

Central High Register



It's rainin' red, white and blue: A parachuter from the Nebraska National Guard lands with an American flag and a Nebraska flag at the Brigade Review, held on the Central practice football field. Photo by Mike Buckley.

JROTC Brigade Review a 'big deal' this year to commemorate centennial

By Katie Cleary

On May 7, 1993, students may have seen four parachuters come from the sky onto the Central football field. This was the beginning of the annual Brigade Review, which is the "final closing ceremony for the year for... JROTC," said Major Richard Yost, head of Central JROTC.

Because "1993 is the 100th anniversary of ROTC here at Central High School," the ceremony was held at Central, said Major Yost. "We... are the second oldest Junior ROTC west of the Mississippi," he said.

The Review was a "big deal" this year, said Major Yost. This is the first year that the Review has been televised, he said. Usually, the cadets and the superintendents run the ceremony at Berquist Stadium.

This year, Mr. John Mason, KMTV anchorman, narrated the program. Keynote speakers were Judge John G. Bookout, Chief Executive Officer of Woodman of America. Judge Bookout is a retired Navy Colonel. Dr. Gary G. Bennett, assistant superintendent of OPS, also spoke.

Seven high schools and two junior highs participated. The schools participated in a parade and then passed in review for the reviewing staff, Dr. Bennett and Judge Bookout. The Burke High School band played.

The Nebraska National Guard performed a skydiving demonstration at the beginning of the ceremony. The first parachuter dropped out of the helicopter with an American flag and a Nebraska flag.

Major Yost said that the skydiving demonstration had "never been done before." Mrs. Winnie Callahan, OPS director of Public Information Services, said, "To see the American flag coming down from the football field made you have a tear in your eye."

Major Yost said that he was "very pleased" with the Brigade Review. It was "very appropriate" that it was held at Central, he said. "We are the tradition of ROTC in the city of Omaha," said Major Yost.

Colonel Walter Kazor, assistant supervisor of military science for OPS, said that he "enjoyed" the program. "I was concerned about the weather, [but]... the skies opened up, the sun came out and it was beautiful."

The program ran well, said Major Yost. Mrs. Callahan said that she thought the program was "outstanding. The weather cooperated. I don't know how it could have been improved upon. I was really pleased."

"It went smooth," said Thomas McWilliams, senior. "It [the parachuters] was something different," said Brian Vickers, sophomore.

93 Scholarship Auction brings in over \$25,000

By Kristen Perry

The 11th annual Scholarship Auction was held on Friday, April 23, and raised \$25,286.80. "It's the most we've ever raised [at the auction]," said Dr. G. E. Moller, principal. However, only \$22,110.59 of the original amount can be used. The remaining \$3,176.21 was used to cover the costs for the auctioneer, advertising, raffle cash prize and other expenses. Half of the remaining amount will be added to the endowment fund, and half will be given to individual seniors in \$500 scholarships. 32 scholarships will be granted to Central seniors this year. 22 of those will come from the money raised from the auction, and 10 will come from the interest on the endowment fund.

The actual auction is divided into two parts, the oral auction and the silent auction. A raffle and gift-certificate board also are

involved. "The biggest money is in the oral auction," said Mrs. Kathy McConnell, PEP member and Master of Ceremonies at the auction.

Mrs. Bauer said that a lot of the items are found through "friends of friends." Omaha businesses also donate items and funds.

The auction originally began 11 years ago when a Central graduate gave \$5000 to start a scholarship fund, Dr. Moller said. The auction was then started so the fund could be added to, "not wasted."

He said that the auction was originally faculty-sponsored, but it is now primarily parent-sponsored.

Everyone agreed that this year's auction was a success. "There were no problems at all," Dr. Moller said. Mrs. Amy Dempsey, auction co-chair, said that she thought the auction was "very smooth running."

Senior class officers, others examine job performance

By Kelly Roberts

Six new senior officers were elected to represent the senior class of 1993. After the campaign posters and clever slogans disappeared, the senior class officers discovered that there was a lot of work that needed to be done.

"It was a lot more work than I expected," said senior Quatesha Kern, secretary. "We all really had to pull together to take care of all of the preparations for the senior class."

Some of the duties that required a lot of time and effort were finding the location for the commencement ceremony, planning senior spirit week, senior recognition, selling t-shirts, senior wills and testaments and the senior picnic.

"We really wanted to

make this year a lot of fun for seniors. It's just taking a lot of effort to make sure that things get done on time," said senior Ryan Basye, vice president.

Ryan also said he felt that as a whole, the senior class

Ryan.

Dr. G. E. Moller, Central principal, commented that from year to year, senior class officers' responsibilities are very standard.

"I have been pleased with this year's group. They have been very conscientious of the administration and students' needs. They meet regularly and follow through with important deadlines. They haven't let us

down," said Dr. Moller. Although the senior class officers have been working mostly in April and during May, some seniors don't feel they are doing enough. Senior Mike Rolfeigh said, "What have they done?" Another senior Sarah Moss said, "Who are the senior class officers, anyway?"

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We all had potential to do a little more.
-Quatesha Kern

officers have really pulled together to help this year.

"Everyone's qualities shine during different activities. Tommy's a whiz with numbers and finances, Quatesha and Buffye are really great with people and Tim, Dan and I have made a great team with fundraising," said

Inside



Special Senior Section! To find out seniors' plans for after graduation, see the pull-out section inside.

Summer reviews: the ding-ding man, ice cream and slurpees are reviewed for your sweet tooth. See page 11.



Repeal the Hatch Amendment. The Hatch Amendment, a Nebraska State law, unfairly limits research in student-generated publications by prohibiting polling regarding sexual topics. This heavy-handed control should now come to an end.

Create a Humanities course. As the *Register* argued in an earlier editorial, a Humanities class would enrich Central students' chances in an international marketplace.

Improve maintainence. Damaged drinking fountains, restroom facilities and other signs of disrepair hurt Central's credibility as a reputable institution and can easily be repaired with new funding.

Design a job counseling program. Centralites deserve the same excellence in pre-professional training that they now receive in other academic areas.

Increase guidance. Central's Counseling Center has suffered under the demands of an excessively large student load. They need another counselor to help them meet these demands.

Allow access to condoms. AIDS, other sexually transmitted diseases and teen pregnancy are all realities at Central High. The administration must work to protect students by making condoms available for sale at Central.

Reform school punishment procedures. Schools must know their limitations regarding disciplinary actions. Punishment should be limited to school-related offenses.

Encourage Department Head teaching. Many of Central's best and most educated teachers are department heads. Their course schedule should include general level classes as well as honors and AP courses.

Support Fine Arts funding. For years, fine arts students have suffered from funding cuts and insufficient facilities. Increased funding would give students new opportunities in the fine arts.

A CHECKLIST FOR CHANGE

As many of us prepare to leave Central High School, we have composed a list of suggestions to improve education at Central. These recommendations represent a student's analysis of Central's strengths and weaknesses.

Intensify international education. While Central's foreign language and international business departments have recently acquired significant new technology, education in these areas is still lacking. This department must meet today's international demands.

Open Campus at lunchtime. Today's closed campus policy unnecessarily limits meal-time opportunities for Centralites. An

open campus policy should be established to allow responsible students this option.

Expand computer availability. In today's computer-animated world, computer literacy is increasingly important. Central needs to continue on its efforts to expand computer resources.

Improve student-administration communication. Misunderstandings between students and administrators are

nothing new, but they do create a barrier between the two groups. Both students and administrators need to work together to bridge this gap.

End honors elitism. Honors students at Central enjoy unfair privileges, both in the classroom and out. Every student ought to receive the individualized instruction that honors students have come to take for granted.

Increase security. Violence at school has constantly increased at Central throughout the nation. The school needs metal detectors to help make Central a safer place to study.

Supplement multi-cultural studies. While the Omaha Public Schools have made great progress in multicultural education, this important curriculum is still lacking.

Create a smoke-free environment. Dangerous cigarette smoke still lingers in the halls of Central. The administration should crack down on smoking in restrooms and close the faculty smoking lounge.

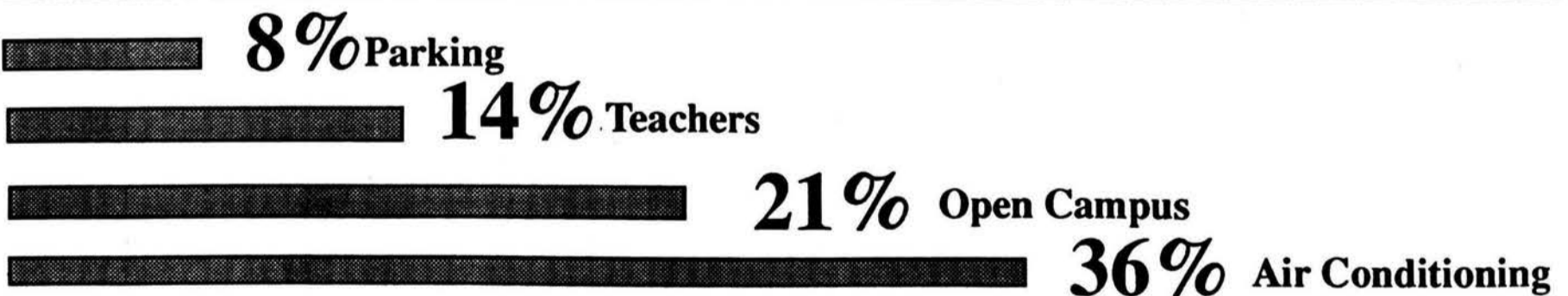
Provide extra-curricular activities. As the outside world becomes more and more dangerous, the school should provide entertainment and safe activities for studies. Student organized activities like intermural athletics would help meet this need.

Install air conditioning. In this issue's student poll, students ranked air conditioning as Central's most needed improvement. While this addition would certainly be expensive, future renovation plans should include air conditioning.

Improve race relations. While the school has made intense effort to eliminate racial stress, racial tension remains.

Our Piece of Change

What one change would most improve education at Central?



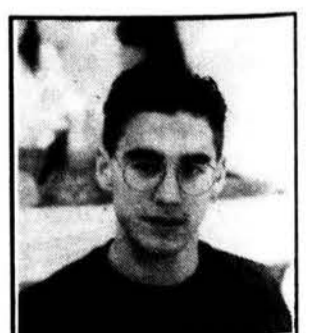
"We need another counselor the counselors seem to be overworked."
— Sara Eagle (10)



"The stairs! Too many."
— Jamie Stogdill (9)



"The bathrooms, they're dirty and don't have soap."
— La Mar Dunn (9)



"They should have free parking for all students."
— Sam Briganti, (11)

Speaking out about Speech Codes

By Emily Moore

By Luisa Prioreschi

forum

Racism is a disease that has plagued our nation throughout the decades, and no solution is met, racism may be our destruction. In an age where self-respect, as well as respect for mankind, is at an all-time low, U.S. schools are attempting to cure the problem.

For the past few years America has suffered from wide spread political correctness. Freedom of speech is no longer a simple issue. Advocates of political correctness have tried to stop people from speaking out against issues such as Affirmative Action, the environment, and feminism. Whether intentionally or not, people use political correctness to suppress ideas with which they do not agree.

If a student's racial ignorance, racist slurs, and stereotypes are affecting the studies of other students, or making them feel uncomfortable or out of place, shouldn't something be done? I believe so.

One of the worst example of political correctness is speech codes on college campuses. These codes prohibit remarks concerning women, ethnic groups, and various religions. While the intentions of speech codes are good, these codes ban speech that may only be deemed offensive by some people. Often these extreme rules are grammatically wrong and contradict facts.

