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OPS administration finds new home

Chris Chapman

Cramped, crowded, confined are all perfect adjectives that could be used to describe the current Omaha Public School administration offices. Due to these factors, "There is obviously a problem with efficiency of operation," said Dr. John Smith, Director of General Administration Services.

Back in the 1950's, the idea was proposed to the school board that the administration offices take on one central location. The need for space has been evident since, but there was always something of greater priority to deal with until just recently.

It was decided around 1982, when the consolidation of schools began, that the old Technical High School would be the perfect place for headquarters. The building, when remodeling is complete, will have offices for teachers, storage room for records, administration offices, and an auditorium and jogging track for public use with plenty of parking.

Currently, Tech contains the career center where many Central students go for vocational study. The center will stay. Tech holds a reputation of having tremendous voca-

tional programs. During the 30's and 40's, Tech was the largest high school in Omaha and offered a comprehensive program of study. The school received praise for its large and well equipped facilities.

About the eleventh or twelfth year after the federal desegregation ruling, Tech became a magnet school, drawing from all areas of town. It boasted a different program of study. Every student proceeded at his or her own pace, and no one failed. Eventually, this program died out and the school closed.

Currently, the building is undergoing many changes. They first removed the asbestos and had the building declared safe. Next, the inside was completely taken out, and construction began. Almost everything will be replaced. New wiring, new ventilation, and new windows are modernizing the structure.

O.P.S. employees welcome the move. Dr. Gerry Bennett, Assistant Superintendent in charge of General Administrative Services, believes that O.P.S. will be able to save a lot of money that used to be spent on transportation, telephone costs, and up-keep of older building. If all goes well, O.P.S. expects to be moving in during late March to early June next year.

School renovations:

OPS bond issue to appear on ballot

Jennifer Smith

On November eighth, voters in the Omaha Public School District will approve or reject a 56 million dollar bond issue.

Dr. G. E. Moller, Central principal, said that the plan is an attempt to raise about 113 million dollars, over a ten year period, to replace and renovate many O.P.S. school buildings that are old and deteriorating rapidly. The money will be used to get those buildings in decent shape and to add life to them.

"In other words, it would be completely unfair for present taxpayers to pay 50-100 million dollars to repair a lot of buildings right now and for them to have to foot the whole bill in a short period of time," Dr. Moller stated. "That doesn't quite seem fair because it's going to be parents and students using those buildings for 20, 30, 40 years into the future and this is an effort to raise the money that we need to repay those bills and divide the payment among people who are using them now and who will be using them quite a distance into the future."

An estimated 113 million dollars will be spent on building projects through the year 1997. The proposed bond issue would generate 56 million dollars. The construction tax rate for the site and the building fund will provide the remaining money. The property tax is the primary source of school revenues in Nebraska.

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"[The bond issue] does raise taxes for a short time. It's only a few pennies per day per person. Yet, there are people in every community who feel any raise in taxes is unjustified and unneeded," Dr. Moller stated.

"If the voters approve the bond issue, as proposed, it will be a short time after that that the bonds will be put together and will be put on market," said Dr. Moller. The bonds will be sold to investors, companies, and the public. The bonds will be sold up to the amount approved by voters.

The proposed projects for 1989-1997 are Benson, North,

South, Benson West, Central Park, Ashland Park/Robbins, instructional improvement, deferred maintenance/contingency, West Omaha elementary and sites, Northeast Omaha elementary, Nathan Hale Junior High, site improvements, Norris Junior High, Dundee, and teacher/administration center completion; for an estimated cost of 90.1 million dollars.

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Future projects for 1991 and beyond include Walnut Hill/Yates, Belvedere, Minne Lusa, Masters, Joslyn, Beals, Chandler View, Monroe, and McMillan, for an estimated cost of 22.9 million dollars.

In 1988-89, Benson West will target toward building modernizations. For an estimated 750,000 dollars, the improvements include additional restrooms and reconfiguration of student support and specialized instructional areas.

The 1989-90 year includes repairs for Central Park (estimated \$1,200,000), Ashland Park/Robbins (\$7,400,000), South-North-Benson modernizations (\$39,300,300), contingency funding (\$2,000,000), instructional improvement (\$2,000,000), and deferred maintenance (\$7,500,000).

The 1990-91 year includes West Omaha elementary and school sites purchase (\$5,000,000) and Northeast Omaha Elementary (\$7,500,000).

The 1992-93 plan includes Nathan Hale Junior High (\$5,000,000) and site improvements (\$2,000,000).

The 1993-94 years includes Norris Junior High School (\$5,000,000). And 1994-95 year makes major repairs on Dundee Elementary (\$850,000).

"Four years ago we completed our renovation project that involved ten million dollars. We're in pretty good shape," stated Dr. Moller.

Dr. Moller said the bond issue, "...is absolutely essential for the long term good health of our school district."

Registered opinion

Poll Question:

Do you agree with the OPS regulation requiring representatives of opposing political opinions to have the same opportunity to speak to the same OPS classroom?

Yes 66%

No 33.7%

Total questioned: 170



Tracey Flynn, Sophomore:
"I think it's a bad idea because the students should get whatever political views they can."



Diamond Alexander, Junior:
"I think they should have both sides present so the opponents can explain their own views."



Miles Lewis, Senior: "We should hear at least one speaker if not both, because it's a good chance for people to learn."

Unneeded regulation hinders learning

A matter was brought to the attention of all Omaha Public Schools social studies teachers. A matter, or rather regulation, that poses problems for teachers who wish to have political speakers in their classrooms.

The regulation requires an invitation from teachers to all opposing members who take a specific stance on a political issue. The binding regulation also requires each member to speak to the exact same students, answering the same questions as the individual who represents the opposition. This regulation is unreasonable and is insulting to the student's intelligence.

According to Dr. John Smith, OPS assistant superintendent, having all opposing

members present in the classroom is "only fair." This is true. But, are high school students so easily molded by one person's opinion? Can they not differentiate between solid political policy and simple persuasion?

Many schools in the Metro Area are not restricted by this policy. The districts of Westside and Bellevue are among those not regulated. A misunderstanding exists. Why are schools which are susceptible to basically the same political issues as the Omaha Public Schools allowed political guest speakers, without these restrictions, and OPS is not? It is illogical.

Money is a large factor in the source of this regulation. According to Dr. Smith,

taxpayer's money can not be used to promote special interests. The schools are funded by the taxpayers. The time spent in the class is supplied from the taxpayer's money. If one political speaker is spending classroom time (taxpayer's money) expressing their ideas, then time and money is spent on one special interest, thus, producing a violation of the policy.

The policy suggests objective learning, yet the best source of education is learning through personal selection. The regulation is unnecessary and offers more complications than solves.

Classroom time should be spent educating students, not aiding to bureaucratic regulations.

No way out

Radioactive waste issue 'clouded'

Radioactive waste: it is an issue which we are hearing more and more of each day, primarily because Nebraska is required by federal law to have a facility for disposing of this waste by 1996.

Debate over the site has been vehement, with sides split between those who wish to separate from the regional radioactive waste coalition of which Nebraska is a member and those who wish to remain affiliated with the coalition. After a complete review of the facts, however, one reaches the inescapable conclusion that splitting from the coalition would be a foolhardy and expensive mistake.

Waste legislation

In order to fully understand the issue, we must first examine the legislation involved with low-level radioactive waste. In 1980, Congress passed the Low-Level Radioactive Waste Policy Act (Public Law 96-573).

As described by the U.S. Department of Energy, the Act made low-level radioactive waste disposal a "responsibility of each state." States could either accept responsibility for the waste by themselves or enter into "interstate compacts to manage and dispose of low-level radioactive waste on a regional basis."

Because of the advantages associated with a regional disposal site, chiefly that of cost sharing between the member states, Congress encouraged regional facilities. By 1984, however, no new disposal facilities had been created nor had Congress approved any regional compacts; this prompted renewed discussion in Congress and the passing of the Low-Level Radioactive Waste Policy Amendments Act of 1985 (Public Law 99-240).

Milestones and deadlines

Basically, this Act set certain milestones and deadlines which must be met by all states presently without a low-level waste site. By July 1986, states

had to "enact compact legislation or certify their intent to develop their own disposal sites" (Nebraska had joined a compact in 1983 with Kansas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Arkansas as the other members). By January 1988, nonsited compact regions had to "designate a disposal facility host state and develop a siting plan" for low-level waste generated within their borders; and by January 1996, "compact regions and nonmember states without disposal sites must assume title to and liability for all low-level waste generated within their borders."

Protest group

The difficulty developed when Nebraska received the decision that we were to be the host state of the disposal facility. The NIMBY (or, Not In My Back-Yard) syndrome reared its panicked head and a group formed called "Nebraskans for the Right to Vote." They wanted to put the issue of whether or not Nebraska should remain affiliated with our coalition on the November ballot, and successfully petitioned enough signatures to do this. The issue was clouded, however, as it still is.

In November, Nebraskans will not be voting whether or not to have a low-level radioactive waste disposal facility in our state; we have to have this facility in any event, according to federal law. What we will be voting on is whether or not to remain in our five-state compact.

"Solutions" to problem

Nebraskans For the Right to Vote argue three points, all of which do not have a leg to stand on. Their "solutions" to the problem range from Nebraska building its own site to Nebraska sending its waste to another regional or state disposal site to storing the waste where it is generated: at the nuclear power plants. All of these will not work.

The first, that of Nebraska building its own site, has several disadvantages, primarily cost. It will cost approximately \$44 million to build our facility,

and if we split from the coalition we would have to pay for it ourselves.

"It's worth it," some people say. "At least we wouldn't have to take any other states radioactive waste." Not true. According to federal law, if Nebraska has its own disposal site we cannot exclude waste from any other states. If we remain in the coalition, we would not only be sharing the cost, but we would also have to only accept waste from the states in our coalition.

Difficult to find a compact

The second point, that we could send our radioactive waste to other disposal sites, would not work: it is highly unlikely that any other state would accept our waste. For example, Vermont, which has much less low-level radioactive waste than Nebraska, is having a lot of difficulty finding a compact or state which will accept their small amount of waste. If a tiny state like Vermont can't find anyone to dump their waste on, Nebraska will definitely have a hard time.

Located on flood plain

The final suggested solution of the Nebraskans for the Right to Vote would be to store the nuclear waste where it is generated: at the nuclear power plants. Apparently they have not done their homework or they would have realized that storing waste by the power plants is an impossibility.

Due to the need for water for cooling, nuclear plants are located on flood plains; the Nuclear Regulatory Commission does not allow the storing of low-level radioactive waste to more than five years by the plants on the flood plains.

It is clear, then, that we should not separate from our compact: we are going to have to have a nuclear waste facility in our state no matter what. Not only is it cheaper, but it is also the most logical and informed thing to do. All Nebraskans should understand the issue completely before they go to the ballots in November.

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Human Growth and Development course acknowledges need for teenage awareness

Omaha Public Schools took a step in the right direction. The addition of the Human Growth and Development course is applaudable. It is about time OPS has acknowledged the necessity for education of human maturation and sexuality.

The need for this education is apparent. The number of unwanted pregnancies and the sexually transmitted disease cases among teenagers are growing. Too few young people are taught the adverse facts about their own sexuality.

