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## Central High School

## 124 N. 20th Street

## Omaha, Ne. 68102

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## Get ready

by Julienne Hill
"Put your seatbacks in the upright position, fasten your seatbelts and prepare for take off. . . ." "Welcome to the airport of the future. We hope you had a good flight. . . ." "May I see your passport?"

Central High is your passport to the future. Everyday, the 1884 students and teachers affect your future life.

If you're a freshman or a sophomore, you've just started on the road to the future. You're still new at school, but you feel more comfortable.

Juniors are looking foward to their senior year and all the privileges that come with being the oldest in the school.

The seniors are looking their future in the face. They already know where they're going to college or what job they're going to have. After four years of high school they hold a diploma, which is a passport to their future.

So, whether you're a freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior, your passport will provide you with endless possibilities.



Go for it! Senior Bill Savidge always does his best, especially when it comes to eating.

Student Council members Wiff Farrell and Dorell Morrow, seniors, and Luke Wilwerding, junior, sell anything from water bottles to boxer shorts in the courtyard.

Even in the excitement of Spirit Week and Homecoming, seniors Tom Kennedy and Pat Ferris remain calm, cool and collected.

Juniors Tom Rose, Andrea Keyser and Mark Thylin gaze in awe of the courtyard skylight.

Michelle Rosener, senior, Melysa Hoialmen, junior, and Todd Djureen, junior, assist Dan Martin in taking underclass pictures.


## Get set for fun

by Julienne Hill
Spirit Week is an all-school activity to raise school spirit for the Homecoming weekend. The cheerleaders and pom squad plan the week and decorate the school.

The cheerleaders spend many hours planning and making the decorations that are put up around the school. "We spent a whole Saturday simply putting up the streamers and signs, and came to school early Monday morning to do the balloons," said Jennifer Johnson, captain of the cheerleading squad.

September 18-21 were the official dress up days. Tuesday was Pajama Day, Wednesday was Team Sports, Thursday was Twin Day/Teacher
A group of Dress Down Day, and Friday was students show Purple and White Day.
their support of the team at a football game.
"It was cool, I liked it," said Misty Hemmingsen, freshman, when asked about Spirit Week.
"Spirit Week was great," said Bryan Campbell, junior, "[but] I think Marc Chapman, we should have an opposite sex day senior, has fun again."
being yanked along behind a car during Homecoming parade.
$h$ not let the cheerleaders schedule a dress like the opposite sex day because he thought it got out of hand last year.
"I think it adds to the whole essence of being in high school by involving the people in school activities," said Rick Besancon, senior.

This year, many people thought Pajama Day was the best. "More people dressed up on Pajama Day than any other day," said Angela Freshman, junior.

Most people agreed that Twin Day was the worst. "I didn't like Twin Day," said Steffany Nowaczyk, sophomore. Bryan agreed with her. "I hate Twin Day, it's stupid."

Purple and White Day ended Spirit Week. Students wore all the purple and white they had. Some students opted for face paint and purple hairspray instead of just purple clothing.

The Homecoming Parade and game were on Friday night. School clubs paid a small fee of twenty-five dollars to enter the parade. The first, second, and third place float winners got cash prizes. F.B.L.A., French Club, and Student Council were the winners this year.

Many students participated in the various floats and even more came to watch the parade.



## G O <br> V

## by Jennifer Johnson

Homecoming is the first major school event of the year. It is often the topic of conversation for several weeks prior. This year it began with the parade and football game against Lincoln Southeast. The dance was held on Saturday, September 22, at the Milo Bail Student Center. Mexican Feista was this year's theme.

Coronation took place at 10:00 p.m. The candidates: Shelly Barkes, J.D. Guinn, Tracy Flynn, Terence Jackson, Jennifer Forsman, Rob Likes, Erika Gaylor, Dorell Morrow, Kim Kurtzuba, Rob Shradar, LaDonna White, and Michael Thylin, proceeded down the red carpet. Calvin Jones and Stephanie Kurtzuba, the 1989 Homecoming King and Queen, then crowned Michael Thylin and LaDonna White. LaDonna noticed the expression of shock on Michael's face when his name was announced. "I didn't expect to win. J.D. and I had made plans to leave early and then I won!" said Michael. LaDonna followed in the footsteps of her sister Michelle, who was the 1988 Homecoming queen. "I was so happy. I couldn't wait to call my sister," she said.

The cheerleaders and pom squad decorated the student center Saturday afternoon for the over 900 students that attended the dance. After coronation most students began to leave and continue their evenings in many different activities. Kelly Roberts, sophomore, summed up the evening by saying,"It was a memorable night; I think everyone enjoyed it."



Jackie Thompson, junior, the cheerleaders and pom squad have fun while decorating for the Homecoming dance.


Some Central students briefly stop dancing for a warm display of friendship.

Stopping to flash their smiles for a picture are Scott Sheehan and his date, juniors, Scott Shannon, Heather Orr, Aaron McKeever, seniors, and Tabatha Rockwell, junior.


Candidates Erika Gaylor, Jennifer Forsman, and senior Emily Fitzsimmons anticipate coronation.

Sophomores Todd Reiser, Megan Young, Megan Burnett and junior Tom Rose at Homecoming.

Clint Richards, junior, hiked through eastern Russia.

Heather Dunbar, senior, dines with her host family at a small french cafe.


## Students learn from foreign travel

 by Jennifer Johnson"The best!" is how Heather Dunbar described her trip to France this summer. Many students take group or organization tours out of the country over their vacations. Heather along with Julienne Hill, Anya Lawler, Michelle Evans, Karen Deffenbacher, Heather Collins, and Kate Zickafoose went to France and Bill Germer went to Spain in connection with the Nacel program. This is a program that coordinates student exchanges with France, Spain, Germany, America and the Ivory Coast.

Most every student tells of positive experiences. "I learned more in one month then I ever could in class," said Heather. Cultural lessons are the most common ones learned. She didn't feel the language difficulties were as hard to overcome as the unwritten rules not taught in class. Karen Deffenbacher thought the culture shock she experienced was hard to get over. "You had to be willing to compromise," she said.

Other student experiences were not as rewarding. Anya Lawler's visit was unenjoyable because of her host family. "I felt ignored by my family and it was like I was looked down on," she said. The attitudes of the people a student stays with can have a monumental effect on the benefits of the trip. Heather Dunbar's host family took her on a fifteen day cruise. "My host family was great! They made me feel at home," said Julienne Hill.

Clint Richards, junior, also learned a great deal from his trip to the Soviet Union. He spent a month hiking through the Lake Baikal area in the southeast section north of Mongolia. The group hiked through forests, plains, marshes, rivers, and mountains. The fourteen Americans and fourteen Russians shared meals and became close friends. Clint said, "It was a once in a lifetime opportunity." Clint's group was the first American one in that area. They are currently planning to bring their Russian counterparts over to hike in the Adirondacks.

Foreign students add spice to Central by Julienne Hill

Several foreign students attend Central High every year. This year four students from around the world are experiencing American high school life.

The number of students is down from previous years, but this is the first time in a few years that a person from Mexico has come. Two students from Germany and one student from Finland make up the other countries.

Steffen Jaiser, seventeen, from Ludwigsburg, Germany, and Felix Wolff, sixteen, from Geissen, Germany, both like America. However, their opinions differ about American school.
"I don't like school here, [but] I really like the clubs," said Felix. Steffen likes the way classes are chosen, except that your friends can change every year according to the classes you take.

Another popular thing about America is the driving age.
"I like being able to drive at sixteen," Steffen said. Felix thinks driving is great, "[but Americans] use the car to go everywhere. In Germany, you walk or take a bike," Felix explained.
"Here I can't ride a bike as far [as in Ludwigsburg]," Steffen said.

Both students like American customs, but they do miss German food.
"The food is really different," commented Felix. Despite the fact that the American life style and fast food take awhile to get used to, all the students think American people are really friendly.


Samuli Selin, seventeen, from Turku, Finland, and Veronica Araque, seventeen, from Hermosillo Sonora, Mexico, are both in America for the first time. Samuli thinks Central is large compared to his school in Finland. His school had an enrollment of about three hundred students. Veronica also likes Central. She believes the school is very nice.

Veronica feels that American culture is extremely different from Mexican, but "Finland is the most American country in Europe," said Samuli.
"The houses are very different, and the weather is cool," commented Veronica.
"I like pizza in America," exclaimed Samuli about his favorite American custom.

Both students want to meet teenagers from other countries and see what the American life style is like. "American teenagers are a lot of fun to be with, and they're crazy in a good way," said Veronica.

All four of the students are thankful to the American families who they are living with. Felix lives with Todd Djureen, junior at Central.



## Passing the by Teresa Clark

During your visit to Central High School during this 1990-1991 school year, what have you done and with whom were you with? How did you spend your time when you were out of class and when the regular school day was through? Undoubtedly you have participated in some sort of extracurricular activity in hopes of relieving some amount of stress or even in an attempt to improve your image as you appear on a college application or on a job resume. Nevertheless, you have probably made some of your closest friends as well as your happiest memories because of your participation in play productions, musical endeavors, Christmas Prom, and other events of this nature, which, during this tour of duty, shall be referred to as Activities.

We, members of the OBook staff, hope that you will enjoy your visit with us before catching your connecting flight to the realm of Sports. We have attempted to make your visit a memorable one, especially if this is your final stop over at Central High School. The goal of the educational program at Central is to present you with your personal passport to the future, and the goal of this section is to act as a slide show presentation of the good times which you will remember. So fasten your seatbelts and hold on tightly because you have been on this ride before, and you know all of the excitement and enthusiasm that it represents.


## to include all in community improvements



Student Council members for the 1990-1991 academic school year are pictured as follows: Terrence Jackson, senior, Ladonna White, senior, Emily Hooi, junior, Jennifer Beal, sophomore, Owei Belleh, junior, Mindy Ford, senior, Eric Schumaker, junior, Heather Dunbar, senior, Dorell Morrow, senior, Maggie Boyle, junior, Taria Conley, sophomore, Luke Wilwerding, junior, Sean Foster, junior.

Heather Dunbar, senior and Student Council president, ponders over suggestions made by Maggie Boyle, junior, dealing with the issues of the pressing matters for which the Student Council is responsible.


by Brenda Matter

Student Council is Central's representative group whose members address issues, both school and community related. The group of seventeen members meets everyday, seventh hour, under the direction of Mrs. Bender, sponsor, and Heather Dunbar, Student Council President.
"I believe that we are involved in issues that the student body is unaware of," said Jamy Champenoy, Sergeant-at-Arms. "We work very hard all year on community issues like the Red Cross blood drive, Honey Sunday, the United Way, and the food banks," Jamy added.
"We work hard every day to come up with ideas that will include the entire student body," said Heather.

Throughout the year, the Student Council sponsors activities such as a Halloween costume contest, sending of carnations by secret admirers on Valentine's Day, and the ultimate event...Prom.

Student Council coordinates the details of Spring Prom. Not only do they formulate the theme and design for the evening, they are also responsible for the set-up and demolition of the decorations. "Although Prom is our busiest time of year, it is probably what the students appreciate the most," said Wiff Farrell, Student Council member.

The 1990-1991 officers include: Heather Dunbar, President; Dorell Morrow, Vice President; Maggie Boyle, Secretary; Ladonna White, Treasurer; Jamy Champenoy and Sean Foster, Sergeants-atArms.

## Register

## Unity of staff: Key to newspaper

by Teresa Clark

Meeting deadlines, writing stories, and having fun while learning are just a few of the activities of the Register staff. During class, many times after school, and during any spare time that they might have, the staff prepares the newspaper which is distributed to Centralites who own Student Activity tickets.

Extensive work is necessary for the Register staff to create the periodical which informs students about events and occurrences which affect the students both academically and extracurricularly; not to mention news that pertains to such issues as school policies, sports, and foreign countries.

The editorials which appear in the Register reflect the viewpoints of the staff as a whole. Although individual writers author the articles, the staff votes on the focus that will be presented in the newspaper.

Mr. Gaherty, creative writing and journalism teacher, serves as the advisor of the Register. His position is that of a consultant rather than that of an instructor. He is present to answer questions of the staff and to approve the content of the paper.

The staff is under the direction of Erika Gaylor, editor-in-chief, and Kate Lundholm, executive editor, who organize the production of the newspaper. Because of their dependence upon each other to create a quality newspaper, a closely-knit unity develops among the members of the staff. The goal of the press is to inform the public. The Register staff goes beyond this to carry on a tradition of excellence to be maintained throughout the ensuing years of its production.


Becky Beerling, senior, demonstrates her expertice of the computer while Bob Zielinski, senior, confusedly observes.

Brian James, senior, ponders the content of his story.

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'Let your creativity flow'

## Creative writing 'unleashes' imaginations within Dimension by Teresa Clark

Creative writing is one element of the offered curriculum at Central. It "is a place to unleash your imagination and let your creativity flow," according to Diane Atkinson, senior. Students author individual works and enter them in competition. The students are also responsible for the production of Dimension.

What is Dimension? For the answer to that question, just ask a student who is enrolled in a creative writing class at Central. "[Dimension] . . exposes students to the quiet talent in the school--the kind you can't see on the stage or hear at a concert. It lets them dig through their peers' imaginations and see the creativity, the thoughts and dreams that students normally can't see," said Diane.

Any Centralite may submit a literary work for the perusal of the selection committee, but it is the decision of a group of creative writing students as to which pieces will be a part of the magazine.

The process of compiling, proofreading, and creating Dimension is one which takes from three to four weeks to complete.

When the magazine is returned from the press, it is the duty of the students who created the 'monster' to sell it to the public. Although a business staff is a part of the 'creator,' it is the duty of the entire group to successfully present their magazine to the public.



Angie Nastase, senior, and Chet Palmer, junior, inspect the entries for the 1991 Dimension.

As she completes her literary creation, senior Stacey Coleman asks, "Um, Mr. Gaherty...what did this computer do with my poem?!"

Creative Writing students include: FIRST ROW: Mel Hoialmen, junior; Duncan Joyner, junior; Shane Berman, junior; Sean Rourke, senior. SECOND ROW: Melissa Liem, sophomore; Mr. Gaherty, instructor; Diane Atkinson, senior; Sara Templeton, senior. THIRD ROW: Steve Hendricks, sophomore; Dylan Gaughan, freshman; Bill Thoms, senior; Stacey Coleman, senior; Jerry Smith, senior; Julie DeWitt, freshman; Rachel Pettit, junior; Lisa Tye, senior.


Senior Felicia Webster explains the process of proofreading and layout to Dylan Gaughan, freshman, who expresses a look of confusion.


FRONT ROW: Emily Fitzsimmons, Heather Dunbar, Aaron Batt, Joanne Strauss, Julie Torpy, Becky Beerling, Tina Ray, Michelle Evans, Kate Lundholm. SECOND ROW: Tricia Hernandez, Mike Scasny, Hai Nguyen, Rob Likes, Seraphim Carlson, Jenny Forsman, Erika Gaylor, Julie Harding, Diane Atkinson, Monique Lewis, Shani Sellman. THIRD ROW: Teresa Clark, Krista Morrison, Mike Stansberry, Meg Andersen, Amy Vosburg, Debra Uhl, Brad Gibson, Lisa Frey, Tanya Sawaged, Jaime Holoubek, Lisa Tye. BACK ROW: Suzy Wolff, Mike Hendricks, Don Richards, Joel Davies, Julienne Hill, Jennifer Johnson, Ali Atkinson, Karl Okolotowicz, Anya Lawler, Jerry Smith, Chad Hoare, Matt Stonehouse. NOT PICTURED: Shelly Barkes, Rick Besancon, Kobporn Cha, Sandra Clement, Libby Duckworth, Scott Fullerton, Brian Myers, Kelly Ramsey, Emily Rennard, John Tiemann, Jeanee Weiss.




Brad Gibson, senior, sports the new fad . . . ooh la la, it's a National Honor Society sweatshirt . . . guaranteed to drive women (or men, depending upon who is wearing it) absolutely wild!


Seniors Rick Besancon and Scott Fullerton attempt to explain the wonderful world of Algebra to sophomore Daemon Stevenson. What were all of those old guys who created mathematics thinking?

National Honor Society assists with school and community improvements by Teresa Clark

Making the grade is a key element for membership in the National Honor Society. Students must establish a grade point average of 3.5 in order to achieve membership. Also evaluated are the students' extra-curricular activities both inside and outside of school. To continue membership throughout an academic career, members must not only maintain their grades and enrollment in a minimum of five academic classes, but also attend at least one-half of all scheduled meetings during the semester and participate in three community activities which are sponsored by NHS, as well as pay dues of $\$ 2.50$.

NHS members were involved in a variety of activities this year. Students attended a hayrack ride combined with pumpkin-picking, stuffed envelopes for Scoular Grain (an Adopt-a-School partner), played volleyball against other Omaha area chapters, called prospective freshmen and sophomores who displayed an interest in attending Central in the fall, and tutored in the Library. One of the most traditional activities of National Honor Society is the annual potluck dinner for which Centralites served as hosts. All chapters of NHS in the Omaha Public School district were invited to attend. It allowed the students to make new friends and to reacquaint themselves with friends who may have been forgotten after junior high school.

Sponsors of the Central High School Chapter of National Honor Society include Mr. Harry Forehand, guidance director; Mr. Jack Blanke, social studies department head; and Ms. Faye Johnson, counselor. To assist them in instructing the students are National Honor Society officers. For the 1990-1991 academic school year, the officers were Emily Fitzsimmons, president; Mike Stansberry, vice-president; Meg Andersen, secretary; Rob Likes, treasurer; and Heather Dunbar, sergeant-at-arms.


NHS Officers Heather Dunbar, sergeant-at-arms; Rob Likes, treasurer; Meg Andersen, secretary; Mike Stansberry, vicepresident; and Emily Fitzsimmons, president, fashionably model the latest styles in men's and women's casual wear.

Mr. Harry Forehand, head guidance counselor; Ms. Faye Johnson, guidance counselor; and Mr. Jack Blanke, social studies department head; sponsor the activities of NHS. They coordinate tutoring programs, monitor membership, and assist with the livelihood and tradition of the group.

## Debators 'explore' space

## by Teresa Clark

Careful organization, briefing evidence, and analysis are three components necessary for a successful record in debate. It is, however, not the only aspect of membership on the Forensics Team at Central High School. Many students participate in individual events which include oral interpretations of drama and prose, extemporaneous speaking, duet interpretation, group interpretation, and original oratory. The students who wish to participate in the activities are able to compete in tournaments nearly every weekend.

Debators and speakers meet daily in a classroom environment during which time they arrange mock debates and practice their individual activities. Students discuss strategies and compile responses to expected attacks. Suggestions for improvement are given by both students and the instructor, Mrs. Kristina Bertch.

Another activity for the members of the Central High Forensics Team is the organization and moderation of the junior high debate tournaments. Centralites serve as judges, tabulators, and award-presenters at the meets. They also give advice on how to improve after listening to the discussions of the groups.

During the latter part of the year, the students have the opportunity to participate in the Student District Congress. To prepare for this, the students create bills which they would like to see debated by themselves and their peers. Those bills which make it past the preliminary decisions are researched by the students who will then have an opportunity to discuss the bills using a style which imitates the United States Congress.


Sophomore Erica Corwin attempts to answer the cross-examination questions of Matt Scanlan, junior, without using physical violence.

Debate 9th Hour: FRONT: Corey Bedford, Matt Kudlacz, Wendy Revers, Taria Conley. BACK: Chris Raffensperger, Walter Hess, Rachael Newsome, Cheryl Cavitt, Dana McCloney.


## by Teresa Clark

"And the school who will be representing the state of Nebraska at national competition, the school with the top overall score is . . Omaha . . . Central. .

An enthusiastic shout rose from the group of ten participants, their coach Mrs. Delores Kovarik, math instructor, and the crowd of spectators when the name was announced.

This year, the Academic Decathion team at Central felt as though it had something to prove.
"Our main concern was to bring the trophy back to Central," said senior Jennifer Johnson.
"The trip to Los Angeles motivated us too," interjected Mike Hendricks, senior.

Last year, for the first time in the history of Academic Decathlon, Central lost its state title to Omaha South.

The determination of the tear: resulted in nightly meetings of the team during which time they studied numerous aspects of culture after World War II.
"When you finally take the tests, you realize how much you have learned. It is a great sense of accomplishment," stated Jennifer.

The team will compete in national competition, in Los Angeles, on April 19-22.

To show their appreciation for the motherly guidance of Mrs. Kovarik, the team chipped in to send her a sing-o-gram.
"We wanted to have an astronaut, but we had to settle for Elvis," explained Anya Lawler, senior.


Senior Mike Hendricks, always a The 1990-1991 Academic studious pupil, studies yet Decathlon team members: another volume of literature in FRONT: Deborah UhI, Teresa hopes of leading the Decathlon team to victory.

Senior Deborah Uhl prepares herself for regional competition by quizzing herself using notecards.

Seniors Dan Fellman, Democrat, and Brian Comer, Republican, examine the Extra edition of the Omaha World Herald on January 16, 1991, as a curious student peers over their shoulders to see what is so interesting.

Many Americans displayed yellow ribbons to show their support for the troops in the Gulf and to remind people not to forget them.


# Remembering America at War 

by Teresa Clark

January 16, 1991, was a war, or even of any other recent day that changed the views of media event.
the 'new' generation. It was the day that the United States, backed by the allied forces, attacked Iraq.

It was a day that many high school students experienced the actual reality of war for the first time. Although tensions had been building since the invasion of Kuwait in August, 1990, these were the first shots fired.

Reservists were called to active duty and many were transferred to the Saudi desert where they began intensive training and preparations for possible chemical and biological warfare. Adjustment to a different climate was also necessary for some.

Many loved ones left to be a part of Operation Desert Shield which became Operation Desert Storm after January 16. For the first time in history, the role of women, both as armed service members and mothers, became an issue.

The nation's majority showed their support for the troops by displaying the flag on a regular basis as well as by wearing yellow ribbons. Support for the president who decided to become involved in the conflict was also evident in polls as well as on a more personal level at both public speaking engagements and rallies.

News was plentiful immediately after "it started," and CNN's ratings and viewing audience rocketed. The cover of Newsweek displayed the portrait of an American prisoner of war. The abundance of media coverage of the war has surpassed that of any previous

A poll in the February 4, 1991, issue of Time magazine addressed the public's attitude toward censorship of news coverage of the conflict in the gulf. When given the statement: "The U.S. military is censoring reports coming out of the Middle East. Do you think it is wrong, or do you think that censorship is necessary under the circumstances?" Nine percent of those polled answered that it was "Wrong to censor reports," while 88 percent said that "censorship is necessary."

The same poll revealed that 79 per cent of those polled felt that they were receiving "enough information," as opposed to the 19 per cent who reported "not enough information."

