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The answer: Brandon Steenson, sophomore Who advances in Jeopardy! quest?

By Christopher Thilgen

A piece of Hollywood blew into Omaha November 15-17. Alex Trebek, host of the game show "Jeopardy!", was here to oversee the regional teen tryouts for the show.

Every year the show has a week-long teen tournament. To find the contestants, the show has three to four regional competitions and narrows all of the applicants down.

Omaha, along with Los Angeles, Washington, D.C. and New Orleans, was selected for the regional competitions this year.

Some Central students participated in the competition.

Emily Hooi, senior, said that they had questions ranging from geography to rock and roll. She said, "It was just like the show; they had monitors where the question would appear, and at the same time, Alex Trebek read it. After he read the question, each applicant had ten seconds to write the answer down on a piece of paper."

Brandon Steenson, sophomore, qualified for the show. He said, "The next step is I wait until after Thanksgiving." He said that the show reviews all of the qualifiers' applications. Then they create a group of 15 kids who are from different parts of the country and different ages. "If I won the grand prize of \$25,000 I think I would save quite a bit of it for college."

Mike Rolleigh, junior, also tried out. He said, "The test consisted of 50 questions; to qualify you had to get 35." Mike was upset when he found out he received a score of 34. He said, "I can't believe I missed Sputnik [the first man-made satellite to orbit the earth]; I put down

'spunjab.'" Mike finished by saying that both he and Emily are going to keep trying until they make the show.

Emily said that people came from all over the country to try out for this. She said, "There was a guy sitting next to me from Duluth, Minnesota."

The requirements for contestants state that the contestant must (1) be enrolled in high school, and (2) must be under 18 as

show and he said he was. "They pulled me up and said 'You're going to be on TV with Alex Trebek.' They gave me about three minutes. I was a little disappointed because it didn't seem to accomplish anything," said Mike.

Mrs. Kovarik said, "I was a little disappointed that everybody couldn't be on camera, but I think Mike did a very good job."

"Mr. Trebek took the opportunity to talk to everybody, and most were glad to meet him," she said.

The nervousness that Mrs. Kovarik felt up to that day was intense. "I was worried that something would go wrong that would make us look bad," she said.

"Once I met him, however, I was relaxed. He didn't know what was going on either, but he said 'We will figure it out.'"

Mr. Trebek was remarkably calm amidst the constant clamour for autographs and people talking to him; even after one parent rushed into



Alex Trebek, host of Jeopardy!, has the answers...Trebek speaks to Academic Decathlon team members Mike Rolleigh, Sarah Moss and Kristy Kun.

Cheryl Kulus

the room and asked him to sign her son's report card. She felt the need to make a comment on the way he pronounces words on the show. Her comments were not very flattering. Regardless, he signed the card and sent her on her way with a smile.

When asked by Mrs. Pegi Georgeson, Central drama teacher, how he was able to retain so much of the information he has quizzed people on over the years, he responded, "That's because I am smart." According to Mr. Trebek, they film five shows a day and are currently filmed through mid-January. He said that this allows him to take a few weeks off every once in a while to spend time with his wife.

of February of 1992.

While in town, Mr. Trebek made a short stop at Central on the 15th. He was here to do a small television interview with the Academic Decathlon Team.

Mrs. Dee Kovarik, Decathlon sponsor, said, "KMTV-3 called me a week before and said they would like to do an interview with Alex Trebek and the Decathlon team."

She did not have any idea what the interview was going to be about. She said that she believed that the station was trying to promote the show which airs at 4:30 on KMTV-3.

Mike said that when the TV crew arrived, they asked if anyone was trying out for the

New improvement committee sets goals

By Josh Cooper

For the first time at Central an improvement committee has been created, made up of administrators, department heads, parents and students. The newly formed 1991-1992 Central High School Improvement Committee has met a total of four times during October and November. Committee members have formulated six goals to be accomplished this school year and in future school years.

"Dr. Norbert Schuerman [OPS superintendent] directed all schools to implement such a committee. His suggestions over the years became an order," said Dr. G. E. Moller, Central High principal.

According to Dr. Moller, the

purpose of the committee is "to discuss specific strategies for implementing goals. We must keep trying to improve our program. There will always be more effective ways of doing our job, which is teaching."

"Changing a bureaucratic system such as a school is cumbersome and can be discouraging to some people. I am very appreciative of people willing to give time to committees. They tell me 'I'm interested in helping Central.' I admire people like that," said Dr. Moller.

"We encourage non-staff candor at meetings," said Dr. Moller. He wants parents' and students' "contributions, suggestions, ideas, questions and criticism."

"The strategies [for reaching goals] are not just 'hot air.' I respect committee members' integrity. We will do our best to reach our goals. It may take some time, but we will try," Moller said.

The committee came up with six goals to be accomplished this year and in future years at the third meeting of the new improvement committee held November 13.

The goals are: 1. Remodel room 245 into three classrooms and improve ventilation in the room. 2. Construct resource rooms for certain departments. 3. Improve race relations. 4. Focus on needs of non-college bound students. 5. Market Central's successes. Do a better job of promoting Central.

6. Modernize the library.

"It's important for parents and teachers to take a look at improving the school," said Mrs. Edi Pierce, PEP board president-elect, and mother of Ben Pierce, junior. She is a committee member.

"Central is on the right track. It's always healthy, however, to look for improvements. The more closely you look at it from different angles, the more successful you are. I hope the committee is really able to come up with concrete things to make a difference," said Mrs. Pierce.

"It's nice to have a plan for the school year to improve things," said Kim White, senior and student council member.

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Centralite VOICES

What do you feel are the most troublesome problems with Central's restrooms?



"People smoking... It's like you're overwhelmed with the smoke."
—Andrea Rockwood
Freshman



"They're dirty and all of the smokers litter their cigarette butts."
—Dave Lopez
Senior



"The doors don't stay shut and the locks are broken off."
—Denna Hodges
Junior



"They are much too small: it's like you're crammed in there."
—Sarah Gleason
Sophomore



"The cigarettes and tobacco products in the toilets and the vinegar smell."
—Matthew Conn
Senior



"I hear complaints that they are dirty and there are no doors on the stalls."
—Mrs. Denman
School Nurse

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Sanitation a growing concern

If anybody has ever used the restrooms at Central or has taken a drink out of the water fountains around school, he/she will agree that these facilities are unsanitary or inadequate for their purpose.

It is truly disgusting when one bends down to take a drink of water and finds chewing gum, chewing tobacco or even coffee stains in the drinking fountain. To many students, the uncleanliness of the fountains is repulsive. People should not dispose of their trash in the drinking fountains, but the custodial staff could also make more of an effort to keep these facilities clean.

In addition to Central's drinking fountains being unclean, the restrooms are also unsanitary for students to use. We realize the fact that most of the uncleanliness of the restrooms is a result of student use. The ideal solution to this problem would be to ask students not to be so messy and to put their trash in the trash cans. But, more realistically, it will take a bit more work from the custodians to provide clean restrooms for Central students.

Uncleanliness is not the only problem with restrooms. Another evident problem with restrooms is that it is a common place for students to smoke, despite the fact that using tobacco products is prohibited on school grounds and smoke is offensive to both smoking and non-smoking students alike. It is terrible that non-smokers have to battle their way through smoke to merely use the restrooms.

In addition to cigarette smoking, chewing tobacco in Central's restrooms also causes a problem for the students. Some students who chew tobacco often dispose of it in the bathroom sinks or drinking fountains.

In many cases, there are no doors on bathroom stalls or mirrors on the walls. In some restrooms, there is no soap, toilet paper, locks on the doors or functioning soap dispensers and hand dryers. Most of these problems can be fixed by replacing the broken items and installing the items that the restrooms are lacking.

The Register feels that Central students have the right to use a clean restroom with all the conveniences a modern restroom should have.

Vandalism causing problems

Vandalism is a universal problem faced by society today. Simply by looking at the world around us, it is apparent that people have a very blatant disregard for the integrity of the environment that we live in. Everyday somebody defaces a public restroom, street sign, tree or sidewalk with their name or their proclamations of undying love.

Can't people tell that this is far from funny, helpful or attractive? Not only that, but it is plain and simply immature.

Vandalism, in and of itself, is merely a self-centered cry for attention. Those who are guilty of it never take the time to realize the serious effects that it can have on the appearance, abilities and emotions of the victims.

Society quite often condemns teens because of the frequency of their involvement with vandalism. For example, one of the most popular weekend activities is toilet-papering the house of a fellow student or disliked teacher. Is it just that

Omaha has nothing better to offer teens in the of entertainment on the weekends? In the city, is there not some other activity that could destructively amuse teenagers?

Even Central has been hit hard by this sense of vandalism. Several students have reported problems with vandalism in the student parking lot as well as the O.E.A. parking lot. They are with the fact that the types of vandalism that taken place in these lots were permitted to happen. The truth is, it is the students' responsibility to take care of their property, but it is also students who are defacing it.

Evidently, these vandals think that what they are doing to the school, its students and its integrity is funny. Of course, painting the sidewalks putting "For Sale" signs on the school lawn do tend to uphold the respect that Central has acquired over the years. Furthermore, how can we expect society to change the stereotypes that it has upon teenagers if they continue to feed it?

Counselor deserves gratitude

The Register staff would like to thank Mr. Harry Forehand for his excellent job as head guidance director at Central for the past year. We wish him the best of luck in his new job as the assistant principal/athletic director of Bryan High School.

Mr. Forehand was truly a great influence on many students. As the head guidance director, he did a good job of informing students of important college application information, financial aid and college testing deadlines. Those Central students who worked with Mr. Forehand truly benefited from his dedication to his job. Mr. Forehand took the time to seek out students rather than waiting for them to come to him for help.

Although the guidance center is mainly used

for assisting juniors and seniors in the college entrance process, Mr. Forehand also came in contact with many Central students of all grade levels. As a counselor, Mr. Forehand helped students work out problems related to school as well as conflicts at home.

In addition to his extensive work in the counseling department, Mr. Forehand also was a sponsor of Central's National Honors Society. His involvement with the student body clearly shows his generosity of his time toward Central students.