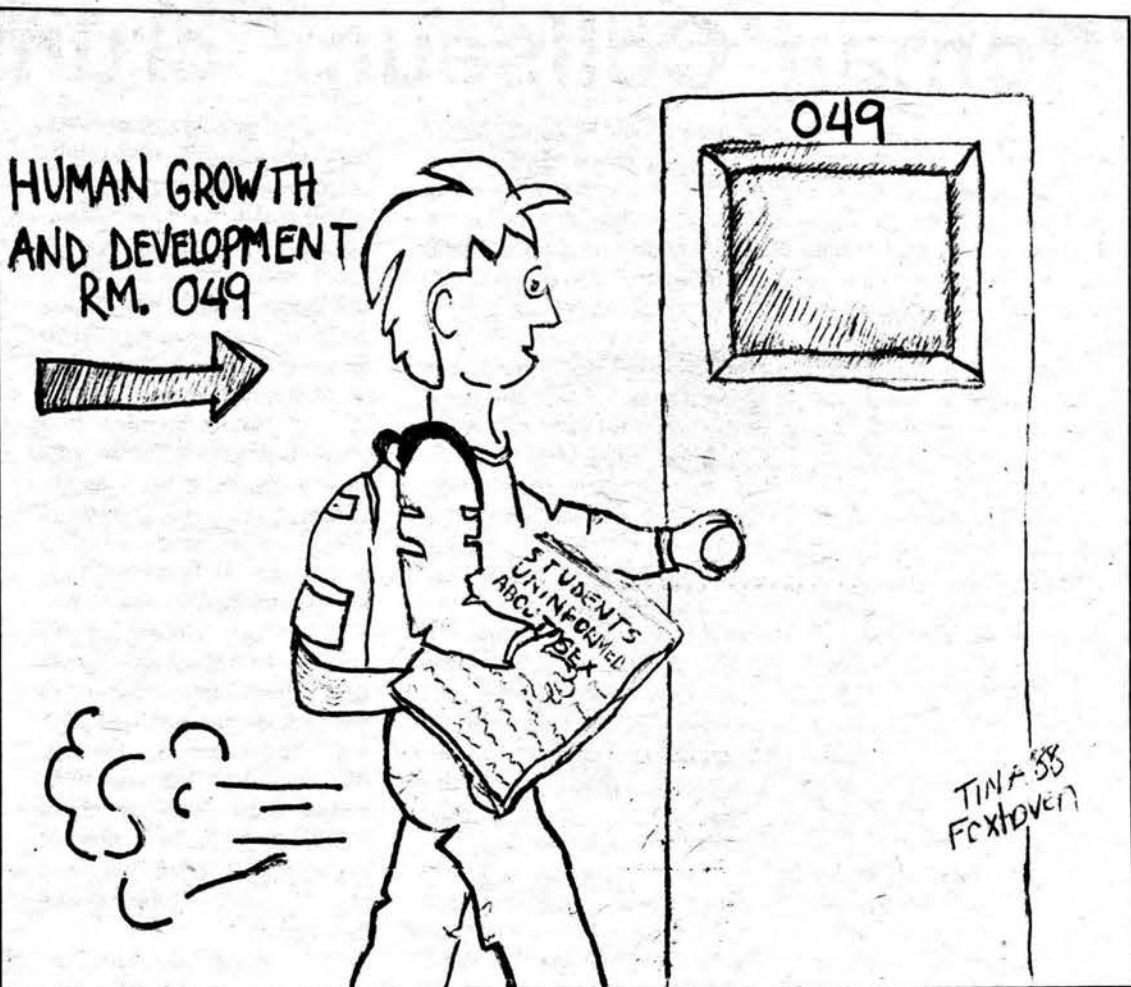
Often, the reason for teen pregnancy is lack of education. The Human Growth and Development course teaches fact. Without this direction, many teenagers learn misconceptions which can lead to detrimental circumstances.

A vital aspect of this course is birth control. All methods of birth control are examined. OPS has made this progression to reduce the ignorance of birth control use among teens.

Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD's) are also discussed. Due to the presence of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), education of STD's is vital. OPS has heeded to the need of AIDS education. This is a large progression in the prevention of the spread of AIDS and other STD's among Omaha youth. With knowledge, teens will display caution and responsibility.

The education of adolescent growth and development has lacked consideration locally and nationally in the past. The Human Growth and Development course can not alleviate all difficulties adolescents experience, but education encourages responsibility and educated decisions.

Omaha Public Schools have broadened their minds in the attempt to educate students. The Human Growth and Development course is a needed extension in the teenage learning process.



Is it back to Kerouac, or 'On the Road,' again?



Another Illusion

with
Simon Joyner

Somewhere down the road to individuality, youth have lost their movements. They have burned out, fizzled. Fashion was always the vehicle used to spread a movement. It could be a simple peace sign or a tie-dyed shirt or long hair or no hair.

The fashions were always radical to the adults of that generation. So the youth were, supposedly, successfully getting across the message they had been trying to convey to the people. Anti-war fashions, anti-political fashions, anti-materialism fashions (an oxymo-

ron?), and other clothing sported the positions of the day. Well, now all of that seems to be over.

I began seeing the signs of a self-silenced youth not long ago. I was happy to see the old styles coming back. But only the fads have returned; there are no movements. The most conservative, homegrown, average teenager can be seen now wearing a tie-dyed T-shirt. I found out that they were being mass produced because they have become a recurring fad and are sold in shopping centers everywhere.

Not only are the once individually homemade shirts being brought back, but other symbols of the sixties are also in style. Girls have peace symbol earrings and "Give Peace a Chance" pins on their purses, but, of course, they are merely a fad; they mean nothing. Half of the girls say they are even Republicans and do not know the difference. I look to the remnants of the punk invasion of the seventies.

All of the angry youth have ceased their mighty screams of non-conformity and pro-violence and social hatred. Now they are just middle-class skinheads who enjoy the whole idea of the style but don't like the punker attitude, so they have become skateboarders: i.e., harmless.

Of course, there still exists a clan of pseudo-melancholy priestesses of black, who dress in black, dye their hair black, and paint their faces white to achieve the freshly dead look. I asked a group of these dead girls if they were assuming death-like appearances to achieve an affinity with death or perhaps a wild revelation about their existence. But they just said that black is their favorite color, and they didn't like the other less neutral styles around.

I guess everyone must be content because everything is just accepted, and no single group is really representing the youth of today. The youth of yesterday is being worn on the youth of today, but similarities seem to stop with clothing.

Mental awareness of the situations of our day do not seem to interest these adolescents. Maybe there really are no situations worth creating a new fashion revolution over. Why be individual when it's been done, right?

Well, I'm still waiting for Benetton Mills (or Bobby Brooks) to re-release bell bottoms, or maybe a Velvet Underground sweatshirt to be worn with jeans with the rips and holes machine torn. Well, why would they want to inconvenience the youth of today anyway?

Money raised for needy

Student contribution appreciated for community service

Every fall the United Way of the Midlands/Combined Health Agencies Drive (CHAD) asks OPS students and teachers to contribute money to meet human service needs in the Midlands. The annual drive in the OPS system is a commendable effort and one that students and teachers should do their best to support.

Central students will receive small, manilla envelopes in homeroom in mid-October in which to place small donations. Students should be willing to part with any spare change or even bring an extra dollar. After all, if each Central student donates a mere quarter, Central's contribution will equal nearly \$500. That amount of money could go a long way in helping the needy people of the Midlands.

The Salvation Army, Boys' Club, Girls Club, American Red Cross, Child Saving Institute, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts,

American Lung Association of Nebraska, YMCA, YWCA, and Big Brothers-Big Sisters are a few of the many agencies that will receive portions of the money raised by the United Way/CHAD campaign.

Volunteers from the community make up most of the campaign workers. These volunteers determine which agencies receive donations and the amount of each donation.

The volunteers base their decisions on agencies' financial need and the need for the service in the community. Also, agencies must prove cost efficient and meet certain standards of performance.

Surely agencies that qualify for donations will create a higher quality of life in our area and make the best use of our money.

Each year, one in four persons in the Omaha and Council Bluffs areas is helped by

United Way/CHAD supported agencies.

First Call For Help, a United Way information service, answered nearly 15,000 calls last year. Workers at this number give callers requested information and refer them to agencies.

United Way/CHAD supported agencies are available to anyone in Douglas, Sarpy, and Pottawattamie Counties. The agencies do not discriminate against race, creed, or religion. Also, the agencies do not deny service to those unable to pay.

The agencies, with portions of our United Way/CHAD contributions will meet needs of youth, senior citizens, those in need of counseling, and many others in our community.

The Register staff asks the OPS students and faculty to remember the Midlands' needy and support the United Way/CHAD campaign this October.

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ConAgra relocation enhances riverfront renovation

'Roman Coliseum' crumbles to ground

—Karen Lee—

Imagine what downtown Omaha will look like several years from now. A rustic cluster of historic buildings and warehouses? A metropolitan area of modern corporate low-rises along the Missouri River? By the year 1992, the latter vision may become reality, due to ConAgra's future relocation on the riverfront.

According to Ms. Lynn Phares, vice-president of public relations for ConAgra, ConAgra is constructing a total of five buildings downtown to be used as corporate offices and headquarters. Ms. Phares said that two of these buildings will be finished by next August or September, drawing about 430 employees from St. Louis, Missouri, and Scottsdale, Arizona. She expects that the other three buildings will be finished in the next three years, as late as 1992.

Ms. Phares said that a park with a lake will be built in the northeast site of the new business district. She stated that the park will blend into the Missouri, providing "lovely views of the river" from the park. Ms. Phares described the future ConAgra buildings as "people-friendly," four stories-

or-under buildings constructed of brick and glass with copper roofs.

ConAgra was spending about 60 million dollars for the construction and development, she estimated. Along with ConAgra, other companies are going to be occupying the downtown district, including Union Pacific. The entire business district will extend from Ninth Street to the River.

Although mail to ConAgra has been "overwhelmingly positive," Ms. Phares said that some preservationists are against the demolition of Jobbers Canyon, a turn-of-the-century architecture warehouse district between the Old Market and the river. One such preservationist group is PROUD, or People for Responsible Omaha Urban Development, whose efforts are supported by the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Charles M. "Mike" Harper, ConAgra Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, has been quoted in both the New York Times and the Omaha World-Herald as describing the warehouses as "some big, ugly red brick buildings," but Ted Fogarty, Central senior, took an opposing viewpoint. Ted's father, attorney Mr. Edward Fogarty, represents PROUD in their fight against the destruction of Jobbers Canyon.

Ted said that once rebuilt, the formerly historically unique downtown district will be made up of "uniform every-building-looks-the-same-architecture." He said that some of the buildings in Jobbers Canyon are run-down, but the rest could be incorporated into a combination of old and new style.

"As for function, [the warehouse buildings] could have served the function. As for beauty; beauty is in the eye of the beholder, and to some people like me, those buildings are very beautiful," said Ted.

"We [Omaha] don't have anything else," Ted argued, saying that Jobbers Canyon is one of the largest historical landmarks in the Omaha area. He compared the importance of its historic architecture to that of the Roman Coliseum of Europe, saying that Jobbers Canyon is the "Roman Coliseum of Omaha."

In 1987, Jobbers Canyon became a National Register Historic District but not a local historic district. Due to a non-involvement of federal funds, national register status does not protect Jobbers Canyon from demolition.



The Jobbers Canyon area is under demolition and is slowly taking on a new look. ConAgra is among the companies that is moving to this area.

River City hosts vice presidential debate

—Seth Kotok—

The vice presidential debate took place at the Civic Auditorium Wednesday, October 5. Texas Senator Lloyd Bentsen (D) and Indiana Senator Dan Quayle (R) answered questions from Tom Brokaw of NBC, Jon Margolis of the Chicago Tribune, and Brit Hume of ABC.

The modern presidential debate format started in 1960 when John F. Kennedy (D) debated Vice President Richard M. Nixon (R). This year a bi-partisan committee planned the three debates, including two

presidential and one vice presidential debate.

Two have already taken place, the presidential debate in Winston-Salem, North Carolina and the vice presidential debate in Omaha. The final presidential debate site is Los Angeles.

The debate will be between Vice President George Bush and Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis.

About 2,500 people including media came to Omaha Chamber of Commerce figures.

The visitors resulted in 3-5 million dollar boost in the economy. The Chamber is also hoping that the national attention Omaha received will boost

Omaha's image.

Ms. Vicki Krecek, manager of communications for the Chamber of Commerce, describes Omaha's current image as "not bad, we really just don't have much of any image."

Omaha volunteers and workers tried to change that this past week. The Downtown area, especially the Civic Auditorium was given a thorough cleaning as well as some remodeling.

Hotels around the community have benefitted from the debate. The Red Lion said they were "booked solid" from Monday until Thursday the week of the debate.

Many people in community

volunteered their time to help with the debate. Twenty-seven Central Register students volunteered to act as runners in the press room at the auditorium on the day of the debate.

"I felt like I was part of the event."

Emily Rasmuss, senior, said, "I felt like I was part of the event."

Also volunteers and city employees made up visitor packets for the media. These packets contained information

about activities in Omaha, statistics about Nebraska, and general information about the debates.

Cheerleaders prepare for Homecoming events

—Jason Auslander—

It's that time of year again: when the leaves are changing colors, old man winter is hinting at arrival, and Homecoming rolls around. It's the time for all the girls to worry about who's going to ask them and who's not. Time for the guys to worry about who, if anyone, to ask.

This year's Homecoming dance is being held at the Milo Bail Student Center at UNO. "Groovy Kind of Love" by Phil Collins is the song of the night, and the theme of the night is "The Best of Times." The dance, which is put on by the cheerleaders and the pom squad, will take place on October 8.

Friday night, October

7, will begin with a Homecoming Parade starting at Washington Elementary and proceeding to the UNO field. The game against Northwest will begin at 7:30.

This year Homecoming is an all-school dance so, yes underclassmen may attend. The tickets are \$12.00 a couple and for singles, \$6.00.

Before Homecoming can begin, the cheerleaders and pom squad decorate the school for spirit week. "This tradition is to get everyone psyched up for the Homecoming game Friday night," said senior pom squad member Stacey Chamberlain.

"For the first time in a few years, the administration is letting us have a pep rally during school hours," said senior cheerleader Debbie Dubes.