It is every student's right to go to school in an atmosphere free of disruptions or threats. If a student acts out in class in a manner that seems to hinder the basic learning atmosphere, the teacher has the right to remove him from the class.

For example, some institutions prohibit calling one culture more advanced than another. It is a fact, though, that some cultures are more technologically advanced than others. Also, some speech codes prohibit the use of words such as 'mankind', which are grammatically correct. Using the word is not sexist, it is a term that refers to the society humans live in.

Don't racist slurs create emotional turmoil for their victims? Don't stereotypes hurt others? And shouldn't the student guilty of these de facto crimes be punished?

Racism is a symbol of our nation's ignorance, and if we are to represent a nation of equality to the rest of the world, it should not be tolerated within our educational systems.

It is also every student's right to feel safe at school. Could you feel safe if you were stereotyped, harassed or even hated? I doubt it.

As speech codes and extreme forms of political correctness become more popular, students lose their right to voice opinions that do not conform completely to these unreasonable rules. Only those few whose ideas coincide with political correctness can express them.

I agree with the means by which our nation's educational systems are trying to expunge racism. We are being taught that physical violence is not the only kind of violence. A person can also be hurt by something verbal. I am convinced that this is the first of many steps that will need to be taken to cure our nation's problem.

This in no way allows for a variety of ideas, which is what true progress stems from. The codes have become so strict that an idea that might not completely comply with speech codes would not be prejudiced at all.

Central has one of the best Honors and Advanced Placement programs in Omaha, if not the Midwest. Counselors and teachers believe Central to be widely recognized by universities and colleges across the country. Having witnessed the tedious application process of higher education first hand, I consider this to be true for the most part. Unfortunately, Central has evolved into a school geared almost entirely for the college-bound student. While this may seem satisfactory, it is a fact of life that many students who graduate never set foot in a school again. For this reason, Central is behind in fulfilling its duty to prepare students for life, not just

Absolute Uncertainties

by
Thad Domina



The dangers of a post-commencement world

On May 24, 1993, I will be sitting in the Aksarben coliseum among 450 nervous, sweating graduates in cheap purple gowns and hats. Anxious and fidgety, we will all suppress our emotions to silently listen as one of our peers addresses us as the commencement speaker.

entering the workforce, the deep faults in American economics will become more and more evident. The brutal cycle of poverty that is constantly making the rich richer and the poor poorer in the U.S. will become infinitely more evident to us as we get caught up in its control.

constantly grows.

Chances are, this speaker will greet us all, congratulate us on our achievement and continue to tell us that "the future is ours." For many of the proud parents and excited students attending the ceremony, these words will serve as a great inspiration — their fears about independence and self-sufficiency will fall to self-focused energy.

Those of us who will be going to college will once again learn that American education is ultimately lacking in its ability to fairly and rationally teach the important issues in world civilization.

These menaces, along with such drastic concerns as environmental decay, social stagnation, international instability, domestic violence, dangerous crime and apathy seem to block any possibility of succeeding. But they only present threats to our future success, not insurances of future failure. We cannot use them as excuses, but instead, we must work together to take our futures back.

Unfortunately, however, this commencement message could very well be incorrect — the future may not be ours for the taking.

Each of us is likely to become a victim of an American justice system that is burdened by extreme inefficiency and spite.

To remedy these many problems and to reclaim our futures, we, graduates and current students, must unite and work together for social reform.

As we leave our homes and enter into a larger, less sheltered portion of American society, we will begin to encounter the injustices and fundamental social flaws that plague our nation. Our broadening experience will show us that these nationwide problems pose a substantial threat to the future about which we once felt so secure.

Similarly, we will be likely to fall prey to the scavenging social evils of racism and sexism; in the workplace, in college and in the rest of society.

Only as a united whole can we eliminate poverty and the subhuman living conditions that accompany poverty. Similarly, racism and sexism will only die when attacked by a concerted, dedicated group effort.

For many of us who will be

Our futures will also be endangered by our government; a government that is working in the midst of a nearly unimaginable debt, and that is more likely to grant power to the privileged few than to the common masses.

If we leave Central planning to dedicate our efforts to our own selfish interests, our futures are all in serious jeopardy. However, if we take our graduation as a challenge to unite and form a better world, a world of peace, equality and justice, the future may indeed become ours.

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for college.

Central has an elaborate honors and AP program but beyond that it is lacking. There is a massive rift between the quality of honors and "regular" classes. Any student who had

her level only leads to resentment to resentment and lack of desire. The course then becomes counterproductive as the student becomes more bored than educated.

The school's open enrollment policy dictates that all students, regardless of future plans, may elect to come to Central. Why then is there a lack of technical classes, as well as other curriculum, for the non-collegebound student? With the exception of the business program, there is little in the way of "real life" courses.

Craig Lee



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Awards sound good to Central musicians

The Music Department participated in District Music Contest April 23-24 at Millard South High School.

Receiving superior markings were: A Cappella Choir, Boys Glee, Orchestra, Jazz Band, Bel Canto, Mixed Ensemble, Mixed Nonet, Trumpet Duet, Cello-Flute Duet. Individuals also received superior markings. Seniors: Emily Moore, Steve Meyer, Erica Corwin. Juniors: Martha Karlstad, Ali McLarney, Josh Perillo, Kris Millner, Sarah Beran, Christian Harding, Cory Weale. Sophomores: Jill Petersen and Jason VanArkel.

Receiving Excellent markings were: Band, Girls Trio, Saxophone Duet, and Violin Duet. Individuals receiving excellent were Seniors: Dan Bagley, Kevin Cody, Keshia Shaw. Juniors: Amy Barnhard, Aaron Tye, and Danielle Eames.

1993-4 Flag Corps members announced

Eight girls have been named as members of the Central High Flag Corps. The members are Rebecca Aden, Jen Riederer, Kathy Witt, Emily Lamb, Michelle Stone, Jill Dean, April Snider, Kristen Harris and Bridget Rock.

Flag Corp try-outs were on May 3. Everyone trying out for Flag Corps was quizzed on commands, execution, footwork and flag drill and was required to submit four teacher recommendations.

The try-outs were judged by Mr. Pete Wilger, instrumental music teacher, Mr. David Finch, vocal music teacher, and Michelle Weiss, Flag Corps instructor.

GNHS raises \$160 for March of Dimes

On April 24, the German National Honor Society participated in the March of Dimes Walkathon. The event raised money to help fund birth defect research.

GNHS members participating in the 12 mile walk were Angela Splittgerber and Becky Wolff, juniors, Mary Campbell, Mindy Drake and Jenny Priesman, seniors.

The walkers raised over \$160 by collecting pledges for their walking. GNHS is sponsored by Mrs. Heidi Jung, German teacher.

FBLA wins 3 awards

On April 1, 2 and 3, Central's FBLA group took part in the state competition at the Holiday Inn Central. 563 students took part in the competition from around the state. Out of nine students who competed, three won awards.

Lisa Harden, senior, won third place in business calculations and now qualifies for nationals in Washington, D.C., which will take place July 3-9. She also won the big mother award of them all, sixth place in Accounting II. Jessie Baines received an honorable mention in business calculations and procedures and also won sixth place in administrative office management competency. Jenny Hunt, junior, won sixth place in computer applications.

By Wendy Revers, Daniel Franck and Judy Engler

13 students get 'close-up' look at U.S. Capitol

By Kelly Grace

On Sunday April 26, social studies teacher Mr. Dean Neff and 13 Central sophomores and juniors left for five days in Washington D.C. on a national program called Close Up.

The purpose of the trip was to acquaint the students with the nation's government and the capital.

"The Close Up program is for anyone who wants to go and its purpose is to alert the students about government and to encourage the awareness of government actions in Washington D. C." said Mr. Neff. According to Mr. Neff, the program has been with OPS for the past 12 years.

The students who wish to attend have to pay a total expense fee of \$650, which covers room and board as well as transportation.

"The OPS board of education fully supports the program. We are very fortunate because this district helps pay for a lot of the students' fees. I believe it is the only district in the nation that supports the program," said Mr. Neff.

OPS helped finance the trip by providing 7 local OPS high schools with

\$3000 to help minimize the personal costs of the students. A total of 78 Omaha students went to Washington D.C.

"I went because all of my friends went and I seriously wanted to learn about the

Afterwards the students would attend follow-up sessions to discuss what they had learned.

Others who attended felt that the program was good. "It helped me learn a lot about the government and gave me a better understanding of how things go on," said sophomore Sarah Danberg. Sarah was glad that she went and said that she would go again if given the chance.

"The highlight for me on the trip was getting to go to the Holocaust Museum. It was extremely interesting. Even the architecture was haunting," said Mr. Neff.

The Close Up program was explained to all of the sophomore and junior social studies classes in March.

"Usually the trip takes place at the end of September," said Mr. Neff. He added that for the most part, there were no problems whatsoever with the program and that he had a good time.

The Central students who attended were Sara Anderson, Brian Christiansen, Nicholas Clark, Sara Corbin, Sara Danberg, Joel Fisher, Heather Godfrey, Jessica Larkin, Ronetta Newberry, Ann Otto, Angela Splittgerber, Elizabeth Starr and Stacey Woita.



A whole new world: Close-up students pause on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial. Photo by Sara Corbin.

government," said sophomore Betsy Starr. Betsy felt that the program was "too structured" though and would not recommend the trip to anyone else.

During the program in Washington, the students attended seminars and were spoken to by many government officials.

Teachers say goodbye to Central

By Rachel Kozol

Central seniors are not the only ones leaving these hallowed halls in May. Various staff members are following similar steps for a variety of reasons.

Mrs. Esther Brabec, Central German teacher of seven years, will be moving to Rapid City, South Dakota, due to her husband's job transfer. She plans to take a year off before she returns to teaching.

According to Mrs. Brabec, she will miss the students. "They are fun and enthusiastic and very eager to learn," she said. Mrs. Brabec added that she would not miss the August humidity.

Mr. David Finch, vocal music instructor of two years, will pursue teaching junior high students in the Omaha area. He partly attributed his leave to his allergies that are complicated

by the building itself.

Mr. Finch agreed that working with the students was worthwhile. "They have a lot of talent and self-motivation," he said. "My students are a well-rounded group of individuals."

Mr. Troy Soldatke, math teacher of one year, will be involved with small-town construction work in the next few years. He says he may consider teaching again.

According to Mr. Soldatke, individualism remains a great strength at Central. "It's such a diverse group of students," he said. "You never know what to expect with them."

Mr. George Taylor, security aide of twenty-three years, will retire from Central this year but plans to travel to Europe and the Middle East in the upcoming years. He is retired from the military.

Mr. Taylor said that "watching students

grow up and go into life is very rewarding." He added that recently Brenda Council, a candidate for the Omaha City Council, told him what a difference he had made in her life. According to Mr. Taylor, the worst of his job includes student negligence. Mr. Taylor linked this to student smoking. "It's such a foolish thing to do," he said. "I tell them they must have a yearning to commit suicide."

Mrs. Mary Wilmoth, business teacher of one year, will be moving to Tucson, Arizona in August due her husband's job transfer. She plans to teach again.

Mrs. Wilmoth compared both Central's staff and students to very high standards. "The faculty is among the most professional I've ever known," she said. "I've had some really outstanding students who have taught me a lot."

Mrs. Lenore Wood, science teacher, will also be leaving Central this year.

DECA team wins fourth in nation

By Jacob Slosburg

Fourteen Central students spent a week in Orlando, FL, to compete in the national DECA competition. On April 30-May 5, seniors Meg Allen, Ryan Bayse, Megan Burnett, Nicole Goldenstein, Tommy Huey, Jason Hul, Jared Miller, Hope Nguyen, Meghan Stanek and Karen Williams and juniors, Shelly Loland, Maria Sandoval and Becky Wolff sharpened their business skills while basking in the sun.

