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## Teen drivers' licenses vulnerable to proposed anti-drinking legislation

Chris Chapman

The mandatory loss of a driver's license for twelve months is the new punishment for minors in possession (MIP) under a bill currently pending in the State Legislature.

The bill applies to anyone 18 and under arrested and convicted for possession of alcohol or other controlled substances.

### "Part of adolescence"

The issue, said Police Chief Robert Wadman, is not to be "tough on kids for drinking, in the sense that we're just trying to stop some fun activity that's part of adolescence, part of growing up."

The problem, he said, is "a direct relationship between our fatality rate in traffic accidents and drinking drivers. Young people get involved in that to a higher number than they are represented in the population."

### Violent crimes

In addition, said Chief Wadman, 35 percent of people presently in America's penitentiaries are there due to an act they committed while under the influence of eight or nine beers or the equivalent amount of alcohol.

These people are in the penitentiary for serious offenses such as manslaughter or robbery. Of these serious crimes, young people between 15 and 20 years old are responsible for 50 percent.

### Availability of alcohol

Chief Wadman said that his responsibility is to try and evaluate situations in order to make decisions that will prevent the causes of crime.

"So reducing the availability of alcohol is not something that's trying to break up teenage parties. It is strictly related to the fact that we have clear information that shows a direct relationship between youth, alcohol abuse, and crime," he said.

The bill will not only reduce the crime rate, stated Chief Wadman. It will empower teenagers that feel trapped by peer pressure, he said. He believes it would give them the excuse to refuse alcohol because they don't want to lose their driver's license.

### Current punishment

"The first couple of times [the loss of a driver's license] occurs," feels Chief Wadman, "teens will know about the bill. The value we place on a driver's license far exceeds the value we put on money. Would you rather have a \$50 fine or

lose your driver's license for a year?"

Currently, MIP punishment is a \$50-100 fine or incarceration. The courts could just raise the fines, he said, yet that wouldn't impact the students. It is often the parents who pay the fines.

### New solutions

Other things can be done, stated Chief Wadman. For instance, harsher punishments could be instituted for those who distribute alcohol to minors. This law is not a "panacea," he said. "It's a step in the right direction."

Last session, the bill went into committee at the State Legislature and received "much support, but wasn't priority and thus never passed," said Chief Wadman.

It is back in committee and looks "very promising." The bill has to pass through the Legislature and be signed by the governor before it can go into effect.

### Bill support

Many groups such as Mothers Against Drunk Drivers, Parents' Resources and Information on Drug Education, the Parents Action Committee, and the Police Chief are pushing for the passage of the bill. Other states, like Missouri and Massachusetts, have similar laws. This bill will include all drugs, not just alcohol.

### Varied opinions

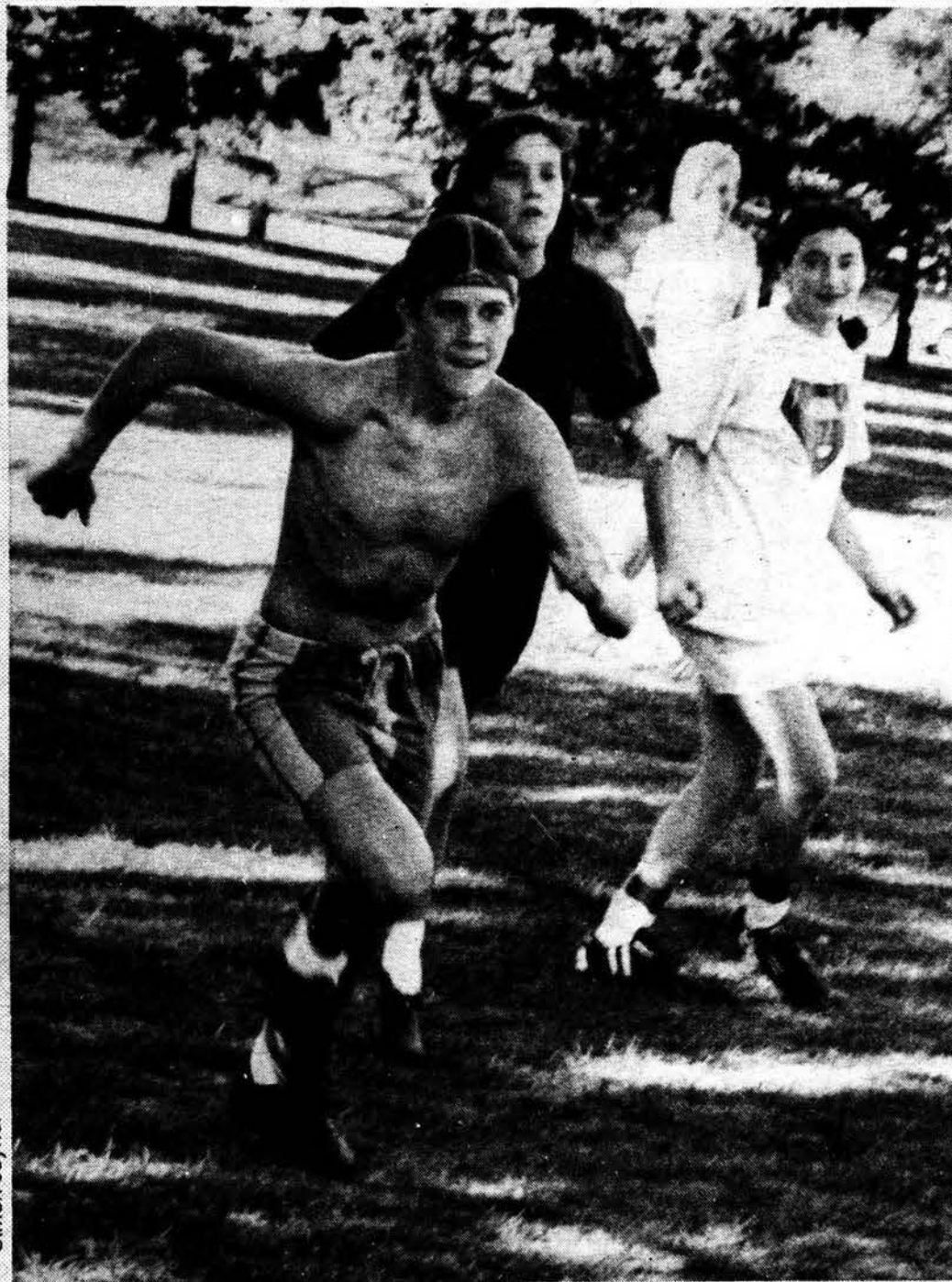
Student opinions vary on the bill. Jennifer Drake, senior, feels that the punishment doesn't fit the crime. "There's drinking and there's driving," said Jennifer.

"Solving a problem cannot start with a deterrent," she stated. Taking away a driver's license for a year may curtail drinking, feels Jennifer, but won't stop it. Senior Dan Bayer agrees. He thinks that taking away a driver's license will not "instill a respect for justice in youth."

### "Good Idea"

Seniors Kate Brower and Echelle Brooks both think that the bill is a good idea. "Without a driver's license, it would be difficult to hold a job," said Kate. She feels that people, in general, would question a teenagers responsibility if they saw that his or her driver's license was taken away.

"To some people," said Echelle, "the loss of their driver's license wouldn't be that big a deal." She suggests that the license be taken away for six months and, possibly, a fine be added instead, as punishment.



Simon Joyner

**INDIAN SUMMER** Junior Jason Fann and seniors Michele Hinsley, Mike Lawler, and Joanna Kosowsky enjoy the last warm days of the year in a soccer game at Memorial Park. Many students have taken advantage of the beautiful fall weather to enjoy various sports and outdoor activities and escape from the weekly school schedule.

## Central leads state in National Merit

Ellen Caban

Twelve Central seniors became semi-finalists in the prestigious National Merit Scholarship Competition (N.M.S.C.). These students have given Central the distinction of having the largest number of semi-finalists in the state this year.

Seniors, Dan Bayer, Erik Clark, Jennifer Drake, Ted Fogarty, Jennifer Hendricks, Rob Hill, Justin Kerr, Karen Lee, Beth Lucas, Maureen McVane, Steve O'Hara, and Patrick Williams are among the 15,000 semi-finalists nation-wide who hope to eventually win one of 6,000 National Merit Scholarships.

Approximately 90 percent of the semi-finalists will become finalists by taking the Scholastic Aptitude Test (S.A.T.), and submitting a personal essay about their school, activities, and future goals. Then, about 44 percent of those finalists will receive Merit Scholarships.