An additional blow for the American public as well as people worldwide was the dumping of millions of gallons of petroleum into the Persian Gulf. Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein engineered an oil spill an estimated twelve times worse than that caused by the crash of the Exxon Valdez, in fact, the worst on record. The Pentagon labled the action "environmental terrorism," while newscasts displayed the image of a poor oil-drenched seagull unable to take flight from the murky blackness of the gulf waters during their Gulf War Updates.

At the time of this publication's final deadline, headlines boomed the news of Iraq's offer to pull out of Kuwait. People hoped that the end was near, but the future remained unsure.

## Experience, talent combine to create friendship and harmony

by Brenda Matter

The 1990-1991 Central High Eagle Elite expresses its talent and school spirit in a number of ways.

The band starts off the year in the middle of July with weekly practice sessions which gear them up for the week of Band Camp in early August.
"We all work very hard throughout the summer and through the end of October...I think if everyone knew how hard we worked they would appreciate us more," said sophomore, Quatesha Kern.

The band performs at all home football games, basketball games, school assemblies, and marching competitions.

Kathy Edgren, junior, said, "My last two years of band have really been a great experience. It's fun since there are students from all four grades. Even though we don't always get along, we're still around to stick up for each other."

After marching season is over, the Eagle Elite becomes Concert Band. During second semester they perform in a Spring Concert, district competitions, Road Show, and graduation.

Mike DiGiacomo, senior and Band President, said, "Many people think that band is an easy credit, but we really work hard and still manage to have a lot of fun."

Senior Drum Major, Jill Quigley, takes control of the entire band displaying her directing ability with her own original flair.



FRONT: Jill Quigley, 12; Adam Hall, 10; Patty Crawford, 10; Chris Short, 11; Seth Noseworthy, 10; Julie Germer, 10; Vince Bauermeister, 10; Jamie MCKean, 10; Marlon Wright, 12; Chuck Taylor, 11; Garrett Pierson, 11; Kevin Edwards, 10; Matt Focht, 10; Dustin Culton, 10; Chad Rudiger, 10; Joanna Edwards, 11; Gary Combs, 10. SECOND: Mr. McAdam, Shani Brantley, 10; Renee Nielsen, 9 ; Angela Splittgerber, 9 ; Rachel Kozol, 10; Jason Wheeler, 10; Terry Bourlier, 12; Jill Pedersen, 9; Michelle Chandler, 9 ; Karen Williams, 10; Nikki Engelke, 11; Melissa Chambers, 10; Amy Grobeck, 10; Maria Hernandez, 10; Sarah Engelke, 9; Emily Weston, 9; Tuere Poindexter, 12; Teresa Hernandez, 10; Damina Gladney, 10. THIRD: Matkesha Blake, 10; Stephanie Moore, 10; Kim Scofield, 11; Leah Cederstrand, 9 ; Erica Corwin, 10; Amanda Comstock, 10; Drew Langner, 10; Kathy Edgren, 11; Aaron Zimmer, 11; Tim James, 10; Steve Johnson, 12; Nels Noseworthy, 10; Ralph Williams, 9; Mike DiGiacomo,12; Vicky Warden, 12; Jay Rezac, 11; David Cooperider, 10; Sarah Beran, 9; Chris Kraft, 12; James Burns, 11; Kyle Hovorka, 10. BACK: Kortney Himelic, 10; Jeff Warden, 11; Willie Bogue, 10; Damien Falkner, 10; Tanya Luken, 9; Shawn Mosher, 11; Tim Haverman, 10; Steve Meyer, 10; Rodd Fuller, 9; Nikki Gasper, 11: Cory Weale, 9; Tom Comertord,9; Chad McCarthy, 11; Joe Ullman, 12; Vanessa Strazdas, 10; Sarah Rennard, 10; Cale Herreman, 10; Mike Gudgel, 9; Christie Shearer,9; Jerad Miller, 10. NOT PICTURED: Myla Mountain, 10; Jack France, 9.


Terry Bourlier, senior, practices for his part as the Pied Piper in a local theater production.
"Skreeeeeech . . . Skwack . . ." It is time to tune for Shaunielle Mosley, senior, and Carri Czaja, freshman.

Danielle Eames, freshman, notices a broken finger nail while she and Tressa Eden, sophomore, practice.




## Orchestra: It's not just 'playing' around

 by Brenda MatterThe Central High Orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Charles McAdam, "does more than just play during the sixth and seventh hour class time," according to Danielle Eames, freshman. "We also play the backround music for Roadshow, the school musical, winter and spring concerts, and open house," added Danielle.

This year, the orchestra class was moved from fifth and sixth hour to sixth and seventh hour due to conflicts with various honors classes.
"Having been in orchestra for three years, not only have I learned a lot about reading and playing difficult pieces of music, but I also learned how to handle very stressful situations, like tryouts," said senior, Mikala Tomes.

Mr. McAdam has a very important effect on his classes. "As a senior, now I understand why Mr. McAdam was so hard on us as underclassmen. He takes great pride in everything we do as a group and as individuals and wants us to feel good about what we accomplish," said Carrie Nelson, senior. "He's not only a teacher, he's also our friend," Carrie concluded.
"Next year as a senior, I hope that we continue to play challenging pieces that everyone will enjoy. I also look forward to
"London bridge is falling down, falling down, falling down Ryan Shoener, freshman, attempts to readjust his bridge which has fallen.

having energetic playing peers," stated junior, Tamarian Coleman.


FRONT: Shaunielle Mosley, senior; Angelic Johnson, sophomore. SECOND: Mikala Tomes, senior; Melissa Rebarich, senior; Megan Weeks, junior; Myla Mountain, sophomore; Melissa Liem, sophomore. THIRD: Charlotte Armstrong, freshman; Tamarian Coleman, junior; Danielle Eames, freshman; Tressa Eden, sophomore; Terry Bourlier, senior; Carri Czaja, freshman. BACK: Chris Coquat, junior; Chris Chafa, Zach Prescott, sophomore; Misty Hemmingsen, freshman; Genisa Zaremski, sophomore; Charles Muffly-Cuningham, junior; Kirsten Lukén, sophomore; Julienne Hill, senior; Ryan Shoener, freshman. NOT PICTURED: Ricky James, sophomore; Kristy Kun, sophomore


## Band 'jazzes' up numerous performances

By Brenda Matter

The Jazz Band, composed of 17 students, performed in Winter and Spring concerts, at the Scholastic Art Awards, Road Show, and at various Jazz festivals.

Senior, Mike DiGiacomo said, "Because Jazz Band requires only a limited number of players, everyone must work together to maintain the excellence of the band."
"We all work together to learn our parts," said junior Chris Short. This year the Jazz Band was invited to perform as the feature high school jazz band at the second Annual Dana College Jazz Festival on May 4, and also at the First Annual Bluffs Run Charity Jazz Festival sponsored by the lowa West Racing Association on May 5. Due to severe winter weather, the band had to turn down an offer to perform at the Omaha Symphony Guild's Designer Showcase Kickoff Banquet.

A small Jazz group evolved from Central's Jazz Band. Its members are Mike DiGiacomo, Garrett Pierson, Jeff Warden, and Chris Short. The group performed at a banquet at Harrison Elementary School, the Foreign Language Banquet, Road Show, and at various formal functions.



Sarah Beran and Mike DiGiacomo jazz up the crowd with a tune of their trumpets.

CHS Jazz Band: FRONT: Mike DiGiacomo, Garrett Pierson, Jeff Warden, Marlon Wright. SECOND: Gregg Markus, Sarah Beran, Chris Short, Nikki Gasper. THIRD: Chris Coquat, Nels Noseworthy, Katie Kunkel, Seth Noseworthy. NOT PICTURED: Chris Kraft, Jill Quigley, Steve Johnson, Tim Haverman, Erica Corwin.


## A Cappella: 'tradition' of vocal commitment by Lori Myers

Since its origin in 1930, students have auditioned to be a part of the talented A Cappella choir.

A Cappella, under the direction of Mr. Terry Theis, is made up of eighty-two members. Auditions for A Cappella took place in the spring of last year. One is selected based on their sight reading ability, tone, and voice quality.

Desire and a willingness to commit are also qualifications for a singer in A Cappella. "A Cappella is a tradition that one is obligated to carry on," expressed Sara Templeton, A Cappella president.
"I consider it an honor and a pleasure to work with A Cappella," said Mr. Theis, who took over as choir director last year from Mr. Bob McMeen. "I am always amazed at the talent of the students of A Cappella," said Mr. Theis.

Throughout the year, A Cappella is busy with performances at All City, All State, a competition in Kansas City, and many school sponsored events. The choir performed approximately eight times during the 1990-1991 school year. "A Cappella works very hard and I just want them to be the best they can be," said Mr . Theis.


Seniors Amy Vosburg and Greg Lovings rehearse a song.


A Cappella Choir: FRONT: Ann Weber, Michele Fettin, Blake Thomas, Heather Dunbar,Kate Lundholm, Andy Shradar, Jason Slaughter, Shawn White, Ben Pierce, Bill Thoms, Tony Jones, Tod Reiser, Roger Peek, George Russell, Jill Quigley, Angel Henning, Colleen Nichols, Michelle Evans, Sara Templeton. SECOND: Julie Schalley, Leiloni Brewer, Kim White, August Matlock, Aidan Soder, Peggy Neutzner, Jennifer Boatright, Branden Bowlby, Kevin Cody, Clint Richards, Greg Lovings, Josh Kollman, Eric Larsen, Tom Rose, Misty Micheli, Becky Beerling, Emily Moore, Lesley Russell, Michelle Silvestrini. THIRD: Jeanee Weiss, Shaunielle Mosley, Tara Swanson, Cindy Garner, April Hartman, Gary Combs, Tristian Walker, Eric Schumaker, Jason McCallan, Dan Bagley, Bryan Campbell, Matt Hovde, Robert Berg, Sandy Clement, Angela Freshman, Ann Pelan, Oretha Walker, Amy Vosburg, Niki Gallagher. FOURTH: Heather Baker, Alexis Richards, Marie Runyon, Lisa Zerbe, Libby Duckworth, Damina Gladney, Tamara Morrow, Don Letzring, Peter Thorson, Dan O'Dell, Dorell Morrow, Robert Evans, David Christiansen, Tim Conradson, Kevin Custard, Anya Lawler, Jess Wenke, Jess Haubrich, Michelle Fox, Nicole Gasper, Kathi McCoy.

CHS Singers are 'a joy, a treat, and a privilege' to teagh and to hear group at Central.

The "intimate" choir consists P of 19 talented vocalists under the direction of Mr. Terry Theis. ₹ The group is made up of juniors and seniors who also participates in A Cappella.

As a class, the group meets $\rightarrow$ third hour in the vocal music room. Occasionally, the group will be excused from other classes, with teacher. permission, in order to prepare for and participate in scheduled performances and competitions. ₹ "The performance at Joslyn? Art Museum is probably our most memorable of this year," said Mr. Theis. " Every concert \& is a special one, that's how good © they are," he continued.

Auditions for CHS Singers take place in the spring. To become a member of CHS \& Singers, one must not only have a strong voice, but also as dedication to the group.
"Working with a group like this $\dagger$ is truly a joy, a treat and as privilege," said Mr. Theis.

CHS Singers: FRONT: Michele $\$$ Fettin, Shawn White, Aidans Soder, Tristian Walker, Oretha§ Walker, Josh Kollman, HeatherDunbar, Gary Combs, Michelleट Evans. SECOND: Matt Hovde, ${ }^{\circ}$ Jess Wenke, Kevin Custard, Amy Vosburg, Dan O'Dell, Kate Lundholm, Bryan Campbell, Jennifer Boatright, Greg Lovings, Jill Quigley.
All State Music Participants: Dan $\xlongequal{\square}$ O'Dell, Kevin Custard, Math Hovde, Brad Gibson, Tristian Walker, Gary Combs, Jill 5 Quigley, (not pictured: Aidan \& Soder, Julienne Hill, Bryañ f Campbell).
"Do, Re, Mi, Fa, Sol, La, Ti, Do"
Choirs offer preliminary study in vocal music fun
by Lori Myers
"Junior Choir serves as a training ground for A Cappella and CHS Singers. We work hard studying lots of types of music, but we have fun doing it," explained Mr. Terry Theis, vocal music instructor.

Regardless of whether or not a student decides to continue in vocal music, the experience allows for consideration into A Cappella.

Junior Choir, under the direction of Mr. Theis, performs four times a year. Performances include a spring concert, a winter concert, and two other concerts outside of school.

Treble Choir is another path to further vocal music study which is available for students. Treble Choir is an all female choir, also under the direction of Mr. Theis. "Even though Treble Choir is small, I enjoy the class to the maximum. I couldn't ask for a finer group of young ladies," he said.

The small choir receives individual help to improve music and vocal skills which are essential for A Cappella and Singers. "It is a wonderful way to end the day," concluded Mr. Theis.


Treble Choir: FRONT ROW: La Junior Choir: FRONT ROW: RaechelleThompson, Traci Sotello, Jasmine Butler, Julissa Diaz, Ann Tosha Dale, Belinda Kitt, Lurie Sawatzki, Roger Russell, Terrance Wells, Jason Brilz, Elissa Mendenhall, Allison Wiese, Carrie Tucker. SECOND ROW: Linda Howard, Jennifer Myszkowski, Shannon Malone, Alison Fox. SECOND ROW: Mary Kimbrell, Annita Moore, La Tia Dixon, Nikki Cotton, Melinda Drake, Brenda Malcom, Nathan Heimuli, Nick Englett, Tyreese Bass, Zach Hoyga, Myles. THIRD ROW: Alice Hill, Pam Sledge, Tukesha Frieson, Juli Germer, Amy Charles, Candi Lindberg. THIRD ROW: Keshia La Vera Smith, Quanita Williams. Shaw, Beverly Elmer, Lanelle Oliver, Jennifer Giaffoglione, Amy Hiddleston, H.T. Maples, Eli VargaBACK ROW: Stacey Shivers, Ernst, Nathan Wiegrefe, April Williams, Edie Andersen, Angela Retman, Amy Knoepfler, Wendy Shannon Robinson.


## "Mattress" is musical which materializes fairy tale fantasy for actors,

## by Teresa Clark

Once Upon a Mattress served as a means of enjoyment for many spectators including students, while at the same time it was a culmination of hours of hard work for the over one-hundred students who participated in the actual production. The performance served as Central's musical production for the 19901991 academic school year and involved the utilization of the talents of numerous students who directed the play, acted in it, built the sets and worked behind the scenes in several other ways. The pit orchestra performed in front of rather than on the stage, providing musical accompaniment for the event.

Publication was yet another factor in creating an eventful and worthwhile presentation. The members of the cast created posters and designed T-shirts to encourage spectators to attend one of the three performances of the play. On Thursday, November 8, a student matinee was held at which over 700 students viewed the production. On Friday and Saturday, November 9 and 10, evening performances were held to appease the theatrical desires of the families and friends of the participants, as well as any other invidual who might wish to see a Central High School dramatical production.

According to Sara Templeton, senior, the play "provided experience which will enhance my further goals in an acting career." Jason McCallan, junior, remarked, "The play was a lot of work, but we all had fun."



Sophomore Michelle Dowd practices her performance of "A Little Gershwin" during one of many Road Show rehearsals.


Junior Chris Short carried on a family tradition of puppeteering as an act of Road Show with his presentation of "Boo!"

Senior Blake Thomas and junior Matt Hovde explore the thoughts of newborns and how they react when "Boy Meets Girl."

Junior Windee Weiss demonstrates her agility in "From Daddy's Little Girl."




Juniors Tabatha Rockwell and Mark Thylin display their disco ability to awe-stricken spectators at Christmas Prom.


## HSROTC: A lesson in leading

by Teresa Clark

To many, the workings of the High School Reserve Officers' Training Corps (HSROTC) classes are unknown. On transcripts and college applications, it is a symbol of merit and honor deserving much recognition. The ROTC brigade serves as a preparation for future military goals for some, while for others it is a place where they can find themselves as well as their place in the community.

The program is in place to offer students the opportunity to learn and to experience the realities of the military sciences. According to Felicia Webster, senior, "ROTC instills a sense of self discipline within you. It was more or less a way that I learned to be more independent." Commenting on the wearing of the uniforms, Felicia said, " As you grow in the program, you can beautify your uniform with ribbons and cords which represent the things that you have done."

The education continues outside of the classroom when the students attend a weekend retreat to gain a hands-on experience directed toward more extensive military activity. This year, cadets spent the weekend of October 27-28 at Camp Ashland for the HSROTC Retreat Field Day practicing various skills including rappelling, map reading and overall strategic skills as well as their development. Bill Germer, senior commented, "You get to see how the chain of command works and you develop a respect for it."


Primary Staff: S-4 (M)- C/2LT Darin Kiel, senior; S-4 (F)- C/CSM Jaime Holoubek, senior; S-3- C/2LT and Drill Team Commander Felicia Webster, senior; S-2- C/2LT Tamesha James, senior; S-1- C/2LT Michelle Arnett, senior.


Home, home on the range (rifle range, that is)

# Rifle team aims for repeat victory 

by Teresa Clark

Although many participants in the HSROTC program at Central look for a sense of self to be gained from the program, others see it as a method of preparation for future goals. The rifle team offers these students the opportunity to practice their ability in hopes of winning merit for their achievement.

Competition exists within the school as well as with area high schools. According to Matt Riley, senior and rifle team commander, "You practice until you are the best." He continued to say, "Last year we were the city champs in the rifle league and we were second in the pistol league. We hope for a repeat or even an improvement over that for this year." To accomplish this, Matt commented that the group must be dedicated and willing to give 110 per cent.

Although many members of the team consider it a competitive sport, Chad McCarthy, senior, suggested an alternative purpose when he declared,"I just go down there to shoot. It helps me to blow off tension."

Rifle Team: BACK: Chad McCarthy, junior, William Reynolds, junior. FRONT: John Collins, senior, Thomas McWilliams, sophomore, Jerry Johnson, freshman.


HSROTC Courtesy Patrol: Color Guard: Jaime Holoubek, Tiffany Reeves, freshman, senior, Jennifer Heywood, Frances Hodges, freshman, junior, Dawn Uehling, junior, Johnnie Graham, freshman, Leslie Snyder, sophomore, William Reynolds, junior, Brian Johnson, sophomore.
Charlotte Armstrong, freshman, Collette Butler, freshman.


Your left, your left, your left, right, left

## Drill team demands dedication




HSROTC Drill Team: FRONT: Commander, Felicia Webster, senior. SECOND: Thomas McWilliams, sophomore, Tressa Eden, sophomore, Lori Whitbeck, junior, Leslie Snyder, sophomore, Wilson, sophomore. BACK: Rachael Newsome, sophomore, Johari Nichols, sophomore, Chris Arbuckle, sophomore, Greg Duvall, sophomore, Maurcey Clark, junior, William Germer,senior.

by Teresa Clark

Why do different HSROTC members display different colored cords on their uniforms? The answer is that each color represents a different dutiful membership in an additional activity which accents the ROTC program. A red cord symbolizes membership on the drill team which has been a part of the military science program for 98 years.

Marching in step with the rest of the group is only one of the things that the Central High School HSROTC drill team is involved in. The team practices routines and displays its coordination and creativity in competitions with area high schools. The group acts as a whole in hopes of winning honors, but it is also divided into male and female squads for different competitions.

Felicia Webster, senior and Female Drill Team Commander, commented that membership on the drill team "is a lot of things." She continued to explain, "Our purpose is to relate team spirit and to instill or improve the self-discipline of our members."

Felicia Webster, senior, instructs the drill team during its practice before school in hopes of perfecting their routine and coordination.

First year HSROTC Drill Team: BACK: Annita Cotton, freshman, Collette Butler, freshman, Johnnie Graham, freshman, Chris Olander, freshman. FRONT: Tukesha Frieson, freshman, Frances Hodges, freshman, Tiffany Reeves, freshman, Kevin Munderloh, freshman.


# Stars of tomorrow <br> by Rob Anderson 

This year, Central's strong spirit and tradition carried the Eagles through winning seasons. The crowds, along with the determination of the athletes, produced a sense of unity which has always existed at Central. Although Central focuses largely on academics, students have managed to excel in sports as well.

Sports prove to be a major factor in student's lives whether they compete or not. Everyone is involved in at least one sport whether they are on the team or just a loyal fan. From the cheerleaders to the fans to the athletes, support is definitely strong here at Central. This support is evident in all sports, from basketball to tennis.

Athletes of all abilities have a great opportunity to excel in the athletic program at Central.



## Junior Varsity takes second at Roncalli tourney

By Mel Hoialmen

"The team was like one big family because we are all friends," states Rachael Newsome about the closeness of the junior varsity volleyball team.

Many of the members of the j.v. team were new to Central, but they became a team with goals to accomplish together.

A high serving efficiency was a goal they set for themselves at the beginning of the season. Jessica Lawrence, sophomore, believes that the biggest improvement of the team was their serving. "We practiced serving every day and it showed. We began getting all of our serves on."

Jenny Moyer, sophomore, stated that the team "has potential and we are very close but we need to play together as a team."

Rachael added that "talking and communication improved as the season progressed. Next year should be more successful
because we have played together before."

Jessica commented about the fact that having a new coach was a learning experience for the team members as well as Coach Pfeiffer, since this is her first year of coaching volleyball.

Jenny thinks that Coach Pfeiffer is an "understanding coach and she wants us to succeed."

Coach Pfeiffer believes that the biggest improvement in the team was the overall skill level. "There is some growth needed to come together as a team, but the potential is definitely there."

Katie Flemming, sophomore, tips the the ball over the opponenets' block.


Jessica Lawrence, sophomore, passes the ball to the setter.


The Record

| Bryan | Win |
| :--- | :--- |
| Millard S. | LosS |
| South | Win |
| Papillion | Loss |
| Marian | Loss |
| North | Win |
| Westside | LosS |
| A.L. | LosS |
| Benson | LosS |
| Bellevue W. | LosS |



Tiffany Lehn, sophomore, successfully completes a one handed block and the ball falls into the opposite court.


FRONT: Shaniece Colliers, sophomore, Jenny Moyer, sophomore, Katie Flemming, sophomore, Tiffany Lehn, sophomore, Rachael Newsome, sophomore, Karen Williams, sophomore, Julia Armenta, sophomore, April Stevens, freshman, Lisa Washington, junior, Coach Diane Pfeiffer. SECOND: Jenny Danielson, sophomore, Emily Conradson, sophomore, Jessica Lawrence, sophomore, Meegan O'Shaughnessy, sophomore.

## Freshman Volleyball win City championship

By Lisa Frey

The freshman volleyball team completed its season with the honor of being city champions. Their coach, Mr. Harry Bryson feels that, "I couldn't have asked for a better season. With all the hard work they put into it, they eamed it and I feel elated."