Mr. Forehand deserves recognition from Central students, parents and staff members. The Register commends him not only for his support work as a counselor, but also for setting a standard of excellence from which the counseling center will continue to operate.

Opposing Points of View Control of guns too strict

by Maurice Clark

It is not feasible that a government policy could completely control the sale of guns. The world is filled with numerous resources where people can obtain illegal objects without the consent of "Uncle Sam."

It would be a waste of time and money to try to control something so vast, when the money could be put to a more practical use, such as education or the homeless. The main question is, how does anyone propose to control the sale of guns? And how will it be taken before it invades our basic rights?

I am not saying that people who are concerned for their safety should be grouped into the same category as criminals. In a situation where owning a gun would decide whether a person lives or dies, an unnecessary waiting period would be fatal.

Each situation is different therefore, they should be handled differently. I would not want someone taking my right to decide whether or not I want to protect myself from the sick people of the world.

If the government wants to take this right away, then the Constitution means nothing to the American people.

Gun control a necessity

by Andrea Davis

As shots rang out in a Detroit post office on November 14, 1991, ten people fell wounded; three of them died. Their killer, an ex-postal worker who had been fired, then shot himself in the head. The most frustrating aspect of this incident was that the postal workers in this office expected this to happen, but really had no way to protect themselves from the attack. The ex-postal worker had said many times that if he lost his job, someone would lose their life.

In 1989, there were 200 million guns in circulation. Sixty-six million of these were handguns, which are responsible for more deaths than all of other types of guns combined. In 62 percent of all murders, 21 percent of aggravated assault, and 33 percent of robberies, guns are the weapons used. Twenty-eight percent of prison inmates said they had bought firearms over the counter.

These statistics show that murder and other crime could be drastically reduced either outlawing certain types of guns or having a seven day waiting period and background check before the sale of a gun. Of course, this doesn't mean that all gun-related crime would be entirely wiped out, but crimes committed by the 28 percent of prison inmates who bought guns over the counter would be eliminated.

In the recent National Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 20 percent of the students said they carried a weapon to school with them; 21 percent of those weapons were guns. Students need to feel safe when they are at school. If students know people at school carry guns, they may feel that they will need one also to insure their safety. This is another problem that gun control could help solve.

Many anti-gun control people will argue that the Bill of Rights gives them the privilege of "bearing arms." But this was written in the days of the colonies when people often relied on wild game for food and later for defense from the French and British. People now have supermarkets to get food from and the military to defend their homes.



Disease victims overlooked daily

Simply Polyester

Todd Djureen

"Hey Shag, I'm back from my vacation. Did you get my postcard?"

"Yeah," said Shag with a my-pet-that-I've-had-since-I-was-two-got-ran-over-by-a-car-yesterday voice.

"What's wrong dude?" I inquired in hopes to find a solution to his problems.

Shag cried, "Magic has HIV!"

(I DO NOT INTEND TO BORE YOU WITH AN ARTICLE ABOUT MAGIC JOHNSON AND HIS EPIDEMIC THAT HAS ALREADY FILLED THE PAPERS. MY SOLE PURPOSE IS TO FURTHER CONSTRUE MY POINT THROUGH SYMBOLIC AND ACTUAL SITUATIONS.)

"Oh," I replied knowing that I could not solve his or Magic's problem.

I know that Shag is not close buddies with Magic Johnson, and I know that HIV is a serious illness, but should Shag actually be distraught? My answer is "NO!"

First of all, the disease in general, it chaps my hide. In normal circumstances, people diagnosed with HIV or AIDS are labeled as homosexuals. (Can I say that word in a high school paper?)

These people then spend the rest of their lives trying to prove to society that they did not get the disease from a homosexual experience. It's as if one evil explains another evil.

The thing that baffles me is that no one even considered homosexuality as a cause for Magic Johnson's case of HIV. Just because he can dribble a basketball makes him special enough that he can be excused from such accusations.

I hope all other people that are diagnosed with AIDS are special in some way so that these diseases can be dismissed as a "gay disease." This is a flaring stereotype, and as we all know,

stereotyping is bad news.

Secondly, I fail to understand why there are thousands of people diagnosed daily, and nobody really cares. Ugh! You people can be so lazy it's pathetic. Nobody gives a diddy until it slaps you across the face; then you care when it's too late.

It's just so much easier to be submissive. I think it's important; to act before it is too late, but of course this takes responsibility. How many of us want to take the time and energy when we don't have to?

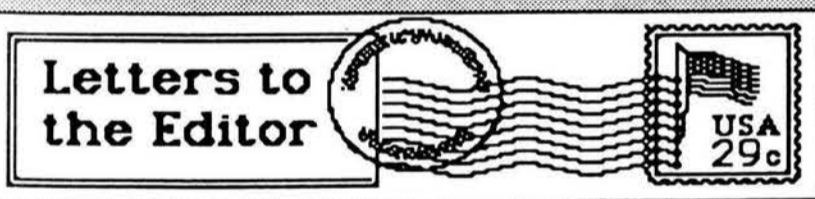
I also do not admire him for being the official spokesperson for HIV. I feel that it is his duty and he has no other choice, he owes it to society.

I'm sure that I would think differently if I had HIV or AIDS, but I don't. I realize that he is famous and all that boloney but there comes a time in all of our lives that we must realize our responsibilities. He's not going to be playing basketball anymore, so what else would he do with all his time?

"In normal circumstances, people diagnosed with HIV or AIDS are labeled as homosexuals."

Well, I guess this did kind of turn into a column about Magic Johnson-in a round about sort of way. Shag has now become an avid tiddly-wink fan and has completely forgotten about the traumas of that, uhh, once so famous basketball player.

Now, if his favorite professional tiddly-wink player catches AIDS or HIV at least he'll care about a case that is a little more practical and that deserves a little attention.



R.O.T.C. class beneficial
To the editor,
The article "Student wants peace at Central" in the October 16th issue of the Register, the article talked about a class that teaches peaceful solutions to conflicts. In the article, it said that "...R.O.T.C. has a class to help resolve violent conflict resolving..."
I am a staff member of the R.O.T.C. organization. When I read this, I was very shocked and perturbed by this statement. I think it is unreasonable for you to publish this article with no information pertaining to this course. Are you able to tell the readers what R.O.T.C. actually teaches students?
I set the story straight, R.O.T.C. teaches leadership, organization and the ability to be led. In accordance with what we are also taught first aid, map reading, military justice, drill and ceremonies, public relations and marching and the right to stand proud of what we are and be able to stand on our own.
One of this curriculum pertains to a peaceful resolution to any problems. This course also teaches negotiation skills. Can you name another class that can teach this wide range of skills needed in the future?
The R.O.T.C. Department would be grateful if next time the subject would be researched.
Sincerely,
Dawn Uehling, R.O.T.C. Cadet

'C' enhances beauty of Central
To the editor,
Student Council would like to speak on behalf of the ropes recently put in around the "C." The purpose of these ropes is to protect this sacred symbol from being further destroyed.
Long ago, our now lavender "C" was a deep royal purple. The color was soon worn down by the feet of hundreds of students treading over it each day. Central was proud of the the school spirit each student left. This spirit has faded along with the "C."
For those students who are concerned about the ropes being a fire hazard, Student Council obtained the fire marshal's approval before installation [of the ropes].
Another point we would like to make clear is that the ropes and the installation cost \$744 as opposed to the initial \$1200 estimated fee.
The sole purpose of this gift is to enhance the beauty of our school and to reestablish a lost tradition. We understand the concerns of the students, and we hope that this lends some insight as to why this gift was purchased.
Sincerely,
Student Council

Black History Program changed
To the editor,
For those who do not know there will be [a limited] student production of the

Black History Program this year. Instead, a professional group will be brought in to do a performance about slavery.
Even though this may be an excellent performance, it is not fair to Central students. There are many students who are willing and ready to sacrifice their time and energy to put together a Black History presentation.
I feel that we need support from all Central students regardless of their color to make a change. I ask that the administration reconsider and give us the time we need to complete a presentation.
We are not ignorant children, we are young adults who should be allowed to educate others about the often stereotyped and misunderstood history of the Black Americans.
To give us less would be inconceivable.
Sincerely,
Lacey Ruffin, senior

'Dancing slaves' offensive
To the editor,
I am writing in concern of an issue that is considered very important to the student body at Central. Many concerns are of the Black History Program that the administrative board has decided not to let the students perform this year.
It means a lot to the students to have this program and to have it performed by their peers. I and a lot of other students felt very offended when we were told that we were going to have a professional

group of actors and actresses come in and give a performance.
We were offended once again when they told us that the play was about dancing slaves. I do not want people to think that all of our history has to do with slavery.
It seems as if the decisions made this school year are not on the African-American students' side. It is "wrong" for us to fight for what we want. The students have no intentions of giving up the fight for what we want.
Sincerely,
Jackie Washington, senior

Editor's note: Students' participation in the Black History Program is not prohibited. Students who wish to take part in the production should contact Mrs. Faye Johnson in the counseling center.

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NEWS briefs

Stephanie Huff
to attend HOBY

Stephanie Huff

Stephanie Huff, sophomore, was selected by the Hugh O'Brien Youth Foundation to receive the HOBY all-expense-paid trip to the Leadership Seminar this spring. At the

seminar Stephanie will be able to interact with outstanding leaders in business, education, government and the professions. By attending the local seminar, she will be eligible for selection to the HOBY World Leadership Congress in Pittsburgh at Carnegie Mellon University next summer.

DECA Conference
held in Kentucky

Thirty members of DECA took a trip to Lexington, Kentucky on November 14-18 for the Central Region Leadership Conference. The conference brought together 1900 DECA members from 13 different states.

At the conference, DECA attended seminars, had a banquet and dance, visited a Kentucky horse farm, where they saw famous thoroughbreds and bet on horse races to "go with the Kentucky flavor" said Mrs. Bunz.

"Most of the seminars were very informative," said Meg Allen, junior. All of the seminars were conducted by professionals of their field. "It gave everyone the opportunity to get current information right out of industry," said Mrs. Bunz.

