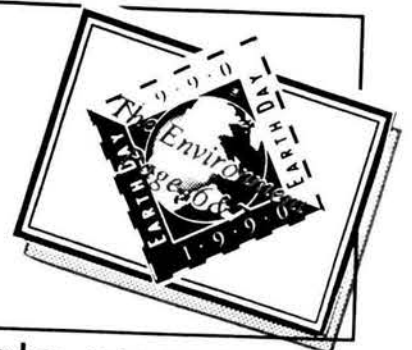


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## Senior activities get underway; planned to continue into summer

Erika Gaylor

Amid the confusion and chaos of those last months of high school, seniors try to sustain their school spirit, most of all senior spirit.

Senior class activities at Central High School seem to have gotten off to a slow start, complained senior Heather Heimuli. "I think the seniors hoped that there would have been more activities by this time in the year," she said.

The class officers are President, Ben Rouch; Vice-President, Tim Pierce; Secretary, Bernadette Calimlim; and Treasurer, Yahnea Green. Boys' and Girls' Sergeant at Arms are Mark Cartwright and Angie Green, respectively.

On April 5, the first day of vacation for most students, the seniors had their first activity at Memorial Park; the Senior Scavenger Hunt. Ben described it as a "monumental success." The winners of the scavenger hunt were Scott McPhaul, Jamar Fowler, Stacie Travis, and Allen McPhaul who are all members of FEBE, Future Elite Black Engineers.

Some seniors complained that they did not have enough time to prepare for the scavenger hunt. Senior Russell Finch complained that people were not informed enough about it.

Ben put announcements in the bulletin about t-shirt designs, but he said that very few people turned any designs in. Seniors who ordered t-shirts received them on April 23. The designer for the t-shirt was Shelley Smith, an art student who submitted a design.

Senior Heather Heimuli said, "Seniors are getting anxious because the end of the year is coming around, and they don't feel like seniors."

Ben feels that the "group has put a lot of hard work in, but that there is no tangible evidence right now." This past week of April 31-May 4, seniors participated in Senior Spirit Week where the seniors dressed up. The days included the "Dress So Ugly Other People Cringe Day," and the "Purple-White-Peanut Butter and Jelly Day," the "Fort Lauderdale, Dude, Day," the "Dress up Like Bozo the Clown Day," and "Dress up Fancy Like a Yuppie Day."

The officers also have planned many sports' tournaments, such as softball, basketball, and volleyball. Wes Kaisershot thinks the seniors should have picnics and reunions in the summer.

Unusual activities planned such as a sleep-over the eve of the last day for seniors and two reunions during the summer are possibilities which would be "firsts" for a senior class. For some seniors going to prom, Ben hopes to have pictures taken in groups or individually.

Ben said he realizes the lack of activity, which is why he has planned summer and non-school sponsored events. The officers would like to see some type of sleep-over or lock-in here at Central for seniors. Seniors Jeanine Mott and Katie Somers think "that would be a great idea."

Seniors wills, which were submitted on April 25, 26, and 27, will be published again this year. The other traditional publication for seniors, Senior Testaments, were turned in on April 24.

Ben believes that "as soon as events are finalized, the pace will begin to pick up for seniors."



Tim Pierce, Senior class Vice President, tallies points for the Senior Scavenger Hunt which was held April 5 and 6.

Photo by Ingo Socha

## Opinions differ on new ParkFair policy; how 'fair' is it ?

Kelly Schiltz

A policy banning youths at the ParkFair Mall was put into effect on Monday, April 16th. Youths under 18 without a parent or legal guardian will not be admitted into the mall between 2:30 pm and 4:30 pm on weekdays. Identification will be checked at the door by mall security.

Problems with conduct and noise level were the reasons the policy was adopted, said Mr. Mike Wiese, Vice President of Metro Center Realvest, the owner of ParkFair Mall. Several large fights involving youths have occurred at ParkFair within the last year to year and a half, he said. A fight involving over 150 students from Central and Benson occurred recently at ParkFair, according to Police Captain Mike Pecha.

The youths were disrupting business and driving customers away, said Linda Liddick, manager of Natelsons at the ParkFair Mall. The policy was "just a way to keep down trouble," Ms. Barb Oetter, manager of the Mayor's Action Office, said.

Omaha police are at ParkFair only in the case of a disturbance, Captain Pecha said. The police are not assigned specifically to ParkFair Mall, but all of the downtown area. The police do not check for identification. Only the mall security checks identification, he said.

Two meetings were held to discuss the problems and what could be done about them, according to Ms. Liddick. The two meetings were held on April 3rd and April 13th.

Dr. G. E. Moller, Central principal, attended the April 13th meeting and said it was a "brainstorming session."

"We all just discussed the problem. We all suggested what we felt would be good," Mr. Naem Muhammed, owner of Kuzu's Kebab at the ParkFair Mall, said.

The Omaha police attended the meeting along with ParkFair Mall tenants and security.

Tenants were given five options as to how the problem would be dealt with. However, management had already made up its mind, said Ms. Liddick. The meeting was "cut and dry even before we went to the meeting," she said.

"The tenants didn't get to vote on [the new policy]," said First Class Sergeant Robert Grothe, recruiter at the Reserve Recruitment Station located at ParkFair.

"There were several different possible actions that were contemplated," Mr. Wiese said. This policy is "one that I would characterize as in the middle of the spectrum," he said.

Because there is a difference of opinion among the tenants, management is "closely monitoring" the situation, Mr. Wiese said. According to Mr. Wiese, the tenants with retail stores support the new policy while there is "some variation" in support among the food court tenants.

"We don't like it," Sergeant Grothe said. The recruitment station, which was not represented at the meetings, is affected dramatically by this policy. Some of the interested youths can no longer walk by their office and pick up brochures after school. The recruitment station told the security guards that any youth having an appointment with their office must be let in, according to Sergeant Grothe. On the first day the security guards followed a couple of the youths who had appointments up to the office, he said.

"We want the kids back," Mr. Muhammed said. Mr. Muhammed said his business is losing money due to the banning. The youths need to be conscious of their behavior all the time, he said. "A lot of responsibility is on the kids."

"I feel we had to do something," Ms. Ellen Junge, owner of The Cookie Company at ParkFair, said. "Maybe we went a little overboard." The tenants felt they needed to make a statement, she said.

"They have to do what they have to do," Duncan Joyner, sophomore, said. "I think they need to protect their establishment."

"Because the security guards are only a few years older than the youths, the youths are taking advantage of them," Ms. Junge said.

"They [the security guards] need a little more maturity. They didn't handle themselves well," Sergeant Grothe said.

Everyone involved needs to cooperate, Mr. Muhammed said. He feels the security guards need to "build a rapport" with the youth. He also said the youth need to show respect toward the security guards.

Ms. Junge said she would like better communication with the schools. The schools need to call the mall if they hear of a fight that is to take place at ParkFair Mall, she said.

Central will certainly call the mall if they hear such rumors, Dr. Moller said.

The policy "seems to be accomplishing what we wanted to accomplish," said Mr. Wiese. If customers do not feel afraid to come into the mall anymore, then management did the right thing, Ms. Junge said.

"I don't know what the solution is. This [the new policy] isn't the solution," Sergeant Grothe said.

Mall management has not decided how long the new policy will be in effect, according to Ms. Junge.

"It is a shame that a couple of people ruined it for all of the youth," said Sergeant Grothe.

It is "really sad" that all youths are punished for the behavior of a few, Ms. Junge said.

Do you think it's fair to ban people 17 and under from the Park Fair Mall after school?

Yes 28 (18.5%) No 124 (81.5%)

Total 152



Mary Campbell, freshman: No, because it's the restriction of a type. If they want to keep control down there, they can place restrictions on it."



Chris Thilgen, sophomore: Not as long as the people are there to patronize a business. If they go down there to socialize, it makes it difficult for business owner to efficiently handle customers.



Angela Rouse, junior: No, it's not everybody starting trouble, so everybody should not be banned.



Maggie Chandler, senior. No, because we go down and spend our money and we are their business after school. It was only a few people who ruined it for everyone.



Mr. Kevin Moran, Guidance Counselor: No, I think that it's like everything else, a few people ruin something for everyone else.

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ParkFair Mall management acted selfishly and unfairly

The older generation has once again taken extreme measures in an attempt to curtail the activities of Omaha's youth. This time, the management of a downtown shopping center, ParkFair Mall, has locked the doors to anyone under the age of 18 not in the company of an adult between the hours of 2:30 and 4:30 p.m.

As with last fall's curfew proposal, those in power are trying to use the deeds of the few to determine the fate of the many. Why condemn an entire age group just because some members have not fully matured yet?

Technically, the mall managers do have the legal right to exclude certain "undesirables" from their establishment. However, it is still a form of discrimination against young

people. What if a nightclub banned all senior citizens because they were dancing the foxtrot and getting in the way of younger dancers? Certainly then, the

What if a nightclub banned all senior citizens because they were dancing the foxtrot and getting in the way of younger dancers? Certainly then, the public would express outrage.

public would express outrage. Young people do have money to spend, especially on after-school snacks. They are valuable consumers, and most likely their absence from the mall will very soon be showing up as profit loss.

True, fighting among students is a serious problem. But most often, the location of the fight is not important. Throwing kids out on the street does not stop violence, it merely moves it.

Of course, maybe the managers of the mall are not

interested in stopping violence. Maybe they just do not want any trouble in their building. If this is the case, then the management is acting very selfishly. The ParkFair Mall is not an elite social club where the very rich can go to relax and forget about all the little people. The problems that plague Omaha are everybody's

problems. The mall cannot pretend they do not exist, for ignoring them will not make them disappear.

Tiny problems will explode into huge conflicts. What happens when the fighting students reach 18 and are able to enter the mall?

A more feasible and more fair solution would be to not allow those students who cause trouble to return to the mall. Society has done enough to shut out this generation, it does not need to do any more.



High penalties may result from drinking and driving

Out of all the important rites of passage a high school student goes through in his teenage career, one of the most memorable is his Senior Prom. Everybody remembers such particulars as who his date was, where they went to dinner, and what color dress she wore.

