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Speakers address students about youth violence

By Julie DeWitt

On April 27, all eighth period classes were invited to attend a session on youth violence led by three men, two of whom are Central graduates.

The three speakers, Mike Carter, Ron Parker and Fred Wright, are all volunteers who work with teens on issues pertaining to youth violence. Mr. Carter and Mr. Parker are both Central graduates, and all three said they were pleased when Ms. Judy Maniscalco, Central counselor, asked them to speak.

The session was held in the auditorium and set up in a press-conference fashion with the three speakers on stage. Students were given the opportunity to ask questions or to write questions on note cards and give them to the speakers.

Mr. Carter, who graduated from Central in 1973, is currently a representative of the North Omaha Bears, a club organized to help troubled teens. Mr. Carter told the students that the homicide rate for teens ages 14 to 17 has gone up 124 percent between 1986 and 1991. He also noted that one in every 25 African-American males will be shot.

"The only way we are going to solve problems in Omaha is a massive movement by young people such as yourselves," Mr. Carter told the audience. "We believe if you can give young people hope, you can give them opportunity," he said.

Mr. Carter cited the "breakdown in family structure" as the

undercurrent to teenage violence. He said that all three of the men represent organizations that "tend to be extensions of families."

Mr. Wright, who has lived in Omaha for five years, said, "Young people today are facing a lot of peer pressure. In a split second things can go bad." He said that people should find out what they need to know and what they can do to get involved in their community. "Somebody has to be a leader. Somebody has to take charge," he said.

Television violence is another reason for teen violence, Mr. Wright said. He said that teens and young children watch violent programs and see actors and actresses solve their problems through violence. "There are better ways to resolve conflict," he said. "That's fictitious. Those people don't really die. You turn the channel and

there's the same actor on a different channel," he said. "But that's your life. You can't get that back."

Mr. Parker, a graduate of Howard University in Washington, D.C., agreed that teens should take on a leadership role. They should also have more self-pride

and be exposed to more discipline, he said. Mr. Parker said that youth violence often begins in junior high and high school. He said that right now his "life is dedicated to building young men."

"You must demand respect," he told the students. Mr. Parker said that an example of disre-



Giving solutions: Michael Carter, Ron Parker and Fred Wright spoke at an assembly during eighth hour on April 27. Mr. Carter and Mr. Parker are both Central graduates. Photo by Cathy Moyer.

You have to be willing to stand alone.
—Michael Carter

spect shown to young women in today's society is young men playing music with lyrics degrading to women when they are present.

"At some point you are going have to stand up and say 'enough is enough,'" Mr. Carter told the students. He used Rosa Parks as an example to illustrate this point. "You have to be willing to stand alone," he said. "You have to put yourself out there."

"You have to realize the consequences of your actions," Mr. Wright said. "Use your head," he said. "Walking away takes more of

a man than staying in there to fight."

Refat Husain, senior, attended the session. He said that "it's programs like this that are going to help stop youth violence and other problems." The only problem Refat saw with the program was that he "didn't think it was long enough." He said that "more time" should be spent on issues like youth violence, if not in the schools, in other places in the community.

Ms. Kim Schellpeper, history teacher, also attended the session and felt that the questions were "handled very well." She said that

the speakers were very "emotionally charged."

All three men reached out personally to the audience by asking the students to call them if they have more questions or problems. They said they would compile a written response to any unanswered questions, but that questions needing immediate attention could be answered by phone. If any student would like to contact any one of the three speakers, the following numbers may be helpful. Mike Carter - 453-3929; Fred Wright and Ron Parker at 451-0484.

Harassment: Inclusion of sexual orientation proposed; School Board approves addition to policy

By Angela Parks

Names have been changed
Harassment: to trouble, worry, or torment someone because of gender, race, age, religion, marital status, disability or sexual orientation.

On Monday, May 2, the Omaha School Board listened to

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parents, students and teachers discuss a new section proposed to the student code of conduct that would allow for discipline of students who harass someone because of age, disability, gender, marital status, race, religion or sexual orientation. The new policy is to take effect in the 1994-95 school year if the policy is passed at the May 16 meeting of the School Board.

The penalties for harassment range from short-term suspension to expulsion.

Present at the Omaha school board meeting was John, a Central High student, who spoke about his incident of being harassed at Central a couple months ago.

John told the school board how a student in his gym class had written "homo" on the back of his shirt and how students started ha-

arrassing him.

John was asked by a counselor of Parents, Friends of Lesbians and Gays support group, which he has been attending since September, to speak about his incident in hopes of having sexual orientation listed with the other six situations of harassment.

At the meeting about 30 people stood up when asked to show support for having sexual orientation included in the section of harassment in the student code of conduct. The amendment to add sexual orientation was passed.

"People have congratu-

lated me, such as teachers and students, for having spoken out," said John. He said that he has had no more incidents of harassment.

John said he believes that

Central has the most understandable students of all the Omaha high schools.

Dr. G.E. Moller, Central principal, said that the administration has dealt with some reported cases of harass-

ment and investigated the cases right away. He said he also believes there are cases of harassment in which the

People congratulated me... for having spoken out.
--"John"

students do not report the incident.

"I encourage any student that is being harassed to go and speak to a counselor, administrator or myself," said Dr. Moller.

Ms. Sharon Cipperley, director of the counseling department, said that she is in "absolute support" for the section on harassment because the section on the harassment is "supporting the Constitution."

Ms. Cipperley and Ms. Betty Schuler-Weingarten, human growth and development teacher, both stated that there is a need for education on harassment and being sensitive to others' feelings.

Central senior Fredrika Ellis said that about "everyday" she is harassed. She said she is very supportive of additions to the harassment policy in the student code of conduct.

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Editorial Pages

Unsigned articles are the opinion of the Register

Senior wills; news media misrepresents Central again

Once again the local press has targeted Central High School and its students. Earlier this year we wrote about the unfair treatment given to Central in the jaywalking arrests. This time the negative exposure dealt with the publishing of underground senior wills. KETV channel seven reported on the wills, offering interviews from an anonymous Central student and parent. Further, the news station offered its own analysis of the wills, misrepresenting them as a collection of gang threats and using such extremely biased catch words as "drug use," "rape," and "pornography," provoking, no doubt, less than favorable opinions about our school all around Omaha.

The Register does not wish to condone the underground published student wills. They are pure

trash and are a disgrace to all those associated with them. However, they by no means are representative of our school nor are they unique to Central. The people responsible deserved punishment.. Punishment because they broke school rules, not because the local media chose to make a spectacle of the issue.

As horrible as it is, the tradition of publishing these wills has gone on for years and will probably continue for many more. Why would the media target this particular year and the goings on at Central specifically? It seems once again that Central has been targeted and misrepresented by the media. Channel Seven and others should be a little more clear in their journalism and stay away from the tabloid pseudo-news reporting that dominates this day and age.

1994 Points for Change

Throughout the year, the Register has offered opinions and suggestions on what we believed were important areas for change not only in the friendly confines of Central High School, but also in the world around us. We believe that the following ideas and suggestions are also important for continuing a progressive school environment.

Teacher in-service Either alter or eliminate teacher in-service days. Make them more useful to teachers. If they serve no real purpose, eliminate them. Fewer missed school days for students during the year would allow for an earlier year's end for everyone.

School intramurals Start an intramural athletic program. This would involve more students and help in conditioning and fitness.

Counteract budget cuts Support the programs that are important. Budget cuts have eliminated or reduced many school activities and special programs, such as music, gifted programs and some classes at the Career Center. Individuals need to stand up for those activities they are involved in, in order to make sure those programs will continue to be available.

