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# REGISTER

## Omaha School Board approves student discipline rules

Chris Chapman

On December 5, 1988 the Omaha School Board approved new code of conduct rules to discipline students for certain felony offenses committed off school grounds.

The rules will take effect as soon as parents and students are notified and principals have met to learn more about the charges. This will probably be

taken care of within a week or two, said Dr. Ron Burmood, Director of Student Personnel Services.

The crimes that the rules will affect are possession with the intent to sell or distribute any drug or controlled substance, actually selling these substances, assault or sexual assault of a person, and use or attempted use of a weapon to injure another person.

Students found to have committed one of these crimes would be suspended for five days, would be required to complete a treatment program in accordance with their crime, and would be ineligible to participate in extracurricular activities for the remainder of that semester and the next semester.

The exception is if the crime is committed during the summer, students would be in-

eligible for extracurricular activities the next school year, said Dr. Burmood.

As far as keeping track of crimes committed, Dr. Burmood said that the schools can use public records to punish those who were arrested and charged in court.

Previously, OPS had no discipline program for crimes committed outside school. Dr. Burmood added that few cases

of these serious crimes are reported, thus he does not expect that the rules will affect large numbers of students.

Dr. Burmood said that he hopes this will be a clear message to students that rules do exist against these types of behavior and some kind of consequence will affect their actions. He believes the rules will be a statement to students as to what is expected of them.



D. L. Kowalski

**Holiday Jam** Aaron Kerr, junior, and Olen Briggs, senior, play in the jazz band at the Central High School Holiday Orchestra/Jazz Band concert. The groups performed on December 15, the orchestra playing various Christmas-oriented selections. The jazz band, seen above jamming to Blue Genes, played a quintet of tunes ranging from Beebop to swing to ballads. Both groups perform actively during the year, the jazz band playing at the Spring concert and at various contests and the orchestra performing at concerts in February and May.

## All-city Christmas Prom occurs on school night; students still participate

Chris Chapman

Peony Park sponsored this year's Christmas Prom, which was held on Wednesday, December 21, 1988. High Heel and the Sneakers entertained the many students from all over Omaha.

Mr. Jim Hronek, Sales and Marketing Director at Peony Park, said that they have sponsored a Christmas Prom for 15 or 16 years. Brandeis department stores had co-sponsored in the past, now Younkers just sells tickets for the dance, he said.

Christmas Prom was open to any Omaha students,

with most coming from Central, Northwest, Westside, and Burke high schools. Mr. Hronek said that Peony Park wanted to provide something fun for students because many feel that Omaha offers very little to do.

He added that many schools are not able to fund a Christmas Prom, whereas Peony Park generated enough money from ticket sales to provide for

one of the "best bands in the region."

Mr. Hronek stated that they scheduled Prom on a week night because they were under the assumption that Wednesday, December 21 was the last day of school for OPS. He thought that since the arrangements were made during the summer, either a new school calendar or a mistake was made. In past years,

they held the dance on a Sunday.

Mr. Jim Wilson, assistant principal, said that the school tries to not plan major events on a week night because they interfere with the students' studies. He felt concerned that students would have difficulty getting going in the morning.

Ruth Sitzman, senior, said, "I thought it was stupid [to have Prom on a week night], but

I went anyway." She added that students weren't able to stay out late and probably found it hard to have fun knowing that there was homework to be done.

Junior Jenny Murphy agreed and stated, "It was an inconvenience to students because many had homework."

Although it wasn't too bad, she said, because she was able to go and had fun.

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## Registered opinion

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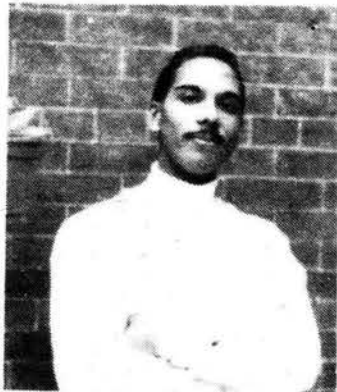
Do you think Central should allow religious symbols to be placed in the courtyard?

yes: 62% no: 38%

Total questioned: 170



**Gina Cavener, Junior:** "Yes, if the school is going to decorate for Christmas, then they should for any other religious holiday."



**Allen McPhaul, Junior:** "No, because I think the symbols that are up now show prejudice. They do not allow all religious beliefs."



**James Kerley, Freshman:** "Yes, the symbols show both holidays at this time. Otherwise, it would be prejudice."



**Kristina Burns, Senior:** "I don't think it's fair just to celebrate two religious beliefs. The school should recognize other religions also."

Chris Deden

## Peony Park, OPS confuse date School day follows Christmas Prom

Peony Park hosted the 1988 Christmas Prom Wednesday, December 21 in the Peony Park Ballroom. The Omaha Public Schools were in session December 22.

Christmas prom should not take place on a school night, especially during the week before a long vacation.

Students who attended the prom were unrested and unprepared for classes the following day.

This was especially a problem during the week before winter vacation since students had many tests and assignment deadlines.

Many students missed school altogether. This was

definitely not beneficial to their learning.

Other students missed the prom. This is unfortunate for the students who missed out on a festive, seasonal event and for the sponsors of the event who lost the students' money.

Peony Park did not plan to schedule the prom on a school night, according to Jim Hronek who organized the prom. He said that when he called OPS in July to arrange a date, they told him that December 21 was the last day of classes before vacation.

At that time, he hired an expensive band and gave them a down payment. After that, Peony Park could not change the date.

The schedule for OPS has not changed since July; it has been the same since last year.

The scheduled last day of classes before winter break is December 23 rather than December 21. Obviously, a misunderstanding occurred.

The Register staff appreciates members of the community outside OPS hosting an activity for students.

In future years, OPS and Peony Park should push for better communication.

This would allow a tradition involving community and school interaction to continue in the most profitable, enjoyable way.



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## Year - round Christmas cheer comforts needy

Christmas time creates the spirit of sacrifice and sharing. However, people often lose sight of the necessity to give to charities throughout the rest of the year.

Christmas season sharing offers an abundant supply of help to the needy. Volunteers offer support to those who lack the necessities of life.

Volunteers for the Salvation Army sacrifice the pleasure of warmth in order to collect money for those in need. They stand at various locations across the city in the freezing cold ringing a bell and accepting donations from the public.

Omaha groups collect winter coats for those who lack adequate winter wear to keep warm. Without these organizations, a number of homeless would suffer from winter's freezing temperatures.

The soup kitchens make an extra effort to supply the hungry and homeless with a meal that coincides with the celebration of the holiday season. Food organization such as Frances House and the Open Door Mission offer meals to the homeless and hungry. They are always in need of volunteers. The volunteers prepare and distribute meals.

The Open Door Mission also collects toys for poor children who do not receive

Christmas gifts. The Christmas season is stressful for poor parents. Those who are able to afford gifts are asked to donate toys for the underprivileged.

Many people willingly donate time, money, food and gifts for the needy during Christmas, which is undoubtedly appreciated. Yet, the public volunteers are often in demand throughout the rest of the year. The gift of sharing is appreciated and needed on an all-year basis.

The needy are sometimes forgotten when the Christmas cheer wears off. With the help of those capable of offering assistance year round, those in need could have constant aid in order to maintain the necessities of life.





## For What It's Worth

with Seth Kotok

# As 1980's come to a close, U. S. looks forward to Bush

I've seen many years go by and 1988 is no exception. I can't decide whether the year was a success or failure. It was a year of elections and olympics. People predicted it to be a year of great change, but nothing did. Well, I will let you decide what you think about '88 as you review the important events of the year:

Racial problems became more tense with the rise of Nazi skinheads and Black activists, like Al Sharpton and Roy Innis. Controversy over the Howard Beach and the Tawana Brawley cases polarized many racial leaders. As awful as it may seem, racial equality may have taken a step backwards in the conservative eighties. The only good that seems to have come out of all these racial conflicts is that Geraldo got beat up and broke his nose.

Unfortunately, Bernie Simon, John Huston, Ted Knight, and John Holmes are no longer with us. Also unfortunate is the fact that Ayatollah Khomeini, Yassir Arafat, Charles Manson, and George Micheal still are. With many celebrities dying, one came back to life.

Yes 1988 was the year Elvis was reincarnated by his fans' vivid imaginations. Actually, many "news-papers" maintain that he was brought back to earth by a UFO.

While this renewed interest in a fat drug addict in white bell bottoms and a cape swept the country, music fans were outraged by the treatment of John Lennon in a biography by Albert Goldman. Mr. Goldman can be easily described as a grave-digging, publicity-seeking, slimeball.

For a while the Congress stopped sitting on their thumbs and tried to pass a law controlling handguns. Luckily, the National Rifle Association stopped this bill making sure that criminals and psychotics could buy their guns as easily as ever. I am sure the NRA believes

that people use Saturday Night Specials to hunt squirrels.

Speaking of squirrels, George Bush and Dan Quayle won the election in 1988. George Bush will continue with Reagan's agenda so we can all be assured of a huge deficit, decreased value of the dollar, and drug lords as the leaders of Central American nations in 1992. Bush is still deciding whether to keep the Reagan's astrologer on his staff. The astrologer may be the new Attorney General. She'd have to be better than Ed Meese.

Of course the new V.P. always has sagacious advice for the public. In his debate with Lloyd Bentsen, he told America what his grandmother had told him, "You can do anything if you try hard enough." Quayle almost proved this by showing any average student from Indiana, can become Vice-President of the United States if his father is rich enough.

Some of the rich became poorer in 1988. Most notably the rich televangelists. After Jim and Tammy bit the dust, Jimmy Swaggart was upset because they were getting all the attention. So he developed a plan to gain some media attention for himself. He picked up a hooker and had her "model".

Unfortunately for him, his plan backfired and he was reprimanded by his peers. He ought to consider starting a 900 number where you can listen to a recording of a young lady and then stay on and confess your sins to "Brother Jimmy."

Swaggart couldn't do what most middle aged men who want to see exposed women do, go to the Playboy Club. This last bastion of the seventies closed down in 1988.

With this institution of morality gone, local governments felt secure in their policies of passing out free needles to drug users and then complaining about the

drug problem in their cities. Los Angeles is about to begin a policy of distributing free weapons to gang members.

Firefighters from across the country converged on Yellowstone to save it from destruction. In Brazil the rainforests are being destroyed at a rate of 50-100 acres a minute, but no firefighters are trying to save it. The only people that tried to help those forests were the Grateful Dead.

With all of its problems 1988 did have its share of moments that allow hope for the future. At the beginning of the year, Calgary played host to the Winter Olympics.

Although it is not as well received as the Summer Olympics, it seems to be friendlier and more in the Olympic spirit than its summer sister. The world cheered for the underdogs in the winter games.

The world also cheered for a more recent event. Three years after the tragedy of the space shuttle Challenger, NASA launched the shuttle Discovery, aptly named because the United States rediscovered its interest in the final frontier.

Rock stars with a conscience joined together more than ever this year. They helped Amnesty International, Anti-Apartheid organizations, the AIDS foundation, and many other worthy causes.

Most importantly, the world breathed a little easier this year (Well, it tried to breath easier even though pollution is as bad as ever). But everyone is partially relieved as the period of detente continues between the superpowers. Just this month Gorbachev visited New York where he viewed the Statue of Liberty with President Reagan. Now if only Gorbachev would just take the significance of that monument to heart.

Well, 1988 was no year to brag about. And 1989 probably won't be either, but we can always hope.

## Letters to the Editor

The following is in response to the December *Register* editorial, "Central Needs College Counselor."

Central High School has eight college counselors and a career technician/ secretary. Central's Guidance Director's responsibilities include organizing and coordinating a College Planning Calendar.

Even though Central students enjoy a wide variety of college admissions assistance and special programs, all students do not take full advantage of opportunities offered.

The Guidance Department advertises college admissions information in a number of different publications. The *PEP Newsletter* has featured articles on college planning and financial aid. College selection issues, application deadlines, scholarship information, test dates, special programs, and visits by college representatives receive publicity in the daily circular, the Career Center bulletin board, auditorium homerooms, and Senior Times.

The Career Center itself features both computer programs and print resources designed to assist in college-related planning activities. The G.I.S. Comprehensive College/ Career Selection and Financial Aid Program is just one example. The Career Center is open from 7:00 until school closes each day and until 7:30 P.M. on Tuesdays to meet the special needs of the Central High School community not able to use the center during the regular school day.

To supplement individual counselor's efforts, Central has provided the following special college programs during the first semester: "Preparing for Verbal and Math Sections of the ACT/ SAT," "Admissions and College Selection," "Financial Aid," and "Completing College Applications and Writing Essays."

In a recent junior auditorium homeroom all eleventh grade students received "A College-Admissions Timetable," a resource that offers detailed suggestions for the junior and senior years and includes a glossary of college-related terms. "Roads to Your Future,"

a student handbook that has always been available in the Career Center, is currently undergoing revision before distribution to all juniors late in the second semester.

All eight counselors and the guidance secretary are available to direct students through the college and career selection process. Central's Guidance and Counseling Department provides a complete and comprehensive service to address student needs. Students have the right and the responsibility to get help from the Guidance Center and from their college counselors.

Steve Nelson  
Guidance Director

Dear Editor,

In Friday's [December 2] edition of the *Register* appeared a story about the English Department writing lab and the use of the new Macintosh computers. It is appropriate that parents, students and others be made aware of these excellent facilities which the department is able to offer to our students.

However, I was disturbed by the lack of any mention of three of my colleagues in the English department who not only wrote the original proposal but also spent countless hours establishing programs and procedures for the smooth running of this center. Tim Larson, Nita Merrigan-Potthoff, and Terrie Saunders have not only done the aforementioned work, they also took charge of physically setting up the lab (unboxing computers, hooking up parts, etc.). But beyond this, they had the foresight to enter master level computer training programs at their own expense and on their own time to prepare themselves for keeping Central as one of the top schools in the use of computers.

Tim, Nita, and Terrie have also spent their own plan periods teaching other English teachers how to operate the computers. They have used their own plan periods to teach other teachers' classes in the use of computers.

Perhaps it was an oversight that these three individuals' contributions were not mentioned. However, a great deal of appreciation is owed to them. I think they deserve it.

Kathy Murphy  
English Department



## A

Different  
Perspective

with Karen Lee

In *The Uses of Enchantment: The Meaning and Importance of Fairy Tales*, Bruno Bettelheim wrote that fairy tales direct a child to discover his identity and calling and suggest experiences needed to develop character.

He said that most children now see fairy tales in prettified, simplified states which subdue meanings and rob all deeper significance and called movie and TV versions of fairy tales empty-minded entertainment.

I respect Bettelheim's knowledge of the subject, but I disagree with his analysis. A fairy tale is a medium of fantasy, how the world would be if romantics had their way.

I have never considered a fairy tale a model for my own life, identity, or calling. If I had, I would probably talk to crows and expect a knight in shining armor to rescue me from study hall and boring weekends.

The fairy tale women are often wide-eyed innocents, beautiful, sweet, and clueless as to how to take charge of their lives.

They sit around wishing for a man to save them from wicked families and dreary chores. Yet, these ebony-or flaxen-haired doll-like waifs do make endearing heroines.

The men are evil kings, benevolent fathers, or dashing princes. The stereotypical hero easily sweeps the nearest bimbo in distress off her petite lily-white feet, with only his looks, wealth, and machoism going for him.

In fairy tale land, society centers around wealth and royalty. Families are usually one-parent, or annexed with evil stepparents, eager to have daughters quickly disposed of and small children left in the woods.

Education hardly exists in the pseudo-medieval kingdoms, unless it means showing ignorant women how to spin straw into gold.

