Scott placed first in his division and second over

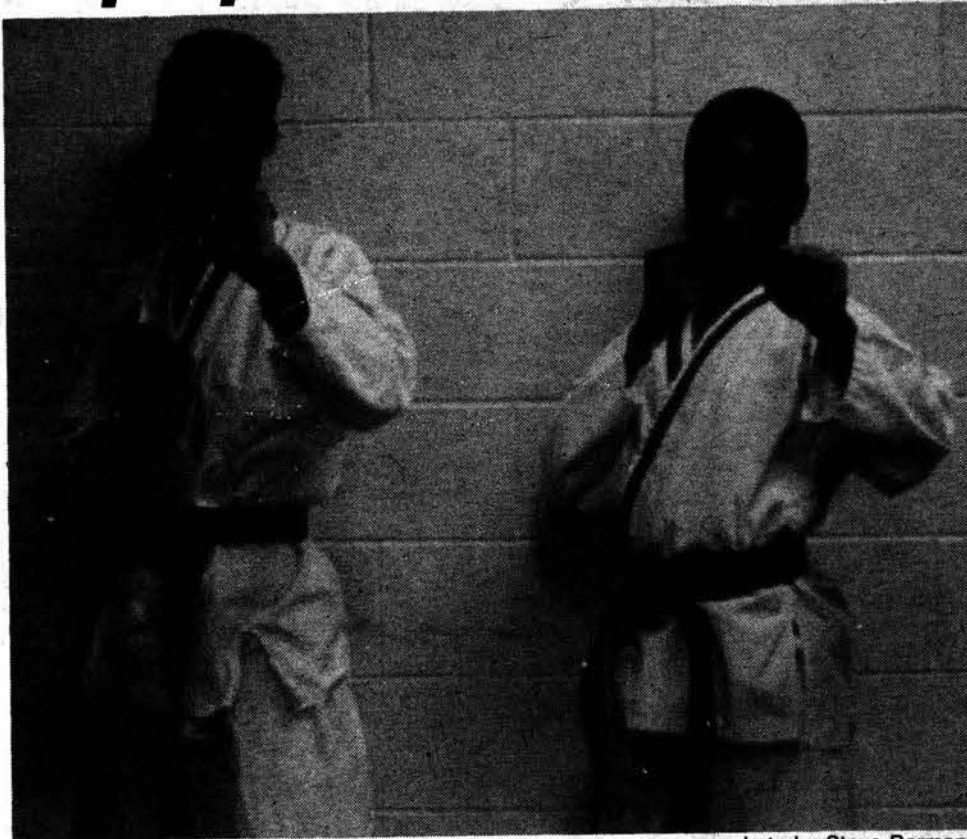


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Senior Scott Johnson and junior Wendell Bell display their martial arts belts. Tae Kwon Do involves discipline of both the mind and body.

all. He said at this time he became burned out with Tae Kwon Do. "At that time I was practicing every day, and the only thing I was getting to me."

After a seven month break, Scott is making a comeback. "I am in the gym two times a week now," said Scott.

Scott explained that his main interest in the sport stemmed from his father's cousin. "My father said that he was to get me in it when I was small, and I turned twelve, he finally did," Scott said.

Scott's cousin, Dee Hollinsworth, a noted area expert, learned the arts from Oriental masters while living in Japan. He has made several martial arts movies in the Orient.

"His movies are only shown in the Orient, but the fact that he's made them is pretty impressive," Johnson said. Scott said that martial arts master Bruce Lee also had an influence on him. "I've always gotten inspiration from the master of martial arts (Bruce Lee)," replied Johnson. For those interested in Tae Kwon Do or any of the other martial arts, Scott suggests finding a true master of the arts and its disciplines. "You need to find a true master to learn from. Many of the teachers have made the sport too commercial," he explained.

Scott, himself, takes private lessons from his cousin at Offutt Air Force Base. Johnson plans on rejoining the Tae Kwon Do tournament circuit this summer.