Central students met 6,000 other competitors from all over the U.S., Canada, Puerto Rico and Guam. All of Central's marketing teachers went to Orlando to coach students and learn the newest teaching techniques. Mr. Harry Gaylor, Mr. Jeff Gustafson, Mrs. Vickie Wiles and Mrs. Alice Bunz said they were pleased with Central's performance.

Nebraska's Quiz Bowl team of Jason Hul, Tommy Huey, Meghan Stanek, Megan Burnett and Nicole Goldenstein (alternate) got fourth in the nation. The Quiz Bowl competition tests DECA

history and business knowledge and is similar to Jeopardy.

Seven students medaled at the competition. They are: DeeAnn Hul and Hope Nguyen, advertising; Jared Miller and Ryan Bayse, general marketing; Meg Allen and Becky Wolff, merchandising; and Karen Williams, fashion merchandising project.

Twelve of the fourteen students who qualified for nationals came home with awards. Central received more awards than any other OPS high school.

"This is the seventh consecutive year Central has received national awards," said Mr. Gaylor, one of the instructors who went to nationals. Central students

who won national awards for the second consecutive year include Jason Hul, Tommy Huey, Megan Burnett, Meghan Stanek and Karen Williams.

Even though students were put under a lot of pressure, they said they had a lot of time to enjoy the many tourist attractions of Orlando.

Meghan Stanek said her favorite part of the trip was "spending a day on the beach." Meg Allen said, "Paradise Island was fun."

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Finally out of Omaha: Band poses for a picture in Colorado Springs, Colorado, over the weekend of May 7.

Band travels to Colorado Springs

By Daniel Franck

On May 7-9, the Central High Concert Band participated in the Calvacade of Music in Colorado Springs, CO. This was the first trip the band has taken in 16 years. Over 50 vocal and instrumental groups from around the country participated in three divisions at the competition. The divisions were vocal ensemble, symphonic/concert band, and jazz band.

Central High received an overall rating of "very good" in the symphonic/concert band category.

"Playing at high altitude was very hard," said Jeff Baxter, sophomore. "Besides, we were all very exhausted from the long drive."

"I feel that we did very well for the group that we sent down," said Mr. Pete Wilger, instrumental music teacher. "I was very pleased with our performance."

Only 63 of the concert band's over 100 members participated in the contest. "We let every student decide whether or not they wanted to go," said Mr. Wilger.

"I chose to go because it sounded like fun, and all of my friends were going," said

Joe Brecl, junior. "I really am glad I went. I had a great time."

Every student on the trip had to pay \$168 to participate. Several fund raisers were held to offset this cost.

During the trip, the band toured many attractions. These attractions included the U.S. Mint in Denver, the Pike's Peak Cog Railway, the U.S. Air Force Academy, Cave of the Winds, Laser Canyon and Casa Bonita.

"I liked most of trip, but the Mint was boring," said Jason VanArkel, junior.

"I had a lot of fun during the trip," said Amy Barnhard, junior. "There was very little that I didn't like."

Officers' job reviewed

Continued from page 1.

Some seniors question whether promises made in the fall by the officers have been followed through in the spring. They're not doing what they said they would. A lot of the activities are disorganized and no one knows what's happening until the last minute," said senior Demetrius Richards.

Senior Buffy Hooper, girls sergeant at arms, said that for many of the officers coordinating school activities and preparations for the seniors are really difficult.

Buffy and other officers initiated the change in categories on the senior will and testaments. They updated some of the categories for the senior class of 1993.

Senior class president, Dan Bagley, said, "I think that for all of the jobs that had to be done, the other officers really gave their full effort in helping to make our senior year one of the best."

Senior Tommy Huey, treasurer, said that he has had great learning experience, but many things have been very disorganized.

"I truly feel that we accomplished a lot as a group, but we all had potential to do a little more," said Quatesha.

Joslyn construction affects Central

By Matthew Truesdell

Construction at Joslyn Art Museum, located west of Central, is receiving mixed emotions from faculty and students.

According to Ms. Linda Rajcevic, Joslyn director of marketing and public relations, a \$15 million project was started last week. A new building, to be opened in 1994, is being built to the north of the current museum. It will include gallery space, an atrium with a restaurant and management space.

A new driveway will be built from Dodge Street to a new parking lot northeast of the current building. The sculpture garden that was between Joslyn and Central will be reshaped and removed. The east entrance is going to become the main entrance.

Some are concerned about the noise the construction vehicles are making.

Renee Nielson, junior, has four classes on the west side of the building. She said that the noise is really annoying and that she wishes the construction had been delayed until school ended.

Mr. Jerome Gillogly, social studies teacher, feels that the noise from the machinery is "impeding the process of education." He also feels that the heat

"It's stupid and it's making everything look ugly."

-Sarah Bowen

contributes to the problem because windows must remain open, letting in noise.

Dr. G. E. Moller, principal, said he was informed of the construction plans

last week. He said that although he would have preferred for the construction to have been delayed, he understands that Joslyn has deadlines that must be met.

Students have mixed feelings about the project. Jennifer Cunningham, junior, said that she likes the construction and is glad it is being done. "It stupid and it's making everything look ugly," said Sarah Bowen, junior.

Job fair attracts students

By Cy Zauner

On Thursday, April 22, Central hosted its annual jobs fair. The fair offers students a chance to pick up job applications and gain information from different area employers.

Mr. Robert McMeen, head of the guidance department and organizer of the fair, said, "This year we have a better turnout than in the past."

The organizations which attended were enthusiastic about the event. Jody Vanosdel, representing Gallup Polls, said that Gallup gets about 25 percent of their employees come from events such as the fair. She said that their duty, however, was "mostly educational."

Students were also enthusiastic about this program. Mike Sigmond, sophomore, said, "I think it's a really great idea; I really had trouble getting started job hunting, but the program helped a lot."

news BRIEFS

Student council members elected

Student Council elections for junior and senior positions were held on Friday, April 30 and Wednesday, May 5, respectively.

Junior members for the school year commencing August, 1993, include: Yolanda Fleming, Cindy Halley, Tamika Mills, Jill Petersen, LaToya Prince, Esperonsa Riveria, Kyle Small, Julie Smiley and Cate Townley. Senior members for next year are: Brooke Bahr, Ian Barnes, Jeff Darst, Kate Duggan, Fredericka Ellis, Jenny Gradowski, Stefanie Huff, Gretchen Pfeiffer and Sara Swisher.

This year, because of ties, Mrs. Storm decided to elect nine members instead of the usual seven.

Senior receives first runner-up in pageant

Stephanie Moore, senior, placed as first runner-up in the Miss Cotillion pageant held April 25 at Holiday Inn Central. The winners were selected based on the number of tickets they sold for the banquet. In addition to

being honored at the banquet, Stephanie won 300 dollars.

Students fare well at foreign language fairs

"We've been working a lot lately despite all the extra activities going on," said Daryl Bayer, Foreign Language Department Head.

On April 17, German students participated in German Convention at Bellevue West. Sarah Methe, freshman, Betsy Starr and Maureen Kelly, sophomores all placed in events.

On April 24, Central French students competed at Bryan Sr. High against 700 participants from 27 other schools.

Central had 10 first place winners, 25 second place winners, and 6 third place winners.

Latin students participated in Latin Convention, March 15 at Creighton University. Several events such as Pentathlon, Roman Life and History, Advanced Grammar, Vocabulary, Derivatives, Mythology, College Bowl and a Project Competition were offered.

"I am proud of the fact that our fifth, third and second year college bowl teams all took first place," said Miss Rita Ryan, Latin teacher.

Central had 20 first place winners, 21 second place winners and 14 third place winners.

New state Junior Classical League officers for 1993-94 are Brian Alseth, junior, Secretary, and Nick Sobczak, sophomore, Parliamentarian.

By Jacob Slosburg, Cy Zauner and Wendy Revers



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Grad follows religious calling

By Michelle Chandler

"For me, success is using my talents to help other human beings," said Father Scott Barker, 1981 Central graduate. Although Fr. Barker has only been a priest for about 11 months, he said that he knows that all of the time that he spent trying to decide what to do with his life was worth while because he has finally "hit on the right one."

"Big joke"

Fr. Barker said that when he was a student at Central, he took a career survey, which was supposed to evaluate students' aptitudes for certain jobs based on their answers to certain questions. The suggested fields from his survey were minister, actor and lawyer. Fr. Barker said that he did want to become either a lawyer or an actor, but he thought the idea of being a minister was a "big joke." Nonetheless, he said that this survey put the idea into his head.

After graduating from Central, Fr. Barker attended Yale University for four years. After one year of law school, he decided that becoming a lawyer was not

what he wanted to do with his life. He said that he thought about being a minister then, but he was afraid to actually become one, because it "seemed like a really serious job."

Fr. Barker said that he could not imagine anyone being serious enough to care for others' matters of faith. He later realized that this humility might qualify him for being a minister, rather than having the attitude that he was superior in his knowledge of faith.

Some surprises

After living in a seminary, Fr. Barker came to Omaha. Since then, he has been at Trinity Cathedral, located at 18th and Capitol. Fr. Barker said that being a minister is basically what he expected, but there were some surprises. He said that people tend to treat him differently when they realize that he is a priest. When he walks past a group of loud, laughing people, they often become very quiet.

He said that he realizes that being a minister is being a symbol, and that people feel that they must treat him with

respect, as an indication of their respect for God.

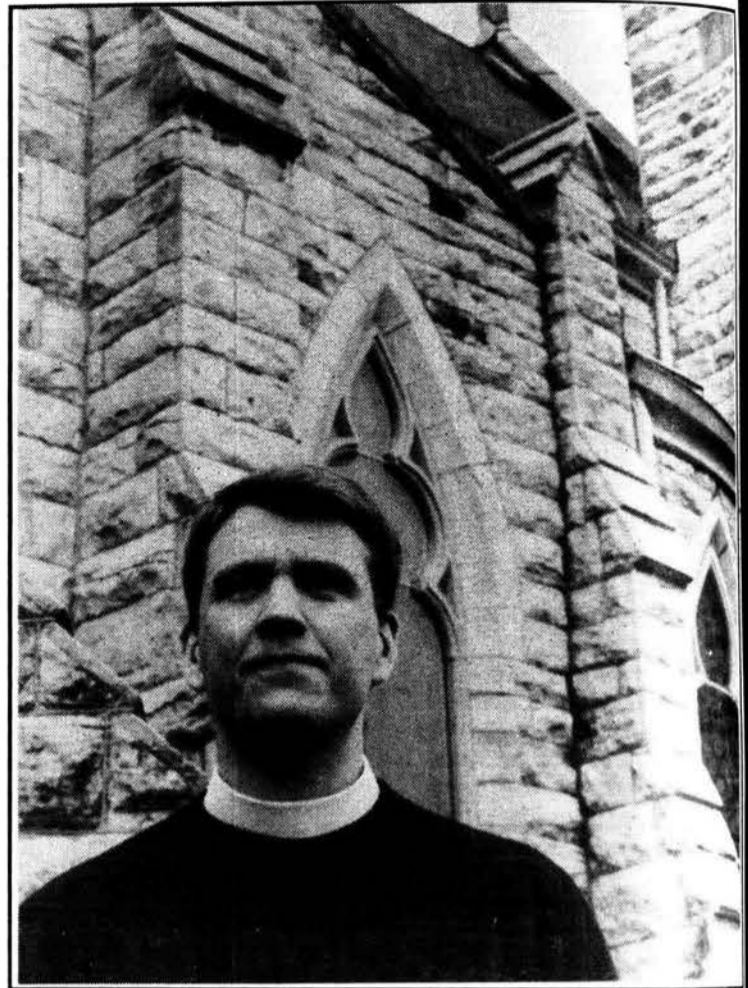
According to Fr. Barker, this respect is good, but he said that people should realize that ministers are regular people.