Lucas unlocks the door to a possible career

—Aaron Dennison—

Keith Lucas, a junior at Central High, is involved in one of the more interesting hobbies that an average teen may pursue. His hobby is one that he says involves, "... caring about what you do, practice, and honesty." These requirements are necessary because Keith Lucas is a locksmith.

Keith first became interested in working with locks in seventh grade because he knew a retired locksmith, who formerly worked on locks for government buildings. When Lucas asked him about his former career, the locksmith showed him his tools and what

he did. From that point on Keith had a new hobby.

Today Keith Lucas works independently out of his house for various customers. His accomplishments include making a master key system for an apartment complex and working on the locks for his dad's office.

To enhance his hobby, Keith keeps a lock and key collection at his home. The prize of his collection is a key from approximately the year 1500. He explains that he bought the key from an antique store owner who didn't know what he had.

Although Keith says he doesn't plan to go into the locksmith business as a career, he does plan to stay with it.



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Magnet schools accelerate student curriculums,

King Science Center offers advanced courses

—Aaron Dennison—

The King Science Center, formerly Horace Mann, is one of the many magnet schools throughout Omaha now specializing in certain areas of study. Naturally, the King Science Center has advanced classes in biology, physics, and chemistry.

Mr. Dick Gotner, a science teacher at the center, said the school currently has fourth, through seventh graders attending. However, Mr. Gotner added that next year the school will include eighth graders also. In fourth grade, biology is the main focus of the classes. The fourth grade curriculum includes the dissection of animals such as frogs and sheep eyes. Mr. Gotner also explained that in the fifth through seventh grades they study chemistry and the basics of physics such as acceleration and motion.

When asked how high schools would accommodate the advanced students, Mr. Gotner said he did not know. However, Dr. Robert Wolff, Central High physics teacher, said, "I doubt very much that our science programs will become obsolete." Dr. Wolff added that if the existing programs were not advanced enough for incoming students, new classes would be added to the program.

In the spring, students throughout Omaha receive letters to inform them and their parents about the King Science Center. Students who have an interest in science and wish to attend school at the center then send their names back to the school. The students are chosen through a type of lottery or technically random sampling.

Zach Abraham, a seventh grader at the Center, says last year he went to school at the center and participated in many interesting courses. He com-

ments, "Last year I enjoyed the classes a lot, but this year seems to be lacking excitement."

Two of the more exotic animals are Clyde the tarantula and Balboa the boaconstrictor

Mr. Gotner explained that to help with education of the students, many animals have been brought into the King Science Center. Two of the more exotic animals are Clyde the tarantula and Balboa the boaconstrictor who is 250 pounds and approximately ten feet long. The 475 students attending the King Science School chose the names of the animals.



Simon Joyner

Balboa, the 250 pound boaconstrictor, is one of the many unusual attractions that has captured the attention of the 475 students who attend the King Science School.

'It began as a class project.'

Students graduate, but leave behind LR253

—Kate Leuschen—

Many people may want to change Nebraska laws, but very few people actually do. Last year, four seniors decided to try, and they proposed a state constitutional amendment. The amendment would give 17-year-olds the right to vote in the primary if they turn 18 by the November election.

Charles Tomlinson, Wes Vogel, David Bentz, and Wade Peterson, now Central graduates, began the project in

government class. Mr. Dean Neff, government teacher, initiated the idea.

"It began as a class project," said Mr. Neff. "We started gathering information and ideas last fall [1987]." Mr. Neff said he wanted to have students learn about the bill passage process by actually doing it.

Once the students decided on the bill's topic, they approached State Senator Mrs. Carol McBride Pirsch of Omaha. State Senator Pirsch introduced the bill to the State Legislature as LR253.

Because of the heavy load of bills, no certain time could be given as to when the bill would come up on the floor. On a trip to the capital, a group of students and Mr. Neff missed the bill's passage by 10 minutes.

The resolution must now be placed on the November ballot. According to law, a state constitutional amendment must be voted on by the people in a general election.

The proposed amendment will appear toward the end of the ballot and voters may easily skip it. In Nebraska, 35 percent

of the voter turn-out must vote one way or the other on the proposed amendment. Otherwise, the proposal is dropped.

Mr. Neff said voters should be notified of the resolution just before voting. To aid in awareness, Mr. Neff contacted groups such as the League of Women Voters and the American Legion just after the bill's passage. Little can be done on the school level, said Mr. Neff, because money and interest become a factor. "It is difficult to get anyone's interest because government classes changed to

tenth grade. Students are two years or more away from voting," said Mr. Neff.

Twelve states already have adopted legislation allowing 17-year-olds the vote, though only a small turn-out of 17-year-olds have used this privilege. The 18-24 age group has consistently had the lowest percent of voter turn-out nation-wide. The Douglas County Election Commission does not keep statistics on this age group. Votes are only divided by party affiliation.

In Brief

New Central Custodian

Jim Merrifield, head custodian/engineer for the past several years, was promoted to a district-wide supervisor job. Alonzo Frazier, Merrifield's replacement, is now on duty at Central.

Open House

The date of Central High School's Open House has been changed from October 5 to October 12, due to the October 5 vice-presidential debate at the Civic Auditorium. The time remains from 7 to 9:00 p.m.

Outstanding Volunteer

Central senior, Anne Lietzen, was named 1988 Outstanding Volunteer of the Year in the Health-Youth category of the United Way Volunteer Bureau. Anne worked a total of 482 volunteer hours last year.

Drama Club

The 1988-89 Drama Club officers are Stephan Dietrich, President; Susie Donelson, Vice President; Holly Stommes, Secretary; Pari Smart, Treasurer; and Scott Easton, Historian.

Research Program

Michelle White, senior, was one of three minority students chosen out of 25 area applicants who participated in a research program at the Eppley Institute for Cancer and Allied Diseases at the University of Nebraska Medical Center this past summer.

Close-Up Program

The Close-Up Foundation will once again host its program in Washington D.C. this year. The program will run from April 23-29, 1989, excusing students from school. The School Board compensates for part of the cost so more students can participate. Those students interested in the program should contact Mr. Jack Blanke, Close-Up Coordinator, in room 216.



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Junior has 'Look of the Year'

—Karen Lee—

"There are a lot of things in life you don't expect," said Kelley Browne, junior. "This is one of those things I didn't expect."

"This" is winning a \$200,000 grand prize modeling contract in Elite modeling agency's Look of the Year contest.

Last summer at Hanscom Park swimming pool, a male model approached Kelley, suggesting that she try modeling. "Psycho... a freak," was Kelley's first impression of a stranger using some hokey, you-ought-to-be-in-pictures line.

After some persistence, she finally said she would meet a photographer for a photo session.

Kelley said that the pictures turned out so well that she agreed to send them to the Look of the Year contest. "What a joke," Kelley said she had thought. "I can't believe I entered."

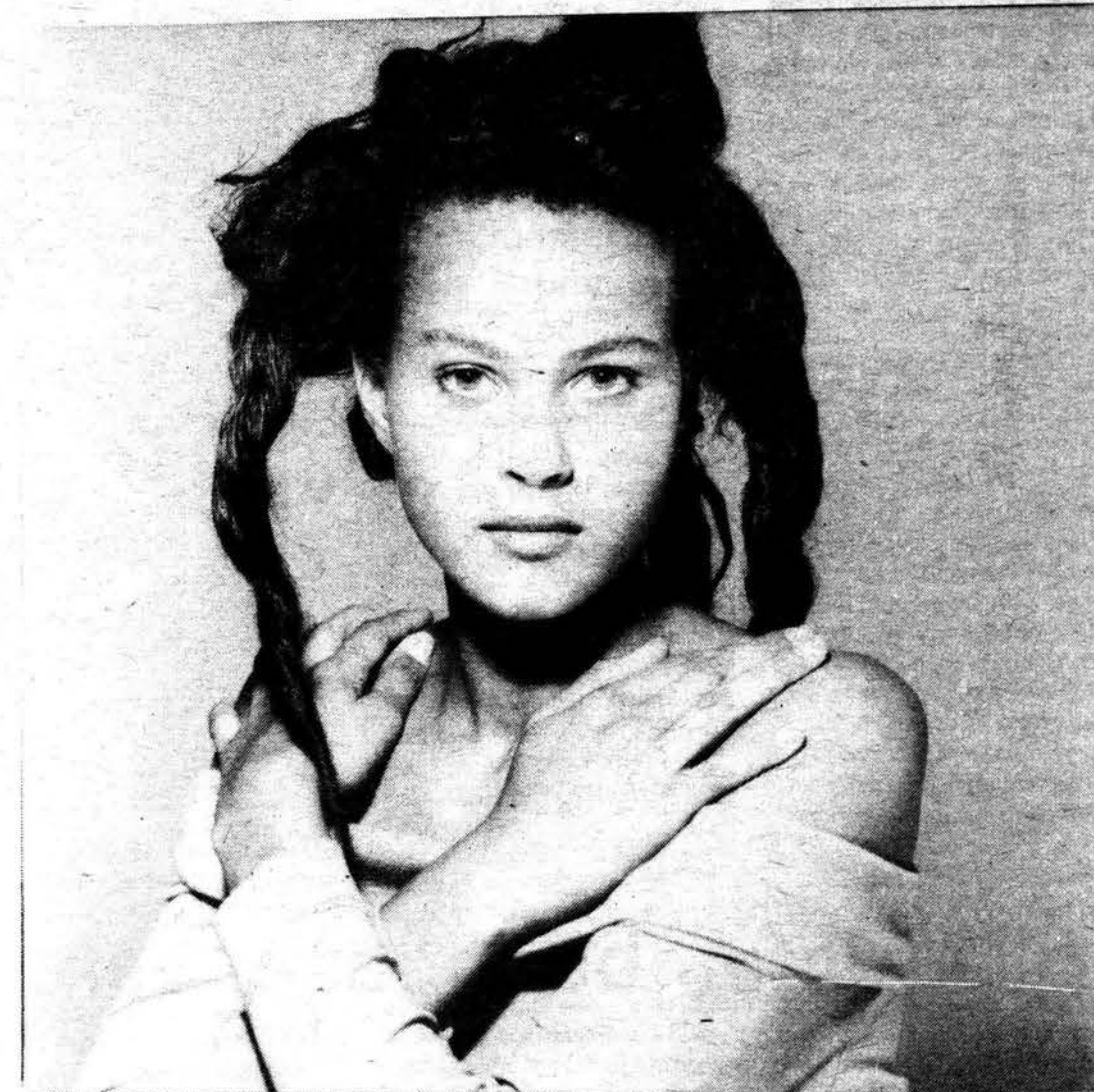
Selection process

Kelley survived the first round of cut-offs when she became one of fourteen regional finalists. She said she was "totally blown away" with surprise. Alyson Bruns, 1988 Central graduate, was also a regional finalist.

The next step of the contest was selecting twenty-five finalists from forty United States regions to compete in Japan against other international finalists.

Kelley said when she found out she had reached the second set of finals, the good news "didn't seem real." At that time, she said she did not expect to win the contest. "The experience of going to Japan is good enough for me," she said.

Kelley began taking modeling lessons from John Casablancas' modeling school before leaving for Japan. Kelley said she is learning how to do her own makeup in order to lower the costs of hiring a make-up artist.



Kelley Brown, junior, displays her modeling expertise in this photograph by Rhawn York. Kelley was named Elite modeling agency's Look of the Year. As a result she received a \$200,000 modeling contract.

The final round of competition in Atami, Japan took place August 29 through September 17, causing Kelley to miss the first few weeks of school. During the second week of competition, she was named one of the top ten of sixty-two finalists.

\$200,000 prize

After criteria on portfolios, interviews, swimsuit, movement and face, Kelley emerged as the grand prize winner and Elite's Look of the Year. Her grand prize is a \$200,000 modeling contract which is guaranteed income

through Elite for the next two years.

Kelley said that she enjoyed her stay in Japan, although she experienced a "language barrier," with some of the competitors. She described Japan as "so clean," and said that the Japanese people were "polite" and "patient."

"Everyone there was so pretty," said Kelley of her competition. Kelley said that she and some of the other contestants even had a probable winner picked out, a French model who went on to win a \$50,000 contract.

Kelley's schedule for the near future includes a trip to New York in October for publicity, "press stuff," and possibly an appearance on the Today Show. For the second semester of this school year, Kelley is planning to move to New York City to attend the Professional Children's School. She will return to Omaha for her senior year of high school.

Kelley plans to use the money she makes first to get her settled in New York, then for college and medical school. After that, she said she is unsure of how she will spend her earnings.

She said that her parents encourage her, even the decision to live by herself in New York City for a few months. "The news hit hard," she said, "But my family is still really supportive." Kelley also said that she has received "a lot of support from true friends."

Modeling not always easy

Kelley said she admires Iman, model for Calvin Klein and one of Revlon's "Unforgettable Faces." "Iman came out of nowhere... real poor... now her life is totally changed," said Kelley. "It doesn't matter what social class you're in," she said. "You can still be beautiful."