The freshman volleyball team was not only a learning expirence for the girls, but also a way for them to meet other people. Gretchen Pfeiffer, freshman, stated that, "volleyball gave me a chance to meet people and make friends." Tara Rudolph, freshman,
had one complaint. "The conditioning really wore me out. After a hard day at school I wasn't ready to 'kill' myself every night!" Coach Bryson commented, "The conditioning is my secret. It's hard, it's meant to be hard, but, it's fair. This is what prepares us for games."

Coach Bryson also commended the team unity that the girls exhibited. "There was definite unity. It takes a lot of effort on their (the volleyball team) part to pull the team together. Coming from all different schools can make it difficult to communicate but these girls really meshed."

| The Record |  |
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| Norris | won |
| Lewis \& Clark | won |
| Burke | loss |
| Benson | won |
| Bryan | won |
| Northwest | loss |
| South | won |
| North | won |

Tara Rudolph, freshman, sets the ball to her teammate who is ready to approach the net.
Amber Wood, freshman, goes down to save the ball from hitting the court.


THE CITY CHAMPIONS: FRONT: Coach Harry Bryson. SECOND: Julie Marvin, freshman, Danielle Eames, freshman, Jill Peterson, freshman. THIRD: Athena Hampton, freshman, Dawn Smedra, freshman, Tara Rudolph, freshman, Amber Wood, freshman, Gretchen Pfeiffer, freshman, Julie Benton, freshman, Jessica Carlson, freshman.

Freshman, Gretchen Pfeiffer concentrates on passing the ball to
the setter, while her teammate looks on.

# Varsity team serves up best season ever 

By Mel Hoialmen



The varsity volleyball team members all play for different reasons and have their own favorite aspects of the game, but they all agree that the competitions against opposing schools is the major motivation factor. Jenny Zagurski, senior, likes the defensive digging in a game, but she says it is really exciting to see all of the team playing well together.

The excitement of playing in a game is what Michelle Ludwig, junior, appreciates most about volleyball. "You feel so 'up' when you're playing. It's what you've worked so hard for in practice and you see it paying off in a game."

Tricia Kokrda, senior, agrees with Michelle. "The games motivate you in practice." Tricia likes the offensive (spiking) aspect in volleyball.
"It feels good to slam the ball down the other side," states Erica Dietz, senior, who also
feels that offense is the best part of volleyball.

Jenny Gillespie, freshman, agrees with Tricia and Erica. "Even though I was a setter this year, I like to hit. It's more exciting actually getting a 'kill spike' rather than assisting one."

This year's varsity season was the most successful in Central's history. The team improved their serving consistency as well as the power in their spiking. The season ended with the best record so far at Central. Erica thinks the season went well because of the hard practices and conditioning. "We learned new things in practice that improved us as a whole."

Michelle concluded that "the unity of the team was worn thin at times because of personality conflicts; we never let this interfere on the court though." Jenny Zagurski added, "The team had a successful season and took Central's volleyball program one step into the future."


SLAM IT! Erika Gaylor, senior, takes scores for the Eagles.

advantage of a great set and

Melysa Hoialmen, junior, sets the ball to her teammate while Erica Dietz, and Tricia Kokrda, seniors, prepare to cover the spike.

Hands soar in the air as Erica Dietz, senior and Jenny Gillespie, freshman, complete a successful doubleblock.


FRONT: Jenny Gillespie, freshman; Bree Kennedy, senior; Michelle Ludwig, junior; Erika Gaylor, senior. SECOND: Coach Vicki Wiles; Jenny Zagurski, senior; Tricia Kokrda, senior; Erica Dietz, senior; Renae Aliano, senior; Oretha Walker, senior; Lisa Washington; Assistant Coach Diane Pfeiffer. NOT PICTURED: Melysa Hoialmen.
"This is the best team I've seen in a long time in terms of depth and overall talent."



George Russell, junior, gives it his all while attempting to overtake an opponent.

Sophomore Becky Tworek shows no mercy in competition.


## Cross country starts fresh with new coaches



By Rob Anderson

This year, Central's cross country team started the season with two new coaches. Both the boy's and girl's coaching positions were changed this year.

Miss Thornby, an English teacher at Central, became the new girl's coach. The boy's coach is now Mr. Mathew Carmichael, a teacher at Kellom Elementary and an amateur triathlete.
"The new coaches provided a new outlook," said sophomore, Courtney Scherpf. "They had some different ideas."
"Our goal was to encourage enthusiasm and formulate team unity," said coach Carmichael. Although no members of either team qualified for state, Coach Carmichael felt that "the team's enthusiasm was excellent."

George Russell, junior, who finished fourteenth in the Metro meet was happy about the season and looks forward to next year. "We have a much better chance next year," said George.

Both coaches feel that cross country has positive effects on its participants. Conch Thornby feels that "self discipline and team closeness" are such benefits.

Chris Heimes, sophomore, leads the pack in a tournament.


FRONT: Marcy Langfeldt, sophomore; Becky Tworek, sophomore; Roger Russell, sophomore. SECOND: Coach Thornby, Chris Heimes, sophomore; George
Russell, junior; Courtney Scherpf, sophomore; Jason Brilz, sophomore; Erik Dickes, sophomore; Coach Carmichael. THIRD: Jeff Sproat, sophomore; Lasana Jones, junior.


Watch out! It's not the club that is going to hit you, its seniors Sara Torrens and Heather Collins driving the cart.


Nicole Goldenstein, sophomore, keeps her eye on the ball as she practices her swing.

Coach Dusatko, Nicole Goldenstein, Sara Torrens, Heather Collins, Leah Musselman, Kate Lundholm, Dana Souser. (Not Pictured: Meghan Stanek)

Did you know . . .
that the girls' golf team placed second at the Abraham Lincoln tournament, fourth at Districts, and seventh at Metro out of twenty teams?

Leah Musselman, freshman, supports her teammate, Kate Lundholm, senior, as she swings.



New cocch ne new ©
Eagles explore new boundaries

By Tammy Kohl

The varsity football team had an unusual season. To begin, the team was under new guidance this year. Coach Joe McMenamin, was the subject of a new coaching experience that began this summer. With a hard reputation to uphold, he had a challenge on his hands.

Second of all, the football team lost their home field, Norris Junior High's Berquist Stadium, due to metal fatigue found in the light poles. To solve the problem, Central had to move their home games to Burke's stadium. To put even a bigger strain on the team, most of the games had to be played on Thursday night, instead of Friday.

Jermaine Bell, senior, stated, "This year was a learning experience for both Coach McMenamin and the underclassmen who will be returning next year."

A learning experience it was too. All of the team members along with the new head coach had to learn each other's methods throughout the season.

Greg Mercer, senior, stated, "We played teams that were ranked high, and they deserved all of the credit that they were given." Greg continued to say that it was a rough year overall.

As the underclassmen look on to next year, Kevin Torosian, junior, stated, "I feel that we had a great year overall. True we had our tough breaks, but we just do not seem to get the luck that the other teams get."

Between all of the complaints and disappointments, overall, the biggest compliment of the season, according to Chad Hoare, senior, went to quarterback Rob Likes. "Rob showed that size doesn't mean a thing. He did an excellent job at running the offense and keeping the team in order."


The Eagles are lined up and ready for action against the Bellevue West Thunderbirds, in the final game of the season.

Rob Likes, senior, sports his quickness as he gets away from a Northwest Husky.


As the new head coach, Joe McMenamin, shows his experience as he talks to the Eagles during a time-out.


With the help of the Cheerleaders and the Pom Squad, the Eagles show their spinit by breaking through streamers before the start of the game.

FRONT ROW: Matt Oetter, junior; Mike Roberts, junior; Kevin Torosian, junior; Rob Partridge, junior; Jessie Value, junior; Alfred Harris, junior; Aaron McKeever, senior; Jake Swanson, senior; Rob Likes, senior; Dorell Morrow, senior; Carl Griffin, senior; Donald Richards, senior; Jermaine Bell, senior; Randy Davis, junior; Josh Cusworth, sophomore. SECOND ROW: Brent Skaleske, junior; Matt Failla, sophomore; Shawn Jackson, senior; Chet Palmer, junior; Greg Mercer, senior; Victor Evans, senior; Rodney Evans, junior; Chad Hoare, senior; Bryant Gardner, senior; Mike Greenfield, senior; Marlon Wright, senior; Alex Harz, senior; Julian Daniels, sophomore; Jeanee Weiss, student manager. THIRD ROW: Jason Blair, sophomore; Robert Rouch, junior; Sean Gard, sophomore; Burrell Williams, junior; Jerel Ford, junior; Mike Green, junior; Kacasha Station, junior; Victor Johnson, junior; Cory Foster, junior; Brian Nelson, junior; Arden Brewer, junior; Matt Scanlan, junior; Terence Jackson, senior; Mark Atwood, junior; Harambee Jackson, junior; Chris Reed, junior. BACK ROW: Head Coach Joe McMenamin, Assistant Coaches: James Galus, John Georgeson, Stan Standifer



The Varsity Eagles get ready for the kick off with the traditional raising of the helmets, while Rob Likes senior, looks on with anticipation.

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"You're not stopping me ," says Bryant Gardner, senior, to a Northwest Huskie opponent.

## The Record <br> Setters

Rob Likes, senior
-Rob was ranked third for the season in passing, in the metro area.

## Dorell Morrow, senior:

-Dorell was ranked sixth this season in receiving, in the metro area.

Terence Jackson, senior:
-Terence was ranked eighth this season in receiving in the metro area.

Jeanee Weiss, senior, also student manager, gets Carl Griffin, senior, taped up so he can return to the game.


## Junior Varsity

 Waiting for next year, brings anticipation throughout the J.V.By Tammy Kohl

Hard work, ability, and competitiveness made up the junior varsity team this year.

The junior varsity this year had a good season. With the record of 4-4, beating Burke, Gross, Bryan, and Bellevue East, the junior varsity is sparked with anticipation for next year. "I feel that we will have a real good season next year. The varsity team was young this year and that gives us an advantage for next year," states Rodney Evans, junior.

Mark Atwood, junior, stated,"The junior varsity has a lot of experience with working together and we should be really good next year."

Overall, the junior varsity just cannot wait until next year to redeem Central's great reputation in football.


Junior Varsity coach, Mark Allner, switches roles with the quarterback. He wants to show the team that he too has what it takes to be on Central's football team.


FRONT: Shawn Jackson, junior; Mike Buckley, junior; Doug Lagemann, junior; Brent Skaleske, junior; Nick Englett, junior. SECOND ROW: Victor Johnson, sophomore; Rodney Evans, junior; Matt Oetter, junior; Tim Peterson, sophomore; Alfred Harris, sophomore; Corey Foster, junior; Randy Davis, junior; Jerel Ford, junior. THIRD: Marlon Wright, senior; Mark Atwood, junior; Brian Fettin, junior; Dave Christiansen, junior; Arden Brewer, junior; Mike Green, junior; Robert Rouch, junior' Chet Palmer, junior; Victor Evans, senior; Coach Mark Allner.


# Freshman, sophomore football enjoys success, shows much promise 

By Rob Anderson

"The future looks promising; most of these players will be able to step right in and play (varsity)" were the thoughts of freshman football coach, Elvis Dominguez. This year the freshman squad enjoyed a winning season with a 6 and 2 record. The team also managed to be divisional champs as well as finishing second in metro.

Mr. Dominguez feels the team deserved its success. "They worked hard and it payed off in the end" said Dominguez.

The sophomore team, although not having a winning season this year, is not discouraged and looks to the future with a positive attitude. Mr. Eubanks is the sophomore coach.

Both coaches feel that the freshman and sophomore squads have good potential. Both teams have"a lot of good athletes," according to coach Dominguez.

The coaches have a feeling that is "encouraging" towards both teams. This, along with continued hard work, should provide the Central football program with what it needs to be successful.

Tim Peterson, junior, is secretly caught on the sidelines, taking time out of his busy schedule before a game to warm up his arm.


FRONT: Bill Barnes, 9 ; Fred Robertson, 9; Jason Holoubek, 9; Jason Hastert, 10; Andrew Thompson, 9; Mario Henderson, 10; Josh Cusworth, 10; Frank Mentlick,10; John Blazevich, 10 ; Chuck Conboy, 10; Buddy Hilario, 10; Demitrius Richards, 10; Titus Casebeer, 10; Nick Verzani, 9; Jerry Johnson, 9. BACK: Coach Eubanks, Will Rofert,10; Thomas Siedlik, 9 : Brian Christiansen, 9; Travis Ehlers, 10; Roger Peek, 10; Joe Agosta, 10; Kevin Cody, 10; Jason Sacks, 10; James Mullen, 10; Ryan Munger, 9; Andy Kerley, 10; Mark Hebert, 10; Mike Barajas, 9; Nick Ogden, 10; Mark Martinez, 10. Not pctured, Coach Dominguez.

## Gymnastics team, small but powerful



Girls take fourth at state

By Lisa Frey

The girls' gymnastics team has again upheld the strong tradition this sport has established at Central. The girls team had only three senior members but was upheld by the underclassmen's strength.

The team had a winning season, losing only one dual meet. Senior Katie Kollman stated that "the team this year was spirited and full of enthusiasm. I think that's why we were so successful."

The guys team consisted of Josh Kollman, junior, and Joe Shepard, senior. The two competed in a co-op team with Benson. The team was nicknamed the "BEAGLES".

Most of the members of both teams participated in private clubs. Coach Connie Kozak believes that "the team's experience in competing
helped the members in meets and everyone offered advice to improve routines."

Gina Gomez, sophomore, commented that "practicing twice a day really wears you out, but it all pays off in the end."

Six girls qualified for state. The two senior girls, Katie Kollman and Shani Sellman, both placed leading the Eagles to a fourth place finish. Coach Kozak stated, " We may have been small, but we worked hard and made a great showing at State. Most of the teams we competed against had twice the number we had."

Coach Kozak also commended the excellent parent support as well as school support, " This year was very positive and I'm looking forward to next year. We'll be losing two girls I've coached for four years, but the underclassmen will continue the winning spirit."

Stacey Bolte, freshman, practices her handspring vault before a meet.


Katie Kollman, senior, leaps into her routine on the balance beam.


Joe Shepard, senior, and Josh Kollman, junior, represent the Eagle part of their team, the "BEAGLES."



Jenny Gruber, freshman, concentrates before she attempts a stunt on the beam.


FRONT: Jenny Gruber, freshman, Shelley Loland, freshman, Coach Connie Kozak, Kyndel Alter, freshman, Erica Carlson, freshman. BACK: Amy Clark, freshman, Stacey Bolte, freshman, Gina Gomez, sophomore, Katie Kollman, senior, Shani Sellman, senior, Veronica Araque, senior.

# Varsity squad leads with experience 

by Lisa Frey

"I love being a cheerleader," Jennifer Johnson, senior, stated. Jennifer is the captain of this year's varsity squad. She went on to say, "We have a lot of talent on our squad. When we work hard, we can really do well."

The squad, as juniors, was one of two junior varsity squads to be nominated for the Award of Excellence at a summer camp they attended. Since then, they have competed in various
other competitions and finished quite well.

The varsity squad was responsible for teaching the new cheerleaders the cheers this summer. Practice was three days a week from six o'clock a.m. until eight o'clock. This year, the month of July was excluded. Mikala Tomes commented that "it was great not having to go during July, but that also cut the teaching time in half." Sara Storer added, "That's one thing I won't miss, the early morning practice."

LaDonna White feels that the cheerleaders received more respect this year than in past years. "The crowd participated a lot more and did not try to out yell us. That makes cheering much more fun."

Although none of the squad members plan on cheering in college, they all agree that cheerleading was a great experience. Emily Fitzsimmons ended with, "I'll never forget these years. I've made some great friends and have awesome memories."


Jennifer Johnson, LaDonna Mikala Tomes expresses her White and Sarah Storer are intense concentration on the caught up in the excitement of perfect excecution of the jump the Central vs. North basketball she is about to perform.
game.

On a cold Friday night Lisa Frey has a close encounter of the eagle kind. Tammy Kohl, senior, the face behind the mask, often dresses as Central's mascot in support of the football team and cheers along side the cheerleaders. Tom Rose, junior, and Heather Dunbar, senior, can also be found wearing the eagle costume.
Jennifer Johnson, Laura Cap, and Sarah Storer take a short break from teaching cheers to get a breath of fresh air during a grueling first hour practice. During the fall the cheerleaders take advantage of cool mornings and practice outside; otherwise they are in the auditorium.
The Varsity Cheerleaders: FRONT: Mikala Tomes. SECOND: Lisa Frey. THIRD Jennifer Johnson, Laura Cap, Sarah Storer. FOURTH: Emily Fitzsimmons, Julie Pallat. TOP LaDonna White.


Varsity cheerleaders complete an organized cheer at a varsity basketball game.

## JV cheerleaders promote '92 and 'tons' of spirit

By Lisa Frey

The class of 1992 is definitely not lacking in spinit. The junior class of this year is led by this group of nine cheerleaders. "The class of '92 has tons of spirit. Cheering is so much more fun when the crowd participates," Lori Myers commented.

Captain Keira McKenzie not only loves cheering but has been doing it for quite a while at Central. Along with Keira, Heather Holland has been cheering at Central since her freshmen year. These two are the only two remaining original members from the first freshman class at Central in about ten years.

These two are not by any means the only two cheerleaders who have been cheering for three years. All but two have
"Let's fight!" yell August Matlock, Cori Constanzo and Jacqueline Thompson as they cheer the junior varsity basketball team to a win.
With a big smile Jacqueline Thompson punches the sky with her spint as she yells for an eagle victory
been cheerleaders since their freshmen year.

This crew has been together for two years. Natasha Gromak stated, "Since we have been cheering together for two years, we know a lot about one another. We spend time together outside of cheerleading. We know how to have fun but also work hard at games and pep rallies."

Cori Constanzo added, "We're all good friends. We never have major fights concerning cheers. We also don't let outside arguments get in the way of cheering."

Heather Holland concluded, "We may get angry at each other at times, but we know that when the game is over or when practice is over we're all friends and that we have to forget about our differences. They (differences) probably won't ever mean anything later anyways."

Dawn Tatum added, "Cheering has been a lot of fun. I hope next year will be better and even more exciting."

The Junior Varsity Squad: FRONT: August Matlock, cocaptain, Dawn Tatum, Natasha Gromak. SECOND: Heather Holland, The Eagle, Tabatha Rockwell. BACK: Jacqueiine Thompson, Cori Costanzo, Lori Myers, Keira McKenzie, captain.


Sophomore Cheerleading Squad: FRONT: Gina Gomez. SECOND: Megan Young, Liz Offner. THIRD: Katie Cleary, Kerry Coughlin, Shelley Sirois. FOURTH: Katie Flemming, Meghan Stanek. FIFTH: Amy Wagner, Jennifer Beal. BACK: Taria Conley, Anjonette Lewis
Sophomores Megan Young and Meghan Stanek manage to smile despite the pain caused by stretching out.
Freshman Cheerleading Squad: FRONT: Natasha Sempek, Melanie Conley, Valerie Hubbell. SECOND: Maria Sandoval, Raegan Cormaci, Tara Rudolph, Michelle Buller, BACK: Amber Wood.


Sophomores and freshmen have 'determination' by Lisa Frey
"The sophomore squad has worked very hard this year," said Kerry Coughlin. Megan Young continued, "We felt like we had to prove our abilities." This determination and drive has produced an excellent squad.

The squad consists of ten sophomores. The majority had been cheering for at least a year before they came to Central. Meghan Stanek commented, "Even though we cheered in junior high last year, coming to Central meant having to learn a whole new group of cheers."

Central also has an eight member freshman squad. "The cheers were hard to pick up," exclaimed Raegan Cormaci. Amber Wood added, "This was our first experience cheering. Sometimes we were criticized. I suppose that should be expected."

Next year the freshman squad will not exist. Freshmen will be eligible, along with sophomores, to try out for a reserve squad. Kim Schellpeper, sponsor, explains the changes. "The freshmen really don't cheer for all that much. Central is one of the only schools with a freshman squad. Having only a reserve squad will not only let the girls cheer for more; but also will create more unity throughout the classes in Central."


Marni Berger, junior, and Shelly Barkes, senior, jam to the funky beat of an Eagle victory.

FRONT: Kimberly Brown, junior; Mel Hoialmen, junior. SECOND: Sarah Bond, sophomore; Lisa Gomez, junior; Jermaine Williams, senior; Julie Tekesky, sophomore. THIRD: Jessica Whitney, junior; Marni Berger, junior: Jenny Wolf, junior. BACK: Jeni Hathoot, junior; Liz Lieben, junior; Kate Lundholm, senior; Shawnda Langerak, senior ; Michelle Ludwig, junior; Jodi Strauss, senior; Andi Keyser, junior; Tiffany Lehn, sophomore; Erin O'Hara, junior. THE 1990-91 CENTRAL POM SQUAD.


The pom squad gets down to raise spint at the fall sports pep rally.

Liz Lieben, junior, "shakes her thing" while performing for half-time at a basketball game.


## By Mel Hoialmen

The 1990-91 Pom Squad has undergone many changes this past year. Some of these changes include independence from the band, entering local competition, and a new sponsor.

The Pom Squad was not affiliated with the band at competitions and therefore did not perform with the band during half-time at football games. Junior Andrea Keyser commented, "Not performing with the band placed us on the track making us seem like an afterthought."

Because the squad did not perform with the band, they weren't required to go to band camp, either. Jeni Hathoot, junior, expressed her view of this change. "It didn't really bother me considering you don't see band members at Pom camp."

This is the first year the Eagle Pom Squad entered the Metro competition. Sara Bond, sophomore, commented, "Even though the squad did not place, it was an excellent experience for the new and former members as well."

Preparations for the competitions included buying new "show poms," mixing new music, and practicing extra hours before school and on weekends.

Co-captain Jodi Strauss, senior, stated, "The competition was a last-minute decision. We worked hard to choreograph the
dance in a couple of days and the rest of the time was used to teach the dance to the squad and perfect the precision,"

As well as the addition of four extra members, the squad also had a new sponsor. Mrs. Therese Bender was the squad's sponsor for thirteen years. She resigned because she felt she needed to move on and she wanted to spend more time with her family.

The new sponsor is Mrs. Kelly Gatewood. Jessica Whitney, junior feels that Mrs. Gatewood did a good job for her first year. "She really tries to help the squad to improve."

Mrs. Gatewood proposed many changes for the squad in the future. The changes include the tryout procedures and requirements and reducing the number of members on the squad.
"Having a smaller squad will make dancing easier," according to Megan Burnett, sophomore. Megan also went on to say that "with fewer members, it will also be a lot easier to teach and learn dances because it will be more individualized."

Shelly Barkes, senior, Tiffany Lehn, sophomore, and Jodi Strauss, senior, "run" during a half-time routine.



Frozen in action shots Mikaela Tomes, senior, shows her diving with perfect form.


## Central divers--splashing talent By Mel Hoialmen

Central divers? Yes the Eagles do have a diving team. It consists of two seniors, Lisa Frey and Mikala Tomes.