Mother's influence

Fr. Barker said that his mother was both a good and a bad influence on him. He said that she always played a very active role in his life and that she was involved in his activities. However, she was also an alcoholic and an addict. She died when he was a sophomore at Central. Fr. Barker said that he thinks that dealing with her death and his questions about God and life really formed who he is today and that that has a lot to do with his decision to go into ministry.

Most likely to succeed

When Fr. Barker was at Central, he was voted most likely to succeed. He said that he has often thought about that and what it means to him. He feels that he is successful because he has followed what God wanted for him, even though that has not always been easy to know.



Contemplating God: Father Barker graduated from Central in 1981. Photo by Chris Becerra.

Judge, attorney say laws tough on teen crimes

By Julie DeWitt

A lot of teens go out on the weekends, and some admit to doing "illegal things." Many of those questioned say they have never gotten caught, at least not by the police. However, they are not all so lucky.

One of the biggest problems among teens who have gotten arrested concerns drinking, or worse, drinking and driving. Other crimes common among students are assault and theft. Several students interviewed admitted to getting an M.I.P. (Minor in Possession of Alcohol), or a stronger penalty, a D.W.I. (Driving While Intoxicated). A couple were arrested for fighting or stealing such items as car stereos.

Omaha Juvenile Court Judge Colleen Buckley said the one problem relating to teens that concerns her most of all is drinking and driving. In a recent presentation for Central's business law students, Judge Buckley talked to students about the dangers of drinking

and driving. "Those of you who still think it is something to smile about should take a trip through a morgue and get a good look at how those people look after they are scraped off the highway," said Judge Buckley.

John, sophomore, said he got an M.I.P. when he was standing near a parked car. "We were outside the car and we had beer in the car. The cops drove by and they shined their lights on us," he said. "Next thing I knew they told me I was getting an M.I.P." He said his parents were really upset when they found out about it.

Two Central seniors recently ended their six-month sentence for assault charges. Duane, senior, said that the incident occurred a little over a year ago.

He said there was a fight and that he and his friend, Don, were arrested. "We were charged with assault and criminal mischief," Duane said. Duane and Don

said they were sentenced to six months at the Douglas County Werkley center.

"If you're going to get into trouble and get caught, be prepared for the consequences," Duane said.

Judge Buckley also discussed the differences between being tried as a juvenile for a crime versus being tried as an adult. "Technically the age is 18 (maximum age for juvenile defendants). The event must have occurred before you turn 18. A serious event that occurs between the ages of 12 and 18 can be

brought to either adult or juvenile court," she said. She said that a juvenile will get one chance to ask a judge to refer his or her case to juvenile court. She said the judge will consider age, whether the crime was pre-meditated, and whether there were adults involved in the incident when determining if the case should be referred to juvenile court.

Omaha attorney John Lynch said that most teenage arrests concern drinking and drugs. "If a teenager gets arrested, chances are, if they are under 18, they'll get one chance in juvenile court. After that, forget it," Mr. Lynch said. Mr. Lynch said that M.I.P.'s are usually taken care of with a court appearance and fines. However, if a minor receives a D.W.I., it's a different story.

"If a teenage kid gets a D.W.I., he goes to county court. He will not get a referral (to juvenile court)," he said. "You get to live with that the rest of your life. You pay the fines and get your license revoked just like everyone else."

**"You get to live with that the rest of your life."
-Attorney John Lynch**

Senior recovers quickly after accident

By Andrea Davis

On the morning of March 1st, Joe Agosta, senior, was driving to school with his friend Nate Wiegrefe, senior, when he was involved in a car accident with a van. "I saw the light going the other direction was yellow, so I kept going, and just as the light turned green I went through it," said Joe. He did not notice that the van was running the yellow light, and Joe's car was hit on the driver's side.

"Luckily I had enough time to get my arm up in front of my face to guard it from the glass," he said. "I was bleeding through my mouth, and I thought I was just cramped. I was in total shock." He then blacked out. The police later told him that the car had been thrown 100 feet over a snow embankment.

The police arrived minutes later. "They wanted to take me by Lifeflight, but it was too foggy, so they sent me in an ambulance," he said. The police and firemen

had to pry the door open with a crowbar.

The doctors found that he had a dislocated hip, a separated shoulder, and a broken jaw. He had surgery the next day to put three pins in his hip joint. He was in the hospital for eight days.

He had to have his jaw wired shut for four weeks.

Joe recovered from his injuries much faster than he was expected to. "I was walking the first day with a walker," Joe said. He was told that it would take two years to fully recover, but after two months he is already walking. His jaw was supposed to be wired for six weeks but it also healed quickly. "I healed so quickly the doctors were mad at

me," he said.

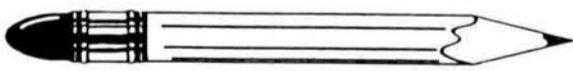
In order to graduate in May, Joe is participating in the Homebound tutor program. Everyday he is taught the same classes he was in at Central by a retired teacher who comes to his home.

He found out that he had a dysfunctional nerve which caused pain in his foot. "It hurt so bad so my parents took me back to the doctor." The doctors told him he had Reflexive Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome, which they said there was no cure for. "I went into treatment to put the nerve to sleep," he said. "They didn't think I would fully recover, but after eight days of treatment it was better."

Joe will be able to participate in the commencement activities, and may be in school for the last few days.

**"I was walking the first day with a walker."
-Joe Agosta**

The only PREGNANCY TEST you can take with a pencil.



Take this test, see how much you know about pregnancy and birth control. If you score high, you're way above average. If you score low, we're all in trouble. It may seem like some of the questions aren't directly related to reproduction. But the facts of life aren't just physical.

- You can't get pregnant the first time.
 - True
 - False
- You won't get pregnant if you...
 - Do it standing up
 - Do it with soda
 - Don't have an orgasm
 - Any of the above
 - None of the Above
- Condoms are a weak and risky method of birth control.
 - True
 - False
- The chances of a girl getting pregnant unintentionally before she's 20 years old is...
 - About 1 in 10, but getting higher
 - About 1 in 5, but getting lower
 - About 1 in 3
- How many teens with babies graduate from high school?
 - Almost all
 - About half
 - About 1 in 3
- The number of U.S. teenagers who get pregnant every year is...
 - 15,000
 - 260,000
 - 1 million

- You need your parents' permission to get safe, effective birth control.
 - True
 - False
- A teen can get appropriate, low-cost birth control at...
 - Any drugstore
 - Planned Parenthood
 - Either one

How do you SCORE?

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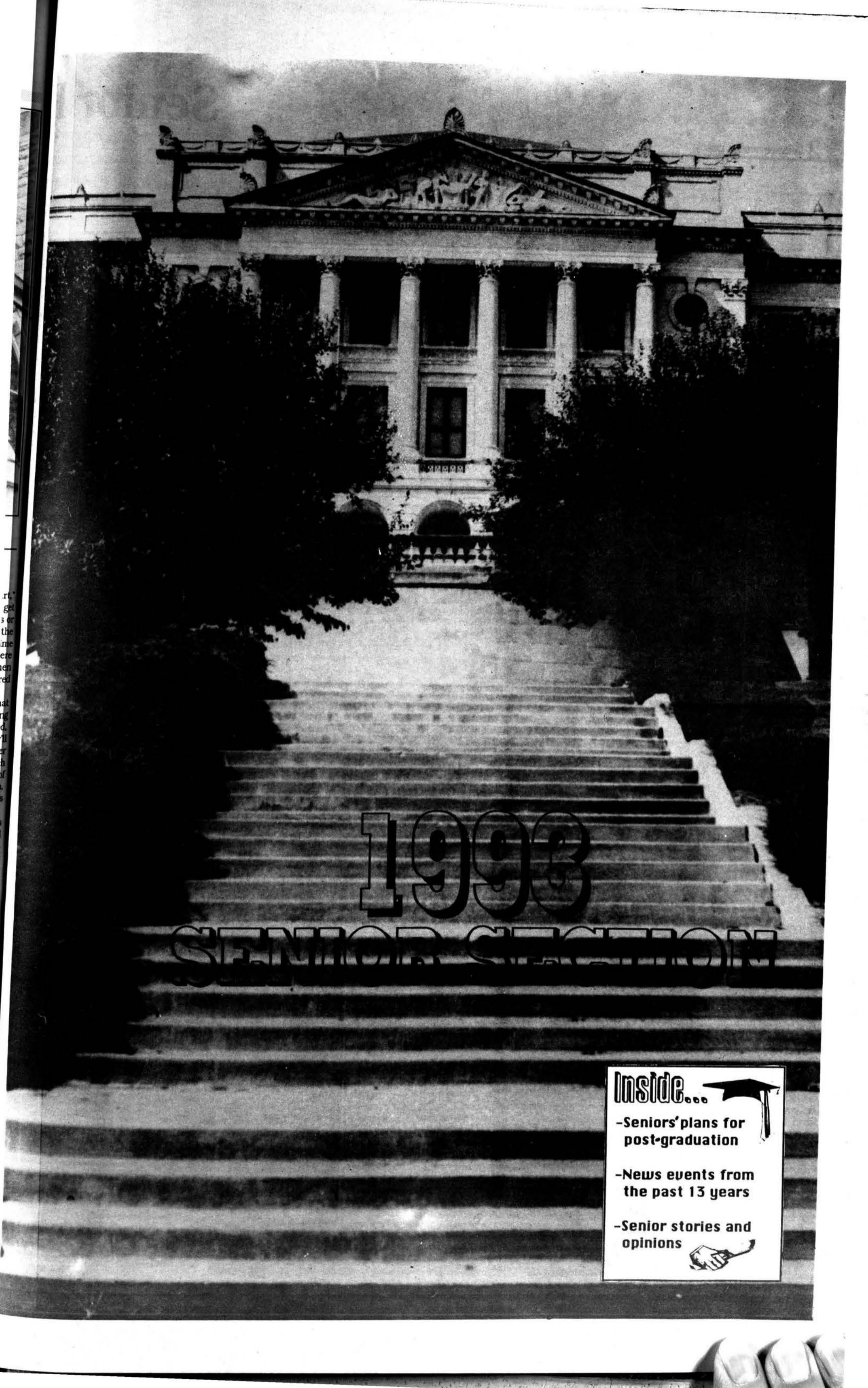
4-6 CORRECT: The facts of life are no big secret. If you haven't been given the information you need to make your own personal decisions, ask someone who knows and cares.