However, according to some students, the best and most memorable part of the evening comes after the actual dance. People have parties at their houses which include music, dancing, and, many times, heavy drinking.

Although the Register is not condoning the use of alcohol after Prom, it does encourage all students who feel the need to drink to also have enough sense to give

their car keys to someone else before the party.

Drunk drivers are a dangerous problem for society and kill many innocent people every year. This, we realize, is something everyone has heard at one time or another.

But, here's something to think about. Throughout the "Prom Season," the police are going to be alert and scoping for drunk drivers. Road-blocks, radar, and breathalizers are just a few of the weapons the cops have in store for you when you take to the wheel toasted. Furthermore, jail, fines, and license suspensions are some of the punishments with which they can enforce the drunk driving laws.

Ever seen someone's insurance statement after their insurance company realizes they got a DWI ticket? Most of the time premiums get raised 50-100 per cent or more.

Not to mention that any after-prom partier with beer or alcohol in his car is subject to a Minor In Possession which is punishable by the same penalties as DWI's and will raise your insurance premiums just as much.

Although the Register staff wants Prom to be as memorable and as much fun as possible, we also care about every student at this school, and would really like to see everyone on Monday morning at school in one piece and without a police record.



Spontaneous Combustion with Stacy Gottschalk

# In business of life: education, happiness, success synonymous

"The hourglass is draining fast. It holds no future, knows no past. And all this, too, will come to pass."  
--Soul Asylum

At any rate, that snotty piece of literature really made me sit and think (in the middle of a history lecture, I believe) about the importance of education. My initial thought was this: without education, I would be a very happy, non-stressed, carefree person. My next thought was that without education, I would be a

Yale and majoring in everything under the sun. I'm talking about graduating from high school, acquiring a diploma to wave in people's faces, to frame and mount on your wall.

Our country has social, economic, and environmental problems that affect all of us and need to be solved. We cannot do anything about these problems unless we concentrate on education first.

I am not trying to say that our educational system is lacking in any way, because I simply do not know all of the facts. I am just urging students to continue in school and parents to encourage their children to learn. Knowledge is the most important thing we can give to the children,

that and the drive to stay in school and learn. The abused and neglected, the poor and homeless — these children need the government's help. And we must show the government that the American people care about the education of our children, the silent but extremely important members of society.

I am not talking about going to Harvard or

I read the lines that my friend, Jim, was pointing to. They said (and I quote):

"Listen, we have something to tell you."

I'm all ears, I thought.

"This school system can go on very nicely, thank you, without you."

I laughed, because I found this funny.

And it was, in a demented sort of way. The above material was actually quoted from an OPS pamphlet about "You, Drugs, and School" that was distributed in auditorium homeroom to all of us "big" seniors who thought we were important. Someone actually told me that OPS can go on "very nicely" without me or any of my fellow students.

Well, it has before, and one blessed day, it shall once more. And for now, I am very much a part of the school system, and offending pamphlets will not change that.

... without education, I would be a very happy, non-stressed, carefree person ... without education I would be a very unhappy person, unable to fend for myself and unable to survive in this world.

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"The business of America is business," Calvin Coolidge once said. Well, it takes an education to be successful in business. It takes an education to do anything. I think that the "business of America" is education.

## Environment should be of concern daily, not yearly

I was surprised about all of the hoopla surrounding Earth Day, April 22nd. People were demonstrating against fast food restaurants to protest the usage of styrofoam. I saw colorful flyers to remind people to recycle. People walked and rode their bicycles instead of driving their cars or taking the bus. I was happy to see that many people were paying back the environment in the way that will benefit our land, water, and air and the things that live in it.

The environment's deterioration can be attributed to ignorant companies and administration. Trees are cut down by lumber companies faster than new trees are being replanted. Many companies dump toxic chemicals in rivers and lakes without being punished or penalized for these acts. Exhaust fumes from cars and factories pollute the air. Many land developing companies clear land for condominiums or interstates without any regard for the wildlife that needs these areas for survival.

Boston Harbor. It seems that the only time that the environment is an issue is when the the public wants something done. The companies and administration live by a "If you don't care, why should we?", philosophy which might be money saving for them, but life threatening for the environment.

from something, it kills it. Exhaust fumes from cars and factories cause acid rain, which is a mixture of corroding elements in precipitation. Acid rain erodes hard materials and pollutes water in rivers and streams. The Greenhouse Effect is the depletion of the ozone layer with the usage of chlorofluorocarbons. When the ozone layer is depleted, ultraviolet rays are increased, thus making the earth's temperature warmer. Companies dump chemicals in bodies of water or at sites used for chemical storage. Unfortunately, people and animals live by these areas and have to drink water tainted with these chemicals. Examples to live by are Love Canal and Lake Michigan. Need I go further?

the environment, we have to make them realize that the environment is to be taken seriously. I believe that more is needed to be done on a local level, rather than laws and legislations passed from Washington D.C. All companies and representatives should know that we are aware of what is happening, and that we have a say in this matter. We can show our concerns if we write to our companies and legislators. If companies and legislators won't listen, give your support and patronage to companies and

### Another View

by Tina Ray

The writer is a member of the Register staff.

However, I noticed a lot of people who thought of Earth Day as some stupid day where people hound you on the phone for donations or where celebrities do these charitable acts for publicity. Now I don't know about the celebrities' intentions, but I do know that after decades of neglecting the environment, the long deserved recognition of Earth Day is a step in the right direction. People need to know that protecting the environment is not a big joke and more effort is needed to protect it.

Many companies drill for oil and fish in the oceans to the disadvantage of aquatic animals and plants. Animals are killed for their furs and other necessities at such a rate that a spot on the endangered species list is inevitable. Governments on both local and federal levels are strong on proposing ideas and legislation, but weak on passing the laws or enforcing them.

During the eight year Reagan administration, the environment was never looked upon with great concern. President George Bush never mentioned the environment on his platform agenda. The only time I remembered Mr. Bush mentioning it was when he was attacking his opponent Michael Dukakis on the heavy pollution

Companies and administration live by a "Why should we care?" philosophy.

As one can assume, with every cause there is an effect. The loss of trees and the inability to replace the tree with new ones leads to deforestation. In South America, farmers use this method to clear way to make pastures for their cattle. Unfortunately, one forgets to realize without trees the land erodes to such an extent that planting new seedlings is impossible, and in the future all you have for land is desert.

Japan and Russia fish for krill, small fish and plankton, because it is a cheap, protein food that is fit for human consumption. Krill, however, is a main food source of the Blue Whales which are an endangered species. It doesn't take a genius to comprehend that when you take away an essential supply

I know I sound like some brochure or a commercial you would see if you had stayed up late for David Letterman, but I don't think enough people are realizing what is going on. One day in history will never make up for all the damage the environment has suffered in the past. Earth Day is a starting point, and from now on, it is up to us to decide where we want to go.

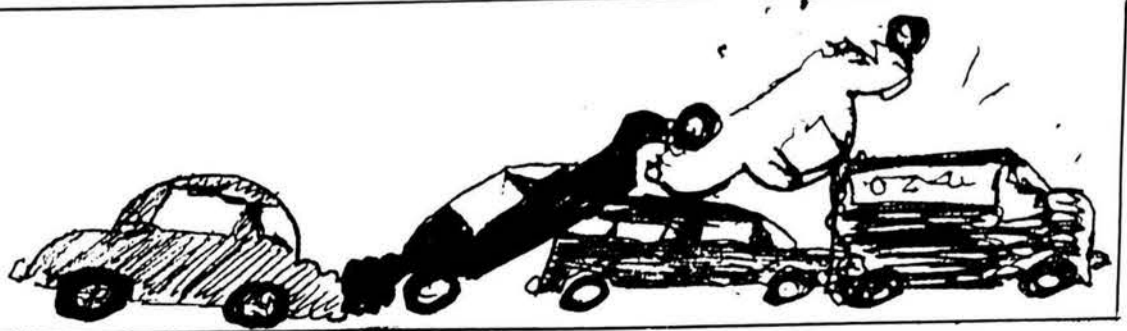
Companies rely upon the amount of products we buy from them. Politicians rely upon the amount of the support they get from us. When it concerns

We can't trade an old world for a new world.

legislators that will.

Expressing your love toward the environment should never be marked for one day a year. To give back the environment what it has given us, every day should be an Earth Day. I don't want my children to drink water the texture of tar. I don't want to be a prime candidate for lung cancer as soon as I step out of the front door for fresh air. We can't trade in an old world for a new world. If we don't preserve our natural resources, who else will?

After Prom, please don't drink and drive.



# SPOTLIGHTS

Michelle Hickle

## Mrs. Bayer honored

Mrs. Daryl Bayer has been named an Outstanding French Teacher for 1989-1990 school year by Nebraska Chapter of the American Association of Teachers of French at the Nebraska Foreign Language Association conference.

This award recognizes creativity, originality, imagination, and outstanding contributions in the teaching of French. Mrs. Bayer's accomplishments include the founding of the French Honor Society, setting up a program for earning an academic letter in French Club, taking students to Europe, coordinating the State Convention of Students of French, and chairing the Central High International Foreign Language Banquet.

Mrs. Bayer was also elected president of the Nebraska Chapter of the American Association of Teachers of French.

## S. Maliszewski to speak May 10

Dr. Stanley Maliszewski, supervisor of the Omaha Public Schools counseling department, will be speaking at Central's College Night in room 235 at 7:00 p.m. on May 10, 1990. Dr. Maliszewski will be speaking about starting a college search, questions to ask college representatives, college visit checklists, college entrance exams, tuition costs, and financial aid sources. This general information session is being offered for students, in any grade level, and their parents.

## Central superb at Grand Concours

Five of Mrs. Daryl Bayer's fifth year French students took *Le Grand Concours*, the French National Exam. Students were allowed 80 minutes to complete the 80 question exam containing reading comprehension, vocabulary, grammar, and listening sections. Jessica Perlman placed seventh in the state; Monika Langner, fourth; and Duane Ludwig, first.

These three students will be honored during a reception in Central's courtyard on May 12, 1990.