Karen Lee, a semi-finalist, said that National Merit winners aren't judged on grades alone. "You don't have to rank first in your class or get all A's to win a Merit Scholarship," says Karen. "Although grades are very important, the judging committee

also considers things like extra-curricular activities, community involvement, and other personal activities."

Another semi-finalist, Rob Hill, said that he was very surprised to be selected. "I really didn't think that I had done that well," said Rob. "There was a lot of competition out there, and I'm honored to be a semi-finalist."

Along with the twelve semi-finalists from Central, ten more Central students received a commendation from the College Board for their performance on the PSAT. Out of more than one million students, only 35,000 students were honored as being commended students.

Commended Central students are: Steve Dare, Hilary Fenner, Kerry Holean, Kevin Keenan, Seth Kotok, Kip Lathrum, Mike Lawler, Lynn Mousel, Sonya Nixon, and Emily Rasmuss. Although these students won't be advancing in the scholarship competition, they did well on their Pre-Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT), and are recognized as outstanding students.

Announcements of the Merit Scholarship winners is in March 1989. "Now comes the hardest part of all," said Rob, "The waiting!"



## Registered opinion

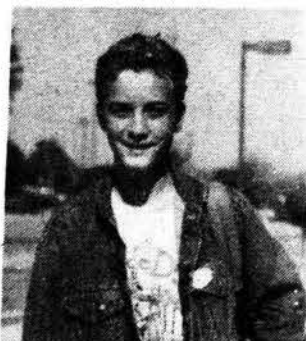
## POLL QUESTION:

Do you agree with the proposed state legislation which would give judges authority to suspend driver's licenses of teenagers convicted of drug or alcohol related offenses?

YES: 48%

NO: 52%

Total questioned: 198



Joe Boardman, Freshman:

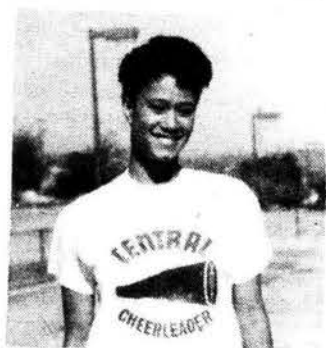
"No, I don't agree because it is discrimination to punish only teenagers that way when adults don't receive the same punishment."



Wiff Farrell, Sophomore: "I think if the crime is not DWI, then the punishment has nothing to do with the crime. The law is unfair."



Jenefer DeRoy, Junior: "Yes, I agree because I don't want people driving around drunk or on drugs."



Cindy Carpenter, Senior: "I don't think it's right for a person's license to be taken away if the offense isn't related to driving."

## Proposal limited to teenagers

A proposal will appear before the Nebraska State Legislature this year, and, if it passes, the state could suspend the driver's licenses of teenagers convicted of drug or alcohol related offenses.

This proposal is unfair and is not likely to curb teenage alcohol or drug abuse.

## Limited to teens

The proposed law includes people ages 13 to 18 and would grant the courts authority to suspend a teenager's driver's license for three months to a year.

Taking away a driver's license for someone convicted of a violation which has nothing to do with driving is unfair. Under the proposed law, teenagers could lose their licenses for con-

victions of minor in possession or possession of drugs. Neither of these offenses are related to driving.

## Loss of privilege

The idea behind the law is to decrease teenage drug and alcohol abuse by taking away convicted teenagers' most important privilege. However, driving is an important privilege for adults as well as teenagers. Why exclude adults from this proposal?

## Drugs illegal for adults

Drugs are illegal for people of all ages. If teenagers' driver's licenses are to be taken away for drug convictions, adults' licenses should be also.

Drinking alcohol is illegal for twenty-year-olds as well as nineteen-year-olds. Why

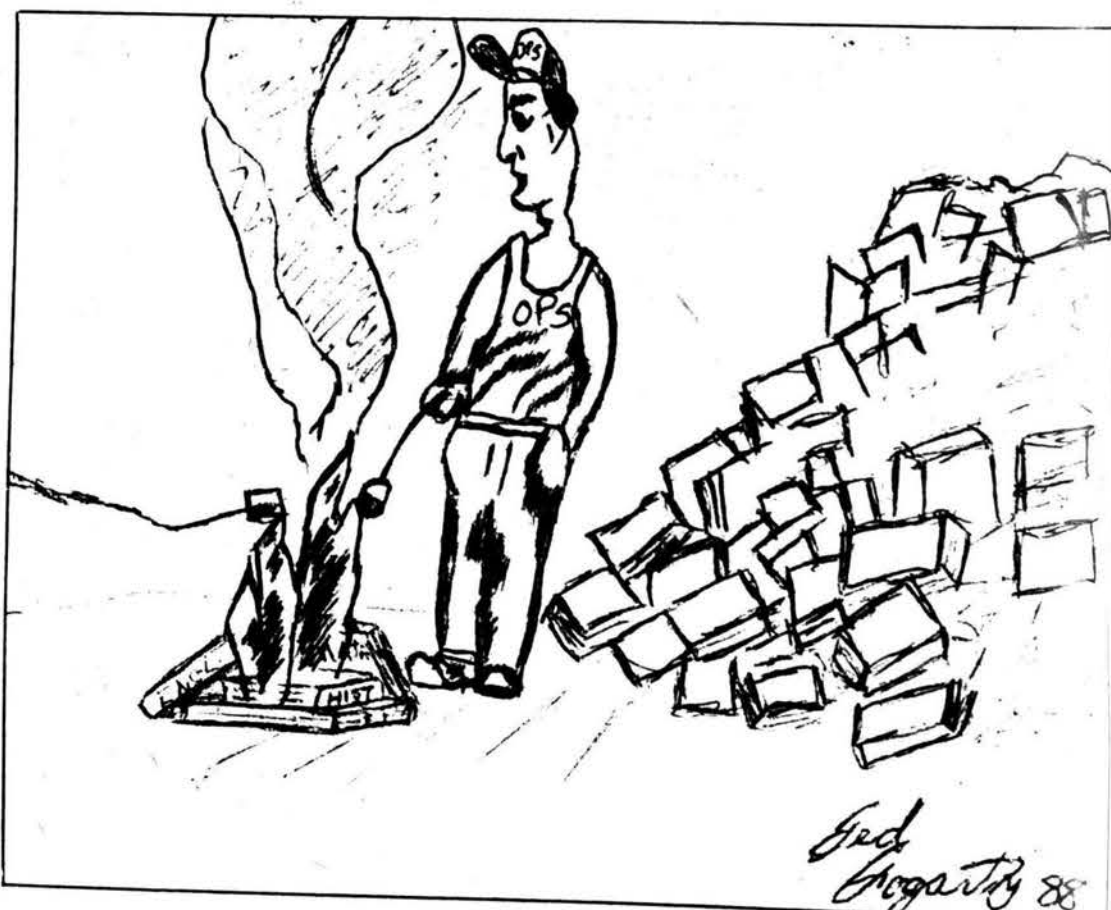
does the age group included in the proposal end with nineteen?

## Punishment ineffective

As for decreasing teenage alcohol and drug abuse, the proposed law would be ineffective. Teenagers who use alcohol or drugs do not give much consideration to the fact that they may be caught.

The penalties for alcohol or drug abuse do little to prevent the abuse. The law would simply be another means of punishment. Punishments of any kind are weak methods of prevention.

The State Legislature should realize that the proposed law will not discourage teenagers from using drugs or alcohol and that this law is an example of teenage discrimination.



## Knowledge and money lost

## Used textbooks 'simply hauled to the dump'

Omaha Public Schools waste money and knowledge by throwing away unused textbooks.

According to Dr. Rick Werkheiser, Director of Secondary Education, textbooks which schools no longer use are "simply hauled to the dump," or thrown away.

Parent-teacher committees research possible textbooks for certain classes which need new and updated materials.

The committees recommend the textbooks which they feel most adequately meet the needs of the classroom.

The schools then send contracts to the publishing companies, adopt the new textbooks for five years, and place the old books in storage.

After one year, most of the old books are picked up by the city and thrown away.

For example, all public secondary schools in Omaha replaced their social studies books last year. This means that

the schools replaced hundreds of books and put most of them in storage until the time comes to discard them.

Contracts with the publishing companies bind schools to this waste. The schools agree not to sell the books when they are replaced to avoid competition with the publishing companies. In return, the schools pay less for the new textbooks.

The schools donate very few of the old textbooks. OPS has not looked into recycling, another option worth consideration.

Last year, the Peace Corps in Africa received some used textbooks from OPS. This means at least some of the contracts do not forbid donations.

Perhaps the Literacy Council of Nebraska, the Refugee Center at St. Martin de Porres, or other worthy organizations would benefit from the content of the discarded books.