These tales provide enjoyable bedtime entertainment for children, but are as farfetched from reality as TV. Many shows picture teenagers as ditsy boy-or girl-crazy nuisances who live for prom and trendier wardrobes.

Crime is glorified, and the rich are filthy rich. For the most part, television is mindless. Its main purpose is to entertain the public, who does not want to see real life, but a fantasy world instead.

Nothing has truly replaced the fairy tale in today's society, but John Hughes movies have come close. Director Hughes makes films of young adults who face problems most high school students supposedly also encounter.

He repeats the melodrama of cute popular rich boy meets cute unpopular poor girl, they fall in love, friends and family intervene, they split up, but true love conquers all, and they live happily ever after.

Does this sound like the standard fairy tale plot of Prince Charming meets fair maiden, wicked steppeople interfere, maiden disappears from the scene, but Prince rescues her, and they live happily ever after?

Today's youth are not as innocent or gullible as when their parents were kids, thanks to various influences.

Hollywood affects how they view women, families, police, school, and love. Walt Disney has become the master of fantasy and fairy tales, passing Hans Christian Anderson and the Grimm Brothers.

Fairy tales should be preserved for children's enjoyment, because as kids mature, they learn that not all stepmothers are wicked and that a girl can not pull a prince up to her tower prison by her hair.

By junior high, they probably no longer believe in Santa Claus, much less in mermaids, elves, and frog princes. It is not Hollywood that destroys fairy tales; it is adolescence.

## Spring Prom

## Limitation allows breathing space

The Student Council made the decision to limit the Spring Prom to Juniors and Seniors.

Freshmen and Sophomores can attend a separate dance, organized by Student Council, that is not as elaborate as Prom.

The *Register* staff appreciates this decision made by the Student Council.

The Spring Prom is a special event. If Prom becomes a common occurrence to high school students from Freshman year on, it loses its significance. Having something to look forward to heightens the excitement of Prom.

Prom is traditionally a token of success to many junior and senior students.

Most high schools celebrate the tradition of Spring Prom for Junior and Senior students only. Spring Prom creates a particular evening for high school students to dress in evening wear and usually dine elegantly.

The Spring Prom takes place in Central's courtyard. This is the best possible location. The Student Council saves money because they do not have to pay to rent a hall.

Also, holding the dance in Central's courtyard allows the council members to begin decorating the day before the prom during their study halls.

The courtyard could not accommodate all the students who wish to attend the Spring Prom. If all students wanting to go to the prom were eligible, then mass overcrowding would consume the courtyard.

The number of people allowed to congregate in the courtyard at one time is legally limited.

Therefore, the number of students attending the dance must be limited. The obvious selection for eligible students attending the prom are those who do not have another opportunity for future proms.

If Freshmen and Sophomores attend the dance then many Seniors and Juniors will be excluded due to the limited number of tickets. For Seniors, the Spring Prom is their last opportunity to celebrate a prom.

The Freshman and Sophomore students have several opportunities to attend proms in their future years of high school.

The Freshmen and Sophomores can also attend a special dance designated for them. The dance compensates for the exclusion of the underclass students.

The Student Council made the right decision. This decision benefits all students concerned.

OPS passes discipline rule,  
ignores bounds of authority

The Omaha school board made a mistake December 5 in passing a new discipline rule for Omaha Public Schools.

However, since the board did pass the rule, students should be aware of the method schools will use in carrying out the rule.

## Charges included

Students charged with possession with intent to sell or distribute drugs or other illegal substances, selling or distributing these substances, sexual assault, use or attempted use of a weapon to injure another person, or an intentional act that causes serious bodily injury to another person may be disciplined by the school.

## Cases investigated

The district's student personnel department will be in charge of investigating cases when students are charged with these specific offenses.

## Conviction unnecessary

The schools will not have to wait for a student to be convicted in court but may rely upon the personnel department's information from local law enforcement agencies.

Students whom the personnel department charges with the above offenses will be prohibited from participating in

extracurricular activities for the remainder of the semester plus another semester, suspended for five days, and required to complete a counselling or treatment program.

## Students may be expelled

The schools will also be able to expel these students if they feel their conduct has disrupted the school or has indicated that the student may be a threat to the safety of other students or teachers.

## Effort to avoid mistakes

Superintendent Norbert Schuerman said that the schools will make every effort to make sure that no student is falsely charged.

The schools should not have the authority to charge students with a crime at all if the alleged crime occurred outside school.

## OPS overstepped authority

The rule is to act as a deterrent by sending a message to students.

The *Register* staff feels that the rule will be ineffective in this capacity.

The rule's effect will not be worth accusing students before their conviction in a fair trial or forcing the personnel department to investigate cases. OPS has crossed the bounds of its authority.





# In Brief

## DECA hosts speaker

Fred Schott, Vice President of Human Resources Division at Central States Insurance Company, gave a talk to about eighty-five Central DECA students on December 9. He spoke on how to say what you mean without getting in trouble. Mr. Schott also gave tips on the art of communications. Mr. Schott is one of several speakers that the DECA department has worked with.

## Student Council Dance

Student Council hosted a dance at Norris Jr. High School December 3 after the varsity basketball game. The Disc Company supplied Martin Fasero as the DJ. The dance had a successful turnout and Meredith Hammans, Student Council President, said the dance "was a lot of fun." The dance was one dollar and took place in Norris's cafeteria.

## Students to the Big Apple

Members of the Fashion Merchandising class went to New York City December 14-18. The group visited well known places like the Empire State Building, Hard Rock Cafe, and Rockefeller Center. They also went to see Iced-T, a popular rap group. There were seven students and four sponsors involved with the trip, including Fashion Merchandising teacher, Rosanne Mac.

## PEP Christmas party

PEP club held a Christmas party Tuesday, December 13, for all Central High School faculty members. John and Barbara Musselman hosted the party which entertained eighty or ninety Central faculty members. PEP club members brought many different kinds of candies, sandwiches, and holiday treats.

## Spanish National Honor Society Induction

Spanish National Honor Society recently held their *Ceremonia de Iniciacion* to induct new members into the society. Julie Anderson, Vice President, Susie Donalson, Louis Hill, President, Lynn Mousel, Treasurer, Sonya Nixon, Secretary, Mary Welty, and Tiffany Whitney performed the initiation of the new members.

New members are Brian Brownrigg, Dondi Caviness, Jodi Chruma, Kladanj Craddock, Bernadette Cronican, Amy Edgren, Jean Emmanuel, Leslie Hallam, Heather Heimuli, Lisa Hobson, Steve Johnson, Steph Kurtzuba, Kate Leuschen, Karin McCoy, Jennifer Murphy, Stacy Nikodym, Jason Poole, Andy Timm, Elaine Tucker, and Julie Williams. The initiation ceremony was on Thursday, December 15 in the Central courtyard.

## Student Council members selected

Student Council will soon get an addition of freshmen and sophomore representatives. The new representatives will begin work for Student Council second semester this year. Three freshmen were elected, but there was a tie, so four freshmen will serve on Student Council. They are Todd Djureen, Brian Goeser, Patrick Pritchard, and Megan Weeks.

Nine sophomores were selected. Sophomores are Larry Rock, Heather Dunbar, Wiff Farrell, Tracy Flynn, Dorell Morrow, Carrie Nelson, Kim Roth, Felicia Webster, and Kanika Williams.

## Central High Singers

Thursday, December 22 the Central High School Singers rounded out their holiday season with a performance at Regency Best Western hotel. The singing group has performed at various holiday events such as the OPS administration's Christmas party at the Western Heritage museum and the Federal Reserve Bank employee Christmas party.

The group also participated in the Central High School Winter Concert on Tuesday, December 20. Choir members are sopranos Echelle Brooks, Hilary Fenner, Molly Horton, Donna Lloyd, Reggie Rennard, and Holly Stommes; altos Vicki Charles, Andrea Dusatko, Joanna Kosowsky, Pallave Kumar, Mary Szynskie, and Cherrese Washington; tenors Scott Easton, Jason Gill, Eric Jordan, Jeremy Petty, and Jim Schalley; accompanist Lynn Mousel and director Terry Theis.

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From the *Register* staff



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# Students survive while 'financially independent'

—Jennifer Smith—

Ever wonder what emancipation means?

According to Naida Aschenbrenner, Student Personnel Assistant, emancipation is "for school purposes only. It allows the student to sign their own absent slips."

Ms. Aschenbrenner said that there are some instances where a student has moved out of their parents' home and their relationship has broken

down so much that there's no communication going on.

"If the student can show me that they are financially independent and they're not getting any money or support from their parents, we call them emancipated youth," she said.

According to Ms. Aschenbrenner, Nebraska

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"We really want kids to live at home, but if you've lived

away for like two or three months, then you can tell it's been a pretty severe break and they probably won't go back home," Ms. Aschenbrenner said.

She also said that among the questions she asks is how do the parents feel.

"If their mom and dad are saying we want you to come home, chances are they're not going to consent to us calling them an emancipated youth," Ms. Aschenbrenner said.

According to Ms. Aschenbrenner, first they call the parents. If for some reason they can't call, then a letter is sent explaining their child meets the requirements to become emancipated. The parents have ten days to refuse the decision. If refused the child is not officially emancipated.

"The parents are usually for it if it will help keep the student in school. We do it to keep the kids in school," Ms. Aschenbrenner said.

According to Ms. Aschenbrenner, last year in OPS 65 students were called emancipated. Of the 65, 35 either withdrew or left the system, 19 graduated, and 11 are still in school this year.

"Certainly we do not want to be in the position of keeping kids from going home. I

try to find out if there's any hope for them going back home again. We do not want to be looked at as keeping kids from going back home," she said.

Ms. Aschenbrenner goes on to say that if the student would move back home, he would lose his emancipated privileges.

"So far this school year, 43 have been called emancipated. This seems high and it seems like the number is growing each year," said Ms. Aschenbrenner.

**"Certainly we (OPS) do not want to be in the position of keeping kids from going home"**

*"The dumbing down of America"*

## New programs known as 'tabloid t.v.'

This article contains the opinion of the author.

—Jason Auslander—

It has been called "the dumbing down of America." Television shows such as "A Current Affair," "Gerald," and "The Morton Downy Jr. Show," are all part of the new trend of "trash" or "tabloid TV."

"I think it's like the National Enquirer on TV," said senior Jenny Drickey. "The shows are about things that people shouldn't care about or be interested in."

This trend began on cable and became so popular that the major networks had to follow. Consequently, the networks are introducing many new shows that follow this trend.

"It's the responsibility of adults to monitor the

information available to youngsters," said Mrs. Carol Valdrighi, history teacher. "I don't even have cable!"

A letter to the editor by the fourth graders of Western Hills appeared in the Sunday *World Herald*. This letter was in regard to the TV movie, "The FBI Murders."

The students opposed the graphic violence portrayed in the movie and thought it was the adults' responsibility to regulate what appears on TV.

Probably the leader in this new trend is Gerald Rivera. Recently on his syndicated talk show, a black activist attacked a white supremacist for a racial slur. Rivera suffered a broken nose caused by a flying chair.

Many of these shows deal with topics that are obviously chosen because they will get the

highest ratings. For instance, on an earlier "Gerald" special, the theme was "Lee Harvey Oswald on Trial."

"It's all hype," said senior Tzari Christon. "They insult real journalism."

One of the most anticipated episodes in the short history of "trash TV" was the opening of Al Capone's vaults.

"It was really stupid," commented senior Kristina Burns. Host, Gerald Rivera, opened the vaults live on the air. He found nothing for three hours.

This new trend may be getting the networks higher ratings, but at a cost to their reputations. "TV trash" may be the dawning of a new age of television, but will the traditional morals and ethics of years gone by be sacrificed?

### Chance to test new boundaries

## Central teachers enjoy out-of-school instruction

—Chris Chapman—

Several Central High School teachers are teaching outside of school, supplementing their incomes at UNO, Creighton, or Metro Tech.

Dr. Robert Wolff, science teacher, has taught physics off and on and co-led a third through seventh grade math/science summer course for nine years at UNO. He feels that teaching outside high school gives him "a better prospective." He believes he knows where youth are coming from and where they are going.

Most of the students Dr. Wolff works with during the year are college age or older and are more mature and dedicated, he said. Yet, he feels his summer students, who are from elementary schools, give him a chance to test boundaries and try new things.

Even though the money is helpful, said Dr. Wolff, teaching outside Central keeps him current in physics and opens more subjects and areas.

English instructor, Mr. David Martin, has been teaching at UNO for seven years. He finds enjoyment in teaching theories and concepts in literature and composition. Mr. Martin feels that the extra income is nice, but more satisfaction is gained from helping young people who

are making their own way through college, as he did.

He said that he will quit teaching when he stops learning, but added, every day students show him how valuable education is and that a person never stops learning. Many of his students, he finds, are trying to improve themselves in order to change jobs.

Mr. Martin talked of having foreign students from almost every country, an over-stressed policeman who was working toward a new job, a woman who had never missed a day of school since kindergarten except to have a child, a female tank driver, and many more throughout his teaching days at UNO.

Both English instructors, Mr. John Keenan and Mr. Daniel Daly, teach courses at Creighton. Mr. Keenan has worked on Upward Bound, a summer program sponsored by Creighton and the federal government for select students who want college experience and intellectual development.

He feels that the program is like a "vitamin shot in the arm," by rewarding teachers with the students' positive attitudes and challenging them to be interesting to the students. Mr. Keenan said that working during the summer keeps him from "sitting around" and helps financially.

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## Computer file facilitates scholarship searching

— Kate Leuschen —

While seniors rummage through piles of college information and applications, another aspect of college sits in their minds: how to pay for it.

A new computer program in the counseling center unites Central students with the private scholarships they are eligible for.

The program, Peterson's Financial Aid Service, arrived at Central a month ago and will add to the existing college material.

According to Mr. Steve Nelson, Guidance Director, a student answers basic questions concerning background and interests, then the computer brings up those scholarships that the student is eligible for.

The student can print out those scholarships he is interested in.

The counseling center has used a computer program called the Guidance Information System (GIS) in the past, but Mr. Nelson said the new program is much more "user friendly."

He also said the new program takes about 30-40 minutes to complete.

Students can come to the counseling center during

school or until 7:30 on Tuesday evenings to use the center's facilities.

Two computers are available to students with a number of programs to help vocational school and college bound students, said Mr. Nelson.

Mrs. Linda Hazuka, counseling center secretary, catalogues and keeps track of the scholarship information.

She also has trained students to help run others through the computer programs.

Information on scholarships and how to find them is available in the daily bulletin, scholarship file in the counseling center, and the *Senior Times*, according to Mr. Nelson.

He said counselors also have books to help students plan college finances, like *The College Cost Book* put out by the College Board.

Jodi Worden, senior, said her parents first told her to go to the counseling center for scholarship information, but she didn't find much.

"It takes a lot of time and is frustrating," she said. "It is so easy to say 'I just don't want to fill this out.'"

Senior Kate Brower feels that the program is beneficial. "A lot of people don't take

advantage of the scholarships," she said. Kate found over 50 scholarships in the Peterson's program and is planning to apply to a few.

She also took advantage of the scholarship file in the counseling center.

She said she went to the center because she heard the notices in the bulletin.

Kate said the only problem is that students must send away for the scholarship information, and that takes time.

Senior Jennifer Drake said that the only scholarships she was eligible for required a lot of time in essays and contests.

The Omaha Public Schools puts out a booklet to every high school called *Roads to Your Future* that can help students determine after high school career goals.

This year Mr. Nelson outlined this information and distributed it to juniors.

