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Omaha celebrates Black History Month

—Donya Craddock—

February is a month in the year to commemorate the contributions of Afro-American culture in the United states. A number of events occurred all over the city of Omaha last month. Churches, schools, businesses, and organizations acknowledged Black History Month in a variety of ways.

Many students at Central attended a black history program held February 1 at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. "This program, titled 'Beyond The Dream: Celebration of Black History Month,' was a satellite presentation designed to honor black contributors in the fields of education, sports, science, economics, etc. to American life," said Mary Mudd, co-coordinator of counseling at UNO.

Senior Tarshish Jones attended the program at UNO. He said that the program placed emphasis on the achievements of black heritage that is not detailed in schools.

"This was a very good awareness program of black history but many youth did not attend the program," said senior Kladanj Craddock, adding that "the program was not just outlined for only black youth but all ethnic groups."

In tribute to Black History month, Metro Tech, Nebraska Committee for Humanities, and the UNO Student Programming Organization sponsored a presentation titled "Malcolm X: The Man and Father Away from the Podium" on February 10 at UNO.

The speaker for the presentation was Attallah Shabazz, daughter of slain civil rights activist and native Omahan, Malcolm X.

Junior Maurice Cotton, who "admires" the leader Malcolm X, has studied much of Malcolm X's philosophy. He did not, however, attend the Malcolm X program at UNO but attended a forum on Malcolm X at Creighton.

"In order not to repeat the bad things in your history you must know your history . . . to have a future you must have a past," said Maurice.

Central, along with many other high schools such as Lincoln High, presented musicals and guest speakers in salute to Black History Month.

In tribute to Afro-American history, senior Michelle Caro-Perchez and Junior Dorcela McCollough sang a variety of songs at Lincoln High during three programs on February 23.

"The students and the faculty treated us like celebrities" said Michelle; "many students were skipping their classes to see the program over again."

On March 1, Central saluted Black History month with a musical, dance and speech program. Senior Rob Steele said that, to him, the program was designed in celebration of equal rights for blacks.

According to Counselor Faye Johnson, this program will be a yearly program which will occur during Black History Month. "A committee of ten faculty members will organize programs for students in awareness of black history," she stated.



Chris Deden

Senior Monica McSwain and her mother, Sandra McSwain, performed Azang, a Nigerian broom dance, March 1 in the auditorium. Central students celebrated Black History Month with an assembly that included performances by A Capella and Dorcela McCullough.

Foreign language banquet provides entertainment, food

—Holly Stommes—

Tuesday night, February 28, Central's foreign language clubs sponsored their annual foreign language banquet. According to Mrs. Vickie Anderson, chairperson of the banquet, this was about the tenth foreign language banquet that Central has held.

Mrs. Anderson said the banquet is a means to "promote foreign language month—February."

About 600 people attended the banquet, the usual number. According to Mrs. Anderson, "It is about the best attended function except for Prom, but parents don't go to Prom."

Mrs. Anderson said that the foreign language teachers got together in January to "choose a chair" and designate positions to make sure that everybody did some work. They distributed flyers and talked about the banquet in class to advertise it.

Mrs. Anderson said that only students enrolled in a foreign language could come unless a foreign language student invited a friend. Mrs. Anderson said that the banquet was an opportunity for parents to participate in their child's foreign language.

Entertainment included the Blue Street Jazz Quartet and Greek Youth Dancers

order to be admitted. The foreign language clubs supplied the dessert, baklava and brownies.

The banquet differed from previous ones this year due to the unique entertainment. The Blue Street Jazz Quartet, consisting of seniors Justin Kerr and David Kowalski, and juniors Aaron Kerr and Willi Voss, played while everyone ate dinner and socialized.

The St John's Greek Orthodox Church Youth Dancers entertained the audience with Grecian dances and also taught a dance to those interested.

According to Mrs. Daryl Bayer, French teacher, the young dancers were children of Greek heritage. Their ages ranged from six to twelve years old. The dancers even wore traditional Grecian folk costumes.

Among other events, students participated in a poster contest by submitting a foreign language promotional poster to a panel of judges consisting of Central teachers. First place was an amount of \$20, second was \$15, and third was \$10.

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Registered opinion

Poll Question:

Do you think Central students would make the effort to put cans in separate bins at school for recycling?

yes: 62% no:36% undecided: 2%
Total polled: 138



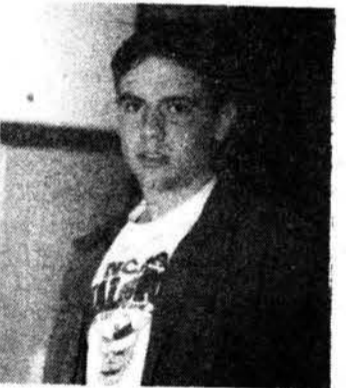
Mrs. Jo Dusatko, PE Teacher: "I would like to think that they would. It would be something we could try."



Bryan Horton, senior: "I'm pretty sure they would. Why wouldn't they?"



Mary Hoare, sophomore: "No, most people wouldn't take the time to separate their trash."



Jason Shearer, senior: "I feel that people already do a pretty good job of separating their silverware and dishes at lunch, so I think that they could handle cans and paper."

D. L. Kowalski

Central should follow city's lead

Recycling deserves applause, aid

Omaha and many other cities throughout the United States are making a commendable effort to recycle. Central should join the effort.

The city has made a plan with a company which will sort the city's trash and recycle it. Also, city officials are planning a weekly pick-up of paper and yard waste at Omaha homes, coinciding with regular trash pick-up. Surely the city would pick up recyclables from schools if they would pick up recyclables from homes.

Schools have an abundant supply of recyclable materials. Considering all the paper used and pop cans emptied by students and teachers, Central's contribution would be a large one. Beginning a recycling project

would not be difficult if groups such as Student Council, National Honor Society, or any clubs were willing to spend some time organizing.

Separate trash cans in the courtyard labelled for cans or paper only would be a good start. Also, many classrooms, especially study halls have two trash cans. One could be set aside for paper only. If half the paper at Central could be recycled, the school would be a substantial part of the city's recycling project.

The biggest problem in initiating a school recycling project may be student participation. Yet, to throw two different items away in two trash cans does not seem much harder than to throw both items in one trash can.

Considering the amount recycling could save, an extra second to separate a pop can from a lunch bag is not asking much. Hopefully, students would realize that.

Recycling alleviates two problems: where to put trash and, more long-term, how to preserve resources. Also, the city may actually save money by hauling trash to a recycling plant rather than a landfill or by selling products that would normally be trash, such as grass and leaves from lawns. Composted forms of these materials may serve as fertilizer.

The city officials who are researching recycling and actually instituting recycling programs deserve recognition and support. Central should do its best to follow the city's lead.



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Tardy policy presents conflict for non - bus riders

These winter months of snow and ice-covered streets make driving to school a difficult task. Students who drive to school or take the public bus are not excused when tardy on days where snow and ice hinders getting to school.

However, students who ride the school bus to school are excused when tardy. The tardy policy should not be limited to those who take the school buses. The effort to get to school when ice covers the roads is stressful. Extreme caution must be taken.

The student who drives is responsible for her or himself and the passengers. The driver must drive slowly in order to arrive safely while sharing the road with the other drivers during the morning rush hour.

The student who takes the school bus relies on the bus driver for safe arrival to school. He or she does not have the responsibility of practicing careful driving.

If a student is pressured to get to school on time because she or he is worried about receiving a tardy, then they may be rushed and not take necessary precautions. The student who must take public transportation is not responsible for the delay in schedule on days when ice makes driving dangerous.

The public transportation system controls the arrival time of the buses and decides that by the condition of the roads. The bus drivers regulate their driving according to the safety of their passengers.

The student who uses this type of transportation has no control over its punctuality. Many students who attend Central are not eligible to ride the school buses due to the location of their homes.

Therefore, they must find other means of getting to school.

These students should not be penalized for being late when there is no other means of transportation available to them.

The tardy policy is unfair to a large portion of the student body who can not and do not take the school buses. The excused tardy policy should apply to all of the students whether they drive their own cars, take the public buses, or ride the school buses.



For
What
It's
Worth

with Seth Kotok

Crack Weekly World News staff covers amazing yet true stories

The world we live in is a complex and diverse place. Often the news provides the highest drama on television. Of course, being a devoted news junkie, I always figured I was getting all the important world events, by reading the *World Herald*, watching Tom Brokaw, and listening to Sandy and Otis.

I was shocked when I recently found out every week new discoveries are made and news events take place that most people never find out about. The only way to learn of these fast breaking stories are through weekly papers like the *National Examiner*, the *National Enquirer*, but most notably the *Weekly World News* (from here on simply referred to as the *News*).

While most newscasts are reporting on the new openness of the Soviet Union and the withdrawal of troops from Afghanistan, the *News* concentrates on a much bigger story. One of their crack staff uncovered the fact that Raisa Gorbachev is a devoted Elvis fan and wants her husband, the General Secretary, to buy an Elvis wig.

In an unrelated story Russian helicopter pilots are gunning down hundreds of deer with heat seeking missiles. Yes, deer-seeking missiles are the newest in Soviet military technology.

It does seem the *News* does not pay all that much attention to national affairs, but seemingly most

of the info that is worthy to be printed in the *News* happens in small towns in Bolivia or distant planets. A couple of news stories do happen here in America, however. For example there was a child who can do dirt bike stunts at the age of two: amazingly he taught himself.

If you watch the t.v. news you probably think that the entire world has pretty much been explored. But according to the *News*, a new primitive tribe is being discovered every week. One unlucky scientist from Switzerland got trapped in the blood sucking Amazon Spider people's webs. He just barely escaped with his life.

Perhaps the most interesting of these tribes is the "Smelliest Tribe in the World." These aboriginal tribesmen live entirely on a diet of beer and beans. An anthropologist said that a person can smell these people from two miles away because they are constantly flatulating.

Maybe you think that demonic possessions and satanic intervention are just for Stephen King fans. The crack staff of fine journalists on the *News* staff find not only humans who are possessed, but in the most recent issue they ran a story on a priest who was "fried to a crisp" while exorcising a possessed pig. Not only is Satan on earth but a scientist recently discovered Hell, on another

planet. According to the *News* not only did he see the "fiery planet at the edge of our solar system, but he recorded the screams of damned souls." That story really blew away my whole theory of Hell. I always thought Hell was located in Central's cafeteria.

Horror fans are not the only ones who will receive informative news from this prestigious publication. Science buffs will be amazed to see how countries like Bolivia, and Mazatlan are far ahead of the United States in scientific knowledge and technology.

One scientist in northern Italy is building a "half-ape, half-human monster." Russia is far ahead of the United States in slowing the age process. In fact they have reversed it. Because of pills 144 year old Victor Worshenski, looks 65, and grew back all his hair and teeth.

Most amazing, although NASA would deny it, a group of scientists in, yes Bolivia of course, found an alien newspaper, and we here on earth may be surprised to learn that there was a "Drought on Orcizelu."

Of course this is only a sampling of the highly factual journalism that the *News* prints. If you would like to hear more of these amazing yet true stories, come out to my wonderful farmland in Florida, maybe you would like to buy some. Just watch out for the killer cult of alligator worshippers.

Former KKK member obtains seat, group demands reparations

Racism remains issue, grudges spark prejudice

As far as lessening racial discrimination, the United States has come a long way in the last century. Yet racism seems to run in a cycle; every once in a while an outbreak of discrimination and reaction to it occurs.

A Different Perspective

Emily Rasmuss

Now seems to be one of those times. A former Ku Klux Klan member obtained a seat in the Louisiana state legislature. David Duke, who ran as a Republican, said he quit the Klan ten years ago.