## Else Festerson honored

Else Festerson was chosen to receive the Omaha Exchange Club 1990 Outstanding Sophomore Award. She was chosen by her school and community activities, leadership qualities, recognitions and awards, work, and academics. Else and her counselor, Miss Jo Valasek will be honored during the 38th Annual Exchange Club Awards Luncheon at the Happy Hollow Country Club on May 8, 1990.

## New Rotary Club Rep chosen

Heather Heimuli was chosen to represent the Central High School senior class in the 1990 Rotary Club. Heather and her counselor, Mrs. Faye Johnson, are invited to a luncheon on May 18. She was selected by the counselling department because of her all around achievement with special emphasis on citizenship and service to class, school, and community. Last year's senior class representative to the Rotary Club luncheon was Angela Martin.

## Spring concerts coming up

Central music students are preparing for their spring concerts. On May 15, the A Cappella Choir and CHS Singers will present a concert. The Spring Musical, on May 17, will include performances by the jazz band, stage band, Junior Choir, Treble Choir, and CHS Singers.

The Central High concert band, junior band and orchestra will present their concert on May 22. The concerts will each begin at 7:30 p.m. in Central's auditorium and are free to the public. Everyone is invited to attend.

## Freshmen attended workshop

On April 7, fifteen Central High freshmen went to the first annual Hugh O'Brien Youth Foundation Leadership workshop at the Omaha Public Schools Teacher Administrative Center. These students have been identified to have leadership qualities. Mark Martinez, Kacheal Newsome, Juliann Germer, Margret Griffin, Julia Armenta, Micheal Watkins, Karen Williams, Dawn Willis, Michelle Dowd, Patrick Driscoll, Pimpom Cha, Jennifer Beal, Joshua Cusworth, Ryan Basye, Scott Anusevich were invited to participate in the leadership workshop.

## Register and O-Book awarded by NHSPA

The *Register* recently received the preliminary winners from the Nebraska High School Press Association. The preliminary winners were Ben Rouch, first place in Column Writing; Andre Gilmore, second place in Photography; Melissa Drickey, second place in Advertising; and Devin Ferguson, third place in Editorial Cartooning.

Students whose pieces placed in the top ten were Lena Gold and Ben Rouch in entertainment, Jennifer Murphy in Feature Writing and Newswriting, Chris Harz in Sports Feature, Kayt Headen in Advertising, and Alyssa McIntyre in Newspaper Layout. Tim Pierce was chosen as a first alternate in the Sports Feature category.

These staff members will travel to Lincoln on May 5 to participate in the final competition. While in Lincoln, each student will write, lay out or take pictures according to the category in which they received a preliminary award.

Sarah Bruns placed second in Yearbook Theme Development in the Nebraska High School Press Association Competition.



Mr. Larry Hausman and his art class produced plaster masks for volunteers from the class. Here Amy Rogers and Mollie Krussel are getting their faces plastered by Marc Johnson and Aaron McKeever.

Photo by Ingo Socha

## Central did well on AHSME

For the 34th time in the 41 years of Central's participation in the American High School Math Exam (AHSME), Central topped 163 Nebraska high schools to take State. The AHSME is a 30 question exam that lasts 90 minutes.

The top three individual scores from each school are used for the school's score. Duane Ludwig, Zi Wu, and Brad Gibson, together, provided Central with a school score of 319. Lincoln East placed second with a 301.

Individually, Duane Ludwig placed third in the state, Zi Wu placed fifth, and Brad Gibson placed 12th.

## Students of the month

April's "Students of the Month" were Pat Driscoll, freshman; Marni Berger, sophomore; Hai Nguyen, junior; and Scott McPhaul, senior.

## Central math students best in NE

Periodically, Central's Enrichment Math class takes brief tests that are sent to high schools nationwide. Central's score for both sets of tests was the highest in the state of Nebraska.

One set of tests, known as the ASMA, is distributed by the American Scholastics Mathematics Association. The ASMA is a seven question test to be completed in 35 minutes. With the combined scores of the Enrichment class, Central placed not only first in Nebraska, but also 12th in the nation.

The other set of tests which are sent by the Atlantic-Pacific Mathematics League, known as At-Pacs, are taken six times a year. The At-Pac is a six question test to be completed in 30 minutes. The combined scores of the Enrichment class, once again, placed Central first in Nebraska and fifth in the nation.

With a possible high score of 36 from all six tests, Central's high scorers were Zi Wu with 34; Duane Ludwig, 33; Eric Troy, 33; Tim Romberg, 32; Brad Gibson, 30; Dan Dorneanu, 29; Alvin Yam, 29; Anya Lawler, 29; Del Laugel, 28; and Jennifer Bremer, 27.

## DECA strikes once again

Sixteen of Central's Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) went to San Jose, California, on April 22, 1990 to compete in DECA Nationals against over 8000 other students.

Andre Gilmore and Mara Taylor received finalist medals. Keith Klanderud, Kiri Soares, Madeliene Mundt, and Jason Teel were nationally commended students.

The public relations project, a 40 page manuscript written on any topic, was on self-esteem. The project placed in the top ten. Jen Bell was the chairman of this project which was worked on by many of Central's DECA members.

Central's DECA nationalists competed in 11 events and received recognition in seven of them. That is an Omaha Public Schools record. Central also holds the OPS record of the number of students going to Nationals.

The students that represented Central at DECA Nationals were Jen Bell, Laura Buckingham, Lisa Hobson, Kiri Soares, Lisa Frey, Chad Rains, Jason Teel, Andre Gilmore, Jennifer L. Collins, Stephanie Sirois, Mara Taylor, Jennifer Johnson, Heather Collins, Emily Fitzsimmons, Madeliene Mundt, and Keith Klanderud.

## Register runs up in UNO Competition

The results of the UNO High School Journalism Competition were announced at the Milo Bail Student Center on April 25, 1990. Melissa Roberts received runner-up for best editorial; Keith Klanderud, runner-up for best feature story; Andre Gilmore, runner-up for best sports photograph; Alyssa McIntyre, runner-up for best front page; Chris King, runner-up for best cartoon; Jeff Healdt, runner-up for best original art; and Lena Gold, runner-up for best review. Melissa Drickey took first place for best advertisement.

# Foreign Languages compete, learn at conventions

**Keri Babe**

Olé! To celebrate the Hispanic culture, students in the CHS Spanish classes participated in this year's Omaha Olé.

The event was held at Bryan Senior High. Students engaged in four levels of competition, including poster, name tag, talent, poetry, and food. Central won first place for creativity in the name tag competition. The talent competition consisted of songs sung in Spanish, native dancing, and Spanish skits. The Poetry competition consisted of students memorizing poems and reciting them in Spanish. Mexican and Spanish food prepared by students made up the foods event.

A separate area of competition called the College Bowl enabled students in the first through third level Spanish courses to compete against one another in scholastic events.

All of the events were reviewed by judges and scored according to a point system.

Spanish teacher, Mrs. Plata, said, "I think the Omaha Olé encourages students to continue with foreign languages and to maintain an interest in them."

"Approximately twenty-five Central students in grades nine through twelve participated in the Omaha Olé. Mrs. Plata and Mrs. Andersen accompanied the students.

In addition to the Omaha Olé, other conventions have been held for the other foreign languages. The annual French convention was held Saturday, April 28, at Bryan Senior High School. Similar to the Omaha Olé, the French convention includes college bowl, poster and nametag competition. The fifth year team and the fourth year team placed first in college bowl competition. The Latin Convention was also held on April 28. Members of the Junior

Classical league competed and won first place in the third, fourth, and fifth year certamen.

Several individuals placed in history, mythology, vocabulary, derivatives, and

grammar. The German Convention will be held Saturday, May 5.



Cindi Hall, in a toga, discusses the Junior Classical League State Convention with Miss Rita Ryan, teacher. During the convention, state officers were elected. Officers from Central are Teresa Clark, president, and Mindy Ford, secretary. Photo by Ingo Socha

## Ten credits required each year to move to next grade level Central to change requirements for advancement

**Alyson Adams**

Although this year's senior class consists of 570 students, it is likely that next year's senior class will be significantly smaller.

Beginning with the 1990-91 school year, all Omaha Public Schools will promote students to the next grade level according to the actual number of credits earned, not according to the number of years a student has attended school.

designed in order to make the OPS senior high schools uniform.

According to Dr. G.E. Moller, Central High principal, Central is one of only two OPS high schools which does not presently label students according to the number of credits they have earned.

He said that the new system will be more fair because it will treat all OPS high school students equally, and, since so many students transfer to other schools, the new system should make this process easier.

Dr. Moller said that this new system will not only unify all of the OPS high schools, but will also provide greater honesty.

"We felt in the past that it may have been better to keep kids with their own age group, but now we know that [the new system] is the kind thing to do," he said.

**"We felt in the past that it may have been better to keep kids in their own age group."  
-Dr. Moller**

In order to graduate from a freshman homeroom to a sophomore homeroom, a student must earn a minimum of 10 credits. Juniors must have 20 or more credits, and seniors must have at least 30 credits. A total of forty-five credits are required for graduation.

This new method was

The new system of labelling students was encouraged by the Superintendent, the Instruction Department, the Student Personnel Services department, and OPS high schools, and according to Dr. Moller, they eventually reached a "general agreement" which was "long overdue."

Dr. Moller said that there are several advantages to the new system.

"It will make record keeping easier and much more accurate at the senior level," he said.

**"If [students] were encouraged to get more credits, they might."  
-Denise Prescott**

Dr. Moller said that, in the past, the number of students in a senior class at the beginning of the year is very large.

However, it is not accurate because a large percentage of them have not earned enough credits to have a place in the class.

"This makes the class rank inaccurate. If 80 of the students don't belong in the class, the G.P.A.'s won't be accurate," Dr. Moller said.

He said that another disadvantage of the past system is that students' parents are often unaware of their children's lack of credits.

"As the student progresses through school, parents pay less and less attention to the kids, mostly because the kids discourage them from being involved in their lives."

"I've found that some parents are shocked to learn that their kid isn't even near graduating," he said.

Dr. Moller said that the new labelling system will solve these problems and will make sure that students "meet certain requirements."