People may not be aware that OPS discards many

valuable textbooks. OPS should make an effort to inform organizations, especially in our community, which may benefit from the used textbooks.

Recycling used books may be another alternative to throwing them away.

OPS has not donated many books to charitable organizations in the past, and if the schools do not find a demand for used books, recycling is a waste preventing option.

The knowledge and information in the textbooks would be lost even if the books were recycled. However, OPS would curb its large waste of paper and cardboard.

Considering the high cost of textbooks and the information in them, simply throwing these books away every five years is a terrible loss.

The Register staff asks OPS to consider donating books, recycling them, or both as opposed to hauling this paper and knowledge to the dump.

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## Joslyn Art Museum researching beneficial alternative to problem

Parking is a large problem Central students face every day. Central lacks parking space because of its location in the downtown area.

Every morning, students drive around the blocks surrounding Central looking for spaces, and many end up parking at Creighton University on the other side of the interstate.

An alternative exists in Joslyn Art Museum's parking lots. If the museum rented spaces, both the museum and Central students would benefit.

Students are willing to pay for spaces, and they reserve all spaces available in the senior parking lot. The spaces in the lot run out long before the demand for them.

The Omaha Education Association (OEA) rents spaces to students for \$50 per semester. Many more students are willing to pay for a space but end up parking three blocks away, because spaces are not available.

With Central, OEA, Creighton University, and Joslyn located next to each other, parking is, of course, limited. However, Joslyn's lots are empty during the day. In the past, the museum has not considered renting empty spaces to students. Occasional events bring



more people to the museum who use the museum's lots, but these events are usually on the weekend or in the evening.

Offering the unused spaces to students would allow them to park closer to school and

would raise money for the museum.

OEA has not had a problem with damage or extra maintenance costs in parking lots which students use. Joslyn officials should not worry about

damage or extra cost if they choose to let students park in the lots.

The Joslyn administration is now considering renting out spaces in their lots. They are researching to see how many

spaces the museum does not need during school days.

The Register staff thanks Joslyn Art Museum for considering a change that will benefit both Central students and the museum.

## Unproductive in-service half days waste time, interfere with classes

The new policy of shortened days creates some distress. These days subtract from more appropriate use of time.

The shortened days are referred to as in-service days. Prior to this policy, in-service days for the teachers were scheduled five days before the commencement of the school year. The in-service days now take place three different days scattered throughout the school year.

### Purpose of half days

The days include half days for students, but not for teachers. The days are intended for teachers to plan and organize, to get "caught-up" on pressing work and to attend specified meetings. The meetings discuss future education programs, ways to better the system, and other OPS related issues.

Many teachers prefer to spend their time constructively working on their present students' advancement. The teacher's first priority is providing students with an education.

The various subjects of the meetings are important and necessary for discussion, but these matters can be addressed at the faculty meetings. Time should not be deleted from teaching when unnecessary.

### Morning classes

Currently, with the in-service day policy, teachers instruct only their morning classes. Students who take the same course in the afternoon do not have the opportunity to cover the same

material as the morning classes.

Some teachers object to teaching only morning classes and not teaching their afternoon classes.

Most teachers prefer to have all of their classes coincide with one another. The work of the morning classes is either a continuation of the present lesson or "busy work."

If the morning classes continue their lesson, then the absent afternoon classes are not as advanced as the morning classes. This confusion creates difficulty in teacher organization.

Time and energy is wasted if the morning classes receive "busy work." Both teachers and students find "busy work" irrelevant.

### Solution for conflict

The acceptable alternative is combining the half day vacations to produce less full day vacations. Classes would not be neglected and teacher class planning would be complete.

With this option, teachers have the opportunity to complete necessary work in the appropriate amount of time.

Students also benefit from this solution. Students can have the entire day free instead of attending only half of their classes. The half days provide little time in actual class education. The lessons discussed do not offer significant learning.

The alternative provides necessary utilization of time and teacher-student interaction.

## Mud slinging taints political campaigns

Hard-core political debating is fading into past tense. Childish mud-slinging taints the political scene. The candidates' political policy stances take a back seat to the exchange of insults and accusations.

The evasion of issues must stop. Thanks to mass media, America has witnessed an almost pathetic theater of politics.

The debates nearly proved fruitless due to opposition "low-blows". The presidential and vice presidential debates rarely answered questions directly from a policy standpoint.

Why do political candidates continue to criticize their opposition when they are well aware that it is not what voters want?

Political intentions should focus on the voters'

wishes. Voters want to know precisely what each candidate intends to do with his prospective political office.

The debates should inform the public of policies and plans for the future. In order for the public to establish a solid conviction of their preferred candidate, the issues must be examined.

If opposition insults are the predominant factor in the debate, the public is unable to thoroughly understand the candidates' intentions.

On a large scale, the presidential and vice presidential debates exposed a generally round-about manner in answering the questions. More time was spent on clever one-liners than actual debate interaction. Of course, the "low-blows" are the most remembered segments

of the debates. However, the witty exchange of insults only clouds the purpose of the debates. The issues which make a difference are overshadowed with left-handed remarks.

It is time for political campaigning to address the issues. Voters cannot make accurate decisions without exposure to the issues and how each candidate proposes to deal with them.

The Register staff requests a change. All citizens, political candidates as well, should acknowledge the need for a difference.

The next step is a solution. It is too late for a change in the November elections; however, a difference in future elections will prove advantageous for voters as well as political candidates.





# Students explore new horizons



Chris Deden

Karen Lee looks over Ben Rouch's shoulder as he explores the *Wall Street Journal* for journalistic impressions. Ben and Karen attend monthly meetings for a Boy Scout's Explorer post. They meet at the Omaha *World Herald* building.

—Aaron Dennison—

Explorers, a division of the Boy Scouts of America, is an organization that includes many students at Central and is quickly growing to accommodate more. The purpose of the posts is to give students a "hands on experience" with a career they may be interested in.

Ms. Elizabeth J. Moffatt, Exploring Executive for the Mid America Council, said surveys go out to the schools to find students who are interested in Explorers.

She said, however, "Word of mouth is our best advertising because other kids are there having a good time." Currently, 856 students are involved in the 56 posts throughout Omaha.

Usually the posts are sponsored by various companies wishing to help students make career choices and have their company noticed in the community. She added that by introducing students to these companies now, they "effect a better quality of employee for the future."

Karen Lee, a Central High senior, and juniors Ben Rouch and Kelly Schiltz attend Journalism Post once a month. "I decided to go to Explorers because it would give me a more realistic work experience not found in a school environment," Karen said.

She explained that the *World-Herald* sponsors the club and as part of the activities, they are given tours throughout the office building and will conduct an interview with Chief Wadman. She added that professional journalists offer advice and commentary on their writing skills.

Rachael Rennard, Central senior, is a member of the Modeling Post sponsored by International School of Modeling. She says she found out about the post first when "a friend dragged me to a meeting." However she adds that after the first meeting she became interested and agreed to go again.

As for the future of the Explorer Posts, Ms. Moffatt says she feels "terrific," and describes the success of the posts as "an exploring explosion."

## 'Kids getting involved' in foreign language clubs

—Ellen Caban—

Now that homecoming festivities are over, the Central High School foreign language clubs are busy planning more exciting activities for the upcoming year.

The foreign language clubs have been kept fairly busy this year with the construction of their Homecoming floats. The hard work paid off for Latin Club, winner of the best float in keeping with the theme. German Clubs float was declared most creative.

On October 15, the French Club hosted a Foreign Language Soccer Tournament. Sara Lager, senior, said she had a great time and really enjoyed herself. "I thought it was a big success because everyone had a really good time."

German Club took both first and second places. Spanish and French Clubs tied for third, and Latin Club took fourth place. Later this year, many other events are planned that

will involve all four language clubs. Latin will sponsor a volleyball tournament, Spanish will sponsor a bowling tournament, and German club will sponsor a ski trip.

"This year, there are more students involved with languages than ever before," said Ms. Vicki Anderson, Central Spanish teacher. "The kids are really getting involved."

French Club has had opera singers and a Belgian composer come to visit them. They also saw *Three Musketeers* at Boystown last Friday.

Spanish Club is planning dinner at Romeos soon and has been preparing for Omaha Ole, the local Spanish convention, that will be held at Central this year.

Latin Club is planning a hayrack ride and is preparing for the All Roman Banquet. The Foreign Language Clubs activities are all planned by officers that are elected by club members. This year's officers for Latin Club are: Senior Consuls, Carl

Yeck, Michelle Lukowski, and Simon Joyner; Junior Consuls, Brian Miller, and Larry Rock; Treasurer Stan Hui; Secretary Kristina Burns; and Historian Doug Dreibelbis.