Central does not provide a coach. Mikala dove with the Burke team every night and every other morning. "Driving out west got to be a pain, but if I didn't I wouldn't have a coach. We also started early morning practices. Three days a week I would drive out to Burke at 6:00 a.m."

Lisa never has had a specific diving coach. "I dove with a private club at Millard North for four years and on a summer league at a city pool."

Mikala has been diving for Central for three years; Lisa has been diving for the Eagles for four years. "One of the reasons I chose to come to Central was because I could swim and dive. At Burke, my home school, I would have had to choose between the two," Lisa commented.

Lisa added, "Even though l've never really had a coach at Central, l've qualified for state each year. Next year I'm planning on diving at school."

Lisa Frey, senior, concentrates on her dive before plunging into a '10'.

Mikaela Tomes, senior, looks to the water as she finishes her dive.


Senior, Lisa Frey, completes a back-and-a-half full ending in a layout position at a meet at Norris Jr. High, the Eagles home pool.

"Paint lt black!"

## Swim team alters Central's colors

by Mel Hoialmen and Lisa Frey

I see a purple sult, I want to palnt it black . . .

Last year, the fashion was drag, but this year, it was black. Granted, the team still wears drag, but the team's new color is black. The swim suits changed to basically black with some purple and the headcaps became all black. Even the back stroke flags went from a coloriul rainbow to solid black.

Why the change? Senior Heather Dunbar responded, "Black is a power color in swimming. We are hoping it may intimidate other teams. With purple suits, we (the girls' team) sometimes were referred to as grapes. Hopefully now, people will take us seriously."

Central's team should be taken seriously. The team consisted of twenty-two returning members, ten girls and twelve boys. These numbers may seem small to other schools in the metro area, but all members were dedicated and were out for state qualifying times. In addition to the returning swimmers, the Eagles added three freshmen who all contributed to the team's success.

Central's swim team was considered as one team united, not a boy's and a girl's team. "Out of the three years I have participated on Central's swim team, this year's team is the closest ever,"commented Matt Stonehouse, senior.

Natasha Gromak, junior, added, "The feeling of unity really helps me get pumped up for my event. Even though swimming is basically an individual sport, knowing your whole team is behind you keeps you motivated."

Connie Kozak, assistant coach, has been coaching for four years. "I really enjoy working with these kids. This year's team shows how much fun a competitive sport can be. They also know when it's time to get to work."

At the Holiday Tournament held at Bryan Jr. High, both the girls and boys took first place.

Coach Mark Allner has been coaching for eight years. Over the years he has transformed Central into a swimming powerhouse in the Omaha Public School district. "Even though we lost some seniors, our team is very solid; it is the quality of the swimmers, not the quantity that makes our team a top contender," Coach Allner stated.

Rob Shradar, senior and three year letter winner, concluded "Practices really wore me out and I had negative feelings towards swimming at times, but the feeling of winning and reaching a goal l've worked for makes it all pay off in the end."

Rob reached his goal of qualifying for state in the 100 breast stroke at the metro swim meet. Along with Rob's success, Todd Reiser improved his times and placed sixth overall in the 100 yard backstroke and sixth place in the 100 individual meadly. Overall the boys placed sixth and the girls took eighth. Coach Kozak cocluded, "That's not bad for as small as we are. All the kids worked hard and they deserve it."

Coach Mark Allner commended the team on their successful season. "This is the best season I have ever had as coach. This is also the smallest team I have ever had. This year the team took swimming seriously and were rewarded for their efforts."

Matt Stonehouse, senior, concluded, "Swimming took a lot of time away from school and homework time. That frustrated me. It all paid off in the end."


The team enjoys a few last moments of peace before their grueling workout.

Matt Stonehouse, senior, waves to the camera as he strokes by.


FRONT: Hope Gerhard, junior; Kim Scofield, junior; Natash ${ }^{\text {h }}$ Gromak, junior; Heather Dunbar, senior; Assistant Coach Connie Kozak. SECOND: Julie Neary, sophomore; Gretchen Pfeiffer, freshman; Connie Braesch, junior; Melysa Hoialmen, junior; Lis Frey, senior. THIRD: Coach Mark Allner.


Hope Gerhard, junior, leads the pack with her fast-paced breast stroke.

Julie Neary, sophomore, and Hope Gerhard, junior, spring off the blocks practicing their explosive starts.

Jon Wendt, sophomore, Todd Reiser, sophomore, and Gretchen Pfeiffer, freshman, practice their starts at practice.


FRONT: Jon Wendt, sophomore; Ryan Bayse, sophomore; Mike Thylin, senior; Assistant Coach Connie Kozak. SECOND: Chad McCarthy, sophomore; Chad Alseth, freshman; Dave Schneiderwind, freshman; Don Richards, senior. THIRD: Todd Reiser, sophomore; Matt Stonehouse, senior; Coach Mark Allner; Rob Shradar, senior.


## P○以 © 『lifitng a sport in <br> which individuals have shined

by Tammy Kohl \&
Michelle Rosener
"Powerlifting is a sport in which the object is to lift as much weight as possible," explains Rob Partridge, junior. Rob is in the 198-pound class.

Powerlifting is judged on the technique of the lift, how clean it is performed and by how much one can lift. The three lifts are bench press, squat, and dead lift. Each individual has three attempts to succeed at a certain lift. The coach this year is Mr. Joe McMenamin. He commented, "This year we have a good overall balance on the team." He continued to say, "This team is very comparable to last year's state championship team. They have an excellent chance of winning state for the second consecutive year."

Terrence Whitcomb, sophomore, broke the school record in the 114-pound class, in the bench press category by lifting 210 pounds.


Rob Partridge, junior, weighs himself outside of the locker room. It is important for the lifters to maintain a steady weight throughout the season.

Matt Failla, sophomore, practices his bench lift with the assistance of Coach McMenamin spotting him.


Corey Foster, junior, shows his concentration while executing a squat lift.




Shon Greene, senior, attempts to score while two South Packers go up to block the
shot.

FRONT: Greg Lovings, senior; Justin Jones, junior; Donielle Griffith, junior; Randy Davis, junior; Eric Behrens, junior; Rodney Johnson, senior; James Williams, junior. BACK: Coach Herbert; Coach Behrens; James Archer, junior; Scott Fullerton, senior; Shon Greene, senior; Brett Wolfe, senior; Robert Lewis, senior; Tracey Finley, senior; Burrell Williams, junior; Coach Peterson, Coach Galus.


Brett Wolfe, senior, shoots for Robert Lewis, senior, two against a Burke opponent, meets his match at the while Greg Lovings, senior, Central-South game, waits for the results of the shot. while trying to score two.



Jade Turner, sophomore, follows her shot through, anticipating the SWISH.

The Lady Eagles listen intensely to Coach Dominguez's offensive and defensive plays that they anticipate to win with.

Oretha Walker, senior, outreaches the opponents to rebound the ball and score for the Eagles.


## Junior varsity stresses team effort, unity <br> By Rob Anderson



John Maaske, junior, leaps ovel his opponents in an attempt ${ }^{10}$ make a crucial jump shot.

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## By Rob Anderson

"Team effort, that is the key to the program," says sophomore coach Tim Herbert. Both Mr. Herbert and Central's freshman coach, Jim Galus, stress this team effort from their players. A "very unselfish style of play," exists, according to Coach Herbert.

Mr. Herbert feels that the team works hard. "A lot of running and discipline," takes place, says Coach Herbert. The sophomore team centers their effort around a "teamwork" philosophy. "Our offense is built around a five-man effort," said Coach Herbert.

While Coach Galus feels that his players are undergoing a learning experience, he also feels that teamwork is crucial. "The players work really well together," said coach Galus. Because of this teamwork, the freshman team has been able to compete well all season long.

By stressing this teamwork, both coaches feel they are preparing the players for the future. They also feel that along with hard work and success, having a good time is important.


FRONT: Andy Helgelsen, Darell Simpson, Sean Bell, Nathan Rosenthall. BACK: Coach Galus, Nick Verzani, Ryan Shoener, Jarred Nynherius, R.J. Skornirie.

FRONT: Chris Badurek, H.T. Maples, Mario Hendersen, Jeff Berg. BACK: Coach Herbert, Demetrius Richards, Tommy Huey, Mike Gudgel, Michael Braggs, Jerry Anderson, Tye Thomas, Nick Ogden, Antoine Gladney.



Sophomore Domina Gladney struggles to put up a shot to win the game.

"The junior varsity basketball team boasts a strong offense with the potential to be a great varsity squad," Rachel Newsome, sophomore commented.

Although the J.V. team does not get the attention the varsity squad receives, the girls still enjoy playing. "Because we don't play for big crowds, we can concentrate more on improving

our skills. Our time will come to show off, but right now most of us just like playing for ourselves," Stacey Thomas, freshmen, added.

Yvonne Andrews, junior, commented on Coach Bryson. "Coach Bryson wants us to improve our shooting and work on getting in shape with conditioning. He also works with us on positioning, both offensive and defensive."

Stacey added, "We start our games off really well, but we just get worn out. One thing we never lack is spirit. Coach Bryson keeps us going, no matter what the score."

Yvonne concluded, "By working together, we each improve individually. Our team worked on conditioning. This can either make or break a team. The effort from each member makes playing a lot more fun."



## Wrestlers looking forward to a brighter future...

By Tammy Kohl \&
Rob Anderson
"Dedication and determination is the key to success in wrestling," said Kacasha Station, junior. To be on the wrestling team, one must be willing to lose and maintain a steady weight, which is not as easy as it sounds. "Some wrestlers will wear up to 10 pounds of extra clothing to practice," states Mike Anderson, sophomore.

The team captain this year was John Tiemann, senior. "As a team we were young; individually we looked good," stated John. He continued to say, "Looking at the future, we should be quite successful."

The eagles were coached this year by Mr. Gary Kubik. He stated, "We have a lot of good young prospects and we are looking forward to having a bright future ahead of us."


Mike Anderson, sophomore, pins a Sioux City North opponent with his overwhelming power.

Mike Taylor, junior, attempts to pin a Benson opponent with a cradle.


John Tiemann, senior, makes a Kacasha Station, junior, pins an move against a Sioux City North opponent from Benson in a local opponent. tournament this season.


And the winner of the 160 pound class at the North Invitational is John Tiemann, senior.


## Future connections

by Sara Torrens<br>Amy O'Loughlin

"This is the final boarding call to all students making connecting flights to language clubs, academic clubs, political clubs, theatrical clubs, and social awareness clubs."

Once the decison is made to join a club, the ride to the future is usually a smooth one.

Clubs serve as extra-curricular activities chosen by the students. Paying initiation fees, attending the meetings, and participating in club activities are some steps students take to show their interest in the club. For those students who are less concerned with the social aspect of the club, showing involvement in a group activity is an outstanding addition to a college application.
"Clubs make school more than just a place to learn," said Emily Rennard, senior. Clubs play an important role in high school life because students are "connected" socially, not just academically.
"Thank you for travelling through the wonderful world of


Learning and growing French Club carries tradition into the 90's

by Sara Torrens

"French Club is one of the most active clubs at Central," said Erika Gaylor, senior. Central's French Club continues to be a very popular club with an expanding number of members. Mrs. Fellman, French teacher, estimates a total of 90 members in French Club.

French Club started the year out with an orientation picnic as well as participating in the Homecoming parade. A variety of activities are held throughout the year. "One of the most popular is the French progressive dinner," said Mrs. Fellman.

French Convention is another popular activity where French students from all OPS schools can participate in different competitions. Meghan Stanek, sophomore, said, "French Convention is a great way to experience France's culture without going to France."

French National Honor Society joins French Club in fund raisers as well as club activities. French National Honor Society is designed for devoted French students who meet the French and academic qualifications of the club.

The tradition of Central continues in the involvement of foreign exchange students. This year a German exchange student, Felix Wolff, senior, is an active member of French Club. "I like French Club and the people in it," said Felix. He continued, "I enjoy participating in French Club, especially since there are no clubs in Germany."

Mrs. Bayer, Mrs. Basilico and Mrs. Fellman are the French Club sponsors.

Mrs. Bayer is the French National Honor Society sponsor.


Dawn Randall, junior, and Carri Conway, junior, teach French to elementary students in their free time.

French National Honor Society: FRONT: Liz Lieben, Michelle Ludwig, Michelle McCune, Kristen Steenberg, Anya Lawlef Heather Dunbar, Krista Morrison, Dan Fellman. BACK: Beck Watson, Emily Hooi, Emily Rennard, Andrea Keyser, Amy O'Loughlin, Tina Ray, Cindy Garner.


French students show their spirit by participating in the Homecoming parade.

Liz Lieben, junior, and Shelly Haven, junior, are just "hanging out" at the French Club picnic.

French Club: Front: Anya Lawler, Heather Dunbar, Emily Rennard, Molly Phillips. SECOND: Sarah Bond, Meghan Stanek, Megan Young, Cassie Swisher, Megan Burnett,Katie Kollman, Heather Collins, Ali Atkinson, Holly Berson. THIRD: Michelle Ludwig, Michelle McCune, Kristen Steenberg, Tamaria Coleman, Karolyn Harmon, Amy O'Loughlin, Krista Morrison, Dan Fellman. FOURTH: Emeral Hare, Emily Hooi, Ryan Basye, Luisa Prioreschi, Jenny Moyer, Sarah Rennard, Cindy Garner, Tina Ray, Michelle Dowd. FIFTH: Liz Lieben, Becky Watson, Andrea Keyser, Shelby Lewis, Keira McKenzie, Jacque Thompson, David Wallace, Jason Hui. BACK: Shelly Haven, Josh Cooper, Tom Rose, Shane Berman, Michael Langan, Dawn Randall, Julie Mott, Hope Gerhard, Eve Broekemeier.

## Spanish students 'soak in' culture

by Sara Torrens

Central's Spanish Club was designed, like other language clubs, to give students the opportunity to socialize with other students who have at least one common interest.

Spanish Club joins other language clubs in activities such as a soccer tournament, a hayrack ride, and other friendly competitions. The club also participates in a variety of activities throughout the year such as electing Spanish Club officers, having a Spanish Club dinner, and building a Homecoming float.

Omaha Ole' is a popular actitivity where Spanish students enjoy the foods music, art, and culture of Spain. Omaha Ole' is most often held in March and students from all OPS schools attend the convention.

Along with Spanish Club, Spanish National Honor Society participates in fund raisers and other group events. In order to be accepted into Spanish National Honor Society, a student must maintain at least a 93 per cent average in the Spanish class for three semesters and have two positive
teacher recommendations
"It is a great way to get to know your classmates outside the classroom," said Jaime Holoubek, senior.

Spanish Club sponsors are Mrs. Anderson, Mr. Dominguez, and Mrs. Plata.

Mrs. Anderson is the Spanish National Honor Society sponsor.

Matt Hovde, junior, entertains fellow members, Natasha Gromak, junior, and Jarmin Asuncion, senior, at the Spanish Club dinner.

Abe Bakhit ,sophomore,uses his carpenter skills to help build the Spanish Club float for the Homecoming parade.

Is he for real? Chris Thilgen, junior, tries out the hangman's noose for Spanish Club's Homecoming float.



## Students have the power

## German Club officers take control

by Sara Torrens

Among all of the language clubs at Central, German Club has remained a very respected and active club. This year,German Club chose to participate in the traditional activities from the club's past. Decorating a Homecoming float, joining other language clubs in a hayrack ride, having a progressive dinner, and a snow ski trip to Crescent were among the many activities that resulted in German Club's active and enioyable year.

Although some students join German Club for the free food, fun games, or an extra activity to add to a college application, serious German students, as well as sponsor Mrs. Brabec, find that much hard work and energy is needed to lead and support a successful club.

The secretary of German Club, Dana McCloney, junior, feels the biggest disadvantage of being an officer is keeping students under control. Dana regrets, "There is often poor attendance at the meetings because students are involved in other clubs."

Robert Ludwig, junior and boys' sergeant-at-arms of German Club, said, "I enjoy being responsible for the organization of the club and taking control at the meetings."

German National Honor Society acts as an individual club for German students. Some students who are active members of German National Honor Society are often not members of German Club. Students who want to be in German National Honor Society must have completed 3 full semesters of a German course and must maintain an above average grade in German class as well as a steady grade point average. Mrs. Jung is the German National Honor Society sponsor.

Dana exclaimed, "German Club is the best club at Centra!!" She continued, "My experiences in the club will hopefully help me when I go to college."


Mrs. Brabec, German Club sponsor, helps students Robert Ludwig, junior, and Tim Farkas, junior, brush up on their German skills.

German Club: FRONT: Dianne Atkinson, Walter Buckley, Dana McCloney, Lisa Harden, Karen Bostic. SECOND: Danny Shearer, Aaron Zimmer, Pete Thorson, Chad Kudym, Angela Henning. BACK: Robert Ludwig, Heather Schacht, Else Festersen, Lisa Gomez, Cori Costanzo, Aaron Mann.



## Life beyond Julius Caesar...

## Junior Classical League makes its own 'history'

by Sara Torrens

"Hail Caesar... Hail Miss Ryan." This is the attitude of many Latin students and JCL(Junior Classical League) members.

Rome is not the only fascinating place JCL members discuss. The courtyard, Cresent Ski Area, and Elmwood Park are also significant places to the members. These are the places where this year's Latin students have had good times and many memories.

Other times remembered by JCL members were the building of the Homecoming float and the JCL officer elections which initiated the following officers: Wendy Ford and Kevin Jones, Senior Consuls; Seraphim Carlson and Rachel Tomlinson, Junior Consuls; Mike Kirchhevel, Secretary; Bill Thoms, Treasurer; Lafonda Tanner and Nicole Trotter, Historians; Jon McDonald and Mike Buckley, Photographers; Angela McAcy, Nicole Trotter, Jerry Smith, Scott Whitaker, Brent Skaleske, Jennifer Beal, and Bobby Franzese, Class Representatives. At the meetings, JCL officers discuss upcoming events and plan future activities.

Along with social group activities, Latin students also participate in Certamen, a Latin competition held at the TAC building. Jamy said, "There is a college bowl contest and you are quizzed on Latin history."

Teresa Clark, senior, said, "The club has a Roman Banquet where we dress up in togas and eat Greek food."

Miss Ryan is the sponsor of JCL. Jamy concluded, "Miss Ryan is a very energetic, generous person, and without her there would be no club."
Teresa Clark, State President of Junior Classical League.

These Latin students prepare to build their JCL float for the Homecoming parade.


JCL Officers: FRONT: Jerry Smith, Mike Kirchhevel, Kevin Jones. SECOND: Nicole Trotter, Mike Buckley, Rachel Tomlinson, Angie McAcy. THIRD: Mel Hoialmen, Windee Weiss, Bill Thoms. BACK: Jamy Champenoy, Todd Reiser.


Wendy Ford, senior, shows off her "box of eggs," better known as senior Kevin Jones.

Junior Classical League: FRONT: Arden Brewer, Kevin Armstrong, Lasana Jones, Ben Pierce, Jose Perales, Miss Ryan(sponsor), Duncan Joyner. SECOND: Rob Harshbarger, Donald Ojeski, Don Richards, Teresa Clark, Leah Cha. THIRD: Mike Kirchhevel, Tricia Hernandez, Kevin Jones, Rachel Tomlinson, Amy Vosburg, Windee Weiss, Libby Krecek, Debbie Hubbell, Mike Buckley. FOURTH: Jerry Smith, Mike Green, Nick Englett, Bill Thoms, Joe MaGinn, Jennifer Beal, Rosetta Scholar, Angie McAcy. BACK: Chet Crinklaw, Jamie Marotta, Nicole Trotter, Jason Sacks, Ryan Saville, Jamy Champenoy, Todd Reiser, Cory Weale.


## Members are determined and devoted

## Chess: not just for geniuses

by Amy O'Loughlin
"Knight to C 3, pawn takes pawn...checkmate."

For most of us, these phrases make little sense, but for the devoted members of the Chess Club "them's fightin' words."

Even though this year's team started off with a few tournament losses to schools such as Prep and Roncalli, the members were victorious over North and placed sixth in the State Scholastic Tournament held at BrownellTalbot.

Chess Club's success depends on the involvement of its members. Unfortunately, "the interest in chess is waning," said Mr. Roeder, sponsor. Senior Hank Thompson believes that "once people learn how to play (chess), they'll realize that you do not have to be the stereotypical genius usually associated with the game to enjoy it." Hank also added that he hopes "the guys (underclassmen) who are with it this year stay with it."

Mr. Shipman and Mr. Roeder are the Chess Club sponsors.

Chess Club: Hoang Nguyen, Tim Farkas, Hank Thompson, Brian Comer, Samuli Selin, Mr. Roeder, Mr. Shipman.

Hank Thompson, senior, Tim Farkas, junior, and Samuli Selin, senior, are mesmerized by the interesting pattern on the chess board.

Senior Scott Fullerton explains to the club why he is right and they are wrong.

Hank Thompson, senior, prays to the Central High math god for assistance.



## Enrichment students conquer difficult math problems while travelling the path to success

by Sara Torrens

Central's Math Club consists of students enrolled in the Enrichment Math class along with other students not in the class.

According to Mike Langan, junior, there is an enormous amount of participation since everyone in the enrichment class is automatically a member of Math Club. Mike admits, "Some students are more dedicated than others. Especially the club's officers and the students who aren't in the class and join the club on their own."

This year the club sponsored a math competition for Junior High and High School students which was held at Central. The students work on challenging problems during class with assistance from math teacher and sponsor, Mr. Waterman.

This year they will attend a math competition. Four students from each grade are chosen to participate in the competition. This year the competition will be held in Missouri over spring break. Sarah Rennard, sophomore, said, "I am really happy that I get to go to the competition, especially since there are so many people in the club."


Math Club: FRONT: Mindy Drake, Mary Campbell, Michelle Dowd, Cindy Foster, Sarah Rennard. SECOND: Dianna Xiao, Qian Chen, Hang Le, Kaporn Cha, Kim Scofield, Sarah Collins, Erin McDermott, Nicole Engelke, Brad Gibson, Hank Thompson, Adam Yale. BACK: Mike Langan, Scott Fullerton, Radek Kosier, Suzy Wolff, Brent Boardman, Anya Lawler, Kristen Steenberg, Bryan Campbell, Amy Vosburg, Pete Thorson, Mike Hendricks, Mike Rolleigh, Steve Hendricks, Jason Hui.

## Unique demonstrations and enthusiastic students

## Physics Club shows potential

by Amy O'Loughlin

A new addition to the realm of clubs at Central this year is Physics Club.

The club, sponsored by Mr. Marsh, has approximately thirteen members, "a surprisingly good number, considering that the idea of a club involving physics doesn't sound too glamorous," remarked Mr. Marsh.

However, many members feel that the club has potential. Mike Thylin, senior, said, "Our present goal is to visit some elementary schools and give demonstrations in hopes of getting the students interested and excited about science."