Junior Denise Prescott approves of the new system.

"If [students] were encouraged to get more credits, they might," she said.

"I think a lot of people don't even worry about credits beforehand because they think they can get caught up at summer school," she said.

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## Ozone depletion es

— Jennifer E. Murphy —

"If [ozone depletion] gets worse, it could cease life on the planet as we know it," said Marcus Micheli, senior.

"The ozone layer protects the earth from the ultra-violet radiation which would give high incidents of skin cancer and crop damage," said Mr. Richard Bode, Central Biology and Chemistry teacher.

The problem of the formation of holes in the ozone layer—which is located in an upper portion of the earth's atmosphere—the stratosphere, has become more serious in the last couple years, according to Mr. Bode. "[Ozone] is a relative of the oxygen we breathe, but chemically different than oxygen," he said. He went on to say that ozone contains three oxygens, instead of the normal two oxygens, which is the oxygen people breathe.

Depleting the ozone layer are the chemical compounds called chlorofluorocarbons, nicknamed

CFCs by scientists. Mr. Bode. CFCs are many industrial non-toxic and he said. "CFCs are not dangerous," Bode went on to say. "They have 'bad effects' with ozone." Mr. Bode said. "CFCs are present in air conditioners, plastics, and refrigerant." "We know it's not good," Marcus. Mr. Bode said. "CFCs have been banned in the United States," Roeder, Central Biology teacher. He said. "Doing away with aerosols is not doing a whole."

## Environmental concerns stem action

— Keith Klanderud —

The awareness of the environmental corrosion is widespread now, but with the passing of Earth Day, Mother Nature will soon find out if the millions of people who supported her on April 22 will support her through the remaining efforts to clean up the world.

Much effort was made on this year's Earth Day to change the bad habits not only in the United States but across the world. It marked the twentieth year since the first Earth Day which was organized in 1970 by environmentalist Denis Hayes.

Air and water pollution, deforestation, the land fill crisis, and toxic waste all demand attention as urgently as they did 20 years ago. Some of the most severe threats, global warming and ozone depletion, weren't even recognized in 1970 and thus are nowhere being solved.

With too many problems and many solutions needed, environmental leaders are trying to inaugurate public awareness of the conservation issues.

The attitudes of concern started the first Earth Day and the same attitudes are being formed today with the old and the young.

Many students today have strong feelings about the destruction of the environment and what is being done about it.

Senior Toni Siragusa said that the environment of America needs help,"but in

Omaha it [the environment] has improved a lot since the Industrial Revolution."

Toni also said, "People who are ignoring that fact today are just leaving the problem around for their kids and are heading for their own ruin."

Senior Lisa Hobson also said that she thought there was a basic 'I don't care' attitude in a large part of society and, "a lot of people are participating in the movement just because it's the thing to do."

According to Toni, "Even if we can just get people on the bandwagon, after a while they'll get into it [conservation] and realize what a good thing it is."

**"High school kids today really aren't being taught enough about the environment."  
-Kate Lundholm**

Junior Kate Lundholm said, "High school kids today aren't really being taught enough about the environment, at least in school." Kate also said, "I think students are becoming more aware at Central because of the paper recycling at school, the big press coverage on Earth Day this year, and also the new Green Eagles Club."

The Green Eagles is a

new club which was organized at Central this year to promote environmental conservation with the students at Central. The club was organized by juniors Michael Stansberry and Adam Rissien and senior Marcus Micheli; efforts made this year include planting a tree in Central's front yard, marching to The Central Park Mall and picking up trash along the way, and also putting trash cans in the courtyard for only aluminum cans.

Junior Erica Gaylor is a member of The Green Eagles and said, "I think it's great, it's helping to get high school students involved in the environment which is something we all should do."

The young people of today will confront many of the environmental problems in the future and by taking action and developing positive attitudes now, they are one step ahead. Whether or not all students become true practicing environmentalists or not depends on the extent to which they believe we are endangering it and until that decision is made, the revolution for the environment has not begun.

Ten Ways To Save The Earth  
1. Insulate your home to combat global warming by reducing the burning of fossil fuels and the resulting buildup of carbon dioxide.

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3. Buy energy efficient cars and use car pools or walk, ride a bike, or use public transportation.

4. Eat lower on the food chain and buy in bulk to avoid excess packaging.

5. Recycle newspaper, glass, and aluminum, and start a garden compost pile.

6. Help stop the production of CFCs which create 17% of the greenhouse effect and destroy the earth's fragile ozone layer.

7. Plant trees around your home to absorb carbon dioxide and cut down the need for heating and air conditioning.

8. Start an organic garden to reduce the use of chemicals and the energy-expensive transportation of commercially grown vegetables.

9. Shop ecologically by buying organically grown produce and products that will last, and use canvas or string bags instead of plastic.

10. Get involved and learn more about global warming by writing Global ReLeaf, American Forestry Association, P.O. Box 2000, Washington, DC 20013.

Adapted from a poster by the Greenhouse Crisis Foundation, 1130 17th St. NW, Suite 630, Washington DC 20036-65529

# As 'holes' in atmosphere, comfort levels; substitutes sought

refrigerant [in refrigerators and air conditioners] because of their thermo-dynamic properties," said Mr. Bode. "Refrigerators use freon, a form of CFCs. It is a cooling agent and is also used in the insulating foam in the body. CFCs are a big advantage as a refrigerant because of its great thermo-dynamic properties, or it can change temperature."

According to Mr. Bode, the "CFCs rise to the stratosphere where ultra-violet radiation breaks the CFCs down, and halogen atoms are released, which breaks down the ozone." He went on to say that scientists are unsure of what happens after that.

"The chlorine part of the CFCs does the most damage," said Mr. Roeder. "It goes crazy when it reacts." In addition to the CFCs breaking up the ozone layer, Mr. Roeder said that planes flying high into the stratosphere burn up the ozone "like crazy;" for example, military planes.

"It is believed that there is a big hole in the ozone layer above Antarctica and the Arctic,"

said Mr. Bode. These holes are located at the poles because the "air is more dense at the poles," rather than over large metropolitan areas, Mr. Roeder said.

"When winter comes, the air is more dense, and it lowers, making it more susceptible to the CFCs," said Mr. Roeder. The size of these holes is not definite, but "bigger than [people] first thought," he also said.

**"[Individuals] have to pay the price to save the environment."  
-Mr. Al Roeder**

The holes were discovered through satellite photographs, Mr. Bode said.

"Australia is beginning to have problems," Mr. Roeder said. Australia is located close to the hole by Antarctica, he said. "The hole is big enough to do tremendous damage, but it is over a slab of ice. If the holes were

over Omaha, we would be in trouble."

The only solution seems to be for scientists to find a substitute for the chlorofluorocarbons, Mr. Bode said.

"Other types of refrigerants are available, but they do not work as well, and are more expensive," said Mr. Bode. New substitutes could cause the car air conditioners to not get as cold, or get so cold that "a person would have to wear a sweater inside of their car during the summer."

"A best replacement has not been found." Known substitutes include HFC-134a and HFC-152a, he said. Both are not as efficient as the CFCs and the HFC-152a is slightly flammable, Mr. Bode said.

Isobutane, propane, and butane are being used in aerosols instead of the CFC's, but have been found toxic to the heart and nervous system in test animals.

"I think it is possible, [to find a substitute]," Mr. Bode said. "[Scientists] need to come up with

ones that do not damage ozone. Ultimately, CFCs will have to be banned, undoubtedly." He went on to say that the refrigerator will have to be re-invented in 5 years.

Marcus said that scientists are doing "some things," but that the government "has to regulate more."

"Manufacturers are being compelled to ban CFCs, but not a lot is being done by individuals," said Mr. Roeder. "Individuals are not willing to give up their car air conditioners."

"I know I should be worried about [ozone depletion] but it is such an abstract factor I don't consider it," said Julie Williams, senior. "I need to see it with my own eyes."

According to Mr. Bode, if "one person quits using their air conditioner, it won't make a difference," or if one person started using an air conditioner, it would not make a difference, either. He said it is a "cumulative effect."

Mr. Roeder said that not using the major CFC appliances

might not help the ozone layer.

"If [people] stopped using all CFCs today, it would be a very long time until the ozone layer could replenish itself," he said. "[Individuals] have to pay the price to save the environment."

"A change has not been made because [people] are still looking for the best substitute and at a relatively low cost," Mr. Bode said.

"If new air conditioners were invented, I would pay the more expensive price to save the ozone," said Marcus.

Mr. Bode said that scientists still debate on whether or not the ozone layer depletion is of an immediate concern.

Marcus thinks that people are going to have to "wake up and smell the coffee" for anything to be accomplished.

"There is a minority of people who are doing something about the ozone layer," he said.

"I think that it is time to find a replacement, [for the CFCs] even if it costs more," said Mr. Bode.

# Individuals, local governments campaign for recycling

Stephanie Kurtzuba

The U.S. produces 300 billion pounds of trash annually.

The average family throws out enough trash each year to equal the weight of their car.

Taxpayers pay \$48.00 per ton to collect, haul, and landfill yard waste.

(Facts compiled from "Recycle" fact sheet distributed by Public Works Department, Quality Control Division.)

According to Mr. Elwin Larson, Head Environmental Engineer of the city of Omaha, many steps are being taken toward the volume reduction of residential waste in the Omaha area. "This summer we are going to offer curbside pick up for people who will separate their aluminum, plastic, and glass for recycling purposes. By January 1, 1990 we hope to have citywide, weekly pick up for newspaper and yard waste."

Mr. Larson said that yard waste, (grass clippings, leaves, etc.) which makes up 33% of Omaha's residential waste, will be combined with other organic waste at the city landfill and allowed to naturally decompose under controlled conditions. Mr. Larson added that, "What a landfill does, in actuality, is mummify the waste that's buried there. Once the waste is compacted, buried, and the oxygen is cut off, natural decomposition doesn't occur."

The new Douglas

County Landfill is located at Highway 36 and County Road 80, which is a new site that began operation in September of this year, said Mr. Norman Hanson, Environmental Manager for Douglas County Special Services County Landfill. "The old site closed in August of last year and the new site opened the next day. This new landfill is expected to last for about 18 years, but I believe as soon as recycling really kicks in, we'll be able to conserve much landfill space and make the site last even longer."