OPS paper recycling
no longer needed

Paper recycling throughout OPS has ceased due to the pullout of BFI, a contracted company which sold the unsorted paper products to be reused as cellulose insulation. BFI noted that there was no longer a market for cellulose insulation and therefore would no longer accept paper goods. Prior to OPS' official paper recycling effort, Central recycled sorted paper products. An effort is underway to reestablish Central's own paper recycling.

Bayse wins district VP
for Student Council

Central High junior, Ryan Bayse, won the vice-president slot for the District Eight chapter of the Nebraska Association of Student Councils. Attending the



Ryan Bayse

Student Council State Convention in Kearney, Nebraska. Ryan was nominated by Central Student Council president, Maggie Boyle for his position. Along with elections, Ryan and fellow Central Student Council members listened through presentations and workshops.

By Andrea Davis, Laura M. Dunham and Duncan Joyner



Do-Re-Mi-Fa...Shiela Morgan, senior prepares to sing in new gospel choir.

New choir exposes
students to gospel music

By LaVonja Watson

"We want to expose the student body to gospel music," said Shiela Morgan, senior, a member of the new Central High School Gospel Choir.

According to Mrs. Faye Johnson, Central guidance counselor and sponsor of the group, last year a group of students came to her with a petition to start a gospel choir at Central.

"The students knew that Burke High School and Northwest High School had gospel choirs so they wanted one here at Central. The students came to me because they know I am a musician and work with gospel choirs. We want to expand a form of black art for the student body and the community," she said.

According to Mrs. Johnson, Mr. David Finch, the vocal music director at Central, was supportive the new choir. "Mr. Finch attended a workshop for gospel music teachers in OPS and was impressed," she said.

"Gospel helps to uplift people," said Dionne Whitfield, senior, a member of the choir. According to Dionne, she joined Central's Gospel choir because she "likes singing" and it "builds self-esteem."

Mrs. Johnson also stressed that in past years OPS has put a multi-cultural emphasis in the vocal music curriculum. "If we say we want students to be well-rounded and educate others of our musical heritage, we must incorporate gospel into the music program," she said.

"We want students to realize that there is more than just anthems and contemporary music," said Shiela.

According to Mrs. Johnson the choir is not church-affiliated and has 55 members. "The choir is open to the entire student body," she said.

The Central High School Gospel Choir will debut, December 17, in the Central Christmas program.

Improvement comm
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who attended one of the improvement meetings. "Racial relations need to be handled. People should be getting better," she said when asked what the improvement goal was most important.

"Students should have a voice because they are closer to the issues," said Mrs. Anderson. The makeup of the committee is particularly useful. Its makeup [administrators, department heads, parents, students] will help influence success," said Mr. Dan Daly, Department head, who has attended meetings.

"I'm not a great lover of committees, but I realize that it is a way to make as many people as possible get involved," he added.

Mrs. Karen Anderson, PEP president and mother of Rob Anderson, also attends improvement committee meetings. The committee "is a good concept. It is good that the school thinks there is room for improvement," she said.

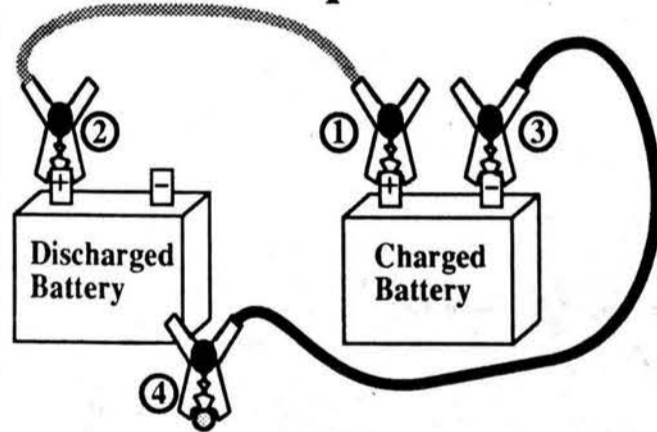
"The meetings point out areas for improvement that we're not aware of and the committee meetings are open. The students really know what is happening, and I feel more students should be involved on the committee," said Mrs. Anderson.

"I am rather skeptical of bringing in students who don't have such an interest in such a thing [school improvement meetings]. The Register and student council are made up of students who are concerned with such matters," said Dr. Moller. For this reason Dr. Moller has invited student council representatives to each meeting. Both Register members to attend.

"There needs to be a limit on the number of students who are invited to the committee. So far we have had a good deal of foundation discussion and at this point it is too late to invite others to the committee," Moller thought about inviting National Honor Society members and foreign language club members to attend. In addition, if made, will be saved next year, however.

Are you and your car ready for winter?

How To Jump-Start a Car



- ① Connect the red cable to the positive terminal on the charged battery.
- ② Connect the red cable to the positive terminal on the discharged battery.
- ③ Connect the black cable to the negative terminal on the charged battery.
- ④ Connect the black cable to a ground on the car with the discharged battery. A ground is usually a bolt near the engine.

CAUTION - At no time allow either the cars or the end of the cables to touch once they are attached to the battery.

In the unlikely event that you become snow-bound, there are a few items that you should consider keeping in your trunk.

- 1) Boots, gloves, and a hat in case you have to abandon your vehicle and walk somewhere.
- 2) A shovel in case you need to dig your car out of a snowpile.
- 3) Jumper cables in case your battery loses its charge.
- 4) A towel. A damp towel can be used to achieve traction on a slippery surface.
- 5) Blankets. In case you need to stay with your car, you should not continually run the heater, for this will deplete your gasoline and also increase the chance of carbon monoxide poisoning. Use a few blankets to keep warm.
- 6) Lock de-icer in case your doors freeze.
- 7) A windshield ice scraper.
- 8) Sand, for weight and traction.

Before winter is really here, you should have some very important parts of your car checked.

- 1) Battery
- 2) Coolant System, including flush and fill radiator, check effectiveness of your antifreeze and hoses.
- 3) Belts, which tend to crack in extreme temperature changes
- 4) Tires, including tread and pressure
- 5) Oil level
- 6) Muffler and exhaust, which is more highly eroded in the winter months with all of the sand and salt on the road.
- 7) Some fuel-line antifreeze should be added.

Article and graphic by Christopher Thilgen

Conflicts arise over Black History program

Vonya Watson

Senior student representatives for the student body, Jerome Moore, Rena [unclear], Antone Douglas, Owei Belleh, [unclear] Washington and Sharrone Travis with Dr. G.E. Moller, Central's principal and a staff of faculty members, met on November 19 to discuss the Black History Commemoration program. According to Mrs. Bernice Nared, assistant principal at Central and member of the Black History Commemoration committee, a problem with some students concerning the annual commemoration program in February in honor of Black History month. "The students were [unclear] over the length of time given for [unclear] to present a Black History commemoration program," she said. The students met with the administration and commemoration October 29, when they were [unclear] that the Center Stage performing arts group would give a performance for Black History month. Students would be given time in an auditorium homeroom to present a [unclear] performance. "We have a problem," said Dr. Moller.

"There is no way to have two assemblies," he continued.

"We were not informed," said Owei. According to Owei the representatives were not informed about the Center Stage performance.

"We are not going (to perform) in the homerooms because students were not involved," he said.

The Center Stage performing arts group will perform free of charge, according to Mrs. Johnson.

"Money cannot compare to the pride we would get by performing," said Jackie.

According to the commemoration staff, the student representatives are not in charge of the Black History program, but the staff values their input.

"We want educational activities," said Mrs. Faye Johnson, Central guidance counselor and member of the committee. "The staff committee is set up to handle the program. We have invited student participation," she continued.

According to Jerome time is allotted to perform school plays; therefore the students should receive their equal share of time. Jerome said, "There is always preference toward the play. Whenever Central is ready to make a buck, Central

is ready and willing."

After several minutes of discussing the proposal of an auditorium homeroom presentation, three student representatives left the committee not willing to comply with the proposal.

"The meeting failed to satisfy all that were present," said Mrs. Nared. Some students remained to further discuss the proposal.

It was all a misunderstanding, according to Antone Douglas. "The representatives did not know that the faculty took part in preparation for the program. This has been going on since we were in junior high," he said.

"The Black History program is for our school, therefore our school (students) should put it on," said Eve Broekemeier, senior.

"The program will be more meaningful to students if they put it together themselves," said Kristina Turco, senior. "They can learn from it by performing and researching," she continued.

According to Dr. Moller, preparation for student involvement has not fully been arranged, but students will be given the opportunity to be involved.

Adrenaline hits Central

Alexis Richards

T-shirts may easily be the most popular line of clothing today. [unclear] Blackman and Devin [unclear]son, seniors, are taking advantage of this fashion trend by using their talent and ambition. With Menice and Devin [unclear]n and draw what will appear on the shirts. "We [unclear] to draw and haven't seen [unclear] we would like to see on [unclear] shirts. We were trying to [unclear] a universal type of T-shirt. If we make it ourselves, [unclear]n't have to worry about [unclear] status symbol or brand [unclear] said Devin. [unclear] also looks good on the [unclear] resume and is a great [unclear] way to push your sarcasm [unclear] other people," said [unclear]. They also designed this [unclear] senior class T-shirts. Adrenalin Wear is the [unclear] name of the line of T-shirts. Adrenalin goes along with [unclear] idea of the totally intense

things we draw, and everyone uses adrenalin no matter what they do or who they are," said Menice, who came up with the name.

"We based the design and the whole concept of the company on humor. Sayings we made up and drawings of someone screaming or freaking out usually appear on T-shirts," said Devin.

Along with their business manager, Westside senior Ryan Dughman, the company had their first shirts ready by November.

According to Menice, "The T-shirts will be in limited edition. Only 24 of the first shirt will be sold as well as with the other two in the series." The T-shirts cost \$12 and have the company



Two-man team... Devin and Menice hold up their first shirt

logo on the front and many different sarcastic quotes on the back.

"There are a lot more people that have said they want one of the first shirts printed," said Devin. "If we get enough interest and more than 12 orders we'll print more."

The second T-shirt should be out in two weeks.

"The first T-shirt was black print on white T-shirts. The next ones will be on long sleeve T-shirts or hooded shirts," said Menice. "We are going to try to do more experimental things with the T-shirts," said Devin.