Radek Kosior, senior, also expressed his enthusiasm in going to the grade schools and added that the club is planning on taking field trips to both UNO and UNL to observe the campus' physics labs. Radek went on to say that the club would be participating in Physics Field Day this year.

Physics Club:
Dr. Wolff(sponsor), Qian Chen, Suzy Wolff, Hang Le, Teresa Clark, Brad Gibson, Brian Comer, Hoang Nguyen, Mike Thylin, Radek Kosior, Mr. Marsh(sponsor).

Members of Physics Club take time out from their busy schedules to "talk physics."


Lab partners, Hoang Nguyen and Brian Comer concentrate on the experiment.
"Experiments" in terror

## Is it Chemistry or "weird science?"




## DECA

## "The Marketing Club"

by Sara Torrens
Amy O'Loughlin
What's a four letter word for Marketing Club? That's right. It's DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America).

DECA is focused in on teaching leadership, responsibility, and improving self-esteem in preparation for the business world. This year's DECA members have been involved in a partnership with Crossroads Mall. The partnership, initiated by Mr. Gaylor in1988, allows students hands-on experience in business activities and procedures. According to Mrs. Bunz, this partnership is the only one of its kind in Omaha and has proven to be quite successful. "We (the marketing department) receive information on how we can update our curriculum and, at the same time, our input on new procedures is also respected," said Mrs. Bunz.

Other activities the 194 members have been involved in are a hayrack ride, ice-skating, Honey Sunday, Racers basketball, and senior citizens night at Target.

DECA members always prove their outstanding abilities at the District and State Competitions, where the students compete in both written and oral events. A Central Region Conference is held each year, which focuses on leadership and supplements the useful material learned in business classes.

Mrs. Bunz, Mr. Gaylor, Mrs. Wiles, and Mrs. Hanson are DECA's sponsors.

At the Central Region Rebecca Darby, junior, and Conference in Detroit, these Carrie Schulz, junior, help with DECA students take time out of the Christmas decorations at their busy schedules to relax Crossroads Mall.
and sight-see.


## 'Twister and Tubaruba'

## Initiations and understanding unify Drama Club

## by Amy O'Loughlin

The scene is an unusual one. The setting is the Magic Carpet Room. Gales of laughter are heard as prospective members engage in bizarre initiation rituals and grueling games of Twister and Tubaruba. Is this the meeting of some newly created Satanic cult? No, it's only Central's Drama Club at their soon to be annual lock-in slumber party.

According to senior Sara Templeton, club president, most of the goings on at the "lock-in" are highly confidential. However, she did mention that one of the less painful tasks involved an impersonation of Milli Vanilli "singing."

In addition, this year's club has also participated in a number of not-so-secret activities such as seeing "Big River" at the Omaha Community Playhouse and "Chapter Two" at the Upstairs Dinner Theater.

Sara went on to say that the overall involvement of Drama Club's fifty members is one of eagerness. "We all appreciate each others talents and ideas," said Sara.

Mrs. Georgeson is the sponsor of Drama Club.

"What a script!" These Drama students, Matt Hovde, Sara Templeton, Sean Rourke, and Anya Lawler find an interesting way to pass their time by reading theatrical booklets and various plays.

Debbie Spencer, sophomore, and Michelle Dowd, sophomore, are using their creativity to design the Thespians' t-shirts at the club's paint party.
"Well Hello Dolly!" No, it's Rene Johnson, sophomore, demonstrating her own creative use for balloons while at the


Drama Club: FRONT: Anya Lawler, Rene Johnson, Amy Vosburg, Sara Templeton, Dan O'Dell, Tom Rose, Kristen Steenberg. SECOND: Jessica Wenke,Paige Muller, Marlo Obal, Mary Reilly, Sara Wilson, Melissa Liem, Wendy Revers, Geri Therkildsen, Karey Erickson, Sarah Bahr, Shawn White, Amy Kepfler, Michelle Ludwig. THIRD: Linda Heidrogel, Blake Thomas, Valarie Finney, Alexis Richards, Debbie Spencer, Peggy Neutzner, Marie Runyon, Heather Baker, Jason Slaughter, Latynia Frazier, Lisa Arellano, Angela Henning, Cindy Garner, Becky Wolff. FOURTH: Ben Pierce, Steve Hendricks, Christie Klein, Darin Roitstein, Ryan O' Donnell, Michelle Dowd, Ann Pelan, Karna Swanson, Jesse Haubrich, Michelle Sterett, Jason McCallen, Mark Rosenquist, Tristian Walker, Will Rotert, Todd Djureen, Jason Wheeler, Thurston Domina, Bill Thoms. FIFTH: Bryan Campbell, Eric Shumaker, Sean Rourke, Mrs. Georgeson. BACK: Aaron Bachman, Matt Hovde.

# Respect for each other and the stage Thespians 'promote personal growth' 



by Amy O'Loughlin

Thespians, the "honor society" that coincides with Drama Club, gives students yet another opportunity to display their talents and interest in the theater.

Although the group is relatively new to Central, the involvement of the members is excellent. Senior Blake Thomas, Thespians president, stated, "Everyone is really involved in making the group a success. They are willing to do and try anything that might improve their technique and promote personal growth," said Blake.

In order to become a Thespian, a student must fill out an application, including an extensive list of all their theatrical experiences. The club president then reviews the applications and totals the points earned for each activity. If ten or more points have been achieved, the student is accepted.

This year's Thespians and Mrs. Georgeson, sponsor, hope to organize a theater troupe which will perform for selected humanities classes at Lewis and Clark. The members are also planning to attend the National Thespian Convention, to be held in January.


Thespians: FRONT: Anya Thespians: FRONT: Mrs. Lawler, Matt Hovde, Blake Georgeson, Bryan Campbell, Thomas, Dan O'Dell, Shawn Sean Rourke. BACK: Jesse White. BACK: Mrs. Haubrich, Tom Rose, Sara Georgeson, Alexis Templeton, Michelle Ludwig.
Richards,Jason McCallen, Rene Johnson, Michelle Dowd, Jessica Wenke.

## Young Republicans enter the political world at Central

by Sara Torrens

Starting for the first time this year, this group of "elephants" established a building block from which to grow.

The club focuses on current political issues and the history of the Republican party.

The club was established by senior, Brian Comer, and the process was aided with the help of Social Studies teacher, Mr. Lincoln, who is now sponsor of the club. These students wanted to hold intellectual discussions with a group of people with similar political views. Starting a club for young Republicans was an ideal solution.
"At the meetings we discuss a variety of local and national politicians and issues," said Stephanie Sirois, senior. Stephanie continued, "It's about time a Young Republican club was developed, where before only a Young Democrat club existed."



Young Republicans: Damon Loucks, Brian Comer, Hoang Mr. Lincoln, sponsor, assures Nguyen, Sam Selin, Cindy Garner, Mr. Lincoln(sponsor), Kabporn Lea Cha, senior, that the Cha, Lea Cha, Scarlett Fisher, Jenny Bartlett.

Republican party is the political party for her!

Chairman, Brian Comer, senior, addresses the Young Republican members at a club meeting.


## Campaigning pays off

## Young Democrats help 'snag the votes'



Young Democrats:Kerri Griffith, Tina Ray, Diane Atkinson, Mrs. Krejci, Julienne Hill, Dan Fellman, Monique Lewis.
"I'll trade ya my Lincoln for your Washington!" Seniors Dan Fellman and Julienne Hill play "Find the Democrat" with the club's dues.
by Amy O'Loughlin
"Nelson for Governor! Hoagland for Congress! Exon for Senate!" Such were the cries heard from this year's Young Democrats.

Now that the elections are over, the members have a chance to relax and "cool off." However, campaigning isn't the only activity the Young Democrats participated in. The members also attended the state Young Democrat Convention in March and organized speakers, both former and present candidates, to discuss political issues with the club.
"Our goal is to promote the democratic party and its candidates and to arouse students' interests in politics," said senior Dan Fellman, club treasurer.

Mrs. Krejci is sponsor of Young Democrats.

"O.K. Either they pay or they're out!" Seniors Tina Ray, club president, and Monique Lewis prepare to threaten the members who still owe dues.

## Spirit Club helps motivate the masses

## by Sara Torrens

Pep, sportsmanship, dedication, and spirit are demonstrated through this Central glee club, better known as Spirit Club.

The members of Spirit Club are responsible for the supportive posters, buttons, and general spirit we have at Central throughout the year. The main function of the club is to provide the athletes and the crowds with continual support and cheering. Heather Collins, senior, said the Spirit Club members, when seen in action, are "the ones in the stands wearing purple and white, cheering for our teams and pumpin' up the fans."

The club had successful representation with approximately fifteen members. The members of Spirit Club want to be recognized for their hard work and support. "We like to be supported by the crowds with all the cheering we do at the games," said Felicia Webster, senior and club president.

Mrs. Georgeson and Mrs. Wiles are the sponsors of the club.

"Aren't our sweatshirts pretty!" Spirit Club president, Felicia exclaim Spirit Club members Webster, senior, expresses her with Mrs. Georgeson, sponsor. overwhelming enthusiasm towards Central High School.


## Green Eagles fights the battle to save Mother Earth



Bill Savidge, senior, Mike Green Eagles: FRONT: Bill Savidge, Heather Baker, Jarmin Stansberry, senior, and Sara Asuncion, Kristen Steenberg, Debbie Hubbell, Thad Domina, Mr. Templeton, senior, discuss Roeder (sponsor). BACK: Mike Stansberry, Aaron Bachman, Amy upcoming club events.

by Sara Torrens

Succeeding in its second year at Central, Green Eagles continues to involve students and faculty in environmental awareness.

Green Eagles was established in 1990 by three Central students, one of whom, Mike Stansberry, is the president of the club this year. The club is a chapter of the Green Party, an international political and environmental party.

The club maintained its helpful reputation this year by sponsoring many activities. Providing paper recycle boxes in all classrooms, aluminum can recycle bins in the courtyard, and selling recycled paper are some responsibilities of the club.

The club continues meeting and planning activities during the summer. As a fund raising activity, the club holds a car wash in the summer.
"This is the first year we have had Green Eagles officers," said Todd Djureen, junior and secretary. The officers elected are: Mike Stansberry, president; Sara Templeton, vice-president; Todd Djureen, secretary; Bill Savidge, treasurer; Kristen Steenberg, historian.

The environmentally conscious students discuss such issues as nuclear waste, the ozone layer, trees, and recycling: "Because of the wide variety of issues discussed, the club is very practical and applies to everyone," said Todd. trees, and recycling. "Because of the wide variety of issues discussed, the club is very practical and applies to everyone," said Todd.

Mr. Roeder is the club's sponsor.


## Community service key to success FBLA prepares for business world

by Amy O'Loughlin

Ok. So you're interested in business but you can't be in DECA because you're not in a marketing class. No need to give up hope. FBLA or Future Business Leaders of America is designed to give such students an opportunity to learn about and be involved in businessoriented activities.

According to historian Michelle McCune, junior, the only requirement to become a member is " the student has to have taken or currently be taking a business course, whether it be typing, accounting or marketing."

Becky Pugsley, senior, added that although this is the first year for FBLA, the club has been very successful. "Being a new club it has been kind of hard knowing what to do," said Becky. She went on to say that the group picked up on a lot of helpful ideas while attending the FBLA convention in Kansas City.

In addition to the Kansas City convention and the district competition held at the end of February in Crete, Nebraska, the members have also been involved in community service activities. During the Christmas season, the group took part in Toys for Tots, and on Christmas Eve many members served dinner at the Francis House.
"FBLA gives students an opportunity to participate in activities that allow them to learn and grow while at the same time help the community," concluded Michelle.

Mrs. Murphy and Mr. Harkey are the club's sponsors.

Aah. The feel of victory. Seniors Carri Lundin, Tammy Kohl, Becky Pugsley and Brandi Murphy take a break on their prize-winning homecoming float.


FBLA: FRONT: Sarah Briggs, Lisa Harden, Kim Teel, Suzie Skaff, Corri Dillenburg. SECOND: Michelle McCune, Karen Bostic, Cydnie Robinson, Sharrone Travis, Jessi Baines, Cindy Garner, Chris Kraft. BACK: Jim Mullen, James Michalski, Brandi Murphy, Melissa Ceballo, Becky Pugsley, Tom Pallas, Pat Farris, Tamara Morrow, Ella Paxton.

## Students gain an 'edge on engineering' through MACESA <br> by Amy O'Loughlin


"Informative and motivating,"says senior Herb Shropshire of MACESA (MidAmerican Consortium for Engineering and Science Achievement.)

The club, which was designed to prepare minority students who are interested in pursuing engineering as a career, has proved to have quite a positive influence on its members.

Owei Belleh, junior, attended a MACESA camp held at UNL last summer and learned that "the demand for minority engineers is great."

Other activities that the club's members have participated in include a field trip to Metropolitan Utilities District and attending an engineering seminar at Kansas State University.

Both Herb and Owei agree that MACESA gives minority students not only "an edge on engineering", but feelings of independence and self-reliance as well.

Mrs. Arroyo and Mrs. Els are the club's sponsors.
MACESA: FRONT: Mike Taylor, Ellaye Belleh, Lisa Lewis, Corey Foster, Clyde Bronson. BACK: Daemon Stevenson, Owei Belleh, Dorell Morrow, Santo Vasquez, Devina Brown, Sharrone Travis.

Senior Clyde Bronson and Mrs. Arroyo discuss future club activities.

## Students of various cultures combine to form an 'Ethnic Club'

## by Sara Torrens

"UCAN still be in UCAN" and "UCAN make a difference" are examples of the many UCAN promotional slogans seen on posters around the courtyard. The purpose of the posters was to "spread the word" that the club existed and to inform all students that membership to the club is always available.

UCAN, which stands for United Colors and Nationalities, was established this year under the title 'Ethnic Club'. The idea is to combine students of various cultures and backgrounds together to form a special club. The club has an overall membership of approximately 20 members.

President and senior, Blake Thomas, explained, "Since the club is still in its developing stage, actual club activities are still being discussed." Blake assumes UCAN will continue to grow in membership and different club activities in the future.

The club meets to attend various cultural art exhibits at Joslyn Museum and participates in other ethnic activities and discussions. "UCAN is working towards a program in Omaha right now called 'Green Circle'. This is a program that uses high school students to teach elementary school children how to appreciate the differences in others as well as their own individuality," said Blake.

Mr. Eck and Mrs. Eure are the sponsors of UCAN.
"The sign says it all!" Senior Sara Templeton adjusts one of the many UCAN posters displayed in the courtyard.


UCAN: FRONT: Charronna Chambers, Leah Cha. SECOND: Samuli Selin, Ashaba Wright, Lekeisha Turner, Sheilena Golonka. THIRD: Matt Hovde, Sara Templeton, Sarah Carter.FOURTH: Mark

## Students speak out against cruelty



by Amy O'Loughlin

"You can't change the world, but you can change the facts."

Depeche Mode
The facts are that hundreds of thousands of prisoners of conscience are continually being held in countries throughout the world and in the animal world millions of animals are trapped every year for their fur.

Amnesty International and The Central League for Animal Rights are focused in on changing those facts. Sponsored by Mrs. Wheeler, the members of both groups have made a difference.

Amnesty International," an organization concerned with the upholding of human rights," according to Mrs. Wheeler, put on a benefit in December and held a vigil in February. The members have also written letters to various countries for the release of prisoners of conscience.

The Central League for Animal Rights, whose purpose is to educate people about cruel practices using animals, donated a book to the school library on the cruelty of furtrapping, put on a benefit in January, and sponsored National Meat Out Day. A future project for the group's members involves the donation of an antifur display, possibly to UNO.

The fact that both clubs are not school-sponsored because they deal with political issues has not deterred involvement.

Junior Anne Carroll, president of Amnesty International, writes addresses on the chalkboard of where members can send letters for the release of prisoners of conscience.

Wayne Rasmuss,sophomore, reads over some pamphlets at the Amnesty International information table while sophomores Monica Brasile and Kayle Herman look on.
Sophomores Chris Becerra, president of the Central League for Animal Rights, and Leah Cha listen intently while other members express their views on animal rights.

Youth to Youth sponsored the appearance of John Crudele, a national speaker, in an all school assembly regarding drug and alcohol abuse.

Walter Hess, senior, examines the quality of a " Valentine warm fuzzy" before he makes his final purchase to support Youth to Youth.


## Central students pursue a drug-free environment

## by Sara Torrens

Amy O'Loughlin
Joining the many social, academic, and language groups that make up the clubs at Central, this group takes a unique approach regarding drug and alcohol abuse in teenagers today.

Youth-to-Youth is made up of Central students who try to discourage drug-abuse among high school peers. The group raised $\$ 1500$ to sponsor a nation-wide speaker, John Crudele, to come to Omaha to speak to students about peer-pressure and drug-abuse.

Fund-raisers are common among Youth-to-Youth activities. Over the summer the group held a car wash, bake sales, and "eggers," an activity where they went from house to house, collecting eggs. For Valentine's Day, the group sold "warm fuzzies" in the courtyard.

The object of Youth-to-Youth is to promote self-confidence to reduce the effects of peer-pressure with drugs.
"We just want to let people know that it is okay not to use drugs and you can still have a good time," said President Julie Schalley, senior.


Youth to Youth: FRONT: Kim Scofield, Julie Schalley, Jill Quigley, Heather Baker, Anya Lawler, Shawn White. BACK: Jason McCallan, Juliann Germer, Melissa Liem, Jessica Haubrich, Christina Klein, Mr. Herbert (sponsor).


# Faces of the Future <br> by Jennifer Watzke 

 Todd DjureenThe future is ours. Freedom is our boundary. We know no limitations. Our generation is one of outstanding goals and achievements.

Through the help of Central High faculty, we are given the key to the future that will one day open any doors that may occur throughout our lives. They have struggled with us through good and bad, thick and thin, as well as love and hate. They have taken the time to supply us with the knowledge that is needed for the future.

Throughout the years at Central, the underclassmen will be provided with the knowledge to have the ability and the potential necessary to go out into the world and pursue their hopes and dreams, whatever they may be.

The seniors will now be able to apply what they have learned as they venture out into the world to make new discoveries. No longer are they confined to certain boundaries, but rather the future lies in their hands to make their own decisions.

Take a look around at your fellow classmates for they are the faces of tomorrow; the doctors, the actresses, the engineers, the musicians, and the politicians. Take a look at the faces around you for they are the faces of the future.


## Teaching enhanced by experiencing friends by Mike Scasny

Individual student and teacher interactions can improve relationships in addition to grades and homework. Central faculty and students have different and similar views about student and teacher interactions in the classroom.

Mrs. Valdrighi, social studies teacher, commented that discussion "is a good way to get to know the student. I learned a lot about the students from the letters they wrote at the begining of the year." The letters tell "what's important to them and their goals."

Asking for help is a good way for students and teachers to meet. "My advance classes require help which I will get if I don't understand something," remarked Elizabeth Malcom, senior.
"It's a lot easier to help students when they [students] come in individually rather than in class," Mr. Pennington, math teacher said. He commented, however, "It irritates me when students wait until the day of the test to get help, but I would rather have students come for help late than not come in at all"

Wardell Johnson, freshman, said, "I will get help if I really need it. I prefer to ask for help from the teacher, and if I still don't understand what the teacher has explained to me, I will get help from a friend or another teacher."

Students and teachers often become friends, but not like a personal or "buddy" type relationships. "I tend to respect the student as a person and I accept their tremendous potential. It is not hard to become friends, but no buddies. I don't want students hanging around me or coming over to my house," Mrs. Valdrighi said.

According to Elizabeth, the relationship with the teachers "is on a good mutual basis. I don't consider the relationship like a personal friend or buddy type. Teachers are not obligated to tell me about their personal life."
"There is a definite line between teacher and student relationships that is seldom crossed. For instance, a student is about half my age, it's not like I am going out with them on weekends," Mr. Pennington continued.
"Getting to know the teacher improves the educational relationship. I tend to like the teacher more, and therefore I learn more, " Wardell said.


Mr. Theis, vocal music teacher, directs the chorus in harmony.


Megan Weeks, junior, Bob Zielinski, senior, Mrs.
Valdrighi, social studies teacher, and Letitia Smith, junior, exchange ideas about homework.


Ms. Basilico, French teacher, helps a student with her French conjugations.

Mr. Allner, math teacher, brings meaning to the word algebra for this student.


Mrs. Wageman, attendance secretary, assists a student with signing out for the day.

Mr. Daly often sings class lectures to his students.

Aagesen, Colleen Alliner, Mark Anderson, Vickie


Andrews, Larry Arroyo, Seleta Basilico, Linda

Bayer, Daryl
Behrens, Richard Bender, Therese



Mrs. Denman, Nurse, quickly types out a pass.



Thompson, Gordon
Thornby, Jennifer Utecht, Wanda

Wheeler, Peggy
Whitten, Jean Washington, Marguerita
Waterman, John Washington, Marguenta
Waterman, John
 Widhalm, Leonard
Wiles, Vidk
Williams, John
Wolff, Robert
Wood, Lenore
Yost, Richard
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Mrs. Valdrighi, Social Studies teacher, instructs confused students on how to use the Macintosh computers without erasing their entire paper.

Mrs. Georgeson, Drama teacher, flashes her school spirit for all to see while mystified students stare in awe.

Mrs. Murphy, Business Education instructor, takes time from her class preparation to contemplate the universe.


## Administrators of Today

## By Todd Djureen

Have you ever wondered what the purpose of the administration is at Central? Whether you know it or not, the administration is kept busy throughout the day, keeping order within the school.

Thad Domina, sophomore, said, "I think the main purpose of the administration is to discipline the students. It gives them a role model away from home."

Dr. Moller, principal, has many duties throughout the day. He may best be compared to the President of the United States. He is in charge of community and public relations. Moller supervises budgeting of the school and general instructional improvement. His main job is general supervision of all areas of responsibility.

Dr. Moller said, "The three main duties the administration is in charge of include data processing, activities, and discipline." Mr. Semrad is in charge of data processing, organizing information in the computer. He is also in charge of activities. Mr. Richard Jones, assistant principal, is responsible for the organization of athletic events and disciplinary office referrals. Mrs. Bernice Nared, assitant principal, is also responsible for disciplinary procedures as well as transportation and attendance supervision.

The administration is responsible for the organization of the school. The many hours spent on students' schedules, rules and regulations, meetings, student transportation, and organizing athletic activities are other duties that the administration does to keep order within the school.


Dr. G.E. Moller, principal at Central High School, is a regular face to be seen strolling down the hallway who offers a greeting of "Hello" to the students that he passes. It is also not uncommon to find him joining a class to observe the student-teacher interactions. When he is in either environment, he is seldom seen without his desktop computer.


Mrs. Nared, assistant principal, discusses the future goals of this student. She monitors the progression of students throughout their high school career and reprimands those students who may need it.


Mr. Semrad, assistant principal, regulates the participation of the student body and warns them to abide by the rules which have been established for their protection.