Mr. Hanson also said that a new project is in progress that will help Nebraskans further contribute to the recycling of their residential waste. This new project, the Materials Recovery Facility, is expected to be operational by late June of this year. The MRF will be a manual separation site designed specifically for the sorting of recyclable trash from non-recyclable trash, Mr. Larson said. "What we're looking at here is a huge conveyor belt with people distinguishing the recyclable waste and sorting it from the rest. The other waste will pass along the belt and then be hauled to the landfill to be disposed of."

Mr. Hanson said the only "feasible way the MRF program could work," is if the company owning the MRF can find markets

for the recycled goods. Omahans can help in promoting the success of the MRF by purchasing products that use recycled parts, he said.

Mr. Larson said that through the MRF and other programs, such as the weekly pick up plan, residential waste "could be reduced by 50% in five years."

He added that the next big task that the Environmental Engineering Department for Douglas County faces is trying to raise the recycling consciousness of large businesses in the Omaha area. Mr. Larson said that he would like to see locally based corporations employ the use of organizations such as ENCOR. (Eastern Nebraska Community on Retardation)

In another part of Nebraska, Boyd County residents are fighting against a new proposed landfill that would be a dumping site for low-level radioactive waste. In a fact sheet distributed by the Save Boyd County Association (SCBA) "low-level" waste is "a broad spectrum of radioactive materials, ranging from slightly contaminated booties and test tubes to intensely radioactive metals drawn from the interior of a nuclear reactor." According to the SCBA, three major producers of radioactive

waste are industry, institutions (research and medical) and nuclear power reactors.

The fight to keep this low-level dump out of Boyd has sparked a fervent and intense battle with the US Ecology, the company wanting to build the site. According to Marvin Resnikoff, Research Director for the Radioactive Waste Campaign, in his Summer 1988 article on US Ecology, "On May 26 the company settled a long-standing lawsuit with Illinois over the Sheffield radioactive dump. Radioactive leakage from the dump, which contains over 3 million cubic feet of low-level waste, including 30 pounds of plutonium-239 and the dismantled Elk River demonstration reactor, is draining into a nearby pond."

SBCA said, in another information sheet, "A major concern is the possible contamination of the aquifer beneath the site or the watershed feeding the Missouri River. The waste must be kept isolated from the environment at least 500 years. Federal law requires that the dump be monitored for only 100 years."

For those interested in the SBCA who wish to contact them, they can be reached at Save

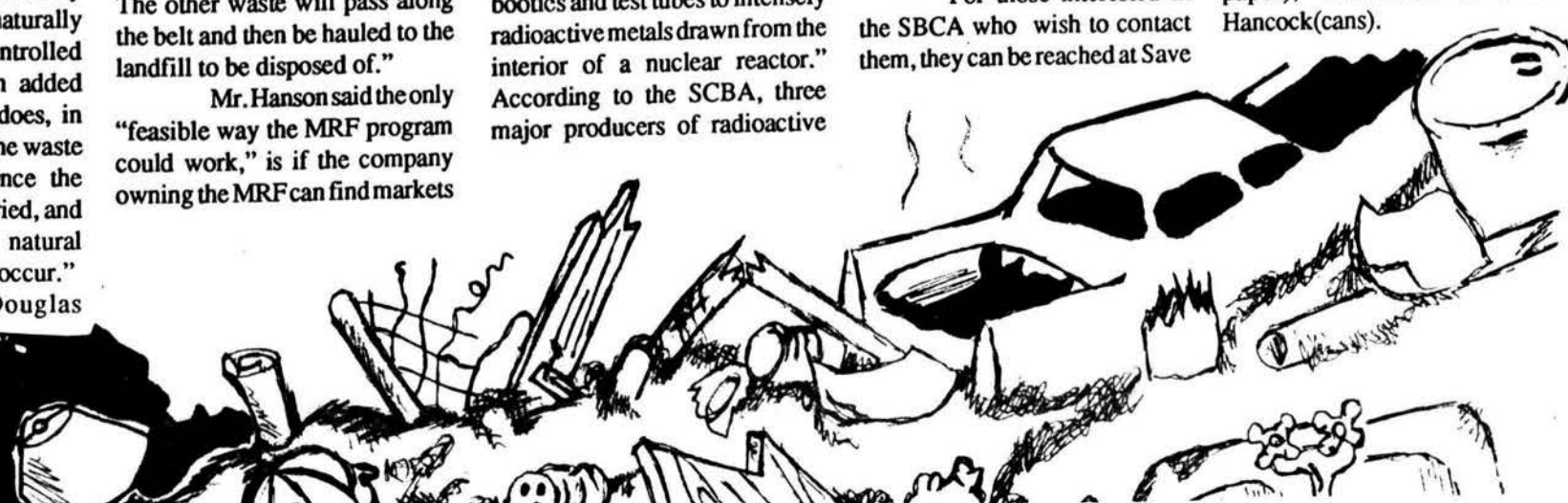
Boyd County Association, RT. 2, Box 8, Bristow, NE 68719.

And for those interested in just cutting down on their own contribution to residential waste, here are a few tips from Jeffrey Hollender's book, *How To Make the World a Better Place*:

**Don't Buy**

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  - pump toothpaste dispensers
  - plastic wrap
  - regular batteries
  - butter or margarine in plastic tubs
- Do Buy**
- non disposable or electric razors
  - toothpaste tubes
  - waxed paper
  - rechargeable batteries
  - butter or margarine wrapped in paper

There are several recycling centers throughout Omaha for your aluminum, glass, and paper. They are: CAN-PAK at 2215 So. 26 (cans, glass); Creighton Prep 7400 Western Avenue- north dock (cans, glass, paper, newspaper); C.A.R.E. at 14549 Grover (cans, newspaper, paper); CAN-PAK at 3411 Hancock (cans).



# Rubeola or rubella, measles spread confusion

Michelle Hickle

The undocumented information is from written material published by the Douglas County Health Department and the University of Nebraska Medical Center. The author obtained other information from the Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report and the American Journal of Nursing.

Measles, the hard measles to be exact, were once known as a childhood disease because everyone got them as a child. With today's vaccine to help prevent measles, they aren't as common as they were.

Two types of measles exist: rubeola and rubella. Rubella, also known as the German measles or the three-day measles, are not as common or as serious as the rubeola measles.

"Rubeola is the type of measles that have been breaking out in eastern Nebraska since mid-April," said Geri Harms, a staff member at Creighton University Diseases Center.

"Rubeola is a highly contagious virus," said officials of the Douglas County Health Department. "It is an upper respiratory disease, meaning it is spread by coughing, sneezing, and even breathing. Right now, the most susceptible are the high school and college students."

The measles are contagious from about four days before the appearance of the rash until five days after the rash has gone.

Once the virus is present in its victim, it goes through a period of incubation where it is confined to the mucous membranes (linings) of the eyes, nose, and throat.

The Douglas County Health Department said that about ten days after being infected, various symptoms may be seen.

These symptoms include coughing, a runny nose, a rather high temperature, and bloodshot, sore, and watery eyes. Sometimes the infected individual experiences a loss of

appetite.

Another of the first visible symptoms are Koplik's Spots. Koplik's Spots are small pink spots with gray-white centers that develop inside the mouth, especially on the insides of the cheeks.

According to Ms. Harms, "about three to five days after the appearance of the first symptoms, faint pink spots break out on the face near the hairline.

The rash, then, spreads all over the body within two to three days. The rash is an irregular brick red collaboration of spots that itches severely at first. When the rash is full blown, the fever drops to normal, there are no more coughs or runny noses and the rash begins to fade.

Ms. Harms said that the measles themselves are not dangerous, but the complications that result from having the measles are dangerous.

The measles weaken the immune system, making it susceptible to a variety of infections, such as lung and

middle ear infections, bronchitis, laryngitis, bronchopneumonia, and encephalitis (swelling of the brain and central nervous system).

In 1963, a virologist team headed by John F. Enders developed a vaccine for the measles. The goal of immunization is to prevent or lessen the severity of an infectious disease.

The measles vaccine contains a weakened live measles virus. Vaccine components can cause allergic reactions in some recipients.

The most common causes of an allergic reaction are derived from animal protein, antibiotics, preservatives, and stabilizers.

The most common animal protein, allergen, is egg protein found in vaccines, like the measles vaccine, that are prepared using embryonated chicken eggs.

Ordinarily, a person who is unable to eat eggs or egg products can safely receive a measles virus, but there is always the possibility of an allergic reaction.

## Individuals should be

### immunized for measles if:

...they have not been immunized.

...they have never had the measles.

...they were born in or after 1957 and were not immunized or immunized before 15 months of age.

...they were vaccinated before 15 months of age.

...they received a single dose of measles vaccine at or 15 months of age because a second dosage is now recommended to help ensure protection against the measles virus.

# Free services help student job hunters

Jodi Chroma

Hunting is a sport, but many students may agree that job hunting is not a very enjoyable one.

Reading want ads, filling out job applications, going to interviews — all can be quite a hassle for many students seeking summer employment.

However, three free services exist for Central students that may help their job-hunting processes.

One service is OPS' job placement program. OPS has had the program for 18 years to help students find jobs.

According to OPS job placement director Mr. Carnell Deason, last spring and summer 375 students took part in the program.

Of those 375, all of them were either placed in a job slot or given a stipend to attend an eight-week session of classes, some in "jobology".

"To be placed in a job slot for either full or part-time work, students must fill out an application. We try to place students as close to home as possible," Mr. Deason said.

If transportation is a problem, Mr. Deason said that

the student may get bus tokens until his or her first paycheck.

According to Mrs. Penny Boykins, OPS job placement counselor, there are usually about 45-50 job openings per week. 90% of those are in the food industry, she said.

"A lot of kids come in here and tell me that they want a job but that they don't want to work in fast food or telemarketing, but other jobs account for less than 3% of available openings," Mrs. Boykins said.

"I probably make 35-40 phone calls per day [to help students find jobs]," she said.