Paulina Porizkova, Elite model for Estee Lauder, has said in several media interviews that modeling is not as easy nor fun as it may seem. "It's very hard to pinpoint your values when your work consists of only what you look like," Ms. Porizkova said in a recent issue of Model magazine.

Kelley agreed with some of Ms. Porizkova's statements, saying that "everyone sees a pretty face." "No one realizes the hard work put into modeling," Kelley said. She said that models have to be "mentally strong" because they often face a "lot of rejection." Kelley said that despite her success with modeling, she is determined to eventually become a doctor. "I'm hoping [modeling] won't totally change my life."

Kelley's advice to potential models, "You should give a lot of thought to what you have to give up." According to Kelley, the hardest parts for her are being away from her family and friends. Kelley said now she is trying to "get back into school" and "be with my family a lot."

Kelley's other activities include cheerleader, JCL member, soccer player, and honor student.

"I am making the right decisions," Kelley said. Considering the success she has had so far, she is probably right.

Guard volunteers geared up for boot camp

—Chris Chapman—

"You came here as children, you'll be leaving as men." Terry Goehring, Eric Riley, and Kyle Bolte, Central seniors, along with about 180 other 17-year-olds heard these words on their first day of basic training. They signed up for a National Guard split option program in which they completed seven weeks of basic training at Fort Benning this summer and will finish six weeks of Military Occupational Training (M.O.S.) training after senior year.

Participants woke at three or four in the morning, got ready and cleaned the barracks. From there, they went first to formations, did physical training, and then jogged one mile. After suiting up in their fatigues and boots, everyone had five minutes to eat breakfast before they began daily training. At the end

of each day, there was about an hour of free time.

Terry became interested in military service as a freshman in ROTC. He felt that basic training was hard, yet, it was an enjoyable and profitable experience. "The drill sergeants liked playing with your mind," said Terry. "But they were nice if you came through." After M.O.S., he plans to go to college and then enter the Army.

Eric found basic training "easy" in comparison to what he does on the weekends. He, along with Terry and Kyle, is a member of the National Guard and does just about everything except jump out of airplanes. He will teach repelling to ROTC camp participants. This involves climbing to the top of the civic auditorium and repelling down the side on a rope, much like repelling down the side of a mountain. Eric earns about \$105

a weekend and will go to college free of charge. He feels that basic training and his National Guard involvement on the whole, "makes you look at life in a different perspective." He said he has matured from his experiences.

Kyle has noticed many changes in himself. He felt that basic training was "tough, but I'm glad I went through it." Kyle has found that he has become more respectful toward his peers and authority figures and has become more organized and more mature because of the responsibilities that he had taken on. He also plans to go to college in the future.

Each one of these young men has grown-up through their experiences at basic training. Like Terry said, "You don't feel different, but people say you're different." They are no longer children, they are men.

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Senior finds plenty of fun and guns in Israel

—Khourey Abraham—

Uzis, M1's, M14's, and M16's are common sights found in Israel, according to Reggie Rennard, Central senior. "Israeli soldiers are required to carry their weapons even when they are off duty while they are in the service," she said. Reggie went to Israel for six weeks on a work-study-tour program called the Ramah Pilgrimage.

Climbing Masada

Forty-one teenagers went with her, including six from Omaha. First, the group climbed Matzda (Masada), a fortress built on top of a mountain during the time of King Herod.

"We climbed it at nine o'clock in the morning when it was about one hundred degrees," said Reggie. "It usually takes an hour to climb, but I did it in thirty-five minutes because I was so anxious to reach the top."

For part of her time in Israel, Reggie stayed in a kibbutz, or a collective farm. She was there as a volunteer for six days and worked in exchange for room and board. Some of the work included milking the sheep at 3:30 a.m., planting grape vines, and clearing the land of rocks.

Army lectures

The group commuted from the kibbutz to an army base where

they participated in Gadna, a program of army lectures and basic skills. They toured the base and had twelve hours of lectures from Israeli pilots. They also did the obstacle course and learned how to use the guns.

According to Reggie, everyone in Israel is required to join the army. Males go for three years, and females go for two years. It is only possible to get out for religious reason.

Scaling cliffs

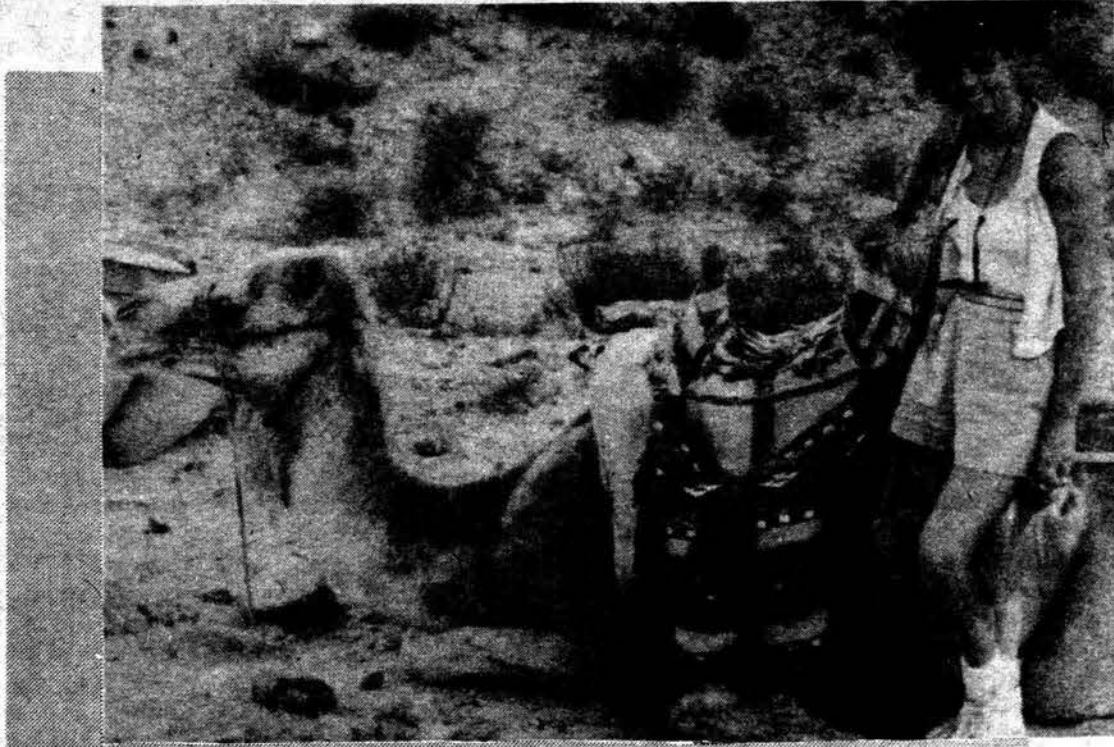
While traveling back to the group's touring base, they took an army hiking path. Two guards and one medic accompanied them on the two kilometer hike. It took nearly four hours to complete and included scaling walls of cliffs.

Both of the guards carried guns. The guns are always unloaded, but the soldiers carry ammunition with them and are prepared for anything.

They also went to Eliat, a city on the Red Sea that has clear water and a snorkeling center. "That's basically it," said Reggie, "except for about six ice cream parlors." The group even spent an afternoon eating lunch across the border in Egypt.

Scorpion patrol

When touring, the group slept in the desert for four nights. The temperature held constant at around one hundred degrees



While traveling in Israel, Reggie Rennard, Central senior, rode camels with the native Bedouins. Bedouins are peaceful, nomadic Moslems and "are very hospitable people," said Reggie.

during the day and eighty-five at night. According to Reggie, sleep did not come easily due to a fear of scorpions.

"We always checked our shoes in the morning to be sure nothing crawled inside," she said.

Riding camels

During the trip, Reggie visited Bedouins, a group of peaceful, nomadic Moslems.

"They are one of the richest groups in the country, yet they live in burlap huts," said Reggie. She added that they are so wealthy because they are well known for smuggling hashish.

"They are very hospitable people. They showed us how to ride camels, cooked us meals, and allowed us to sleep the night in their tents," Reggie said.

Studying in Jerusalem

During the last week, Reggie spent time in Jerusalem studying everything from religion and philosophy to politics. They also visited the Israeli senate.

The trip lasted approximately six weeks. Reggie said upon returning, "There is more to Israel than just guns and fighting."

Vacationing with family is no joy-ride



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4. The Brother- He is usually quiet and easily impressed upon. One thing you will never get him to do is put away his endless array of Matchbox cars, Transformers, and G.I. Joes. For some reason his constant playing will get on your nerves.

5. The Car- The "Family Truckster" if you will. It does not necessarily have to be an Oldsmobile-Buick stationwagon, although it is helpful. Its only requirement is that it be sparkling clean inside and out before you leave, and look like Nagasaki circa 1945 on the return trip.

Off and running

Once you have the five necessities, you are ready to begin your descent into hell. It may not be Dante's *Inferno*, but it is surely as hellish as Nebraska's loss to UCLA. I would like to provide some helpful hints on how to handle some "on road" situations.

One occurrence is the gas station/ bathroom stop. A few tips; first, always try to be first to the bathroom. Often these stations have one toilet facility, and it is not fun to wait. Secondly,

if you are a boy, take advantage of the reading material provided to you on the machine above your head. Thirdly, stock up on gum, pop, and snacks now, because chances are this will be your last stop for hours. Daddy must stay on schedule.

Time to drive

After the pit stop, a long stretch of driving is likely to be coming up. If you can't fall asleep, now is the time to drive. This solves three problems. Obviously, it is less boring than sitting in the back counting mile markers. It also allows you to choose the tape for the stereo. Finally, and possibly most important, you move up to the front seat thereby avoiding your brother and sister.

Final tips

If and when you reach your destination, take advantage of whatever entertainment is offered to you. Also, try to get along as best you can with your family. Finally, remember you will get to go home soon.

I hope that although I have only scratched the surface, I have helped to make your next family vacation more bearable.

Happy trails!

Custodians are on the job

—Donya Craddock—

"When students are doing something wrong, I tell them. But they feel they don't have to listen to custodians because they are not teachers or administrators, just custodians," said Mr. Rick McCoy, a janitor at Central High. Sixteen custodians work day-in and day-out keeping the building of Central clean.

"Everybody needs a job, and being a custodian is a job that is not easy, but somebody has to do it." Mr. McCoy referred to his work as a year round job that he needed and is convenient. Mr. McCoy also said his job is financially wise and easy to work into his family life.

Mr. McCoy believes that students should take more pride in their school. "I know I get paid to clean up your building, but this is more your building than mine. I don't expect students to sit and just trash the building, but students need more pride," he stated.

Mr. Jesse Heller, a night shift custodian, believes that his job is a lot of work that gets kind

of boring, but it is a job that can't go undone, and it is worth the money.

During the school year, some custodians are here from 3:30 until midnight and are assigned different rooms in which they have to vacuum, sweep, empty trash, and clean chalk boards.

Mr. Jim Merrifield, chief engineer, said that the assigned rooms are in the regular routine of cleaning that also includes hallways, restrooms, stairways and the courtyard in preparation for the students coming the next day.

Mr. Merrifield said he "likes the work," or he would not have stayed in it for seventeen years.

Ms. Geitruide Saciton, the custodian in charge of cleaning the girls locker room said that she likes working around the students, and if time allowed, she would cheer along with students at the many games and activities. Custodians are clearly the caretakers of Central, and they care about school as much as the students do.

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Hartung remembers Olympic experience

Karen Lee

"It's easy to ask what [the Olympics] is like and for me to spit out an answer, but it's really ten times deeper than that," said Jim Hartung, 1984 Olympic United States gold-medal-winning gymnast. In Los Angeles in 1984, the U.S. men's gymnastic team won first place in the overall competition.

Mr. Hartung went to Seoul this year to work with NBC television's coverage of the Olympics. He said he was a spotter, helping the camera crew, and kept track of scores and the gymnasts themselves.

Mr. Hartung described Seoul as being "very nice," but said that, in a way, it was "silly for Seoul to host the games." He explained, saying that the Koreans spent millions of dollars on building new sports complexes which may not be very useful after the Olympics are over. On the other hand, some of the dormitory-type buildings which served as housing for the athletes are being rented out to private owners, he said. He complimented the Koreans on keeping the streets clean and the city "dressed up."

Mr. Hartung said that the Seoul games "opened up diplomatic relations" with the attending countries. This year the Soviet athletes participated, and among the 131 medals they won, they also took the men's gymnastics overall title. East Germany was second in the final medal count with 102 medals, and the United States was third with 93.

East Germany has the best athletic program in the world, according to Mr. Hartung. He said that as far as medals per capita, the East Germans were

ahead of the other countries.