Sophomores also began taking orientations of the counseling center last year.

Mr. Nelson said that students should begin thinking about college as sophomores.

He added that he doesn't see as many juniors in the counseling center as he would like to.

Sean Chapman

Senior Jennifer Drake, Katy Brower, and Jean Meister hunt for possible scholarships on the counseling center's new scholarship search file. The computer file can locate scholarship after the user inputs various information regarding their interests.

## Mono is not a 'kissing disease'

# Fatigue, lumps, and hives plague Mono victims

— Holly Stommies —

Mononucleosis, known as Mono, is not a "kissing disease," according to Dr. Lucy Kumar, M.D. at the Douglas County Clinics Health Department. Instead, Dr. Kumar said that Mono is a result of over-exertion and fatigue.

Dr. Kumar said that because Mono is a virus, "there is no treatment for [it]." She said that the headaches and fevers that accompany Mono can be remedied with medicines.

Symptoms of mono consist of a sore throat, fever, and "just a yucky feeling. You

don't feel like doing anything," Dr. Kumar said.

### Lumps and hives

Unfortunately many active students get Mono because they wear themselves down and end up missing a lot of school.

Senior Cindy Carpenter had only a minor case of Mono, but she did miss three days of school.

"I had lumps on my neck," Cindy said, "My doctor gave me penicillin which made me break out in hives."

However, after a lot of rest, Cindy was back in school and playing volleyball.

"My teachers were pretty lenient," she said.

Sara Lager, senior, had Mono the first two and a half weeks back from Winter Vacation last year.

### "I was dead-miserable"

"I couldn't do anything. I was dead-miserable. I could only lay down," Sara said.

Being a few weeks before semester finals, Sara had a difficult time catching up.

"I was completely oblivious to homework, everything. I handed in a few assignments, but after being at home for so long, I couldn't do anything."

After complete bed-rest, Sara came to school to take her finals.

"Most of my teachers held my grade. They were pretty nice, but some didn't understand," Sara said, "It was really difficult."

Another senior, Debbie Tyler "caught Mono from the school's drinking fountains," according to her doctor.

Debbie missed one and half weeks of school at the beginning of her sophomore year. "I slept the entire time."

Debbie said that she missed the Homecoming Parade and Game and Spirit Week. Most of her teacher did not require her to do make-up work.

"It's in your system forever" According to Debbie, once a person has Mono, that person is more susceptible to "getting it again."

"It's in your system forever," she said.

Stephanie Kurtzuba, junior, had mono three weeks before the beginning of her sophomore year.

"I missed tons of Pom Squad practice which was really bad

because we had a game the first week of school and I didn't know anything."

She said that although she did not have a bad case, she still gets worn down fairly easy and has to take it easy.

Drama teacher Mrs. Pegi Georgeson had Mono during her freshmen year of high school.

"I had to stay home from school from January to April."

Mrs. Georgeson said she had been cheerleading, swimming, and dancing and caught a cold which "I couldn't shake."

After a month, she discovered lumps on her neck and her doctor diagnosed her as having Mono.

"Who've you been kissing?" "Of course everyone asked me 'who've you been kissing?' But you get Mono from over-exerting yourself."

Mrs. Georgeson laid in bed for about four months, never leaving her house unless she was getting shots.

"I couldn't even see my friends because I'd get too excited," she said, "I missed everything."

When she finally could return to school, Mrs. Georgeson had to be tutored and had to take summer school courses.

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"No bucks without Buck Rodgers"

## NASA's 'objectives seem blurred'

This article contains the opinion of the author.

Kate Leuschen

As the nation counts down to the future of America in the final frontier, a controversial question is being debated at NASA. What are we doing in space?

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) is launching shuttles again, but objectives seem blurred between the government's space contracts and frustrated scientists.

The 32-month restructuring period after the *Challenger* disaster brought forth many problems in NASA's administrative and planning efforts. The 13 member Rogers committee, assigned to investigate the shuttle disaster, decided that the breakdown essentially occurred in communication. But according to many, NASA's lack of an objective and rush to satisfy originally unrealistic plans was an accident waiting to happen.

The shuttle program was originally a compromise of NASA and the Nixon administration. After President Kennedy's push to the moon, space travel hit a lull. President Nixon did not want to spend money on a Mars project or a space station. He also opposed the original space shuttle.

The current shuttle was originally planned to be an inexpensive way to handle all U.S. military, scientific, and launch needs. It was estimated to cost about \$100 per pound of cargo to send an object to space. That compares to the current figure of \$6,800 per pound.

It was also originally planned to cost \$10 million a trip (now \$300 million), and it would fly 40-60 times a year (reduced to less than 24).

Scientists and astronauts feel the problem came with the initial decision to proceed with a manned shuttle program.

Now, the government holds multi-billion dollar contracts with the private space industry. A common feeling in government is that so much has been invested in the shuttle program that it is too late to get out. All programs to build the rockets like Delta, Titan, and Atlas that took

satellites into space before the shuttle have been phased out.

Over 400 corrections were made in the shuttle before the launch last October. The corrections cost NASA approximately \$2.5 billion. The buying power of NASA's budget has become less than half of that used to put a man on the moon in the Kennedy era. The Pentagon also holds a space budget significantly more than NASA.

Because of the incredible cost, potential

have been pushed into the future. The controversy lies in whether it would have been more efficient to launch the satellites from cheaper, unmanned rockets.

The Soviets have spent almost three times the amount of time in space as the Americans. They use older, disposable rockets to deploy their satellites faster and cheaper.

The U.S. does not deploy as many satellites into space, yet the U.S. does hold an edge in technology. The Soviets deploy more satellites, but they have a shorter life-span.

The Soviets had time to catch up in the three years NASA spent re-grouping. In the past the Soviets have not competed with U.S. experiments in space by doing the same projects. But as the U.S. wavers over approving a long range mission to Mars, the Soviets have stepped in.

They have joined with 12 other countries to explore the sun, Mars, interplanetary space, and two moons of Mars: Phobos and Deimos. The Soviets have invited the U.S. to join the Mars effort, but the idea is almost an insult to the U.S. government officials.

The government has proceeded with the shuttle program not only because of money already invested, but also because of public demand. The government insists that the public will not support a space program without manned flight, "no bucks without Buck Rodgers."

NASA's future plans include sending an unmanned Mars probe in 1992, an atmospheric probe to Saturn, and other telescopes by the end of the 1990's.

A permanent space station has been proposed to act as a docking port for the shuttle and a stop over point for experiments going further out into space.

The candidates for president did not say much about NASA's future, though both supported some kind of space station. The \$900 million appropriation has been delayed until the new president decides to make a commitment.

According to President Reagan, mankind has a "manifest destiny to bring our humanity into space."

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customers to deploy satellites from the shuttle have moved to the cheaper, unmanned rockets of China and France. President Reagan moved cargos off of the shuttle in order to spur more commercial interest, but this effort has yet to have an affect.

The Hubble Space Telescope has emerged as the symbol of backed-up science projects waiting to be deployed. The telescope's launch date was October of 1986 and is predicted to revolutionize astronomy. The telescope is currently kept in storage in California for \$8 million a month. The revised launch date is in 1989.

It is estimated to cost three times its original price tag and finally come to \$1.4 billion. Many other scientific satellites especially designed to fit the shuttle

'Turkey Trot' and 'May Mad-ness' pose as dance themes

## Teacher reminisces about sock hops, subscription dances

Karen Lee

"Should I ask that cute junior in my study hall to Christmas Prom?" "I have to spend \$50 on a tux for one night?" Central students have been asking these questions for at least twenty-five years.

Mrs. Pegi Georgeson, Central drama instructor, said that students had to sign up in eighth grade to hold a "subscription dance" their senior year.

Central, Benson, North, and Creighton Prep were the Omaha area schools who participated in these dances, held at Peony Park every other month.

"Everyone from all over, both upper and underclassmen, attended, according to Mrs. Georgeson.

Mrs. Georgeson said that the first dance of the year was the "Opener" in September.

The November dance was the "Turkey Trot," and December's was Christmas Prom. The "Ace of Hearts" was in February, and in spring came

the "May Mad-ness." The "Fade-out," held in June, was the final dance of the year. The "Opener" and the "Fade-out" were outside in Peony Park Royal Grove.

Boys asked girls to the opener, but Mrs. Georgeson said that sometimes the dances were "vices," short for vice-versas, and girls asked guys.

Although Peony Park sponsored the dances and provided pop, Mrs. Georgeson said that the host of the dance had to use his or her own funds for the other expenses.

She said that the host made profits from the dance due to sales of tickets and 4 x 6 inch stickers which told who was hosting the dance and when.

The dances were from semi-formal to formal attire, and Mrs. Georgeson said that the dress styles were "pretty much similar" to the recent trends of the eighties.

Mrs. Georgeson and a friend held the "May Madness" their senior year.

They sold tickets, hired a band, and paid all other

expenses. The band, the Eddy Haddad Orchestra, played two well-known songs, "Does Your Mother Know You're Out, Cecilia?" and "Good Night, Sweetheart," used to end the dance.

Aside from the subscription dances, other major social events were the Military Ball and Grand Promenade and the O-Ball, held for the boys' athletics and the cheerleaders.

Also, Central held informal dances, or "sock hops," after football games.

Mrs. Georgeson said that Central students used to keep 3-ring notebooks in which

they stuck stickers from the various dances. She said they also read "Tagging the Teens," a gossip paper written by several Central girls which told "who was out with whom" and other things inquiring minds want to know.

Although Homecoming, Christmas Prom, and Spring Prom have replaced the subscription dances, Mrs. Georgeson still has fond memories of the dances of her high school years.

"They were really fun and something to look forward to every other month," concluded Mrs. Georgeson.



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Different customs add to seasonal cheer

# Holidays observed 'round world

Kate Leuschen

Promptly around Thanksgiving hundreds of lights go up around America, and a jolly old man invades the shopping malls.

Despite how familiar decorated trees may seem, people celebrate the holiday season in a number of ways.

According to senior Karen Farkas, Christian Christmas is the celebration of "the birth and death of Christ, that through his death he redeems man."

She said that in Christianity, the Easter holiday is of more significance, but Christmas is more widely celebrated because of the commercialization.

Leslie Cotton, sophomore, spends Christmas morning exchanging gifts with her mother.

"We put wreaths around the house," said Leslie. She added that she doesn't have any traditional foods or gifts for the holiday, but she does attend church on Christmas morning.

Junior Allen McPhaul said he also attends church on Christmas morning, and all of his relatives gather to celebrate. Allen added that his family traditionally opens one present at midnight on Christmas Eve and the rest on Christmas morning.

The traditional Jewish holiday of December is Hanukkah. According to Reggie Renard, senior, Hanukkah is only a minor holiday because the event

it symbolizes occurred after the Torah was written. Another minor holiday is Porim, similar to Halloween.

Reggie said Hanukkah celebrates the winning of the war over the Syrians. The Syrians desecrated a temple during the fighting, and the eternal flame that is above the arch where the Torah is kept went out.

"They only found a small jar of oil enough for one day," said Reggie. "It would take at least seven days to find more, but the oil lasted."

The menorah, the traditional symbol of Hanukkah, holds nine candles. Eight represent days of celebration, and one is the leader candle to light a new candle on each day, said Reggie.

She added that traditionally the menorah sits in a window sill so people can see the home is celebrating Hanukkah.

Alon Mor, a senior who came to the United States with his family last year, said that Hanukkah is the same throughout the world.

In Israel, he said, children are out of school for the eight days. His family traditionally lights the menorah together on the first and last day of Hanukkah.

Alon also said both Christmas and Hanukkah in America are similar to Israel, but, "Here you can't feel the holiday."

His family exchanges a small gift or money each day. Reggie said that traditionally the

gift is a shekel a day, now the official currency of Israel.

Juniors Zi Wu and Daniel Dorneanu came to the United States from atheist, communist countries that do not recognize religious holidays.

"About 98 per cent of the people are atheist," said Zi.

Zi said China has nothing similar to Christmas. Instead, they celebrate the Chinese New Year as their biggest holiday. The old Chinese calendar has New Years fall usually around February, according to Zi, but it changes.

Traditionally Chinese New Year is the biggest holiday with January 1 as the second most important, he said. Zi said his family celebrates and exchanges gifts on the New Year.

Daniel came to Omaha from Romania five years ago. He said that Christmas is not an official holiday of the country, and people still have to work on December 25.

According to Daniel, traditionally the holiday begins on December 6 and ends December 31. Children sing a special song each week before Christmas, such as "Plugusoru", sung during the week of Christmas.

"Children dress up in costumes like goats and pigs," said Daniel, "and it is like 'trick-or-treating.'"

Romania does recognize the New Year, said Daniel. He said his family and friends rented a cabin in the mountains for Anul Nou, or New Year's Eve,

and they celebrated Revelion, a party where they stay up all night. Traditional foods, he said, are cabbage rolls and sausages.

He said his family does exchange gifts on Christmas day, Craciun, and Santa Claus, Mos Gerila, brings the presents to children just as in America. He added that people go to church if they have time.

Senior Arturo Zudeta is an exchange student from Santiago, Chile. He said Christmas in Chile is very similar to the United States, complete with family gatherings and Christmas trees.

According to Arturo, Chile has a Santa Claus with reindeer just as the U.S.

"But this is my first Christmas with snow," he said.

The only difference he can see is that Chileans do not decorate their homes on the outside.

As a foreign exchange student, Mary Welty spent her junior year in Italy. She said her family did not go to church on Christmas day, but they had a dinner with family and old friends. Mary said she exchanged gifts just as in the U.S.

"The church down the street had a procession," said Mary, "with little children dressed in white." She added that she spent Christmas night at the disco with her host sister.

Jennifer Drake, senior, spent last year in Luebeck, Germany.

"We got a tree the week before Christmas, and all of the

presents appeared on Christmas morning," she said.

"Christmas is three days long from December 24 to the 26," said Jennifer.

She added that the lights and school break were similar to the U.S., but that German children put their shoes out on the window sill or hearth on St. Nicholas Day, December 6. Children find their shoes filled with candy and "goodies" in the morning, she said.

Germany also celebrates Sylvester on New Year's Day, according to Dennis Weiss, a junior from Detmold, Germany. He said they hold parties, stay up late, shoot off fireworks, and drink champagne, similar to the U.S.

Germany also has a Santa Claus, said Dennis, called Weihnachtsmann.

Sabina Boberg is an exchange student from Sweden. She said people open their presents on Christmas day and go to church at 5:00 a.m.

"On Christmas children leave a kind of oatmeal made of rice out on the porch for Santa," said Sabina. The tradition is called Tomten in Swedish.

Another tradition is Lucia on December 13, which is the eleven days before Christmas. Lucia is a saint of light, according to Sabina. She said children parade with Lucia in front with a crown of lights, and the followers wear glitter.

Sabina added that on January 13, people have a party to throw out their tree.

## Committee eases freshmen adjustment

Jason Auslander

Picture this: you're new to Central, it's the first day of school, and you have to find room 241, what do you do?

You don't want to ask an upperclassman for fear of ending up at the opposing sex's locker room. So how do you solve this dilemma?

The Freshmen-Sophomore Orientation Committee is your savior. Made up of teachers and administrators, the commit-

tee helps to make "the transition from junior high to high school easier," said Mrs. Bernice Littlejohn, Central administrator.

The Committee meets 3-4 days before school starts to familiarize students and parents with the building. Students become familiar with what to expect from Central and high school in general, and also meet their counselors.