German Club officers are: President Duane Ludwig, Vice President Adam Nelson, Secretary Jenny Collins, Treasurer Jenny Hennig, and Sergeants-at-Arms Lena Gold, Matt Nelson, and Krista Schultz.

French Club officers are: President Merideth Hammans, Vice President Emily Rasmuss, Secretary Gina Weberg, Treasurer Adrian Ferguson, and Sergeants-at-Arms Monica White and Dan Pansing.

Spanish Club officers are: President Brian Brownrigg, Vice President Susie Donalson, Secretary Jenn Emanuel, Treasurer Sonya Nixon, and Historian Cherise Lewis.



Sean Chapman

Three Central Students kick the ball around at the Foreign Language Soccer tournament. The tournament, sponsored by French club, was held on Saturday, October 15.

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On January 28, 1986, the American people, as well as the world, watched in horror as the space shuttle Challenger exploded 73 seconds into its flight. I remember walking into Lewis and Clark and hearing that the seven crew members, including Christa McAuliffe, the school teacher chosen to participate in this mission, had just died. I waited for the punchline. It never came.

Two weeks ago NASA lifted the dark veil of this horror when the shuttle Discovery left on its maiden voyage. Although I only watched the replay and knew the outcome, it was still an awe-inspiring event, possibly more amazing than the first shuttle flight. I am sure that those watching held their breath for the first minute and thirteen seconds. Now the Discovery is back

## Shuttle and U. S. space program blast off again

on the ground with no difficulties.

Three years ago people were ready to give up on the United States space program. They would have quit the future for the lives of only seven people. I know that sounds awful, but it seems like a week does not go by when the news does not report a plane crash in which over 7 people were killed. And we spend billions of dollars on our defense only to watch 200 marines get blown up by a Moslem terrorist.

But of course no one talks about ending air travel or the war because they are "necessary."

Does this mean space travel is not necessary? Of course it's a necessity. Ever since President John F. Kennedy promised to put a man on the moon by the end of the sixties, space travel has been expected, lately even commonplace.

Space travel may also become necessary for the future of the world. Space colonies, which are becoming less of a sci-

ence fiction, may alleviate many of the population problems. Also, God forbid it should be necessary, but if Reagan's SDI plan, Star Wars, is ever implemented, the shuttle will play a major role. The shuttle has literally hundreds of other important uses.

With Tom Brokaw telling the world about all the catastrophes, corruption, and Contras, it is kind of nice to have the space shuttle around to give us all hope for the future. Maybe some of Central's students will even be pilots or passengers on future shuttle flights.

Obviously, in hindsight, with the recent success, Americans can see what a mistake it would have been to have discontinued the shuttle program. It is a tribute to American hard work and NASA's faithful commitment to the program that three years after the Challenger tragedy, the program is back on track and leading America into the 21st century.

## In Brief

The Central High School Academic Decathlon team, which has reigned as state champion for five years, has been selected for the 1988-89 competition year. Team members are Jennifer Hendricks, Michael Lawler, Maureen McVane, Jonathon Hill, Beth Lucas, Patrick Williams, Steven Dare, Keith Lucas, and Rachel Rennard. Alternates are Elizabeth Thonen, Jennifer Gentle, Jennifer Hurley. Team members will be shooting for a national competition birth in Providence, Rhode Island.

Recently, the Omaha World-Herald Honors Scholarship program has selected outstanding area high school juniors. Thirty-two Central juniors were recognized at a recognition banquet on October 6, 1988.

Recognized Central students were Jennifer Bell, Aryn Bowby, Sarah Bruns, Jennifer Collins, Karen Eastlack, Julie Garcia, Melissa Garner, Valerie Garver, Katherine Headen, Heather Helmull, Lisa Hobson, Michelle Horton, Jessica Jalass, Rachel Kopfle, Stephanie Kurtzuba, Duane Ludwig, Alyssa McIntyre, Mary Moeller, Madeleine Mundt, Richard Pallat, Larry Rock, Matthew Schaefer, Arin Stark, Sharon Stoolman, Elizabeth Thonen, Eric Troy, Sharl Waterman, Jennifer Weiss, Monica White, Ziqiang Wu, and Alvin Yam.

The 1988-89 Homecoming Royalty are King, Ralph Faulkner and Queen, Michelle White. The couple was crowned at the Homecoming dance on Saturday, October 8 at the Milo Ball Student Center.

Senior Holly Stommes received second-runner-up in the 1989 Omaha Junior Miss Pageant. Twenty other senior girls participated in the program held at the Jewish Community Center on October 10. Each contestant was judged by her scholastic achievement, poise and appearance, physical fitness, and an interview with the judges.

As part of its 1988 celebration of Black History Month, the McDonald's Corporation has designed a program honoring high school juniors demonstrating strong scholarship and leadership abilities and high moral character. Andrea Selman, Sharon Stoolman, and Monica White have been selected for this program and will have an opportunity to participate in a national convention where they could win McDonald's stock and a chance to work with successful national business and political leaders.

Foreign language students recently battled it out in an inter-language soccer tournament. The tournament, sponsored by the French Club, was held on Central's turf. The German team came away with both the first and second place trophies. Spanish and French teams tied for third place and but were denied a playoff game due to threatening weather. Latin struggled to a fourth place finish.

Eight Central seniors made the All State Choir. Wesley Loon received first chair of the bass section and Jim Schalley received first chair of the tenor section. Other All State members are Joanna Kosowsky, Scott Easton, Jason Gill, Patrick Williams, Randy Porter, and alternate Andrea Dusatko.

Seniors Angela Martin and Cherrese Washington received the north YMCA's Student of the Month for October. Each girl was selected for her community service, leadership, and youth achievement. Their school counselors nominated them for the award.

The Central high banners have once more returned to their home high above the courtyard. The colorful banners were damaged by water and debris from the destructive tornado last July.



D. L. Kowalski



Vice-presidential nominees, Senator Lloyd Bentsen from Texas and Senator Dan Quayle from Indiana squared off in a debate in Omaha last October 5. The vice-presidential debate, held at the Civic Auditorium, was the first televised confrontation between the two vice-presidential opponents.

Bentsen supporters met their nominee at Eppley Airfield when he arrived in Omaha. The candidate and local democratic politicians spoke to this welcoming party kicking off the political rally activities in Omaha.

## Students get involved in politics

Holly Stommes

In the midst of the 1988 national and local elections, politicians and their assistants are campaigning with high intensity. In addition to adults, some teens are contributing their time and energy to aid in campaigning.

Ms. Roxanne Seegers, campaign director for Mr. Peter Hoagland (D), said, "[teenagers] are especially helpful in visibility projects such as handing out brochures and stickers."

Young students often do office work, perhaps phoning the public or a "variety of tasks" Ms. Seegers said. Although many teens "come and go," she said that their small contribution is quite important.

Jenny Hendricks, senior, is a member of Central's Young Democrats. She said that the club used to be city-wide, but some students convinced Dr.

Moller to make it into a school club last year. Jenny said that around 10 to 15 students are members.

Jenny said that the main purpose of the club is to campaign. "It's a weekly thing. We go to different campaigns for a few hours a week."

"It's been pretty good, but I haven't been able to do a lot of stuff," Jenny said. Basically, she's "done icky paper work," looked up telephone numbers, and attended political rallies.

Jenny said that mainly teenagers are the ones who greet the public and say, "Hi, would you like a sticker?" But Jenny said that those teenagers who get really involved move up into more prominent jobs.

Another member of the Young Democrats, senior Mike Lawler, said that he spent most of his summer campaigning for Peter Hoagland.

"It took a lot of time," Mike said. He gave out many stickers and other "literature things."

Mike was a manager for the shooting of Hoagland's recent commercial on t.v. He said he just "helped out" and went all over trying to find costumes. However, Mike said that politically, "teens aren't involved. They really don't have any say. Every politician keeps talking about education but [they] never do anything about it."

Mike said that being active in politics has been interesting and beneficial. Because of Mike's dedication to his campaign, Peter Hoagland is writing him a letter of recommendation for college.

Although Teenage Republicans is a "national renowned" organization, senior Anne Lietzen said that it is not yet a group at Central.

"I don't know too much [about politics]. But if we were able to get a group, I'd be more than happy to be an active member."

Anne said that she has access to information about the Teenage Republicans, but the thing she really needs is to find a teacher who is willing to be a sponsor.