Now he is the leader of the National Association for the Advancement of White People, which he says is a civil rights group for everyone. The people in Metairie, Louisiana had the opportunity to decide whether they believed him, or whether they wanted a racist for a congressman.

Duke said he is against affirmative action programs because they are a form of reverse discrimination. That would be something to think about (similar to the Republican idea that we don't need an Equal Rights Amendment), but I don't believe a KKK member is against affirmative action for this reason. He is racist.

You could say that his racism doesn't matter as long as the legislation he supports is the legislation you support, but voting for a man who is openly a bigot does not seem like a choice.

The fact that the nation recognized this and debated it, and that Duke was actually elected by a number of constituents shows that racism is a touchy national issue. Even Central students have voiced concern about

discrimination in cheerleader selections and Road Show auditions.

Why do periodic outbreaks of prejudice spread across the country? Maybe some people are simply racist and will never change. Another reason seems to be common now.

Sometimes a race, a former victim of discrimination, continues to accuse others of discriminating against them. The accused become angry. The accusers may have actually created racism where there wasn't any.

As kids grow up, many realize how much the minorities, especially the slaves were taken advantage of. Discrimination throughout the country continued long after the thirteenth amendment and continues still today. However, after the civil rights movements in the sixties, a lot changed. Racism still exists, David Duke and the man on Do-

nahue who said that every white American must pay so that every black American can have \$300,000 in reparations are examples of it. But not everyone is racist, and many resent being called racist because of a few people like Duke.

Grudges are the main cause of racism today, grudges held by all people

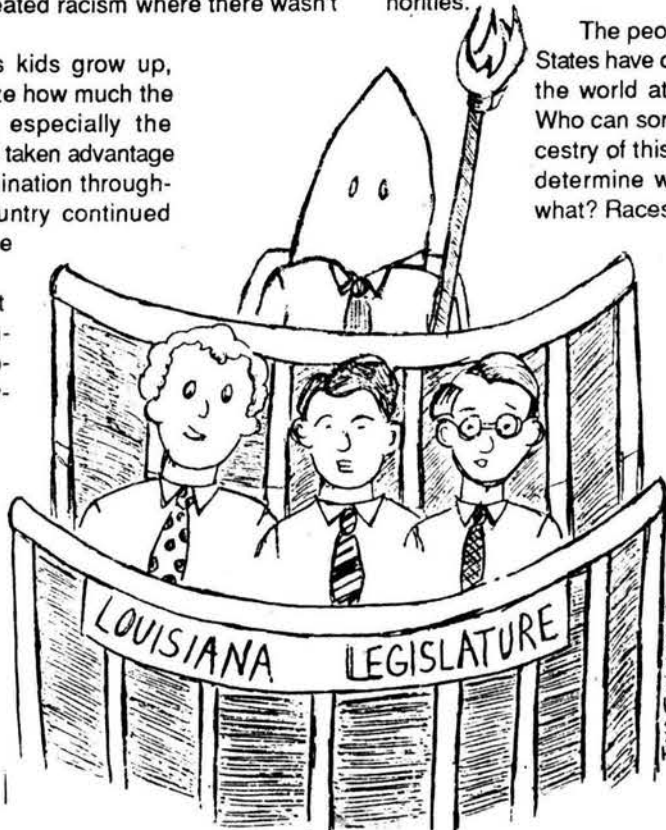
who have not had opportunities or rights because of their background as African, Italian, Irish, Japanese, Catholic, Hispanic. To think that all people will begin to let go of the grudges from past racism is as idealistic as to think all people will treat all people equally. But continued cries of racism are not the answer; they are a large part of the problem. The solution lies in dealing with present problems and making use of laws and organizations already established for minorities.

The people of the United States have come from all over the world at different times. Who can sort through the ancestry of this whole nation to determine who owes whom what? Races and differences

among them will always be with us. I used to believe that the world would someday forget differences in races exist. Now I know that's not possible, and I know that's not right. I do believe that races can live together peacefully.

To do so, differences must be at least respected, even admired and shared. There is a line crossed between recognizing different races and being prejudiced against them.

Discriminating against them crosses yet another line. Everyone is different. The problem arises when differences aren't respected.



TINA FORDMAN '87

Teachers inflict unfair policies

Some teachers at Central inflict attendance rules upon their students which are separate from the regulations established by the Omaha Public Schools. These rules present conflicts for the students.

The separate rules are usually more strict than the OPS written regulations. Some teachers require less absence days than the written ten day policy. The grade of the student suffers if he or she is absent more days than the teacher requires.

These individual rules suggest that a particular class is more important than others. A teacher who enforces separate rules oversteps his or her authority as a teacher.

These teachers enforce their rules because they feel it is reasonable and right. However, many students may be forced to attend classes despite their illness. Many students do not receive a doctor's note for simple illnesses. Therefore, those days the student missed school are counted against them. Their presence does not guarantee that they are learning. More than likely, if a student is not well and attends school in order to avoid a decrease in their grade, they probably will not absorb the lesson.

The ten day absent policy is a just regulation. It allows adequate healing time for students inflicted with minor illnesses and it allows acceptable time-off for students who must attend to other matters during school time.

The teachers who choose their own attendance policy other than the OPS regulation interfere with the rights previously established for the students.

Tobacco use in school 'becoming evident'

—Jason Auslander—

A student walks into a bathroom at Central; he is immediately assailed by clouds of smoke and smokers. Disgusted, he walks out to get a drink; he leans over the fountain and comes face to face with a "wintergreen" smelling glob of gook. Sickened, he stomps off to class.

The use of tobacco at Central has become increasingly evident and somewhat bothersome to those who don't smoke or chew.

"I think there's a place and a time for it. It's very rude to do it in the bathrooms at school," said senior Lisa Ihle. "On the weekends if you want to go to parties, you have to deal with it because so many people smoke. But I don't think I should have to cope with it in school."

"I would never start smoking," said junior Trevor Flynn, "but I do chew [tobacco]."

Many students seem to feel that the use of chewing tobacco in school is a lot worse than smoking in school. "When you see those big, brown glops of tobacco in the drinking fountains, it makes me sick," said senior Mark Spellman.

"I started chewing in seventh grade and in two weeks I was hooked," said senior Rob Steele.

The consequences of smoking are widely known, but the side-effects of chewing tobacco are not thought of as very serious.

The truth is that chewing tobacco, while not causing as many internal problems, does inflict very serious oral damage. This could include cancer of the lip, cancer of the tongue, gum disease, and yellowing of the teeth. Also, chewing to-

bacco can cause holes to form in the teeth.

Sophomore Bruce Pendleton, who has been chewing for two years, said, "I started because all my friends were doing it."

"All my friends were doing it" seems to be the common consensus among most students. The majority of people who smoke or chew tobacco said they started because they "were constantly around it" or "because it was the thing to do."

"I figure that eventually I will quit [smoking]," said junior Matt Montequin, "but since I'm always around it, it would be very hard."

Many students feel that the solution to the smoke-filled bathrooms is to have a student smoking lounge.

Although this may sound like the answer to all the problems, it would be against the law according to Mrs. Vickie Anderson, Spanish teacher.

"Most high school students who smoke technically are doing it illegally. So if we set up a student smoking lounge, we would be condoning it, and that wouldn't be right," she said.

The penalties for getting caught smoking in school are: first offense, a parent-teacher conference; second offense, one is assigned to ISS, and from then on the punishment gets harsher.

According to Mr. Jim Wilson, administrator, "I have a discipline record from an administrator who was at Central in 1905. In it, there are repeated entries for students getting caught even then." He added, "So it definitely isn't a new problem."

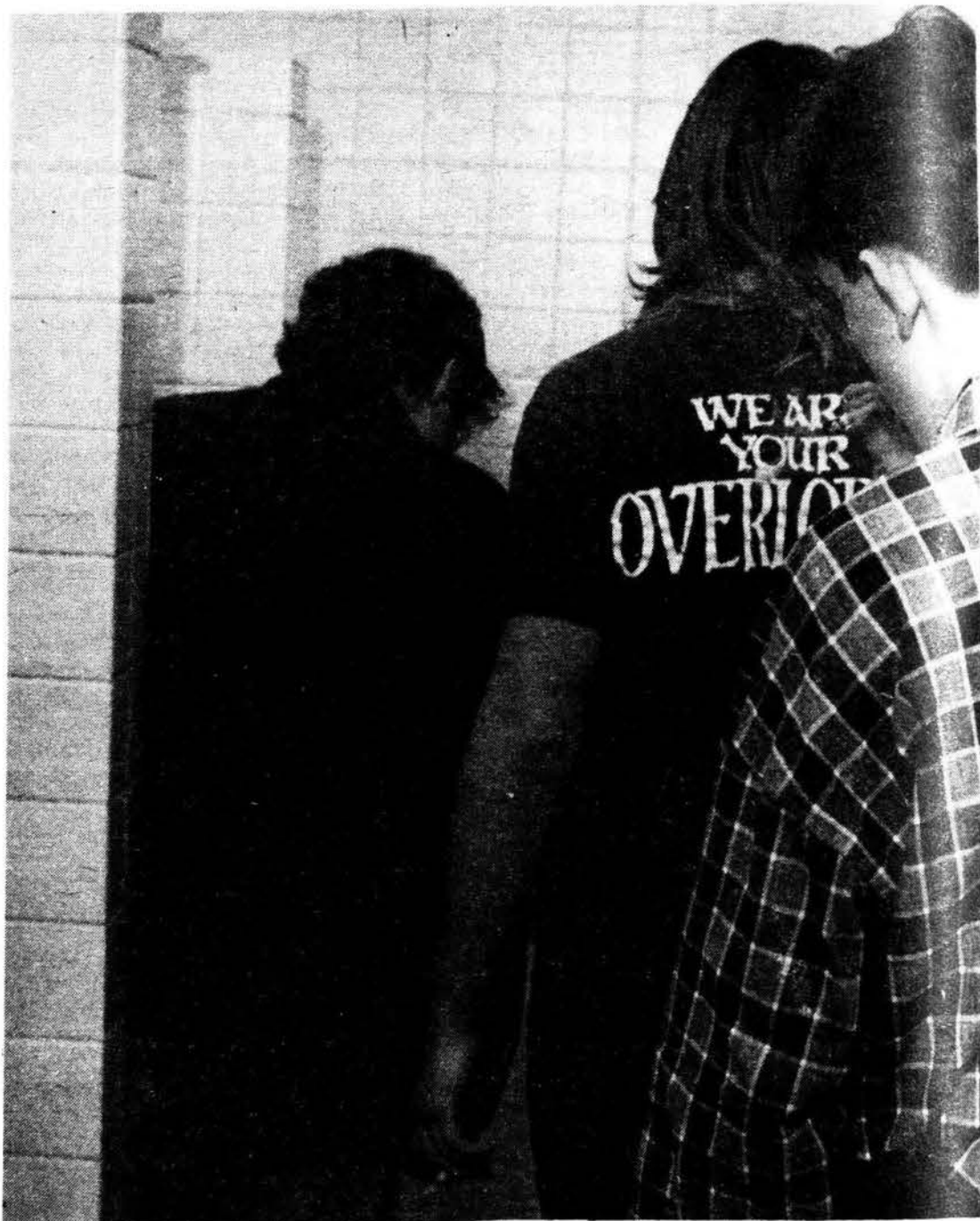
He went on to say that the number caught during a normal day of school varies considerably.

Quitting smoking, obviously, has advantages other than the health aspect. Another reason to quit is because smok-

ing can be a very expensive habit.

"When I quit smoking, I put all the money I would have

spent on cigarettes into a jar," said Mr. Don Knauss, history teacher. "[It] paid for a trip my wife and I took to Hawaii."