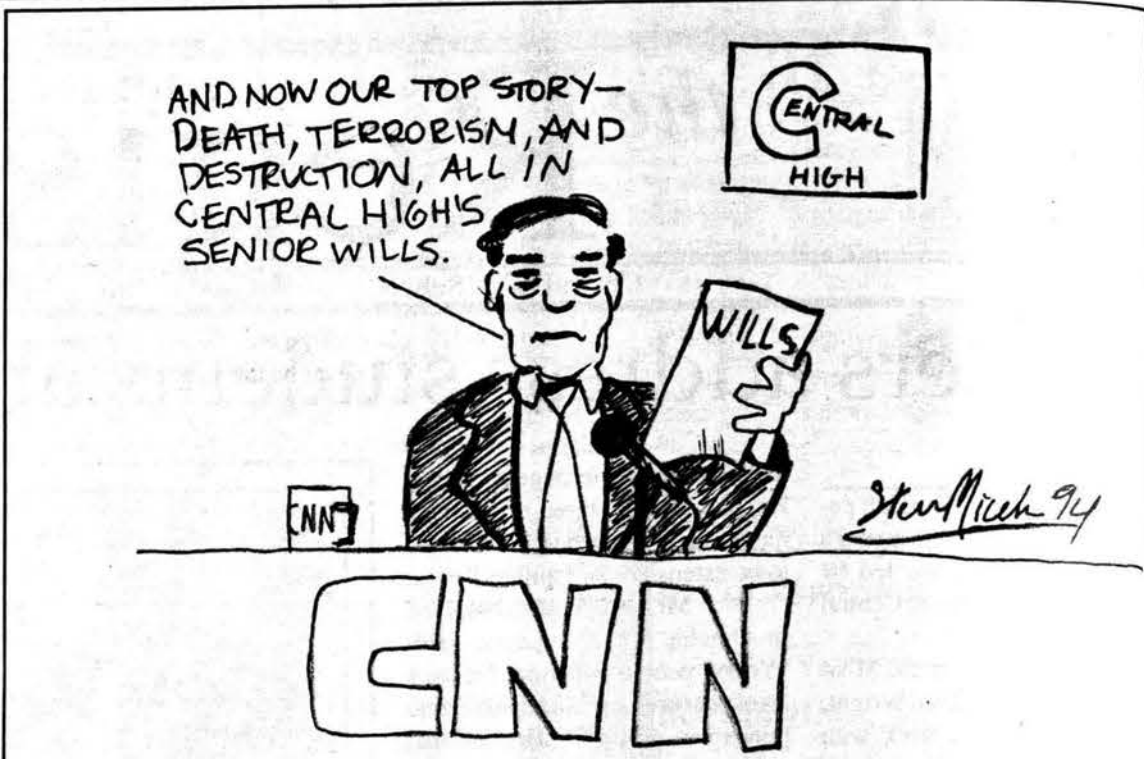
Take sexual harassment seriously Studies have shown that sexual harassment is a serious problem in high schools. It has gone beyond boys being boys and girls being girls. The administration should start to take this tragic trend seriously.

Diversify funding In order to reach goals in education, money is needed. As we pointed out in earlier issues, traditional funding methods are rarely effective. People are not willing to pay higher taxes, as was demonstrated by the defeat of several Ralston bond issues this last election day. New ways to fund education must be found.

Seven hour days Cutting students' educations by cutting class time is not the answer to fiscal problems. We risk losing many important electives and other classes imperative to education when we take away classes.

Volunteerism In today's diversified world, it is important that students be trained in more areas than just academics. Many school districts have gone to making volunteer work necessary for graduation. Perhaps it is time OPS followed suit.

School athletics Just as in other areas of the education world, athletics have suffered as a result of lack of funding. The best way to cure this problem is increasing school support, whether it be financial or just simply going to games. Wherever this support comes from, it is crucial to the athletic program that the school become more involved.



Letters to the Editor

It is the policy of this newspaper not to publish unsigned letters

Editor;

I would like to offer my congratulations to those students who tried their very best but did not get recognized by the Purple Feather because their best was not quite good enough to reach the 3.5 GPA. I believe that these students are the ones who truly deserve the recognition.

The students who did not make it watched longingly out the windows of their fourth hour classes. I remember sitting in class and a friend turning to me, saying, "I feel so rejected." Another girl said, "I want to be out there so bad!" What does this say about the students who did not win?

Congratulations to all those students who tried and were not publicly awarded.

Nikki Paley

Editor,

Upon hearing the recent news of the senior wills and the

punishments that followed I was very shocked. I understand that things said in the will were extreme, but so was the punishment. The students who were punished, especially the seniors, deserve the right to attend their own graduation ceremony. Due to the media's coverage of this story, not only will the students be punished, they will not be able to attend their own graduation ceremony. Is this harsh punishment really necessary?

Martha Keene

Editor,

Many people in the United States are Christians. In fact, the majority of the people are Christians. In a democracy, the majority rules (right?), so those Christians ought to be able to say a Christian prayer (or any prayer they want) at any public function (right?). Unfortunately, for them, not right.

The U.S. Constitution goes along with the majority rule with a few exceptions. One of those exceptions is in the area of religion. History told our Founding Fathers (and it should tell us) that the majority has no right to impose its religion upon the minority. The founders were well aware that it is the minority (no matter how small) that needs to be protected in the area of religion from the majority. The majority can take care of itself.

That is why the majority may not impose a particular sectarian prayer, one composed by the state (see *Engel v. Vitale*), or one to which anyone is forced to attend and listen/participate (see *Lee v. Weisman*), at a public event, such as a graduation. Of course, anyone is always free to pray silently to themselves at any time, but to force nonbelievers of any sort to participate or sit through a prayer is not allowed.

Gordon Stein, Ph.D.

Register Your Opinions

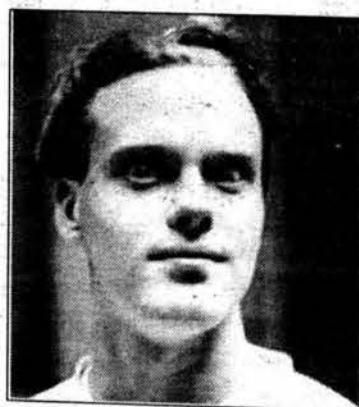
Do you think Bill Clinton is doing a good job as president?

(106 students polled)

Yes 52%

No 48%

Voices across Central



Rob Knoepfler (11)

"He has a lot of good thoughts, but he's not doing anything with them."



David Rayer (12)

"No, he's not doing anything."



Heather Ross (10)

"He's doing a good job with health care and getting women involved"

Oil art and mass confusion: fond memories of high school

Rubber Soul



By Michelle Chandler

Ahhh, my last column. Yet another "last" to add to the list as I graduate. I'm sure that you all feel the same anxious feeling—anticipating the end of high school, the beginning of whatever you plan to do with the rest of your life and yet, perhaps, a bit of senti-

mentality about the place and the people you have spent the last few years with. As for you non-seniors, tired of counting down the days remaining before first ridding the building of the class of 1994, and then until your school year is finished, just wait. Your time will come.

As I near the end of my "free" education, I have begun to realize just how unprepared I am to face the "real" world. Though I have changed schools several times in the past 13 years, some things have remained constant. I was always with some of the same classmates, and I always lived at home, with my family. Soon all of that will change. I will be going to a different place, with different people. I will be responsible for myself, by my-

self. When I think about this, I know that the years have passed by too quickly.

"I can't wait to get out of school." Those words have crossed my mind and lips many times, especially recently. Now that the time has finally come, I know that things will never be the same. From now on, I will always be an outsider at Central High. I won't really be a part of things the way that I have been as a student. But I know that the time has come. I just wish that I had spent a little more time enjoying some things.

I am going to take the time to recall some memories before they fade away. I'll think of the first day of school, of yesterday and of everything in between. And, as I recall those memories, I would like to thank

all of those who helped me create them.

So embrace the future, but hold on to the past. I hope that I will soon find out that I am more prepared for the real world than I think I am.