Another Central student, junior Stephanie Kurtzuba, has done a lot for Senator David Karnes' re-election. Stephanie said, "It's real fun. It can be a hassle, but if you want your candidate to win, you've got to give up your time."

Stephanie would also like to start a Young Republicans similar to the Young Democrats at Central. She said that campaigning has "helped me get more involved in local politics. I want to get more politically involved."

Politicians jockey for position

## Local Congressional and Senatorial

Karen Lee

(Due to the inavailability of the senatorial and congressional candidates, some of the information and quotations on issues in this article are from pamphlets, news letters, news articles, and political issues letters available from the candidates' campaign offices.)

Less than two weeks from now American citizens across the nation will cast their vote for candidates for public office. Recent vice-presidential and presidential debates have media attention focusing on the top two spots in the nation. But also this year, Nebraskans will elect one U.S. senator and three congressmen to office. Various city and district officials will also be on the ballot.

Senator David Karnes (R) was Governor Kay Orr's appointee to office after Senator Edward Zorinsky's (D) death in March, 1987. This year he is running for the first time for his own seat in the U.S. Senate. His opponents are former Governor Robert Kerrey (D) and State Senator Ernie Chambers of the New Alliance party.

Senator Karnes opposes raising taxes for the

purpose of reducing the federal deficit, calling it a "cop-out that avoids the real problem." The real problem, according to Sen. Karnes, is "uncontrollable government spending." He supports a constitutional amendment that requires a balanced federal budget, followed by reforms that would control spending.

Senator Karnes supports the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI). He also encourages growth within the defense budget. "The failure to make adequate investments in the nation's defense structure will ultimately invite aggression and undermine world peace and stability," he said.

Mr. Karnes said in an October 7 Omaha World-Herald article that he could support a minimum wage increase to \$4 an hour if it included a lower training wage of about 80 percent of that for new employees in the first to four months on the job and no indexing.

Former Governor Robert Kerrey (D) served as Nebraska's governor from 1982-1986. Mr. Kerrey believes that the budget deficit cannot be resolved with cuts alone or revenue alone. "The first thing that must happen is the reductions on the spending side," he said. "You've got to put

a lot of pressure on the budget."

Mr. Kerrey opposes SDI and believes the defense budget can be reduced. "I believe economic strength precede military strength. And political [strength] must precede both," he said. "Winners in national defense today are no longer determined by numbers of weapons or number of men in arms." Mr. Kerrey supports a one-year minimum wage increase in the range of \$3.85-\$4.00. He opposes back-to-back, multiple-year increase, saying that it "inflation pretty hard."

Mr. Ernie Chambers has served as a Nebraska State Senator from 1972 to the present. This year Mr. Chambers is running for the U.S. senate as the New Alliance party's candidate. Mr. Chambers called SDI a "Scrap SDI" insurance policy for defense industry. "Scrap SDI," he called it a "crack-brain notion with no value in terms of defending the country from attack."

"Overall I believe the defense and military budget could be cut by 20 percent, or \$60 billion dollars, without harming the nation's ability to defend itself." He said that increasing excess defense funds will control fraud, but





# New Alliance runs Chambers on ticket

Kate Leuschen

Who's running for president? The question may seem a little silly, but most people can only name half of the four parties that are running candidates for the highest office in the land. One of these parties, the New Alliance, has stimulated interest in Nebraska thanks to State Senator Ernie Chambers.

Reports on the New Alliance are conflicting and often vague. In a handout given by former Governor Robert Kerrey's campaign for senate, the New Alliance is characterized as a radical group. The handout refers to research done in 1987 by the a non-profit research institute, Political Research Associates.

According to the institute, the New Alliance formed in 1979 under Dr. Fred Newman. Dr. Newman has been associated with Lyndon LaRouche, a political extremist who moved from the left in the early 1970's to the extreme right today, and Mr. Louis Farrakhan who heads the Nation of Islam. Mr. Farrakhan has expressed anti-semitic

views, and the report states that quotes from his speeches are in New Alliance literature.

In 1984, Mr. Dennis Serrette ran for president as the New Alliance candidate. He has since left the party and refers to it as nothing less than a "therapy cult." Mr. Serrette refers to the requirement of all New Alliance members to take social therapy.

State Senator Ernie Chambers has brought the New Alliance into the spotlight in Nebraska. He has accepted the New Alliance nomination to run for U.S. Senate against Mr. Kerrey (D) and current Senator David Karnes (R). Mr. Chambers currently represents Legislative District 11 and is running a write-in campaign to be re-elected to his seat this year.

Despite conflicting reports, Mr. Chambers said he does not disagree with any portion of the New Alliance national platform. He believes the people are convinced it is radical because they are used to only hinder Democrat's and Republican's running.

According to Mr. Chambers, planks of the New Alliance

platform include "such radical ideas" as a national health service, slashing the defense budget to fund the formation of jobs, non-intervention and disarmament, enforcement of Indian treaties and full restitution of Indian lands, the right to unionize and an end to racism, sexism, anti-semitism, and anti-gay bigotry. Mr Chambers said he feels any party could hold such a platform

The New Alliance has only 14 registered, dues-paying members in Nebraska. The party drew 50 votes in the primaries; ten from party members and 40 from Independent voters. The New Alliance requires 25 members to form a chapter.

Mr. Chambers said that one of his objectives is to secure five percent of the vote in order to give the New Alliance a chance to run on the Nebraska ballot in the future. Nebraska requires that a party have five percent of the vote in an election to be recognized.

On September 15, Dr. Fulani joined Mr. Chambers at a

press conference announcing Mr. Chambers' entrance into the senate race. She stated that her goal was to "dump the Duke." Mr. Chambers said the national campaign was not centered on the Democrats and that the Republicans say the same things.

"The New Alliance does not deserve the status I would give it by permitting their candidate to participate in our debates," said Mr. Kerrey.

He added that he was against any party linked to Mr. LaRouche and Mr. Farrakhan.

Mr. Kerrey also said in his speech that the New Alliance would not even be considered by the public if Mr. Chambers did not put his name on it.

Technical questions arose about Mr. Kerrey's ability to withdraw from the KETV debate on Sunday, September 18 answering a reporter's questions. Mr. Chambers was given until Wednesday, September 14 to request inclusion.

Sen. Karnes stated that Mr. Chambers is a candidate of

legal standing and should be included. The September 18 debate was held with an empty lectern, marking the absence of Mr. Kerrey.

Mr. Chambers said that Mr. Kerrey's leaving the debate was an act of cowardice. Mr. Kerrey called it "a matter of principle."

Before the first presidential debate in Winston-Salem at Wait Chapel of Wake Forest University, Dr. Fulani's attorneys filed an injunction to stop the debate.

In a press statement released by Dr. Lenora Fulani's Committee for Fair Elections, Dr. Fulani said, "It is a profound insult . . . for Mr. Dukakis and Mr. Bush, those two white supremacists, to march into a state where our people are dying of racism and injustice and pretend to have a 'democratic debate on the issues.'"

A federal judge did not issue the injunction in order "to preserve the orderly political process."

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## Candidates construct platforms

and production of ineffective, unreliable defense mechanisms.

Reducing the defense budget, Mr. Chambers said, provide initial funds for balancing the federal budget. He said that the government will have to increase taxes to generate revenue. "The government pays for its operations through a taxing system," Mr. Chambers said. He plans to aim at wealthy people and large corporations which pay no taxes, and to collect tax bills from businesses which have not paid.

Mr. Chambers said that the proposed minimum wage bill should have been passed. He advocates "a fair wage for workers," and said that the current minimum wage "brings a person to what the government has established as a modern living standard." Mr. Chambers said that the current situation is "cruel," provides "cheap labor" for businesses, and requires "taxpayers to make up the difference between what a person makes and the bare necessities."

Nebraska also has three congressional districts, Omaha located in the 2nd. Running for the position vacated

by Congressman Hal Daub (R) are former State Senator Peter Hoagland (D) and Dr. Jerry Schenken (R).

Mr. Hoagland favors an increase in the minimum wage, calling it "a fair thing to do" at a Congressional Issues Breakfast at Peony Park this September. According to Mr. Hoagland, a full-time minimum-wage worker earns \$6,700 annually, which is "substantially below the poverty line."

Dr. Schenken opposes the proposed increase, saying that wage increases lead to fewer jobs. As an alternative, Dr. Schenken has proposed a refundable, earned-income tax credit for some minimum wage workers.