"To be a communist athlete would not be much fun," said Mr. Hartung.

He said that in countries such as East Germany and U.S.S.R., the coaches look for athletes at a very young age. "They don't have better athletes," said Mr. Hartung. "They have better training." He said that in the Soviet Union, the coach to athlete ratio was one-to-one. In the United States, he said, the same ratio is about one to ten.

"Do we want to make a bunch of little freaks who are great athletes?" Mr. Hartung asked. "I don't think it's worth it, personally." He said that at the world championships and the Olympics, the Soviet gymnasts were very serious about winning.

"If you say 'hi' to them, they say 'hi' back. If you say 'good luck,' they wish you good luck back. Don't try to start a conversation or be buddy-buddy with them," he said. "That isn't going to happen."

As far as the numerous drug scandals in this year's Olympics are concerned, Mr. Hartung said that maybe there should be two classes, "Drug-free Olympics and the Steroids World Championships." "If Carl Lewis had taken drugs, maybe he would have run the 100 [meter] in 9.5 seconds . . . but when you use [drugs], you get hurt," he said.

Olympic training, according to Mr. Hartung, is "tough...but it's like a way of life." He said that prior to the 1984 Olympics, he trained three to five hours a day, six days a week for ten years.

"You get exactly what you put into it," he said. In high school, he said, many people told him, "Gosh, it must be terrible to miss out on so much." He said that by that time he had already been to the Soviet Union

and other countries around the world to compete. "I missed senior prom, but I didn't really miss out," said Mr. Hartung.

What it is like to win a gold medal in the Olympics is "impossible to describe," said Mr. Hartung. "[The feeling] is a cross between euphoria and something else," he said, "a dream come true." Mr. Hartung said that he has been involved in gymnastics since he was five and has dreamed of winning the gold in the Olympics since he was twelve. As a kid, he said, he looked up to all the great athletes and hoped one day to emulate them.

Jim Hartung, now twenty-eight, graduated from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln with a degree in business. Prior to attending U.N.L., he went to Omaha South High School and trained at Sokol Hall in Omaha.

He said he is now a "gymnastics consultant" and a salesperson for gymnastics equipment. He said that he hopes to eventually become an Olympic coach in 1992 or 1996.

"I'm a fan of all the Olympic sports," Mr. Hartung said. "I'm one of [the U.S. team's] number one cheerleaders." "A lot of sports I never watch," he said, "but if it's Olympics and the U.S. is competing, I'll watch."

He said that he doesn't "personally place much emphasis on medal counts." To the average athlete, he said, it is an honor just to be able to go and take part in the Olympics. He said that most people back home "expect gold medals, but don't do anything." He said that the home viewers could make donations or contribute to sports organizations, instead of just sitting in front of the t.v. and saying "why aren't we winning?"

CHINA

Olympic spic

Jennifer Smith

Many Central marketing students are getting involved with the Olympics by delivering medal results to McDonalds franchises all over the country.

The students must arrive at Idelman's tele-marketing at 5:30 a.m. for the fifteen days of the Olympics. The students follow a script telling the results of the medal winning events from the previous day.

Both Damon Todd and John Kozak, Central

"It's not that bad. You get free donuts, you miss zero hour, and you get to meet new people," Julie

The students remain at Idelman's until 7:30 a.m. During the two hours, the students make fifty calls each. "For some reason, I actually enjoy going,"

Games enhanced by U.S. gold

U. S. leaves Seoul with hardware

Seth Kotok

Although flag waving is not necessarily in the Olympic spirit, it seems the United States Olympic fans love to do it. So here are a few of the people and events Americans cheered and cried about during the Seoul games.

The games started on a bad note for the U.S. when a boxer forfeited his match because the coach did not get him to the ring in time.

The games also ended on a bad note in boxing ring for the U.S. team when American light middleweight Roy Jones lost to Park Si-Hun of South Korea in a controversial 3-2 decision. NBC reported that even the Korean network thought that Jones should have won.

In between these

events however Americans found a lot to be happy about. In the boxing ring the U.S. team won medals in most weight classes even with all the controversy.

Greg Louganis, who hit his head in the preliminaries and received 5 stitches, went on to win gold medals in the three meter spring board and the 10 meter platform.

He is the first person to win 4 consecutive gold medals in diving. He also received the Olympic spirit award from the U.S. Olympic committee.

In the track and field events the American team had a lot of standouts.

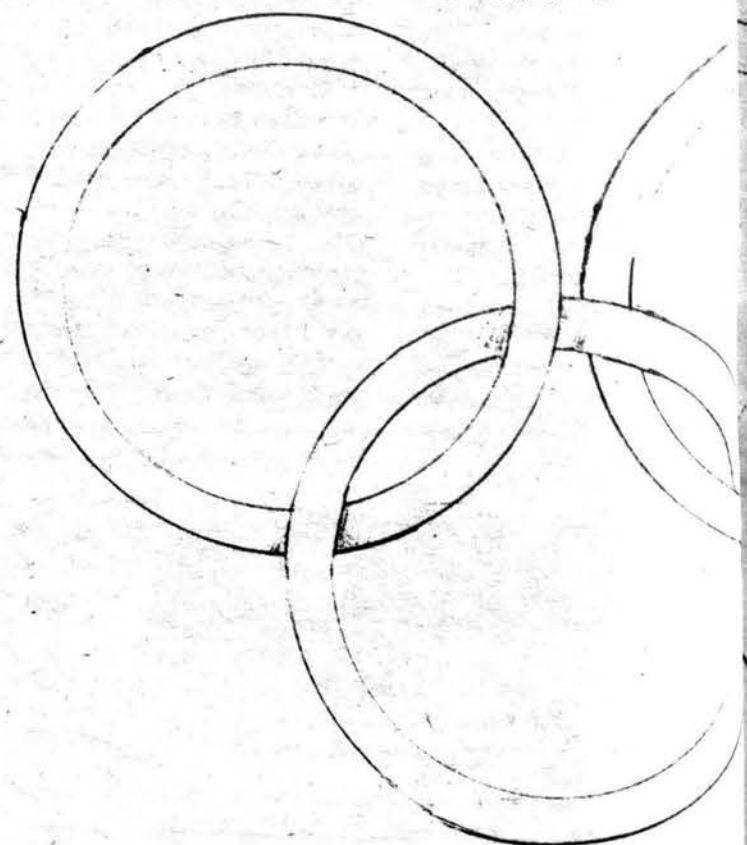
Topping the list is Florence Griffith Joyner. She was the highly touted woman sprinter. She won the gold in the 100 meter dash and the 400 meter relay. Of course Carl Lewis

was in Seoul he walked away with the gold in the long jump, the silver in the 200 meter sprint and won a gold in the 100 meter after the controversial disqualification of Ben Johnson for using steroids.

At the swimming events Matt Biondi, with his seven medals, led the men's swimming team to a strong performance in all events.

Sixteen year old, 101 pound Janet Evans led the women in swimming. She smiled throughout the games as she won her 4 gold medals.

The U.S. teams also received medals in men's volleyball, wrestling, equestrian events, water polo, basketball, baseball (exhibition), canoeing, rowing, yachting, and tennis(exhibition).



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Twenty-fourth Olympic Games

NBC's Olympic coverage 'sound and professional'

—Aaron Dennison—

For 24 years ABC has hosted the Olympics by literally outbidding the other networks. However, this year was different. This year NBC paid for the right to host the XXIV Olympiad on their network.

Ann Schatz, the sportscaster at KMTV3, said, "I thought overall it [Olympic coverage] was pretty sound and professional."

Ms. Schatz added that although interruptions in the games were common, many of them were necessary, such as the extensive commercial breaks.

The commercials helped pay the expenses of covering the Olympics. However, she added that she thought the taped features often broke into the broadcast of the Olympics at bad times.

She also commented that Bryant Gumble was a little unenthusiastic until the end of

the games where he seemed to "warm up a little."

On the positive side, Ann Schatz said that she believed that NBC had done an excellent job in handling the Ben Johnson controversy and other incidents which needed immediate attention.

"It seemed to lack excitement and sometimes was kind of biased."

Rebecca Barnes, Central senior, said of NBC's coverage: "I don't like it because they keep going back and forth between events instead of finishing one out." When asked about the commentary, she said, "It [the commentary] seemed to lack excitement and sometimes was kind of biased."

According to Newsweek, the ratings went down to 18 when the network expected 21.2. Newsweek said NBC's mistakes included having a block of commercials when Rosa Mota took the lead on her way to a gold medal and using a split screen which showed the climax of the diving competition and an early basketball game between the U.S. and Canada.

Another problem NBC faced was the preconceived notions of the television viewers, they being used to ABC for the past 24 years. "We're the new guys on the block," said NBC sportscaster Gayle Gardner.

Besides new sportscasters, the music, long considered an Olympic tradition, has been changed; the original music is owned by ABC.

In any event, the next network to host the Olympics will be able to learn from NBC, both in NBC's mistakes and in the moments when the coverage excelled.

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"Central would actually be eady and there were so ude schools," Jackie Fox, seni St. Paul, Papillion, Creighton d P involved in the program. Mr. Central DECA sponsor, t lody at 5:15 a.m.

"I loved everyone. He is very

supportive. The man is dedicated," Jackie said.

The students deal with various people from all across the nation.

"Some of them were friendly. Some didn't speak English well," Mary Budny, Central senior, stated.

"At first they sounded illiterate," Julie said. Jennifer handled a manager that was upset.

"One of the managers burst out crying because her grill exploded," Jennifer explained.

"It wasn't as hard as people thought it would be. More people should have given it a chance because it was kind of fun," Jackie said

Top ten final medal standings

	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1. Soviet Union	55	30	46	131
2. East Germany	37	35	30	102
3. United States	35	31	27	93
4. W. Germany	11	14	15	40
5. Bulgaria	10	12	13	35
6. South Korea	12	10	11	33
7. China	5	11	12	28
8. Romania	7	11	6	24
9. Britain	5	10	9	24
10. Hungary	11	6	6	23

Unusual sports 'backbone' of the Olympic Games'

—John T. Musselman—

The excitement that emerges from the Olympic games is frequently the result of traditional sports such as swimming, track events, and gymnastics. The lesser-known Olympic sports, however, are often the most interesting to watch and according to Central High senior Andy Huff, "form the backbone of the Olympic Games."

Throughout the history of the games, Olympic audiences have witnessed events ranging from races in suits of armor in the first Olympics to the rigorous 50,000 meter walk and the tug-of-war in the early 1900's to modern day events such as wheelchair racing and synchronized swimming.

Andy feels that Olympic sports like these are "important to the games because they allow athletes in little-known sports to compete on a competitive level like the Olympics."

Ryan Gaughan, Central High senior, believes that the Olympics are important to the athletes that participate in these sports.

"The games give the athletes of the sports a chance to compete in an international, competitive atmosphere that is normally absent in these unusual sports," said Ryan.

Throughout the games in Seoul, Olympic viewers have seen sports such as handball, rowing, equestrian, table tennis, fencing, archery, badminton, and water polo. These sports, ac-

cording to Ryan, "enhance the spirit and excitement of the games."

Although sports like gymnastics and swimming receive more air time than the lesser-known sports, they are not always more exciting to watch. According to Andy, the more unusual sports "can be just as enjoyable to watch as the major sports. Often times, they are more fun to watch because they are unfamiliar to us and thus are very interesting."

Along with being enjoyable to watch, these sports add a dimension of variety to the world of athletics. According to Ryan, this variety is important in that it "inspires athletes around the world to compete in many different kinds of sports which in turn betters all sports."