"Money is not our prime motive but it helps," said Devin.

Club members learn history first-hand

Andrea Davis

"My middle name is Denazbah," said 17-year-old freshman Kathy Peltier. Navajo, it means a great warrior who fights for our people." When Kathy was 10 months old, her great-grandmother gave her this name. In many ways, this name fits her. "I was on the longest walk," said Kathy. The longest walk was a march for the American Indian Movement (AIM) and Leonard Peltier, in 1978 from California to Washington, D.C. In addition to that, Kathy started the Native American Club and participates in speak-outs for her father, Leonard Peltier, an AIM activist. "My dad is my biggest influence," said Kathy. "He taught me how to speak

Hills, triggering the biggest manhunt in F.B.I. history. He was convicted of murder, even though the bullets found around the car didn't match Peltier's gun, according to Kathy. "He was put in jail mostly because he was an activist for Native American Rights," said Kathy. "It wasn't a fair trial." He is now serving two life sentences. "I last saw my dad in mid-August," said Kathy.

While having to cope with these problems, Kathy has also had to adjust to moving a lot and learning another language. "We have moved five times," said Kathy. "This is our third time living here in Omaha." She lived on the Twin Lakes Reservation in New Mexico. "You had to work every day," she said. "You had to struggle. Every day you had to struggle." Up until fourth grade, Kathy went to a Navajo school and spoke Navajo. "I've only been speaking English for six years," said Kathy.

Even though Kathy has had this first-hand experience of Native American



Leading the club... Kathy talks at the November 19 Native American club meeting

culture, she says there is still much more to learn. "In learning the customs, there are different levels of understanding, kindergarten, first grade, second grade," she said. "I'm just barely in pre-school." Now, Kathy is learning about the history of the recent American Indian movement and the conflicts at the Pine Ridge reservation. "I'm learning little by little, same as everyone else."

NEWS briefs

Students in ballet

Central sophomores Emily Knox, Jenny Bailey and Sarah Schafer will be performing in this winter's ballet, *The Nutcracker*. "I'm a snowflake and a flower," said Emily. "This is my fifth year of being in *The Nutcracker*."

The Nutcracker will be in Omaha at The Orpheum Theater on December 12-15. The ballet will be performing in small cities in the Midwest. The first tour is this weekend. "It's a lot of fun because you get to work with neat people, but it's also very time consuming and a lot of work," Emily said.

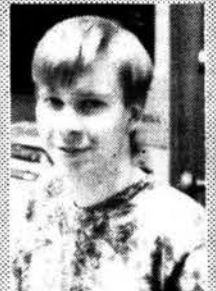
Students rated in top 10

At the Math Day competition sponsored by UNL, Peter Thorson, senior, and Jan Romberg, senior, placed in the top ten highest in the 800 students that participated. Peter ranked second and Jan ranked sixth.

The ranking was determined by the combined scores of both Probe 1 and Probe 2 tests given to the participants from the 92 schools.

The Probe tests were multiple choice, and dealt with first and second year Algebra and Geometry. The first had 25 problems, and you were given a hour to complete it; it was tricky. The second had eight problems, and given another hour to finish that; it was very tricky," said Jan Romberg.

The top ten highest scores were given scholarships to UNL. Peter received a \$4000 and Jan was given a \$2000 scholarship



Peter Thorson



Jan Romberg

TV-VCR units purchased

A PEP (Parents Educators and Pupils) donation was given to the school for Central's need of new electronic equipment. The \$1600 was used to purchase four new TV-VCR units for the school. "We have a growing need of electronic equipment, and we lack the ability to repair them quick enough. The district's technicians work as fast as they can, but it would take a whole crew to keep up with the demand," said Dr. G. E. Moller, principal.

Comedy amuses French

Over 90 third to fifth year French students spent a day at University of Nebraska at Lincoln in the Temple Theater, where they saw a play entitled *Le Misanthrope* by Moliere.

"Moliere is a classic French comedian. His plays were so good they are still considered funny today," said Mrs. Beverly Fellman, French teacher. The play was performed by a traveling French ensemble.

Potluck held at Central

The Central National Honor Society held a potluck dinner in Central's courtyard on Tuesday, November 19. Central hosted Marian, Prep, Burke, Duchesne, Westside, Northwest, Ralston and North.

By Andrea Davis, Laura M. Dunham and Dawn Randall

Central: The way we

Opinions of Central vary

By Mark Rosenquist

"I hate the doorstops here at Central. Get rid of those damn ropes around the C," said Dan Vercruyse, junior, in regard to what he didn't like about Central. "They [the cafeteria staff] should make sure tomato soup is in the Eagle Express line more than once in a blue moon," he added. Dan said a plus for Central is "the interesting people."

Dawn Tatum, senior, said, "I like the different variations of people and the many different cultures [here]. That's kind of neat."

"I dislike the overemphasis on academics and how the school is so conservative when it comes to letting students do certain things." Dawn explained, "When we ask for extra pep rallies or a school dance we can't do it. The administration won't let us do simple things."

"I'd like to see the students given more freedom and maybe someday have open campus," Dawn said.

Andy Shradar, senior, said, "Central needs air conditioning."

Bob Franzese, senior, said, "I like the unification and the seniors that play tecmo (a Nintendo game)." One of Bob's dislikes about Central is "the texture of the floor in the courtyard." He said, "You can slip and get hurt."

"There needs to be a different color of chairs in the courtyard." Bob added, "Seeing the orange chairs in the morning blows me away."

Kate Duggan, sophomore, said, "A lot of the teachers are great." She said, however, that "some of the teachers grade real harshly." Kate added, "There's lots of homework."

"The pop machines aren't on at lunch. They should be." She also dislikes the courtyard being locked after school.

Mrs. Pegi Georgeson, Central Drama teacher, is a Central graduate. Attending Central is a tradition for her family. Her two daughters, father, two sisters and a brother all graduated from Central. She said she "hasn't seen as much commitment and loyalty to Central" as in the past. "We have a large contingency of students that are committed and loyal to the school and a large contingency that aren't."

One thing Mrs. Georgeson would like to see is "more school spirit." She said

when she was a cheerleader at Central, "most everyone knew the school cheers." She added, "Now it's a shame that most students don't know them."

"I wish Central had a swimming pool and parking facilities for everybody," she said. "We need a better sound system in the auditorium."

Mrs. Georgeson likes "the student population and the tradition of excellence at Central."

Mr. Jim Rouse, principal at Creighton Prep High School, had only favorable comments. He said the first thing that came to mind about Central was "not the football team."

Rather, he first thought, "Dr. Moller is running an excellent program." He added, "We've always appreciated our

"The building has a certain aura and mystique about it that new buildings just don't have.

—Dr. G.E. Moller "

ties with Central and we look on ourselves [Creighton Prep and Central] as cooperative partners in educating high school students."

When pressed for critical comments, Mr. Rouse said he hadn't witnessed anything he didn't like about Central "from firsthand experience."

Shane Miller, senior, said he wished Central students could "go out to eat during the lunch hour, [to a place] like Taco Bell." He also hates the fact that "each teacher thinks their class is the most important."

Beth Knudsen, president of Benson High's student council, said "variety and diversity" were the first thoughts that came to mind about Central.

Brian Johnson, Central junior, said, he likes "school spirit" at Central. The thing he dislikes about Central is the cockroaches.

Emily Moore, junior, said she liked the fact that "the classes [at Central] are a challenge, and my college education will

be better as a result of that."

She disliked that "we [Central] pay a lot of attention to sports, and very few of us will go far in them in the future."

Emily said no rules at Central need to be changed. "I think we've got to keep our rules because that's the only way we're going to learn anything."

Mrs. Saleta Arroyo, math teacher, first came to Central two years ago. She said her first impression of Central was "very impressive." She said, "I was expecting disrespectful students, but I was really impressed. She had these expectations "because of Central's inner-city location."

"I like the new ropes around the C. I think it makes a real classy entrance to the school." She added, "I like the support the staff gets. I think the staff gets along real well with each other."

She dislikes the crowded halls during passing periods. "I don't like to see litter in the halls," she added.

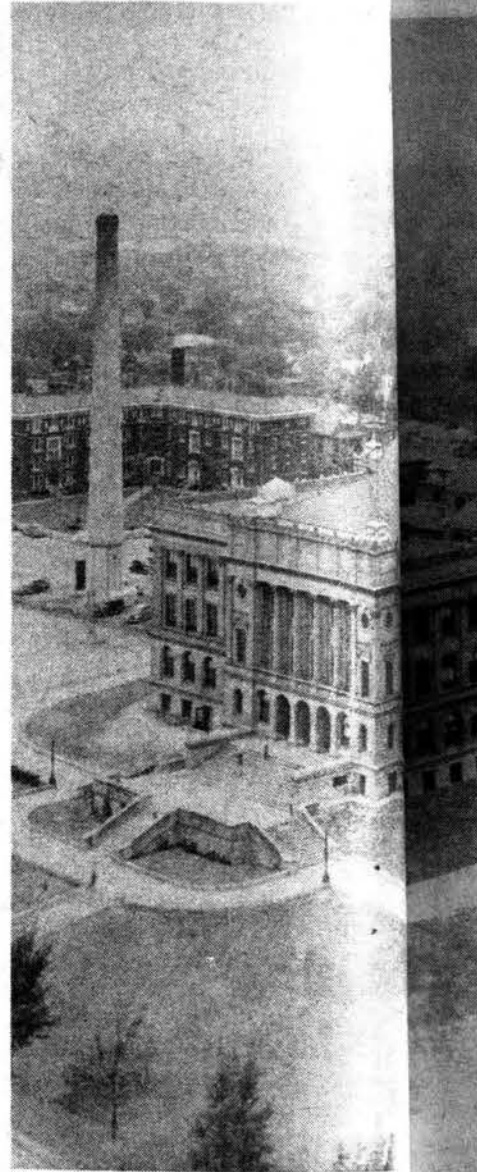
Scott Bender, South High senior, said, "I think the overall impression [of Central] is that it's a good school." He added that one reason he thinks this is because, "they don't say anything bad about our school."