D. L. Kowalski

Three students enjoy a cigarette in a bathroom at Central. The penalty for smoking in school is a parent conference for the first offense and ISS for the second. According to Mr. Wilson smoking "definitely isn't a new problem."

Some teens may vote for mayor

Attention-seventeen-year olds: register to vote

—Aaron Dennison—

Mr. Dean Neff, Central High government teacher, along with seniors Kip Lathrum, Bill Miller, and Kevin McCann visited the Douglas County Courthouse Building Thursday, February 9 to register to vote.

Due to the efforts of Mr. Neff and 1987-'88 Central High students, an amendment was passed in last November's election which gave seventeen-year-olds the ability to vote in the primaries on the condition that they were eighteen before the date of the general election. Kip, Bill, and Kevin are all sev-

enteen-year-olds who are now eligible to vote in the local mayoral election.

When Mr. Neff and his students arrived at the Courthouse, however, they were informed that

although they may register, they may still not be allowed to vote because the amendment was on hold due to orders from the Secretary of State who is re-

sponsible for the interpretation of the bills that pass through the unicameral.

Mr. Allen Beermann, Secretary of State, has called the amendment unconstitutional

because of problems in the wording of the revised law.

It states, "Every citizen of the United States who has attained the age of eighteen on or before the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November . . . shall be an elector for the calendar year in which such citizen has attained the age of eighteen years and all succeeding calendar years."

According to Ms. Vickie Florine, Election Commissioner of Omaha, the problem lies "in the verbiage of the amendment which states ' . . . on or before the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November . . . ' which causes the law to be unconstitutional."

She explained that this wording implies elections in even years. Local Nebraska elections are held in odd years.

Ms. Florine said that she must ask the opinion of the County Attorney, Mr. Ron Staskiewicz, and then he must

ask the formal legal opinion of the Attorney General in Lincoln, Mr. Robert Spires.

Mr. Neff responded to the Secretary of State's and Election Commissioner's comments, "I have a feeling it's just more work for them because they [Ms. Florine and Mr. Beermann] do not know how to apply this new amendment to the current situation."

Mr. Neff, explained that, "this is the way we were told to word the bill; now they say that it's incorrect."

"What we're trying to do right now is prove that these students have the right to vote because of the constitutional amendment," said Mr. Neff.

Mr. Beermann said of the amendment, "I think it's going to be o-kay. There was some question as to whether it applied to Lincoln and Omaha because we have off-year elections."

He added that the Attorney General had considered the wording of the law and concluded that it was constitutional. Consequently, those teens

whom this amendment applies to can now vote.

"I think they just basically thought we were too young to vote," said Kip. He added that a few months' difference in age would not make much difference in a teen's knowledge.

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In Brief

Academic Decathlon Smashes Opponents

Central's Academic Decathlon team won 54 out of 93 possible individual ribbons and the team championship in the regional competition at Northwest High School February 24-25.

Central and six other Nebraska schools will progress to the state competition, held April 7-8. The winning team at the state contest will represent Nebraska at the national competition in Providence, Rhode Island later in April.

Central's cumulative team score exceeded 46,000 points, setting a new Nebraska state team record. Central also won the Superquiz competition and took all three medals in five categories.

Fogarty Honored

Ted Fogarty, a starting defensive back on the 1988 Central High football team, was recently named to the Lincoln Journal-Star's 1988-89 Academic All-State Football Roster.

The criteria for the award includes a combination of high athletic and academic ability.

The Lincoln Journal-Star will select student-athletes for their Academic All-State roster for winter and spring sports.

Senior Mike Lawler(Honors), senior Rob Hill(Scholastic), and junior Jennie Hurley(Varsity) were first place overall winners.

Each of Central's Decathlon members won at least one gold ribbon.

Team members and the number of ribbons won for individual categories are: seniors Steven Dare(7), Jenny Hendricks(6), Rob Hill(8), Mike Lawler(7), Beth Lucas(5), Mimi McVaney(4), Reggie Renard(3), and Pat Williams(6), junior Jennie Hurley(5), and junior alternates Jennifer Gentle, Keith Lucas, and Liz Thonen.

Team coach is Mrs. Marlene Bernstein, Central English teacher.

Four A.I.M.E. Qualifiers

Seniors Jenny Hendricks, David Kay, Mike Lawler, and Pat Williams qualified for the American Invitational Math Exam (AIME) after scoring over 100 points on the American High School Math Exam (AHSME).

The AHSME is a 30-problem, 90-minute test, and the AIME is a 15-problem 3-hour test.

The qualifying scores were Jenny (117), David (111), Mike (109), and Pat (103).

Central Chess team checkmates opponents

The chess team recently finished second place at the state competition. Junior Eric Troy is a state chess co-champion, and senior David Borrás is the state's top unrated player. Senior Steve O'Hara is also ranked in the top 10 players in the state in his division.

Nelson wins concerto

Senior Adam Nelson won the Omaha Youth Symphony's concerto competition. As a concerto winner, Adam was a featured soloist for a Youth Symphony concert on February 26. He has been the principal oboist for this orchestra for two years.

Students of the Month

The February Students of the Month are freshman, Rob Anderson; sophomore, Mary Ann Kelly; junior, Rick Heller; and senior, Michelle Caro-Perez.

Cadet of the Month

Central sophomore David Jones used sharp ROTC appearance and excellent display of knowledge of military skills to achieve the honor of February Cadet of the Month.

Winther's pictures 'make a statement'

Chris Chapman

The dictionary defines a photograph as a picture or likeness obtained by photography. Yet, to senior, Michelle Winther, it is more than just exposing light to film.

"I want to make a statement with my pictures," said Michelle. She said she tries to capture things that you do not see every day or maybe do not understand.

Michelle won three gold keys and two dean's awards for her portfolio of eight photographs entered in the Scholastic Art Competition.

She said that the pictures will be on display at the College of St. Mary until March 1, then the whole portfolio will go to New York for national competition.

Michelle is hoping to receive a scholarship to an art institute based on her portfolio.

Last year, she received three gold keys in the Scholastic Art Competition and had three pictures sent to New York, where two of them won national awards. She had a photo published in Totem last year and plans on having one published this year.

Michelle hopes to open a studio or possibly live and work at the Bemis in the future. She feels that photography is an art. She prefers artistic photography to journalistic photography be-

cause she likes to think about the picture instead of working with on-the-spot action shots.

Michelle became interested in photography through her father and through her sophomore photography class at Central.

Since then, she has taken classes at the career center for two years.

"You have to be in the mood [to take pictures]," she said. Michelle likes to take time with

her photography because, as she says, "everyone makes mistakes but the second time is always better. It gives you a chance to fix your mistakes."

Besides taking pictures for her own enjoyment, Michelle is a photographer for the Central newspaper and the year book.

Being famous is not Michelle's ultimate goal. Instead, she concluded, "I just want people to understand my photography."

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Simon Joyner

Follow the arrow on the sign to the Omaha Landfill where the city's trash is dumped. Every year, Americans throw away 16 billion disposable diapers, 1.6 billion pens, 2 billion razors and blades and 220 million tires, according to *Time Magazine*.

'Planet of the Year'

Recycling proposes answer to environmental wastes

— Karen Lee —

The January 2 issue of *TIME* magazine named earth as the Planet of the Year, foregoing their traditional "Man of the Year" award. In their 33-page spread on various environmental concerns, *TIME* asks the question:

"What on earth are we doing?"

From September 1986 to November 1988, the freighter *Pelicano*, loaded with 14,000 toxic tons of incinerator ash, sailed around the world looking for a port to dump its stinking cargo.

After numerous refusals at ports across the world, the *Pelicano* dumped 4000 tons of ash on a Haitian beach last October.

In November, the freighter captain announced that the rest of the cargo was left in a country which he refused to name.

According to the *TIME* article, "A Stinking Mess," dumping waste "simply shifts poten-

tially hazardous waste from one place to another."

The article maintains that the only minimization of this situation is to reduce the amount of waste by-products of civilization without endangering human health or damaging the environment.

Every year Americans throw away 16 billion disposable diapers, 1.6 billion pens, 2 billion razors and blades, and 220 million tires, according to *TIME*.

The amount of aluminum discarded in three months in the U.S. is enough to rebuild the entire U.S. commercial airline fleet.

"We've got so much stuff that we've got to get rid of [that] we'd have so much less if we recycled," said Mr. Lyle Petersen of A&L Environmental Services.

"The number of stuff we throw away is astronomical," he said.

Mr. Petersen said that several elements in garbage in landfills are harmful to the earth in the long run. He said that

"potential problems [exist] at every landfill in Nebraska."

"Once glass is in a landfill, it's there forever," he said. "Aluminum . . . will not pollute things [and is] expensive to extract from ore. Metals dissolve and go down into the ground water."

He said that the problems with the smaller landfills was that they were not well supervised or regulated and not located on stable ground tables.

He added that dangers include a lower quality of water, possibly containing metals and organic chemicals. In the U.S., 80% of the solid waste is in 6,000 landfills, but in the past five years, half of the landfills have been closed, and by 1993, about 2000 more will be full and shut.

This problem is also worldwide. According to *TIME*, in Hong Kong, the 5.7 million people and 49,000 factories dump 1000 tons of plastic daily. 35,000 to 50,000 landfill sites in West Germany are potentially dangerous due to possible threats to ground water supplies.

Japan, an international industrial giant, is also becoming a power in effectively dealing with their nation's waste products.

"We collect roughly 10,000 tons of garbage a year and convert it back into valuable materials," Mr. Kenichi Usui, the city waste-management official in Machida, Japan, said in *TIME*.

Last year Japan recycled 50% of their country's paper, 55% of its glass bottles, and 66% of the beverage and food cans. Japan converted most of the remaining trash to fertilizers, gaseous fuels, and recycled metals.

Ms. Jinette Cswenko, bookkeeper for the Recycling Round-up, said that newspapers and aluminum cans are easily recyclable. She said the Recycling Roundup pays about one cent per pound for newspaper and 48 cents per pound for aluminum cans.

"We make insulation out of [newspaper]," said Ms. Cswenko. She said that they send cans to Des Moines, Iowa, for recycling.

Ms. Cswenko said that the Recycling Round-up advertises in newspapers.

In Iowa, people who return aluminum cans for recycling receive monetary rewards, but in Omaha, the city government has not set up a formal recycling project.

TIME magazine suggested five steps for what nations should do to improve the environmental waste problem. They are:

1) to raise the price of garbage collection and toxic-waste removal and the penalties for improper disposal. They suggested that households be charged according to the amount of garbage,

2) to encourage recycling by raising the reward for returned, recyclable items,

3) to increase funding for testing chemicals to determine their toxicity and cancerousness,

4) to ban ocean dumping,

5) to ban the export of waste.

Conversion to metric happening 'slowly and informally'

— Holly Stommes —

Imagine driving down the interstate and seeing a sign which says, "SPEED LIMIT - 110 km/h." For a minute you get excited thinking, "Wow, they raised the speed limit!"

Then, it dawns on you that it is in kilometers not miles per hour. What do you do? You have no idea how to convert metrics.

Although this incident may not occur for a while, the conversion from the English system to the metric system is taking place "slowly and informally," according to Dr. Robert Wolff, Central science teacher.

Many Americans strongly disapprove of the conversion, but Dr. Wolff thinks it is inevitable. "We have to survive economically and in a technical world. There's no holding it back."

Dr. Wolff said that the United States is the only large industrial country that does not conform to the metric system. He said that the United States is losing money in the world market because it cannot compete efficiently.

Besides problems in the world market, Dr. Wolff said that the English system is not standardized enough even for daily use.

He used the example of a size eight dress in three different stores. "In one store, the dress is too big, the next it's too small, and the next it fits just right."