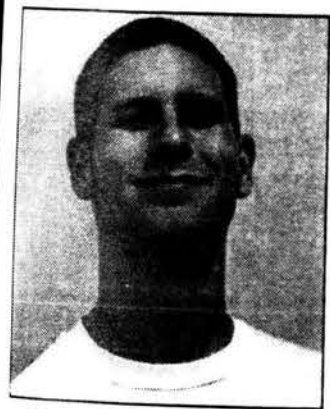
Years from now, when you have succeeded at whatever you plan to do, take a break to look back on some of the things that you did when you were younger.

Wave at a pilot and see if he or she waves back. Cross Dodge Street in a funny costume, just to see the reaction you get. "Borrow" something from O.P.P.D. or a nearby fast-food restaurant. Make something out of aluminum foil. Measure some cockroaches and go shopping for neckties. Visit the TAC building (not to be confused with

Ak-sar-ben), but try not to get locked in a stairwell. Practice that demonstration of the translation, rotation and vibration of atoms, also known as the electron dance. (For those of you who didn't understand that, don't worry. You don't have to. Others do.)

So anyway, enjoy the present, look to the future and remember the past. Good luck in whatever you plan to do, whether you are venturing out into the great unknown or remaining at Central for yet another year.

For myself and approximately 400 others, a new stage of life is about to begin. As we embark on it, we will remember Central and the people we have spent so much time with. Hopefully they will do the same for us.



Russell Rumbaugh

IN THE CROSSFIRE

This Month: Prayer at commencement

regardless of my philosophical complaint, the separation of church and state is guaranteed in the Constitution. However, this separation totally distances government from religion. It cannot tell me what to believe, it cannot tell me I can't believe. In its overzealous desire to allow freedom of religion, government is persecuting religion and infringing on my thoughts. To force me not to pray is the same as forcing me to pray. The government limiting my choice is tyranny. It is our graduation, where we are to be honored, although I do not necessarily advocate having prayer, I will defend mine and your choice to choose it. Their decision is mind control. Refuse to allow it.

A student who has made it through twelve years of school has earned the right to feel a part of his or her entire graduation ceremony. Prayer, even a non-denominational prayer at graduation provides the grounds for making someone feel uncomfortable. It is great that some people feel at one with their religion and are willing to share their beliefs with others in hopes of bettering other's lives, but, unfortunately, public school sponsored activities are no place for this.

The Constitution guarantees that the government shall make no law concerning the establishment of religion. Only two years ago, the Supreme Court ruled in a case specifically forbidding prayers at school graduation. Every person who practices some type of reli-



Alex Cooper

gion or no religion at all should realize that his beliefs or non-beliefs are constantly being protected by the first amendment. One who attempts to force his religion on someone else needs to understand that his right to practice in the first place came directly as a result of the first amendment.

Our democratic system has many downsides, but one upside is that it attempts to protect the minority at all times. Because of this guarantee and the respect that people should have for others, prayer should not be allowed at graduation.

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On Skipping Burke Students

To Karen Burmood, principal of Burke High School: Right on!

Mrs. Burmood has refused to back down following complaints from some parents over her decision to discipline students who cut classes recently to take a senior "sneak."

Schools should teach about the real world. In the real world, flouting legitimate authority has consequences. Mrs. Burmood deserves the community's support for giving Burke students the opportunity to learn that lesson while still in school. *-Omaha World Herald*

wrapped up entirely in political success, and he was plainly unfulfilled without it. For these reasons, the Nixon parable is, although not endearing, profoundly sad.

Indeed, it's impossible to ignore the great irony—the classical tragedy—of Nixon's perplexing career. He spent his life seeking public trust. Then, to preserve that hard-won trust, he violated and destroyed it. Richard Nixon died last Friday, but he committed suicide two long and lonely decades before. *-USA Today*

his welts have healed, the caning will leave an imprint whenever Singapore is mentioned anywhere in the world. *-Wall Street Journal*

On Doctor Assisted Suicide

One of the jurors who sat in judgment of Dr. Jack Kevorkian this week put it well: "I don't feel it's our obligation to choose for someone else how much pain and suffering they can go through."

A substantial number of compassionate doctors already practice assisted suicide, if very quietly. But they take on a greater burden than society should force them to bear. An assisted suicide law that pays very careful attention to avoiding even a hint of coercion could serve as a godsend to both the afflicted and the doctor. *-Des Moines Register*

On President Nixon

Predictably, the Nixon enigma has not been resolved by his death. Despite hundreds of thousands of well-prepared words, the only president ever to resign in disgrace continues to defy satisfying insight.

But again, what did he stand for? He called himself a "political man," and perhaps he stood for nothing more. His identity was

On The Singapore Caning

Singapore's caning of Michael Fay is likely to cut both ways. The furor, with the public support the action received in America and elsewhere, undines the city-state's critique of Western civilization as soft and decadent. Yet that civilization has its own ways of compensating young Mr. Fay, who will no doubt become rich from movies and television. And long after

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Seven students suspended

By Ann Rickerl

On Tuesday, May 11, six Central seniors and a junior were suspended for five days, cannot participate in their commencement ceremony and are being banned from attending the senior class picnic. These punishments were given by the administration to the students for publishing and distributing the senior wills, an obscene book, Central principal Dr. G.E. Moller said.

According to Dr. Moller, the senior wills were supposedly

printed with the aid of a desktop publishing system. These wills were then sold to other Central students for various prices. The wills contain information that will be hurtful to students, said Moller.

Dr. Moller said the wills were discovered when a Central student found a child's will. School officials let about the senior wills when parents and students called a radio talk show to discuss the incident.

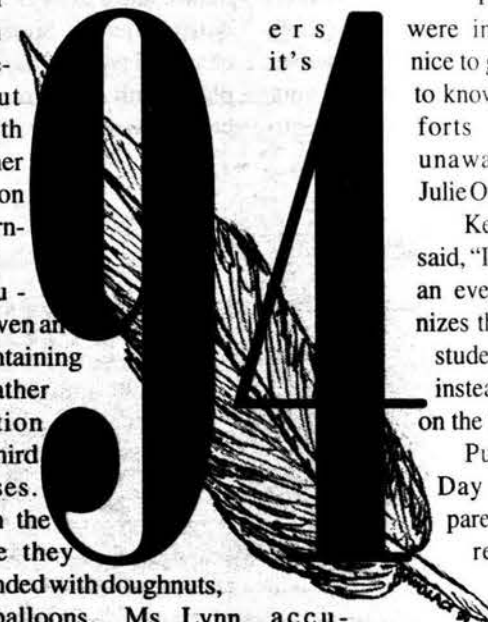
Purple Feather Day

"It's finally good to sit on the wall," said Brandon Steenson, senior, about Central's 17th Purple Feather Day celebration Monday morning May 9.

Students were given an envelope containing a purple feather and invitation during their third hour classes. They met on the porch where they were commended with doughnuts, prizes and balloons. Ms. Lynn Ziegenbien, Executive Director of Kiewit Foundation, and Mr. Peter Hoagland gave motivational

speeches to the students.

"The guests were interesting nice to get out of the forts unawarded," Julie Otis, sophomore, said, "It's nice to an event that recognizes the good students are instead of dwelling on the bad things." Purple Feather Day began with parents wanting to recognize students with a grade point average of 3.0 or above and has since become a tradition.



Seven juniors selected for NSI

By Dan Franck

Seven Central High juniors have been selected to participate in the Nebraska Scholar's Institute this summer in Lincoln, Nebraska. About 150 students from across Nebraska are selected each year.

The Nebraska Scholar's Institute, or NSI, is a two week camp/workshop that is held every year at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln. NSI gives students the chance to receive professional instruction in a field of their choosing.

Participants in NSI are allowed to select from two fields of study, math and science or arts and humanities. The math and science area offers classes such as robotics,

prairie ecology and human anatomy. The arts and humanities area offers classes such as creative writing, Shakespearean theater and jazz band.

Every class at NSI is taught by a professional in that field. The instrumental music classes are taught by professional musicians Tony and Joey Gulizia. The dance classes are taught by choreographer Dalienne Majors.

Participants in NSI are selected through an extensive application process. Applicants are required to submit achievement test scores, two teacher recommendation letters, a counselor reference and a two-page essay. Applicants may also submit samples of their personal work.