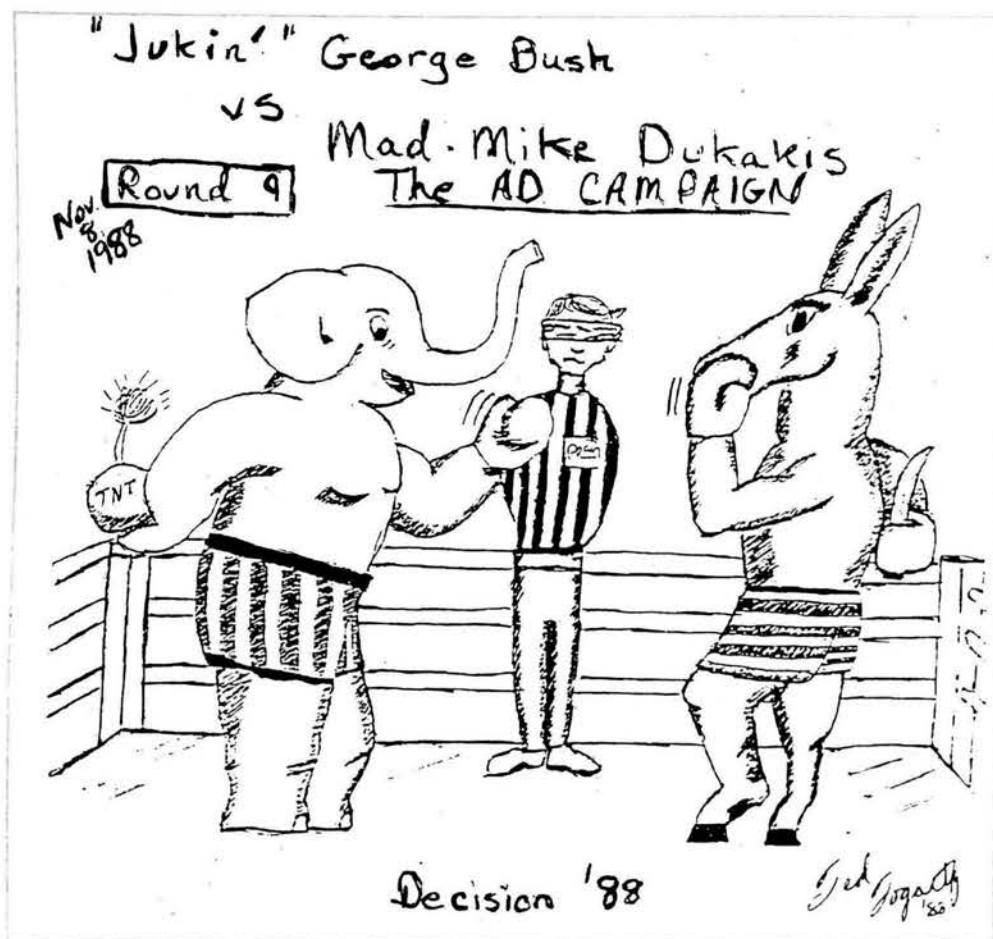
Dr. Schenken supports the balanced budget amendment. "Right now, the economy is a giant credit card. Each year Congress goes in and charges \$150 billion that will have to be paid for by us, by our children, by our grandchildren," he said in a September 29 Omaha World-Herald article.

Mr. Hoagland opposes the amendment. In the same article, he said, "The intellectually honest approach is to say, 'Look, let's . . . sit down and get this budget balanced . . . and let's stop talking about symbolic concepts or pro-

visions that really aren't going to do the job.'" He said that the deficit must be reduced by approximately \$30 to \$40 billion per year until the budget is balanced.

Mr. Hoagland also has said that the greatest threat to the future of today's children is drugs. He supports increasing interdiction efforts to stop drugs at the border and cutting foreign aid to countries that refuse to eliminate their drug crops. Mr. Hoagland also supports efforts to toughen sentences for drug pushers, to increase drug treatment facilities for people wanting to "kick the habit," and to improve education of "the horrors of drug abuse" for children at an early age. Dr. Schenken's campaign advocates a "compassionate approach to the drug victims, but a tough approach to the drug users."

He supports stronger penalties for drug peddlers and kingpins, including the death penalty for drug-related murders. Dr. Schenken advocates a greater emphasis on stopping drugs from crossing borders and "new and innovative mechanisms" to discourage drug production and sale worldwide with the cooperation of our allied countries to stop international drug underworld figures.







## Another Illusion

With  
Simon Joyner

Once upon a time, so long ago...back before I was accepted and taken in by the evil adults...when I didn't know what I wanted to do because I wanted to do everything...when I didn't have to worry about whether a college would understand when I wrote that on an application, I really was a flustered dwarf with a chainsaw of an imagination and a warped sense of adventure.

It may be hard to believe but I'm feeling old in my seventeen-year-old body and I miss the me that I used to be. Everything is so serious. All that has meaning to me now, I would have considered pointless when I was so young and wise. Why do we ever have to grow old anyway? I guess you are only truly young once.

I remember, during the summer, I played outside where there were robbers to shoot at and a home base to sneak to and a pine tree mountain to climb. I could be the hero who had just killed the giant Fandango-Croakskut monster and saved the earth from the aliens. I could win the princess, my little brother in drag (We didn't need much incentive at that age).

When I was forced inside at ten o'clock to sit and watch too many hours of television and talk about school, whatever that was, I entered another world of adventure. There was always another world; everything was what I wanted it to be.

It was a good thing that I had a cat. We stretched the brutally plain surroundings of the house into a jungle of excitement. A particular cat occupies my favorite memories of that life. I gave "Willy" a new name and then pretended we were two scientist-bounty hunter-time travelling-fate twisters sent to explore the mundane as if it was foreign and to find new explanations for its existence. We were Super

## Just diving into spray paint

Flash and Astro Fox and it was vital that we discover what the items in my house really were.

I remember the notorious guitar incident. I stuffed Super Flash through the strings and into the hole in my father's guitar and told him to explore as I pretended to shoot enemies coming after us. I slammed my fingers across the strings to shoot the six lasers and nearly exploded Super Flash's eardrums, but he was screaming to me the whole time about a secret map written on the inside of the guitar...a map that would lead us to the factory where they made adults.

Of course, when I had killed all of the enemies, he kept screaming and eventually my parents had to cut all of the strings to get him out. He didn't stop screaming for three days. But secretly he told me he was crying because they took him out before he could copy the map. So we broke the guitar into pieces the next night. I thought I saw the map for a second right before my parents came in, but it disappeared. Super Flash escaped, but I was tortured and held hostage for two weeks.

Then there was the time that we discovered a blue can of spray paint. That's what the label said but we knew that it was something evil. Ever so fearless, we decided that we'd have to take a and test it out to see if it was 'Tell the Truth' gas. Super Flash volunteered since he knew it was safe to tell the truth to a good friend. Of course, our research was important. We knew what would happen if the adults had the power to make all children tell the truth. It was for their own good that they didn't know anyway.

So I carefully cut out four squares of masking tape and taped two squares over Super Flash's eyes, one over his nose, and another to cover his mouth. (We didn't want any of the gas to settle because he could sneeze and bring it to surface right when we were lying about why there was a squirrel's remains tied on a rope to the back of my bike, bouncing along the ground as I circled the block.)

Then I took the can and sprayed Super Flash as blue as the runny popsicle I bought once from the Ding-Ding man. (Consequently, we thought the Ding-Ding man was really Jesus. I remember telling my parents I shouldn't have to go to church because I chased Jesus down the

block every day. They didn't like that very much.) When I sprayed that 'Tell-the-Truth' gas on Super Flash, I knew the truth! He must have hated it because he ran all over the house running into walls and chairs chasing those two squares of masking tape over his eyes. I finally caught him and took the masking tape off. He had four white squares of fur on his face and the rest of his body was blue.

We laughed a long time; in fact, right until my parents came home from work. They tortured me and imprisoned me for another two weeks. I didn't see Super Flash until I was set free, and I found out they had been torturing him also. All of his hair was gone except where the masking tape was. He had four bunches of white hair and a plucked body. He said they had pulled all of his hair out, but he promised he hadn't told any of our truths. Super Flash and Astro Fox would always stick together.

Now I'm sitting here at my computer keyboard wishing I had a crayon. A plain cat, certainly not a Super Flash, is lazily licking his fur on a chair to my left. It's been ten years since I could talk to cats. I've been looking for a job, and my father suggested I drive the ice cream truck around the neighborhood selling ice cream. Me? Jesus?

I wonder if everything else has changed over the years, or is it just me? Does that cat know his grandfather was my best friend? Would he sit up and start talking to me if he knew I wouldn't be surprised? I hope I haven't lost those wonderful instincts. Maybe I'll tie a squirrel to the bumper of my car and drive it to school. Even school has changed. No longer is it a lot of foolish adult nonsense just to get to recess but tests and registrations and applications and work just to become a dreaded adult.