Mrs. Boykins also offers advice to job-seekers.

For example, if a student fills out an employment application with what Mrs. Boykins calls "chicken scratches," then she explains that the application should be neat because it is a reflection of the applicant's personality.

Another program that OPS students or recent graduates may utilize is one in which students attend summer classes.

The classes consist of reading, math and jobology and some will provide academic

credits that will appear on a student's permanent record.

Mr. Deason said that students ages 14-15 who qualify may attend half-day classes during the summer for eight weeks and receive a weekly \$50 cost-of-living stipend for their attendance.

Students ages 16-21 who qualify may attend one period of class daily and be placed on a job site that pays minimum wage.

A few requirements exist, however.

According to Mr. Deason, to be eligible, a student must test at least two grades below the level they should be at for their grade on the GA (General Achievement Exam).

A student who qualifies must also register with The OER (Office of Employment and Resource) Office during the school year.

A third free service, called a summer jobs network, is

available to all area youths ages 14-21.

According to Ms. Nancy Bednar, summer jobs network coordinator and specialist in human community services, students interested in the service fill out an application and return it to their counselor.

"Mutual of Omaha has a list of employers [from all over the metro area].

"Mutual of Omaha has kept [the summer jobs network] for two years to fine tune it."

-Ms. Nancy Bednar

On the application, students indicate the kind of work they are looking for, and we try to match a student with a job," Ms. Bednar said.

"It cuts down on some of the searching that the student would normally have to do," Ms. Bednar said.

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# Jungle Fever steams up at Omaha's zoo

—Josh Cooper—

"I'm going to the zoo, zoo, zoo, how about you, you, you?" Just to refresh your memory, you sang this little ditty during your younger childhood years. If you have not made a trip to the zoo since then, you must go to Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo this spring or summer.

The only place where you will find sharks, lions, sloths, penguins, giraffes, jaguars, grizzly bears, gorillas, sealions, maned wolves, ostriches, and many other animals that cannot be found in the forests or jungles of Omaha is at the Henry Doorly Zoo. The zoo houses many attractions such as Bear Canyon, the aquarium, a giant aviary, a nursery, cat complex, giraffe complex, animal petting area, monkey islands, and educational pavilions. Coming attractions include the Lied Jungle and a Dairy Complex.

Bear Canyon features giant grizzly bears, sunbears, and polar bears. The bears are housed in a natural setting made up of waterfalls, pools, and rock. Visitors may walk through caves in the canyon that contain information on the bears and large glass windows through which the bears may be observed.

In the aquarium you will find eels, turtles, lobsters, and many species of fish. The fish that attracts the largest crowd of zoo visitors is the shark, as it swims in the aquarium displaying its sharp teeth.

The aviary covers four acres and contains a wide variety of birds. As you walk along a wood walkway above a lagoon, you will see and hear birds below and birds flying above as well.

Outside the large windows of the nursery is one place at the zoo that attracts many children and their parents. When the mother of a newly born animal is sick or unable to take proper care of her offspring, the nursery helps nurture the young. During part of April, zoo workers

could be seen sitting in the nursery holding baby tiger cubs and feeding them with milk bottles.

Not too far away from the nursery is the cat complex. It is the largest one in North America and it houses tigers, jaguars, lions, leopards, and pumas.

The giraffe complex

seen as well.

The Wild Kingdom Pavilion is one example of education that the Henry Doorly Zoo offers. The zoo also offers many lecture sessions and programs for children and adults.

Nonie Isaac, Henry Doorly Zoo Education Specialist, believes that zoos today have a new role. That new

will take the place of the red barn. The Dairy Complex will include a lifesize plastic cow that will demonstrate the complex process of milk production. A mechanical cow that zoo visitors can milk will also be included. Many foods made with milk will be sold near the Dairy Complex for those people who would rather eat than milk a cow. The scheduled completion date is August 1.

The Lied Jungle is a huge project that is now underway at the Henry Doorly Zoo and will open in the spring of 1992. As you enter the zoo you will observe the awesome building which houses the rainforest.

The building covers 1.5 acres, is eighty feet high, and will be the largest of its kind in the world. Flora and fauna that will inhabit the jungle include crocodiles, otters, pygmy hippos, lions, bamboo, banana plants, thousands of other exotic vegetation, African birds, lions and exotic butterflies. Visitors will be able to walk along the jungle floor up above

near treetops, behind one of the 11 waterfalls, through caves, and across a bridge. The temperature and humidity will be controlled in the complex, and mist or a even a rain shower may be present at times. The rain forest is made possible by a 15 million dollar donation from Ernst Lied.

If you are looking for something fun to do why not go to the zoo? The zoo offers a train and tram which runs daily between Memorial Day and Labor Day. Picnic areas and plenty of concessions are available, and you will also find two gift shops at the zoo.

The Henry Doorly Zoo is located at 3701 South 10th Street. The zoo is open April 1 to October 31 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily and 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Sundays. The aquarium and Mutual of Omaha Wild Kingdom is open year round. Visitors may stay in the zoo two hours after closing.

Admission for adults is \$5.25 and \$2.75 for children 5-11. Family memberships are \$45.00.



A Bengal Tiger cools off with a drink at the Henry Doorly Zoo. Photo by Stacy Gottschalk.

offers indoor viewing of giraffes, a small aviary, and a small animal exhibit area.

The Mutual of Omaha Wild Kingdom Pavilion, located just beyond the zoo entrance, offers a hands on learning experience. Animals such as turtles, fish, Gila Monsters, frogs, salamanders, bats, birds, snakes, and tarantulas can be found in the pavilion. Numerous displays of insects, pelts, skins, feathers, and skulls are also located in the pavilion. Presentations that explain interesting facts about animals such as bats and snakes can be

role is education, according to Mrs. Isaac. She said, "Zoos are no longer just for entertainment." "The zoo," said Mrs. Isaac, "is the last arc for many animals." Mrs. Isaac added that an important role of the zoo is careful, scientific breeding, which saves animals that might otherwise become extinct. She strongly believes that by educating people, "the population's support will grow, and it will help to preserve plants and animal species."

The popular Red Barn area where visitors may pet animals is closed and is now undergoing construction. A temporary petting area at the zoo takes its place at the present time. A new Dairy Complex, sponsored by the Dairy Council, and an expanded petting area

## Centralites go for fast chow

—Allie Green—

What is the newest and hottest hangout for a few Central students after school? Well, the choices range from Mexican to all American french fries. That's right, after school you will usually find some Central students at the nearest or even specialized fast food hangouts.

**"I like the Taco Bell on 72nd better even though it doesn't have a bathroom."**

**- Kirstine Terry**

Tricia Weight, senior, one of many who frequently go to the Taco Bell on 40th and Dodge, said that the staff of this

particular Taco Bell know them so well that they don't even ask what they want; they just punch in the order. "I'm really hungry by the time school gets out," said Tricia.

Kirstine Terry, senior, said that she visits Taco Bell between two to three times a day to two times a week. "I like the Taco Bell on 72nd better even though it doesn't have a bathroom," said Kirstine.

"I like to stop at Taco Bell on my way to work," said Stacie Travis, senior. "They have everything that I want, plus they are cheap."

"A good fast food restaurant must have good, fresh food at reasonable prices, or I won't eat there," said Jennifer Murphy, senior. "McDonald's

**"A good fast food restaurant must have good, fresh food at reasonable prices, or I won't eat there."**  
**-Jennifer Murphy**

has the best french fries," she said. "I go the McDonald's about four or five times on the weekends."

"I don't eat fast food," said Myfanwy Smolsky, sophomore. "The stuff is bad for your health."

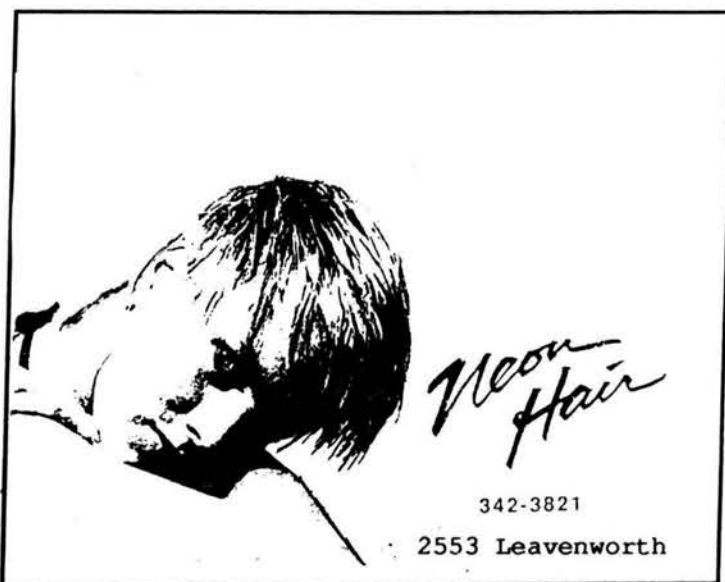
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started when Melvin began dating Sergio on a casual level; you know, walks through the park and tea on Sunday afternoons. Well, one thing led to another as it always does you know, and Sergio and Melvin began to get a lot closer. They got so hot and bothered that Melvin moved his hairstyling business from Beehive International to Velvet Touch. Melvin had been a loyal customer of Dion Dion's for seven years!"

"Was Dion Dion upset?" I asked in fake earnest. "You're getting ahead of the story, Ben. Chill out and listen for a change. Well, it turns out that Sergio went to the zoo on Saturday and he was shocked and enraged to discover—do you know what?"

"That Dion Dion and Melvin were ex-lovers?" I answered.

Archibald stood dumbfounded. "How did you know?"

"Lucky guess," I said. "Anyway, Sergio caught Dion Dion and Melvin together eating yogurt under a palm tree. He was soooooo mad. It turns out that Melvin was wearing a blouse that clashed horribly with his shoes and socks, not to mention his eyes. Sergio was just horrified to find out that he had dated someone so lame in the fashion department. He considered it a cowlick in a world of straight hair."

"Are you trying to tell me that Sergio was more upset with the way Melvin looked than with catching him together with Dion Dion?" I asked.

Of course I am," Archibald answered, "don't you understand how important colors are?"