John Frost, past participant, called NSI "the highlight" of his summer. "NSI gave me several opportunities that I usually wouldn't have. I was able to truly immerse myself in a field of interest. I would never had that chance if hadn't gone to NSI."

Jan Hooks, coordinator of NSI, called NSI a "wonderful opportunity for students." She said students "would be crazy" to pass up the "opportunities at NSI."

"We created NSI for two reasons," said Ms. Hooks. "First it's publicity and attraction for the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. Second, we are able to offer some of the state's brightest students a chance to exploit their talents."

Commencement speaker chosen

By Matt Kudlacz

On April 26, in Central's library, room 225, 23 faculty members and 18 seniors, including all six Senior Class Officers, assembled for the selection of the 1994 Commencement Speaker.

The judges from the faculty were G.E. Moller, Sharon Cipperley, Faye Johnson, Sharie Jorgenson, Judy Maniscalco, Bob McMeen, LuAnn Richardson, Gerry Zerse, Larry Andrews, Daryl Bayer, Keith Bigsby, Jack Blanke, Dan Daly, Jerry Doctor, Betty Majeski, Linda Milliken, Joy Morris, John Waterman, Pete Wilger, Judy Storm, Richard Yost, Kris Bertch and Ellen

Plath.

The judging was based on a point system. The Senior Officers Jeff Darst, Fredrika Jenny Berg, Erooke Bahr, DeWitt and Mark Horton also served as judges in the competition.

Those auditioning were seniors Collette Butler, Fred Hodges, Dave Lawler, Jami Russell Rumbaugh, Anna The Kelly Elster, Trudie Hougela Splittergerber and Cy Zau.

Although Mrs. Maniscalco called the selection "no easy" the judges chose Anna Thon as the speaker.

News Flash

DECA members win in Detroit

15 DECA members successfully returned from Detroit, Michigan, after venturing there April 23-27 to represent Nebraska in the national competition. While there, four Central students placed in the top ten percent of the nation resulting in seven medals.

Senior Sam Briganti received a medal in general marketing and senior Sara Talcott also received one medal for restaurant management. Senior Brian Alseth received two

medals and senior Norris Wiley received three.

All of the students received certificates for ranking in the top 20 percent of the nation, the first time all Central state winners have done so since 1989.

The Central students journeyed to the competition after qualifying at the state competition. Approximately 7000 people attended the event, said Central High marketing teacher Mr. Harry Gaylor.

100 new NHS members inducted

The Central chapter of the National Honor Society inducted 100 new members Sunday, April 24, 1994. The ceremony, which was organized by PEP (Parents, Educators, Pupils) and held in the Central courtyard, was sponsored by Northern Natural Gas company. Guests and speakers who attended the ceremony included Nebraska Senator Bob Kerry, Omaha Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Norbert Schueman, and Mr. William Cordes,

of Northern Natural Gas Company.

Present officers of National Honor Society were on hand to read over the rules of National Honor Society and to welcome incoming members.

National Honor Society is sponsored by Central social studies teacher Mr. Jack Blanke, Central director of guidance Sharon Cipperly and Central guidance counselor Faye Johnson.

Underclassmen Finals Schedule

Friday, May 27:
 Zero hour, Third hour and Eighth hour

Tuesday, May 31:
 First hour, Fourth hour and Ninth hour

Wednesday, June 1:
 Second hour, Fifth-Sixth-Seventh hours and Tenth hour
Third and Eighth hours will not meet

April 16, 1994

Central High student wins countless awards with violin

Matthew Truesdell

Senior Danielle Eames will be traveling to Springfield, Missouri, this summer to take part in the National Fine Arts Festival. Danielle, a violinist, has been considered a mistress at All-City for three years, participated in All-State for two years and this year was seated first in the state.

The annual festival is sponsored by the Assembly of God Church and involves choral arts, poetry, drama, music and other arts. This will be the second year that Danielle has attended. To qualify for participation in the festival, a musician must receive a superior rating at the state level. The week-long festival involves a series of workshops and competitions. In addition, any student who wants to may participate in an orchestra that practices during the week and then presents a concert.

Musicians are given a rating of very good, excellent or superior, and the student deemed best by the judges receives an Award of Merit. Last year she received superior ratings from all of the judges but did not receive the Award of Merit. She said she has made it her goal to receive the award this year.

At the end of the summer Danielle will head to Wheaton, Illinois, where she will attend the

Wheaton Conservatory.

Danielle auditioned for the conservatory during spring break of this year. The audition consisted of tests over music theory, a violin audition and interviews with the school deans.

Danielle said she is very excited about attending Wheaton and intends to study music education.

Wheaton Conservatory is a very good school with excellent instructors and a well-rounded program, according to Danielle. She said that she hopes to become a college music professor, but she is not absolutely certain about her career plans.

Danielle has been playing the violin for ten years. When she was a child, she was administered a test to determine what type of instrument she would be good at.

Danielle said the test suggested she would not have success with the violin. In seventh grade Danielle began private lessons and auditioned for the Omaha Area Youth Orchestra. She performed in the Youth Orchestra from eighth through eleventh grade and played in the Omaha Youth Symphony during her junior year.



Danielle Eames: The musician and her instrument. Photo by Shannon Rourke.

Junior to counsel Ukrainian children

By Kristen Perry

Being a summer camp counselor is a pretty typical thing for a high school student to do. But how about being a camp counselor

in the Ukraine, a state in the former Soviet Union?

Junior Josh Gonsher will be getting this very experience later this summer. Josh will be a counselor-in-training for Jewish Ukrainian children "for about five or six weeks" in June and July.

Josh originally found out about the program, called Jewish Overseas Leadership Training II (JOLT II), through his youth group. He said he was involved in a similar program when in Israel.

Josh said he was supposed to go on a tour of Polish concentration camps this summer, but he "doesn't like to be depressed," so he chose the camp in the Ukraine instead.

The purpose of the camp is to "bring kids back to Judaism," Josh said. He said that all religions, especially Judaism, had been oppressed in the Soviet Union under Communism, so the kids don't know much about their religion.

"I assume I'll have to speak

Ukrainian," he said. Josh does not know the Ukrainian language. He said the kids might know Hebrew, though, which Josh can speak. He said that once he arrives in the Ukraine, he will be immersed in



Josh Gonsher

Ukrainian, which "should help" him learn the language. Josh will also have a week of training in Moscow before he arrives at the camp.

"I've never really been a counselor before," Josh said, but he said that he has attended camps for seven years and has been an adviser for

various Jewish youth groups.

Josh said he does not know much about the program yet. "It's relatively new," he said. "It's kind of an experimental thing."

"It's not really a job," he said. Josh will not get paid for his work. In fact, he even has to pay to be involved in the program.

The camp is located near Moscow, but Josh said the group will travel to Kiev and other Russian sites. He said that 15 other American students will be involved with the camp. "I'm usually the only person from Omaha [in these programs]," he said.

Russian language students assist recent Russian immigrants

Elizabeth Kaplan

Second and third year Russian students may have the opportunity this summer to help recent Russian immigrants adjust to life in Omaha. They will be working with the Resettlement Program at the Jewish Community Center. This program helps newly arrived Russian immigrants by aiding them in finding jobs, providing them with a furnished apartment and registering the immigrants for English classes.

"The students will act as interpreters," said Russian teacher Marina Sadofsky. "The Rus-

sians often need assistance in communicating with doctors or going to the grocery store," she said, "so the students can help them to communicate their needs effectively."

Natalie Ruebin, resettlement coordinator, said she would "love to see [the program] work. The families need all kinds of services, and we could really use people who could take them to the doctor and help them with their shopping. It's very hard for them to get about when they first arrive if they are not reunifying with family members."

Ms. Ruebin said that most of the current adult volunteers do

not speak Russian, so it would be "fantastic" to have students volunteer who know some Russian. "It would be a real help," she said.