However, Dr. Wolff mentioned that although the United States is gradually converting to metrics, a complete change will not take place too soon because Congress opposes it.

Dr. Wolff also said that a lot of people think it would be too difficult to learn the change. He said that people think, "I'm happy with inches; it's not worth the price!"

But in the long run, Dr. Wolff said that it would benefit the United States. He said that although dual speed limit signs may appear along the highway, those people with a formal education would be able to adjust.

Help! Call the Homework Hotline

Ellen Caban

Every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, from four to five o'clock, local students have the chance to get help on homework assignments that are giving them trouble.

By watching Cox Cable channel 17, (The Alpha Channel), a student in need of assistance can watch "The Homework Hotline," a program filmed at the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO).

The program was developed to help kids ranging anywhere from elementary to high school age with homework math assignments that they could not figure out themselves.

"The Homework Hotline is a unique production," said Ms. Marti Noden, the show's producer. The program airs live every Monday, and then that episode repeats the following Wednesday and Friday.

Each show deals with a specific area of math such as Algebra. The topic is discussed in detail, and the students' questions are answered as they call in for help.

Each week a different high school hosts the show, with students from that school helping to answer questions. Central students hosted the show during the week of December 6th and will be hosting again in April.

Also on staff are two permanent teachers to listen to the students and help them with their assignments.

Mr. Paul Jensen, a math teacher at Monroe Junior High School, and Mrs. Jean Jensen, math teacher at Westside High School, give up a few hours a week to teach on the hotline.

Mr. Jim Langdon, director of the hotline, said that the show seems to be picking up viewers. "Students seem to really appreciate the show and the help that they're getting from it," he said.

Mr. Langdon went on to say that he encourages all students having trouble with math to call the show and ask for help.

Mary Hill, fourth grader at Crestridge Elementary School, watches and calls the Homework Hotline occasionally.

"It's a good idea," said Mary. "It helps kids do algebra or whatever."

Cox Cable and the University Knowledge Network, an educational consortium, fund the show.

"The Homework Hotline" is the only show of its kind in the Omaha area, but the concept originated in California.

"There are a lot of hotline-type shows in California, and we thought that they would work well here," said Mr. Langdon. "I would like to see more shows like them on t.v."

Simon Joyner



Senior Beth Lucas answers a math problem on the Homework Hotline. The program airs live on Mondays and repeats on Wednesdays and Fridays. Beth, seniors Jenny Hendricks, Mike Lawler, and Pat Williams have volunteered time for the hotline.

"High-level" class enriches math team

Karen Lee

Hair dyed bright pink, sporting a sweatshirt scrawled with purple graffiti, shorts, and galoshes, senior Mike Lawler was in full regalia for Central's first-place finish at the South High Math Contest last December.

Central's math team, which has lost only three contests in the past seven years, has the confidence to dress obscurely, according to Mike.

Math team members often wear goofy ties and hats to contests. "We just want to be arrogant. We go in, and we know we're going to win," Mike said.

"Despite other schools' claims of being the

top math school in Nebraska," said Mike, "they don't have anything to back it up with because we win nearly all the contests."

The math team is composed of students from Mr. John Waterman's enrichment math class. The class is open to all grades and can be taken repeatedly for honors credits.

Several math team members said that although the class is not for people mathematically meek at heart, it is worth the hard work.

"It's a loose class without a lot of order, but it's really high-level," said Mike. "If you don't know what's going on, you'll never catch up," he said.

Junior Eric Troy said that in ninth grade he heard

about the "free attitude" of the enrichment class, but he was at first intimidated by its pace.

"[Mr. Waterman] pours it on at the beginning, [but] it turned out great," Eric said.

Sophomore Brad Gibson commuted to Central from Horace Mann last year and took enrichment math as a freshman.

"The math people are just fun to be with," said Brad. "We just don't take life too seriously."

"At first I wasn't recommended to be in [enrichment], but I signed up for it anyway," said Mike.

"It's not the same thing every year," he said. "There's no way you can maintain a high level [of mathematical

ability] without studying it continuously."

The class covers topics like Cardano's general solution of the cubic, Chinese remainder theorem, and Diophantine equations.

"We spent about five weeks on fractal geometry and chaos theory," said Mr. Waterman, math department chairman and math team sponsor. He said that the class has been recently studying college-level geometry.

Mr. Waterman said that sometimes Central graduates return to the enrichment math class to give impromptu lectures on math and physics topics.

"You never know who's going to show up," he said.

Speakers include Doug Deden, Washington University sophomore, Marc Lucas, sophomore at the Naval Academy, and Gordon Pioreschi, junior at the California Institute of Technology.

To prepare for competitions, the class spends a few days working practice questions and tests in teams. "We're perfectionists," said Jenny Hendricks, senior.

Other math events include the Creighton Mathematics Field Day, the Northwest Missouri State Math Contest, and the American High School Math Exam.

The math team also participates in SuperQuest. According to senior Pat Williams, high school teams across the nation must "find a problem in any area of science and math which could be done on a ETA10P super computer."

Senior Kip Lathrum, junior Zi Wu, and Eric are also part of Central's SuperQuest team.

Once a month, enrichment students take the AtPac, a 7-question test, and the ASMA, a 6-question test. The questions on these tests cover assorted math concepts, including algebra, geometry, and number theory.

Central is currently first in Nebraska and 13th in the nation for cumulative AtPac scores, and Mike is tied for first in the U.S. for ASMA scores.

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Central students (left to right), Andre Gilmore, junior, Gina Weberg, senior, Eric Gilmore, senior, Simon Joyner, senior (on top of trash can), Brian Brownrigg, senior, Jenna Brigman, junior, and Renee Richardson, senior, model their leather goods. Even though they are sporting only black and brown leather jackets, a variety of other colors such as fuchsia, red, yellow, and pink exist according to Mrs. Penny McKibbin, sales associate for Berman's. These days more people are wearing leather in the form of skirts, suits, and the popular bomber jacket.

'Not just hoods' are sporting leather goods

— Karen Lee —

From George Michael to Tom Cruise to Michael Jackson to Dr. Moller, leather jackets have become a wardrobe basic. Though leather used to be associated mainly with Harley-Davidson bikers and the Fonz, now people from all walks of life are shelling out bucks for rawhide.

"Not just the hoods" are buying Harley jackets, said Mr. Marvin Goldberg, manager of Nebraska Motorcycle Parts. "A lot of people [are] coming in that would not normally shop at a motorcycle place," he said.

Senior Jzun Lankford said that leather is definitely becoming popular, but one can wear it and still avoid being trendy.

"I'm not one for trends," Jzun said. He has a basic black leather biker jacket.

"Bomber jackets have become more popular. They're really selling well," said Ms. Penny McKibbin, sales associate for Berman's.

Mrs. Wendy Vogel, salesperson for Overland Outfitters, said they have many variations on the bomber jacket, including an "antique" finish and a part suede style.

Prices for a bomber jacket run from \$200-1500. At

Berman's, coats cost from \$169-400, and skirts are \$49-119.

Ms. McKibbin said that the 1986 movie "Top Gun," starring Tom Cruise and Kelly McGillis, ignited the bomber jacket trend.

"Exposure on MTV has helped," said Mr. Goldberg. Musicians like George Michael and Bono have made leather clothing part of their trademark.

Junior Marc Snoddy has a red and black leather bomber jacket with lettering, stars, and a tiger's head on the back.

"Red is my favorite color," Marc said, "and black just came along with it." Marc said leather can be a costly investment, but its quality is worth the price.

Along with the option of lettering or designs, Mr. Goldberg said that people can buy leather jackets with metal studs or zippers on them.

"You could look like Michael Jackson with seven million zippers," he said.

Mrs. McKibbin said, "Since it's getting to be spring, a lot of new colors are selling really well."

She said that for women, matching skirts, shirts, and coats in colors like white, fuchsia, purple, and blue are going to be popular this year.

"Leather is wonderful because you get natural oils from your hands on it, and it gets better with wear," said Mrs. Vogel.

"Suede and leather do need something different than a regular dry cleaner," said Mrs. Vogel.

"If you [get] a stain on suede, sprinkle a little cornstarch [and] rub it off with a pumice or soft brush," Mrs. Vogel said.

Overland Outfitters also carries sheepskin, suede, lambskin, and calfskin goods. "[Sheepskins] trap the warmth of bodies in air pockets...sueded finish, fur turned inside," Mrs. Vogel explained.

Suede is made of pig or calfskin and has a rough finish. "It takes colors beautifully, makes colors more deep and rich," said Mrs. Vogel. Lambskin is "softer, drapier...conforms to body shape," she said.

For those who believe that Bessie the cow should not have to die to support a trend, Mr. Goldberg said that the leather industry is in a different situation than the minks or furs.

"Leather we're wearing is a by-product of food slaughter," said Mr. Goldberg. He said leather for clothing comes from animals farmed for the meat industry, not from separate breeding.

Conservation of time and energy:

Computers benefit staff and students

— Hilary Foster —

Computers are coming into use more often at Central, from administrative use in the attendance office to student use in most academic departments.

Tasks that used to be done by hand in the attendance office can now be completed with the help of an IBM computer, according to Mrs. Esther Wageman, Central High attendance officer.

One of the main innovations the computers have brought is a system in which a recorded message calls the homes of students who are not present during the school day. Mrs. Wageman said the computer message saves time.

Now she programs in names and numbers of students marked absent or tardy by their homeroom teacher, while in the past, she had a card for each student that she had to file when the student was absent or tardy.

Similar to the attendance office, the main office uses computers to store files of students, according to Mr. Jim Wilson, assistant principal.

Mr. Wilson uses computers mainly for scheduling, but hopes "to do more on line, including transfer forms for [new] students."

Filing student records is not the only use of computers at Central, explained Mr. Dan Daly, chairman of the English department. He said the department has twenty-nine computers exclusively for student use.

Last year, Mr. Larson, Mrs. Saunders, and Mrs. Merrigan-Potoff, Central English teachers, spent a lot of their time and energy instituting a writing lab for the students.

Mr. Larson said that he and other English teachers supervise in the writing lab as an assignment, in addition to their other classes.

"Teachers are invited to bring in their classes," said Mr. Larson, "and even though we can only take half of a class right now, we will teach them to word process."

Currently, Mr. Daly said he is conducting a student survey to determine how much the students know and use the computers. He said student use is increasing and hopes to see that trend continue.

Mr. Daly said almost every department has a computer. He said that the journalism students use computers to produce their publications, the *Register* and the *O-Book*. He also said many teachers write tests and figure grades with the help of a computer.

Both the math and the science departments have computers available for student use, according to department heads Mr. John Waterman and Mr. Jerry Doctor, respectively. In the chemistry and physics classes computers are very helpful during lab said Mr. Doctor.

Students can use the computers when they have missed a lab, according to Mr. Doctor. "The computer can simulate a lab experiment and a student can get the data to write up a lab." He prefers using the computers rather than assigning from the book.

Mr. Waterman said the Enrichment math class uses the IBM computer for various projects. The equipment is "state of the art for a microcomputer." The computer has extensive graphics, with more than 2000 colors.

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Another Illusion

with Simon Joyner

Seagulls just don't eat cockroaches

In a school system far away on a distant planet, the notorious super heroes, Electric Tooth and Noga Hide, watch their school as students training to be super heroes flock to their classes, and the last vocal chorded echo of a distant bell buries itself in the walls for a spell.

A janitor reports that a cockroach was seen in the courtyard before school that morning. It was carrying a chunk of the ribless barbecue rib sandwich someone left in the courtyard the day before. "How will they ever learn to be fit super heroes if they won't even follow our orders? Noga Hide, grab the microphone and warn them again that their cafeteria related eating habits must be confined to the cafeteria for health reasons. Go ahead!"