Mr. Jones, an assistant principal, contributes ideas for student activities as well as their future goals. He is also well-known for his involvement in supervising various school-sponsored activities especially the varsity football games.

## Cafeteria staff knows dedication by Todd Djureen

Imagine yourself at a luxurious restaurant eating away at a dish of caviar. Well, that's about how good the food is at Central's cafeteria, thanks to our cafeteria staff. Many hours a day are spent preparing food filled with vitamins and minerals.

Mrs. Peggy White, cafeteria manager, commented on the dedication that it takes to prepare the food for the students. "We have a staff that arrives at 6:30 to begin the preparation." The staff of fifteen begins with a hearty breakfast. A main breakfast in the cafeteria and a mini breakfast in the courtyard are provided daily. After breakfast is served, the staff then begins to prepare lunch.

Once lunch has been served, the staff takes a short break, and then returns to work. They finish off the day by washing the dishes and sanitizing the silverware.


## Career Services help students with decisions

## by Todd Djureen

The average college student changes majors three times. With the help of the career support service offered this year at Central, students may find that choosing a career may be somewhat easier.

Dr. Marguerita Washington, career support teacher, is the driving force behind this program. "The main purpose of this program is to help students pinpoint their strengths and weaknesses so they can make valid career decisions," said Dr. Washington. During each class period students learn study skills, job exploration, and career awareness. Dr. Washington teaches the students career awareness so that students will know the options that are open to them. The career exploration defines the specific duties of the job rather than what kind of jobs are available. The career support service is designed to help students to succeed in the job market as well as to help them gain the self confidence to get a good job.

Students must first be in home economics, drafting, business classes, or take classes at the career center, and then they may be referred. The students are then taken out of their study-halls to meet in various classrooms throughout the day. The class ranges from three to five students and meets five days a week.


Mrs. Maniscalco, counselor, reviews a student's SAT


Mrs. Weland types important information into the computer for future reference.
Mr. McMeen, counselor, files college information so that students can pick the college of their choice.

Library "cross-references" concepts
New computer program to convenience students by Mike Scasny

Future students attending Central can expect to see improvements in the library. Mrs. Majeski, librarian, says that sometime in the near future, students will be able to check out books that Central does not have from other public high schools. This is possible by new computers and hard disks known as CDROMS, compact disc read only materials.

With this hard disc, all public high schools can be linked together and communicate with each other by the use of computers. Mrs. Majeski also commented that students will also have access to another school's inventory and can use them. All high schools will be able to know what materials the other school has.

For instance, if a Central student wanted to get a book, but the library doesn't have it, he or she can go to a computer and type the information about a specific book and find out what school has it. By proper arrangements with the librarians of the two schools, the book will be sent to Central through the mail. Mrs. Majeski said that " the book will come to the student" rather than the student picking up the material at that school. The book will arrive at Central in several days depending how fast the school mail is.

Students can enjoy this new system several years from now, but the completness of the program depends on the availability of funds to provide the hardware. Besides buying the CDROMS, all the computers in the library will have to be replaced by new Macintosh computers. The current computer, Apple II, does not have the ability to run or load the information from and to the disc, but the Macintosh can, according to Mrs. Majeski.

The system will take some time before all the high schools will be linked together. Some schools will take longer than others while some schools already have the material, CD-ROMS, for this system to work such as North, a computer-oriented school, Mrs. Majeski commented.


## RULES OF LIBRARY

 1. NO TALKING !! 2 TWO STUDENTS TOA TABLE
## 3 NO FOOD OR DRINK

 4. ASK FOR HELP FROM THE LIBRARIAN
## 5. READ !!

Every game has its own rules, as does the Central High School library. Students who wish to utilize the materials in the library must first obtain a pass from one of their academic teachers, then they must obey these rules . . or else.


## Head Office makes the right "connections" for Centrallites

by Mike Scasny

The main office secretaries work to keep up with the daily routine. Joy Plummer, Sandra Evitt, Linda Hazuka, Sharlene Rosenthal, Lynn Tabor (bookroom), Ginny Bauer, and Linda Olsen are endlessly busy during the day. They are forging through the mounds of paperwork which must be tended to for the normal process of the school day to run like clockwork for the rest of the faculty as well as the students.
"I am really important around here," Mrs. Plummer said. "It is a challenge to work here because there are many things to do such as answering the phone, sorting the daily mail, and helping students, parents, and teachers."
"The telephones are my biggest problem because I have to answer the phone while there are many other things to do. Four lines are enough for me . . . almost too much for me to handle," Mrs. Plummer continued.

Without the assistance and dedication of the office staff, the phones at Central would be ringing, but no one would be home.

The office staff is the back-bone of Central. Mrs. Ginny Bauer, Mrs. Linda Hazuka, Mrs. Linda Olsen, Ms. Sandra Evitt, Mrs. Joy Plummer, Mrs. Lynn Tabor, Mrs. Sharlene Rosenthal.
Mrs. Plummer, main office secretary, quickly answers the phone while doing other tasks in the office.

## Diversity expressed

## Underclassmen state opinion

## By Penny Blankman and Heather Schacht

Incoming Central underclassmen are now experiencing what they've always dreamed about, HIGH SCHOOL. In high school there are many different expectations people hope for. Some of these expectations come true others don't.

Many freshman and sophomore students expected complications in finding classes and succeeding in their schoolwork. Sophomore Steve Hendricks said, "I was surprised at how easily I found all of my classes considering Central's size." Joe Agosta, sophomore, agrees. These underclassmen are quickly learning the differences between junior high and high school. Joe has realized that his classes are much easier for him and teachers are more than willing to help "if you ask." But for freshman, Michele Deal, she found that her "honors classes are much harder than she expected." Another surprising aspect Michele found in this wonderful world of high school is the "abundance of role models."

As for Central's more experienced juniors there are some different views. Juniors, Jamy Champenoy and Sean Foster, felt that last year was "more of a transitional year," and Jamy says, "I now feel a closeness in our class as a whole, we're more of a family." These juniors also feel that they get a little bit more respect from their teachers. They are learning that with this respect comes greater responsibility. "With the abundance of required classes, I hardly have any room for any electives and it's also really difficult to hold a job," said Jamy.

As students get settled into the course of the year they find themselves becoming part of the Central scene. They will choose what activities interest them and friends that they will never forget.

Dragos Dorneanu, freshman, smiles sweetly at his favorite girl.






Above: This Central student takes advantage of his free time for some enjoyable reading.

Far right: Shaniece Colliers, sophomore, stares intently at SOMETHING in the courtyard.

Right: After discussing their weekend plans, Todd Reiser and Megan Young, sophomores, can't help but look especially excited.



## 'Newly Produced Men' and 'Wise Fools'

## By Heather Schacht

A student is walking down the hall when a doorstop protrudes out of the floor and trips him. Everyone laughs at him while yelling, "FROSH!" This is the typical situation when people use the word frosh and now scuffmore is the new slang word to designate a sophomore.

Although slang words are used, the original names for students have a history of their own. Freshman, broken down to its Greek derivation means "recently produced man," which fits their standing as they come fresh into a new class of higher learning. Next is the word sophomore, which is derived from Greek, meaning "wise fool." This truthfully means that sophomores are "wise" but "foolish" to think they are on top of the world when they should be remembering they also were freshmen just the year before.

With these truthful yet harsh definitions, the underclassmen must face the people above them. As the juniors and seniors call out frosh or scuffmore, they do not seem to take into account what it was like to be a new face in the crowd. All they know is that they are not the new ones now, so in an attempt to make themselves feel better, they came up with frosh and scuffmore.

Nick Englett, junior, uses these slang words, but more with sophomores. He says he "belittles" sophomores because "they are promoted and think they are much better than freshmen."

Most underclassmen think it is a joke, although Katie Cleary thinks some students "pretend like they don't take offense to it." While Laura Rasmussen, sophomore, said, "If they're too sensitive, they take offense; but if your friends say it, you know it's just a joke." Freshman Kelli Ulrich agrees that friends just "joke around."

Theresa Setlak, freshman, it is "just an immature thing to do." This may be true, but it is human nature to put down the ones below you. Everyone is a "newly produced man" and even a "a wise fool" within their life time.

Mufflycunningham, Charles Munderloh, Kevin Munger, Ryan Narducci, Staci Neal, Tylinn Nielsen, Renee Odonnell, Ryan
Olander, Chris Oliver, Lanelle Olsen, Heather Oropeza, Alexander

Ortt, Angela Otto, Cassandra

Pedersen, Jill
Peek, Amy Perry, Kinyatta Pfeiffer, Gretchen Polascik, Christopher Poloncic, Derek Prouty, Jami Queen, Michelle



Jose Perales, junior, drinks his Dr. Pepper in the friendly atmosphere of the courtyard.

Natasha Sempek and Michelle Buller, freshmen, rush off to class taking a shortcut through the courtyard.

While outside on Central's west porch, freshman Richard Konyek tries to cool off during the record breaking temperatures of the first weeks of school.





## Creating balance



By Penny Blankman

High school brings a variety of new responsibilities for the average teen. They have homework, many clubs, parties, sporting events, and possibly a job to try and fit into their schedules. Earning money happens to be a top priority. The combination of work, school, and extra-curricular activities can get a little hectic. Central students work for different reasons. Whatever the reason it can still be stressful. Some Centralites can work without feeling the stress, others aren't so lucky.

Marvin Nutt, junior, is one of the lucky ones. He has been employed at Amigos for two years. His employers are nice enough to schedule him only on weekends so his "work does not interfere with school." He even manages to get his weekend nights free for any parties he wishes to attend.

Junior Duncan Joyner is not so lucky. Along with working three school nights and playing indoor sccer, he finds himself extremely busy. Although Duncan is "doing good in school" he still feels very stressed and has "learned how to work with it."

Mindy Drake, sophomore, however occasionally has a problem creating a balance with all of her new found responsibilities. Mindy is a member of the German Club, Math Club, and Green Eagles. She is enrolled in all honors classes with the exception of choir. NuTrend dry cleaners also possesses fifteen hours of her time a week. Although her job "requires no thought" she still feels she has "absolutely no free time and is always in a rush."

Although earning money is important for many students, most Centralites know that school is most important. No matter how they balance all of their responsibilities, succeeding in school always comes out on top.

Ann Royal, sophomore, loves to serve the shoppers at Baker's Supermarket where she works for extra spending money.
1, 2, 3, 4..., counts Nick Kammerer, sophomore, as he uses one of his three basic skills; reading, 'niting, and 'rithmetic, to sort all of your mail.



Edwards, Kevin Ellefson, Carin Englett, Cynthia Epps, Hilary Esterling, Amy Failla, Matthew Falkner, Damien Farrell, John Fenner, Brandt Fenton, Fredrick Finney, Valanie Firoz, Amita Fisher, Scarlett Flemming, Katy Focht, Mathew Fogarty, Hugh Foster, Richard Foster, Sydney France, Jack Francis, Tiffany
Franco, Alfredo


Right: Traci Warren, 11, Jermaine Pearson, 12, Burrell Williams, 11, Leslie Cotton, 12, Tracy Cornelius, 12, Loren Kirk, 12, Tony Jones, 12, and Tasha Cornelius, 9 , come together to unite as a single class.


Far right: Freshman Bill Tice looks a little disorientated as he leans on good friend Jason Holoubek.

Above: This group of students look on with interest at an assembly. Centralites often gather in the auditorium for different events.

Right: Sophomore Chris Kunze looks surprised as he gets ready to speak but remembers his mouth is full.



A double pleasure is waiting for you... juniors, Donna Calloway and Sarah Briggs wait for their chance to become stars or at least polka dots.

Junior, Kristina Turco glances sideways as she concentrates oh-so-hard on her teacher's every word.

Andy Keyser, junior, stops dead in her tracks as she sees HIM walking towards her.

There are many forms of transportation in this world. Some Centralites are lucky enough to ride







Many Central students use the MAT busing for transportation to and from school.

Watch Out! Central students stampede out of school in a herd so they can get home to watch Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.

The big yellow school bus is the route of safe transportation some Central students take. It provides a lessexpensive and easier way home.

##  <br> Runyon, Marie Russel, Roger Sacks, Jason Samaroo, Krishna Scherpf, Courtney Schirmer, Rachelle Schmidthuber, Donna <br> Schrad, Susan Schroeder, Jeffrey Shaw, Keshia Sheehan, Christine Sherrett, Jennifer Shew, Theresa Shields, John <br> Shivers, Stacey Showalter, Heather Sillik, Caneanne Sirois, Shelley Slaughter, Jason <br> Small, Kari <br> Smith, Christine <br> Why Central?

## By Heather Schacht

Central's tradition has been to attract students from all areas of Omaha. The reasons for attending range from academics to less violence.

Mary Campbell, sophomore, who is in the Northwest attendance area said she goes to Central because, "it's the best school in the city." In addition, "the other schools don't have the honors programs."

Central keeps up its tradition by holding orientations and open houses draw the students who are on the borderline between two schools. When Freshman Jeff Darst attended the open house last year, he found he "liked the atmosphere better." Although most of his friends go to Burke, he says Central is "fun and challenging."

Gina Gomez, sophomore, found out Central's math department was strong at an orientation and that it had a good computer set up. Northwest, the school Gina would regularly attend, had no computers.

The art program also draws students to Central. Carrie Schulz, junior, said the art program has been "very helpful" and they care enough to help you with a good portfolio. Petra Eccarius, freshman, had her mother call different schools to find the best art and math programs and she ended up at Central. "I'm glad I came. I like Central," Petra added.

While academics is the main reason people come to Central, Tim Haverman, sophomore, came "because it's safer here as gang problems are less and other schools have more violence."

With a reputation for academics, Central draws students from around Omaha. The individual programs show the opportunities it has to offer and, as Carrie Schulz said, "The people are nice and easy to get along with."


# Born with Ability to Lead 

## Do you have it or not?

## By Penny Blankman

Leadership, according to Webster's New World Dictionary, is the ability to lead. Leardership is not something everyone is born with. Those who are, don't always get a chance to use it. Two Central students, Chris Thiligen, junior, and Dan Bagley, sophomore, got the chance to strengthen their leadership ability at the first ever Nebraska Legislative Youth Leadership Academy.

The Nebraska Legislative Youth Leadership Academy was held in the second week in August for seven days at the Holidome in Kearney, Nebraska.

The program emphasized leadership. "It encouraged those with leadership abilities but never had the chance to utilize them," said Chris. There were speakers such as Senator Ernie Chambers and many other Senators. Dan said, "It was a fun experience. It made me open my eyes to the environment around me."

About one hundred people attended. They were chosen out of approximately four to five hundred students. Chris and Dan were the only two who attended from Central. According to Dan he was chosen because his counselor at Lewis and Clark sent in a form saying he was one of "the top leaders in the school."

The seminar guided leadership skills. It took people who already had the skills and exercised them. "I wasn't anticipating it to be very fun, but it's a good project," said Chris. "We'll probably go back next year as junior counselors." "I thought it was very benificial," added Dan.

Right: Jeanne Pittack, Shannon Jensen, Connie Braesch, and Heidi Hausman, juniors, laugh as Connie looks amazed that three out of four of them have $\mathrm{Hi}-\mathrm{C}$ drink boxes.

Bottom right: When the sun shines, many Centralites spend their money becoming pals with the Ding-Ding man.

Far right: The courtyard is a common place to stop and chat with friends, stare at the hottest guys or girls, or anything else that can be done in the four minute passing period.




Williams, April Williams, Chad Williams, Karen Williams, Lisa Willis, Dawn Wilson, Kathleen Wilson, Sara

Wolf, Roy Wyldes, Shannon Yale, Charles Young, Megan Zaremski, Genisa Zimmer, Jaden Zollicoffer, Terrell JUNIORS Alexander, Tari Anderson, Kristine Anderson, Robert Anderson, Robert Andrews, Yvonne Archer, James



Christensen, David Clark, Maurcey Clark, Shawntel Collins, Sarah

Cooper, Joshua Coquat, Christopher Corcoran, Hilary Costanzo, Cori

Cotton, Tressa Creswell, Melissa Crinklaw, Chet Cuevas, Jennifer

Cunningham, Lila Custard, Kevin Darby, Rebecca Davis, Randy

Dawkins, Carrie Day, Dana Dibbrell, Patricia Dick, Jeremy

Dibiase, Roxann Dillenburg, Corri Dinovo, Tanya Djureen, Todd Dober, John Dorneanu, Diana Douglas, Antone
Dreibelbis, Jennifer Dryden, Christopher Edgren, Kathy Edwards, Joanna Engelke, Nicole Englett, Nicholas Erickson, Lori

Estes, Brandy Estrada, Joseph Evans, Rodney
Fackler, Benjamin Farkas, Timothy Farquhar, Christina Ferguson, Devin




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## In Memory of

LARRY JAMES MASON

January 19, 1974 - October 8, 1990

"Let not my happiness, my smile and love be forgotten."



Let the little children come unto me.
We are all God's children--
From the morning -- hour of birth, He lets us live and laugh and love

And have our day on earth.
He guards us through the afternoon
Till sunset's rays are cast.
Then one by one,
With gentle words,
He calls us home at last.


Obal, Jennifer O'Dell, Daniel Nelson, Levoin

Walking through the snow Carey Ishii, sophomore, boards the school bus. Many Central students take up the offer to use the free transportation of OPS.

Jeff Pospisil, junior, tries to catch flies for lunch instead of enduring the cafeteria food. During lunch hours in the courtyard, everyone has fun goofin' around.

Junior Megan Horton trudges through the cold snow in the month of December. Living in Nebraska, Central's students have learned to cope with the cold weather.

Joe Maginn, junior, socializes during lunch with his favorite little ladies. Junior Hilary Corcoran is not falling for Joe's new moves.


Oetter, Matthew
O'Hara, Erin
Olson, Derek Pallas, Tom Palmer, Chet Palmersheim, Reed

Paxton, Ella
Partrige, Rob Pattison, Paula Pekula, Brett Penry, Casey Perales, Jose Perkins, Andre Perlman, Seth



## Sound of Music

Schumaker, Eric Scofield, Kimberley

Scott, Sherry

Sechser, Ellen Semans, Jonathan Sempek, Shawn

Shaffer, Nicole Shannon, Jessica Shearer, Daniel

Sheehan, Scott Short, Christopher Shradar, Andrew

Shropshire, Mary Simmons, Kristin Simon, Traci

Skaleske, Brent Skinner, Heather Slape, Victor

Smith, Letitia
Smith, Sheritha Smolsky, Myfanwy

Snyder, Rachel Sohl, Sheila Somers, Steven Souser, Dana Steenberg, Kristen Sterett, Michelle Stevens, Joel Stienblock, Geoffrey Stovall, Vershon
Swanson, Karna Swope, Ruby Tabor, Neil
Tanga, Thomas Tatum, Dawn




## By Penny Blankman

Music has been around since the beginning of time. It is a part of everyone's lives. Throughout time many forms of music have developed and the varety to choose from has widened greatly.

Central has always been recognized for its wide variety of people. Along with these different people come different styles. A big part of style is music. Music is one voice that is heard by all students at all high schools. Music at Central ranges from the Urban Dance Squad and Bad Brains to Phil Collins and Madonna.

Music influences many things, from the people you hang out with to your moods. Central sophomore, Gina Anglim, said, "Music can influence my moods depending on the sound or rhythm; slower songs may calm me while faster ones might excite me or make me energetic." Shelly Blanchard, junior, feels that if she is in a good mood she'll "listen to something that jams," but if she is in a sad mood she is more likely to "listen to depressing music."

Many people feel that music influences the people you hang around. "If you're going to be with someone at their house or in their car, you want their musice preference to match yours," stated Gina. Freshman, Andrew Helgesen, said, "'People who like the same music like to talk about it."

No matter what your music preference is, there is room for you at Central and people you can fit in with.



Tomlinson, Rachel Torosian, Kevin Torrez, Antonio Trapp, Michele Travis, Sharrone Trotter, Nicole Turco, Kristina
Turpen, Matt Uehling, Dawn Urias, Andrew Value, Jessie Vanarsdel, Maria Vandorsdel, Denise Waits, Michael

Walker, Michelle Walker, Tonia Warden, Jeffrey

Warren, Traci Washington, Lisa Washington, Jacquelin


Weiss, Windee Wenke, Jessica Wheeler, Candy

Whitbeck, Lori White, Kimberly White, Shawn


Beverly Elmer and Alice Hill, sophomores, discuss the next ROTC meeting in their study hall, although talking in study hall is usually forbidden.

Toni Yager, junior, drinks milk to give her a health kick so she will grow big `and strong.

Students use the cafeteria to supply them with their daily nutrients. The lines are sometimes long, but is it worth it?!!


## No difference

## Underclassmen and seniors are all the same

by Heather Schacht and Jennifer Watzke

Seniors often seem to be in a class all their own, but the differences between seniors and underclassmen do not serve as barriers to developing friendships with one another. Both underclassmen and seniors agree the separation is not a problem.

As junior Tim Galligher said, "We are all humans," as he joked about there being no difference between his senior friends and other friends. He continued by saying the seniors seem to be "pretty cool" when he goes out with them.

Meg Allen, sophomore, says her senior friends are more mature than her underclassmen friends. Although they joke about her being younger, she said, "they are only kidding." Meg said she has learned "it is possible to be on the same level as the seniors."

Senior Tricia Tidwell feels she is at "ease" with the underclassmen. She goes on to say that she sees no real differences in her senior and underclassmen friends. Chad DeMers, senior, agrees also that there is no difference between the two.

To Rachel Tomlinson, junior, "There is no difference. The seniors tend to treat you as if they were a superiority figure over you which in fact they are not." In actuality, she gets along with the seniors quite well and simply accepts their seniority as she soon will be a senior also.

Senior Dean Woodcook seems to be open-minded as he says he sees no differences, "because we all act the same even if we don't admit it." It doesn't bother him to go out with underclassmen, "because we're just out to have fun together."

With all the differences at Central, the senior class has no difficulties getting along. The seniors in the eyes of the underclassmen serve as both a role model and a friend.
Duncan Joyner, Shane Berman, and Sara Cederstrand, juniors, show their bonding friendship during one of the passing periods. Passing periods give the students at Central time to converse with their friends.



# Anticipation fills seniors' year 

by Jennifer Watzke

After many years of long and hard work, students reach their senior year. With senior year comes a lot of excitement, anticipation, and for some just a sense of relief that they have finally gotten this far. For others, senior year gives them a chance to go back and recollect some of the memories they had here at Central, as well as in their elementary and junior high years.

According to senior Don Letzring, senior year has not been as difficult as far as a challenge is concerned, but he says, "The nice part about senior year is I get to look back at all the other grades and see how it was when I was there."

The senior class during their senior year tends to be set off as a group all of its own. The seniors are more relaxed compared to the underclassmen. The senior class is a different class, but not necessarily better than any others."

Along with excitement during senior year comes fear for many students. They are at the end of their high school years and now face their future ahead.