Both Ms. Ruebin and Ms. Sadofsky expressed a hope that relationships between the immigrants and students would develop. "Hopefully people will become friends," Ms. Sadofsky said. "Adults are not as flexible as young people in understanding other cultures. It will work much better to have kids instead of American adults help them."

"I'd like to see the teenagers possibly bonding with the Russian teens. Ultimately, it would be

great to have the kids adopt a family and visit with them once a week or a few times a month. It would be really helpful because many of the immigrants haven't been exposed to the spoken word [of English] much, and it would really help them to improve their speaking skills."

The Russian students would also improve their language skills by communicating with the immigrants in their language, said Ms. Sadofsky. "It will get the Russians in touch with American culture, and at the same time get American students closer to Russian culture," she said.

Russian student Erin Andersen, senior, said the program sounds like a "great opportunity and a fun thing to do." She said that although she isn't fluent in Russian, she is sure she can speak the language well enough to communicate. "When it comes down to it," she said, "if you have to communicate, you'll figure out a way to say what you need to say. You have to have a dictionary with you all the time."

Ms. Ruebin said that the students can participate as often as they want to. She hopes to come to Central to speak to the class about the program.

News Flash

Foreign language clubs hold basketball tournament

Thursday, April 28, 1994, the German National Honor Society sponsored a foreign language club basketball tournament held in the new gym at Central after school until 4:30. All Central foreign language clubs were eligible to participate in the tournament. The players were members from the German National Honor Society and from the foreign language clubs. The tournament was free with the Spanish club winning the gold this year.

"Basketball is a very good sport to show similarities and how we influence each other," said Mrs. Heidi Jung, Central foreign language teacher, who helped the Honor Society organize the event. Mrs. Jung also said that the various language societies take turns sponsoring events for the foreign language clubs.

Photography classes hold Spring Show

On May 13, the Career Center photography classes held their 1994 Spring Show which took place downtown. Every member of the photography class was required to submit a picture for a semi-formal judging competition. After the judging, the winners were given awards. The award-winning pictures and the rest of the entries are on display in the Artists Cooperative gallery, located at 405 S 11 street from May 2-30. The Career Center photography class is sponsored by Ms. Janet Helms and Mr. David MacCallum

Mr. Harry Gaylor wins Ike Friedman DECA award

Mr. Harry Gaylor, marketing teacher and DECA sponsor, received the Ike Friedman Leadership award from the Knights of Aksarben on May 2, 1994. This award, named for the late Isadore "Ike" Friedman, who was a member of the Aksarben Board of Governors and a past owner of Borsheim's jewelry, is given to 12 teachers and 12 students from Nebraska and western Iowa "who are making a difference" and show exceptional leadership abilities. Criteria for the award include caring, vision, creativity, motivating peers and student achievements. Honorees received \$1,000.

Mr. Gaylor was nominated for the honor by Dr. G.E. Moller, principal, for "being an outstanding teacher, whose marketing students win more local, state and national awards than any other school in Nebraska, and for his superb leadership on the Central Student Recruitment Committee." Dr. Moller said that Mr. Gaylor is "always volunteering for something" and that he probably puts in more voluntary hours at the school than any other staff member.

"I feel very honored to receive the award," Mr. Gaylor said, "but it is really a reflection of the total environment, Central and the marketing program." Mr. Gaylor is the first Central teacher to receive the award.

Mentoring program helps first-year teachers adjust

By Kristen Perry

Remember your first day at Central? You didn't know where to go, you didn't know what the rules were, you felt completely alone. Wouldn't it have been nice to have someone show you the ropes? Now, imagine that you are a new teacher. The feelings are the same, except that new teachers at Central now have someone to guide them through their first year.

A new-teacher mentoring program was installed this year at Central and involved

science teacher Mr. Bob Carlson and home economics teacher Ms. Betty Schuler-Weingarten. Ms. Schuler-Weingarten, a veteran Central teacher, mentored Mr. Carlson, who is a first-year teacher.

Mr. Carlson said that having a mentor made things "a lot easier. It made me twice as comfortable than if I hadn't had a mentor."

Mentoring involves planned meetings between the mentor and new teacher, observations of classes and other general help. "For example, if I was having a discipline problem with a student, I could go to her for advice," Mr. Carlson said. "She basically provided support for any problems I had."

Mentoring is not only for first-year teachers, but it also involves veteran teachers who may be first-time teachers at Central.

Mentoring is "not a position of being a superior [for the mentor], but one of being a colleague," said Ms. Schuler-Weingarten.

Mr. Carlson said that Ms. Schuler-Weingarten gave him insight on how things

really work at Central. "She covered my classes for me so I could visit other schools," he said.

Ms. Schuler-Weingarten said she had to go to a mentoring workshop at UNO before she could mentor a new teacher. She and Mr. Carlson also attended other mentoring conferences at UNO together. "We were on a panel for seniors [at UNO] doing their student teaching," Mr. Carlson said.

Ms. Schuler-Weingarten said she originally wanted to become a mentor because she has taught at three different schools, and all of them are different. "It's hard for a new teacher to know what's going on," she said. "I've been in that same situation."

Having a mentor in a different department can be difficult because the schedules conflict, Ms. Schuler-Weingarten. However,

Ms. Schuler-Weingarten thinks that having a mentor from a different department is better. She said she thinks that Mr. Carlson also was able to meet more of the teachers at Central this way. "He went to lunch with the home-ec department," she said.

Both teachers plan to be involved with the mentoring program in the future. In a few years, Mr. Carlson said he would like to be a mentor himself. Ms. Schuler-Weingarten and English teacher Ms. Jodie Farr will be mentors next year.

"I thought it sounded helpful," Ms. Farr said. "It's something I'm ready for." She said the program has been very successful.

I t's hard for a new teacher to know what's going on.
--Ms. Shuler-Weingarten



Understanding the horrors of war: This statue stands at Majdonek in Poland, symbolizing the atrocities performed by the Nazis on Jews during World War II. Photo courtesy Sarah Raful.

March for the Living helps girl understand Holocaust

By Joe Breci

1940-45 . . . the Holocaust. Adolf Hitler's attempt to wipe out a whole culture of people, the Jews. His methods of murder ranged from mass gassings to shootings at point blank range. As many as 6 million Jews were murdered during this time.

Now, almost 50 years later, a ceremony is held to honor all who died in the bloody holocaust. This is called the March of the Living.

The March of the Living, held in Poland and Israel, attracted over 6,000 participants globally--2,000 from the United States including 6 from Nebraska.

One Central student in particular, sophomore Sarah Raful, was fortunate enough to attend this semi-annual event.

The purpose of the trip was to tour Auschwitz-Birkenau, a Polish concentration camp, on Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Memorial Day) where teens participated in the March of the Living.

After that, the second leg of the trip involved the teens gathering in Israel for Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israel's independence day). The teens also got the opportunity to tour concentration camps. "The camps were basically left as is," said Sarah. Sarah got to see Majdonek, Auschwitz and Birkenau.

"Auschwitz was turned into a museum," said Sarah. "Everything was left as is, just in a museum fashion. There were bins full of almost 800,000 pairs of shoes, luggage, pots and pans all from the Jews who were

killed."

The March of the Living was started eight years ago by Eli Wiesel, a survivor of the Holocaust. Since then the march has been held every other year. Not only is the march symbolic of the deaths of millions of Jews, it also traces the path millions of Jews were forced to take on their way to the concentration camps and gas chambers.

Sarah's trip didn't stop there. She participated in the march and Yom Ha'atzmaut.

Not only did she go to Europe, but she also went to a ceremony in Poland on the 17th commemorating the righteous Gentiles.

One of those honored was Sarah's great uncle Gusui Torok. He was a sort of Oskar Schindler. He helped save the lives of many Jews, not only rescuing them from concentration camps and hiding them in his factory, but also bringing them their mail and providing food to them.

While doing this, Mr. Torok rescued Sarah's grandmother's sister, Edit Torok, from the lines of people leading onto one of the trains. He came back to rescue her grandmother and her sister, but they were already gone.