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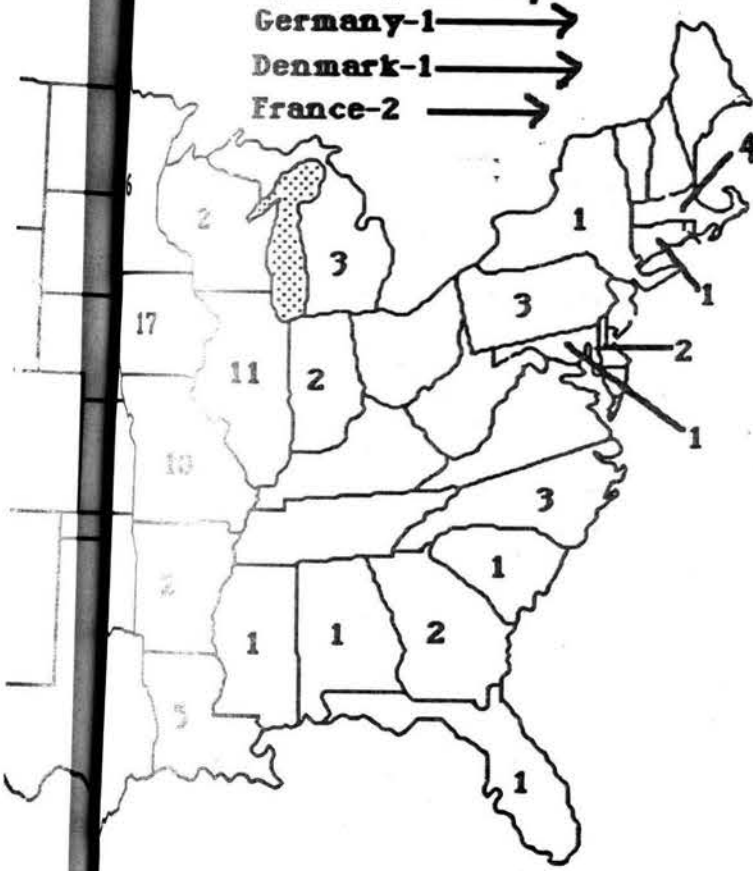
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The Register staff offers an apology to anyone who may have been left out of this list. The students were taken from school lists and were asked by telephone and in homerooms.

Congratulations Seniors!
Good luck in the future
and we'll see you at the
picnic!

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Seniors speak out

From the past...

What will you miss most about your years at Central?

"All the terrific friends and inside jokes."

—Jennifer Moyer

"Playing gorbball and becoming part of the cross country family."

—Marcie Langfeldt

"The plays and Roadshow—Central productions."

—Matt Ave-Lallement

"Charles."

—Becky Tuorek

"Tripping over the doorsteps—and then playin' it off like nothing happened."

—Pat Fuerstenau

"The football games on Friday nights."

—Roger Peck

If you could do anything differently in your years at Central, what would it be?

One word -Studied!

— Jerry Cline

I would do my homework at home, procrastinate less, and would have filled out scholarship applications on time.

—Jessi Barnes

I would have run through the courtyard naked at least once.

— Sarah Moss

I agree with Sarah, but I think I would wear a "g" string and a Cowboy hat.

—Matt Focht

I would have made better grades and would have been nicer to the teachers.

— Quatesha Kern



What comes next? Seniors plan after graduation

Alex Cooper

About four hundred thirty seniors will leave Central this year to go out into the real world. Some will move on to colleges and major universities, but others will go directly to the work field or take a break from it all.

"I don't exactly know [what I will do]," said Kerry Benedict. "I'll work somewhere." A friend is looking for a job for Kerry, but he might just stick with the job he has now. "I'm happy with what I'm doing and I'm glad to be getting out of school," said Kerry.

Jason Lassek said that he is looking forward to not coming to school anymore. "I'm ready to be done with it and move on. I've been [in school] for 12 years," said Jason.

Jason will be going to Capitol Hair School in Omaha for a year. He is doing it so that he may pick up a trade before going on to college in Lincoln. Jason thinks it's important to go to college because one cannot "do anything without a diploma."

Shafi Firoz will be going to Puerto Rico for a year before attending college in Florida. His dad told him a long time ago that he would give him this trip as a graduation present. "I'll go snorkeling,

play soccer, and have a good time," said Shafi.

Jeff Schroeder is going to learn the trade from an older friend of his. He laid tile before and said, "I enjoy it. It's fun." At first Jeff will live with his parents but he feels that he will eventually make enough money to make it on his own.

"I'm glad to get out of school," said Jeff. "Work will be more meaningful." He said that he comes to school to get credits, but "out there" he will be learning something that will get him a job in the future.

"I'm taking a year off to work, but haven't found a job yet," said Kyle Hovorka. "I've been in school all my life and need a break. I don't want to just sit through school."

Kyle will live by himself and then move to Denver next year and take up graphic designing at the Denver Institute of Technology.

Marcos Resendez is joining the Air Force and will leave to go to training August 1st. He hopes to pursue a career in computer programming. He said he is joining the Air Force to keep himself out of trouble.

Marcos is looking forward to graduation. He said, "When one gets out of school, he finds the things he'll be doing for the rest of his life. High school is just preparation."

For the future...

What advice would you give to underclassmen?

Party it up while you can.

—Amy Esterling

Make the most out of life that you can. Spend time with your family and don't be so wrapped up in what your friends say.

—Scarlett Fisher

Stay away from boxers.

—Ric Fenton

Lie, cheat and steal—don't let your own personal sense for honor get in the way of crushing those around you.

—Kevin Cody

Leave the seniors alone.

—LaTosha Dale

Where do you see yourself ten years from now?

I'll be in Chicago still wondering what to do with my life, with a graduate degree, and if not I'll be president of the United States, but I think you have to be 35 for that.

—Adam Yale

I'm going to be on a cloud in lawn chair reading a book.

—Boz Hick

I'll be married to Lori with some kids and I'll be poor and Lori will be rich.

—Nate Heim

I see myself living in Tompkins and Nate will be king.

—Lori Moss

Senior skip day does not exist

Julie DeWitt

There is no such thing as senior skip day. At least not according to Dr. G.E. Moller, Central principal. "Earlier this year we sent out two letters to parents of seniors stating that there is no such thing as an approved senior skip day," he said.

Dr. Moller said that if a student is not present in school on a regular school day, the attendance office will call his or her parents in the usual procedure. However, if a parent tells the school that his or her child was not present because the student said it was senior skip day, the administration would discipline the student for skipping classes.

"The parent can, I guess, lie and say that the student is sick or whatever, but parents don't have the right to say their child skipped school because they thought it was an approved activity," Dr. Moller said.

Dr. Moller did say that a parent has the right to take his

or her child out of school "whenever they wish" with the exception of allowing their child to skip school.

Marie Runyon, senior, said that her parents gave her permission to "not go to school" on senior skip day. "If your parents don't care, why should the administration care," she said. Marie made the point that senior skip day is "only one day. I don't see why it's such a big deal," she said.

Sarah Moss, senior, did not skip classes on the supposed senior skip day. "I had track practice and two tests and one of my teachers said she would make the test harder if we skipped and had to make it up," she said. Sarah said that she probably would have skipped school under different circumstances.

Abe, senior, skipped school "because I would be ashamed to tell my kids later in life that I didn't skip school on senior skip day." Abe said he got to sleep in and that he went hot-tubbing all day.

Mr. Charles Williams, security aide, said that there were "a lot of people gone, but we don't know if they were skipping or not." Mr. Williams said that he caught "a few" people skipping classes, but no more than usual.

Katy Flemming, senior, doesn't think it is fair that some other high schools seem to have an extra day off school. "If Burke [High School] gets to get out for the state track meet, every other school should get to be out for one day," she said.

Dr. Moller said that he doesn't think it should be necessary for all schools to be out for the state track meet, but that he questions the fact that Burke does have one less day of school.

As for the supposed senior skip day, Dr. Moller said that the school did "nothing special" to prevent a large number of students from skipping school. "We tell them what the consequences are. If you get caught skipping school you have to expect to pay the price," he said.

been Sophomore first to sell writing for cash

By Judy Engler

How often do you hear about a student writing an article for a nation-wide publication and receiving money for it? Not that often. Andrea Rockwood, sophomore, may be the first. In fact, it's the first time ever at Central that a student has done so.

During mid-April Andrea submitted a story to a magazine called *Video Store*. She had found out about the publication from her father, who owns a video store. "I didn't think I did very good. I just thought they (the magazine) would send me a letter saying, 'Thank you for submitting your story,'" said Andrea. When Andrea found out about having her story published and receiving twenty-five dollars for it, she was "excited." "I thought this is a once in a lifetime shot and it seemed so unreal to me that I thought, its probably just a fluke," she responded.

Andrea's story is her interpretation of a parental life occurrence at her father's

workplace. "It is basically about returning late movies," she said. Andrea originally wrote the story for her Creative Writing class. She wrote on this topic because her teacher, Mr. Tom Gaherty, told the class to, "write something you know about." She has had quite a lot of experience on this topic because her father owns a video store. "The story is about a lady who thought she returned her movie, but didn't," Andrea said. Andrea also went on to say that, "the lady said she found it when she got in a car accident and it came sliding out of the bottom of her seat." Andrea also described the story as, "a comic story, well kind of."

Andrea received various reactions from friends and family when she learned that her story was going to be published. "My parents were real excited and my friends thought it was really cool. One friend of mine was jealous when she found out because she is also a writer."

Andrea's story is scheduled to be in an issue "sometime this month."



Ready for anything: Roger Peek with Irvington fire truck. Photo by Mike Buckley.

Firefighting: senior's volunteer work goes beyond the call of duty

By Rachel Kozol

Many Central students might have a slight problem with the following situation:

It is 2 a.m. and you are in a deep sleep under the warm covers. Suddenly, your beeper blaringly goes off in your ear. You are required to report to the fire station immediately.

Roger Peek, senior, spends his evening and early morning hours in such circumstances. As a one-year volunteer fireman, he is regularly on call from 5 p.m. to 5 a.m. "After midnight, I don't think kids should have that kind of responsibility," he said, "but that's the way it is when you have an important job to do."

He works at the Irvington fire station; these volunteer facilities are located outside the city limits and participants are required to live near the stations.

Roger was involved in a two-week fire-training program where he was exposed to "hands-on-training." He learned two hose methods for putting out blazes: the base method requires the firefighters to spray the water in all directions and the aerial technique calls for straight water pressure.

Roger also participated in Emergency Medical Technician classes "in order to avoid liable suits." He learned how to handle a neck brace for personal injuries.

In all situations, Roger said he is under the supervision of two fire chiefs who handle the medical situations and four field commanders who give orders in any fire situation. Roger is an assistant field commander.

Roger said he has faced a wide variety of unique crises. He was involved in a bomb threat at Watts Telemarketing and the delivery of a baby. He also encountered accident situations including victims of AIDS.

"It's all very emotional," he said. "You get used to it real quick, but it is always scary and stressing." He said he frequently sees dead or disabled people in the aftermath of accidents.

"I've learned to respect life and not take people for granted," Roger said. He related this to the extra time he now spends with family and friends.

Roger added that most surviving victims appreciate the free service. They often express their gratitude in person or by letters.

According to Roger, these long hours can become a burden upon his academic, social and personal time. "I need to get the job out of my system sometimes," he said.

Despite the long hours and the intensity, Roger hopes to pursue this "fascination" in the future. "My dad was a firefighter and I hope to do the same. It has always been a dream of mine."

Rape: is precaution, prevention possible?

By Anna Thomas

Rape is defined as the crime of having sexual intercourse forcibly without a person's consent. In Omaha there have been two confirmed reports of rape in the month of April alone. Even though that number seems low, Sergeant Mark Sundermeier, from the Robbery and Sexual Assault division of the Omaha Police, said, "Two is something to be concerned about."

The two assaults occurred at 84th and Harrison and in the Oakview Mall parking lot. The rapes were not committed by the same offender, but in both cases the man was hiding in the back seat of the victim's car. He pointed out that often times a person is "vulnerable" while going to and from a vehicle.

Sergeant Sundermeier categorized rape into two broad categories: stranger rape, in which the victim does not know his or her attacker, and acquaintance rape, in which the attacker is known.

Stranger rape
Ms. Kathy Tollefsrud, of Planned Parenthood, offered several suggestions in preventing stranger rape, which is the most common of the two. "Be aware of what's around you, walk purposefully." She emphasized acting confident when walking alone because often an offender is looking for someone "who looks like a victim." Ms. Tollefsrud also said that carrying a keys between two fingers in a fist can provide a useful weapon.