Dave Benak, Gross High senior, said, "I think Central is a good school. The sports programs have always been good."

Dr. G.E. Moller, Central High principal, said it's hard to say what's good about Central "because there are so many things" good about it. "I like the cosmopolitan mix of students" and "the good racial and economic mix [of students]." Moller said, "I like the fact that the people I work with want this to be a good school."

He said, "I like the fact that the building has character. The building has a certain aura and mystique about it that new buildings just don't have." He added, "It's an interesting building."

Dr. Moller said there are certain additions he'd like to see at Central. "I'd like to see at least ten computers in every room of the building." He emphasized, "Schools that are not well-equipped to give students a broad experience on computers are missing the boat." He added, "Schools have to have computers to prepare people for the world in which they'll live in." Moller also said that "Central needs more room, and I'd like us to have a swimming pool."



Central in the early stages of construction. In 1970, a new gymnasium and auditorium. In 1970, a new gymnasium and auditorium.

Unseen spaces found in

By Rob Harshbarger

There are several places within the building which are not usually seen by you. The attic and sub-basement are places by the fortunate.

Long corridors connecting the departments, wooden planks perpendicular to the ceiling, electric wire and darkness of the attic. The basement, on the other hand, is full of huge fans hooked to three speed motors circulating air through the building, tunnels and crawl spaces attaching boiler room to boiler room.

Shafts which stretch from the basement to the attic also serve to circulate air throughout the building. These are just a few of the out of the way places within the building.

Mr. Tabor, head engineer for Central High School, remembers when many of the buildings were used. He noted that the building was used before the water system now in use that accounts for the steam pipes connected the system. Anyone who has seen the photograph of Omaha High School's old smokestack

Time for class...The first territorial Capitol Building, located on the spot of the current Central High School, housed Omaha High School's first class in 1859.



Photos courtesy of the KMTV Bostwick-Frohardt collection

where, the way we are

Central's renovations change the building throughout time

By Dawn Randall

In the early 1980's, Central high school was almost torn down or sold to the Board of education for office space. Omaha officials decided that either Technical High at 30th and Cuming, or Central was to go, according to Dr. G.E. Moller, Central principal.

However, he said enough Central Alumni and historians protested the closing of Central due to its historical value and importance to Omaha. He went on to say Central has less parking space than Tech had. Tech was closed and renovated to become what is now the TAC building.

As most Centralites know, Central was built on the same site as the Territorial Capitol building, which was torn down in 1868, when the State Capitol was moved to Lincoln. After the Capitol building was torn down, Omaha's first public school was erected in 1872. The first graduating class of Omaha High School had only 11 members, nine of whom were girls.

In 1897-1898, the school board decided that a larger building was needed to accommodate the growing number of students and also to compensate for the inadequate ventilation in the school.

With the old school still standing, the east wing of Central was built between 1900 and 1901. The south and west wing were added in 1905 and 1910. Faculty and students could travel between the two school buildings through what are now the rooms between the stairways.

In 1910, the old school was torn down and removed through the north side. The north wing was completed in 1912.

In 1920, the steep Dodge street was lowered from twelve percent grade to seven percent grade, and new streetcar tracks were laid and Central compensated for its increased elevation by building the east and south stairways.

Originally, the new Central High was not built with the present gymnasium and auditorium, which were added in 1932. Before these were added, the fourth floor rooms were gymnasiums and the auditorium existed in what is now rooms 145 and 245. The cafeteria, then, was in the basement on the south side.

Mrs. Beverly Fellman, French teacher and 1959 Central graduate, said that Central has changed a lot since she was here.

The courtyard did not have a roof in the late 50's. In fact, it was not closed in until 1980-1981. The courtyard was dirt with ivy covering the walls, and it could only be used in nice weather. She also said that there was nowhere to sit in the courtyard and you could not eat lunch there, so it really was not of any use. Although Mrs. Fellman wishes that they would have had the courtyard closed-in, the open courtyard provided cool cross-currents in the hot summer months.

The old windows that were later replaced could be opened from the top so that the air came in through the top and did not blow papers around classrooms and halls.

The administration offices were on the east side, where rooms 110, 111 and 113 are now. She said she thought this was because most kids left school and

went downtown through the east side doors. "Now, kids are using the west side more, so the offices are on that side."

The counselors did not have their own center as they do now. Their offices were spread all over the building.

Boys used the right stairways and their bathrooms were on the landings between floors. Girls used the left stairways.

The room which is now the office of Mr. Gary Kubik, science teacher, and Mrs. Ginny Bauer, school treasurer, was the bookroom and the school store where all the school books were kept. At the beginning of the school year, teachers would send for their books. Now, textbooks are still kept in the bookroom, but some textbooks are kept in classrooms. The school store is upstairs in the courtyard. The current school store was an entrance to the old boiler room, which extended underground into the Joslyn garden, which was a parking lot. Mrs. Fellman said all the kids knew that that was where the teachers would smoke.

Since the new gym was not built yet, all basketball games were held in the old gym and "it was very crowded."

Wood floors covered the classrooms, halls and stairs of Central, and study hall desks were nailed to the floor. The stairs, which did not have the rubber covering that they now have, were "scooped out" from the pressure of people walking on them for 50 years.

Lockers were also wooden.

The fourth floor rooms were almost the same as they are now, but the science room was either storage or another art room.

During the late 1970's and early 1980's, Central underwent a

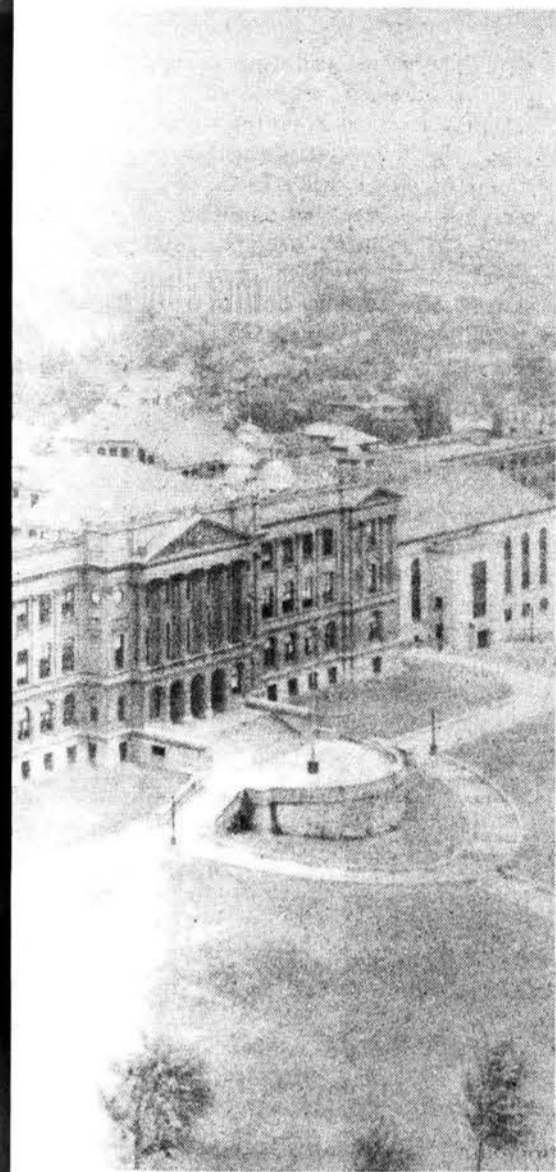
renovation, when many aspects of Central changed. The renovation was designed by Merle Rambo, a former Central graduate.

By 1976, the girls' sports had grown to such a large extent that teams were being sent all over the city to practice. "We were using other high schools, grade schools and junior highs to give all our teams practice space. The new gym was completed in 1976, which gave Central sports teams much more room to practice and a larger gym which could hold more capacity.

At this time, the teachers' parking lot was where the Joslyn garden is now and a small, dirt practice field existed where the new field is. Dr. G.E. Moller, said that there was not room for two teams on the small field and the field was filled with glass and tin, which is why the new one was built.

A north-south street ran in front of Joslyn and was removed with the building of the new field and Joslyn's garden.

From 1980 to 1981, the courtyard roof was put on piece by piece with a helicopter. Like many of the renovation projects, the roof was put on to conserve energy. Before the roof was on, the building caught a lot of drafts through the courtyard. The amount of money saved eventually would pay for the cost of the courtyard roof, according to architects. This also gave the building more space that could be used year-round.



ages. Many changes including a new gym and smokestack demolished.

passageways in Central

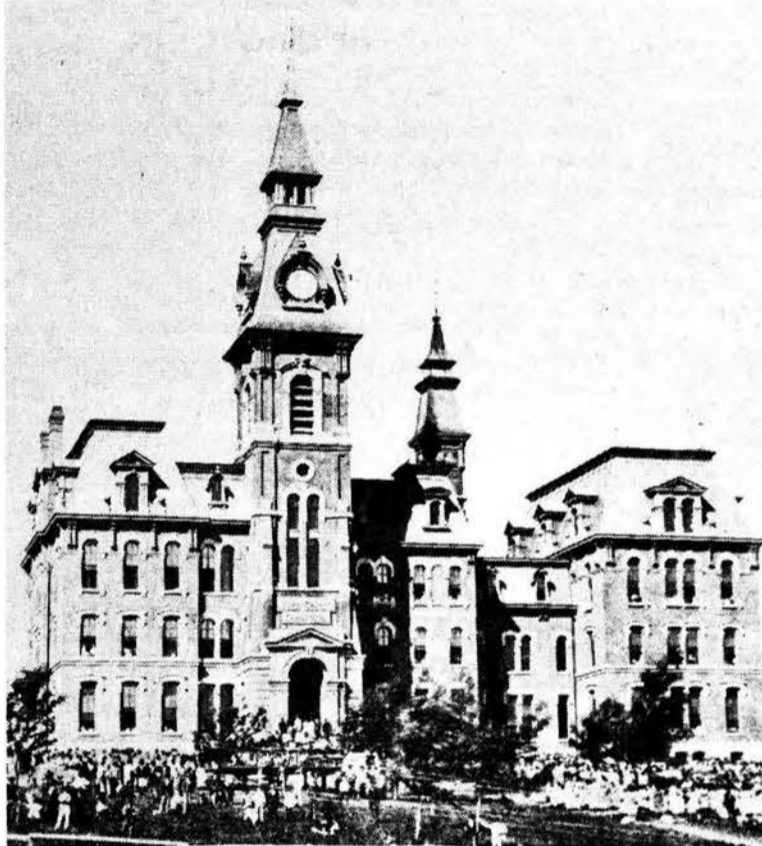
down in the late 70's, it was above the old boiler room. The boiler room was located underneath 22nd street, what would now be considered Joslyn's lawn.