"But, Electric Tooth, I had to do it last time. You do it. You do it so well."

"Okay, give it to me. May I have your attention please? All students who eat in the cafeteria listen. Once again, no food is to be taken out of the cafeteria under any circumstances. The food students take downstairs to the courtyard has been directly proven to provoke a dangerous insect problem. Any student caught migrating food from the cafeteria to the courtyard will have their food privileges obliterated. We've been giving this speech for years now, and the courtyard is simply too nice a place to let be overcome by roaches. Thank you."

The two super heroes pace their room and try to figure out a plan to solve their problems. A small magnesium ribbon suddenly seems to ignite in Electric Tooth's betz cell as his eyes dance like sling-shot fodder. "I've got it, Noga Hide! How about we fly the cafeteria down to the courtyard?"

Then the students will get what they want, and we won't have to punish them for geographic manipulation of their appetites. We can make it

a separate cafeteria designed for efficiency, an express lane if you will, a no-matter-what-you-get-it's-the-same-price lane. Are you reading between my lines, Noga?"

"Sure, Electric Tooth. Quite ingenious of you. I'll go take my super power pills so I can lift the cafeteria with you and fly it down to the courtyard."

"Don't take too many or you'll get a headache and definitely, I think, the kind that makes your head explode. Besides, this won't take much power." The two super heroes make their way to the upstairs cafeteria and exert their super strength to delicately dismember a branch of the cafeteria. Together they lift the weight, adjust their capes, and begin to fly it down.

"Hey Electric Tooth, what about the insect problem the excess of food is going to cause in the courtyard? We've been complaining about that for years."

"Let's call it the, hmmm, Seagull Excess! How's that?"

"What about the cockroaches, Electric Tooth?"

"When we're done with this, Noga Hide, we can go get some good food at a restaurant. We deserve it wouldn't you say?"

"Seagulls don't eat cockroaches do they, Electric Tooth?"

When we last left our heroes, Electric Tooth and Noga Hide, they had just completed a successful mission. While resting inside a restaurant murmuring secrets betwixt and between themselves, they sat on their capes.

Their waiter, a struggling Shakespearean actor whose name tag read Meddlesome Matty,

had just arrived to take their order. "Can I take your order please? And did you notice the dirt on your sleeves?"

"All we want is some oatmeal, waiter. And hey, we know about the dirt, but it can't hurt super heroes like us!"

"Oh, what powers do you have that make you so? Are you bullet-proof from head to toe?" He scribbled down oatmeal.

"Well, we're both double-jointed at the waist." "So who do you bend over backwards for?"

I guess your students' health of course." The waiter walked to the kitchen to give the order to the cook. The super heroes wondered how this Matty knew what they had done. When the waiter came back, they confided their whole story to him and explained how they flew the cafeteria down with their super strength.

They also explained the morning lectures on pest control they had been giving for years. They told him no one would remember the lectures because the students would be reeking of happiness to get their Seagull Excess. The waiter was quick to understand the difficulties of trying to please oneself, and so he just smiled a waiter's smile and asked if they'd be using their capes for napkins today.

Noga Hide burst at the smirk with a Shakespearean exclamation, "I dare swear he is no hypocrite but prays from his heart!" Meddlesome Matty set the super heroes' dishes on the table.

"You say he's got pupils in his eyes, but I can see he's looking through dollar signs." Although he had no concurring convictions about the Seagull Excess one way or the other, the waiter began to laugh uncontrollably and left the super heroes gumming their oatmeal as he receded into the kitchen to read a comic book.

Students shuffle into tap dancing

Jodi Chroma

Tap dancing is the only form of dance where one is actually playing the number with one's feet," according to Mr. Constance Atwater, author of *Tap Dancing*.

Mr. Atwater explained in his book that tap dancing originated in the mid-nineteenth century when thousands of Irish

people came to America due to a potato famine. The Irish, Mr. Atwater said, performed "clog dances." Black slaves in America changed the dances so that they included more complicated, quicker movements. Their version of clog dancing became known as tap dancing.

"I like [tap dancing] because it's a challenge," said Central senior DeRon Lewis.

DeRon started tap dancing about nine years ago. "I practice a good hour and a half every day," he said. He added, "If you stick with it, you can really improve your confidence and technique."

Tap dancing techniques include many steps that dancers must arrange to form routines. DeRon performed two dances in this year's Road Show. Junior, Stephanie Kurtzuba, and

DeRon danced to "Fabulous Feet", and DeRon performed a solo to "Toe Tappin." Stephanie explained that she gets ideas for routines by listening to everyday sounds like typewriters or rainstorms.

"Sometimes I find myself tap dancing in [Central's] halls," she said. "I have always hated the formality of ballet." She added, "It's more fun for me to

make noise." Since she was five years old, Stephanie has been tap dancing. "Some people get burned out after several years [of tap dancing], but I can really relate to it," Stephanie said.

Both audible and visual rhythm are essential to tap dancing. According to Stephanie, an interesting but "extremely difficult" aspect of tap dancing is "when there is no music and people are kept entertained with only the beat."

Central seniors Donna Lloyd and Stacy Nikodym performed what Donna called a "character dance" at the Road Show this year, but in last year's show, they tap danced to "Daybreak Express."

According to Stacy, tap dancing is hard because it moves along at a fast pace. "It keeps you in shape, and you feel great," she said. Both Stacy and Donna said that they don't have much trouble overcoming nervousness. "It helps to smile a lot," said Donna. Many people think that tap dancing is increasing in popularity. Movies such as the *Cotton Club*, and *Taps*, which featured tap dancing, have contributed to the increase.

Dancing lessons usually cost about 20 dollars per month for one lesson a week, according to Ms. Valerie Brandt, Brownstone West Dance Studio owner.

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Early graduates miss friends, conversations



Sean Chapman

Mary Welty poses in front of the University of Nebraska at Omaha. She graduated early from Central and now takes classes at UNO.

—Aaron Dennison—

After twelve years it is finally over; the last day of lower education. For some, however, that moment freedom arrives sooner for them than for others. Mary Welty and Bryant Williams both experienced this moment of elation on the last day of the first semester on January 27, 1989 because they had acquired the required credits needed to graduate.

Mary Welty finished high school at the end of first semester this year after completing the courses needed in order to graduate. Mary said she graduated early because she felt that "it would give me a head start."

She added that now that she has graduated she "will be working, going to school, and trying to figure out what I want to get into."

Mary said that to graduate early, she had to go to summer school for the two credits she needed in English and American History.

"It's great; I'm glad to get out of Central," said Mary, "But I will miss A Cappella, my friends, and some of my teachers."

Mary commented that she first decided to graduate at semester "when I saw my friends go off to college."

Mary spent her junior year as an exchange student in Italy but decided to repeat the year at Central. As a result, she fell a year behind most of her friends.

She also commented that as a result of leaving Central early she "will not be able to apply to a college because they don't accept freshmen applications."

Dr. Moller, Central principal, said, "I don't object to [early student graduation] at all; we have increased our credit requirements over the last few years, and it has become very hard."

He added that Central does accept summer school credits received from a non-medical school which can be found in schools such as Creighton Prep.

In order to graduate the student must have a set number of credits in English and in social studies.

American history, government, and eight credits of English are required by Central to receive a diploma. These are

the classes that usually must be taken in summer school during the summer preceding the student's senior year.

Dr. Moller added that he does not normally become involved in the early graduation process and lets the student's counselor deal with the specifics.

When asked what he felt the student would lose when graduating early, he replied, "I think it depends on the student's personality."

Bryant Williams also graduated at the first semester this year. Bryant now works at the Old Market Grocery. He said his plans include "working till May and then just traveling some where."

"I will miss the people and the conversation; also high school seemed really laid back. It didn't seem like a place where you accomplished anything," said Bryant.

Bryant added, "I like [Central], but I was ready to leave."

"You really have to think about what you're doing and get your priorities straight... for me it just happened to be getting on with my life," said Mary.

Dog psych exercises pet's brain, improves inter-animal relations

—Simon Joyner—

"Okay Spot, tell me when you started having these insecure feelings about yourself. Perhaps you were puppy abused and have never recovered from your negative feelings toward your parents."

According to senior Sabina Boberg, a foreign exchange student from Sweden, this is not what dog psychology is all about.

"Dog psychology is basically, making the dog exercise its brain." Sabina first became interested in dog psychology and dog care when she was ten and received a dog.

She took courses at the Swedish Kennel Club so that she could learn to understand her dog better, and so her dog "would have the chance to relate with other dogs."

Sabina said that it is very important for a dog to interact with other dogs, or else they may become scared and aggressive.

Back in Sweden, Sabina is a "B" instructor of dog classes. She teaches children how to understand dogs and how to choose the best-fit dog for a pet.

"Puppies establish a 'pecking order,' or rank system, when they are born in a litter," said Sabina.

"Choosing the proper dog from the litter is important," she said.

"The puppy at the bottom of the pecking order will be weak and scared," Sabina explained, "and the dog at the top of the pecking order will be aggressive and not trainable. So

it is best to choose a dog from the middle."

Sabina said that after choosing a dog, training it properly is necessary. "They enjoy being trained because it makes them think. They don't actually think the way humans do; they remember scents and movements," she said.

"What most people don't know is that it is better to teach a dog to sit and stay or fetch everyday than to take a dog jogging or bicycling with you," she added.

According to Sabina, the most important aspect of dog training is correcting the dog when it becomes disobedient.

The best way to correct the dog is to lift its ear, or "you can bite the dog's ear because it remembers its mother biting its ear as a puppy when it misbehaved," she said.

Sabina plans to continue teaching in Stockholm, Sweden, and to eventually become a top "A" instructor at the Swedish Kennel Club.

Sabina said she is not sure if she plans to pursue dog psychology as a career. "Maybe I'll become a veterinarian, but I hate blood, so maybe not," she said.

Male model finds work to be "kind of weird"

—Jason Auslander—

Excitement fills the air. The light invades the dark; a young man in the black tuxedo strides gracefully down the runway. He rushes off stage, and in five minutes he is back on with a Hawaiian print jumpsuit.

Though he is not another Kelley Browne, senior Kurt Goesser is a model - a male model.

"Female models are a dime a dozen which makes it very competitive," said Kurt, "while the field of male modeling is very uncompetitive."

Kurt is the only guy in his class at International School

of Modeling. He has been in a fashion show at the Mall of the Bluffs.

"It was totally exciting," said Kurt of his first modeling experience. "I went out in a tuxedo, came off stage, and had to change into another outfit in about five minutes. The only thing was, I felt kind of fake."

Kurt said his mom got him involved in modeling. At his first interview at the modeling school, people said he had a "marketable look."

He hopes to continue modeling at Kansas University. "The directors of the modeling school said if I didn't get jobs in Kansas, they would pay for the

cost of the modeling classes," he said.

Kurt said it is better to do photo shoots than fashion shows. "For the show I was in, I made \$25. For a photo shoot at most places, you get paid \$50 an hour with a minimum of two hours," he said.

"Modeling is kind of weird," said Kurt. "They expect the male models to put on their own make-up, do their own manicures and other things that normal people think are feminine for a guy to do."

Kurt said that no one except his baseball coach really gives him a hard time about modeling.

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Headstart on college lessens hassles

Chris Chapman

Each year, thousands of seniors face the same dilemma, how to go about applying to college. What can be done to aid in this confusing process?

Mr. Steve Nelson, counselor, believes that preparing for college can start as early as freshman year. New freshmen and sophomores become orientated to the services available in the career center. Mr. Nelson encourages all students to use the best preparation, scholarship searches, or college information programs offered.

Juniors received a news letter with career and college information, said Mr. Nelson.

He added that a new college planning booklet, called "Roads to Your Future," will be distributed to juniors. The booklet addresses college, employment, military service, and technical school areas.