"I guess not," I answered. "Ohhhh, well let me set you straight," Arch

said. "Red and blue are tough colors, but only on their

own. They are pretty weak compared to some of the others'. In fact, red and blue don't even belong on the color wheel with such bad hues as salmon and mauve. You got to stand clear of anyone dressed in those colors. Be warned."

"So what happened to the little love triangle?" I asked.

"Well, in Sergio's rage, he accused Dion Dion of using turtle wax instead of good old Vidal Sassoon. Dion Dion retaliated by saying that Sergio's blouse wasn't very Janet Jackson. Sergio came back with a comment on Dion Dion's grandmother's combat boots, and the next you know, the two warlords are at each others throats. Melvin broke it up because he couldn't bear to see his two lovers quarrel. He was in tears and everything. However, Melvin didn't stop the two heathen hairstylists because they vowed to settle this dispute another time, and that time is right now, Benjamin. We're missing it! Heads are going to roll and we're missing it!"

"Big deal," I said. "I narrate all this juicy gossip and you tell me big deal," Archibald said, visibly angry.

"Yep," I said. "Well that's the last time I tell you anything important!" Archibald screamed and stormed out.

What a duck. Lavender Warriors of Conditioning Rinse. HA!

Mortimer bounded into my room.

"Are you going to the rumble?" he asked very excitedly. "It's going to be a good old head bashing."

"Not even over a translucent polka-dotted bikini," I answered.

## James Dean cafe tastes like home

—Ingo Socha—

"We proudly serve you guys," reads the bottom of the menu in the Diner in the Old Market. "James Dean lives," announces another.

Looking at the chrome cash register, the black and white checkered floor, the two fans, and the original juke box in the corner, customers have an easy time believing this.

The walls are decorated with pictures of other diners and posters of James Dean, and a side wall holds a series of old chrome hubcaps.

Over the counter, porcelain plates show the faces of President Kennedy and others.

"It reminds me of something out of the fifties," Mrs Wheeler, English teacher, said. "It has that cafe type atmosphere."

The room seats 16 along the chrome counter and it offers seven booths that each have room for five people (six if you really must.)

Although the neon sign in the window promises "sometimes sushi," the diner specializes in breakfast and lunch.

Breakfast specials like pigs in a blanket or omelettes with ham and cheese run through 11 a.m., and eggs, toasts, waffles and other breakfast items are

available during the whole day.

Everyday there is one blue plate special varying in a two week cycle.

"I might serve meatloaf on Monday and lasagna on Wednesday, and two weeks later I serve meatloaf on Wednesday and lasagna on Monday. I like to keep people guessing," said owner Orlando Caguioa.

Opening hours are 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. "We are planning on extending our opening period to one o'clock in the morning and adding a couple of dinner items to the menu," says Caguioa.

The food seems to come right from Mom's stove. Burgers come on a fried bun with 'electives' on the side so you decide whether to put the cucumber, the tomato or both on

your burger.

"I am trying to give each dish a little special something," says Caguioa.

So, for example, he serves fresh asparagus with the Eggs Benedict.

Caguioa took over the place in 1986. "My son Nick, who is in the catering business, talked me into this."

Because he is Phillipine born, he describes himself and his food as an "interesting mixture between Chinese, Spanish, and something else."

Still, this is not his first experience in cooking. Being in the army, he ran the officers' mess and "fed all the big deals with the stars on the shoulder."

Being centrally located at 12th and Harney Streets, the Diner is a hot spot.

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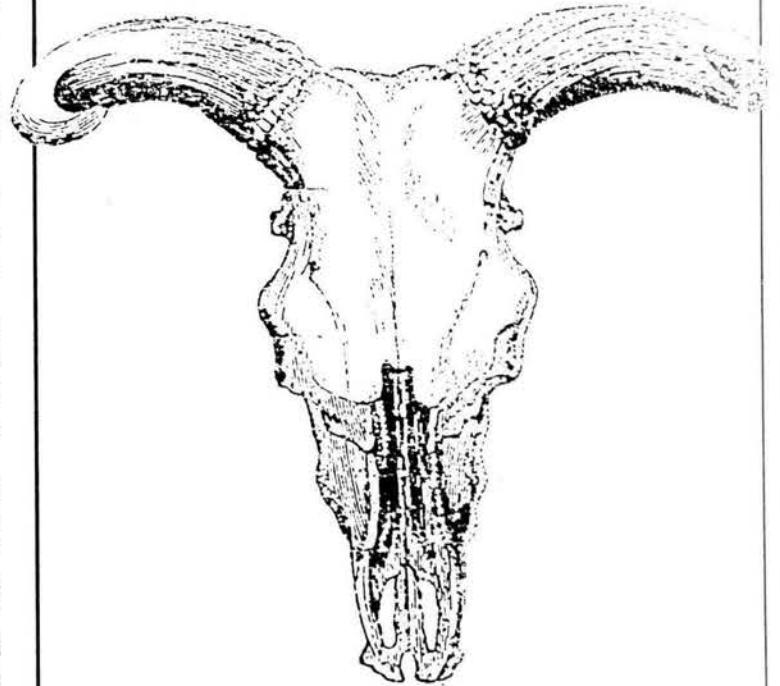
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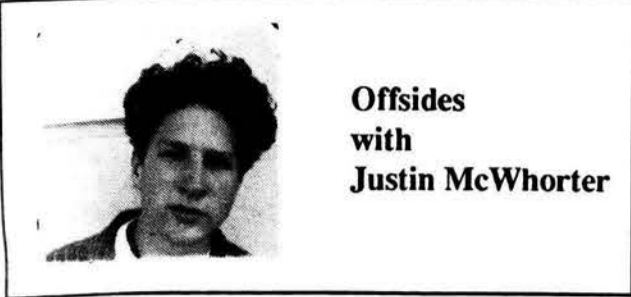
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# Hit the trail, man!!!

## Mountain biking: the true story

Your hair is blown back off your brow from the sheer speed that you are traveling at. You step down hard on the bear-trap pedals to increase your speed. As you come to a section of uneven ground you tug on your handlebars to lift your front wheel higher into the air and suddenly you feel the sensation of flight. Your rear wheel comes to rest first on the hard-packed trail and again you start to pedal with reckless abandon. You duck to avoid a branch and slam your water bottle back into its cage as you cut hard to the left to avoid the protruding root of a tree that you did not realize was in your path until a split-second before you decided to try and ride around it.

You slam hard on your right hand-brake, controlling your back cantilever and slide your rear wheel around as you set down your foot for support. After a quick squirt from your water bottle and a few deep breaths, you are ready to hit the trail once again.

This is a not-so-uncommon scenario of a sport that is not as widely covered as some think it should be and much more popular than any sports program will ever give it credit for.

Mountain biking has grown in popularity in the past few years and now you can't look down the street or take a walk through the park without being passed by at least one mountain biker in a hurry to hit the trails or take a jump off the nearest sloping curbs on the city streets.

For those of you unfamiliar with what a mountain bike is, let me break it down for you.

A mountain bike is similar to the BMX and Freestyle bikes that many of us owned as children. These bikes have rugged frame construction, many gears, strong front and rear brakes and the ability to handle the rigors of hard trail riding and street stomping action.

The original mountain bikes were made in California and were used to ride like HELL ON WHEELS down the mountain fire roads. This model had an all steel frame and weighed close to 45 pounds. The brakes were those of a typical street bike and it only had one gear.

A lot has changed in recent years.

The frames of contemporary mountain bikes are made of strong-light chrome-moly, aluminum and even the space-age material carbon-fibre, and usually weigh between 18 and 22 pounds.

Mountain bikes come equipped with short, straight handlebars for steering agility, 18 to 21 gears to help you peddle through the steepest and the roughest terrain and the frames are built with specific angles to ascend sharp inclines and race down hills with speed and stability.

Cantilever brakes provide sure stopping power and the strong anodized rims make for durable wheels that will survive the test of time.

Because of the popularity of riding on all sorts of terrain, including snow, mud and sand, the inner workings of these bikes are sealed to keep out all unwanted dirt and water.

Even though these bikes seem very well suited for trail use, they can also be used as a very dependable city bike.

With the addition of slick or bald tires and possibly a rack to carry your belongings, this bike can make its way through heavy traffic and propel you over a curb without the fear of any damage done to yourself or your bike.

The true grit that these bikes possess makes them a popular choice of many all-weather commuters as well as regular people like you and me who just want a bike they can depend on not to break with the slightest bit of stress administered to the frame of wheels.

The price of mountain bikes varies from \$200 to \$2000 depending on what quality and quantity of bike you are in the market for. A good quality mountain bike with acceptable components should run you between \$600 and \$700. With a bike of this price you will have no trouble shredding the dirt or hitting the pavement.

Believe me, after the initial investment of buying a mountain bike, you will be paid back every time you get out on your bike and feel the wind in your hair and feel the mud splattering across your back.

It is a feeling that only be experienced and not expressed in mere words.

I encourage all who haven't experienced this sport to go to the nearest bike shop and take a test ride on one and decide for yourself.

## Central student flips for gymnastics but must pay

Emily Rennard

career began when she was three. According to Windee, she was a "hyperactive child" and though she was younger than most of the kids in her dance class, she had no difficulty keeping up.

At age four, her parents lied about her age to enroll her in a gymnastics class for six-year

olds. Again, Windee could keep up.

Now, over ten years later, Windee is in the highest level of competitors at the Omaha School of Gymnastics, TNT. At a National competition in Dallas in 1989, Windee placed sixth all-around, qualifying her for the Junior National Team, and a one week training camp in Colorado Springs, Colorado, with "a number of national coaches." Windee's career has taken her all over the country for competitions, and once even to Mexico for an exhibition.

However, nothing comes from nothing. Windee has suffered many injuries while participating in gymnastic. A year and a half ago, while dismounting from the balance beam, she tore the interior crucient ligament in her knee, forcing surgery and the placement of a bolt in her knee.

"Without the bolt I could barely walk, let alone compete," said Windee.

This year while releasing from the high bar, Windee dislocated her elbow. At a meet in April she redislocated it, tearing ligaments

injuries, says Windee, as "permanent fixing now would result in over a year out of workouts."