Mr. Tabor was also here when the roof over the courtyard was air lifted by helicopter onto the building.

The passages connecting the art and science departments were once traveled often as students made their way to gym class. The location which now makes up those departments was once two separate gyms, one for boys, and one for girls.

Students may also notice the large "S"s which are located in the windows on the south side of the building. These let the firemen know that these are shaftways, shafts that stretch from the basement to the attic for air circulation.

It is not recommended that students seek to find these unique and interesting places. Many of them are extremely dangerous and poorly lit and should only be traveled by the skilled janitors who are quite aware of the present dangers.



Beauty and brains...In 1870 a permanent school building was planned for the same spot which once held Nebraska's territorial capitol. The four story building was completed in 1872 and contained 18 rooms.

Courtesy of Mr. Eiza Tabor

Helicopter lifts construction of

By Sean Rourke

Yes indeed you may be thinking, it's yet another movie take-off of a now syndicated late-night rerun. Well to an extent, you're right, but this movie is not the TV series. The characters are all the same, yet you do not have to have seen the sit-com to understand the movie.

The dialogue of the movie is basically done with the same format as the show, a multitude of one-liners. Although some of them struck a funny chord within me, most of the punch-lines were evident before the jokes were half over.

The physical humor, however, was hilarious. I cannot remember the last time I laughed so hard at slap-stick comedy.

“**And thank the gods, Hammer was not in it.**”

Raul Julia, playing the powerful role of Gomez, was absolutely a kill. Every time the man turned around, he flung a knife at someone. Not only that, but he would spontaneously burst into ridiculous acrobatics at any given time.

The two kids, Wednesday and Pugsley,



Rourke and Lieben Movie Review

The Addams Family



were also hilarious. There were several points in the movie the children walk in and out of a scene carrying really BIG knives. You could only guess as to what they planned to use them for.

The other characters in the movie certainly had their moments, but were not nearly as funny.

One character, however, who has greatly improved since the television version is Liz...er, uh, Thing. Before, you merely saw the hand reach up out of a box. Now it runs around the house and even opens the front door.

The Addams Family was not exceptionally strong in the way of dialogue, but the special effects and sight gags certainly made up for it. And thank the gods, Hammer was not in it.

By Liz Lieben

They're creepy and they're spooky. Mysterious and ooky. They're altogether kooky. The Addams Family!

All your favorites have returned. Cousin It, Lurch, the Thing, Gomez and Morticia, daughter Wednesday, son Pugsley and of course, Uncle Fester make appearances on the big screen.

It's actually better than the television show. The movie is in color, there are great special effects and it is hilarious.

Where else can you see Shakespeare and blood fountains? This movie is about electrocuting and poisoning your siblings and having your parents approve. Of course, its all in good fun.

Morticia, played by Anjelica Huston, plays the spooky witch-like wife who

seduces her husband with French husband, Gomez. Raul Julia, is his always dancing and playing like a His inheritance is kept in an underground tomb with fabulous and tunnels.

However, the best performance is Christopher Lloyd who plays the lost Uncle Fester. He and his plan to steal The Addams Family. I was really impressed when Uncle caught a knife with his teeth. See he could do the same thing and demonstrate with licorice, but it's the same effect.

The two children, Wednesday Pugsley, are absolutely hilarious. They have all different types of trick stunts to pull on normal children.

The special effects were fantastic. The Thing (the hand without a body) is amazing. Its great how it runs and can communicate by sign language.

This is a movie you can watch while falling asleep or getting totally groggy out. (I have to admit that their deaths were extremely nasty, but it didn't make me lose my licorice.)

I thoroughly enjoyed this movie. Hopefully, they will come out with a movie about Gilligan's Island or it to Beaver next.

Magic Carpet Room concert features Central bands

By Sean Rourke

"Four bands, four hours, three bucks," is the slogan for the Magic Carpet Room concert occurring on November 30. The headliners consist of three Central bands; *Prairie Giants*, *Morality Play*, and *The Genetic Throwbacks*, as well as the group, *Nine Days Wonder*.

"This is lots of music compressed together in four short hours," said Wayne Rasmuss, junior. "It's one well-known band (*Nine Days Wonder*) coming together with three up-and-coming bands." Wayne is the organizer of the concert as well as bass player for both the *Throwbacks* and *Morality Play*.

"Basically, the idea was to get a hundred of my friends together to hear us play," he said.

According to Ben Fenner, junior, "We're not looking for big profit, we just wanna get our names out and have fun." Ben is the lead singer for the *Genetic Throwbacks*. "It's the first real thing we've done as far as renting a hall," he said.

The concert will be held at the Magic Carpet Room on the corner of 18th and Vinton, next to Burger Lust.

According to Ben, it has a "nice dance floor, nothing too easily broken." He says that the hall has a maximum capacity of 300 people, but only 150 need come for the bands to break even. Ben hopes there will be more.

According to Wayne, no alcohol will be allowed in the hall. Pop, candy bars and popcorn will be sold instead. He says that the law also requires there to be two off-duty police officers present at the concert as a precaution; however Wayne does not foresee any problems.

"At precisely 8 p.m., the *Prairie Giants* will begin to play," Wayne said.

Matt Focht, junior, and lead singer of the *Prairie Giants*, stated that "I just want to jam. I want everybody to feel our

music." The *Prairie Giants* consist of sophomore Chris Yambar on bass, freshman John Kochan on lead guitar, junior Jason Wheeler on rhythm guitar, junior Kevin Edwards on drums, and Matt as the lead vocalist.

The PG's said that they feature songs by such bands as *The Sex Pistols*, *Jane's Addiction* and *Minor Threat*, along with several original songs. "We play various alternative styles," commented Matt.

After the *Prairie Giants*, *The Genetic Throwbacks* will take the stage.

"The GT's were formed by a couple guys in the seventh grade who wanted to start a band," Wayne said. "We would most easily be classified as alternative." The GT's consist of juniors Todd Reiser on keyboards, Steve Hendrix on lead guitar, Matt Focht on drums, Ben on lead vocals and Wayne on bass.

“**We're neo-alternative folk-funk jazzy hard-core blues. We play songs by REM, Seven Seconds, Concrete Blonde and the Searchers.**”

-Eric Larson

Ben said that the GT's will be playing something by the Rolling Stones, but most of their songs will be originals.

Next on the line-up will be *Nine Days Wonder*, a band headed by Central graduate, Mike Gonzales. The group will rely on no covers during the show, performing only original songs.

Wrapping up the program will be the music of *Morality Play*. The band combines the music



Kristen Steenberg

Eric Larson, junior, on the stage for the homeless...

Thursday, November 30, the Central band, *Morality Play*, was one of the featured bands that played at St. Hall in a benefit for the homeless. If a person brought canned goods or winter clothing, he received a discount off the regular ticket price. Information about Eco Now was offered to people.

From 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. was an art show displaying the works of student artists and at 8 p.m. the bands played. People could register to vote.

Shelley Haven, senior, said, "It was a great way to benefit the homeless."

of Central students, Eric Larson, junior, on lead vocals, Wayne on bass, and Garret Pierson, senior, on drums. Matt Oberst from Prep plays lead guitar, and Jason Sieling, Central graduate, plays rhythm guitar.

"We're neo-alternative folk-funk jazzy hard-core blues. We play songs by REM, Lou Reed, Seven Seconds, Concrete Blonde and the Searchers," Eric said. He also said that *Morality Play* would perform some of their originals as well.

Ben said that the concert will run until midnight, with each band playing for 45 minutes, allowing for 15 minute intermissions between each band.

Although the concert has only been publicized through word-of-mouth and flyer circulation, KMTV 3 will be there to cover it through representative Dan Bagley, Central junior.

Admission to the concert will be three dollars at the door. The concert will be held on November 30.

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Bologna makes me Wheezy

Your Piece of Chalk

Duncan Joyner

A girl recently told me that there is absolutely nothing at all to do in Omaha anymore. What could I say to this insight? I told her how she should look for fun in everything she does and shouldn't be disappointed if she finds none. She gave me an odd look. I don't think she understood what I was trying to say. I told her a famous Einstein quote, but she still didn't understand. Finally, in all my frustration, I relayed this story to her in every hope that she would understand.

One afternoon I received a call from my distant friend Wheezy. She wanted to go do something fun with me, and since I had no obligations that evening, I agreed.

Now we had no formal plan for the evening, but we didn't let that worry us. We decided that if fun and excitement were meant for us that evening, it would find us. We had a pocket full of free tokens from SHOWBIZ Pizza Place (a lot of our friends work there), and we had the desire to play Skeeball.

So we arrived at the amusement center (which happened to be the only place my parents refused to take me in my youth, and consequently was immortalized as a fainted illusion in my mind) with our pocket full of change.

I entered into the palace of a pizza place, and instantly dropped to my knees, licking the red velvet (actually worn red polyester rug) carpet as I had only imagined I would do someday. I licked and licked, licking all of the stray pieces of lint and hair, licking the unidentified wet stain, licking until the wet stain was dry and I had to wring out my tongue, licking until my friend, Wheezy, grabbed my neck and slammed me upright, into the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle machine.

"Duncan, have you totally gone insane? What the Hell are you doing?" my inquisitive, jolly, healthy friend Wheezy asked.

"Uh, it's kind of a long story about repression in my youth."

"Well, I don't really care, just get a grip on yourself, you act as if you've never been here before," my sympathetic, concerned, interested, keeper-of-my-secrets questioned.

"Well, as a matter-of-fact, this is my first time," I timidly responded.

"WHAT? You've never been here before? Not even as a kid?"