"The main object is to struggle, call attention to yourself, and get away," Ms. Tollefsrud said. She said a more difficult decision must be made when an attacker has a weapon. Ms. Tollefsrud said that it is necessary for a victim to evaluate options, because if being raped means not being killed, that may be the option to take.

After the two recent rape cases, Omaha has seen a surge in the sale of mace and other preventative weapons. Sergeant Sundermeier said that these products are "very effective tools, but not as effective as other things." He said that usually "you can avoid a lot of these situations."

When trying to avoid rape while home alone, Sergeant Sundermeier offered the following suggestions: make sure all

windows and doors are locked, provide adequate lighting around the home, and if possible, get a dog.

Acquaintance rape

The most common type of rape is acquaintance rape, where the victim knows his or her attacker. This can happen anywhere, but a common scenario is while on a date, known as date rape. Ms. Tollefsrud said that this situation can also be avoided with a few precautions. She said that if going to a party, a person should not be alone with a person that is not known very well, and to not drink so much that a person is not thinking straight. Sergeant Sundermeier also

stressed that alcohol consumption should be watched. "Alcohol plays a huge factor [in acquaintance rape]," he said. Ms. Tollefsrud said the bottom line is to use common sense and "trust your instincts."

If raped

If raped, both Sergeant Sundermeier and Ms. Tollefsrud stressed that a victim should not wash or change clothes, in order to preserve any evidence. If rape charges are going to be pressed, a victim must be able to prove that sexual intercourse occurred, that it was committed by force or threat of force and that there was lack of consent from the victim.

Sergeant Sundermeier said that he believes a "fairly significant number" of rapes go unreported due to the victim being embarrassed. He said that even if charges are not going to be pressed, a victim should still file a police report.

Investigation of a rape

Sergeant Sundermeier gave the details of what occurs when a rape is reported. At the hospital a doctor will examine the victim, to search for injuries and physical evidence, such as semen, blood, saliva, hair and fingernail scrapings. Sergeant Sundermeier said that if a single hair is found that still has the roots connected, a complete DNA analysis can be performed. After the preliminary work, a detective is assigned to the case and he or she will conduct a door-to-door investigation and other searches to try and locate suspects and witnesses.

The YWCA runs a crisis hotline that is available 24 hours a day. The number is 345-7273. Sessions in assault protection are offered quarterly at the cost of \$47.

Be aware of what's around you, walk purposefully.
-Ms. Kathy Tollefsrud

Old Market graced by CHS cellist

By Wendy Revers

If you happen to be walking along Howard Street in the Old Market and you see a familiar face playing the cello on the corner, it is probably Christian Harding, junior.

"It began last year. A couple friends and I were feeling adventurous one day after orchestra rehearsal so we decided to go down to the Old Market and play. We were well received. People started crowding around the corner and most left us money. Ever since then, we've traveled around, played mostly repertoire and made money," he said.

Christian also performs in the Old Market by himself. "I just figured one day that if the quartet can make that much, I could play solo and make some extra money for myself, so I went out and played," he said. "It's interesting to play in the Old Market. With my kind of music there is no competition until the summer. The best corner

is 11th and Howard in front of Nouvelle Eve. If you are lucky to get that spot you play for a while and be kind and give it up to another performer," he said. When Christian performs solo he earns about \$25.00 an hour.

Attention Central drivers,

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I just flew in from Phoenix. . . Take my wife. . . But seriously, folks
Junior's stand-up comedy skits make people split a gut

By Jenny Priesman

Matt Kudlacz, junior, is spending his summer performing stand-up comedy with Shecky Canter's Calvacade of Superstars, a local comedy troupe. The group will perform at Noodle's Comedy Club, located at 514 South 11 Street, every Thursday starting May 20.

No audition was required for Matt to join the four-person group because "I knew the guys who do it and have worked with them for quite a while. They already knew my talents," he said. The other three comedians are all college students.



Fun with urinals: Matt Kudlacz, junior, rehearses with Tim, Jim, and Jerry in the school bathrooms. Photo By Tim James

The group meets to discuss possible skits often, Matt said, "but there is no formal rehearsal. We're too improvisational for that." The group performs completely original skits. "Often, things are written hours before the show or sometimes during the skit. That's the nature of our comedy."

Noodle's is extremely supportive, he said. "They allow Shecky to be very creative. I think they have a lot of confidence in the show. The others are very experienced, having done stand-up and shows at Noodle's before, while I seem to be the young pup they've taken under their creative wing to train."

Matt hopes to "gain experience that will help me later," he said. Since the other three members will be leaving for college next fall, he will "not handcuff" himself to them, but will have fun performing while he has the opportunity.

End-of-year review blowout

The essential foods for getting students through those grueling summer months. If it's frozen and full of sugar, we reviewed it.



The ding-ding man, lots of fun and a little white van

I've come to the conclusion, after many years of quiet research and observation, that children are born with ding-ding sensors. Children, no matter how old, will come running from their houses at least five minutes before the magical little van appears.

As you've probably already guessed, I

am referring to the ding-ding man, the jolly jipper, the ice-cream man. No matter what you call him, he's still the same thing, a white van, a mystical gold bell, and safety clown reminding everyone to "Stop, look and listen."

This, of course, is not all, for he wouldn't be much of an ice-cream man if he didn't

have any ice-cream.

We're talking about push-ups, Banana Bombs, ice-cream tacos (not a very big seller), and the ever classic 3-stage-rocket bombs. Something from every food group, the stuff you lived on as a kid. Banana Bombs are my personal favorite. They bear a slight resemblance to banana

runts but they are a lot colder. Coming in a close second is the push-up. I'd suggest the classic orangish flavor, the new Bedrock Berry just doesn't cut it.

If everyone treated themselves to a ding-ding treat once a day, the world would be a much better place. We'd all be big, toothless friends with a sugar fix, and we'd love it.

Tasty Slurpees satisfy Omaha's thrill-seeking youth

Every once in a while it happens that we just can't make it to the ding-ding man. Perhaps he's driving too fast or maybe he's sold out of those chocolate-foot-looking things you like so much. Either way, sometimes it's just easier to take a stroll over to 7-11 and buy a cool, refreshing Slurpee instead of running screaming after that wacky ice cream guy. In fact, I did just that, and present here some of the most common flavors in

Omaha.

Coca-Cola and Cherry Coke—Coke is the most common flavor of Slurpee in the free world. What kind of American are you if you don't know what Coke tastes like? **Cherry, Wild Cherry, and White Cherry**—Despite their different names, these three flavors taste surprisingly alike. White Cherry, though, is my favorite because it looks like snow. Fun tip: During winter, make a snowball out of a White Cherry

Slurpee and throw it at your companions. While it's dripping off of them, dare 'em to give it a taste and get ready for laughs.

Orange—One might expect Orange to taste nasty, as does every other orange-flavored drink on the planet. In fact, it doesn't! It kinda tastes like an Orange Push-Up, and we all know how much you like those.

Strawberry—Tastes kind of like those old Strawberry Shortcake dolls smell.

Hawaiian Punch—Eeeewwwwww.

Hawaiian Punch is just plain gross. **Grape**—Eeeewwwwww times two. As a rule, grape-flavored anything never tastes like grapes.

Banana—The cream of the crop. Banana is and always has been number one on my Slurpee Top 40. Actually, banana-flavored things never taste like bananas either, but that's okay because banana flavoring is yummy. Nothin' like a Banana Slurpee to brighten your day. That's what I always say.

Ted & Wally's offers cure for Centralites' sweet teeth

The hot and humid summer days always make me hungry for ice cream. The yellow pages list many ice cream parlors and I eagerly set out to find the best ice cream in Omaha.

The best ice cream is found at Ted & Wally's, located at 1115 Howard Street. The ice cream is all homemade in the store. The flavors vary daily, but they are

plentiful and delicious. Ted & Wally's offers the extra bonus of mix-ins. Candy, nuts and cookies are offered to be mixed into the ice cream. My personal favorite is chocolate mousse ice cream with Snickers mixed in.

For those who prefer eating healthier desserts, frozen yogurt stores provide healthful alternatives to ice cream. TCBY,

with seven locations in the Omaha area, tastes just like ice cream but is much better for you. Flavors vary daily, with six varieties offered. A sugar-free yogurt is also on the menu. TCBY offers many topping choices, including strawberries, hot fudge (both regular and sugar/fat free), gummy bears, Reese's peanut butter cups, cookie bits, Whoppers candy and

nuts. TCBY has four flavors of waffle cones: vanilla, chocolate, strawberry and cinnamon. TCBY offers a tasty alternative to ice cream.

Omaha has plenty of ice cream available for those who have a sweet tooth. With the help of these ice cream parlors, you can eat your way through the summer.

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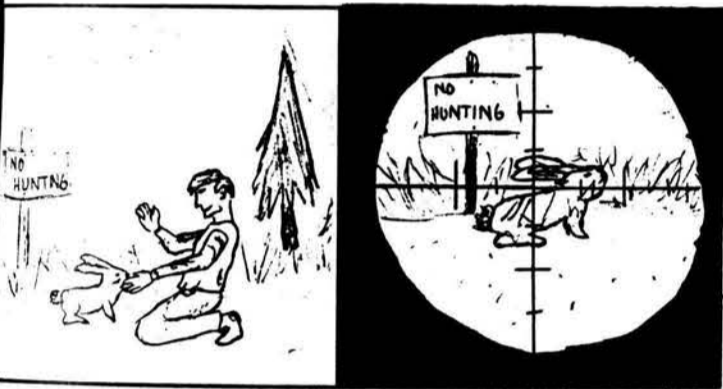
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Dandy is kind to his forest friends

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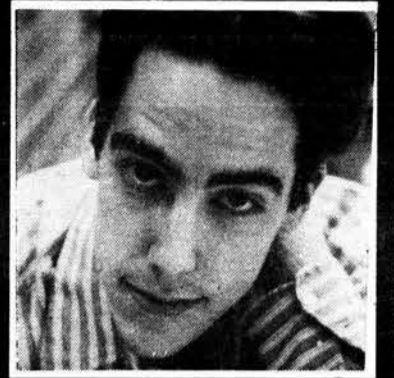
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Whistling in the Dark

by
Chris Becerra



Ann and the Vampires

Ann could light up a pin-ball machine like nobody's business. She hit all of the marks and got the ball to go into just about every trap door and special slide and slot. Her favorite was the Addams Family game and she always kicked my butt at it, too.

Until very recently, her highest score was 99 million and three free games. I don't suppose that's the best in the arcade-world, but out of all my friends who play pin-ball (and there aren't many) she racked up the most scores. That's when she would start hooting and the manager of the 7-11 or the Godfather's or the arcade at the mall would peek around a corner or come up behind her with a stern expression to tell her to quiet down.

The reason I don't have more than a few friends who go nuts over the Addams Family game or any other pin-ball favorites is because one of the more accessible ones is at the Godfather's downtown. None of us like to go in there because all of the regulars look like cast members from The Lost Boys.

But Ann, she worked at the mall so she would always go play at the arcade on her lunch break. I imagine it must be a sight to see Ann in her Younker's outfit (usually a flower-print, straight-leg jumper or blouse and skirt) walking into the arcade with all of those weird boys that I went to grade school with but dropped out at freshman year to lead a life of cruising and wearing tight, ripped acid-washed jeans with whips and chains hanging from their belt loops.

But it was a dull Wednesday evening and Ann and I decided to wind it down with a game of Addams Family. But we knew that the closest one was collecting dust over at Godfather's. Not to

mention all of the vampire-kids in their grandfather's black trench coats with their girlfriends wrapped around their legs would be swarming on the stoop outside or perhaps smoking in the many dark, spacious booths. Yet Ann had decided it was worth the pain because it had been months since she played and she wanted to see how good she was. I only played occasionally and with good reason. I always got beat.