Six different ways to dine with your date



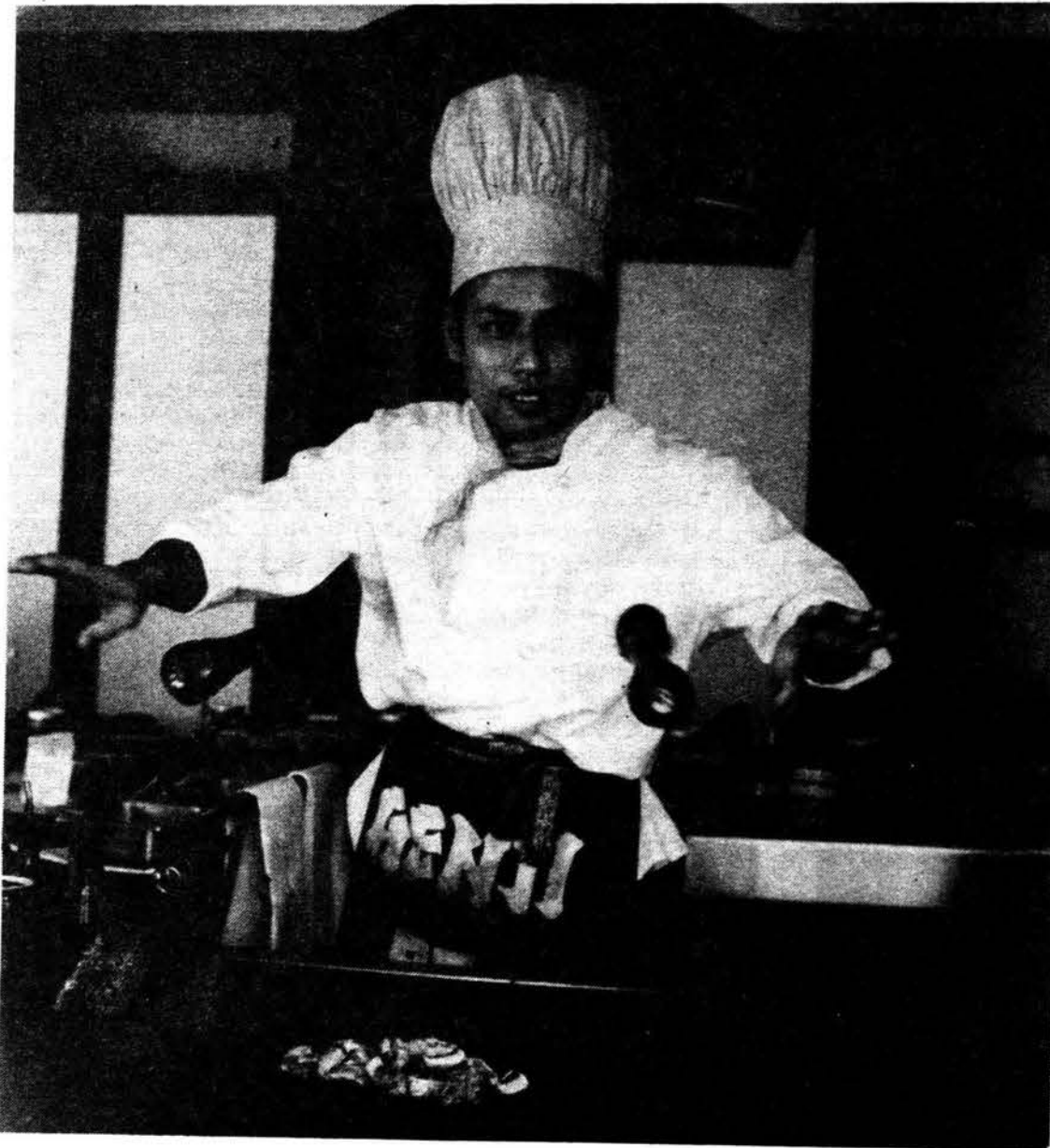
—Adrian Ferguson—

With Homecoming extremely close, the dance tomorrow night, if you really don't know where to take your date to dinner, here are a few ideas. If you miss them on Homecoming night, they would be great anytime.

INDIAN OVEN

If you have never indulged in the Indian Oven's spicy cuisine, it's time you treat yourself. But don't forget to bring a date or a good friend. The food is very exotic, but ordering is no problem. Each dish is thoroughly described so you know exactly what you are ordering. If you have any questions, the waiters (and waitresses) are always pleased to offer their input. Some of the food is prepared in an authentic clay oven, which has a window enabling diners to see their food being prepared. I'm sure you will find Indian food wonderfully different, but that won't prevent you from finding something you will like.

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The chefs at Genji prepare the food right at your table. This chef displays his self-taught culinary and entertainment skills, by twirling salt and pepper shakers in the air and around his back.

GENJI

Have you ever wanted to watch your food being prepared? At the Genji, a cook makes your food right at your table. Each chef puts on a little show while preparing your food by slicing and dicing your vegetables, meats and sea-food. To top this off they throw their salt and pepper shakers in the air and around their backs. The ex-

tremely tasty food is served with authentic Japanese soup and hot Japanese green-tea. Genji makes a wonderful place to bring a group of friends, and the service is extremely fast.

NEON GOOSE

Neon lights, antiques, and old advertisements create a

very warm and comfortable atmosphere. Although many people indulge only in the Goose's delectable desserts and coffee, they also have a wide variety of appetizers and entrees. If you're the adventurous type, you might want to try their Skabanna, an omelet with peanut butter and bananas. It sounds sick, but it is actually very tasty.

Generally, the crowd tends to be the white collar, yuppyish, art patron types, but anyone could have a pleasant time.

BAKING COMPANY

Eating at the Baking Company is a very pleasant experience. Simple decoration and light music are a great accompa-

niment to their gourmet food. After you finish, you must indulge in one of delicious desserts, which are all made fresh in their bakery. Although the crowd generally consists of adults, there are always a group of teens enjoying themselves just as much. If you want to impress your date, the Baking Company would be the perfect place to dine.

MR. C'S

Are you looking for a restaurant that serves a great steak, but isn't just your "run in the mill" place? Well, if you don't mind eating under plastic grapes and Christmas tree lights, Mr. C's is the restaurant for you. The waitresses are exactly what you expect they would be like: very friendly and very motherly. They are the types that wouldn't dream of letting you leave without being absolutely stuffed. A group of three musicians travel from table to table playing songs you have never heard with their guitar, violin, and mandolin. Never the less, it adds to the atmosphere. It may be border lining on tacky, but Mr. C's is a wonderfully exciting experience.

IMPERIAL PALACE

If you had ever been to the old Imperial Palace, you will be amazed at its complete transformation. The new building's exterior architecture and interior decor reflect traditional Chinese style. A stream, complete with overgrown, multi-colored goldfish, meanders over a waterfall and through the restaurant. Although there is often a long wait on weekends, the superior local Chinese food and the unique atmosphere make the wait well worth it. If you make a reservation in advance, this would be an enjoyable and affordable choice for homecoming.

'Moonstruck' in Jewish guise: Crossing Delancy not up to par



—Justin Kerr—

Moonstruck, the hit movie of 1987 and nominee for the academy award best picture, not only reintroduced Cher into the forefront of the cinema world, but has also inspired a spin-off, *Crossing Delancy*. *Crossing Delancy* is basically *Moonstruck* in a Jewish guise, and if you enjoyed *Moonstruck*, you would probably enjoy this movie.

Set in New York city, *Crossing Delancy* deals with the personal life of a successful woman publisher and editor played by Amy Irving. She is torn between two worlds: the intelligent, somewhat corrupt but tempting aura of high-class New York society, personified in an insensitive, hypocritical author

who uses and tries to manipulate her into a relationship. On the other side of the tracks lies another option: the pickle man who is madly in love with her but does not measure up to the level of sophistication of her author.

Many scenes in the film are sweetly humorous, especially those in which the young woman's aged Jewish mother is puttering about. The acting is well done and believable, the mother and the marriage broker she hires adding a light humor touch.

The only complaint that I had was in the soundtrack, which was obnoxious enough to be distracting. Ickily sweet refrains of A Cappella singing is not the way to frame the backdrop of New York, no matter how appropriate it would be for this movie. The music does become less noticeable, however, as the movie advances into its second half.

All in all, *Crossing Delancy* is a decent flick, but not as good as its predecessor, *Moonstruck*. In my patented rating system of \$0 to \$5, *Crossing Delancy* gets a \$3.75.

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KRCK provides alternative to trendy top-forty

Jason Auslander

Attention: metal heads, disco freaks, thrashers, mix masters, and anyone that is tired of listening to the same thing on the radio. An alternative now exists to the usual trendy, top-forty. KRCK, Omaha's newest radio station, appeals to those with a less mainstream attitude towards music.

Paul Kriegler originally started KRCK when he was a sophomore at Central. "I would come home after school and broadcast for a couple of hours then switch off the transmitter," said Paul. He originally became interested in radio from a friend who worked at KVNO at UNO.

After he graduated from Central in 1986, Kriegler then decided that the only way to make his station known in the Omaha area was to broadcast twenty-four hours a day. The station got into some trouble after WOWT Channel 6 did a story about them. "They broadcast the phone number and the station frequency on t.v.," said Paul. "So in the summer of 1987, we changed the frequency in order to avoid being caught by the FCC."

Eventually, they went back to their original frequency and went all out, broadcasting

twenty-four hours a day. But, as Paul feared, the FCC did catch up with him and shut him down.

The next day Kriegler phoned Cox Cable, and they agreed to carry the station. KRCK's studio is located in the basement of Paul's house. The actual broadcasting booth is a small room packed with albums, CD's, stereo equipment, and broadcasting equipment. KRCK is definitely not what one expects a radio station to look like.

"Originally, I started playing what every other station in the area was playing," explained Paul, "but since we were considered a college radio station, record companies started sending us 'college bands.'" College bands are bands like Camper Van Beethoven, R.E.M., New Order, and the dB's.

The station has applied to the FCC for a permit that would, although expensive, allow them to use the public airwaves without having to go through Cox Cable. There are two other applicants for the permit, one of whom is from out of state, the other Paul knows nothing about. Within two months KRCK will be notified whether they will get the long-awaited permit. "I have gotten calls from lawyers offering me 10,000 dollars to back out of the competi-



D. L. Kowalski

KRCK originator Paul Kriegler (right) and disc jockey Bradley Thiel broadcast "college bands" from a unique studio located in Kriegler's basement. This broadcasting booth consists of a normal room filled with Kriegler's personal supply of albums and CD's as well as the broadcasting equipment.

tion for the permit," said Paul. Kriegler said that he would offer the same amount to the other competitors if they drop out.

KRCK also supports many area concerts of local and less-known bands. Recently,

they sponsored a concert by local bands and two concerts by the Minneapolis based bands Soul Asylum and Firehose.

According to Cox Cable, approximately 2700 people subscribe to the station,

but Paul said about four times that many receive it illegally. One can obtain KRCK by calling Cox Cable and paying the three dollars per month for a subscription; then just tune in and enjoy.

Morton Downey Jr.:

Controversial talk show

Seth Kotok

The blood-hungry mob screams lustily at the man accused of being a "commie pinko liberal."

No that's not a modern version of the Salem Witch Trials nor a revamped version of the McCarthy trials. It is a description of the audience on the "Morton Downey Jr. Show," a new controversial talkshow.

Before the star of this show comes on stage, the audience pumps itself up into a feeding frenzy ready to prey upon whatever victim Downey chooses to criticize that evening.

The show, which airs on WWOR (Cox channel 25) at 8:00 p.m. CDT, features a variety of poignant topics. These range from the death penalty to the conflicts in the Middle East.

What makes this talkshow different from others is its host. Downey differs from his contemporaries not only in political stance but also in his radical approach to hosting a televised show.

From the moment he walks on stage and lights his first cigarette, he is controversial.

His politics are to the right of conservative, and he seems to be the spokesperson for the new breed of the teen age conservative.

Not all his attitudes are right wing. Downey, whose brother has AIDS, is liberal on Gay rights and AIDS treatment issues.

Regardless of his attitudes, if a guest disagrees with him that's where the fun starts. Downey often says things like "Zip it, (bleep)," or "Get the (bleep) out of here" to even the most eloquent debaters.

The audience will join in with chants of "YOU! YOU! YOU!" as the shows guards escort a guest from the studio.

Downey uses many gimmicks and shock tactics to attract an audience. On one show he had a convicted murderer sitting in a mock electric chair.

The shock value and entertainment often overshadows the issues, but usually Downey will let people with opposing views present their cases. It is a fun way for youth to hear current issues. And Downey is much more entertaining than Geraldo.

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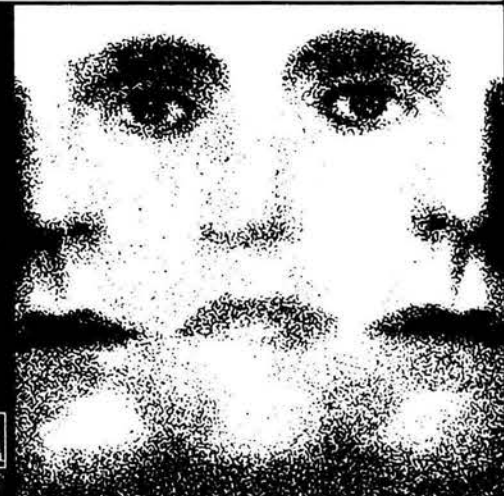
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Dead Ringers : 'a new kind of thriller'



Hilary Fenner

With a queasy feeling in the pit of my stomach and a look of awe on my face, I rushed out of the dark movie theater, into the sunlight and away from the gloom of the movie *Dead Ringers*.

Created by David Cronenberg, the director of *The Fly*, *Dead Ringers* is definitely "a new kind of thriller." It is not the traditional sort of thriller filled with action and adventure and a fast-moving plot that leaves you on the edge of your seat. Rather,

this riveting movie causes you to sit back in your seat with a dumb-founded look on your face and a feeling of horror in your chest.