"Don't act so surprised, there's a lot of things I haven't done that other people do."

"Like what?"

"Like, I don't eat eggs, I classify hiccups, I've never been to a haunted house and I have never seen *Gone With The Wind*."

"Oh, my gosh, you were repressed," Wheezy said, sounding genuinely sincere. "Let's go play Skeeball, scum!"

So off we went to play Skeeball. We played and played until all of our tokens were gone and we had amassed many a pocketful of tickets. Feeling exhilarated we walked up to the counter to redeem our prize. We threw our supply of tickets on the counter and instructed the feeble youth to start counting.

Approximately 13 minutes later, the SHOWBIZ lackey spoke, "210 tickets total."

"Wow, that's a lot of tickets, Wheezy. What should we get?"

We searched through the plastic toys, the rubber toys, the stuffed toys, and could not find anything worthy of an hour and a half's work of Skeeball. Then, in a moment of slow-motion, our eyes caught sight of the same thing.

"The Chucky Cheese coffee cup!" we chanted in unison.

Then we looked at the number of tickets we needed.

"250 tickets for a coffee cup," Wheezy groaned in dismay.

"Not to mention we'd have to have two cups—one a piece," I added.

"Well, we could go slime some tokens out of Sinbad (Wheezy's friend/SHOWBIZ employee)," Wheezy suggested.

Sinbad didn't have any tokens, but he instructed us as to where we could obtain obscene amounts of the SHOWBIZ coins.

"I jumped on the counter in stress-induced delusion and chanted to all the little four-year-olds to rise above their enjoyment, parents and Pampers and boycott the pizza palace we call SHOWBIZ."

Ten minutes later we were at the Skeeball machines, playing with a purpose; going climactic over 50's and 40's, and getting nearly suicidal over 10's and 20's.

When we finished our token supply, we rushed to the prize redemption counter and again threw down our tickets. This time, however, it was our friend, Sarah's sister, Julia (pronounced Who-lia), whom we adopted a special name for (Mybalopola), that was tending the counter.

"Ya need help counting those Myba..., uh' Julia?" Wheezy asked.

"NOOOOOOOOPE!" Mybalopola growled.

"Uh', ok, uh, just tell us when you're done, uh, ok?" Wheezy pressured.

Mybalopola didn't bother answering; she just grunted and blew her nose on her shirt sleeve.

Minutes later, Mybalopola came up with the startling results, "439 tickets."

Four hundred and thirty-nine tickets meant 61 tickets off. We were too close to let go of our conquest. We managed to get nine tokens from Mybalopola, and we divided them equally, agreeing to share the remaining silver token together.

We played and played, and each won many tickets. Then came the time to share that final, majestic token. I took the token out of my pocket and began to insert it into my machine.

"What are you doing?" the sharp, shrill voice of Wheezy ripped through my ears.

"Putting the coin in so we can play," I explained.

"Not in your machine we're not; we'll play in mine," she commanded.

After debating and arguing and fighting, we finally decided to play on a neutral machine.

We strode up to the counter with our pocketful of tickets.

Julia counted the tickets twice but came up with the same slurred answer, "59 (which happens to be my senior lot parking number)."

"Are you sure Myba..., Julia?" I questioned in anxiety.

Mybalopola just stared with all of her eyes.

I jumped on the counter in my stress-induced delusion and chanted to all the little four-year-olds to rise above their enjoyment, parents and Pampers and boycott the pizza palace we call SHOWBIZ.

In the end, the manager gave us the two needed tickets and asked Wheezy not to bring her obsessive friend again.

I woke the girl up (the one I was trying to explain fun to) and reluctantly agreed that their was nothing much fun to do in Omaha. I guess the highlight of the evening was getting the coffee cup (which is now buried in my trunk) and not having to pay for four and a half hours of Skeeball.

I miss Wheezy; I never really heard from her again.

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Magic Moments

Locker Room Talk

Al Bakhit

During the past few weeks the sports world has been in a daze. Earvin "Magic" Johnson made an announcement a few weeks ago that has hit home hard. He told the public that he had contracted the HIV virus and was retiring from the N.B.A.

This tragedy is something that will not soon be forgotten. How often do you find a player like Magic? At 6'9" he did not look anything like a point guard. But when it came to handling the ball, Magic was the man for the job. Aside from this, he could fill in at any position and be able to compete with the best of players.

When Johnson joined the Lakers in 1979 fresh out of Michigan State, he became a leader, and he has been throughout his career up to his recent retirement. Magic showed the world how good he really was. He came in and played a pivotal role in the 1980 N.B.A. finals as a rookie, helping the Lakers to defeat Philly in six games.

He promoted cola, shoes, and he also did commercials speaking out against drugs and dropping out of school. He always has and always will be a positive influence on anyone he speaks to. Magic has always attracted respect wherever he goes. Now he faces what will be his toughest challenge ever. But he won't be alone.

He recently married, and his wife is now pregnant. Initial testing has proven negative on both the mother and the baby. She has assured the public that she is behind her husband all the way.

Magic also has support from the entire sportsworld as he fights his battle. He is already planning to do commercials for safe sex and AIDS awareness. The whole incident has not put a damper on his spirits. Immediately after making his announcement, he went on the Arsenio Hall Show to express his feelings and emotions.

Before he told the public the news, he called five of his closest friends, Larry Bird, Arsenio Hall, Isiah Thomas, Pat Riley and Michael Jordan. He then went before the team and

told them in person that he had contracted the HIV virus.

The team was stunned by the announcement, and it showed in their play. Recently Magic has been on the bench helping with the coaching, and it seems to help the team's morale.

Magic has been through a lot. His career is like a highlight film. In 12 years he has won five championships with the Lakers, been in ten All-Star Games and won three MVP awards. Magic Johnson has been one of the most memorable players in N.B.A. history. His achievements will not be topped easily.

He has plans for the future. At the moment he is going to Washington, D.C., where he is part-owner of a Pepsi distributorship. He also plans to continue to manufacture T-shirts and other sporting goods through Magic Johnson T's. Most importantly he will pursue his dream of owning an N.B.A. team, preferably the Lakers.

He is leaving the game with an arena full of memories and highlights. The Lakers don't have any idea of how they are going to replace Magic. Talent like his is very rare.

Don't fret, Magic may still play again. Next September he'll host his seventh-annual A Mid-Summer Night's Magic, a charity event to raise money for the United Negro College Fund. If he is still in good health, he'll be there playing.

He also plans on playing in the Olympics, depending on his health. It's something he has never done. It will also give him the chance to play on the same team with Larry Bird and Michael Jordan. He has won titles in high school, college and the pros. Now Magic wants to bring home the gold medal for his country.

Magic's task now is to spread the word about AIDS. He wants to let people know the risks so they can take the precautions necessary to prevent this from happening. Maybe people will finally listen if the message comes from a well-known figure like Magic Johnson.

Magic Johnson has always been a figure of inspiration both on and off the court. I think he will continue to be one as long as he lives.

I hope this is a battle that Magic can win and help find a way to cure the HIV virus before it infects more people. Good luck Magic and thanks for the memories.

Sports Preview

Boys' Basketball

The Centrals boys' basketball team will play its first game December 6, at Norris Junior High against Bellevue East High School.

Eric Behrens, senior, is the team's only returning starter. Randy Davis and Donnie Frazier, seniors, are the returning letter winners from last year. Mr. Rick Behrens, head coach, said, "I have a feeling that last year's juniors who are returning will do pretty well." The starting players are Eric, Randy, Donnie, Turane Davis, junior and Burrell Williams or Anthony Bush, seniors.

Turane Davis is a 6'3" junior who transferred from Texas. Coach Behrens stated that Central is lacking in height, but they should pull off the season with all their speed, quickness and good shooters.

Girls' Basketball

Twenty-four girls will be representing Central in the 1991 girls' varsity and junior varsity basketball competitions. Coach Stan Standifer says he is pleased with the experience of this year's varsity team. "I expect the girls to get stronger and stronger in their game," he said. According to Coach Standifer, the team's "inside game" will give them an edge.

Quatesha Kern, junior, agreed with the team's strong talent. "Everyone gives 110%. Last year there was an age gap, but now we're all working together." The first varsity game is December 6 at Bellvue East. This year's seniors are:

Michelle Sneed, Donna C. Sarah Briggs, Tamara and Jackie Washington.

Swimming

This year's swim team has high hopes for the upcoming season. The team has returning state qualifiers last year's team. It has an increased number of swimmers who attend Le Clark and Norris. Coach Allner said, "We'll be re-balanced this year, we have depth."

Connie said, "Our team this year is to qualify swimmers for state and finish the top five in state. The practices after school at Junior High. The girls' competition is December the Ram Relays. Regular competition begins December when they host North H.

Wrestling

This year should be a rebuilding year for the wrestling team. The team has 21 wrestlers this year. Of these 21 there are a lot of new faces.

First-year wrestler, Roy junior, said that the attitude is, "Be the best you can be." Mike Watkins, junior wrestled for last year's team that the large number of wrestlers will be beneficial to the team.

The team practice every day after school for about two hours. Practices consist of running, stretching and wrestling. The teams' first dual is December 10 at Gross.

Sports Calendar

BB - Boys' Basketball
GB - Girls' Basketball
BS - Boys' Swimming
GS - Girls' Swimming
WR - Wrestling
(A) - Away Games

December

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
				5 WR - North Invite	6 BB - Bell. East GB - Bell. East	7 GB - L. East GS - Rlstrn.(A) BB - L. East (A)
8	9	10 BS - North GS - North WR - Gross(A)	11	12 WR - South Invite	13 BS - Burke(A) GS - Burke(A)	14 BS / GS OPS Invite WR - CB Invite BB - Mil. N.(A) GB - Mil. N(A)
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Winter provides a variety of recreational activities



Rob Rouch

Flyin' sky high... Abe Bakhit, junior, shows his sledding ability by jumping off of the porch at Memorial Park as his friends look on.

By Joe Maginn
Now that winter is here, there are restrictions on the sports that can be played. The days of tennis at the park and basketball in the backyard are over; the snow and severe cold has made them less than enjoyable. Although many sports are over until

spring rolls around, there is no shortage of winter sports available to participate in.