# Girls' softball team prepares for 'fun' season

by Gia Ciummo

For years, Omaha has been dubbed as the softball capital of the United States. And though Central, along with many other Metro schools, does not have girls softball as a sanctioned sport, many female students are involved in the sport.

Most of the time, Centralites will go out on their own, try out for teams, and play with girls from all over Omaha on big teams such as the Gladiators, Center Street Merchants, and Leavenworth Street Merchants. But there is one team this year that can be called "Central's first girls' softball team," for the coaches and the girls, except one, attend Central. It is the team sponsored by Mama's Pizza and coached by seniors Mike Boyle and Jim Lee.

The idea for the team came up in conversation, according to Boyle. The previous year, he was assistant coach under Mike West, former Centralite, for the Leavenworth Street Merchants. Two former players jokingly asked Boyle and Lee about coaching

since West resigned. "I said I would if they got the girls who wanted to play," said Boyle.

## Slow-pitch league

Soon after that, the two "coaches" found themselves running down to the Omaha Softball Association (OSA) to get the girls registered before the deadline. "It was such a rush," said Boyle. "They gave us two days to get a roster and to collect a roster fee (\$5) from the girls."

Even though most of the girls have participated in Class A and B junior fast-pitch leagues, the team was placed in a Class C, women's slow-pitch league. "It was so late (to register) that all the schedules were filled. But there was an opening since Tiger Tom's dropped," said Boyle.

This transition may be a large factor in determining the success of the team. Even though the girls have played on top teams in the city, the teams were fast pitch, not slow.

"They will have to adjust to the pitching," said Boyle. "The timing is completely different. Most of the girls are used to the ball coming straight in, and then they hit by connecting just about anywhere on the bat. But in slow-pitch, the ball drifts down in front of them. They must, to prevent 'pop-flies; bat level,'" said Boyle.

## Tournaments

"The change is going to be hard because you can't steal (bases), and I love to steal," said senior member Marcia Peters about the stealing rule. "The game will be a lot slower, I think."

Also in contrast to the other classes, the team does not have to have an official uniform or numbers, and the catcher does not have to wear equipment such as a chest protector or a mask.

None of the girls have ever played in a women's league, and, with the exception of three seniors, they are all still under 18. "I hope we don't see anything like the

'Amazon' type," commented Boyle. "I'm expecting a little intimidation, but we'll be okay."

The main goal of the coaches this year is to do well enough so that they can compete in one or two out-of-town tournaments. Before that, however, the girls must establish themselves as a top women's team. "We have a lot of talent, and if we work together as a team, we'll do well," said Marcia Peters, excited, though. "I think we're going to have a blast."

The girls practice at Elmwood Park every Wednesday night until the end of August at various fields in Omaha. The team members are: Gia Ciummo, Heide Madsen, and Marcia Peters, seniors; Carol Franz, Ashley Gainer, Mary Blazevich, Sarah Grosse, Tony Negrete, Kelley Phillips, Sarah Reynolds, Cindy Schonlau, and Michelle Wolford, juniors; Amy Grosse, Lisa Powell, Shelley Powell, and Suzy Schaefer, sophomores.

## Calendar

### Baseball

May 4 J.V. vs. Prep (A)  
6 Varsity vs. South (H)  
J.V. vs. Roncalli (H)  
8 J.V. vs. Ralston (A)  
9 J.V. vs. Millard N. (A)  
6-11 DISTRICTS  
15-20 STATE

### Soccer

May 3 Elkhorn (at Dodge)  
7 Lincoln East (A)  
10-15 STATE

### Boys' Golf

May 6-10 DISTRICTS  
17-18 STATE

### Girls' Tennis

May 8-10 METRO  
17-18 STATE

### Girls' and Boys' Track

May 6-10 DISTRICTS  
17-18 STATE



Junior Steve Fritz swings at a pitch during a game against Northwest. The Eagle baseball team is enjoying a successful season. They are currently ranked in the top ten and hope to qualify for the state playoffs.

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