Like I said before, Ann rocks at pin-ball and she gets really loud and crazy as her game progresses and her scores mount. So it was at about that point in her game where she starts whirling around like a dervish in her grandma-print dress and going, "Man. Oh, man. I can't believe it. Oh my god! Oh my god!" and all of the vampires turn into bats and begin to hover over Ann and me.

"Man, that girl can tilt!"

"She's playin' four balls out there at once!"

"Whoa! Cool!"

And the praise was well-deserved too. Ann could tilt and not even make the machine say, "WARNING! WARNING!" No, she made the pin-ball machine croon and scream and shake all over with a wild light-show frenzy. Over and over again Angelica Houston's voice would whisper, "oh, Gomez." And all of the vampires were getting really worked up. It was a strange thing to see; all of them sweating and jumping around like Ann and with all of their black mascara streaming down their pale cheeks. (My friend Andee says it looks like they drink three bowls of arsenic every morning.)

Anyway, Ann was really going when suddenly the manager came over and started pounding the on the machine. "Stop! Stop! You're gonna break the thing!"

Now you take you and your crazy homo friends outta here and get a hobby!" But it was too late. Ann was hooked. The pin-ball machine was smoking. It shook with a combination of ecstasy and rage. The little ball was ricocheting all over the place when it came crashing through the glass knocking a vampire right on its skinny butt. "Beautiful," he said. Mr. Godfather's was going mad. "NO! NO! What have you done?" And then the machine's legs seemed to give out from underneath.

Suddenly, the whole game fell apart at its seams and then collapsed. Its back came down slow and landed right side up while a giant crack raced up the middle of the protective glass and the score board flickered, "999,900,000,000!" and exploded in tiny little fireworks.

Ann was still pressing imaginary buttons and it took her a moment to see that there was nothing in front of her but a pile of broken glass, legs and the four purple sides of the Addams Family pin-ball game. It was completely quiet except for Ann whispering, "C'mon, c'mon."

A stream of silver balls rolled out from the wreckage and bounced lightly at Ann's feet. Then, as quickly as it had all happened, the vampires went nuts. They jumped to Ann's feet and fought for a sacred silver ball—a ball of the master. Then, they all picked Ann up and flew her off into a full moon and then probably underneath some bridge that was their home.

Surprisingly, she was returned to her apartment the next morning, unharmed. She never says what exactly happened that night, but she won't play Addam's Family anymore. Instead, she plays Creature from the Black Lagoon.

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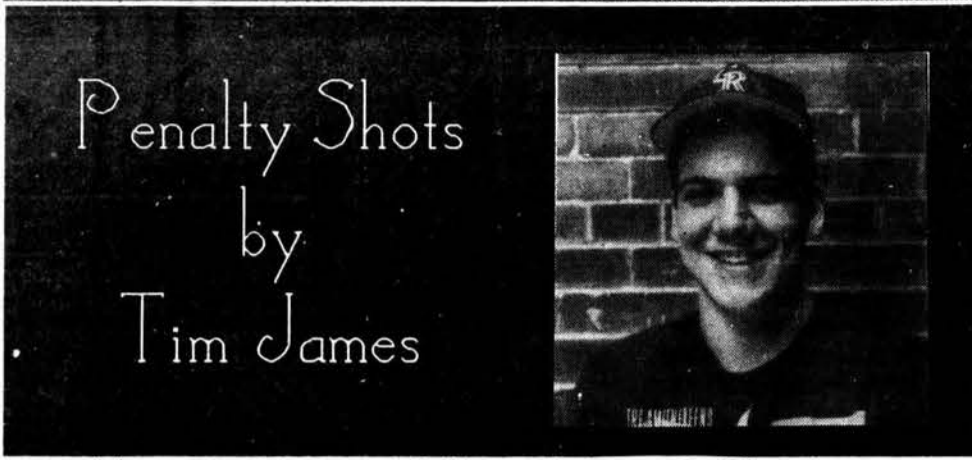
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Penalty Shots
by
Tim James

The Wide World of Sports from A to Z in 1993

Here is my review of the year in sports, from A to Z. These are just a few of the ideas I've never had the chance to touch on in the sporting world until now. I hope you take your "penalty shots" in life and always have your opinions heard. Thanks to Iron Mike and Mr. Z. for the column ideas and discussion.

Astroturf... has become too widespread as surfaces for ballparks and fields. I think that we might regret it one day when all of the injuries are finally linked to the artificial surfaces. Give me some clean cut grass...

Baseball... is steadily declining as America's favorite game. The sport is revolved too much around money and not around the love of the game.

Centers... with sudden impact in the NBA. Shaquille O'Neal has dominated his rookie season with enough highlights and broken backboards to fill a two-hour feature show.

Dollars and Sense... With free-agency in almost all sports now, salaries will sky-rocket to new unexpected levels. It just doesn't seem justified for their skills.

ESPN... The best cable channel ever invented. The day seems to go better when it's SportsCenter at 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.

Fighting... in all sports has increased at alarming rates. Teams should figure out that it isn't always the solution to win more games. Increased fines could decrease the occurrence of the brawls and battles.

Goooooaaaaalllllllllllll! World Cup Soccer is coming to the USA in 1994, and hopefully it will give a boost to soccer on a professional level in the states.

Hockey... With its slashing, skating, non-stop action it should become the sport of the '90's in North America and the world. Break for pass...

IHL (International Hockey League)... is something that Omaha needs in order to replace the amateur Lancers. High school hockey is just over-rated in this hockey city of ours. I think any level of hockey would sell, and I know that Omaha could improve up to the minor league IHL.

June... is the prime time for walleye fishing. Take a day off this summer and hit the lakes.

Kids... coming out of college a year early or passing up college altogether to pursue an athletic career. We teach kids to value education because it is free, but these actions show the direct opposite. Life is more than money, and people should never pass up an education when they have a prime opportunity.

Laimbeer, Bill... NBA Detroit Piston who should be kicked out of the league because of his excessive brutality and fighting over the past eight years. Teams, feeling the pressures to win, have incorporated the rough play that now is

accepted as normal in the game.

Magic's Lost Legacy... He lost his career with the HIV virus, but (unfortunately for the fans) he landed a job with NBC so he could "stay in touch" with the NBA.

North Stars... The Minnesota North Stars franchise of the NHL was moved to Dallas by the owner, Norm Green. It's a tragedy for fans who live in the hockey capital of America to see the team switch all for the reason of money.

Olympics... are back on American soil in 1996 in Atlanta, Georgia. I thought it was a surprise since we were host almost 10 years ago.

Penalty Shots... See Blades of Steel, the best hockey game Nintendo ever invented. Look it up and rent it at a Blockbuster near you.

Qualifying... for the post-season is becoming easier in some sports. Baseball is considering a larger playoff format to raise revenue to replace the expensive television contracts.

Rifle Team... Central's varsity basketball team should've joined up with all of the 3-point attempts this past year. Pull!

Steinbrenner and Schott... Two owners of baseball teams under a lot of controversy. George Steinbrenner should be out of baseball, but still motivates the Yankees. Marge Schott should still be in baseball, even if she did make those comments. An apology was plenty, but the whole deal was blown out of proportion by the media.

Technical Fouls... to Chris Webber and all of the college basketball players who hung on the rims a long time after dunks and forgot how many timeouts their teams had left. Michigan's basketball team also talked a lot of trash all year long and proved that it takes more than talent to win a national championship. It also takes brains and following rules. What comes around goes around...

University of Nebraska... should get off Creighton University's back with the baseball violation allegations. It seems like Nebraska would like a piece of the Bluejays' success in the intra-state rivalry.

Victories... Girls' Softball became sanctioned for the fall season next year. Congratulations to those who fought for respect and a place in high school sports.

Winning... Isn't everything these days because paychecks take the place of team loyalty and earning a championship ring.

X-Rays... are becoming more of a reality in boxing and other high-contact sports. Why do people risk serious damage their brain and bodies to earn millions? Just simply crazy.

Yes! Summer is here so shake off those rainy day blues and catch some rays while playing your favorite sport.

Zero... days left for seniors and it's been golden.
Thanks.

Sports Briefs

Girls' Soccer

After a rough season, the Lady Eagles' soccer team concluded on a positive note with a close district game. In the district tournament held the weekend of May 7, Central was placed against Bellevue West in a game that ended the season.

Jessica Lawrence, senior, scored the first goal of the game, and the Eagles led the game 1-0 into the second half. The Chieftains came back with three goals in the last half to win the game 3-1.

Junior Briana Hool said, "Although it was a difficult season, we learned how to play as a team, and that will help us next year." After a disappointing season, the Eagles are looking forward to a more successful record next year, when the team will be composed of mostly seniors. "It was a transitional year," said Briana.

Track and Field

Track and field has once again come to Central for the warm seasons. Central's team is "young," according to Coach Joe McMenamin, but has still ranked at the meets they have attended.

Senior Josh Cusworth, who runs in the 110-yard high hurdles, the 300 yard low hurdles, and runs the third leg of a relay team, considers his performance this year "great."

"Track is a sport where you don't have to rely on anyone but yourself. I like that because it can't be affected by what others do," said Josh.

Senior Dan Armendariz, who tore a hamstring and has only gotten to run two meets this year, is looking towards districts for his comeback. Dan runs the 100-yard dash, the 1600 relay and the 3200 relay. Dan said he "enjoys track because it's a good way for me to relieve stress."

Coach McMenamin said that this year is Central's "rebuilding" year. "We have some good runners. We score well in the hurdles, especially Travis Howard and Josh Cusworth, who scored first place at the Lincoln meet."

The district competition took place on May 13. The top four qualifiers in each event go on to participate in the state competition which will take place on May 21-22.

Boys' Soccer

The boys' varsity soccer team, coached by Mr. Tim Herbert, finished the season with a 4-8 record this season.

The team lost to Bellevue East 0-2 on April 30 and Ralston 1-3 on May 4. In the first half of the Ralston game, Sean Haley, sophomore, scored Central's only goal.

The district tournament was held May 8-10 at Papillion Junior High and Benson High. In the first game, Central beat Springfield-Platteview 3-0. Jeff Berg, senior, scored all three goals for the Eagles. In the second game, the team lost 0-1 to the Lincoln East Spartans. The Spartans scored their only goal against the Eagles in the middle of the second half.

Ian Barnes, junior and team member, said, "We had to keep a positive attitude going into districts, and we had to pull together as a team."

The state soccer tournament will be held May 17-20 at Bryan High.

Girls' Tennis

The record of the 1993 girls' tennis team is 3-3. The team won their matches against Omaha Gross, Omaha North, and Bellevue East. The team consists of seniors Megan Burnett, Luisa Pioreschi, Rachel Johnston, and Brandi Leicher; junior Deean Hui, sophomores Mimi Douglas, Libby Broekemeier, Ruth Carlson, and Erin Emmons.

Ruth Carlson, sophomore, said, "I think that we're doing better than we did last year." The team will be playing in the state tournament on May 21 at Dewey Park.

Libby Broekemeier, sophomore, said, "The season is going pretty well. The doubles matches are doing okay and so are the singles matches." She said about the team next year, "We're losing some seniors for next year, but there are many sophomores who will be returning for two more years."

Boys' Golf

"Nobody takes us seriously," said J.D. Welsh, sophomore and member of the boys' varsity golf team, about their season this year and their finish at Metro. The boys' golf team is having a record season this spring. The team placed second in the city at the Omaha Metro golf tournament at Benson golf course on April 29. At the tournament, Jeff Flemming, senior, medaled at fifth place and Clark Lauritzen, sophomore, medaled at 10th place.