The movie is a psychological portrayal of identical twin psychopathic gynecologists. These twins share everything; from medical fame to female patients/lovers. Scene by scene, their incredible bond is revealed until their disastrous attempt at separation makes the full extent of their attachment to each other apparent.

The superior acting and direction distinguishes this heavy and lengthy film from others of its kind and makes it worthy of its full two hours and ten minutes. Jeremy Irons' performance as the twins Elliot and Beverly Mantle is absolutely incredible. With varying gestures

and facial expressions alone, he makes the difference in the twins apparent and enables the viewer to distinguish between the two. His performance is completely believable and extremely moving.

David Cronenberg directs the film in such a way that the viewer forgets Jeremy Irons is merely one man playing the two roles. He incorporates subtle hints of the twins' psychotic bond into the action and characterization and leaves the viewer mentally and emotionally drained.

Dead Ringers is a very powerful movie, one that keeps you thinking for days. If you go to a movie for action and light entertainment, then you may not enjoy this one. But if you appreciate superb acting and direction this is the thriller for you.

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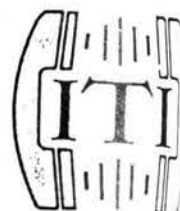
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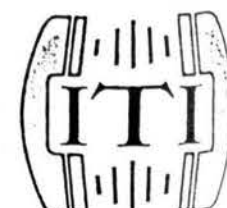
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Mr. Teen Nebraska crowned for bodybuilding routine

—Marcie Rosenbaum—

The old proverb, "one shouldn't judge a book by its cover," definitely doesn't apply to bodybuilding. The American Athletic Union sponsored a Mr. Teen Nebraska contest, June 19th, at the Civic Auditorium. A Central senior, Jeff Braesch, placed first in the competition.

The contest divides competitors by height, and Jeff placed first in his height division. Eighteen body builders entered the competition. The judges look at the builder's body, and the builder's body symmetry and definition. They also judge the builder's muscle size and proportion. Each builder does a routine to music. Jeff did his routine to "Pour Some Sugar On

Me" by Def Leppard. Not only did Jeff win Mr. Teen Nebraska, but he also placed second as the Junior Mr. Nebraska and qualified for Mr. Teen U.S.A.

"I qualified for Mr. Teen U.S.A., but I wanted to concentrate on football this year instead," said Jeff.

The competition was advertised by posters throughout fitness centers. Jeff, who powerlifts in the winter, saw one of the posters at Alpha Fitness Center and decided to enter.

Jeff trained at Alpha for three months, lifting everyday for three hours. In addition to lifting weights, Jeff also dieted.

"I deleted fats from my diet because it gives a person's body better definition," stated Jeff.

According to Jeff, many people who lift weights experiment with steroids.

"I have never used steroids," claimed Jeff, "with hard work and dedication, I believe an athlete doesn't need steroids."

Before the competition, each builder received a pamphlet illustrating the mandatory poses. The competition started in the morning with a pre-judging. The actual competition started in the afternoon, followed by the awards ceremony.

Jeff plans on entering a competition in May. When asked if Jeff plans on making a career of bodybuilding, he replied, "I don't plan on making a career out of bodybuilding, just a hobby."

'I could swim before I walked',

Teacher finds swimming both relaxing and good for health

—Dan Pansing—

Although Mrs. Hansen may look right at home in her French classes, she is really a fish out of water.

Miss Hansen said that she has been swimming since she was three. She also said that her parents were poor and couldn't afford a tennis racquet or skates. But material was

cheap, and they could make a suit easily. "I could swim before I walked," said Mrs. Hansen.

Mrs. Hansen said that a coach at her pool took young kids and began teaching them to swim competitively. Mrs. Hansen swam competitively, but said, "I was never Olympic material," she added, "I swam for health and to stay in shape."

Today, Mrs. Hansen

swims five days a week for about 45 minutes a day or 25 laps, whichever comes first. She swims after school at the Park Avenue Health Club. She added that she swims on the weekends if she is frustrated. She said that her swimming helps her relieve the frustrations of the school-day. "Swimming relieves tension, and I can leave it all in the pool," said Mrs. Hansen.

Mrs. Hansen still swims for her health. She said that she has arthritis in her back and that her swimming helps her to avoid problems with it.

She also said, "I like to eat good food, and with swimming, I don't gain weight. I eat like a horse."

Mrs. Hansen finds swimming to be a great alternative to doing aerobics or jogging. She hates these alternatives.

Mrs. Hansen said, "I'd like to see more people swim for the exercise, and forget about their shape." She added, "Just do it for the exercise, and the shape will come later."

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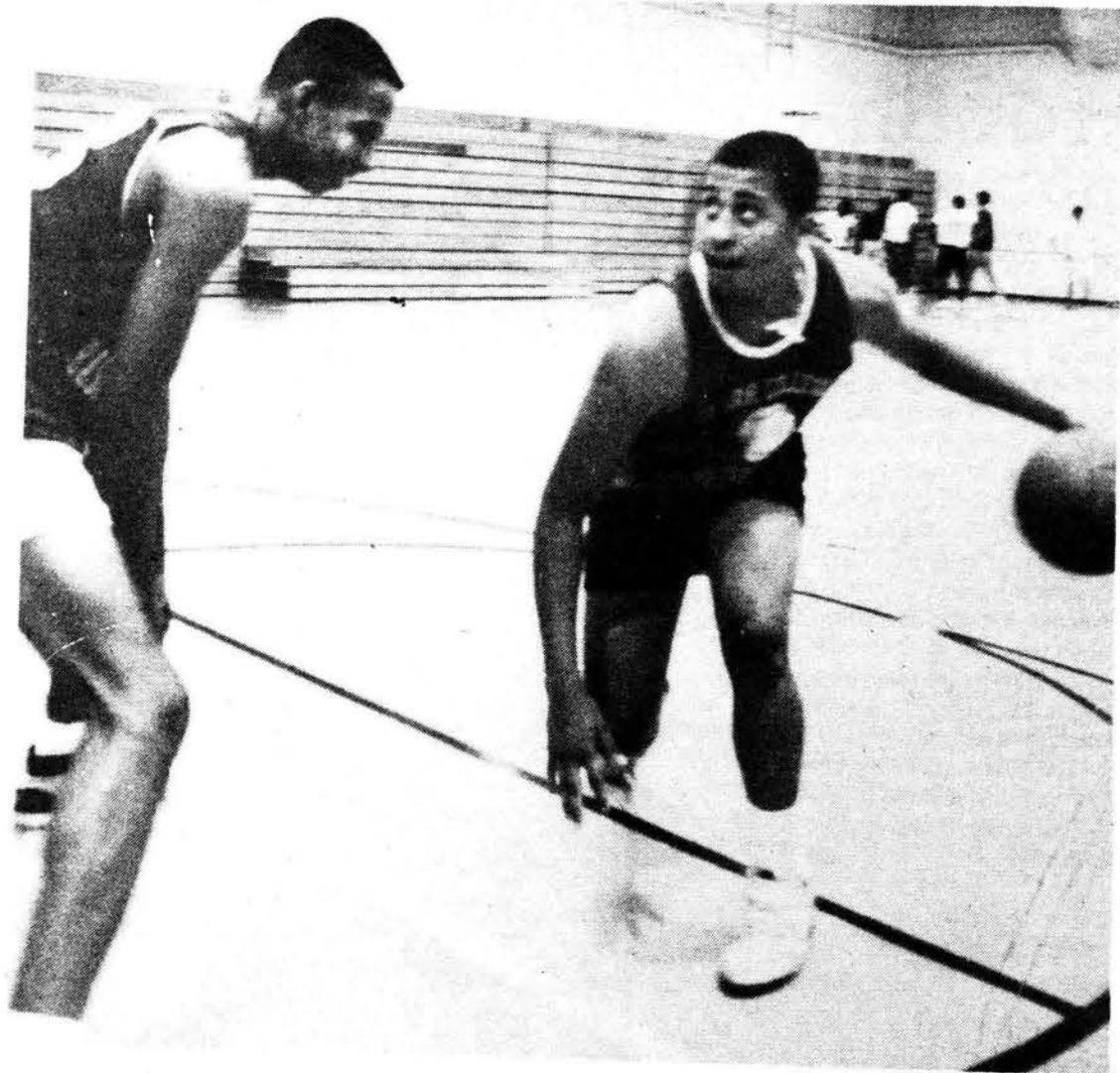
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Varsity Eagles want to be 'known for basketball'



Juniors Walter Outlaw and Scott Thompson play one-on-one during an early morning practice at Central. Players not involved in a fall sport must attend these practices.

—Marcie Rosenbaum—

Just because basketball season hasn't arrived yet, that doesn't mean it is all play and no work for the basketball team. Many sport watchers don't seem to understand everything that goes on behind the scene. Very few people realize all of the time and effort put into basketball according to varsity basketball coach, James Martin.

Every Wednesday and Friday morning at 6:30 A.M. the team conditions for the upcoming season. In addition to conditioning, the team also attended a basketball camp at UNO this summer. The summer league started in June and lasted through most of July.

"It keeps you going during the summer."

Central students who attended the summer league were seniors Louis Prince, Andy Huff, James Maloney; juniors, Walter Outlaw, Karribu Cruddup, Brian Page and Ed Wilson.

Andy Huff said, the camp is "a good experience; it keeps you going during the summer."

Central's team is trying

to overcome inexperience season. Most of the players who attended the camp were juniors.

"We did pretty well although we had a young team mostly juniors," said Huff.

"We beat the number one team in the state, Mid South," said junior, Brian Page. "We played pretty good, we lost to North," added senior, Louis Prince.

The camp consisted mainly Metro teams. Central team placed second out of the teams in the finals. North High School placed first. North basketball players were mostly seniors. "This year the team goal is to make it to state," said Page.

According to Coach Martin, the team's attendance at the summer league was pretty good, considering most students have jobs or family vacations.

"Working and playing basketball, it becomes pretty hectic, but basketball is something that I really want to do," said Page.

When asked what he thought about the upcoming season, Prince replied, "It should be pretty good, even though we lost two or three of our starters."

Page feels that the team needs more support. "I want Central to be known for basketball not just football."

Football Old game for new teacher

—Peter Festersen—

Mr. Paul Blazeovich, Central geography teacher, was recently inducted into the University of Nebraska at Lincoln and the University of Nebraska at Omaha football hall of fame.

Mr. Blazeovich, played high school football in Pennsylvania and later played college football for the University of Miami, a Kansas junior college, and UNO.

The hall of fame inductions at UNO, last March, and UNL, two years ago, also honored other players, including Vince Ferragamo, according to Mr. Blazeovich.

He turned down an offer to play for the Baltimore Colts.

As a sophomore in college, Mr. Blazeovich turned down an offer to play professionally for the then Baltimore Colts because of an ankle injury and his dedication to finish his education.

After college, Mr. Blazeovich found himself surrounded by "a lot of good athletes, [who had] nothing to do if they weren't pro."

"Things just escalated from there," Mr. Blazeovich said, as he soon found himself co-founder of the semi-pro Omaha Mustang football team.

In the first of the seven years Mr. Blazeovich played as a

semi-pro, the Mustangs went undefeated. "We had a tremendous season with good crowds," he said.

Mr. Blazeovich, who played split-end, still holds the two records for the Mustangs, scoring four touchdowns in one game and thirteen receptions in one game.