Have I really become the dried up hero of my younger years? Do I have to accept this as destiny? Maybe I'm only as old as I let my mind make me. Maybe all of us are only as old as we begin to believe we are. Who should say that I can only be truly young once? Yeah, I still lie all of the time. In fact, I'm lucky you don't have a can of blue spray paint with you now.

## 'Snaking' provides unique activity for freshman

—Donya Craddock—

"Mysterious as snakes may be, they are more scared of you than you are of them," said Romalis Ozuna, a freshman at Central, who collects snakes as a hobby.

Romalis said that ever since he was six years old he had an intense interest in snakes.

My mother started my interest in snakes when she caught a snake and put it in a jar and told me I could watch but never touch it or feed it.

Romalis went on to say that eventually the snake died

because he couldn't care for it.

"Ever since then, I simply began collecting different kinds of snakes and reading books about snakes," said Romalis.

"I also take a class at Creighton given by the National Society of Herpetology at the beginning of every month to enhance my knowledge," added Romalis.

Romalis presently has four snakes: a two-foot black rat snake, a three-foot fox snake, and two five-foot bull snakes. "All four of my pet snakes were caught by me and some friends

in different parts of Nebraska and Kansas," said Romalis.

Romalis said that he and John Smith, a Central graduate, go out "snaking" three times a week to find snakes that are worthwhile having in his snake collection.

"I devote six to seven hours a week with my snakes as they reside in aquariums in my room," said Romalis. Romalis added that the snakes are "very interesting" to watch.

Romalis said that many people ask him how could he collect snakes that are poisonous and disgusting.

Romalis feels that people have just been taught to think that way because, "I have learned there are no poisonous snakes within about one hundred and fifty miles of Omaha."

"Snakes are the easiest and the cleanest pets to take care of," stated Romalis. According to Romalis, they don't require much attention. They only eat every three weeks and

they keep themselves clean.

Romalis will eventually have to let his snakes go back into their environment so they can go into hibernation for the fall and the winter.

"Soon as spring comes, I will start my snake collection all over again," stated Romalis. He said spring is the best time to go "snaking" because they are more active then ever.

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# Drama students scare public at Hotel California

Hilary Fenner



Central students Mandiee Ray (left) and Windie Lahs volunteer as "Jurors from Hell" at the Hotel California. This Sweet 98 sponsored haunted house will be open every night through Halloween.

Floorboards creak and shutters slam as witches, ghosts, goblins, and ghouls along with other not so traditional characters such as Jason and Freddie Kruger creep about the gloomy halls. A man with a chainsaw relentlessly pursues screaming people of all ages while vampires eagerly seek out their next victim.

Central students Windie Lahs and Mandiee Ray experience the thrill of scaring rather than being scared at the Hotel California, a Sweet 98 sponsored haunted house located at 15th and California.

**The haunted house recruits workers through high school drama departments.**

Freshman Mandiee Ray and sophomore Windie Lahs work as volunteers on the weekend at the haunted house. According to Mrs. Margaret Miller, a manager at the "hotel", they recruited the volunteer workers through high school drama departments.

"We like to use drama students because they portray believable characters and are consequently more frightening,"

said Mrs. Miller. She also pointed out that the job provides valuable acting experience for the students.

**"We often have to comfort kids by telling them that we are not real."**

Mandiee said that working in the haunted house is fun and a great way to meet people. "I have multiple dates for next Friday night," she said jokingly.

According to Mrs. Miller the haunted house meets up with very few accidents partly due to the fact that they insist those who take people through the house are adults.

Mandiee and Windie said that they receive not as much physical as verbal abuse "People come through the skeleton room and ask me questions like, 'Is that your mother?' or 'Is that your boyfriend?' I always have a smart comeback and sometimes it's hard to resist saying it."

Windie agreed saying that some of the groups are "really cool" but others are more difficult to deal with. She said that little kids often scream and cry, and sometimes parents even ask that the workers try not to scare their children. "We often have to comfort kids by telling them that we are not real," Windie said.

## Fall offers refreshing outdoor activities

Adrian Ferguson

Fall-The leaves' vibrant colors, orange, yellow, brown, and RED, Nebraska red, explain what this season is all about. During this season, Husker football and the beauty of the out-

doors provide ample opportunities for weekend fun.

Every Cornhusker fanatic lives for Saturday home games. This gives them a chance to break out all of their red clothing and hop on I-80 for the pilgrimage to Lincoln's Memorial Stadium to watch the Big Red trample their opponent. By the way, at these popular games, the population of Memorial Stadium becomes the third largest city in Nebraska.

### 'Take a hike'

Sure, not everybody can get tickets, but it is probably not hard to find a portable radio so you can pick up KFAB's transmission of the game. Don't just sit on your sofa, get outside and take a walk or, if you are feeling adventurous, make a trip down to Fontenelle Forest and take a hike.

No, you don't have to miss the game, you can always

bring along your pocket radio to check the score every five minutes or so. This may be annoying to the people with you, but all true Big Red fans will understand.

### Jumping in leaves

Hopefully by the time you get back home you will have evaded the chore of raking the leaves, your parents having done it for you. This is the perfect opportunity to relive your childhood memories by jumping into the huge piles of leaves. If you are feeling a bit crazy, I suggest you make a run through the neighbor's piles. Just make sure to pick neighbors who can not run as fast as you.

### Halloween preparations

With Halloween coming up, haunted houses, carved pumpkins and costume parties pop into mind. Haunted houses are now open and there are plenty of pumpkins left, but, unfortunately, Mangelsen's no longer sells Kooky-spooks. This is only a minor dilemma, and I'm sure you are creative enough to find an equally amusing costume.

So what are you going to do this weekend? Are you going to get outside, and do something fun? Of course you are. You might even want to go apple picking, or horse-back riding. These are just a few tips for fall entertainment that I like. I think you might, as well.

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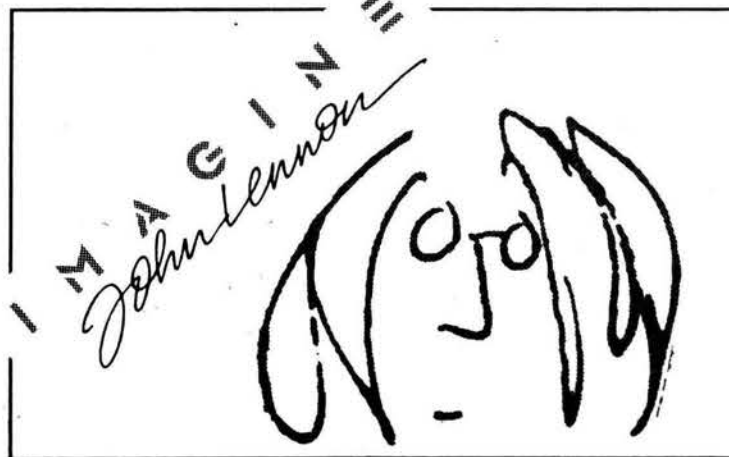
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## Imagine provides insight into John Lennon's life

Adrian Ferguson



*Imagine*, the story of John Lennon's well publicized life, spans from his early years as a Beatle, through his years with Yoko Ono, and ends with his tragic assassination. Although the movie is not very upbeat, actually quite depressing, the music is enough to keep anyone entertained.

Lennon's life story is told through news clips, interviews and concert coverage. It is remarkable how much of the movie is actually Lennon talking. Although the latter years of his life he spent with his family and working for the peace movement,

he still created plenty of good music.

You sense that the Lennon story is only a scratch of the surface, not answering any questions of the reasons for the Beatle breakup, but leaving you with the feeling that Yoko Ono who played a major role in John's life, was the reason for Paul McCartney's leaving of the band.

John's close friends and relatives, including his son Julian Lennon who has also made a name for himself in the music scene, add interesting personal insights throughout the movie and also give closing comments.

*Imagine* is filled with all of the Beatles' classics and the hits from John's solo albums, using his song "Imagine" as the name of the movie. Even though conversation is the means of telling the story, the movie never drags. This as a "flic" to see; it tells the story of the man we've loved to hear for so long.



# Gymnastics leaps through successful season

—Peter Festersen—

This year's Central boy's and girl's gymnastics teams, although young and small in number, are improving and finding success as the season progresses.

The girls recently placed second in a metro competition, according to Jamie Strauss, the only senior on the team.