The "Senior Times," a newsletter including information on visiting colleges and scholarships, is distributed to seniors throughout the year.

Along with the newsletter, counselors encourage students to come in to the career center and use computer programs such as GIS (Guidance Information Systems) that help determine college and universities that would be appropriate for students based on certain preferences, said Mr. Nelson.

Ms. Jeannine Phelan, of the Educational Planning Center located on

8010 W. Dodge Road, feels that looking at financing an education and actually applying for college are two different things. "I'd love to see more freshmen, sophomores, and juniors start looking at ways to finance their education," she said.

Ms. Phelan acknowledged several avenues of financing exist, the largest of which is the federal government.

However, many colleges and private foundations offer scholarships and grants, she said.

Ms. Phelan

stressed that academics and test scores play a major role in the distribution of scholarship money. "If a student didn't start thinking about academics until he or she was a senior, it would be hard to change a grade point average," she said.

She encourages students to find out about scholarship criteria while looking at a college.

The Educational Planning Center offers free financial counseling, a watts line to call colleges and request information, the college explorer program which helps students choose colleges that would be right for them, scholarship information, and the Student Need Advisor Program (SNAP) which tells students whether or not they

can qualify for government financial aid for different schools.

Ms. Phelan said that using the SNAP can be very beneficial because students who do not qualify will know that they must seek other means to finance their education. Mr. Nelson said that applying for financial aid could be in conjunction with applying to college.

Decisions about financial aid are not made until after January 1. The FAF (Financial Aide Form) is put out by the College Board and the

Several ways of admitting students to college exist. According to "Roads to Your Future," early decision is the opportunity for students to receive action on applications in the first semester of the senior year.

The two types of early decision are single choice, which does not allow students to apply to other colleges until notification from the early decision school, and first choice, which allows students to apply to other colleges, but say that they must withdraw all other applications if accepted by the early decision school.

Early admission allows students to stop the worry of college searching and gives them priority in consid-

eration for scholarships, housing, etc., said Mr. Nelson.

"Roads to Your Future" defines rolling admissions as a decision made by a college as soon as possible after an application is received and no application deadline is specified.

Regular admissions requires a deadline and notifies everyone later in the year, said Mr. Nelson.

Both Mr. Nelson and Ms. Phelan agree on some key factors in applying and making college decisions easier:

1. Write to and/or visit a couple of your top choice colleges.

2. Review college entrance, scholarship, and financial aid requirements

3. Keep PSAT, SAT, and ACT testing dates in mind.

4. Keep G.P.A. up because colleges look at the classes taken and grades of freshmen, sophomore, and junior years.

5. Do not procrastinate too long because options dwindle as the senior year progresses.

"Central will provide opportunities for students, but they have to take advantage of them," said Mr. Nelson. "No one grabs you by the hand and walks you through it."

Senior Jennifer Drake applied on an early decision program to Tulane University. "I had a good idea of where I was going," she said.

Jennifer thought that if she wasn't accepted, then she would have a month to apply elsewhere.

She advises students to start thinking about college now, so that they will know where they want to go. Jennifer found the resources in the career center helpful and added that practice in writing essays aids in preparing for applications.

Lynn Mousel, senior, also applied on an early decision program. She felt that applying early to North East Missouri State would give her priority for scholarships.

Lynn said looking at colleges early helped her make a decision without being rushed.

'I'd love to see more freshmen, sophomores, and juniors start looking at ways to finance their education.'

FFS(Family Financial Statement) is part of the American College Testing Program, he stated.

Both base money grants on need. Colleges accept either the FAF or the FFS.

In order to qualify for scholarships in time, seniors should start looking early in the year at the scholarship file and the Peterson Guide program to see what they are eligible for, said Mr. Nelson.

He also suggests asking parents about scholarships their companies may offer.

Teacher balances opera singing with teaching, family

Chris Chapman

Imagine calmly taking a deep breath and assuming the correct singing stance as thousands of audience members anxiously await the moment you will belt out a famous Italian aria. Mrs. Kristina Bertch, debate and social studies teacher, describes

this experience as "scary," yet exciting, leaving a good feeling after executing the song correctly.

Mrs. Bertch became interested in singing in high school and made her operatic debut by age seventeen. She took private lessons from a European composer who moved to the U.S. after World War II.

Mrs. Bertch has sung with Opera Omaha, the SAC air force base band, several choirs, and fundraisers. She is a Nebraska Federation of Music member, has directed adult and children's choirs, and taught privately.

At least two or three months of preparation go into each performance, said Mrs. Bertch, maybe more, depending on whether the songs are from her repertoire or are new music.

Mrs. Bertch sings not only opera, but also folk, ethnic, and Broadway show songs. Different voice styles and breath control are also important in keeping up singing strength. "It's like working out," she said.

According to Mrs. Bertch, studying languages like Italian, French, and German, plus working on acting and emotion, both add to operatic performances. It is more difficult than

giving a speech because "you are putting everything on the line," she stated.

Over the past three or four years, Mrs. Bertch has limited her performances to two or three concerts a year due to teaching schedules and trying to raise a family.

"I think I have the best of both worlds," she said. Since singing is not a career, she feels that she can have the excitement of singing and still devote time to her teaching and family.

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Eateries exist with ethnic authenticity

Andre Gilmore



Midwest Oriental Foods provides uniquely tasty, authentic Korean food. The shopper finds an array of Oriental groceries, helpful when the urge arises to eat Korean food at home.



Adrian Ferguson

Restaurants and grocery stores are usually kept apart. Either you do your shopping and cook at home, or you go out to eat at a restaurant. Several places in town have combined the two together to serve the foods their store specializes in.

Midwest Oriental Foods is a combination oriental grocery store and Korean restaurant. Although most of the space is devoted to the sales of imported oriental foods enough space exists for about five tables.

Yes, I know you are sitting there reading this and naively saying to yourself, "hey buddy I've had La Choy before, and besides all oriental food is the same." But, if you do not want to be grouped with all these simpletons who think that all oriental food tastes the same, it is time you give Ko-

rean cuisine a try. Korean food has its own unique tastes and variety of foods.

Some of the food is overwhelmingly spicy, so I suggest you inquire as to what you are ordering. A safe bet would be ordering the Bulgogi (a beef dish) which is very tasty and not hot.

Most of the meals come with rice, fried wonton, a cabbage salad and Kimchee—a pickled cabbage seasoned with garlic, ginger, and red pepper, which brings about a very spicy effect—so watch out! The prices are very reasonable with all entrees under \$5.

While waiting for your food, take the opportunity to browse around the store. It is quite an eye opener as to how different a culture can be just by looking at the foods they eat. Down one aisle, I ran across a bag of dried seaweed, on the next a jar of squid, and on the next a 100 pound bag of rice. Who knows, maybe you will be inspired to do a little shopping and cook up your own meal.

The food is good, filling and authentic. I always

consider it a good sign when the people running a restaurant are of the same ethnic background as the cuisine being served. But when more than half of the restaurant's customers, who also enjoy the food, are also ethnic, you can bet you have hit upon an authentic spot.

At the Midwest Oriental Foods, these are both held true. If you have never given Korean food a try, I suggest you venture out to 8243 Hascall Street (the same complex as Mangleson's) and give it a try.

Joe Marino's Delicatessen Market Italiana is also a combination market and restaurant. Marino's is packed with delicious looking imported foods.

The tables are situated in between shelves of imported goods, a freezer full of home-cooked pastas, sauces, desserts, and many other take-home items.

There is also a refrigerated display case packed full of meats, cheeses, and other pickled items.

Marino's is a family run operation. A common sight



D. L. Kowalski

Joe Marino's exists as another combination market and restaurant packed with "delicious looking imported foods. Eat in or take out, shop for groceries; just enjoy the experience. Marino's is Delicatessen is located at 5321 Center St.

would be the family kids sitting at a back table, either patiently doing their homework or having a little spat amongst themselves.

The food, cooked by Mrs. Marino, is wonderful and very filling, and of course it is Italian.

After your meal you might want to sit back and sip on a cup of cappachino and do a little shopping or browsing to see what they have, just in case you run out of money and have to cook something at home.

The prices for a meal are usually above \$5, but they

are well worth the cost. If you enjoy cooking Italian food or just plain love eating it, hop into your car and cruise down to 5321 Center St., eat-in, take out, or grab some raw grub to cook up on your own.

Many more of these combination grocery store restaurants exist in the Omaha area.

The Grainery Whole Foods Market in Ralston, specializing in whole foods, which are basically low cholesterol, organically grown foods, among many which you might want to give a try.

'Tough and mean' Batman is back 'in force'

Seth Kotok

"Vowing upon his parents' death to rid the city of the criminal element, the Batman has, over the years fought crime in its many macabre forms... for the past ten years no one has seen or heard from him, that is until now..." So begins Frank Miller's *The Dark Knight Returns*.

Yes, the Batman is back, and he is back in force. Batman can be seen everywhere lately from comic books to t-shirts to a T.V. show, to a new movie being released this summer.

Batman has changed a lot since he first appeared in *Detective Comics* #27, fifty years ago.

According to Fran Farmer, the manager of Cosmic Comics, Bob Kane created the Batman as a character for adults. In later comics and the television series he became "really silly, but lately Batman is going back to his "tough and mean" origins, Ms. Farmer said.

When people mention the Batman, the next word to come into most people's minds is Robin, Batman's younger companion in his fight against crime. According to Ms. Farmer, Robin left Batman to join the Teen Titans and is now known as Knightwing. A new Robin joined Batman in later comics but recently in a call in poll, readers voted to have D.C. kill

off this new Robin, so no longer is there a Dynamic Duo.

The *Dark Knight Returns* is the most probable cause of the Batman revival, said Greg Clark a senior who owns over 70 Batman comics as well as various Batman paraphernalia. The *Dark Knight* comics were a four part series that totally revamped Batman.

Instead of portraying Batman as a youthful idealist, Miller presented Bruce Wayne, Batman's millionaire alter ego, as a fifty year old cynic who had quit the crime fighting business for 10 years and is currently going through midlife crisis. He was no Superman. Gotham is infested by murderous gangs and so once again Wayne dons the *Dark Knight's* outfit.

The comic was a huge success. Currently "Batman" comics are selling phenomenally," said Ms. Farmer. Greg

said that Batman appeals to the fantasy in people.

"People would like to be Bruce Wayne. Batman is Bruce Wayne but more. Batman feels that some criminals can be helped, but when there is no help, he beats them," said Greg.

A movie about Batman is due out in early summer. Both Greg and Ms. Farmer hope the movie differs from the old T.V. series which Greg said, "Was fun to watch as a child but does not portray Batman as he should be."

The movie stars Michael Keaton (Mr. Mom, Beetlejuice) and Ms. Farmer is not thrilled that a comic actor is playing Batman.

Everyone seems to think that the Joker's part, being played by Jack Nicholson (*One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*).

The Shining was an excellent job of casting Ms. Farmer who has seen some clips of the movie that the public have not said it looks like they have done a good job in presenting a serious Batman.

She also commented on two rumors concerning Robin in the movie. One maintains that Robin does not appear, but another says he shows up only at the end of the movie.

After fifty years of the Batman, success for the character is at an all time high. As Robin would say, "Holy merchandising schemes, Batman!"

He was becoming "really silly," but lately Batman is going back to his "tough and mean" origins.

"Batman feels that some criminals can be helped, but when there is no help, he beats them."

Rap groups all wrapped up in 'bad rap'

Karen Lee

Lately, rap music has been getting, well, a bad rap from censorship groups and nervous parents. According to senior Eric Gilmore, the message these people get from rap music is often the reverse of what rappers intended.