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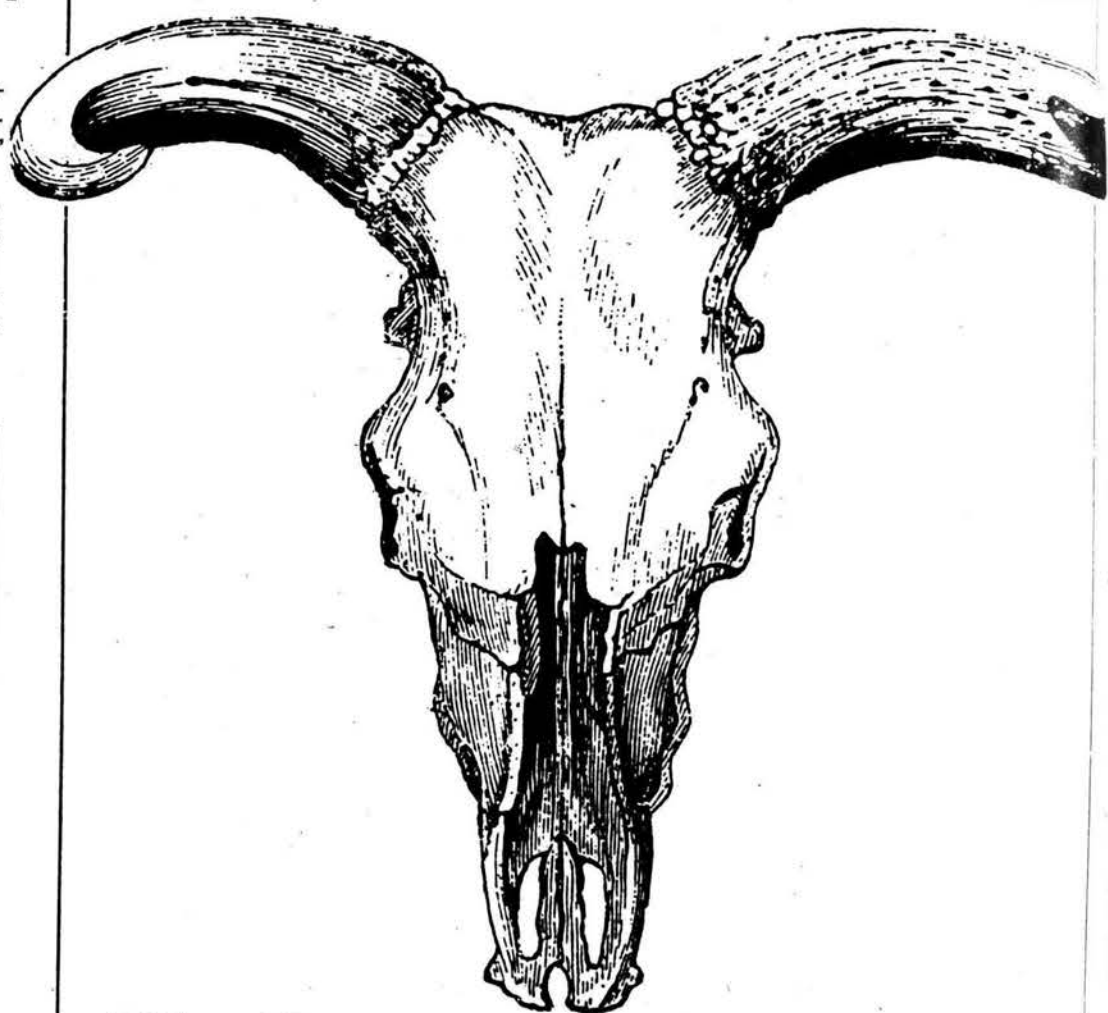
According to Mr. Blazeovich, after the team established itself, it joined other semi-pro teams such as Des Moines and Michigan in tying up with professional teams.

The Mustangs became the training camp or feeding team for the Kansas City Chiefs, he said.

Recently, however, the Mustangs have had financial troubles despite winning the Midwest semi-pro division last season, Mr. Blazeovich said.

When asked if he would have done anything different, Mr. Blazeovich referred to playing football, working, and going to school at the same time, and said, "I would have dedicated more time to my education, if I could have financed it."

Mr. Blazeovich is currently involved with football at Central as coach of the sophomore team.



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Can you remember back to your grade school days? Remember back in fifth and sixth grades when life was easy and homework was too? Sometimes I wonder whether life and homework are not one in the same.

Well, anyway, I was thinking about what I did during all that free time I had after and, dare I say, before school. Back in elementary school, there was little or no need to worry about one's appearance during school. Sure, boys liked girls and girls liked boys, but both sexes were equally "scummed out" so it didn't matter if your hair was combed or if your jeans had stains on them. Not worrying about appearance gave one free time before school, especially when school didn't start until nine o'clock.

So, as I sat and thought of the glory years of my youth, which are probably gone forever, I remembered how I passed the time. I thought of the pickup games of all kinds I played with my friends. We played during all hours of the day and night.

Justin, Trevor, and I spent a lot of time playing the "sport of the season," that is, football in the fall, basketball in the winter and spring, and so on. We did not play any sports exclusively in one season, but we tended to emphasize certain sports according to when our idols were playing on television.

We did play for organized teams throughout the year which provided entertainment during the weekly practices. We played soccer; man, did we wish we could beat the guys from Harrison. We played softball, baseball, and, of course, basketball.

During the fall, we played football. We were just as good

as the pros, at least we thought so. We would sometimes just toss the ball around, but usually we ended up in a vicious two-on-one game with an all-time quarterback. Otherwise we'd play "intercept." "Intercept" was amazingly similar to the two-on-one games, but our carefree minds were easily amused, and the similarity never struck us. Oh, and don't let me leave out the highlight of every winter—the blizzard. We would call everyone we knew, get all our warmest clothes on, and play an all-out game of snow football. The quarterback's hand would always be nearly frostbitten because he had to take off his glove to throw, but somehow the game didn't hurt as much with sixteen layers of clothes on and two feet of snow to be tackled into.

The winter wasn't prime basketball time because it was just too plain cold to play, but once spring came we were out on the driveway shooting. We not only shot, we'd also play twenty-one. Sometimes we'd get an actual game going with more than three people in it. Boy, that was it; when you had two-on-two or three-on-three, you were really living.

We even went through a serious bike-riding stage. Our particular type of riding wasn't for distance, endurance, or speed. We rode to kill! Justin and Trevor would ride up before school, and we would play "bumper bikes." It was great! The only bad thing about it was the time Justin and I got into a fight because he had broken off my rear reflector.

That reminds me, fights were kind of the highlight of the whole thing. We would fight in football games if we were tackled too hard; or in basketball over blatant fouls, but we always ended up friends within a day or two.

Some of the games have lost their pizzazz, but there's still nothing like a big group of guys together after school for a giant pickup game of tackle football. We're sure lucky each of our teachers come up with an hour of homework a night. After all, we wouldn't want time to play games like we did when we were younger.

I guess that's what weekends are for—or not for. I forgot about those term papers and long term assignments I have to do.

Sports Briefs

• • • Head wrestling coach Gary Kubik and head basketball coach Jim Martin were recognized in Lincoln for 25 years of coaching by the Nebraska Coaches Association.

• • • The Boy's Tennis Team placed second in the Ralston Invitational Tournament September tenth. Freshman Josh Cooper placed first in the number two singles, Senior Dan Pansing and Freshman Matt Hoffman placed first in the number two doubles division. Freshman Andy Urias took the silver medal in the number one singles.

• • • The Central Summer Legion Baseball team sponsored by Velentino's finished in fifth place in their league. Steve Barajas led the team with a .406 batting average. Matt Deiber was voted outstanding pitcher with a record of five-and-two. Sean Wilson and Junior, Trevor Flynn shared the team's outstanding player title.

• • • Josh Cooper, Freshman, was among six Nebraska teens who traveled to Chicago for the 1988 North American Maccabi Youth Games. Josh participated in the tennis competition.

• • • The Central Eagle Varsity Football Team is undefeated, at five-and-zero. The team will play the Northwest Huskies tonight in the Homecoming game. The game will be at 7:30 at the U.N.O. Football Stadium.

Girl's golf team starts fresh

Tyler McLeod

"We try to come out and have a good time," said Central High freshman, and girls' golf team member Dana Souser. This seems to be the basic attitude of this year's team. Their current record is three wins and three losses.

"The potential is there and with experience it will be something to look forward to."



Meredith Hammans

Sophomore Heather Collins practices her putting stroke during a team practice at Elmwood Golf Course.

ment held September 4, and placed seventh in the Metro tournament September 30, with Dana Souser on top with a score of 102.

The team hopes to

"If everybody plays well and concentrates, we'll do well."

qualify for state competition at districts, Thursday October 6. "If everybody plays well and concentrates we'll do well," said sophomore Heather Collins.

Playing with this year's team is senior Sabina Boberg, a foreign exchange student from Sweden. This is her first time

playing on a golf team, and she has managed to stay in the second and third spots. "I like it because we just play for fun," said Sabina. She added that she likes the courses that she has played here better than the courses in Sweden.

Coach Dusatko said that most of her players had experience playing, she said, "I can only coach them, not teach them."

Other players on the team are seniors Sue Peters and Gina Wieberg, juniors Jenefer Deroy and Sharon Stoolman, sophomores Kate Lundholm, Sara Torrens, and Heather Collins.

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The team as suffered the loss of last year's varsity team that consisted of graduates Sara McWhorter, Alex Zinga and Jennifer Urias, and has been replaced by a predominantly sophomore and freshman team. "I lost them and got a fun-loving young golf team," said coach Jo Dusatko.

According to coach Dusatko, the team doesn't have the experience of last year's team and isn't as consistent. "My number one spot changes every week."

She went on to say that next year "they'll be close to last year's team. The potential is there and with experience it will be something to look forward to."

The team placed fourth at the Abraham Lincoln tourna-

Calvin Jones leads metro rushing yards

—Peter Festersen—

Calvin Jones, Central junior and I-back sensation, currently leads the metro in rushing with 758 yards in 56 carries after his first four games.

"He's doing all things right on and off the field," said Mr. William Reed, Central football coach.

Calvin has been playing football for three years, starting in ninth grade at Lewis and Clark Junior High.

According to Calvin, his longest run this season was 84 yards and his average per carry is 11.8 yards. He runs the 40 yard dash in 4.41 seconds.

Coach Reed compared Calvin's running style with previous Central I-backs. He feels he has the speed and acceleration of Keith Jones and the overall instinct of Leodis Flowers. "Calvin brings both together," Coach Reed said.

Calvin is one of the very few high school football players to lead the metro in yardage as a junior. Leodis Flowers and Pernell Gatson are two previous Central players that also held this distinction.

When asked how he felt about Calvin's performance so far this season, Coach Reed said, "I didn't really expect someone young to play this kind of role for us; he's playing exceptional. He's on a level way above 100 percent football."

Calvin said, "I'm surprised because I thought I'd come in at fullback, but instead I'm at I-back."

Calvin was bumped up to number one I-back before the first game due to injuries, but has remained there because of his performance, according to Coach Reed.

"The first game helped me out a lot," Calvin said. In the season opener against Lincoln Southeast, he ran for 245 yards.

Calvin's response to the added pressure of being the leading rusher, following in big footsteps, and trying to keep the number one I-back position as a junior, was, "I just feel equal to any other player on the team."

"All pressures are being handled extremely well," Coach Reed said, referring to Calvin.

An impressive characteristic of Calvin is his team play and attitude. "He is certainly willing to wait his turn," Coach Reed said. He added that even though Central's offense features the I-back, "[Calvin] is the last guy you would expect to be the best I-back."

Calvin's goal right now is to beat Central graduate, Lemar Jackson's record, of over 1800 yards in a season. However, he said, "I don't really think about any records right now. I just think about running the ball hard, and if I keep running, the records will come sooner or later."

Coach Reed concluded by saying, "[Calvin] fits our offense perfect."



David Kowalski

Junior Calvin Jones tapes up before a Friday night game. Calvin leads the Metro in rushing yards and hopes to beat Lemar Jackson's record of over 1800 yards in one season.

On the move

Teacher finds alternative transportation

—Tyler McLeod—

Imagine riding a bike to school every day, through hot and cold seasons, battling the elements of rain, wind and snow. Central High School science teacher Mr. Al Roeder, has been cycling to Central nearly every day for the past twelve years.

"I was concerned with the environment, and not pumping exhaust into the air."

Mr. Roeder cycles fifteen miles round trip and averages three to five thousand miles per year. His decision to bike to work was not just for exercise. "Primarily I was concerned with the environment, and not pumping exhaust into the air." He also added that he likes the exercise.

His collection of bikes con-

sists of a touring bike, two mountain bikes, one for cross country riding, and the other equipped with bags and lights for his ride to Central. For fun, he has a racing bike that handles high speed riding, and a Tandem; a bike powered by two people.

Mr. Roeder and his daughter have used the Tandem bike in the past two BRAN (Bike Ride Across Nebraska) tours. "It's harder going up hill on the Tandem and easier on flat ground," said Mr. Roeder. "The tandem is pedaled by two and has the wind resistance of only one." He has ridden in all eight BRAN tours and participates in Pete's Century, annually held in Richfield, Nebraska.

Biking to school through traffic can cause problems. Mr. Roeder feels that many drivers don't realize that bikers have the right to be on the road. He must often take verbal abuse. "You just have to grit your teeth and rough it out," said Mr. Roeder.

Weather conditions can also offer a rough ride. Mr. Roeder prefers not to ride in weather below zero degrees, or in icy or blizzard conditions mainly because of the danger of reckless vehicles. He prepares for

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cold days by wearing several layers of winter cycling gear that sometimes takes fifteen minutes to get out of. The mountain bike is equipped with fenders to keep off slush, and wider rimmed tires.

Four years ago, Mr. Roeder had his only major accident. He was hit from behind on his way home from Central. The accident tore ligaments in his right hand and up his forearm, and cracked vertebrae on the back of his neck. "It was the first time I had experienced a rescue squad and emergency room," said Mr. Roeder. His helmet was crushed in the accident and saved him from serious head injury.



D. L. Kowalski

Mr. Roeder begins his trek home riding his mountain bike; a fifteen mile trip to and from home. Almost every day for the past twelve years, he has left his car at home.