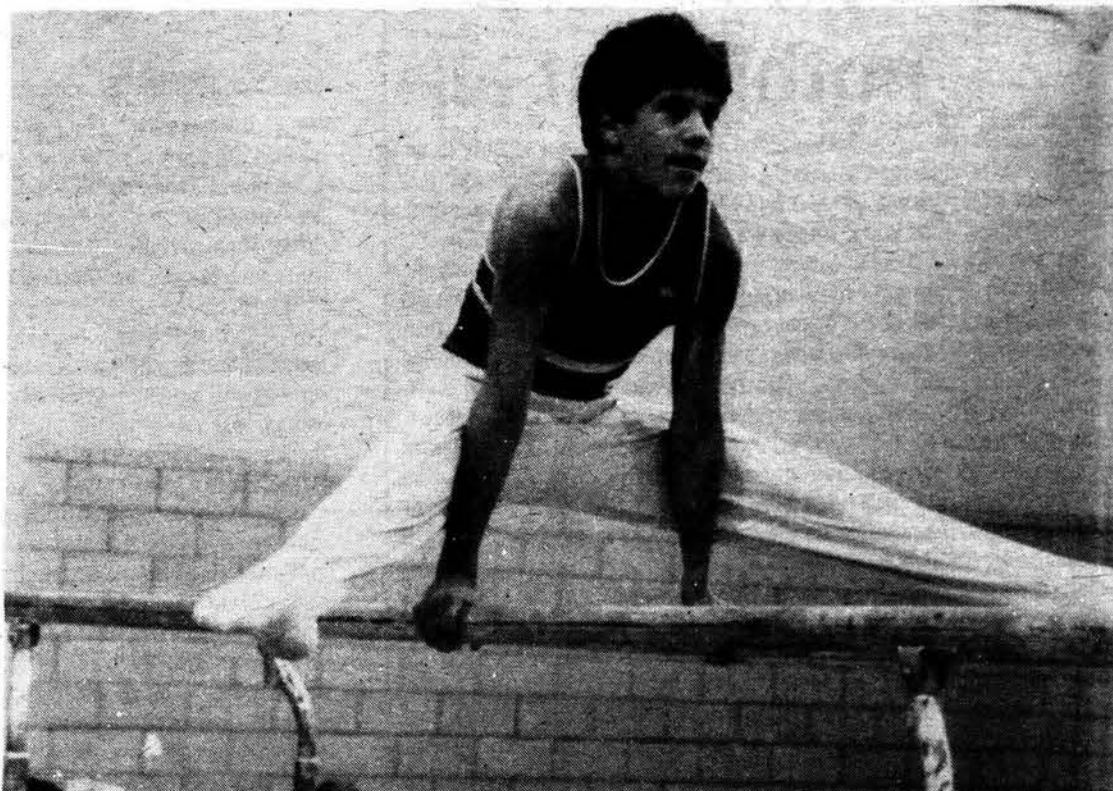
Despite the young age of the team, lack of experience does not seem to be a problem, according to sophomore Shani Sellman.

"I think we're better than last year because we are more experienced, and we have more girls that have been in gymnastics for a long time," she said.

Jamie and Shani both compete nationally for most of the year with The Academy of Nebraska Gymnastics.

"The girls are experienced because we came from clubs," said sophomore Katie Kollman. She also competes on a club level, but with The Omaha School of Gymnastics.

Two other gymnasts who feel that club experience is helping this year's team are



Tom rose, Lewis and Clark freshman and member of Central's gymnastics team, shows his strength and skill on the parallel bars. Gymnast on this year's team have had experience from out of school gymnastic clubs.

sophomore Joe Shepard, boy's team captain, and sophomore Mikala Tones.

Joe and Mikala, however, do not currently compete for clubs. Mikala has experi-

enced injuries, and Joe feels, "It is tough to go to club gymnastics and high school gymnastics at the same time."

Although most of the girls compete in the all around

event, Joe said he specializes in the pommel horse, rings, and vault.

Because he is team captain, Joe said he assists the boy's and girl's coaches, Miss

Connie Kozak and Mrs. Dan Pfeiffer, gymnastics coaches assigning events and routines to the boy's squad.

According to Katie Kollman, both teams won the Northwest Invitational, and the girls also won the Tom Hallstrom Invitational.

Another meet that benefited the team, according to Miss Kozak, was the Miller South Invitational. Although the team did not place that well, Miss Kozak said, "The girls gained a lot of experience from a meet that size." The meet consisted of nineteen teams from four different states.

After the girls' metro, Jamie said, "Our goal is to go to state and place in the top three or four."

Despite this optimism, Jamie feels that it is possible to do better in club competition in high school competition.

"High school judges look for clean routines, while club level judges also grade the level," she said.

When asked how she would describe this year's team, Mikala said, "We're all experienced and have known each other for a long time. It's really comfortable."

## Players choose from several college choices

—Marcie Rosenbaum—

Central, currently ranked second in the state at football, has many players being recruited for their excellent athletic abilities. Colleges now look for more than just academics; athletes have become valuable assets to them.

Central seniors Abe Hoskins, Kelly Yancy, Sherman Williams, Lester Ridley and junior Calvin Jones, are five football players that are in demand by the top colleges in the nation for their football abilities.

Abe Hoskins presently has received offers from Miami, Notre Dame, UCLA, Iowa, Vanderbilt, Nebraska, Illinois, Okla-

### Winter sport

homa, South Carolina and many other colleges.

According to Abe he hasn't decided on a specific college yet. When asked what Abe looks for in a college he replied, "Because I am a receiver, I look at the team's passing game and then at the school's academics."

Football Coach William Reed, said many of the Big Eight Schools and a few of the Big Ten Schools have also contacted him. According to Reed, South Carolina has contacted him weekly.

Reed said the schools are not allowed to visit until November first, and the schools may not call any players until December first.

According to Reed, most recruiters look first at the

athletes ACT score and their grade point average.

An athlete must have a 2.0 GPA and a score of at least a 15 on their ACT. If the athletes can meet these requirements then the recruiters look at the student's athletic ability.

**Recruiters look for players that are flexible in the number of positions they can play.**

"Most recruiters look at the kids who can run fast," said

Reed. He added that the recruiters also look for players that are flexible in the number of positions they can play.

Senior Ralph Falkner has recently received offers from UNO and Westmar, Iowa. "I look for the three b's in a college; books, babes, and beaches," he joked.

According to Ralph, education is an important determinant in picking a college. "I am waiting for the end of the season, and I'll take it from there," said Ralph.

Senior Lester Ridley has been contacted by Oklahoma, South Carolina, Missouri, Ohio, and Iowa.

According to Lester he first looks at the location of the

school, second he looks at the position, and then he looks at his major.

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"Coach Reed has been very helpful in getting colleges to look at Central's athletes," said Lester. He added that many coaches are not as helpful about contacting colleges as Coach Reed. When it comes to choosing a college Abe said, "I'm just going to take it nice and slow."

## Hockey players prepare to slide into a new season of travel

—Tyler McLeod—

Hockey. A fast paced, physical winter sport, that's growing in popularity throughout Omaha. Three Central seniors, Brent Regan, Marty Mobley and Chris Gatzemeyer have played hockey for most of their lives.

Brent has played hockey for 14 years. Last year he played for the Omaha Knights midget travel team. This year, he decided to try out for the Omaha Lancers (a semi-pro team). He is presently an alternate and practices with the team from 8:30 to

10:30 every week day morning at Hitchcock ice rink.

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"Having practice every day has kept me stronger and in shape," said Brent. He also added that practices are fast, tough and painful, compared to previous years.

Brent is unable to suit up yet because his coach feels that he doesn't have the experience yet. Brent, 18, is the youngest member on the team, but still hopes to play later in this year's season. "This year is mainly a privilege. I'm already protected for next year."

The Lancers have 25 players on their team right now. According to Brent they should have around 21 players by mid season due to trades. This should increase his chances for playing time this season.

Brent is also assistant coach for the Bantam travel team for 15 and 16-year-olds.

Chris and Marty play on 17 and 18-year-old age groups. Chris will play defense for O.M.A.H.A. (Omaha Metro Area Hockey Association) team, and Marty, goalie, for the Omaha Knights midget travel team.

The 17-18-year-old age group is the oldest group for local club play. This older division can be rough. "At our stage it's the most abusive," said Chris.

Both teams travel to several tournaments around the

Midwest including Colorado Springs, Kansas City, Peoria, Illinois, and Phoenix, Arizona. According to Chris, his team did do to well last year, but they were fortunate enough to be sponsored by Seven Eleven to cover costs.

Last year Marty won about one-fourth of his games and he said, "This year we should win more because Seven Eleven is our sponsor." Next year Marty plans on attending the University of Arizona and hopes to play for their club team.