According to Windee, she does not participate in high school gymnastics for two reasons. First, too much time would be subtracted from her private gym, and second, the quality of the mats at Central would cause extensive damage to her knee.

A gymnastics career is not cheap. "Four thousand dollars a year is spent on gym, tuition, meet entry fees, and travel costs," estimated Windee, "and that does not include medical bills from injuries."

Windee has also had to sacrifice time spent with family and friends, other activities, and school work. "I've always missed so much school that keeping up has been pretty gradual," said Windee. "Anyway," she laughed, "I don't mind missing it!"

Despite the many injuries and sacrifices, Windee's devotion to gymnastics has never failed. "I love gymnastics so much I wouldn't give it up for anything," said Windee.

For the future, Windee hopes to receive gymnastics scholarships at either the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA), or Arizona State University (ASU). "I think I have a good shot at it because of my national ranking," said Windee. "I don't know, I'll take the best offer I can get where I'm happy."

**"Without the bolt I could barely walk, let alone compete" -Windee Weiss**

in her elbow. Results: more surgery, another bolt, and the removal of the awlner nerve from her arm.

When Windee is older and has finished growing, she will need a "more permanent surgery" for both of these

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*Coach McMenamain shifts positions***Central gains new head football coach**

—Renee Grush—

Mr. Joe McMenamain has been named Central's new head football coach.

According to Mr. McMenamain, ever since he started coaching, he has wanted to hold a position as head football coach.

"[Being head coach] has been my desire since 1979, but I didn't want to leave Central," Mr. McMenamain said, "so when Mr. Reed resigned, I knew that was my chance."

**Previous Experience**

According to Mr. McMenamain, he has taught Physical Education at Central for eleven years, and served as the varsity offensive coordinator and runningback coach.

"We've been very successful with what we've done in the past," Mr. McMenamain said. "I plan to do the same thing and stay with what's been successful."

According to Athletic Director Mr. Richard Jones, a big part of Central's decision was that Mr. McMenamain has been on Central's staff for many years.

"The only way for a person to know how to keep [a team system] going, is for that person to have been there when it started," former coach William Reed said. "When it was time for Central to get ready and play football, Joe McMenamain was there, and for that reason he deserves the chance to coach."

Many still wonder whether Mr.

Reed will remain in the Central program at another coaching position for the Eagles, but Reed says the chances are slim.

"When a person has worked for eleven years with kids, and decides to no longer be a part, it seems to be a crutch that kids can fall back on if he stays," Mr. Reed said.

"It's hard for new people to get a start on success when old people are around. For that reason, it's a better situation for new coaches for me to be gone," Mr. Reed said.

According to Mr. McMenamain, he thinks his past experience with Central will benefit him in his new job.

"Since I've been in the building, I know what to expect from both personnel and students," Mr. McMenamain said. "In that respect, I would have an advantage over a newcomer because I know what the players can do."

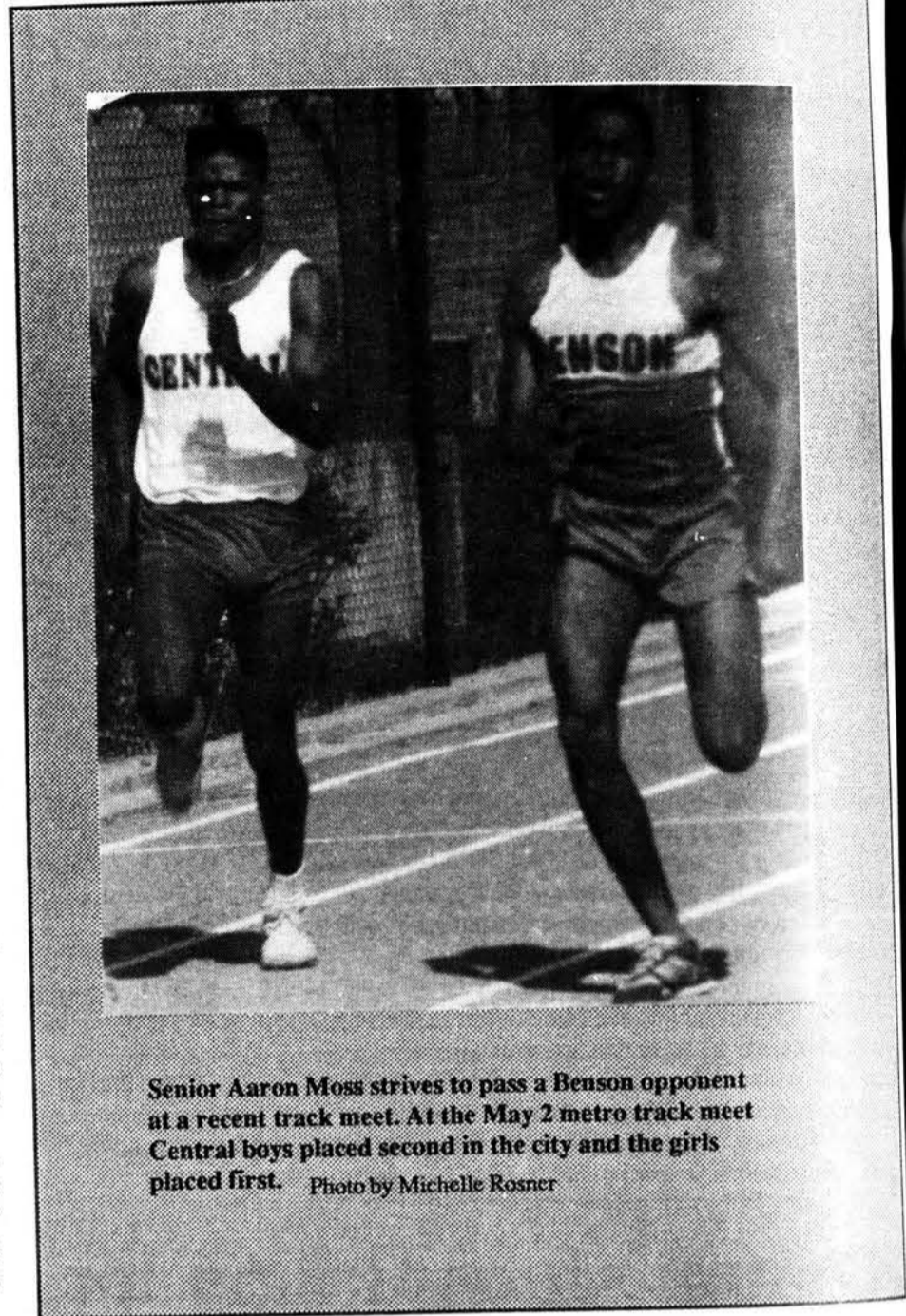
**Others support**

According to Junior Rob Likes, everyone is pretty happy about the decision.

"[Mr. McMenamain] has been around a long time and knows what he's doing," Rob said. "Although there will be changes, we'll still basically be running the same offensive system."

"I'm really excited about the position," Mr. McMenamain said. "We have a lot of gifted athletes and a great tradition."

Mr. Reed said, "As far as people eligible for this job, Coach McMenamain is the only one who fits that criteria."



Senior Aaron Moss strives to pass a Benson opponent at a recent track meet. At the May 2 metro track meet Central boys placed second in the city and the girls placed first. Photo by Michelle Rosner

**Lack of school funding directs Central softball players to other fields**

—Mara Taylor—

Even though softball is not offered as a high school sport, many Central students can be found hitting homeruns and fielding line drives elsewhere in the city.

Omaha hosts several softball associations including the Omaha Softball Association (OSA) and Rivercity Softball leagues.

Jenny Zagurski, junior, plays for Taylor Plumbing, an OSA Division A Fastpitch team.

"I like the competitiveness of softball and I hope that I can get a college scholarship so that I can continue to play."

"I think that softball is more of a team effort than baseball," senior Steve Ferrin said.

"The pitcher doesn't make up the whole team and this makes the game itself so much more exciting."

So why do Nebraska high schools offer baseball and not softball?

According to Mr. Jones, Central Athletic Director, there isn't enough "ground swell" from the public to add a team to the list of Central's athletics.

"There would also be too many difficulties due to the lack of facilities and funds," he said.

"Softball is a non-revenue sport and a lot of schools would be afraid to add it, especially since

it would take some of the better athletes away from the other spring sports like track."

"I would still like to have softball in high school," Jenny said.

"It's really hard playing for a Ralston team because it's so far away. A high school team would be a lot more convenient."

Dawn Randall, sophomore, said that she would definitely like to see softball as a high school sport.

"I think a lot of girls would be in it and it would give those who played when they were younger a chance to keep playing," she said.

Ms. Morris, P.E. teacher, doesn't think that softball is needed in high school. "The OSA and the American Athletic Union

(AAU) are doing a fabulous job providing softball teams," she said. "It is kind of ironic, though, that Central girls get more scholarships in softball than in any other sport."

So, why do Central students go out of their way to play on softball teams?

"Because it is a good recreational sport for the summer," Diane Wageman, senior, said.

"It gives me something to do, a way to travel and meet people, and a chance to play better competition."

Michelle Hansen, senior, plays on an OSA slowpitch co-ed team. "You can be individually competitive in softball and still have a lot of fun," she said.

Katy Somers, senior, said that she likes the fact that softball can be co-ed.

"Both guys and girls can play on a team and compete against each other," she said.

According to Jennifer Collins, senior, she plays for the enjoyment of the game.

"Our team likes to play together and not really care too much about how well we do," Jennifer said. "I am really going to miss it when we are too old to play together."

Sabra Bull, senior, said that she used to play softball, but doesn't anymore.

"It is too hard to get a team

together with equipment, coach, and experienced players, with no funds or sponsors," she said.

Dawn said that even though it is difficult to find a league, she still loves to play.

"Softball is a way of relieving stress and taking my mind off of things," she said.

According to Chris Christian, senior, he and his friends casually get together and form teams for softball games.

"In grade school we used to get together all of the time and play softball and we had a great time. I think it would be fun if we had an intramural softball tournament for seniors," he said.

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