The team's record is 7-1, with a first place finish in the Abraham Lincoln/Thomas Jefferson Tournament, a third place finish in the Central Tournament, a second place finish at the Bellevue Tournament, and another first place finish at the Lewis Central Tournament. The team played in the Burke Invitational on May 5 and placed fourth. The team has not dropped out of the top four teams in a tournament yet this season.

"The team is at the peak of its play going into the last three big tournaments, and the State competition," said J.D.

The team played in Districts at the Knolls golf course on May 12. The team came in at third place and missed second place by one stroke to Millard South, but the Eagle team qualified for the state tournament in Hastings on May 18 with its third place finish.

Boys' Baseball

The varsity boys' baseball team finished its season in the district tournament this past Thursday at Seymour Smith Park. The Eagles won the first game against Roncalli 10-0. In the semifinals, Central lost to Northwest, the number one seed in the tournament, by the score 0-10. Junior Jason Kirchhevel won the first game, striking out 8 and only allowing one hit.

Coach Steve Eubanks said, "It was a night and day team. We need more day, and a little less light. We just have to be more consistent and play with the big boys." Central finished the season with a 7-10 record.

Briefs by Anna Thomas, Jon McDonald, Christy Shearer, Leah Musselman and Tim James.

The Great Outdoors at Central Outdoors provide relaxation, return to nature for students

By Jon McDonald

The weather has warmed up with that temperature change, the outdoor activities pursued by Central students have become a primary source of warm weather fun.

A variety of activities fall under the classification of outdoor activities. Central students go camping, fishing, spelunking and mountain biking, as well as taking part in many other warm weather outdoor sports.

From April 30 to May 2 seniors Anzalone and Jon Driscoll went on a weekend excursion to Indian Caves State Park for camping and mountain biking. Anzalone said that he "simply loves" camping and tries to go anytime he can. "I like everything about the outdoors. We went up there [Indian Caves] mainly to go camping, but I also enjoy the camping and cooking out in the middle of nowhere."

Troy said that one of his favorite things about camping "is the male bonding." Troy plans to go camping for three weeks during the summer up in Canada. Troy and Jon are not the only

students who spend time in the woods. Senior Nate Helmuli spent time last summer on a two-week-long fishing and camping trip in Wyoming.

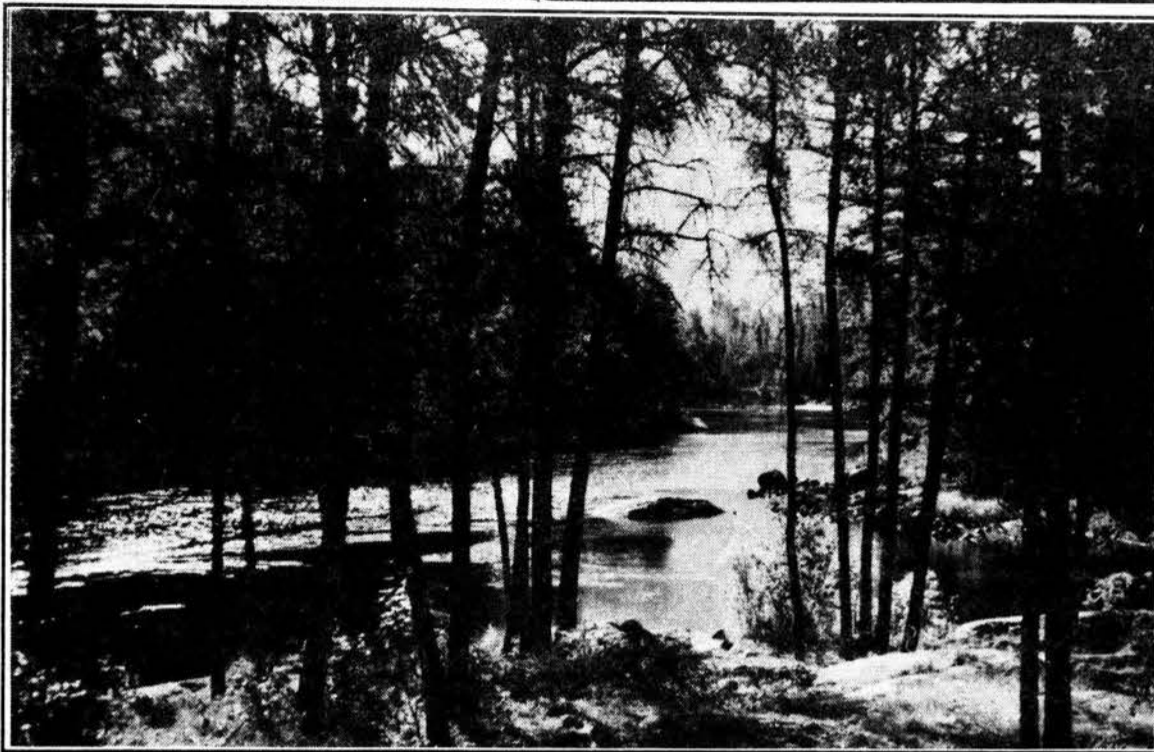
"The high point of the trip was when I was fishing at Golding Lake. I hadn't even had a nibble on the line for about four hours when suddenly I latched onto something big, and when I pulled it [the item] out, it was a compound bow," said Nate.

Nate said that he enjoys camping because "it lets me return to nature." Nate subscribes to *Outdoor World* magazine and is planning a trip this summer.

One of the less practiced of the outdoor activities by Centralites is spelunking, the exploration of caves.

Junior Charlie Dinell is an avid spelunker, having explored two cave "chains."

Last summer, Charlie was in the Oregon Seacaves with his cousin, also a veteran spelunker, when the two of them became separated. "It was one of the scariest times of my life. I started yelling for him but got no answer. I couldn't find the way out either."



Gone Fishin': Scenes like this one grace parks in Canada and the United States. Students often take fishing and portaging trips to the wilderness in the summer. Photo by Tim James.

Charlie said that he had to get out by climbing up a natural chimney in the cavern to reach the surface. In spite of this experience, Charlie is planning a trip to the Ozarks, in Missouri, this summer to trek through more caves.

Charlie is not the only student to have a scary experience while practicing their outdoor sports.

Senior H.T. Maples also had an outdoor adventure while down in Mississippi fishing.

H.T. was visiting family in Mississippi and was off by himself one afternoon for some fishing and hunting.

"I was by a stone retaining wall, about fifteen feet high, with my line in the water. I wasn't really trying to catch anything,

just relax. Anyway, after a while a water moccasin came after me from the opposite shore. I ran away but couldn't get over the retaining wall, so I ran past the snake while it was attacking my fishing pole. It was then that I noticed I had snared the snake with my hook. I never got my pole back because I never went back down there," said H.T.

NSAA Board approves sanctioning of sport

Girls' Softball ready to play next fall as sanctioned sport

By Christy Shearer

Girls' softball will be added to the 1993-94 sports calendar as a fully sanctioned sport.

On April 16, the Nebraska School Activities Association (NSAA) officially sanctioned softball. At this time, the NSAA took a vote to reduce the number of schools needed to sanction it from 32 to 14. With at least 28 schools already participating, softball was sanctioned for Class A teams.

Softball was first introduced in the high schools in the fall of 1991. In its first season, over 100 girls expressed interest in softball, making up four teams. During the 1992 season, 15 girls participated on the varsity and two junior varsity teams. Athena Hampton, junior, said, "I think it was popular when it first started because it was new. Now softball is only popular with the more serious players."

Softball also has a lot of support going into its third season. According to Norman Custard, softball sponsor and math teacher, the number of incoming freshmen and sophomores that have expressed an interest for the 1993 season is second only to football.

From its first season, softball has had the support of Central students and administration. Mr. Custard said, "Softball is a very popular sport at Central, and the administration has been supportive of it."

Many Central softball players are happy that softball has been sanctioned for next season. Sara Swisher, junior and varsity team member, said, "I play softball because I love it. I have played since second grade, and I want to further my career."

Sara also said, "I'm glad that softball was sanctioned because it will make people take softball more seriously and consider it an important sport." The teams, according to Sara, will also take the season more seriously and practice harder.

Jule Benton, junior and varsity team member, had different reasons for wanting softball to be sanctioned. She said, "Athletes are better known and get more recognition for what they do in school athletics. I think more college coaches will see us play."

Most of the varsity team members play on Class A Omaha Softball Association (OSA) teams during the summer. Sara said that she likes to play for Central because "it is open to everyone. Playing on a high school team divides up the quality players and increases the competition."

Athena said, "High school softball is more competitive than summer, and there is more pressure to do well."

Some changes will be made in the high

school softball season next year. Some of these changes include the coaching, the length of the season and the format of the

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-Mr. Custard

state tournament. According to Mr. Custard, the state tournament, which will be held on October 22, 1993, will be double elimination with only the top teams participating. Also, the number of games and tournaments

that the teams participate in may be limited. The new coach for the varsity team has not been announced.

The softball season will begin in August with tryouts and practices and end in October with the state tournament. Athena is optimistic about the 1993 season as she said, "I believe that Central's team will be really good next year."

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--Sara Swisher

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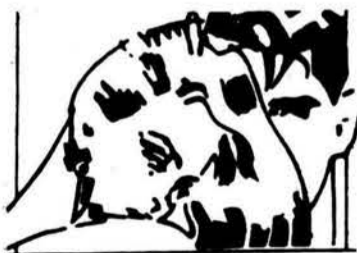
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Volleyball played year-round
Sand volleyball allows students to 'catch rays'

By Leah Musselman

Spring has come. It's time to get outside to relax, hang out with friends and play sand volleyball. Huh?

The sport of sand volleyball has become a popular summer sport for Central students. Some students are involved in leagues or on teams, but the majority of sand volleyball participants play just to "hang out," as one such person said.

Bill Tice, junior, participates on a sand volleyball team with some of his older friends that have graduated from college. He said, "It's lots of fun and it is good practice for the winter indoor volleyball season."

Several other Central students are on summer volleyball or night volleyball teams that run out of McCormack's Volleyball Beach.

The students that do not participate on summer leagues or teams but still play volleyball end up just playing for fun. Joey Morley, junior, said, "It's a great way to socialize and to catch some rays." Many Centralites congregate at Goddard's Volleyball on summer afternoons to engage in "friendly games of volleyball," said Joey.

According to Joey, several of the people who go down to Goddard's to play have become more serious about their games and play intense, two-on-two matches.

Several players Joey said were "more serious" than the rest about their volleyball matches were Kyle Hovorka and Nick Kammerer, seniors. Both Kyle and Nick were members of Central's boys' volleyball team this winter.

"Sand volleyball is a sport that is gaining popularity with the younger crowd because it is fun, easy, and you can get a great tan," said a frequent Goddard's sand volleyball player, Jon Munson, senior. "The best thing of all is that it's cheap—it's free!" said Kris Miltner, junior. Centralites are allowed to play sand volleyball at Goddard's free of charge until night leagues come and they are unable to play.

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-Jon Munson,

Other people don't even care if they can get in a game when they go down to Goddard's, as long as they get to watch, and eventually get to play. "I usually go down to play volleyball but if I can't get in a game right away, it's okay because I know I'll get my turn eventually," said Kris. "Besides, sometimes it's just fun to watch and relax in the sunshine," she said.

"Even though I might not be the best player, it's fun to hang out. On any given sunny day you can count on seeing lots of Central students down at Goddard's," said Joey.



Catching rays and eating sand: As the temperatures soar in Omaha, Central seniors Chad Kudym, left, and Dan Morrison, flock to the nearest beach and enjoy a game of sand volleyball at McCormack's Volleyball Beach.

Photo by Mike Buckley.



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