According to Eric, a rapper likes to tell listeners how great he is through his music. This may include bragging about violence, but Eric said most rappers are anti-rings and anti-drugs.

"People don't understand that when you hear a rap, in real life, he's the opposite," said Eric. "If you're not really a rap fan, you won't understand the lyrics."

"The listener should know what to take seriously and not take seriously in a song," Eric said. "A song that takes it on a record should try to give the listener . . . some education," he added.

Rappers Flavor-Flav and Chuck D, both of Public Enemy, MC Lyte, a female rapper, and Heavy D recently recorded "Self-Destruction," a rap protesting drugs and gang violence.

Since last summer, senior Eric "MC Gil" Gilmore, James "MC Jay" Brown, and Metro Tech student "DJ Suicide" have been working on demo tapes for their manager.

James is also in a rap group called Forever Fresh. "Forever Fresh" started out as a hobby. As we got more money, we got more advanced," he said.

According to Eric, they have spent many weekends at DJ Suicide's house, polishing their lyrics and overall sound.

"The more professional your product looks and sounds, the better the chances of getting a contract," said Eric.

Eric, James, and Forever Fresh will be performing in two states this summer, and their tapes will be for sale locally.

"We're trying to be totally original [with concepts in songs and live performances]," said Eric. "The first impression is a lasting one."

Where do rappers get those funky names? "Most of the time, the rapper's stage name correlates with their real name," said Eric, whose stage name, MC Gil, comes from his last name, Gilmore.

Sophomore Lucky Brown and freshmen Jessie Value and Corey Foster formed the rap group Baseline last summer, but disbanded temporarily during basketball season.

"Me and Lucky are the rappers," said Jessie. "[Corey] makes up the beats on the drum machine [and] keeps the keyboard running."

"A lot of people call us up and tell us they want us to DJ for them," said Corey. They have performed at parties, at the Showcase Lounge, and on "Teen Forecast."

"We just rap about the positive and the negative," said Corey. He said that Baseline uses ideas from Los Angeles rapper Easy E and aims to become "hard-style rappers."

"Rapping is an art, really. At first, it used to be just simple rhyming," said Eric. For example, he mentioned rapper Curtis Blow - "It sounded good if all your lyrics rhymed."

Now, "it's open to ideas," Eric said. "You can add any sound effect as long as



Andre Gilmore

Seniors Eric "MC Gil" Gilmore and James "MC Jay" Brown agree that as far as rapping goes, "the first impression is a lasting one" and that listeners must know what to take seriously

you follow the theme. "Mixing is when you combine to make each song sound individual," said Eric. To do this, the DJ usually plays two turntables at one time, and at the right speeds, it sounds like one song.

Another technique a DJ uses are "breakdowns," when he coordinates mixed songs to a beat. A popular sound effect is "scratching," produced when the DJ applies counterclockwise pressure to a spinning record.

While the DJ mans the electronic equipment, Eric said that the rapper must "be smooth throughout the whole song . . . loud . . . and have good lyrics."

"Anybody can rap, but it's the lyrics that make the rapper," he added. James

agreed, saying, "Anybody's getting into rap nowadays, but you got to be good. You've got to have something that appeals to the audience."

Seniors Kenny Merritt and Deron Lewis are in the Young Rebels, a rap group of six youths, formed in 1983.

"Originally we were a breakdancing group," said Kenny. "When breakdancing started going out, and rap coming in, we made a transition," he said.

The Young Rebels perform at parties and special guest appearances. They also made radio commercials for voting and the "just say no to drugs" cause.

Kenny said that the Young Rebels also have a

"traditional rap style" which means they sometimes feel like "rapping about ourselves."

Junior Darl Harris saw the Young Rebels perform at North's Battle of the Bands. "They're pretty good," he said. "I think they might get somewhere."

As fun or time-consuming or profitable as rapping can be, Kenny said it is mostly a favorite pastime. "[Rapping] is just a hobby," said Jessie.

Eric is going to Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia, next fall.

"For me, I can only see this lasting through summer and maybe when I come back, but I'm not counting on it," he said.

Joslyn starts off 'Thursday Night Live' with a sizzle



Johnny Reno and The Sax Maniacs kicked off Joslyn's new program "Thursday Night Live" on March 2. The program continued with Rockin' Daddy and the Blue Crew on March 9.

Justin Kerr

Wrapped in baggy pleated pants and clad in dark sunglasses and a slicked-back pompadour, the figure leaped onto the stage and began to gyrate wildly, his saxophone chattering staccato notes and swinging blue tones.

The funky beat drummed into the air and the floor, pounding up through the

soles of the audience's feet and reverberating into their heads.

Johnny Reno is not a typical Joslyn Art Museum visitor. He and his band, The Sax Maniacs, appeared March 2 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the fountain court as part of Joslyn's new "Thursday Night Live" program.

Kansas City Times critic Greg Hack called the band

"the hottest club act in Kansas City in the last two years."

Freewheeling, Texas-style rhythm and blues barely scratches the surface when describing the band's style. The music ranged from straightforward twelve-bar blues to dark and dangerous contemporary charts. All songs, however, were very danceable and managed to tempt a few of the four-hundred plus people from

the yuppie-predominant audience down to the dance floor.

On March 9, Rockin' Daddy and the Blue Crew offered more blues to the masses for the next Thursday Night Live program.

The group, consisting of Omaha musicians Doug (Rockin' Daddy) Caulkins, lead guitarist Gene Holmes, bassist Dave Wagner, and drummer Joe Gurley, performed mostly blues music for the large crowd.

The Pontiac, one of the hottest new bands on the west coast blues circuit, will visit the Joslyn on March 16. The powerful blues quintet vaulted itself to prominence at the 1986 San Francisco Battle of the Harmonicas.

All facets of the blues, from two-piece Delta ballads to West coast shuffles, make up this group's repertoire.

When Blue Riddim, a Grammy-nominated reggae band, folded, three of its members went on to form the nucleus of The Regulators, from Lawrence, Kansas.

They will appear at the Joslyn on March 23.

The three members from Blue Riddim will be joined by an ex-member of Common Ground, another Midwestern reggae group.

March 30 brings Joe "King" Carrasco Y Las Coronas to the fountain court. His mix of traditional Mexican music and styles of rock 'n' roll has caused people to label him the "king" of Tex-Mex music. Joe Carrasco's most recent album is "Bandito Rock."

Following the music, museumgoers may attend free art lectures held in the lecture hall. The lecture on March 2 was titled "The Eye As the Window to the Soul: Seeing Art for What It Is" and the March 9 lecture was "Is There a Method to their Madness?: The Language of Art."

March 16 offers "Good, Better, Best: The Art of Connoisseurship." The Past in our Present: Artist vs. Art Historian" will be presented March 23, and the March 30 lecture is to be announced.

The cost for the entire evening of entertainment is \$3 for adults, \$2 for students and seniors, and no cost for those with Joslyn memberships. The music begins around 5:00 p.m. and the lectures around 7:00 p.m.

The museum itself remains open until nine o'clock, offering many exhibits and works of art, including a new exhibit by George Ault.

District Basketball

Boys hoops

Team 'played well'

— Pete Festersen —

Despite a first round loss to Benson at the boy's basketball district playoffs, senior Scott English said, "I felt good about [the game]. We could've won, but we played well."

Although the loss ended the season for the team, Scott said, "It was nothing to be disappointed about."

Junior Walter Outlaw agreed and considered the Benson game one of the high points of the season. "Everybody was up for that game," he said.

The team finished with a 10-10 record, a big improvement from last year, stated Walter.

Mr. James Martin, coach, said, "I'm obviously a little disappointed, yet I think we can point to many successes."

According to Mr. Martin, improvements were made in the level of play as a team and as individuals. He said, "We saw a good deal of growth in our veteran and inexperienced players to the point where we became a competitive team."

Walter and Scott agreed that the team was hurt by a sluggish start to the season. They felt that this was mostly due to the rough transition from football season to basketball season experienced by several of the players.

According to Mr. Martin, the team had to overcome much adversity this year. Some problems included injuries and little fan support.

A low point in the season came when the team lost junior point guard Ronnie Calloway due to eligibility problems. He was replaced by junior Karibu Crudup. Although Karibu was not used to playing point guard, Mr. Martin said he was really pleased with his play.

In reference to the season, Scott said, "I felt we wanted to play together as a team, but we could've gone farther than we did."

Mr. Martin feels the team had a good season, but said, "We couldn't quite convert it into a state ticket."

Girls hoops

Play'exemplifiedseason'

— Hilary Foster —

The 1989 girls varsity basketball team ended their season on Monday, February 20, at the district tournament.

Mr. Don Knauss, Central social studies teacher and girls varsity basketball coach said that despite the team's record of six and thirteen, he feels confident about their achievement.

"We started off in a very difficult situation," Mr. Knauss said, "the first five teams we played were ranked in the top seven."

Mr. Knauss feels that the initial losses frustrated the team and prevented them from winning other games.

The district game,

according to Mr. Knauss, exemplified the teams playing all season.

"They played as well in the first half [of the game] as they have played all year." However, the team "couldn't sustain that intensity," he said, and they eventually "reverted back to their old playing."

Despite this year's record, Coach Knauss looks forward to next year. "We are better than a lot of teams right now [and] next year experience will not be an excuse."

"What the girls do off season on fundamentals," he added, combined with the fact that "the team now is mostly underclassmen" will contribute to a winning season next year.

Baseball team ready to play

— Hilary Foster —

Central's baseball team, which opens its season on March 23, has several advantages this year, according to Mr. Elvis Dominguez, Central teacher and baseball coach.

Because they have been conditioning since January, Mr. Dominguez feels that the team is "mentally and physically ready [to play], and they only need to fine tune now." Mr. Dominguez said that he coached Central's summer baseball team last year, and they came close to having a winning season. This spring is his first spring season with the team.

A former Creighton University baseball player, Mr. Dominguez has the use of several practice fields for the team. Through Creighton, he has attained the use of Booth Field for games. "We have made a big improvement as far as facilities are concerned," he said.

Another advantage the team has, according to Mr. Dominguez, is that most of the team members attended the Nebraska Professional Baseball School, a public workshop that more than 200 interested baseball players attended.

Mr. Dominguez, along with other coaches and players of high school and college baseball teams, run this clinic. Mr. Dominguez specializes in middle infield positions.

Mr. Paul Blazeovich and Mr. Tom Kauffman, both teachers at Central, will help coach



Andre Gilmore

Senior Shaun Klement stretches out for a preseason workout. Preparations for the season began in January.

the team, according to Mr. Dominguez. He also said "the team is way ahead of where they were last year at this time."

Although this year's baseball team is young, Mr. Dominguez feels very optimistic

and said that they are "a good group of kids." "There is reason why we can't play at a competitive level." He said the results of the season depend on "how bad we want to win."

Conns attend speed skating competition in Florida

— Marcie Rosenbaum —

Senior Jamie Conn, and his sister Jenni Conn, a junior, recently speed roller skated in a competition in Orlando, Florida.

The brother-sister combo skate for a Des Moines, Iowa team. "It was a big meet and very difficult," said Jenni Conn. Over five hundred people competed in Orlando.

Jenni figure roller skated until she was thirteen and then switched to speed skating.

According to Jenni she didn't skate very well in Florida, but she didn't have enough practice for the competition.

Jenni competed in a few relays, and a couple of outdoor races, a total of eight

races. When asked if the competition in Orlando was the toughest meet she had ever attended Jenni replied, "No, Nationals is definitely the hardest because

"You have to work hard to stay in shape and to keep up your endurance."

you have to place in the top three at Regionals in order to even compete."

The Conns skate six hours a week. Every Sunday the brother-sister combo drive Des Moines to skate with their team.