"The first meeting is basically to show students the building and clear up any horror

stories they might have heard from older brothers and sisters," said Mrs. Littlejohn. She went on to say that the new students are told about the various clubs at Central and who sponsors them.

Mrs. Judy Storm, one of the teachers on the Committee, said that sub-committees help the new students adjust.

The Freshmen-Sophomore Orientation Committee conducts periodic meetings throughout the year. Any freshmen or sophomore may join.

## Student achieves finalist "Jeopardy" competition

Donya Craddock

What if you qualified for the classic game show in which players compete to give the correct questions to answers appearing in a variety of entertaining and challenging categories?

Well, junior, Jessica Pearlman qualified for the finals to be a contestant on the game show "Jeopardy."

Every year "Jeopardy" has a teenage contest held in February. The game show goes abroad to pick contestants from different cities every year.

This year the Jeopardy contest selected one of the cities to be Omaha as the center to find contestants between the ages of thirteen and eighteen.

To enter the contest young people had to submit a postcard that was in the entertainment section of the Omaha World-Herald.

"I really did not enter the contest expecting to win. I just thought it would be fun," Jessica said.

Three weeks after Jessica sent in her postcard she

was notified that she had made it to the finals.

In the finals Jessica had to answer a hundred question test on a hundred different subjects that was given on film-strip.

For each question there was only a ten-second time allowance.

Two were held on Saturday and two were held on Sunday. Each group included about seventy-five people.

"The test was extremely difficult; all I could do was to try my best," stated Jessica.

"Although I didn't pass the test, it still was a nice experience," mentioned Jessica.

"For the players who did pass the test they went on for a personal interview to make sure they wouldn't get nervous on television," she stated.

"I watched the Jeopardy show a few times a week but now that I am on the swim team at Central I rarely watch it at all."

Jessica said that the Jeopardy challenge was fun.

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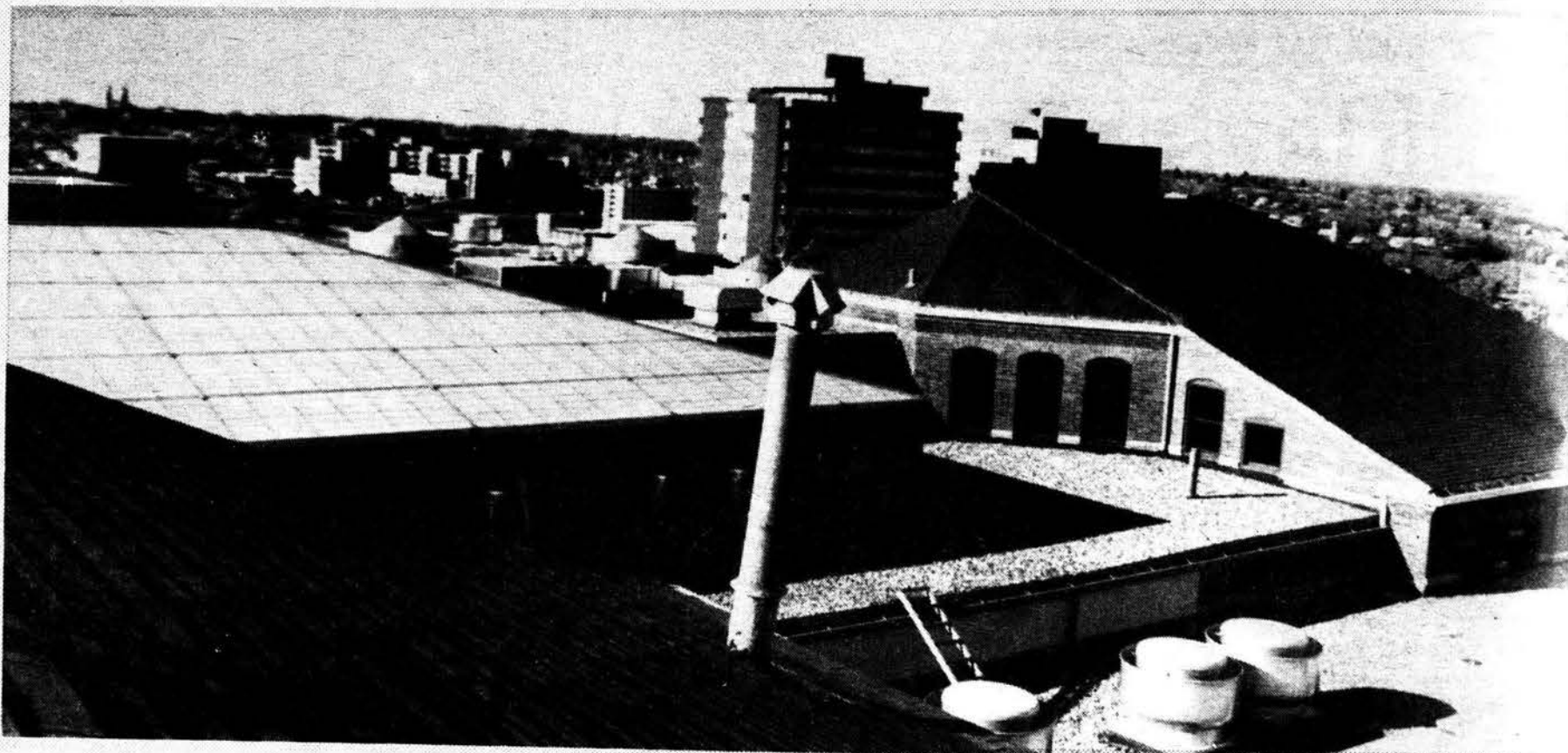
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Central's roof provides a panoramic view of Omaha's midtown. Pictured on top of the roof is the courtyard's skylight, the top of room 415 and assorted fans.

## Cryptic crannies contain key to unknown

This article contains the opinion of the author.

Seth Kotok

Beyond this door was the unknown. Anticipation was creeping through my body as I was about to begin my exploration into the depths of Central High.

With only Dr. G. E. Moller, Central principal, and later Alonzo Frazier, Central's chief engineer, as my guides, I ventured beyond my first door into the hidden places of Central.

My explorations took me from the bowels of Central's old boiler room to the red tile and skylights of the roof. One of the first things that grabbed my attention was the "trophy graveyard." In an old ventilation room in the basement were boxes of dusty trophies dated from throughout Central's history.

I wondered just whose names were inscribed on the plaques; Gale Sayers and Keith Jones and the scores of forgotten athletes.

Luckily Dr. Moller warned me to duck as we walked into the maze of the old boiler room. Central used to be entirely heated by these boilers, Dr. Moller explained. Now Central buys steam from Northern Energy Systems to heat the building.

Directly off the old boiler room is the custodian's control room. This room includes an electrical bypass room and a gasoline generator. So if there was ever an electrical failure, it would still be business as usual around Central.

"I'll wait down here," Alonzo Frazier said as I made my way up the ladder to the catwalks and storage area above the auditorium stage. Staying below may have been a wise move I thought to myself as I heard the wooden catwalk creak beneath my feet.

Next I was headed towards the fourth floor and the maze of tunnels connecting those rooms. Walking out of the art room into one of these tunnels I noticed it was named "The Garret."

"The Garret" is a fire escape that art students used to display their art in, Dr. Moeller said. The fire marshal said that the displays blocked the escape route and they had to be removed.

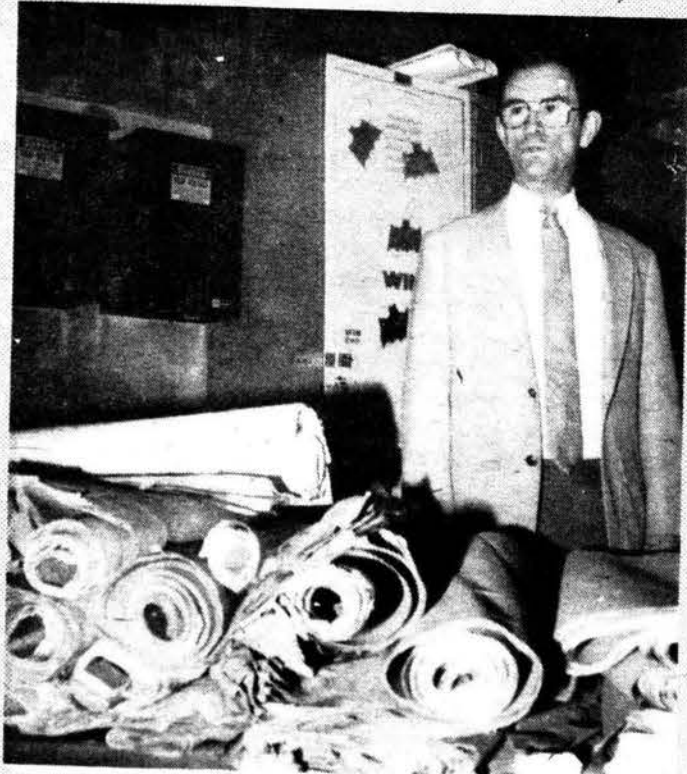
I walked into the janitors closet in the third floor girls' bathroom. The trapdoor at the top of the ladder opened and the cold air and bright light poured into this tiny room.

I climbed up the ladder and looked around. I had a commanding view of the downtown skyline. But what I wanted to see most was only a few feet away. I looked down into the courtyard from the plate glass windows surrounding the skylight. Nobody saw me but I took pleasure in knowing that I was up here.

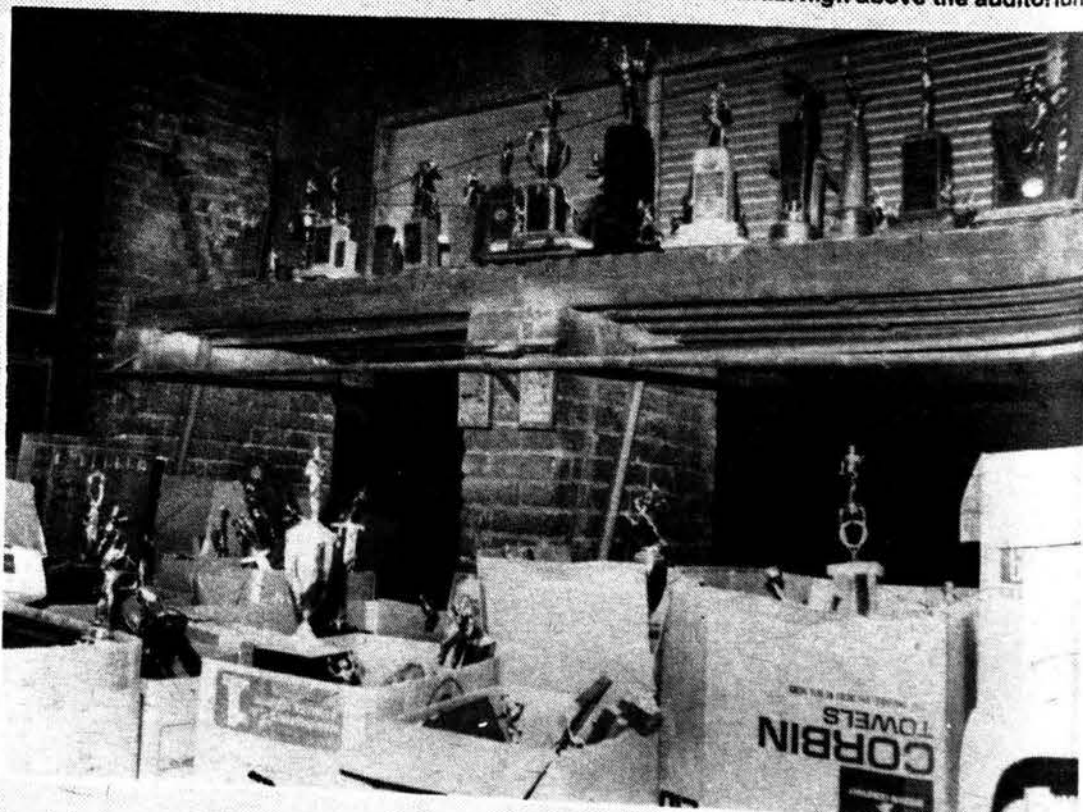
All too soon I had to climb back down the ladder and return to room 315. I learned a lot about Central and its secrets during my tour. Now I guess I will be back to only seeing the classrooms and hallways of my school.



Lights above the stage shine onto Central productions. Spotlights are located on a catwalk high above the auditorium.



Dr. G.E. Moller stands behind a plethora of blueprints. According to Dr. Moller, Central has had "too many projects to count," since the school was completed in 1912.



Trophies abound in the "trophy graveyard." An old basement ventilation room now serves as a storeroom for hundreds of old trophies.



# HOLIDAY TRADITIONS

--by Hilary Fenner

When December first rolls around, images of gingerbread, evergreen trees, felt stockings, and festive music come to mind. Americans automatically associate these items with Christmas, but most Europeans probably would not know who Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer was or what to do with the plate of cookies and milk left by the chimney on Christmas Eve.

Although people from other countries may not be familiar with American holiday traditions, they perform many other rituals of their own. Central senior Jenny Drickey learns about a different country's holiday traditions every year.

According to Jenny, each Christmas, her family celebrates the holiday like those associated with a different culture. Jenny said that, for as long as she can remember, her family has celebrated Christmas as an Oriental, a Swede, a Fin, a Mexican, and a Hawaiian to name a few.

Jenny said that all year round her grandmother researches the particular culture of the year. "When she has found out all about it she sets everything up and whatever their traditions are, we do the same," Jenny explained.

The family is not supposed to know which country they are imitating until Christmas Eve, Jenny said, but they often find hints and can guess. "Depending on the various customs we often receive early presents that make it easy to tell which country we are going to do. For example, one year we got little Scottie dogs wrapped in Tartan plaid bows so it was kind-of obvious that that year was going to be a Scottish Christmas," she said.

Jenny said that the Mexican Christmas was her favorite so far because it was very festive and colorful. "We played Mexican music and had pinatas. It did not fit your usual idea of Christmas, but then again, we don't celebrate a 'usual' Christmas so I don't feel like I'm missing out just because I eat a taco for Christmas dinner."

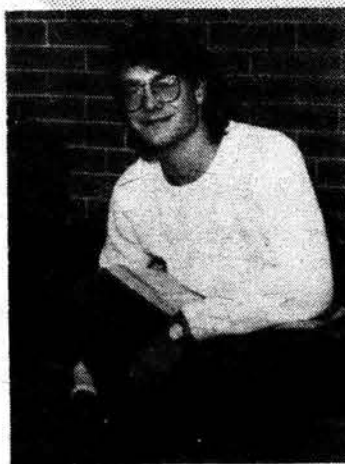
"Every Christmas my mom decorates the house like a Winter Wonderland. We have two glowing soldiers around the fireplace, as well as two little Santa Clauses that ring bells and spin around and play music or something, and one big Santa Claus that lights up. We had four Christmas trees in the house but now we only have three because one of them died up. Finally, an electric train runs throughout all of these decorations."

--Stacey Applegate



"In our family we have an annual Christmas talent show. We have a lot of cousins and relatives and we all take turns showing off our talents in front of our aunts and uncles and stuff. We sing sometimes, a lot of us play instruments like the piano, the flute, the guitar, but most of us sing. When we are finished, the adult relatives show off some of their talents."