After the ceremony honoring her great uncle and the rest of the 13 Gentiles returned home. "I'm so glad I went," Sarah said. "It taught me a respect for the land and it made me proud to be Jewish."

Now that Sarah has returned, she said she just wants to teach others what she has learned and to let people know that the Holocaust was for real and not just a stage by the Nazis.

I 'm so glad I went. It taught me a real respect for the land and made me proud to be Jewish.
-- Sarah Raful

Youth groups help students grow religiously

By Ann Rickerl

One Central student who is active in a youth group is Lisa Heller, sophomore. Lisa is in the St. Mark's Lutheran youth group. Lisa said her parents "encouraged me to be involved."

She said her youth group goes to events all over the United States. One major program her youth group is involved with is helping "the mentally ill and physically handicapped."

"I think I've grown to know my youth group better and I feel easier about talking to the people in the group and I look forward to going to the activities," said Lisa.

Lisa said her group holds a Bible study and then talks about things that may be bothering them. They also talk about things that have been happening in the church.

Lisa said she thinks more students should be involved in youth groups. "I just think if other people get involved there would be more positive feelings."

Another student who is active in a youth group is Jeremy Evans, sophomore. He is in the Omaha Temple Youth Group (O.T.Y.G.).

Jeremy said they all get together and "hang out." One major fundraiser that his youth group contributes to is Camp Rainbow. Camp Rainbow is a camp for terminally ill children. Jeremy said they hold a spaghetti dinner and the benefits go toward the organization.

Rachel Jacobsen, sophomore, is also in a religious youth group. Rachel also is

active in O.T.Y.G. She said she has been involved in the junior youth group for about two years. She said she learned about the group through members who were involved and also in Hebrew school. "I just thought it sounded cool," she said.

Rachel said they go to conclaves, "which are kind of like retreats where you go away for the weekend and go to some city somewhere in the Midwest. We get into groups and discuss some sort of Jewish theme," Rachel said.

Rachel said she "definitely" feels this group has had a positive influence on her life. She said a lot of her Jewish identity came from participating in this group. "I have developed from within youth group because I get to hang out with other Jewish teenagers."

Sian Israel, junior, is also a student who participates in a youth group. She participates in the St. James youth group. She said the major activity her youth group did was went to Denver to see the pope. Sian has also done volunteer work at St. James school, where she taught second graders.

Sian also participates in another youth group. Although this one not religious. She is involved with a Filipino youth organization. "We get to perform folk dances." Through doing this they not only teach others about the culture but also teach themselves something. They perform at area ethnic festivals when invited.

She said she is involved because she feels it is important to make people aware about other cultures.