During the week they practice in Glenwood, Iowa. "We have to work hard and stay in shape to keep up your endurance," said Jamie.

Jamie has been skating off and on since he was five years old. He started skating when he was little because his mother used to skate competitively, and Jamie would go to watch her practice. "I think skating is a lot of fun," said.

According to Jamie he didn't skate up to his ability in Orlando. Jamie skates with four of the fastest senior men in the world.

"All four men try to beat each other, so I work harder to keep up with them," he said.

According to Jenni skating is something she is very serious about. "Skating teaches you about life, how to go after things you want and how to succeed," said Jenni.

"Right now I'm having a lot of mixed emotions toward skating, but I really love it, and I plan on working to get back on my feet," Jenni said.



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Switzer's attitude reflected in Sooners' recent problems

Barry Switzer has really got problems with his Oklahoma football team. It couldn't happen to a nicer guy.

He has a long tradition of winning football games, but the question is, at what cost? He has created an environment down in Norman that allows his players to feel above the law.

It all started at the beginning of the year when the Sooners were slapped with penalties from the NCAA for major rules violations, then the walls came tumbling down. One of Barry's Boys is on trial for shooting a teammate in the chest; three of his players are accused of gang-raping a girl in the athletic dorm. To top that off, Charles Thompson, Barry's starting quarterback, was arrested for allegedly dealing cocaine.

I guess one can't blame Mr. Switzer for the day-to-day actions of his players. No one can make a decision to cheat and steal and shoot people but the players themselves.

So the actions are not Switzer's fault. What I do believe Switzer is accountable for is the environment his players live in.

What kind of example was Barry's staff setting when they broke the NCAA's rules on recruiting. The players were offered cars and money and given all sorts of favors by the alumni. The players and the coaches have to know that what was going on was wrong, but

the illegal activities continued. The players were being given signals that it was okay to cheat and this turned into a feeling of being above the law.

Switzer created a winning environment, but he also created one which encouraged the development of alleged rapists, drug dealers, and would-be murderers. Through his attitudes, he appears also to have taught his players to be cocky and rude. For that, he is accountable. He let his players get out of hand.

The Sooners have really taken heat in the national press. They appeared in one or more *World Herald* articles every day last week. That isn't such a big surprise since they are a rival of Nebraska, but what is more interesting is their appearance on the national news at 5:30. Two separate times, I saw the Sooners featured in a national report. *Newsweek* had a big story on the Sooner's woes, and of course both *Sports Illustrated* and *The Sporting News* have run stories on the Sooners. *Sports Illustrated* even ran a picture of Charles Thompson on last week's cover. Even Dave Letterman is joining in the fun by making the Oklahoma's football team the butt of some jokes during a recent show.

It seems to me when a college football program has as many problems as Oklahoma has had, someone must go. Since the problems are not school-wide and other sports are running smoothly, I can't blame the Athletic Director. The only person to blame is Barry.

I have only one concern with Oklahoma canning Switzer. Would someone else hire him to coach their team? Although I feel his days of coaching college football should be over, I have no doubt that someone would pick him up as their coach. Teams just value winning too much.

I think the NCAA should adopt the rule which has been discussed and make a coach's penalties follow him for as long as he's coaching a college team. Coaches shouldn't be able to run from their penalties and leave their previous school hanging. Sure a coach can always go pro, Larry Brown did. The Kansas basketball team got busted just after he left for the San Antonio Spurs of the NBA. Some coaches face up to their penalties and stick with their schools through the penalties, but the rule would be an effective means of limiting a coach's ability to run from his actions and the actions of his team.

Coaches of teams being punished would have only two choices; stick with the college team they are at, or go to the pros. There aren't nearly as many coaching spots in the pros as available or willing college coaches, and I doubt that anyone will hire a coach if a penalty comes with him. What team would possibly hire a coach accepting the fact that they couldn't appear in a bowl or on television for the first few years of his reign.

Power lifters take Metro, look ahead to State

Hilary Foster

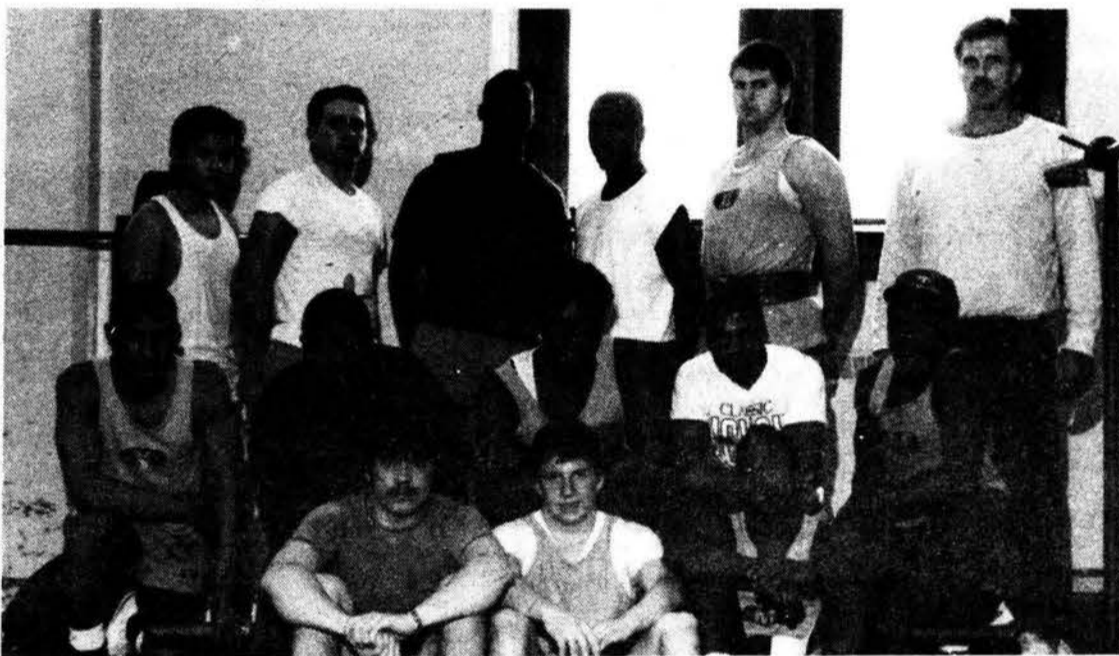
Central's power lifting team fared very well at this year's Metro tournament, according to Coach Joe McMenamen.

I am optimistic about state. I think we have a really good chance."

Brian Lee, in the 198 pound weight class, Tony Slact in the 114 pound weight class, Howard Miers, in the 165 pound class, and Donnel Griffith, who lifts heavyweight, all won at the Metro Tournament, February 18.

The "unusually large number of individual champions" surprised and pleased Coach McMenamen.

Three power lifters on the team who could not attend



D. L. Kowalski

The power lifters, pictured above, won Metro and hope to go on and take state. The team had five individual winners.

Metro will go to State, according to Mr. McMenamen.

"Keith Tooley and Doug Roper, heavyweights, were wrestlers," Coach McMenamen explained,

"and Kelly Yancy was on a recruiting visit."

Brian Lee, one of the metro champions, said he felt "pretty good" about the results.

"I was really encouraged and I hope to compete well again at state." The State power lifting tournament will be held on March 11.

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Senior girls' captain, Cathy Clawson, swims during a practice prior to the State Meet. The meet was held on February 24 and 25 in Lincoln and the Central boys and girls teams competed. Neither team placed and Mr. Allner felt they could have done better. He said, "Hopefully it will motivate them for next year."

Wrestlers place in the top ten at state

Peter Festersen

"Whatever Dominic does is really not a surprise to me," said Mr. Gary Kubik, wrestling coach.

Mr. Kubik was referring to senior Dominic Phillips, the 1988-89 state wrestling champion at 125 pounds.

Although Dominic did not get to wrestle first semester because of eligibility problems due to his transfer from North High School, he said, "I knew I was a top contender."

According to Mr. Kubik, Dominic also had several health problems up until the state tournament, such as the flu and a two week hospitalization for surgery. Dominic said, "My

teammates kept it going for me. I dedicate this year to Coach Kubik and the rest of the team."

Last year Dominic made it to the semi-finals at 119 pounds and this year, he wrestled four matches at state to become champion.

Senior and team captain, Phil Warner, seeded number one at 160 pounds, was defeated in an overtime decision in the first round. He lost to the eventual state champion from Lincoln Northeast. Phil went on to take third place, however.

He said, "I was really disappointed, I shouldn't have relied on the ref."

He said if he were to wrestle the match over again he would be a little more aggressive.

"It was a good match," said Phil. "I guess he deserves to be state champion." Phil has wrestled

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for Central since he was a freshman. According to Mr. Kubik, "He made himself a good wrestler."

Other wrestlers that finished well were juniors

Larry Littlejohn and Keith Tooley. Each finished third in the state in their respective weight divisions.

Larry said, "I felt I could've done better if I would've put the pressure on in the semi-finals."

Keith said he was satisfied with his finish but wants to improve next year. He was the only wrestler in the semi-finals of his division that was not a senior.

Both Larry and Keith are looking for a state championship next year. Keith said, "I'm in good shape, but there is always room for improvement."

At the tournament the team finished with 75.5 points, putting them in sixth place overall. According to Mr.

Kubik, Central was the only Omaha Public School to finish in the top ten.

Mr. Kubik and the returning wrestlers plan to prepare for next year by wrestling with the Eagle Wrestling Club in the spring, attending a wrestling camp at Estes Park over the summer, and by continuously working out.

"It's like everything else today; you have to develop your skills in the off-season," Mr. Kubik said.

According to Mr. Kubik, this was the most successful season Central wrestlers have ever had.

He continued saying, "This was the best group of athletes I've worked with in nine years of coaching."

Pre-season conditioning prepares teams

Tyler McLeod

The spring sports season is well on its way and Central's teams have been preparing themselves for competitive seasons.

According to the Nebraska School Activities Association Yearbook and Bulletin, no organized practices are allowed in any sport during the school year after the end of the season. A team practice cannot be held until the opening day of the next season.

Because many opening games start about two weeks after the first practice, this can be a problem. Two weeks is not always enough time to prepare a team for competition.

Boys soccer coach and English teacher, Mr.

David Martin, said that on "the first day of practice [last year] we were not in good shape," adding that it affected their first game.

The rules do say that a school may organize a conditioning program to promote physical fitness.

This year Mr. Martin had a couple of meetings for interested soccer players and encouraged them to train on their own. He hopes for his

players to be in shape at the first practice this year.

The rules do say that a school may organize a conditioning program to promote physical fitness.

Mr. Elvis Dominguez, foreign language teacher and varsity baseball coach, has had about twenty-two baseball players lifting weights and running three times a week since January 6.

"Right now we are in mid season. We are physically and to some extent mentally ready to go," said Mr. Dominguez.

An important part of pre-season training according to Mr. James Martin, Math teacher and boy's basketball coach, is to talk to the students about the games they are going to be playing in the up-coming season.

Basically to "get their thinking together." Mr. Martin also allowed students to come into the gym before school to work out.

Mr. Dominguez also feels it is important to "let them know what level they should be at."

For next season, he is considering a mandatory three week summer clinic for interested varsity players.

The clinic has been tried in the past, but was

not too effective. "We have not had good participation from varsity players," said Mr. Martin. "It has mostly been junior high kids."

Mr. Dominguez also feels that it is important to talk to his players early in the season to "let them know what level they should be at by the time the season starts," said Mr. Dominguez.

He added that it's important to develop the players, "attitude, discipline and mental preparation before the season opens."

Although it is Mr. Dominguez's first season as head coach, he is very confident and optimistic about this season.

"We won't come in fourth or fifth. We have too many good student athletes," said Mr. Dominguez.