--Phil Warner and Chet Crinklaw

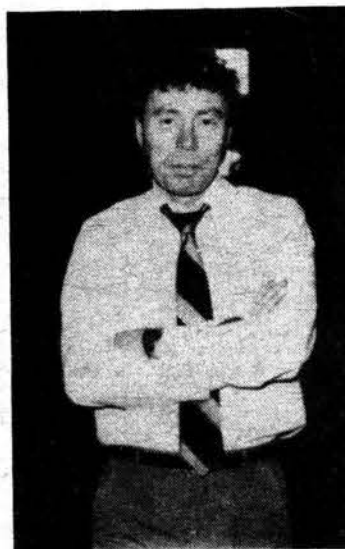


"In Sweden we have a tradition called Lucia. It begins on about December 13 in school when we pick a girl to be Lucia and she leads a train of students wearing elaborate costumes. After Lucia comes the designated Tarnor, then more girls, next the star boys, and last come small Santa Clauses, little kids dressed as Santa who sing and read poems. Finally, the night of the twelfth, there are lots of parties and everyone stays up all night."

--Sabina Boberg

"My family goes to church on Christmas Eve and I am not exactly sure how it is rigged up but when we come home, a large present is setting in our living room. Then we open the present and there are pajamas for everyone in the family. Everybody is supposed to go and put on their pajamas, my father reads *The Night Before Christmas* and we go to bed in our brand new pajamas."

--Tim Pierce



"When I first began teaching at Central, Ellen Trumbull, a former Central English teacher, told me that balloon trees were a Christmas custom in some European countries, so I ballooned a twenty foot tree in my front yard with giant brightly colored balloons. The result was a picture and a short story in the *Omaha World Herald*, lines of cars in front of the house through the Christmas season, and more than a few cold minutes of replenishing popped balloons."

--Ed Waples

"During Hanukkah, also called the festival of lights, Jewish families light menorahs or candelabrum that hold nine candles. I have ten people in my family and we each have a menorah of our own that we set in the window facing the street. As each day comes to an end, we light one candle so by the eighth day of Hanukkah, ninety candles light up the front of our house."

--Reggie Rennard



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## Extra instruction like 'a vitamin shot in the arm' for Central teachers

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Mr. Daly has taught special methods in teaching secondary school English about five times over the past seven or

eight years. The course, which is run by Creighton's Department of Education, is required by the state for all English majors. Math instructors, Mr.

James Harrington and Mr. Dale Montgomery, both teach courses at Metro Tech.

Mr. Harrington learned of the job opportunity in 1983

from a friend. He finds that students are more concerned with what they get out of the classes, in order to improve their situations in life.

Mr. Montgomery has been teaching night math classes for four years. He also finds the money can really help with feeding a family of four.

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Support services, including minority support programs, are also noted as being "equally caring." As one student said, "If a student has any sort of a problem, quality help is available."

Nemko concludes with one student's remark, "It's hard not to be happy here."

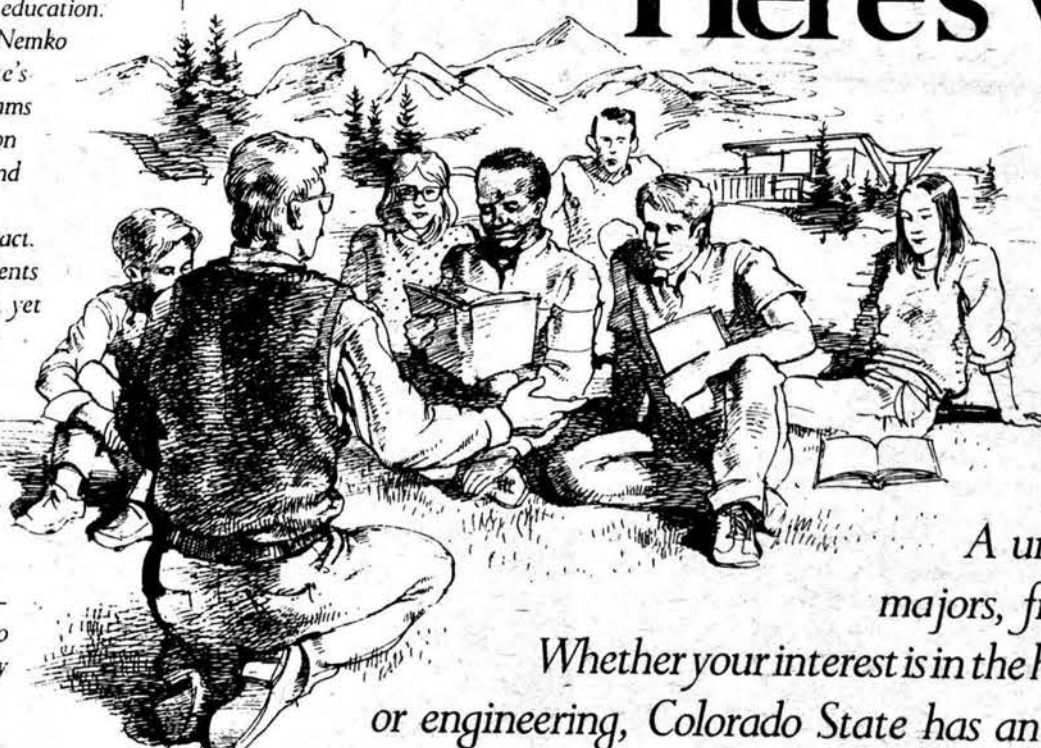
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## Another Illusion with Simon Joyner

It's Christmas again; or maybe it's X-mas. Here I am surrounded by Christmas cards and progress reports. The lights twist down the banister, the artificial tree is dressed in tinsel, and the "Frosty the Snowman Christmas Special" is delighting the room. Frosty is melting again (it's the only part I ever watch), and the children cry as they try stuffing him in the freezer. He'll be back though; next Christmas he'll be back again just the same as you and me.

A yuletide explosion has taken place across the street. The house has twenty-four sets of lights. Sixteen sets blink in unison with the great plastic mock representation of Santa on his sleigh with his reindeer that has a screw-in red lightbulb for a nose, naturally.

In every window is a wreath with lights and fake snow triangles stretching from corner to corner. Two, six-hundred dollar, five foot long, Christmas candy cane bug zappers hang from the trees in the front yard and you can probably hear the noise of liquified insects dripping into icicles from the North Pole.

In the back yard is the jolly neighbors' Christmas pride and joy. A full scale manger with statues and more blinking lights. Next, Christmas Henry Doorly Zoo may give him a zoo-key box that could tell the Christmas story outside the display.

And if all of this were not enough to prove to

# 'Scrooged, blueed, and misconstrued'

me Christmas is here, I can hear another Manheim Steamroller Christmas album playing in the distance. I can't deny that it's Christmas now. But I wouldn't want to deny Christmas anyway. I really do enjoy Christmas. We all can enjoy giving gifts and practicing the peaceful characteristics that we often wash down with our last glass of eggnog the next day.

To many, Christmas seems to mean making the forty-five minute, restore-my-conscience pilgrimage to church and the annual promise to go more often. Christmas means listening to Muzak laced with subliminal messages at the Village Inn, and giving the waitress a large tip when you don't know why. But you guess it must be that Christmas spirit.

My dad says I'm all scrooge. I'm not, really. It just seems that Christmas is so warped and exaggerated that it's almost unreal now. Perhaps it was merely surreal when I was a child. "Have a Salvador Dali Christmas. It's the best time of the fish..."

At least everyone seemed to have real Christmas trees then, real tinsel, and Santa was in my head

and not riding his tacky sleigh off the roof across the street. Parents seemed to really get into Christmas then, and we would stay up making cookies and hanging stockings. I would dream into the ceiling because I couldn't close my eyes.

Maybe this year I'll rejuvenate my ideals and wake at 5:00 in the morning and go pounce on everyone's bed screaming, "Santa came! Let's go! Let's open presents!" or maybe I'll just wait for them to come pounce on me.

Well, I hope you haven't been scrooged, blueed, or misconstrued by this column.

I had my friend, Drool, write it while I made Christmas cookies and hung my stocking on the banister. I just finished decorating the

tree and listening to the great Manheim Steamroller Christmas album. I promise to write the next one myself.

I have to end now because the mayberry-scented candle salesman is at the door, and I should really buy some since it's for charity. Besides, it's X-mas for Christmas sake!

Perhaps Christmas was merely surreal when I was a child. 'Have a Salvador Dali Christmas. It's the best time of the fish...'

Lights . . . camera . . . action!

## Students shoot own t.v. shows

Holly Stommes

Lights . . . camera . . . action! The ever-famous phrase accompanies the glamour of films and t.v. Two Central students, Patrick Pritchard, freshman, and Gordon Taylor, junior, both hear this phrase weekly while they are taping their own t.v. shows on Cox Cable.

Patrick, host of "Teen Forecast," appears on Cox 3 Tuesday and Saturday nights at 8:30. Patrick said that he basically deals with sex and education because teenagers and sex are "interesting topics."

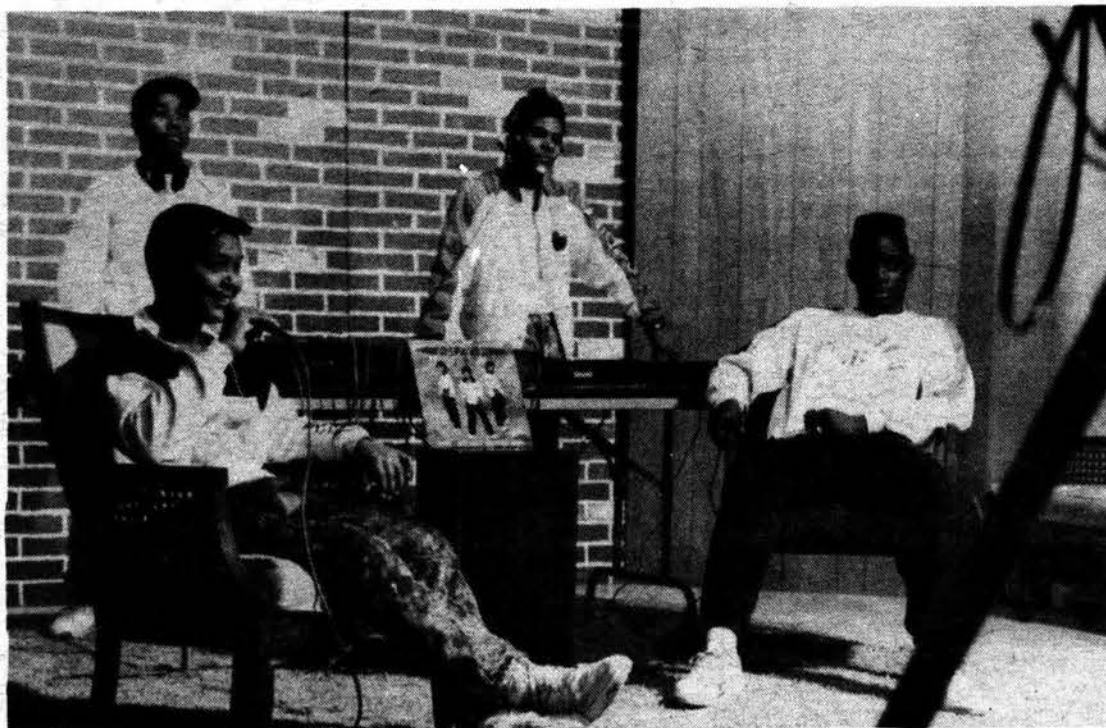
According to Patrick, he first got the ideas of having his own talk show when his mother was on a show with Charles Drew.

Patrick said, "Mom, I want one of those!" A few days later, his mother had provided him with the means of having one.

"I'm always looking for kids to be on the show," said Patrick.

"At first, I couldn't even talk. But then I got used to it and the hot lights."

After a year of airing, Patrick's show has had a variety of guests including a man in a wheelchair from the Olympics and several Nancy Bounds'



Patrick Pritchard interviews Jessie Value, Marlon Freeman, and Lucky Brown (Corey Foster not pictured), a rap group composed of Central students on his own television show "Teen Forecast." The show airs on Cox Cable channel 3 Tuesday and Saturday nights at 8:30. Gordon Taylor, junior, also airs a show, "In Effect," on Cox 3 Monday (5:30), Wednesday (6:30), and Friday nights (8:30).

models. However, Patrick said, "I am always looking for kids to be on the show. I'm only one kid, and I can only broadcast the thoughts of one kid."

With the Christmas season coming up, Patrick plans to run a few shows with Christmas gifts selection as the main feature. "I'd like to have Borsheims, Richman Gordman, and fashion stores on my show to give [gifts]."

He says that this would enable people, especially parents, to view which are the "hottest" presents this season. "In return, I will do some Public Service Announcements (PSA) for them." Patrick said that his uncle, Larry King, has been the

main financial supporter of his show. In high hopes of his Christmas specials though, Patrick hopes to attain some more sponsors.

Patrick also said that he will have some interesting shows after Christmas, especially if he becomes a member of Student Council. If elected, Patrick would have first-hand information of high school activities and would announce them on his show. When asked if his show interfered with his schoolwork, Patrick basically answered "no."

"At times it did with football because I had to stay late, and we never had a set time to

leave. But my guests were usually understanding if I was late." Patrick also said that he definitely planned on going to college.

"I'd like to continue with my show if I can. Heh, it's the closest thing to the 'Young and the Restless.'" He said that his planned field of occupation was not as popular. "There are too many good lawyers around not doing [well]." Another Central student, Gordon Taylor, also hosts his own show "In Effect." Also on Cox 3, Gordon's show airs on Monday night at 5:30, Wednesday night at 6:30, and Friday night at 8:30.

Gordon started two years ago with the support of Edmonton

Youth Development. "I asked because I thought I would do a better job on public access." The Edmonton Youth Development funded his first few shows. Audiences soon proved partial to his show, and Gordon started his own production company, Flash Gordon Productions.

"I show music videos and tell about parties, entertainment, and bands. I usually find out these events during the week by looking around, or else I look at the newspapers. It's real easy if you know the right people." Gordon said that anyone who has "something to say" or has talent can appear on his show. When asked about his future plans, Gordon said, "I plan to be a film-maker after attending More House College in Atlanta, Georgia."

"It's the closest thing to the 'Young and the Restless,'" said Patrick.

Gordon said that Spike Lee, director of *School Days* and *She's Got a Way*, first inspired him.

Two other Central students partake in the running of his show also, said Gordon. Sophomore Jermaine Bill is the program director and also the consultant producer. Gordon's co-host is junior Letha Pugh.



# Liberal arts colleges provide broad background

Karen Lee

"We have to have both plumbers and philosophers, or neither our pipes nor our theories will hold water," said Dr. Robert Wolff, quoting John Gardner, education specialist.

Whether the members of the class of 1989 want to be plumbers or philosophers or neither, they have decisions to make this year. Figuring out what type of college is right for a student may mean serious soul-searching and looking ahead to possible careers.

"I definitely don't think that [a student] should neglect career preparation in college, but the most important pursuit should be learning to think for yourself," said Jenny Hendricks, senior.

Although Jenny is unsure of what her major will be, she said that liberal arts schools such as Swarthmore, Carleton, and Haverford are her college preferences.

Ms. Christine Ogren, admissions counselor for Carleton College, said that it is hard for a student at eighteen years of age to know what he wants to do for the rest of his life.

She said that most students come to Carleton with an idea, but that idea will "change a lot" and "take shape."

Ms. Ogren said that in a liberal arts college like Carleton, Oberlin, Grinnell, or Macalester the students "learn how to learn."

In a liberal arts program, students "enjoy academic discipline" and learn to "write well and communicate well," she said.

Ms. Ogren also stated that a misconception many people have about a liberal arts college is that the school is geared mainly towards humanities.

According to Ms. Ogren, one-third of the students at Carleton are majoring in math and science, a higher percentage than at most large universities.

"What can you do with a history major? Teach?" Ms. Ogren answered her own question by saying that the education pays off in the long run.