Senior Section

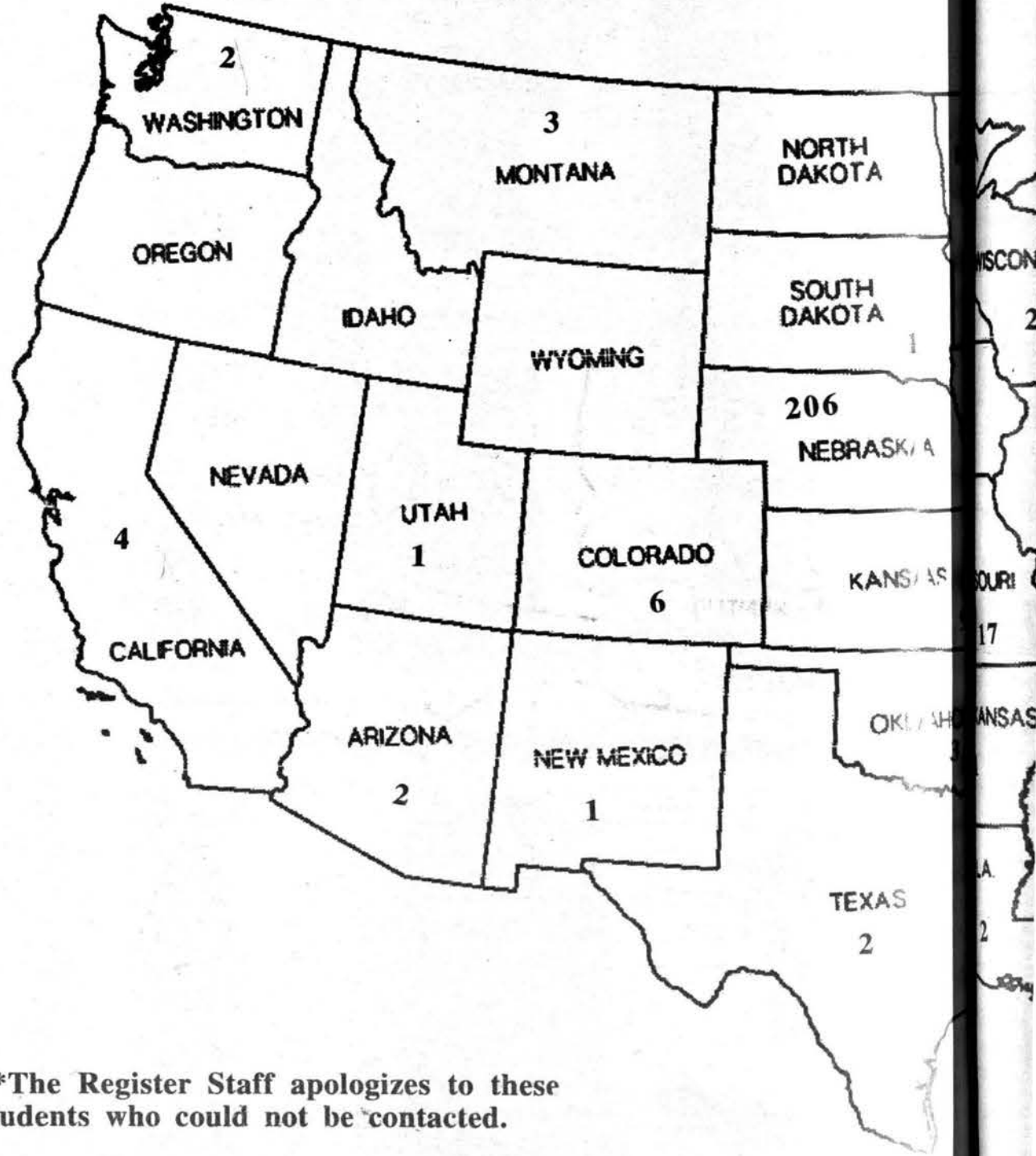


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Stone, Michelle	University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Lincoln, NE
Stump, Keenan	University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Lincoln, NE
Sumarjanto, Cynthia	School	Indonesia
Suwerkubbe, Jennifer	Metro Community College	Omaha, NE
Swanson, Jerald	Cent. Missouri State University	Warrensburg, MO
Swisher, Sara	Drake University	Des Moines, IA
Talcott, Sara	Hastings College	Hastings, NE
Taylor, Thatcher	University of Kansas	Lawrence, KS
Ternus, Julia	Army	
Thomas, Anna	Brown University	Providence, RI
Thomas, Joel	University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Lincoln, NE
Thomas, Sharon	Work	
Thompson, Andrew	University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Lincoln, NE
Thompson, Raechelle	AI Collins School of Graphic Arts	Lincoln, NE
Tice, Billy	Kansas State University	Manhattan, KS
Toms, Steven	NW Missouri State University	Maryville, MO
Truesdell, Matthew	University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Lincoln, NE
Turbes, Todd	University of Kansas	Lawrence, KS
Tye, Aaron	University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Lincoln, NE
Ulrich, Keli	University of Nebraska-Omaha	Omaha, NE
Vaca, Michelle	Work	
Vaca, Rebecca	College of Health Careers	
Van Arkel, Jason	Iowa State University	Ames, IA
Vargaernst, Eliphaz	Work	Omaha, NE
Verzani, Nicholas	University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Lincoln, NE
Vogt, William	University of Nebraska-Omaha	Omaha, NE
Wagner, Mark	School	Germany
Walker, Joseph Jr.	Undecided	
Walker, Marcelles	University of Nebraska-Omaha	Omaha, NE
Wallerstedt, Ann	University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Lincoln, NE
Ward, Angela	Metro Community College	Omaha, NE
Watkins, Mark	Metro Community College	Omaha, NE
Weale, Cory	**	
Webster, Calvin	University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Lincoln, NE
Weston, Emily	Metro Community College	Omaha, NE
Wheeler, Zachary	Work	
Whytus, Trylonda	Air Force	Atlanta, GA
Wiley, Norris	University of Nebraska-Omaha	Omaha, NE
Willits, Kara	University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Lincoln, NE
Wilson, Brian	New Mexico State	Las Cruces, NM
Wilson, Marcella	Work	Omaha, NE
Witt, Kathryn	University of Nebraska-Omaha	Omaha, NE
Wolfe, Valarie	Florida A & M University	Tallahassee, FL
Wolff, Rebecca	Hamline University	St. Paul, MN
Wood, Amber	Undecided	
Wood, Erica	University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Lincoln, NE
Woolridge, Brigitte	Undecided	
Wright, Keylend	University of Nebraska-Omaha	Omaha, NE
Yambor, Christopher	University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Lincoln, NE
Youngblood, Malva	Military	
Zauner, Cyrus	University of Iowa	Iowa City, IA

Michael	**	Wichita State University	Wichita, KS
Schae	University of Nebraska-Omaha	Omaha, NE	
Schaefer, Mark	University of Nebraska-Omaha	Omaha, NE	
Shelley	Grambling University	Grambling, LA	
Jasmine	Wayne State College	Wayne, NE	
Diana	University of Nebraska-Omaha	Omaha, NE	
Jaimie	Marquette University	Milwaukee, WI	
Tanya	UNL/USC	Lincoln/L.A., Cal.	
Lindsay	University of Kansas	Lawrence, KS	
Christina	University of Nebraska-Omaha	Omaha, NE	
John	**		
Rebecca	Undecided		
Brenda	Metro Community College	Omaha, NE	
Martina	Kalmar Universitet	Smaland, Sweden	
Madonna	University of Nebraska-Omaha	Omaha, NE	
Arthur Jr.	Work	Omaha, NE	
Melinda	Oral Roberts University	Tulsa, OK	
Amber	NW Missouri State University	Maryville, MO	
Sheri	Undecided	Omaha, NE	
Tracy	Creighton University	Omaha, NE	
Julie	University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Lincoln, NE	
Ercan	University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Lincoln, NE	
Kyra	Capitol School of Hair Design	Omaha, NE	
Rosellen	Metro Community College	Omaha, NE	
Alicia	University of Nebraska-Omaha	Omaha, NE	
Nathan	Northwestern University	Evanston, Illinois	
Erin	Undecided		
Jennifer	University of Nebraska-Omaha	Omaha, NE	
Leondra	Creighton University	Omaha, NE	
Demetria	University of Nebraska-Omaha	Omaha, NE	
John	Alabama State University	Montgomery, AL	
Nikia	University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Lincoln, NE	
Kristin	University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Lincoln, NE	
Patrick	Kansas City Art Institute	Kansas City, MO	
Anthony	NW Missouri State University	Maryville, MO	
Ramona	**		
Charles	University of Nebraska-Omaha	Omaha, NE	
Tara	Southeast Community College	Milford, NE	
	UNO/Metro Community College	Omaha, NE	

Morley, Joanna	Iowa State University	Ames, IA
Morris, Patrick	Marines	
Morrisey, Lisa	Work	Omaha, NE
Mowery, Katherine	University of Northern Colorado	Greeley, CO
Moyer, Catherine	University of Evansville	Evansville, IN
Moyer, Kelly	Iowa State University	Ames, IA
Muefing, Rachel	University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Lincoln, NE
Muffy-Cunningham, Charles	University of NE-Lincoln	Lincoln, NE
Mumm, Jennifer	University of Nebraska-Omaha	Omaha, NE
Munderloh, Kevin	Work	Omaha, NE
Munger, Ryan	United States Marine Corps	
Musselman, Leah	University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Lincoln, NE
Myszkowski, Carol	Work	Kearney, NE
Nanfito, Amy	University of Nebraska-Kearney	Kearney, NE
Narducci, Staci	University of Nebraska-Omaha	Omaha, NE
Nichols, John	Work	
Nielsen, Renee	Undecided	
Noden, Patrick	**	
Nolte, Jenifer	University of South Dakota	Vermillion, SD
Norton, Jason	University of Nebraska-Omaha	Omaha, NE
Nosbisch, Adam	Navy	Omaha, NE
Nurton, Shuntel	UNO/UNMC	Omaha, NE
Nyenhuis, Jarred	Navy	
O'Connor, Sean	Undecided	
O'Donnell, Ryan	University of Nebraska-Omaha	Omaha, NE
Olander, Christopher	United States Military Academy	West Point, NY
O'Loughlin, Mandy	University of Nebraska-Omaha	Omaha, NE
Olsen, Heather	University of Nebraska-Omaha	Lincoln, NE
Oropeza, Alexander	University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Lincoln, NE
Oseas, Jill	University of Nebraska-Omaha	Omaha, NE
Otto, Cassandra	University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Lincoln, NE
Owen, Jennifer	University of Nebraska-Omaha	Omaha, NE
Payne, Melissa	Metro Community College	Omaha, NE
Peek, Amy	University of Colo. Springs	Colorado Springs, CO
Pekula, Matt	Creighton University	Omaha, NE
Pedersen, Jill	UNO/UNL	Omaha, NE
Perilo, Joshua	NC School of the Arts	Winston-Salem, NC
Perlman, Benjamin	Creighton University	Omaha, NE
Perry, Kinyatta	Undecided	
Perry, Kristen	Carleton College	Northfield, MN

Central seniors suggest letting class decide on prayer at commencement

By Jacob Slosburg

As seniors are dressed in their caps and gowns on May 24, a brief silence will be observed. This moment of silence has been substituted for prayer at graduation. Two Central seniors, Ryan Shoener and Ian Barnes, wanted the students to decide whether or not a non-denominational prayer should be said at the commencement ceremony. On April 23, they approached the School Board in hope of abolishing the "no-prayer" policy.

They were unsuccessful. The School Board rejected the idea in an eight to four vote. One member, Mr. Bill Meier, was in favor of letting the seniors choose. Another member, Mr. John Langan voted against the bill. Ryan Shoener said that he did not go to the School Board to encourage prayer, but to let the seniors decide.

Ryan said, "We felt that they were deciding for us even though it was our graduation."

The history of prayer at graduation is made up of several

court cases. Each has distinctions making the issue complex. The Lee vs. Weisman case in May, 1993, banned prayer at a Rhode Island high school. In another case, Jones vs. Clear Creek, the court allowed prayer at graduation because it was decided by the students.

Mr. Meier described the current Omaha Public Schools policy by saying that "the current policy is to have a moment of silence."

He added that "15 years ago the seniors would be fighting like crazy over this."

Langan said, "I voted to keep the current policy for several reasons: one, the Supreme Court ruling is not clear; two, some students choose not to believe in a supreme being and three, what prayer do you

choose. A moment of silence is most appropriate."

Mr. Meier described what Ryan and Ian were trying to do. "What they were trying to do is to

Mr. Meier said that "Westside is the only school that he knows of locally that gives the seniors the choice of having prayer at their graduation."

my music preference just because I heard another type of music."

Ian said, "I think prayer should be given at graduation cause kids need it now more than ever before."

"Look at society today and compare it to the past. Society today is much harder," Ian said. Ian explained that students face added stress at home and school. "There are so many single-parent families," he said.

Ian said that Mr. Meier encouraged seniors at his church to come to the next School Board meeting and share their opinions on school prayer. Mr. Langan said that students who spoke in favor of the bill did not just come from Central.