Senior Chalawnda Kelley says, "Yes,senior year is scary because it is the last year. After we graduate, we are classified as adults."

Mark Johnson, senior, says that senior year is scary in some ways. He goes onto say because it is your last year, you want to have fun. However, he says it is scary " because some people still do not know what they are going to do." Others say it is stressful because they still must concentrate on doing well in their classes, otherw ise they may not
graduate.
Although senior year may be memorable, as the days wind down in the school year, excitement may grow as to what the future will hold in store for the various faces of the 1991 senior class. Even though their remaining days, with familiar faces from the last three years, are numbered here at Central, anticipation cannot help but grow in many students as the moment where they can fulfill their aspirations draws near.

Senior Kanika Williams says, "I am looking forward to going to college and meeting new people." Seniors will soon find themselves surrounded by new faces, in whatever they do, following their final year.

Joslyn Jones, senior, also says, "I look forward to going to college next year." College is just one of the alternatives for seniors following their last year of high school. Their senior year will end a chapter of their lives for them, while just beginning a brand new chapter. Soon the doors will be open for these students to follow up on all their dreams and aspirations.

Senior Aaron Batt visits with the Balfour ring representative in the courtyard. The representative frequently comes to Central to show students the variety of class rings available.
Senior Carnetta Hardin takes a bite out of her apple as junior Nate' Smith sits nearby. These two enjoy their lunch hour by socializing with one another while they snack.



Senior Blake Thomas smiles for the camera during her lunch hour in the courtyard. The courtyard provides a relaxing atmosphere for students during their lunch hour as well as throughout the rest of the school day.


Anzalone, Anthony Applegate,Stacey Arnett, Michelle Araque, Veronica Astorino, Maria


Asuncion, Jarmin
Atkinson, Allison Atkinson, Diane Atwater, Sharee Bachman, Aaron

Senior Marc Chapman shows his Halloween spirit by dressing up as a watermelon head. Central's student council held a Halloween costume contest, searching for the best costumes.


Both seniors, Shani Sellman and Shaunielle Mosley, took part in the Halloween fun, as they competed with others for the best costumes in the courtyard before school on October 31.


Baker, Heather Barajas, Beverly Barkes, Shelley Batt, Aaron Bauersachs, Carla

Beerling, Rebecca Bekish, Stasha Bell, Jermaine Belleh, Ellaye Berney, Charlene

Besançon, Rick Bicking, Carol Biga, Laura Blackman, Abu Blair, Jennifer



## Seniors set itinerary College hunt begins for seniors

by Jennifer Watzke
The process of choosing a college can be a long drawn out procedure. The procedure for choosing a college varies from visiting various colleges, deciding on an area of interest, researching different scholarships and filling out college applications.

These activities can be a major part of one's senior year, trying to choose a college while carrying on regular studies. Some seniors begin looking for a college earlier than others.

Tricia Kokrda, senior, says, "So far, I've sent letters to colleges for information, am taking the SAT test, and am in the process of filling out college applications." Tricia also says she is looking for a school with a "good physical therapy or nursing program."

Senior John Tiemann says he also has taken both the SAT and ACT along with filling out applications and looking at scholarships. John says, "I am looking at location along with a college offering a pre-vet program."

Another big factor in choosing a college is the cost. Costs may limit the choices of colleges in mind for individual students. However, alternatives such as financial aid and scholarships make it possible to afford the high costs of a college education.
"I've looked into financial aid programs and through the scholarship books," says Elizabeth Malcom, senior. She says that money is going to be a factor in whatever college she chooses.

The counseling center also provides assistance in helping students choose and prepare for college.

Computer software, college information and the scholarship file are among the numerous resources available to assist students when searching for a college.
"We've had five senior auditorium homerooms and have put announcements in PEP newsletters and the circular to keep seniors updated with information pertaining to their preparations for college," says Mr. Forehand, Central guidance director. He also mentioned that in the publication, Central Senior Times, given to seniors once a month, information concerning items such as applications, scholarships and financial aid is given.

While the process may be a long and confusing one, eventually the student will come to his decision. With the aid of information available and his own looking into different colleges, he will hopefully have made a decision on a school that meets his own needs, varying from field of interests to costs and location.

Counseling center secretary, Ms. Wheelan, goes through the college workbook with senior Ellaye Belleh. Both Ms.Wheelan and Mr.Forehand, along with the other counselors, assist students in looking for the college that best fits their needs.
Senior Lonnie Morgan and junior Jennifer Cuevas study up on materials dealing with a variety of different things such as college majors, different colleges and scholarship applications. The counseling center is available for anyone wishing to come in and use its numerous resources.

Carlson, Seraphim Caro-Perez, Eduina Carroll, Kiticki Cartwright, Mary
Ceballo, Melissa

Cha, Kobporn Chambers, Charronna Chapman, Marc Christensen, Sandra Christensen, Sonya





Collins, John
Comer, Brian
Conradson, Timothy
Cork, Paula
Cornelius, Tracie


Junior Mike Gonzales and senior Dave West enjoy the warmth of the day during the noon hour. The west porch is a favorite among the students during the lunch periods.

Seniors Amy Villella, Tina Wagner, and Marisa Raiti sit on the west porch. Although there is not an open-campus policy, students are allowed to use the west porch facilities.


Cotton, Leslie Croft, Michael Curry, Lycurgus Curto, Regina Davies, Joel

Deatherage, Liz Deffenbacher, Karen Demaria, Joseph Devney, Matthew Dietz, Enica

Digiacomo, Michael Douglas, Christine Douglas, Matthew Douglas, Ronald Driscoll, Paul




Dubes, Keith
Duckworth, Elizabeth
Dunbar, Heather
Egler, Stephen
Erickson, Joel


Eure, Simone
Evans, Michelle
Evans, Victor Farrell, William Fellman, Daniel


Fettin, Michele
Fitzsimmons, Emily
Flott, Sean
Flynn, Tracy
Forsman, Jennifer


by Jennifer Watzke

"The farther away the future is, the better it looks," states Murphy's Law, a group of different pessimistic sayings seen on calendars and posters. However, in reality, the future is not very far off. And with the future fast approaching, the necessity for money is created. By senior year, many students have jobs and are saving for either college or other future plans.

Most people agree that money is the main reason they work. However, working also provides the opportunity to meet new people. Senior Blake Thomas, who works at Gloria Jean's Coffee Bean, says, "You meet all sorts of people who come in to buy coffee." Working also provides the chance to actually get out into the work force and allows one to experience the responsibility necessary in having a job.

Despite the benefits of employment, the pressures of a job can some times put a strain on one's schoolwork as well as limit the time he may have with his friends. Senior Julie Harding says working interferes with schoolwork because when people work too many hours it begins to wear them out. She works at Lerner's and says it can intrude on her social life because "if you have to work long hours on the weekend, you get to be too tired and you do not feel like going out with your friends."

Other students feel that working does not interfere as long as you work a reasonable amount
of hours a week. "It really does not interfere with my social life because I have Friday and Saturday nights off, and it does not conflict with school, because I never work past eleven o'clock," says senior Kanika Williams, who works at Toys 'R' Us.

Senior Angie Rouse, who works at McDonald's, agrees that work does not hinder her schoolwork because she basically chooses the amount of hours that will not affect her schoolwork.

As summer comes along, students-sometimes work more hours. Senior Kathi McCoy, an employee at Zio's, indicates she plans to work more this summer than she currently does. Most students, during the school year, work an average of 15-20 hours a week.

Whereas working is not in the picture right now for every student, many seniors do have jobs to help save money. Whether they plan on attending college or plan on getting an apartment after graduation, the funds may not be available for all students. Therefore, students have taken the initiative to get a job, with both the advantages and disadvantages it entails.

Senior Cynthia Aken works in mens clothing at JC Penney's located in the Westroads. Many students can be found working here on both the weekend and during the week. The Westroads offers a variety of places in which to work.

Foster, Elton Fox, Michelle Frazier, Latynia

Frey, Lisa
Froehlich, Rory

Gaylor, Enka


Fullerton, Scott
Funkhouser, Kimberly Gardner, Amber Gardner, Bryant Gaylor, Erika




Germer, William
Gibb, Kelsey
Gibson, Bradley
Gonzales, Michelle
Gowens, Robert

Goyne, Shannon
Gray, Benjamin
Green, Daniel
Green, Shon
Griffin, Carl


Senior Felicia Webster works in her study hall, as she tries to get ahead on her homework. Even though study halls may not provide the best atmosphere for working, it still provides a good start.

Both seniors Mary Halgard and Liz Deatherage visit with one another as they eat their salad and sandwiches. The Eagle Express in the courtyard provides soup, salad and sandwiches for people preferring to not eat upstairs.


Seniors William Schneiderwind and Kevin Hill study in the library. Not only does the library provide numerous resources, but it also sometimes can be quieter than the regular study hall. Therefore, many students take advantage of this sanctuary.


## FOR SENIORS ONLY

by Nina Bozak

## What do you dislike about Central?

## Closed campus."

--Casey Knight, 12
"The fact that you have to have a certain amount of credits to be promoted to the next grade."
--Beth Peterson, 12
"It's too strict."
-Rodney Johnson, 12
"That seniors aren't allowed to have open campus lunch, and the new absence policy. I feel that if someone's sick, they should be excused."



Hill, Julienne Hill, Kevin Hislop, Tricia Hoare, Chad Hoare, Mary


Holoubek, Jaime
Houghton, Tanya Hovorka, Erin Hubler, Michael Hui, Michael

Hynek, Bradley liams, Sue Inserra, Candy Iselin, Kerry Jackson, Dwight

## 'I'd like to know everyone' Activities strive toward unity

by Jennifer Watzke

On November 6, the Central senior class officers for 1991 were elected. Officers chosen were: president, Shani Sellman; vice president, Terence Jackson; secretary, Sara Torrens; treasurer, Heather Dunbar; girls sergeant-at-arms, Kim Kurtzuba; boys sergeant-at-arms, Walter Hess.

One main concern the officers have this year is organizing more activities for the class. Sara Torrens says, " We are planning a winter event because in the past seniors don't do anything until this spring."

According to Heather Dunbar, they have a variety of activities in mind which they'd like to do before spring.

Another goal of the officers is simply to have more opportunities to get to know their senior class through relatively inexpensive activities.
"There are a lot of people I still don't know," says Shani Sellman. "I'd like to know everyone." Shani says she hopes that by having all of these activities, they will be able to get better acquainted with their classmates during their last year.

Terence Jackson says, "I wanted to be an officer so I could support the ' 91 student body." All of the officers agree, that by planning activities, they hope to know their senior class better.

Shani says the meetings they hold are real informal. "We just brainstorm together for suggestions." She goes on to say, "Senior year comes once in your life and we want to help make it the best year of our life."

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"I did it!" President Shani Sellman rejoices over her victory in the November elections.

Secretary Sara Torrens and Girls Sergeant-at-Arms Kim Kurtzuba listen to all of the ideas given for senior class activities. Some of the topics brought up in a meeting can be very contraversial.



Jackson, Terence Jaiser, Steffen James, Brian James, Tamesha Johnson, David



LaDonna White, Sarah Storer, and Julie Pallat, seniors, show their enthusiasm as the Central basketball team scores. With the stands packed, spirit spreads through the crowd.
Senior Michelle Silvestrini listens intently to Mr. John Crudele who spoke at an assembly in Central's auditorium.


Senior Matt Buckingham is modeling a new fashion involving whipped cream. Jarmin Asuncion, senior is trying to take the credit for the new style.


Kennedy, Breeana Kennedy, Thomas Kiel, Dann Kimbrough, Monica Kirchhevel, Michael

Kohl, Tammy Kokrda, Patricia Kollman, Kathryn Kosior, Radoslaw Krafka, Laura

Kraft, Chris Kurtzuba, Kimberly Langerak, Shawnda Lawler, Anya Lawson, Kelly



# 'Uncle Sam wants you' Seniors give reaction to draft 

by Jennifer Watzke

men who believe in the war and are willing to fight. Senior Brad Hynek says, "I'd be the first to go."

Mike Digiacomo, senior, agrees and says, "I'd be
In early August, Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait, thrusting the world into a Middle East crisis. Since that time, troops have been deployed to the Persian Gulf. With the increase of men sent to the Middle East, the question arises as to whether there will have to be a draft.
"I think there will be a draft whether or not there is a war. We may need a draft because our voluntary army is not sufficient, given the few numbers of men they have," says Central graduate and Vietnam veteran, Mr. John Reynolds. He goes on to say, "if Congress finds needs, because the voluntary armies are not meeting their quota, then Congress can institute a draft. There will be no deferments."

He says that Kuwait already has the largest military build-up in this nation's history, even larger than the numbers on D-Day in Normandy. If the U.S. should go to war, the U.S. would need even more men.

The likelihood of a draft brings out various opinions from the American people, let alone males aged 18-24. Because some people are not sure of the United States goals in the Persian Gulf, they find it hard to convince themselves that there is justification in being over there.

Senior Bill Germer, Bn.Co., says, "I would support my country because of the things it has done for me."

Senior Joe Ullman opposes this idea, saying, "They haven't done anything for me, so why should I do anything for them?"

The idea of a draft puts a lot of fear in some students. Senior Casey Knight says, "We're all going to war and we're all going to die."

Whereas this may be a bit extreme, there are also
willing to go if they drafted me."

Unlike the Vietnam War, people believe there will not be a way to opt out of the draft. During Vietnam, college students in good standing did not have to go to the war. However, people think that they [Congress] will not make that allowance this time. The way the draft works usually is that Congress enacts it and then each state is responsible for meeting a certain quota, a percentage of that state's population.

For many, the idea of being sent to the Middle East is not a merry prospect, following graduation. Instead, it leaves some in a state of confusion as to how they feel about the draft. Many look up to the men who fought in previous wars, but if it is they who may have to go, they will have to take it with a grain of salt.

Although right now it is not certain whether there will be a draft, if the situation continues to complicate and President Bush continues to use force to remove Hussein from Kuwait, then the possibility of war and the necessity for a draft could be a reality.
This display set up in the courtyard has literature to tell you how you can "be all that you can be." Many students interested in the Armed Forces can go to this display to learn more about how to get involved.
ROTC members Chad Mcarthy, Don Lux, Shawntel Clark, Leslie Snyder, Beverly Elmer, Candy Chrisman, and Bill Germer make sure their performance and dress is up to code.

Malcom, Elizabeth Massara, Nicole Matter, Brenda Matthews, Felicia McCoy, Kathrin



Seniors Shaunielle Mosley and Kim Walker display their school spirit by waving their Central water bottles in the air. Central's Student Council sold the water bottles early in the year.

Senior Jermaine Bell works diligently on his test. Seniors are concerned with getting the credits necessary for graduating.


Murphy, Brandi
Myers, Brian
Naab, Aimee
Naikelis, Lance Nastase, Angela



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Orr, Heather Ortt, Anna
Pallat, Julie
Parker, Frank
Paskewitz, Scott

Perales, Peggy
Perkins, Scott
Petersen, Elizabeth
Peterson, Marci
Phillips, Dawn


Phillips, Molly Plourde, Katina Porsel, Charles Porsel, Thomas Povondra, Jennifer

# 'Motivation replaces boredom for seniors' Students participate outside of school 

by Nina Bozak

Are you a victim of eternal boredom? Do you spend your spare time picking the lint off of your socks? Do you frequently ask yourself,"Is there life after 2:50?" If you answered "yes" to all of these questions, you need some motivation in your high school career. Some Central students have already found theirs.

The band IOU, consisting of seniors Aaron Hall on guitar, Kevin Hill on bass guitar, and Will Schneiderwind on drums, have played together since February of 1989. According to Kevin, the guys "just decided to get together and play." They performed in Road Show of 1990 and 1991, along with playing other places.

IOU practices at least three times a week. "On a good day [practice] is very relaxing. On a bad day, it's very stressful," admits Will. They play for people at least once a month whether it be in a hall or in a parking lot.
"On a good day (practice) is very relaxing. On a bad day it is very stressful," admits Will.

All of the members plan on playing for a long time, even if it's not together. "I don't know how far anyone else wants to go, but I hope to end up in the music field," claims Aaron.

Senior Cindy Aken takes and teaches karate lessons. The ages she teaches range from four to adult. She spends three days working out and
two days teaching. She has been taking karate lessons for six years and is currently a second degree black belt.

For Cindy, karate can be very stressful at times. "It causes stress when you don't pass or when the kids get themselves in trouble," she says.

Despite the stress, Cindy admits,"I'll be taking and teaching karate for a long time."

Senior Heather Orr does modeling work for different stores around Omaha. In 1988, she graduated from Nancy Bounds Modeling School. During graduation, which takes place at the Orpheum Theater, modeling agents from around the country come to see new looks and faces. "I still communicate with one agent in New York, but I like to work for stores."

Heather has modeled for Victoria's Secret, Younkers, and Richmond Gordman. "It's total competition at all times, but other than that, it's pretty easy-going. I enjoy it," she states.

Although she enjoys modeling, Heather would only pursue it as a part-time job.

Senior Blake Thomas sings frequently around Omaha. She was in Central performances "Pippin," "Tom Jones," and "Once Upon a Mattress."

Blake has been singing for ten years and mostly sings with her mother at church. Her mother, who used to perform in the area, has been a major influence in Blake's singing.

She plans to pursue her musical talent by working with films, as well as doing sound editing.

Senior Blake Thomas rehearses for Central's performance of "Once Upon a Mattress." She also sings at her church with her mother and in other places around Omaha.

Poyner, Laura Prescott, Denise

Propp, David
Pugsley, Rebecca
Quigley, Jill

Raiti, Marisa
Ramsey, Kelly Rasmussen, Kirk Ray, Tina Rebarich, Melissa



Seniors Sche Spurlock and Lesley Shields leave the program given by John Crudele. Crudele's message, regarding drugs and alcohol, lingered in the minds of many as they left the auditorium.

Seniors Shawnda Langerak, Brad Hynek, and Stasha Bekish sit out on the west porch during the noon hour. Because the school often gets stuffy, the west porch provides a nice place to enjoy the afternoon sun, and a bit of fresh air.


Rosencrance, Marty Rosener, Michelle Roth, Kimberly Rouse, Angela Rowe, Michelle




Shannon, Jason Shepard, Joseph Shields, Lesley Shradar, Robert Shropshire, Herbert


Silvestrini, Michelle
Sirois, Stephanie
Skaff, Suzanne
Slye, Holly
Smith, Francina


Smith, Jerry
Snider, Scott
Snoza, Shawn
Soder, Aidan
Stansberry, Michael

## 'College credit an option'

## AP challenges mind

By Jennifer Watzke

Besides honors classes, Central offers a variety of advanced placement [AP] classes. For those students who wish to take these challenging classes, the courses may prove to be rewarding in their college plans.

The AP classes are designed primarily for seniors; ho vever, there are classes with underclassmen who have already progressed to that level. The curriculum of the AP classes is set up to prepare students for an AP test, which is usually given in May. If the students get a " 4 " or a " 5 " on the test, many colleges will give them credit for that class. The test itself costs sixty-five dollars. However, the money saved from not having to take the class in college makes it worth one's money to take the test.

Sometimes students may decide they do not wish to take the AP test. They may find the task difficult, trying to learn a given amount of material by spring. The teachers also are faced with difficulties as they work to accomplish everything that needs to be taught to the students.

Senior Karl Okolotowicz, who is in AP German, says he took the course because he wanted to try to get the college credit as well as "see how the actual college courses are taught." He goes on to say that the class is designed like a college class and prepares students for the AP test if the student is serious about taking it.

Senior Kathi McCoy, who is in AP English, Spanish, and American History, hoped to avoid taking these classes in college. She has found the classes require some work from the student. She says, "You need some of your own personal time to prepare for it, too."

After a semester of an AP class, the student has a reasonably good idea of whether or not he is qualified to take the AP test in the spring. However, even if students do not take the test, the experience of a college course will be extremely beneficial in their future college plans.


Stennis, Latasha Stonehouse, Matthew Storer, Sarah Strauss, Joanne Styles, Michael

Sullivan, Meghan Swain, Jocelyn
Swanson, Jacob
Swanson, Tara
Tanner, Lafonda



- Seniors Hang Le, Jaime Holoubek, and Brian Comer take notes on the discussion for the day during AP American History. Their notes will come in handy as the date for the AP test comes near.

Mr. Blanke, Central's social studies department head, teaches his ninth hour AP American History class, preparing them for the AP test this spring.


Seniors Carl Griffin, Terence Jackson, Latosha Stennis, and junior Paris Walker relax now that the day has come to an end.

Seniors Shelly Barkes, Joel Davies, Seraphim Carlson, and Emily Fitzsimmons have a mini slumber party before A.P. English.





Tomes, Mikala
Torpy, Julie Torrens, Sara Tow, Katherine Tyler, Violet

Uhl, Deborah Ullman, Joseph Villella, Amy Voorhees, Jennifer Vosburg, Amy


Wagner, Kristine Walker, Kimberly Walker, Oretha Walker, Timothy Walley, Samantha


Senior Felix Wolff (a.k.a. Food Mongor) eats a sandwich during lunchtime.



FOR SENIGRS ONLY by Nina Bozak
What ane your immediate Alans after gradyation?
"Party."
-Rodney Johnson, 12
"my grandpa is taking me to Displey World graduation."
sica Nicholson, 12
"I'm going on a cruise."
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"I have no plans and I wan to keep ithe way."
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Warden, Jon
Warden, Victoria
Watson, Shawn
Webster, Felicia
Weiss, Jeanee


Wettengel, Tori Whitaker, Scott White, Lynn White, Pat Williams, Jermaine


Williams, Kanika
Wisti, Aaron
Wolfe, Brett
Wolff, Felix
Wolff, Suzanne

## Graduation The ultimate goal

 by Jennifer WatzkeAfter years of hard work, the seniors are finally coming to the end of their high school education. They have continually worked to get forty-five credits, and now the days remaining are few in which these students will walk the halls of Central High for the last time.

And for what have they worked this hard? Every test they've crammed for, every assignment they've completed (when they didn't really want to) and every speech they've ever given on someone whom they had never even heard of--all for what? For the moment when they walk across the stage and receive that one piece of paper, their diploma, is why they sacrificed hours of sleep and killed themselves to get assignments in on time.

If a senior is asked what he looks forward to, the most common response is graduation. Graduation marks the beginning of a new way of life for most students. They now will go out into the "real" world to pursue their interests, whatever they may be. They will soon be both the doctors and actors of tomorrow. Their diploma will be the key to their future endeavors, one being further education for some.

Another year has come to an end. The seniors of 1991 have hopefully fulfilled their year with memories to be kept for a lifetime. This year completes their final year as a student of Central High. Regardless of whether they have fond memories of Central or not, they have spent the last years meeting new people and filling the time, before they venture out to explore the world beyond. Now as goodbyes are said to the seniors of 1991, Central prepares for the class of 1992, who soon will make up the faces of the Central senior class, another group of dreamers to take the place of the former ones. . . to live senior year with graduation being the ultimate goal.