She said that roughly seventy-five percent of the Carleton graduates go on to further education within five years.

For some students, a liberal arts education may not be the right choice. "I think it's important to have a well-rounded education, but it's equally important to prepare for a career in college," said Mike Lawler, senior.

"Tech' schools like M.I.T. have realized this and have a lot more humanities classes. Their students probably don't like it, but it's good for them," said Mike. Mike plans to major in a technical

M.I.T. is a "hands-on school." He said that students can work with a professor on a research project or establish an internship in their field of interest.

For other students, M.I.T. may not be the best choice, said Mr. Krutter. He said that if a student knows what he wants to study, he should pick the "best school for that subject" by determining "what the faculty of that school is great in." And according to Mr. Krutter, "the best school for science is M.I.T."

According to Mark Klipsch, senior, M.I.T. is also a top business school. Mark plans to major in business administration or finance, but his career choice "has yet to be determined."

He said that M.I.T. and University of Pennsylvania are his top two choices, but he will apply to all of the top six business schools in the country.

Mark said that with a liberal arts degree it is wise to go to graduate school right after getting an undergraduate degree. According to Mark, business graduate schools prefer that the applicant have two to three years of work experience prior to entering a graduate program.

He said that the difference in those policies led him to

considering business school undergraduate education.

Mark said that although the broad background provided by a liberal arts college was valuable, he wanted more "specialization in college." He said that many business schools the last two years are basically liberal arts and the next two years are geared specifically toward business, giving him benefits of both types of education.

As for the student who is looking for immediate career placement, a vocational school might be the answer. Ms. Davis, director of education at the Nebraska College of Business, said that sixty to seventy percent of the student enrolling are "right out of high school."

"Vocational training for a job," was how Ms. Davis described N.C.B.'s education program. She said that sometimes nine to eighteen months are all that is needed to get the skills necessary for employment.

The fields of study at the Nebraska College of Business are accounting, secretarial skills, business administration, paralegal studies, court reporting, and fashion. Ms. Davis said that students also take a core of classes which include mathematics, English, speech, and typing.

## Caution College Ahead

engineering applying to his first choice.

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Mr. Forrest M. Krutter, educational counselor for the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, said that M.I.T.'s present and prospective students have a "strong idea of what they'd like to do," but an M.I.T. education is "not purely preparation for profession only."

Mr. Krutter said that for presently enrolled students,

Mrs. Welch to return

## Accident injures secretary

Donya Craddock

Many students have discovered that the attendance secretary, Mrs. Frances Welch, has been absent from the attendance office since shortly after the start of the school year. Presently, Mrs. Welch is undergoing therapy for injuries she suffered during a car accident that occurred over Labor Day vacation.

According to Mrs. Welch, her daughter was driving the family to Missouri to visit Mrs. Welch's sister. The car slid in some oil where construction was taking place and rolled off into a ditch.

Mrs. Welch and her family were rushed to a nearby hospital located in Saint Joseph, Missouri.

In the accident, Mrs. Welch lost her mother. She also suffered a concussion, nerve damage in left hand, broke her lower arm in two places, requiring her to wear a temporary steel plate to heal her arm. "Since my husband, daughter,

and daughter's boyfriend had seat belts on, they suffered minor injuries," she said.

Now, Mrs. Welch is in therapy where she relaxes in a heated pool, moving muscle joints so they won't deteriorate.

Mrs. Welch is a twelve-month attendance secretary. She said that she hopes to come back soon but according to the school board, I have to be a hundred percent able to do my job. "I am very appreciative for the cards and the flowers that were sent by the faculty," she added.

Mrs. Esther Wage-man, a nine-month attendance secretary who has worked with Mrs. Welch for ten years, said that she really misses Frances and calls her on the phone often to see how she is doing.

Linda Casy, the new face in the attendance office, will work temporarily until Mrs. Welch is able to come back.

Mrs. Casy said she likes her job. "There is never a dull moment."

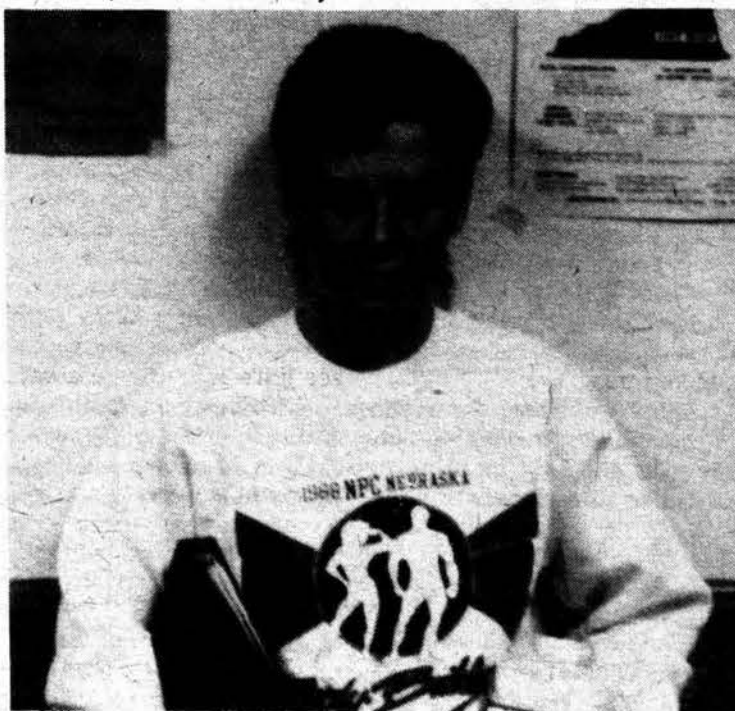
## Senior has line on muscles

Aaron Dennison

Lisa Utterback, Central senior, is the vice-president of Muscle Line Promotions in Omaha. Muscle Line Promotions sells body building products and sponsors various body

building competitions in the Midwest area.

Lisa said she became involved with the promotion of body building products when she began working with Tracy Shirk, who is now the president of Muscle Line Promotions in the



Lisa Utterback poses at Muscle Line Promotions. Lisa is vice president of Muscle Line, a company that distributes body building products and sponsors competitions.

Midwest. Lisa's responsibilities include soliciting businesses throughout the metro area to be ads in the competition brochure which Muscle Line Promotions sponsors.

As vice-president of Muscle Line Promotions, Lisa said she also organizes the brochures for the competitions, sets up the sound system, designs choreography, picks out trophies and orders and delivers vitamins.

According to Lisa, Muscle Line Promotions is affiliated with the NPC or the National Physique Committee, a national organization which judges and sponsors major body building competitions.

"On March 5, of last year, we sponsored the Novice Midplains Body Building competition for those who had not won in their weight class," said Lisa. She added, "It [the competition] was the largest ever held in Nebraska."

Lisa stated that the competition was judged by a panel of international judges. This year, Muscle Line Promotions sponsored the 1988 NPC Nebraska State Body Building Championships on November 13 and will be sponsoring the Novice Midplains Body Building Competition again on May 13.

To promote various competitions and her company, Lisa said she has arranged ads to be placed on many radio stations. A competition will be on channel 7 KETV in mid-January.

Lisa said of her work, "I like it a lot, you meet a lot of people, and you're promoting a sport a lot of people enjoy."

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# Seasonal jobs 'very popular'



Central senior Scott Easton prepares and packages a Christmas tree at Santa's Woods. Scott sells Christmas trees every weekend at Santa's Woods, a specialized tree farm.

Hilary Fenner

Khourey Abraham

With the Christmas season come endless shopping excursions; trips to the mall for special presents, trips to the grocery store for Christmas goodies, and trips to the county to pick out the perfect tree, all each and every day. As holiday shoppers multiply, the need for special employees grows. Three Central students work as such employees during the holiday season.

Senior Jenny Henricks began work as a gift wrapper at Younkers on December 2. Jenny said that she spent most of her first day on the job learning how to wrap gifts "correctly."

"The first day [the other workers] had me practice on an empty box, the hardest box they had. They said that if I could wrap this one when I could wrap any gift," Jenny said that she is still kind-of slow, but she is getting the hang of it.

According to Jenny, the people come in waves: either they have no customers or they have fifty. She also said that when the mobs of people come, they do not like to be kept waiting.

"By the time the customers finish their shopping and get to the gift wrap desk, they

are not in a very good mood, especially when we tell them to come back for their gift in fifteen minutes."

Jenny said that it has been "kind-of fun" working as a gift wrapper because, if nothing else, she "gets to learn how to make pretty bows."

Senior Scott Easton works at Santa's Woods all year round, but he said that he enjoys selling Christmas trees during the holiday season the most.

According to Scott, the farm boasts approximately 32,000 trees, and many of his summer duties on the farm deal with the preparation of these trees for sale.

Scott said that the workers have to take care of the trees every year and trim them back to keep them in shape. He explained that, by fall, the trees must be ready for sale.

"Many people come out as early as October and tag trees so a lot of the really good ones get taken early," Scott said.

According to Scott, the tree farm becomes very busy on the weekend; some days they sell as many as two hundred trees.

"When there are a lot of people, it gets really hectic because we only have two saws, so the cutters must

quickly cover a lot of ground to cut down many trees," Scott explained.

Scott described some of the farm's seasonal attractions as being Kleidsdale horses with a trailer that takes customers around to look at the trees and free hot chocolate and hot apple cider to warm customers up after the ride. "We even have a reindeer that the owners got from Canada," Scott said.

Jeni Kasun, Central senior, began work as Santa's helper at Southroads mall when her sister, the mall manager, offered her the job. Jeni said that she usually works every week day from four to eight p.m. and from ten a.m. to five p.m.

Jeni described the job as being enjoyable for the most part because the little kids are "really a lot of fun." According to Jeni, her basic duties are placing the kids on Santa's lap and taking pictures.

She said that the job becomes difficult when the kids are scared of Santa and do not pay attention to the camera.

"Many kids are unsure of the authenticity of the Santa, and they pull on his beard to see if it's real. Santa always replies with a loud, 'Ouch!' Jeni said.

According to Jeni, people of all ages like to visit Santa; teenagers and even middle age people take the time to share Christmas lists and receive pictures. "The other day we had a forty-three year old woman get her picture taken with Santa," Jeni said.

Simon Joyner



Central senior, Jeni Kasun greets children visiting Santa. Jeni is a Santa's helper at Southroads mall for the holiday season.

## Mr. Knauss's hobby becomes mini-business

Ellen Caban

When Mr. Don Knauss, Central social studies teacher, started building wooden reindeer for his friends last Christmas, he never imagined that they would become so popular, so quickly.

However, this Christmas, Mr. Knauss said that the orders for the reindeer are just pouring in, and his wood crafting hobby has become more like a part time mini-business.

Mr. Knauss explained that he builds several different kinds of reindeer, ranging from large wooden reindeer clips, to smaller reindeer baskets, but right now, the most popular reindeer of all are his "loving reindeer", which Mr. Knauss sells for fifteen dollars a piece.

said that he has added a band saw, several sanders and drills and has a complete workshop in which he enjoys spending his spare time.

**"[The reindeer] take up every spare moment of my time," said Mr. Knauss.**

During this Christmas season, Mr. Knauss is spending more time than usual in his workshop. "I'm trying to get all of the orders done," said Mr. Knauss. "The reindeer are very popular this year, but they are very time consuming. They take up every spare moment of my time," said Mr. Knauss.

Mr. Knauss said that he builds other things during other times during the year, but the reindeer are "strictly for Christmas."

This year, Mr. Knauss built all the centerpieces for the Central Staff party, and the entire staff received one of his reindeer.

"I really enjoy making my reindeer," said Mr. Knauss. "I'm glad that people like them so much."

**Mr. Knauss began wood shop a few years ago with the purchase of a jig saw.**

Mr. Knauss said that he has always enjoyed wood crafting. A few years ago, he bought his first piece of equipment, a jig saw. Since then, he

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## Christmas decorations

## Omaha house lights up neighborhood



D. L. Kowalski

North Omaha house is decorated with many colored lights and plastic figures. In order to get the full effect you must get out to hear the music coming from miniature choir members.

Adrian Ferguson

Imagine glowing choir members, flying angels, and a life size camel ridden by a wiseman, all adorning the yard of a local Christmas decoration-o-maniac.

If you are not yet in the Christmas mood, a short trip out to this massively decorated front-yard, at 4117 N. 38th St., would leave you humming a Burl Ives Christmas jingle, or possibly trying to make amends for all your wrong doings so Santa Claus brings everything on your Christmas list.

You can either do the "fast-food drive by" technique, and take your place in line along with the long line of traffic, or brave the elements and get out of your auto along with all the die-hard appreciators and get a closer look.

An added benefit to getting up close is being able to hear Christmas music along with gospel music, which comes directly from behind several 3-foot-tall choir members, giving them the illusion of actually singing.

You are probably saying, "Well, I saw that one big

tree that Willie Thiesen used light up." Well that's nothing bigger doesn't always mean better. This is something you can make a family outing of, maybe not.

If you've never been by in past years, or if you have been a loyal patron through the years, you will be disappointed to hear that only one house is participating. In past years, several houses on the block also pulled out the conglomeration of decorations and lights. But, to you newcomers, this lone, faithful participant might make the spectacle even more uniquely exciting.

It is pretty sad to see this exciting tradition fade away but you can't blame the people. I can't imagine how outrageously their utilities bill escalated during the holiday season. Maybe they just blew the fuse that inspired them to drag all of the plastic decorations out from storage to put it up.

So if you are into Christmas decorations, hop into your car and cruise over. This will be something you will remember for a long time.

## Christmas season brings new jingles to listeners



Jason Auslander

Well, it's the Christmas season again; time to be bombarded by the seemingly endless amount of Christmas music.

It seems that everyone and their mother has a Christmas album out. From Barbara Streisand to James Brown to the Chipmunks, they all are out there singing "Jingle Bells."

### Local band very popular

By far the most popular this year is the new Mannheim Steamroller Christmas album. What caught me totally by surprise was that it was popular throughout the United States. It's even in the Top 50. I never thought I would see the day when a new age album would become so popular.

Then we come to the mindless stupidity resented by certain "fun" songs that seem to always creep out of their holes once the smell of Christmas is in the air.

### Mackenzie brothers

Elmo and Patsy's "Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer," "Jingle Bells" by the Singing Dogs, the "Twelve Days of Christmas" by the beer guzzling two-some from the "great white north," Bob and Doug Mackenzie.

One of the more amusing things about the Christmas music scene is the number of country artists who insist upon releasing a new Christmas album every year. For instance, one can't even count the number of Alabama Christmas albums available.

### Muppets and John Denver

John Denver and the Muppets won't let the "tradition" rest. Although the compatibility of John's and Kermit's voices is amazing, their Christmas albums can get a tad boring.

One of the more interesting Christmas albums is entitled A Very Special Christmas. It features artists like Sting, U2, John Cougar Mellencamp, and the Pretenders.

Mellencamp's version of "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus" is great. Other highlights are Sting's "Gabriel's Message" and Stevie Nicks' "Silent Night." All the proceeds of this album benefit the Special Olympics.

### Jazz soundtrack

If you like Jazz, one suggestion is the soundtrack to the Charlie Brown Christmas Special. Really, I'm not joking. It's by the Dave Gurnaldi Trio and is definitely worth a listen.

All in all, there is an abundance of Christmas music out there. Most of it should probably be overlooked, although some is worthwhile.