Ice-skating is an extremely popular sport. It can be exhilarating and rewarding, but some equipment is required.

Skates are often expensive, but they

can usually be rented. Ice-skating can be enjoyed at many places, but most skaters frequent ice-rinks such as Hitchcock and Benson.

Not all ice-skaters choose to have their fun indoors, though, and many flock to ice-covered bodies of water. They brave the wind and cold for their love of the sport.

Many Central students enjoy ice-skating. It is generally viewed as an exciting activity, but many people benefit from it physically.

Skating can improve your fitness level, much like jogging or walking. "I find ice-skating to be really fun, and it also gets me in good shape," said Tiffany Lehn, junior.

Skiing is also very popular among students. The speed and excitement can be addictive, and many students make annual ski-trips. Equipment for the sport can become costly, but skis can be rented to save money. Warm clothing, boots and sunglasses are also needed.

Skiing is often loved simply for its scenery. The mountains and trees make a great backdrop for this well-liked sport.

Sean Foster, senior, stated, "Every year I like taking two weeks off and heading to Colorado to ski." He added that downhill skiing is "the third most exhilarating thing life has to offer."

Cross-country skiing, unlike its downhill counterpart, can be experienced without huge mountains. It can be enjoyed almost everywhere there is snow on the ground.

Many students like this sport because it is so beneficial. It is an excellent aerobic exercise and can be very rewarding. Heidi Hausman, senior, is a cross-country skier. She finds the sport to be an "incredibly fun way to stay in shape."

Another, more basic, winter sport is sledding. Exciting and inexpensive, this activity can be enjoyed by everyone. Equipment needed is minimal: a sled and a hill are all that is necessary.

This winter activity is enjoyed by many students. Dan Verduyze, junior, stated, "Anytime I get my hands on a Flexible Flyer sled I head for the hills."

If an enjoyable approach to winter is taken, this period of cold and snow can easily be fun and rewarding. There is an abundance of winter sports waiting to be enjoyed.

Hockey's biggest fans

Two juniors cheer Lancers 'every step of the way'

By Sarah Larkin
Omaha has never really been considered a big hockey city. Recently, this has started to

change. Over the last few years' the Omaha Lancers, an U.S.H.L. team, have gone from "worst to first." Shanen Malone and Jen

Walters, juniors, were with the Lancers every step of the way. The Lancers' season begins in October and runs through April. There are 23 players currently on the team. Most of the players are drafted from northern states like, Minnesota and even Alaska. Some are also chosen through try-out camps held in the summer. The players live in Omaha with a "host" family for the entire season.

Jen and Shanen both became interested in Lancer Hockey when both of their fathers came home with tickets for the whole family. When her dad brought the tickets home, Jen said, "I did not want to go at all, I was not a hockey fan." Shanen felt the same way. Both decided to go and try something new. This was the beginning of a growing Lancer fanaticism.

Shanen says that her attraction to the Lancers is because, "It's a fun and I really



enjoy the sport." Jen thinks that because the game is so fast and exciting it's hard not to get into it. Her attraction comes from "the energy that the crowd produces." Both Shanen and Jen have a genuine love of the sport.

Shanen and Jen go to every home game, and they try to go to as many away games as possible. Shanen said, "Out of 60 games total, I only missed 15." Jen and Shanen have season tickets. Jen's seats are right behind the players' bench.

Jen and Shanen both feel that their interest in the Lancers has helped them to understand hockey in general much better. Shanen said, "From going to the Lancer games, I've learned who most of the plays are." Jen said, "At first, I didn't appreciate the Lancers for their sport, now hockey is my favorite sport."

Knowledge of the team players is Shanen and Jen's specialty. They make it a point to know each player's jersey number,

position, birthday, nickname, height and weight, to name a few. Jen said, "Ask me anything, I know everything."

Shanen and Jen both know some of the Lancers personally. They have both met Lancers through Shanen's dad, who as Shanen puts it, "Just walks right up to them and introduces himself and later introduces Shanen and Jen."

Jen and Shanen "hang out" with the Lancers from time to time. Sometimes they go out to eat after the game. Shanen's family has had team members over at their house.

Shanen's family is also on the top of the list to "host" a Lancer for a season. Jen's family would love to host a Lancer, but realistically her parents don't think it would work.

Both Jen and Shanen devote much of their time to the Lancers or Lancer-related activities. It is clearly obvious that the Lancers rate first in Jen and Shanen's lives.

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Graduate, Calvin Jones, sets new rushing record

By Rachel Kozol

In the 1989 high-school football season, Calvin Jones led Central through a 9-1 record. Now he is striving to do the same for The University of Nebraska in college football.

Jones, a freshman I-back for UNL, recently overran the Kansas Jayhawks with 294 rushing yards and six touchdowns.

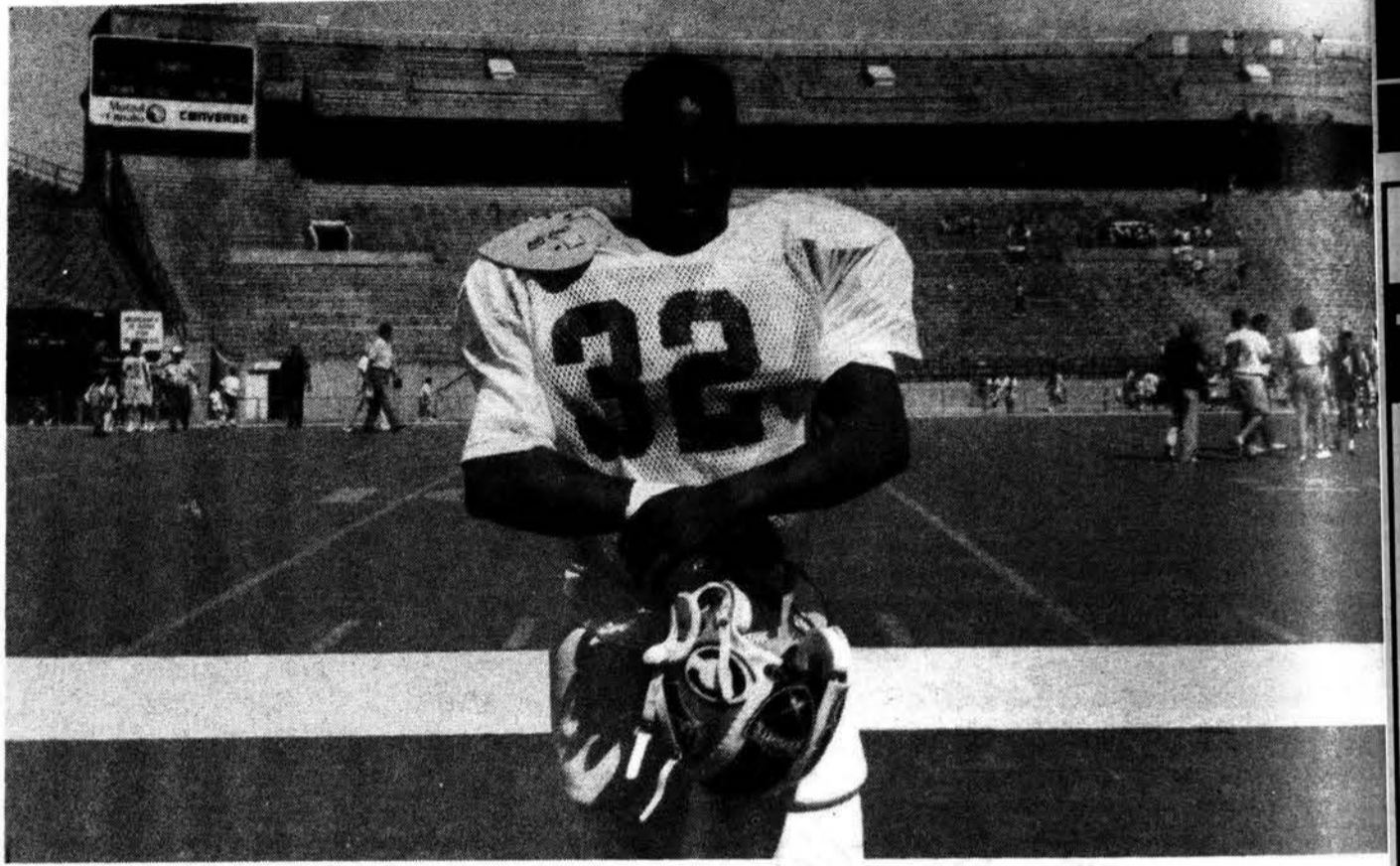
After a year as a red-shirted player, Jones said he was shocked and uncertain at the November 10 game. "I didn't expect to do that well. I hope I have more opportunities like this in the future."

As a Class A record-holder, Jones has been ranked All-American by the *USA Today* and *Parade*. But he feels that the media has played no major role in his career. "I always have a little time to relax and play video games."

But, according to Jones, one of the most difficult transitions faced in college is achieving a balance between school and sports. "In high school, practices were an hour and a half, but now I don't get home till 9:30 p.m. Football is more stressing in college."

Jones remarked that even though academics complicate this, they are also beneficial. "You basically have your own time management program," he said. "You learn how to manage your time real quickly."

In addition to his busy academic schedule, Jones is pursuing a career in education. "My main focus is working with kids. I have a lot of patience."



Ready for action... Calvin Jones prepares to take the field and rack up the yards for the Cornhuskers.

But Jones stressed he'd always be willing to give pro football a chance. "I enjoy the challenge in football."

Jones commented that any football offer must be restricted to Nebraska. "I love it here," he said. "This is where my friends are." From Central, Jones has remained in contact with Miss Rita

Ryan, Latin teacher, Mrs. Jo Dusatko, physical education instructor, and his former football coach William Reed.

Even though Jones believes he has achieved a successful breakaway from high school, some things in college life are hard to get used to. "Drinking is awful in college," he said. Jones is also

supportive of the mandatory testing at Lincoln.

Overall, Jones is optimistic and moving on. "At first I was just feeling my way through. We all must move on in life. I've had a marvelous time in high school, and now I'm trying to have a marvelous time in college."

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