Senior Herb Shropshire calls his personal secretary between classes. The pay phones at Central were put there for students like Herb who need easy access to telephones.


Woodcook, Dean Worm, Matthew Wright, Ashaba Wright, Marlon

Seniors Sara Templeton, Mike Stansberry, Aaron Bachman, Charlene Berney, Amy Burns, Bill Savidge, and Amy Vosburg pray to the rain god during the first few weeks of unbearable heat.
Senior Suzi Wolff tutors sophomore Lisa Williams in the math office during her free time. Many students can find tutors through National Honor Society or through department offices.



Young, Edward Zagurski, Jennifer Zickefoose, Kate Zielinski, Robert


## Passing the <br> buck <br> By Stephanie Sirois

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# Students wrestle at Top of the Nation 



By Stephanie Sirois

Central students have reached The Top of the Nation. According to coach Gary Kubik, six students attended wrestling camp this past summer in Estes Park, Colorado.

Those who participated include senior John Tiemann; juniors Mike Taylor and Kacasha Station; sophomores Mike Anderson, Pat Driscoll, and Jason Blair.

Workshops were available in seven different areas. Each individual was able to pick two or three of their weak areas to work on. High school and collegiate coaches from lowa, Oklahoma, and Colorado instructed the workshops. Other seminars focused on weight training, weight loss, and overall conditioning.

Sophomore Jason Blair said, "The moves and techniques I learned at camp will be helpful (in wrestling) this year." Pat Driscoll agrees with Jason. Pat also " met a lot of kids (at camp) that I hope to see again next year."

Candy sales were used as a fundraiser for their trip. Senior John Tiemann brought in the most money.

Coach Kubik best describes the camp as "good food and good scenery."


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## You are the greatest!!!

Love, Mom \& Bill


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YOU, AND I LOVE YOU MOM

## Felix,

We hope you enjoyed your stay and we wish you all the best.

Auf Wiedersehen, Don, Colleen, and Todd

To Michelle:
Believe in yourself and in your dream Though impossible things may seem. Someday, somehow you'll get through to the goal you have in view.

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Chris Kraft, Stephanie Sirois, seniors, Scott Sheehan, junior, Scott Shannon, senior, and David Christensen helped set up the Crossroads mall marketing "Warfare" breakłast.


Heather Collins, senior, shares her work experiences with other students and their employers at the annual Employee-Employer Banquet.

Eve Broekemeier and Hope Gerhard, juniors, attended the Fall Leadership Conference in Kearney. This provided the juniors and first year seniors a chance to experience the workshops and lectures that are common to most DECA sessions. Students from all over the state attended this convention.


Marc Chapman, senior, poses as the Lincoln Southeast Knight at the Homecoming Parade.

Keira McKenzie, Cori Costanzo, Jamy Champenoy, Lisa Gomez, Heather Holland, juniors, and Mike Hubler, senior, in Kearney.


Jennifer Johnson, Emily Fitzsimmons and Stephanie Sirois, seniors, show their DECA confidence.


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Boy's varsity soccer gains popularity from experience

## By Mel Hoialmen and Lisa Frey

"The boy's varsity soccer team has become more popular at Central because of all the underclassmen with experience on the team," Alex Harz, senior, commented.

Josh Bahr, junior, added, "The popularity of the game at Central is due to the past successes of the seasons; we've won our district for the past three years. People see that you are good and want to watch you."

Sean Foster, junior, thinks that it was a coincidence that a lot of experienced players came to Central in the past couple of years. "We had a lot of club players come here and it has helped Central's team a great deal."

The varsity team consists of eight returning seniors, and twelve underclassmen. All of the seniors take soccer very seriously and also participate on indoor teams and club teams during the off-season.

Joe Shepard, senior, stated that soccer is a "fun and intense sport." Matt Stonehouse, senior, added, "Outdoor soccer is also more draining on your mind and body than indoor soccer. When you play outside, there is more room to cover. Indoor seems more condensed."

Sean Foster, junior, summarized the goal of every soccer team. "There is no 'I' in teamwork."

Jamy Champenoy, junior, kicks the ball past his opponent to his teammate.
Junior, Josh Bahr, ignores nis opponent's attempt to steal the ball.

Senior, Joe Sheppard, clears the ball as his opponent tries to bring him down.


Using fancy footwork, junior Sean Foster advances the ball down the field.
FRONT: Nate Heimuli, sophomore; Rob Nelson, senior; Chad Hoare, senior; Mark Thylin, junior; Keith Cavan, junior; Steven Fontaine, junior; Owei Bellah, junior; Ben Pierce, sophomore. BACK: Coach David Martin; J. D. Guinn, senior; Matt Stonehouse, senior; Joe Shepard, senior; Radek Kosier, senior; Hugh Fogarty, junior; Josh Bahr, junior; Alex Harz, senior; Jamy Champenoy, junior; Jeff Gillespie, junior; Brian Goeser, junior. NOT PICTURED: Mike DiGiacomo, senior.

Heather Skinner, junior, leeps her balance while passing.

The 1990-91 varsity girl's soccer team is working hard to achieve unity, not only within the team, but with the new coaching staff as well. Coach Grillo and Coach Sortino have taken on the twenty member varsity soccer team and hope to turn the attitude toward Central's girls' soccer team around.

Senior, Jenny Forsman commented on the different coaching styles. "Coach Grillo emphasized conditioning more, which helped us against the faster teams. He also has a great desire to build us into a strong competitive team."

Mel Hoialmen, junior, added, "Having two coaches helped tremendously. We got two different views; Coach Sortino gave us a player's view and Grillo was from the coaching standpoint; we needed Sortino's experience."

Because the team is basically underclassmen, except for four seniors,


Erika Gaylor, senior, feels that, "The team has time to grow together and the skill level will improve as well."

Senior Emily Fitzsimmons also noticed the large amount of underclassmen "In a few years, the program at Central will be more competitive; the experience of the freshman will carry through."

Not only have the coaches changed, but also the coaching itself. Jessica Lawrence, sophomore, referred to the new defense and offensive line-ups. "They are different, but affective."

Jeni Hathoot, junior, concluded, "This is the first year the team as a whole was this serious about victories. We still have a lot of work to do, but now that improvement has begun, Central's varsity team is bound to be a serious competitor in the years to come."


Tracy Flynn, senior, ralleys the ball into the goal.

Nicole Goldenstein, sophomore, breaks out of the crowd to score.

FRONT: Jessica Lawrence, sophomore; Shaniece Colliers, sophomore; Nicole Goldenstein, sophomore; Mel Hoialmen; junior; Kelly Moyer, freshman; Tracy Flynn, senior; Ali Fuchs, junior; Jeni Hathoot, junior. BACK: Coach Brad Sortino; Tracy Flynn, senior; Michelle Queen, freshman; Jenny Forsman, senior; Maggie Boyle, junior; Jenny Gillespie, freshman, Mindy Marlon, freshman; Erika Gaylor, senior; Heather Skinner, junior; Shelly Barkes, senior; Coach George Grillo.


FRONT: Miguel Barajas, sopnomore; Aaron Bolshaw, sophomore. SECOND: Kyle Havorka, sophomore; Jeff Berg, sophomore; Ben Pierce, sophomore; Andy Benkis, junior; Duncan Joyner, senior; Troy Kaisershot, freshman; Shafi Firoq, sophomore; Chad Eadie, sophomore; Jerry Swanson, freshman. BACK: Sean Gard, sophomore; Luke Wilwerding, junior; Shane Berman, junior; Zach Hogya, freshman; Ian Barnes, freshman; Paul Otto, sophomore; Coach Tim Herbert.

"Hey, get off me!" Duncan Joyner, junior is attacked by hands and feet

Duncan Joyner, junior, keeps the ball ir play and keeps his balance as well.


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## By Mel Hoialmen

"We are all friends and that helps the togetherness of the team." Kyle Havorka, sophomore states about the "team" playing of the junior varsity.

The boys' j.v. soccer team learned to work together to have a winning season. Duncan Joyner, junior, commented, "We try to pass and work as a team to score."

Mr. Herbert was the new j.v. coach who took the place of Mr. Grillo. Nate Hemuli, sophomore, added, "He is great coach. He cracks jokes, but he knows when to be serious."

Andy Benkis, junior, feels that, "Game time improved our skills a lot. When we worked together as a team, we played for victory."

Kyle concluded, "We improved during the season because of our team spirit." Andy Benkis, junior, gets on his toes to head the ball.
Robert Koop, freshman, controls the ball and advances downfield.

## Girl's JV soccer more than iust skill

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By Lisa Frey and Mel Hoialmen

The girl's j.v. soccer team learned more than just skills. They had a strong team of 23 girls who were really excited to play and learn the game of soccer. For some, this was their first experience with the game, for others, it was a chance to develop skills.

Jennifer Danielsen, sophomore, commented, "Winning the game is fun, but it is not a neccesity. We think of every game as a learning experience."

The girls were led by Coach Arthur, a teacher from Lewis and Clark. "He's fun and a positive coach. He didrit get angry, he just told us to try harder," Jaimie Luckritz, freshman, replied when asked about her coach.

Cassie Otto, freshman, mentioned, "Mr. Arthur worked with us well and our practices improved the way we played our games as the year progressed."

The team is a mesh of experience and fun. Jaimie has been playing for nine vears and Cassie for seven. "After we got to know eachother, though, it was like we had been playing together for years," Cassie concluded.
Suzanne Gaylor, treshman, takes on two Burke opponents as they race toward the goal.


FRONI: Jenny Carpenter, freshman; Rosetta Scholar, junior; April Stevens, sophomore; Laura Rasmussen, sophomore; Sara Swisher, sophomore; Tina Gleason, sophomore; Megan Nelson, freshman; Kelly Moyer, ; freshman. SECOND: Kristy Shearer, freshman; Anna Thomas, freshman; Jenny Berg, freshman; Shelly Loland, freshman; Angie Ort, freshman; Jaime Luckritz, freshman; Jenny Danielson, sophomore; Stephanie Huff, freshman; Julie Mott, junior. LAST: Sarah Larkin, sophomore; Ellen Fitzsimmons, freshman; Rachel Mueting, freshman; Cassie Otto, freshman; Coach Arthur; Suzanne Gaylor, freshman; Julie Neary, sophomore; Ali Fuchs, junior; Keenan McCoy, sophomore; Becca Darby, junior.


Jenny Berg, freshman, takes a fast break with the defense on her back.

# Baseball builds, looks to future 

By Rob Anderson

"Practice doesn't make perfect, practice makes permanent." This saying serves as a motto for several Central players as well as Coach Dominguez.

This year's team reflects this enthusiasm. "Our ultimate goal is to learn and have a good time," said Rob Likes, senior.
"I feel just giddy to be a part of this finely tuned machine that is Central baseball," said Matt Auslander, junior. This and other player's positive attitudes are a great contribution to Central's baseball program. This team "works well together," said junior Scott Sheehan.

Although this team is considered quite young, everyone works hard to achieve his goals. "We want to have each and every player improve over the season," said Assistant Coach Eubanks. "Although we're very young, we're working hard to build a competitive team, and we will be competitive," said Head Coach Dominguez. Dominguez feels that this year is a rebuilding year and is not " overly concerned what's in the winloss column."

This year's junior varsity team is equally positive. According to Coach Eubanks, "the future looks very bright." The team strives for constant improvement. Jerry Cline, sophomore, admits that this season has been a "roller coaster. We are improving as we go along," continued Jerry. Sophomore Joe Armetta agreed saying, "We have the talent and potential; by the end of the season we should be a very difflcult team to defeat."

In addition to varsity and junior varsity, Central has a freshman team this year. However, since there are only four other freshman teams which Central competes against, the season is quite limited. Nevertheless, the team is working hard and gaining valuable experience. According to freshman Jeff Darst, the team's progress "looks very good."

Serior Scott Whitaker unleashes his ;owerful arm and sends the ball home.


Senior Scott Sniciei applies killer instinct in his wind up.
Senior Eric Bledsoe takes a crack at the ball.
Brett Wolfe, senior, takes time to relax before a game.



FRONT: Jesse DiLorenzo, Buddy Hilario, Seth Knight, Travis Duncan, Jerry Clein, Chris Audnesen, Mario Hendersen, John Blazevich, Justin Noel. BACK: Coach Blazevich, Joe Armetta, Mike Buckley, Will Rotert, Jason Kirchevel, Charlie Dinnelle, Abe Bakhit.


FRONT: Mike Kay, Scott Snider, Matt Auslander, Rob Likes, Kevin Jones, Scott Whitaker, Pat Driscoll, Eric Bledsoe. BACK: Coach Eubanks, Scott Sheehan, Tom Kennedy, Aaron McKeever, Brett Wolfe, Brian Mejak, Scott Shannon, J.J. Archer, Marlon Wright, Coach Dominguez.

## Track teams take charge of the track and fields, united as one team

Mike Greenfield, senior, executes an explosi for an up and coming track meet.
by Tammy Kohl and Jennifer Johnson
"Boys and girls track is officially categorized as two separate teams, but the Central track categorizes themselves as one united team," states Coach John Georgeson. Coach Georgeson is the new head coach of the girls' track team this season. He continued to say that, "We have tried to imply that unless you have team success, you can't have individual success."

According to Michael Greenfield, senior, "Everyone needs to work harder and not slack off any for us to have a chance at state." Michael is a cocaptain this year along with Jermaine Bell, senior. Their responsibilities include getting the team hyped up for the meets. State is in the eyes of all of the Central track members. The girls team has won state for five consecutive years and is looking for their sixth. The guys are looking forward to a state championship team.
"We have potential for a state championshp this year," explains Coach Mc Menamin, boys' head coach.


Gretchen Pfeiffer, freshman, pushes herself to finish that long distance race.


FRONT: LaVella Moore, Traci Warren, Julienne Hill, Petra Eccarius, Dawn Redding, Jade Turner, Rachel Newsome, Sarah Moss. BACK: Becky Tworek, Marcie Langfeldt, Talora Fulton, Yvonne Andrews, Michelle Deal, Sarah Moss, Karey Erickson, Gretchen Pfiefer, Courtney Scherpf, Jennifer Johnson.

losive start out of the blocks as he prepares


Josh Cusworth, sophomore, takes time before practice to stretch out. Stretching out all of your muscles before participating in any sport can help prevent injuries.

"I'm not moving!" Team members often do not make it home before colapsing from exhaustion.

Central runners hurdle the obstacles.


FRONT:Erik Dickes, George Russell, Tim Peterson, Nate Rosenthal, Gerard Lehay, Chris Heimes, Ryan Schoner, Doug Leibman, Josh Abrahams.SECOND:Shon Greene, Rob Partridge, Jermaine Bell, Brian Nelson, Matt Fallia, Kevin Cody, Dan Bagley, Victor Evans. THIRD:Brian Teel, Dan Armenderas, Rodney Evans, Micah Briggs, Corey Foster, Jesse Value, LeVoin Nelson, Delaron Richardson, Terrence Jackson, Tony Jones, Coach Mc Menamin.BACK:Coach Bryson, Tristian Walker, Mike Greenfield, Rob Harshbarger, Bobby Franzese, David Cooperider, Tye Thomas, Travis Howard, Josh Cusworth, Nick Englett, Biff Roberts, Coach Peterson.

## High expectations lead to a unified team

by Sara Torrens
Hard-working, dedicated players or just something to do? Only the players themselves have the honest answer to this question.

According to first year member, Eve Broekemeier, junior, "The tennis team is a good time-filler and good exercise." Despite Eve's "laid back" attitude she is serious about her improvement as well as the overall improvement of the 14 members of the team.

Mr. Andrews, tennis coach, has many expectations of the team's members. "I think it's important that the girls have good attitudes, are willing to cooperate, and work hard to do the best possible."
"We are very unified as a team," said Heather Collins, senior. Mr. Andrews agreed. "The girls' attitudes, their equality, and their feelings about team concept make the unity of the team."

As far as the expectations for this year and years to come, Mr. Andrews said,"There isn't much depth in the team this year because of the number of graduating seniors last year."
"Hopefully we will improve through the season and recruit new players for next year," said Eve.



Senior, Ellaye Belleh, concentrates on FRONT: Eve Broekemeier, Shelley the ball as she goes in for the kill.
Louisa Prioreschi, sophomore, uses her oversized racquet to hit the fuzzy yellow ball coming towards her.

Haven, Kim Scofield, Louisa Prioreschi. SECOND: Megan Burnett, Liz Lieben Katie Cleary, Lori Myers, Michelle McCune, Karna Swanson. BACK: Ellaye Belleh, Heather Collins, Sara Torrens, Amy Vosburg.

## Putting towards success

By Heather Schacht<br>Penny Blankman

As defined in Webster's New World Dictionary, golf is an outdoor game played on a large course with a small, hard ball and a set of clubs, the object being to hit the ball into each of a series of nine or eighteen holes in turn, using the fewest possible strokes. However, it is more than hitting a little hard ball into a bunch of tiny holes. According to Chad Kudym, sophomore, golf takes "concentration and a lot practice."

Jon Warden, senior, enjoys golfing because "it's a totally individual sport, you can't blame anyone for your mistakes." This year is especially important for Jon because Northeast College, one of the top rated junior colleges in golf, has their eye on him. He has tryouts May29, 30, and 31.
"There are many returnng players from last year," said Mr. Galus, golf coach. "Each match someone from our team places in the top ten," he said. He continued to say each match the team is improving which he believes will lead to "a very successful year."

Jon Warden, senior, takes a practice swing before making his sweet shot.

"Uh!!"groans Dan Shearer, junior, as his ball flies through the fairway.
"Ooh baby, look at that swing!" think Nick Kammerer, sophomore, and Keith Dubes, senior.

FRONT: David Wallace, 10, Keith Dubes, 12, Jon Warden, 12, Nicholas Kammerer, 10, Brian Jans, 10, Brian Wilson, 9, BACK: Chad Kudym, 10, Donald Richards, 12, Daniel Morrison, 10, John Farrell, 10, Mr. Galus, golf coach.


Sophomores Wendy Revers and Krista McCoy display their expertice in makeup application in a behind-the-scenes glimpse of Central's theatrical production of You Can't Take it With You.

Penny Sycamore (senior Blake Thomas) rat-a-tat-tats one of her many plays on her new fangled typewriter.

The Sycamore family bows their heads for a moment of thanks.



## Long hours pay off by Todd Djureen

This year's spring play You Can't Take It With You, by Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman, is a story with zany characters and hilarious incidents. The story revolves around the love between Alice Sycamore and Tony Kirby. Of course many conflicts arise between the different life styles of the two families. The Sycamores are loving people that have many unique hobbies while the Kirbys are of a different economic background. Tony Kirby brings his snobby parents to the Sycamore house for dinner on the wrong night, which leads to chaos and comedy. Mark Rosenquist (G-Man) commented that "although the story is a little nutty, it is a very good play."

Mark also commented on the amount of commitment the play takes. "It first began with the tryouts which lasted approximately two to three hours. After the cast was selected, rehearsals were held everyday for several hours after school." Blake Thomas (Penny Sycamore) said that during the final week rehearsals were exciting and a lot of hard work. "It was well worth it to see the final product," said Blake. "After many hard hours of practice, it will be a very good play to watch," Mark said.

Wendy Revers, (Rheba) pointed out that even though there was a controversy over the casting this year, she is still happy that she was able to play a role. "The competition was stiff, and I was one selected out of eighty people. It's a great honor to be on the cast." The original cast called for seven
 female roles and twelve male roles. Fourteen additional characters were added to accommodate for the large demand for roles.

"Raise your hand, raise your hand ... if you're sure." Apparently junior Sean White is ready for anything!

Sean Rourke, junior, (a.k.a. Grandpa) characterizes the typical grandfather of the era . . . relaxing when he can and proclaiming, "You can't take it with you !"

Eric Shumaker, junior, and Krista McCoy, sophomore, portray the lovely couple of Tony Kirby and Alice Sycamore.

## 'Promote unity' Goal of officers

## by Jennifer Watzke

For those new to Central this year, the senior class probably proved to be quite a spectacle the week of April 8 through April 12. Ranging from pajamas to togas, the seniors showed their class spirit. This year's days of the week included: Monday, pajama day; Tuesday, hippie day; Wednesday, clash or dress up day; Thursday, toga day; and Friday, team spinit day.

Senior spirit week is one of the many activities the class officers are responsible for organizing. They are also in charge of senior wills and the $T$ shirt sales at the end of the year. This year the officers came up with a new idea--a rap-off. The rap-off held on March 20 was a competition for the title of best rap group among the seniors. A dance followed the competition.

The senior class officers also have been working on ironing out the details for the volleyball tournament to take place May 8, 9, and 10 at McCormicks. They hope to have a terrific turnout as it will be one of their last opportunities for the class to function as a unified group.

Senior class president, Shani Sellman, says, "We are trying to do things inexpensive as well as being easy to get to know each other through activities."

One of the problems the class officers have had is trying to find something everyone will enjoy. They tried to think of activities that would interest a lot of the seniors.

Senior Alysia Boger said, "I found it a little disappointing that only approximately 30 students dressed up out of 431 seniors."

The main purpose of the class officers is to plan activities to stress class unity during their senior year. They want to have a good turnout, considering it will be one of their last opportunities to participate in activities as a class.
Seniors Mary Hoare and Shelley Barkes demonstrate their school spirit on Team Sports Day.
Senior Kim Kurtzuba goes all out by talking in her sleep to junior Rick Johnson on Pajama Day.



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"Et tu, Brutus?" Senior Mike Bratty reveals his secret identity as Julius Caesar for Toga Day.
Seniors Walter Hess and Brian Tomanio show off their knowledge of athletic wear on Team Sports Day
Seniors Heather Dunbar, Stephanie Sirois, and Alysia Boger bring back the "dawning of the Age of Aquarius."

## Military Ball: an evening by Teresa Clark

On Thursday evening, March 7, 1991, members of the High School Reserve Officers' Training Corp gathered together in the Peony Park Ballroom to recognize the accomplishments of their peers in the military sciences.

Omaha area schools participated in the event. The evening allowed the students to become more familiar with each other in a non-academic or military environment. "It was the first event for all of the schools to get together and to show off for each other," said Bill Germer, senior.

Included in the entertainment was the announcement of promotions and presentation of plaques and medals by the Retired Officers Association. Each school presented a saber to the Battalion Commander from their school. Central's recipient was Bill Germer. Recollecting, Bill commented, "I had to give it back at the end of the ceremony."


Jerome Moore, junior, and Tamesha James. senior, participate in the Grand March.


Senior Bill Germer receives the honorary saber of the Battalion Commander from Central High School principal, Dr. G.E. Moller, as Amy Burns, senior, looks on.

Senior Matt Riley and Charlotte Armstrong, freshman, enjoy each others company at the Military Ball.


Dianne Allen, senior, and Terry Goehring, both have held the position of Battalion Commander at Central.


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