## Holiday hints for shopping

### Stocking Stuffers

10. John Denver/Muppet Christmas tape.

9. Gaggle of friendship pins.

8. Do it yourself labotomy kit.

7. Mickey's Go Go gift-certificate.

6. Pocket pinball game.

5. Man chi chi: "He's part bumble bee and part ardvark."

4. California raisin from Hardees

3. Michael Jackson action figure. (Warning: this toy is flammable)

2. Slab of reindeer jerkey.

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10. *Star force*

9. *Tyson's Punch-out*

8. *Legend of Zelda*

7. *Revenge of the Hilldog*

6. *Comando*

5. *Gradius*

4. *Kung-fu*

3. *Life force*

2. *Hockey*

This years number 1 Nintendo™ game is

1. *Contra*

### Gifts

10. Osmond's 52 album set of Christmas songs

9. Brut cologne by Faberge

8. Home Gabline kit with a 25 person capacity

7. A one year supply of rutabagas

6. Satellite port a pot

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# Tis the season of *Nutcracker*

Holly Stommes

Christmas—a season with carols and good deeds, a season to give and receive, and of course, a season to see the *Nutcracker*.

The Omaha Ballet annually produces the *Nutcracker* at the Orpheum Theatre around Christmas time. This year, four Central students, Rachel Vickery, Monica McSwain, Elena Fasan, and Jocelyn Swain performed in the *Nutcracker*.

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Rachel has danced in the *Nutcracker* every year since she has been in Omaha. Among her various roles, Rachel has played the dancing doll, Spanish girl, and the Russian girl.

**Her favorite thing about the *Nutcracker* is "the different experiences, performing as different characters."**

Rachael also described her roles in the local performance as a demi snowflake and demi flower.

"A demi role is the lead of the [ensemble]," Rachel explained.

When asked about rehearsals, Rachel said that she practiced from 9 A.M. until 4:30 P.M. for regular classes and had rehearsal for the *Nutcracker* from 6 to 9 P.M.

With so much rehearsal time, Rachel is only able to attend first period French. For school, Rachel participates in the University of Nebraska at Lincoln's independent studies program.

"It's hard to keep up with independent studies because I don't have to do it," Rachel said.

Rachel said that she planned on continuing her career and hoped to attend college. This summer she is going to New York to continue her ballet training.

Monica McSwain, senior, has been in the *Nutcracker* for seven years. This year Monica danced in the snow ensemble, in the flower ensemble as a demi soloist, and in the Chinese ensemble as part of a duet.

Monica said that her favorite thing about the *Nutcracker* is "the different experiences, performing different characters." Monica also said, "I love to perform in front of audiences."

Monica has also participated in various dance programs as far as Interlochen, Sweden.

Monica definitely plans to attend college. "I want to go into performing arts at North Carolina's school of arts," she said.

Performing in the *Nutcracker*, as well as being a member of the Omaha Ballet, is "really time consuming" according to Monica.

With about five hours of practice a day, Monica said that her social life has suffered while her goals have strengthened.

"It makes me focus on what I really want to do. It makes me discipline myself with homework."

Junior Elena Fasan said, "This *Nutcracker* I felt

really good about my dancing." According to Elena, she never seriously considered pursuing her ballet career until recently. "Lately, I've really taken my dancing seriously. I've worked hard."

Elena plans to dance with the Company for one year before going to college. "After high school I'll see what it's like. Otherwise I'll regret it," she said.

In the Orpheum performances Elena danced as a snowflake, a flower, and a Chinese dancer.

Before the local performances, Elena, along with the rest of the Company, toured with the *Nutcracker* through Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska. With so many practices and performances much of Elena's time was occupied.

"[The *Nutcracker*] is really, really, really time consuming. I've missed a lot of school, and I've gotten behind. Every year around this time I get sick." Elena said that the

*Nutcracker* creates "lots of stress." However, Elena said, "It's hard but it's worth it. I love it!"

Sophomore Jocelyn

Swain also said the *Nutcracker* occupied much of her time. "[It] puts a real stress on your school work, but my grades haven't

**"[The *Nutcracker*] puts a real stress on your school work, but my grades haven't suffered," Jocelyn said.**

suffered." Jocelyn said because of her two hour practices daily, she would "rather rest and do homework" than go out. Among her roles, Jocelyn was an Arabian dancer and a snowflake.

This was her fourth year in the Company and her third year in the *Nutcracker*. "I really liked it this year. The atmosphere was really good," Jocelyn said.

Jocelyn said that she planned on attending college and majoring in dance. "[The *Nutcracker*] gave me lots of foresight on my future," she said.

## Holidays bring seasonal entertainment



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Review

Justin Kerr

Every holiday season the same story: torrents of movies fly out of the studios and into the theaters to be gobbled up by anxious moviegoers. Christmas is a Hollywood movie producer's dream come true: a time in which the studios can put out almost anything they want to with the

guarantee that at least someone will see it. For those with hopes of Oscar nominations, Christmas is also the ideal time. It is not so early that everyone will have forgotten about the movie, and it is not so late that people will still be talking about it. So, without further ado, here is a selection of feature flicks which will be appearing in the metro area this holiday season.

My first thought upon seeing the previews for *Scrooged* was "Where has Bill Murray been, anyway?" Aside from a cameo appearance in *The Little Shop of Horrors*, Murray has kept himself out of the movie scene. He makes his comeback in *Scrooged*, a

masterpiece of black comedy.

Murray plays an evil television network producer, the kind of guy who cares only about ratings and who will stoop to nothing to get his way. Like Scrooge, he is visited by four ghosts, but the ghosts in *Scrooged* do not resemble Dickens' ghosts at all. The ghost of Christmas present is hilarious, as is Murray's old partner come back to haunt him.

The movie sparkles with dark wit, but, of course, the storyline is predictable (who hasn't seen or read *A Christmas Carol*?). Also, Murray's long speech at the end gets tiresome after a while.

The charm in *Scrooged* is not in the end result (Murray's realization of the true meaning of Christmas), but in getting there, following Murphy through his mean but hilarious treatment of every other character. I give *Scrooged* \$3.90 (on a \$5 scale) for its wonderful one-liners and Murray's excellent performance.

Another comedy offering dished up this holiday season is *The Naked Gun*, brought to us by the people who made *Airplane*. The humor in both movies is similar, and if you enjoyed *Airplane*, you will enjoy *The Naked Gun*.

The story follows the efforts of a police detective trying to clear his partner's name, along the way discovering a plot to assassinate Queen Victoria. Sound and sight gags predominate in this film. For instance, when the detective is

consoling the wife of his partner as he lays near death in the hospital, he assures her that not a man on the force will rest until the person is found who shot her husband. "Now come on," he then added, "Let's go get some lunch."

The plot may not be believable and the acting may only be passable, but it does not matter: *The Naked Gun* was not made to any specifications but those of comedy. If you enjoy outrageous slapstick, then you will need to peel yourself from the floor after this movie. I give *The Naked Gun* \$3.50; it is, after all, exactly what it presumes itself to be: a zany comedy filled with bizarre situations and funny dialogues.

The unlikely duo of Tom Cruise and Dustin Hoffman pairs up for *Rainman*, a story about a man, played by Cruise, who kidnaps his long-lost brother in an attempt to get his father's inheritance. Hoffman plays Raymond, the institutionalized brother.

Raymond is an idiot savant, an individual severely limited in human relationships and abstract concepts such as the value of money, but incredibly gifted in mathematics. He is able to count in a second the number of toothpicks in a pile and find the square roots of long numbers. Tom Cruise takes off across the country to his home in Los Angeles in the hope that he will be declared Raymond's guardian and receive his father's fortune.

The trip across America is visually stunning and the soundtrack is impressive. Of

course, Hoffman shines brilliantly, he portraying the odd Raymond in an instantly believable and endearing fashion. Cruise's performance is dwarfed by Hoffman's, Cruise still doing a passable job of acting. The only real difficulty I had with *Rainman* was when Cruise's Italian girlfriend tried to teach Raymond how to kiss in the elevator of a Las Vegas Hotel. Otherwise, the movie is entertaining and thought-provoking, mostly due to Dustin Hoffman's wonderful acting. *Rainman* gets \$3.60, solely on Hoffman's performance.

Steve Martin returns with Michael Caine in *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*, a comedy about con-men living off the idle rich on the French Riviera. Martin has returned to some of his "wild and crazy guy" roots in this film, he portraying an American con man who becomes embroiled in a bet with an English master con artist, played by Michael Caine. They agree to a bet, the loser leaving the easy pickings of the French seaside forever.

Both actors play their parts well, but Martin shines out, especially when, for a scam, he pretends to be the odd, invalid brother of Michael Caine.

Caine plays the English expatriate well, and his German accent is very funny. *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels* is more in the vein of the old *Saturday Night Live* lunacy than in, for instance, *Roxanne*. If you enjoyed that wackiness, then you will enjoy this flick. *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels* gets \$4.00.



# Athletic shoes popular for running or 'bummin'

Karen Lee

Nikes have air-cushioned soles, Avias have cantilever soles, Tigers have silicon gel embedded in the shoes, and Reeboks "let U.B.U." Athletic shoes are no longer just something to wear on feet, but are now prized, collectable equipment for many Centralites.

Sophomore Lonnie Morgan summed it all up when he simply said, "I like shoes." Lonnie has fourteen pairs of athletic shoes. "Quality and fashion," are what he looks for in a shoe. He said that he usually wears low-tops, but dons a pair of high-tops for basketball.

Shon Greene, sophomore, said that he mainly looks for comfort in athletic shoes and named Nike as his all-around favorite.

Shon owns nine pairs of athletic shoes. "[The shoes] match the different clothing I wear," he said.

The cliché, "if the shoe fits, wear it," is now a thing of the past. Shoes are as important to guys as hairstyles are to girls, according to sophomore Tracey Finley, owner of five pairs of athletic shoes. He said that many guys think more about their shoes than the clothes they wear.

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Senior Ralph Falkner has six pairs of athletic shoes and said that shoes are definitely becoming

a status symbol. "If you have the newest shoes around, that no one's seen before, you're like 'the stuff' all of a sudden," he said.

While "some people buy shoes to go with their warm-up suits," senior Olen Briggs said that he owns several pairs which he uses for different purposes. For example, Olen has a pair of "bummin' shoes," shoes he wears when cutting the grass, and shoes for playing basketball.

Eric Gilmore, senior, said he buys shoes "basically just for fashion." He looks for "something different" when he buys a pair of shoes and said that he recently bought some with a map design on the sides, bringing his athletic shoe inventory to nine pairs. Eric said that athletic shoes craze for guys is similar to the miniskirt trend for girls.

According to Mr. Brian Leppert, assistant manager of The Athlete's Foot at Westroads, the price range for a pair of athletic shoes is \$30 to \$125. He said that New Balance is producing shoes that will cost about \$160, but some stores might not carry them due to the high price.

Senior Michelle White said that quality does not always match the high prices of shoes. She said that she looks for a good all-around shoe, saying that the supports, or "stilts," are an indication of how long the shoes will last.

Mr. Leppert said that serious athletes are "really concerned with what the shoe has to offer," but some customers look for name and style first. "It's like a fad to have nice shoes," said senior Kenny Merritt, owner of six pairs of athletic shoes. "Clothes make

the man," he added nonchalantly. Nearly all the athletes interviewed chose Nike as their favorite brand of shoes. Kenny described his favorite pair of Nikes as "comfortable" and "sporty." "Not only do [Nikes] look good, but they feel good on your feet," said Eric.

Although many of the athletes said that Nike's air-cushion soles are a plus, both Eric and Shon said they do not help performance significantly.

"Nike is hot, no doubt about it," Mr. Leppert said. He said that a pair of Nikes costs from \$55 to \$120, and they are "technically ahead of a lot of brands." Air Jordans cost about \$110, and Air Force III's are \$95, but according to Leppert, they are good sellers. He also said that Converse is a popular brand.

According to Lonnie and Tracey, Adidas are also a favorite choice of shoes. Lonnie said that he does not like the Brit-

ish Knights look, and Michael said for rebounding and jumping, Avias are not the right shoe for her. Senior Ralph Falkner said that a new French brand called Giorgio Brutini is his favorite, and Eric praised Leppert for producing the most original designed shoes.

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commercial with the Beatles song "Revolution," pro basketball player Michael Jordan endorses Nike "Air Jordan" shoes, and rap group Run-DMC promoted the Adidas line. Briggs admitted that he has bought three pairs of shoes due to effective advertising.

According to Michelle, most athletes shop at The Athlete's Foot, The Foot Locker, and United Sporting Goods stores for their favorite shoes.



The Spirit Club helps the cheerleaders do things including promoting school spirit. Seniors Debbie Tyler and Cindy Carpenter cheer at one of the games.

## Spirit club is underway

Peter Festersen

According to Sharita Carodine, senior and Spirit Club President, "You have to be able to yell loud, come to meetings, attend all home games, and mainly have a lot of spirit," in order to be a member of Central's Spirit Club.

The Spirit Club was reintroduced this year by Sharita, Marquis O'Bannon, senior and club secretary, Mrs. Bernice Littlejohn, Assistant Principal, and sponsors, Mrs. Peggy Georgeson and Miss Dianne Sedlacek. "Our purpose is to promote spirit within the school and a sense of pride for all our athletic teams," Marquis said.

According to Miss Sedlacek, one of the group's main objectives is to promote a sense of belonging and spirit so students can identify with something.

She said, "I'd like to see Central more positive. Anyone who does a job well done should

be recognized." "Last year we didn't have any spirit. We wanted this year to be different than any other year," Sharita said. Both Sharita and Marquis feel the senior class is more unified this year.

Marquis said about forty members have paid the \$2.00 membership fee and have an S.A. ticket. Miss Sedlacek describes the members as "very motivated, hard working, and personable people who really care about Central."

So far the group was involved in Homecoming, locker decorations, spirit week, the float contest, and fan support at football and basketball games.

According to Marquis, they are planning a "special activity" for this coming February.

Marquis said her favorite part of the club is "meeting the new people, getting people interested in participating in school activities, and developing an aura in the school."

## Students attend the Bayou Classic

Donya Craddock

Imagine touring New Orleans, Louisiana and attending a major event in the annals of black college sports known as the Bayou Classic. Seven students from Central were a part of a group of 120 people who attended the trip.

The Alumni of Black Colleges of Omaha sponsored the trip to New Orleans to raise money for scholarships for students to attend predominately black colleges.

The Bayou Classic is a week of activities which con-

cludes in the traditional football game between two cross state rivals Grambling University and Southern University at the New Orleans Superdome.

Sophomore Shawntelle Clark said that it was an exciting game between two football teams who don't get enough publicity in college sports.

"The New Orleans Superdome Stadium is the biggest, most beautiful stadium I have ever seen, and it seats a lot of people," she said. Shawntelle added that the stadium is connected to a huge, glamorous shopping mall.

Senior Kladanj Craddock said that the highlights were pre-game and half time show which featured both Grambling University and Southern University Marching Bands.

According to Kladanj, the tuxedo style uniforms, the sharp marching, and the up-to-date music brought style into the halftime show.

"New Orleans is really what you see on television and read in magazines," said Kladanj. "The most excitement I had was walking down the most popular street in New Orleans, Bourbon Street."

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## Personal Foul With Dan Pansing

This was a great year in sports. The Olympics made the biggest contribution to the year's sports. It was also a year in which underdogs won two of the major sporting championships. And yes, Russia also contributed to making the American's year in sports a little better.

The Winter Olympics were held in Calgary, Canada at the beginning of the year. These Olympics were filled with new stars. The Jamaican Bobsled Team and Eddie "The Eagle" Edwards captured the hearts and imaginations of millions of people around the world. Eddie Edwards received the nickname "The Eagle" because of his awful ski jumping but he went on to gain more attention after the Games than even Katarina Witt, the Gold Medalist in the Figure Skating competition. I know he got more attention than the Gold Medal Ski Jump winner. I couldn't tell you who won that event, and even if you told me, chances are I wouldn't remember his name.

Seoul, South Korea played host to the Summer Olympics. For the first time in forever, almost all countries were present. I think the Olympics should always be held in a non-superpower to help promote the presence of all nations. The United States Boxers

struggled in Korea, and the U.S. Basketball Team lost to Russia when it was not supposed to. Greg Louganis won again, and Matt Biondi and Janet Evans "cleaned up" the Olympic swimming pool winning in nearly every event they entered. I guess I can't leave out Ben Johnson. After he ran the fastest 100 meter dash ever, he was found to have used steroids, and was stripped of the gold. The 1988 Summer Olympics may be the Olympics to remember for bringing the wide-spread use of steroids out into the public eye.

This year brought underdogs to college basketball and professional baseball. The Kansas Jayhawks, who most people thought would be in Lawrence watching the Final Four, ended up in Kansas City winning the whole NCAA Basketball Tournament. They were thought of as the Cinderella team, but it ends up they were the evil step-mother of the tournament when they were slapped with sanctions for rules violations later in the year. Larry Brown broke the rules and then, when the mess hit the fan, he hit the road. He claims he didn't know the punishments levied would be as severe as they are or he never would have left—sure Larry, thanks for the memories. The Dodgers also won. They were an underdog all the way through the

pennant races and World Series, but they pulled it off. I must say they had a little help from Orel Herscheiser, the MVP of the Series, and the Sports Illustrated sportsman of the year. He deserved it.

"Glasnost" hit the American sports world with news that some of their top athletes may soon be able to play in the pro ranks of the United States sports. Of course, some conditions were named by the Russians. One being that their athletes be allowed to play for Russia in the Olympics. That seems only fair.

Many other moments in sports make 1988 memorable. The Lakers went back to back with NBA titles. The Washington Redskins won the Superbowl but they won't be back, they are already eliminated from the '89 Playoffs. I guess they never got there. Also in 1988, the Huskers broke their losing streak to Oklahoma. They won the Big Eight and Osborne was recognized as Big Eight Coach of the Year. Central High has reason to remember 1988 too. The basketball team beat Prep for the first time in about ten years.

All-in-all, it was a good year. There were let-downs and disappointments, but that can only be expected. Here's to 1989 and the Husker's in the Orange Bowl!

## New team begins

# Bowlers compete with schools

—Marcie Rosenbaum—

Most people consider bowling as a game, but to Central students, Shaun Klement, Mark Connor, and Kevin McCann, it is an important sport.

Central's athletic program has recently acquired a bowling team. Bowling is a sport that consists of ten frames. Three hundred is the highest score a bowler can receive. The object of the game is to knock out the ten pins at the end of the lane.

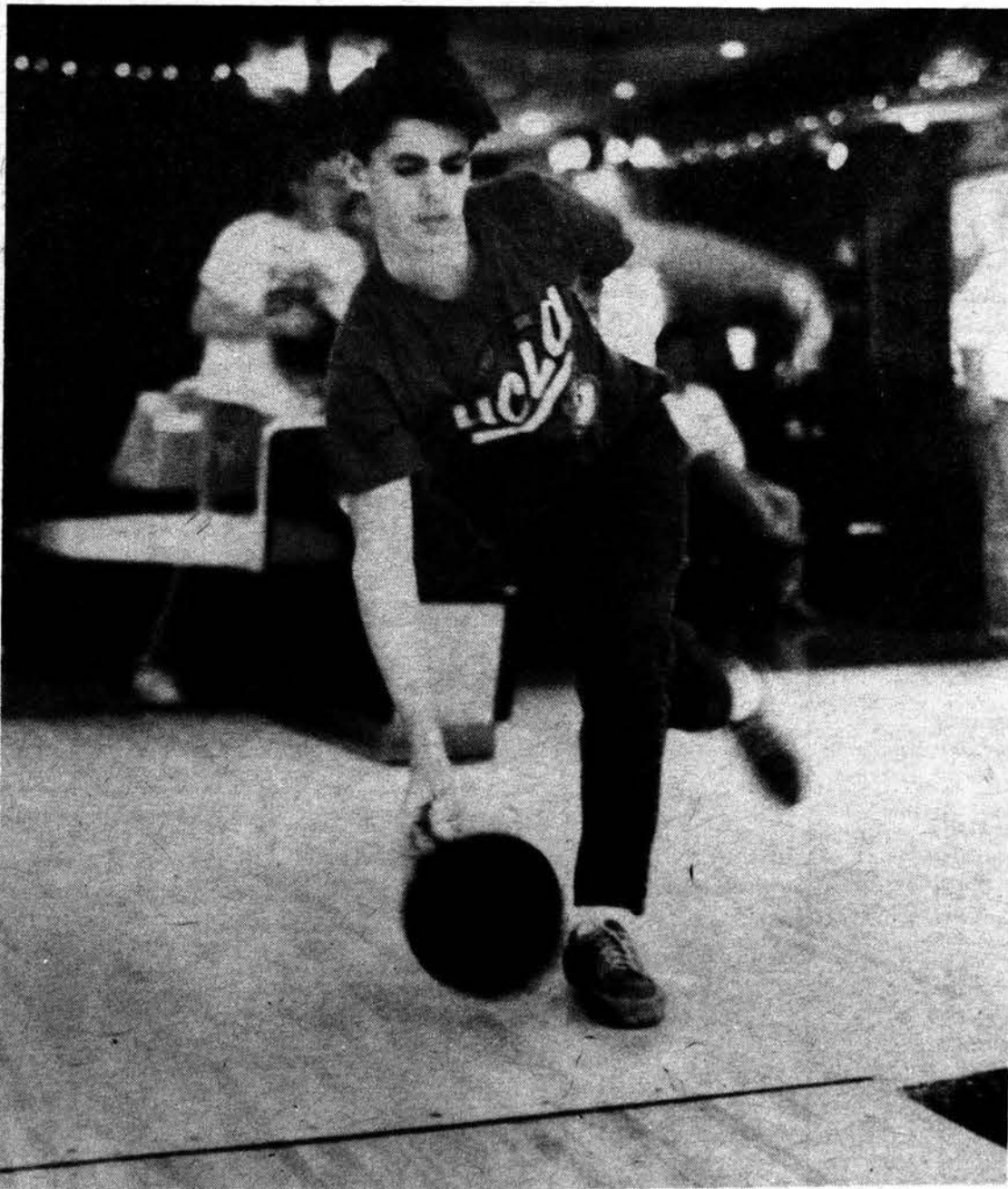
According to senior Shaun Klement, bowling mainly appeals to the older crowd and married couples. He has been bowling since he was eight years old. Shaun bowls competitively, and in 1986 his team took state championship in the Class A state tournament. Not only did his team, The Untouchables, take state, but he also placed first in the individual competition.

"Bowling is fun and relaxing," said Mark Connor. Mark was "Bowler of the Year" in 1987 and he was part of the team that took state in 1984. His series score, 737, was the highest in the city. A series score is the average of three bowling games. Mark bowls with Shaun in the Travelling Classic League, and is also on Central's bowling team.

"Many people think bowling is boring," said Shaun. Mark added, "Bowling is always a challenge."

According to Kevin McCann, many people don't realize all of the scholarship possibilities of bowling.

Kevin bowls for Central's team, which was started by the Director of the Omaha Proprietors Bowling As-



Junior Mike Church rolls one right down the middle. Central's new bowling team practices at the Maplewood Bowl during the week.

sociation, Sherman Poska. The team bowls every Monday at four o'clock against other high schools.

Both Shaun and Mark bowled in a Pro Amateur

Tournament in Kansas City. "The pros really helped me improve my game and attitude about bowling," said Shaun.

"Bowling is consistency because you must be

able to adjust to the different lanes," claimed Shaun. Mark went on to add, "Bowling in Travelling Classics and in high school both offer the competition I like."

## Girls hoops face tough schedule

—Peter Festersen—

The Central girl's basketball team is taking on an unfamiliar role this year as a young but unified group.

"We're in a transition period to decide what role everybody will play," said Mr. Don Knauss, girl's basketball coach.

Point guards Maria Bang, junior, and Michelle White, senior, agree that the loss of Johnetta Haynes and Mallery Ivy from last year's team, hurt this year's team.

Maria said, "We have more team unity this year."

Mr. Knauss said, "They're the first team that the people are really very coachable." He said he feels that the team works tremendously hard.

"We're working almost overtime on basic fundamentals," Mr. Knauss said. These include passing, shooting, and movement without the ball.

Tamir Anderson, junior center, said, "We need to slow our game down, think, and stop rushing."

After the first two games against Benson and Lincoln East, Tamir was the leading scorer on the team with 23 points. She said, "I'm not rebounding as good as last year," but she feels she will improve before the end of the season.

Maria said, "We did a lot of learning between the first two games." Michelle agreed and said, "We've improved a lot on defense."

"I think we did exceptionally well," Mr. Knauss said. "We're very, very young."

The team has a tough schedule with the top five rated teams among their first opponents, according to Michelle.



# Equestrian riding popular for two Centralites

—Peter Festersen—

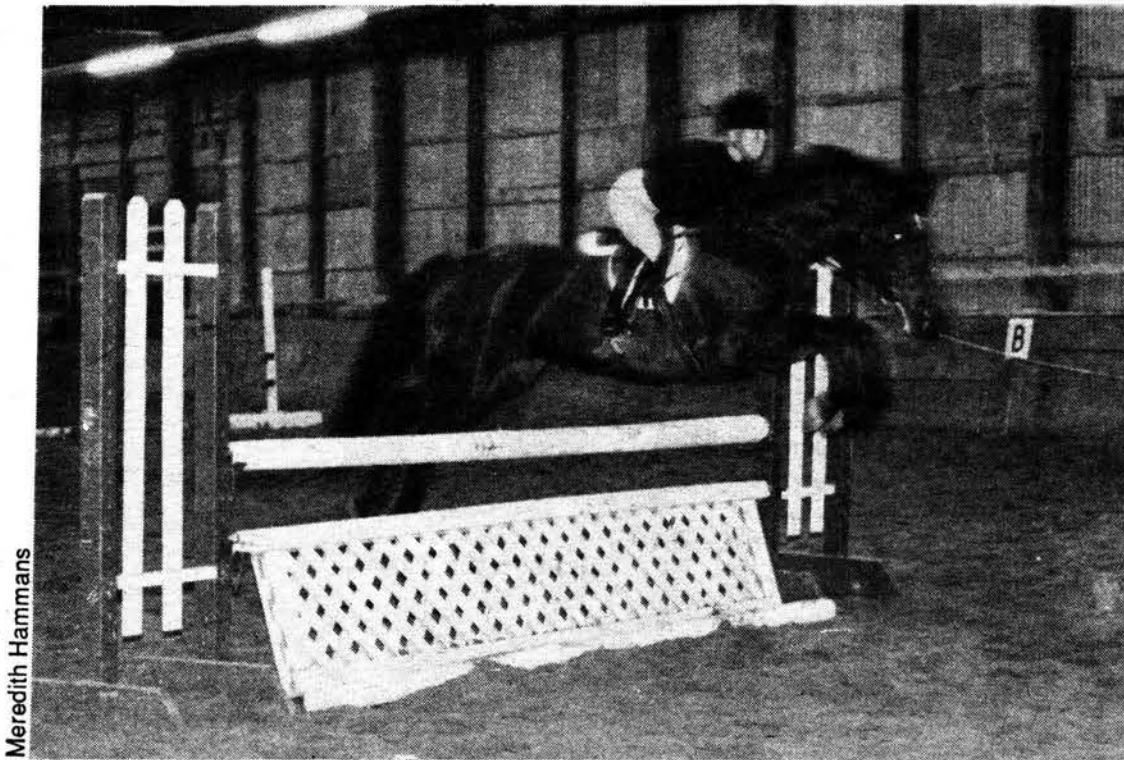
Central students Stacey Chamberlain, senior, and Laurie Anderson, junior, have been enjoying equestrian riding since they were very young.

Equestrian is an Olympic sport that originated in England, according to Stacey. It has different categories and styles of horse riding including English riding, Western riding, and jumping she said.

Stacey has mostly been involved in English riding. She said, "It's a very precise type of riding. It's all etiquette, everything has to be by the rules." The rider must hold the reins, sit in the saddle, and ride a specific way she said.

Laurie said, "It's a lot harder than people think it is." She practices and competes in English riding, but prefers jumping. "I like jumping because it's more exciting," she said.

Stacey and Laurie agree that it takes a lot of practice and strong legs to be a good rider. "There's



Meredith Hammans

Junior Laurie Anderson practices jumping indoors at the Ponca Hills Stable in Ponca, Nebraska. She rides at least three times a week.

almost like a communication between you and your horse," Laurie said.

Both Stacey and Laurie rent or lease their

horse. They agreed that it is important to have a well-trained horse.

Stacey said, "The horse is already trained, but

you have to work with it to get it to do exact things." Laurie added, "You can't be afraid of horses, you have to control the horse. Any

horse can be a good horse if you control it."

According to Stacey, she rides mostly during the summer, up to four times a week. She rides at the Quail Run Horse Centre on 220th and West Maple Road. She said she has just been riding for fun, but is considering competing.

Laurie said she rides at least three times a week at the Ponca Hills stable in Ponca, Nebraska. She has competed in a show at Fremont but said, "There's not a lot of showing in Omaha."

Laurie said she wants to get more serious about equestrian riding in college. "I competed a lot when I was little and wanted to try to get back into it," she said.

Stacey and Laurie take lessons from trainers when they can, but agree that it is time consuming and expensive.

When asked what she liked best about equestrian, Stacey said, "I like the style and control. It's just you and the horse."

## O Club renewed for all lettermen

—Marcie Rosenbaum—

"Basically we are just trying to get students involved," said Mr. Rick Behrens, Central history teacher.

Both Mr. Behrens and Mr. George Grillo are trying to restart Central's O Club. Although the Club has not been active in the last five years, The Future Central Committee decided that O Club should become active again.

O Club is a group of athletes that have lettered in a certain sport in the last year. O Club has met twice since October. According to Mr. Behrens, it has been difficult in arranging a time to meet because many athletes have practice after school. He added that presently about 15 to 20 people participate in O Club.

Not only has the Club been discussing the possibilities of having athletic banquets, but they also discussed the idea of having an awards case, (similar to the Hall of Fame). The purpose of the case is to show the trophies and awards that All-State teams or individuals have received.

"I decided to join because I thought it would be a good idea," said senior, Jason Blankenship. According to Jason, the Club is a great social opportunity; it helps a student to meet new people. Jason has lettered in wrestling.

Senior Sonya Nixon always wondered why Central had never had an O Club, since most high schools have one. Sonya who lettered in volleyball, decided to join because it would be fun. According to Sonya, the Club has not picked officers yet but is planning on doing it.

"Since I am a freshman, hopefully I will get to know some new people," said Josh Cooper. Josh lettered in tennis. He went on to add, "I might as well give it a try."

"I think everyone should get involved, especially underclassmen," said Jason.



D. L. Kowalski

Junior Walter Outlaw skies for a rebound in the game against Lincoln East on December 3. The basketball season began on December 1. The Omaha Holiday Tournament will begin December 26 at the Civic Auditorium. Senior Andy Huff said that he felt the team would improve with each game. Junior Ronnie Caloway said that, "if we get everyone working together we can start winning." He went on to say, "I know we can beat a lot of teams."