"There were some students from Burke High School as well," he said.

Even though there will be no prayer at commencement, Ryan and Ian hope there will be future commencement ceremonies. Ian said he will encourage juniors this year "to stand up for their Constitutional rights next year."

Are you in favor of a non-denominational prayer at commencement?

Yes 60% No 40%



88 Seniors Polled

protect the rights of the seniors. They were saying that OPS cannot take away any freedom of speech. The choice should be theirs. If they decide to have prayer, fine. If they don't, fine. It should be their choice."

Ian felt that his right to free speech was denied. "My first amendment right was violated," said Ian. He added, "I kind of relate it [prayer at graduation] to music. If I go over to a friend's house and don't like the music, I tune it out. I don't change

Pranks plague schools annually

Senior pranks: leaving your mark could scar your school

By Matt Truesdell

Some names have been changed to protect anonymity.

Toilet paper, spray paint, misplaced German economy cars—these are the ingredients of senior prank stew. Senior pranks are the annual acts of vandalism and practical jokes against the school by members of the graduating class.

Dr. G.E. Moller, principal, said, "Unfortunately, kids seem to find it a sort of tradition." He said that the cost of senior pranks for OPS is probably "extensive."

Many senior pranks in-

volve such things as spray painting and graffiti. Dr. Moller said that he has seen piles of political yard signs collected on school grounds and that one year students coiled brown wrapping paper around the building several times.

What types of pranks may be running through the minds of this year's seniors?

Max, senior, said, "There was talk of disassembling a Volkswagen Bug and putting it in the courtyard, but we couldn't fit the

frame through the door."

Mike, senior, had a different idea. "Last I checked, the Happy Chef was really well bolted, but I figure we could blow cut it and all will be fine," said Mike.

In the past years, security guards have been hired to try and prevent pranks at Central, said Dr. Moller.

He added that pranksters are "rarely caught."

Dr. Moller said, "In recent years we've been very lucky," about the amount of pranks at Central.

Opinions about the pranks are as varied as the student body. "I think they're great, as long as you don't offend anyone, hurt anyone or damage anything. Although, I guess that pretty much takes care of all pranks, doesn't it?" said Jeff Darst, senior class president.

"I think they [pranks] are stupid and childish. They should stop immediately," said James Chipasula, senior.

There was talk of disassembling a Volkswagen Bug and putting it in the courtyard...

--Max

Class of '94 picnics at Benson

By Dan Franck

The annual Central High senior class picnic will be held on Tuesday, May 17. This year's picnic will be at Benson Park and will start at approximately 11:00 A. M. The entire senior class is invited to attend.

The picnic will not be at Elmwood Park as it has been in previous years. It was moved to Benson Park this year because Elmwood Park closed to the public May 1 for road and park renovation.

The senior officers are sponsoring this year's picnic as they have in years past. They planned all of the activities, raised all of the necessary funds and purchased all of the food.

This year the senior officers raised the money through the sales of the senior class T-shirts designed by Chris Rivers, senior. The shirts were sold for ten dollars apiece.

"It's going to be a pretty big event," said Mark Horton, senior class officer. "Due to the terrific sales of the senior class T-shirts, we raised close to a thousand

dollars to use for the picnic." The shirts officially raised \$927 for the officers to use.

The senior class officers are supplying all of the food for the picnic. Seniors are expected to supply their own beverages.

Activities planned for the picnic include the announcement of the senior testaments. Awards will be given to all of the winners. The other activities at the picnic have yet to be announced.

The senior picnic will also mark as the collection and gathering site for the senior class scavenger hunt.

The list of items for the scavenger hunt will be distributed on Monday, May 16.

Teams will have all day Monday night and Tuesday morning to gather their items. Participating teams will be limited to one senior each. The cost is \$1 per each participant. Gift certificates will be awarded to the winners of the scavenger hunt.

"We have some really good prizes this year," said Jenny Berenson, senior class officer.

What will seniors miss most about Central?

"Mrs. Quinn's little bits of wisdom in study hall."

--Ellen Fitzsimmons

"The lunchladies."

--Rachel Mueting

"The pickle we threw up on the beam by the teacher's lounge. It's been there for 3 years."

--Marcelles Walker

"Charles."

--Erica Wood

"The artwork on the study hall desks."

--Kate Duggan

"Waking up and seeing my dad, and then driving to school and seeing my dad."

--Suzanne Gaylor

May 16, 1994

Innovative music, ideas, sampling-- all that jazz



Jazzing it up: Shur Fine plays at Post Prom. Photo by Cathy Moyer.

various rappers. Granted the rights to the material on the Blue Note jazz label, Us3 mixes live jazz with samples from famous artists like Miles Davis.

How did jazz become popular again?

"I think people just like the basic quality of the music," said senior Marcelles Walker, who started playing the saxophone in the fifth grade. "You've got to be a good musician to play jazz well, and I think people can tell if your heart's in it."

Walker also added that jazz "may be being used more by today's musicians because it's fun to play. Playing jazz in front of an audience is a huge high."

John Kotchian, junior and bassist for the local jazz group Shur-Fine, agreed. "I've played in rock and punk groups, but jazz is the most fun to play. It's a lot more musical and improvisational than rock. The first time (Shur-Fine) played, we got a great reaction out of the crowd."

Kotchian's bandmate, senior Jon Crawford, added that "rock and roll gets old. It's too repetitive. Jazz is more real." Crawford did not agree with the categorization of

groups like Digable Planets. "That's not jazz. Jazz is improvisational and should be new every time. Those are just samples."

Whether sampling is considered jazz or not, Chris Jackson at Leola's Records and Tapes said, "That kind of music is turned

Rock and roll gets old. It's too repetitive. Jazz is more real.

--Jon Crawford

on a younger audience to guys like Miles Davis and those older jazz musicians." Jackson noted that his store "has been selling lots of jazz to rap fans. Artists like Guru, Us3, Jay Spencer and the Jazzmasters have been selling well."

Chris Cooke, an announcer and engineer at KIOS F.M., sees a

positive future for the growth of jazz. "Jazz has been mixed with rap a lot lately. Rap music has a strong youth market, so I think jazz will grow in popularity as its exposure to the public increases."

That exposure will be growing very soon. A jazz station is slated to arrive on cable soon, and clubs will be working together with radio stations to attract and advertise local and national jazz acts.

But will the booming days of jazz's popularity ever return?

"Anything is possible," Cooke said.

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By Dylan Gaughan

It's in the background of thousands of commercials. It permeates from clubs and coffeehouses like a fresh breeze. Musicians play it on downtown streetcorners. You can even hear it on the radio and on MTV.

Jazz isn't just your parents' music anymore.

The centuries-old form of music, which had its highpoint in popularity in America during the 1960's, is experiencing a revival. Several branches of music, from rap groups to alternative rock groups,

have embraced the style, incorporating it with their own in one way or another.

Several groups have achieved stardom because of their association with jazz. Digable Planets, a rap group, mixes rap beats with jazz samples. Their experimental

from of music sent their single, "The Rebirth of Slick," to the Top Ten

and helped sell over 500,000 copies of their debut album.

Morphine, an acid-jazz-rock trio, combines a two-string bass and drums with both a baritone and an alto sax, played simultaneously by one man.

Us3, one of the most popular modern jazz groups, is a small group of jazz musicians who act as a backdrop for

Jazz isn't just your parents' music anymore.

Students use camp to hone skills

By Brian Priesman

School is almost out. Students will have two full months of care-free summer fun. But with summer comes the summer-time blues.

Next year's cheerleading squad plans to attend a three-day camp. In the past, the cheerleaders have attended camp earlier in the year, but this year they will have a chance to practice together and work up new cheers.

"It'll be good because we'll have had practice over the sum-

mer," said Tami Minikus, junior.

"It's a really good experience for the squad because you get really close," Tami said.

The squad holds fund-raisers throughout the year to raise money for the camps and uniforms.

This year only two members of the debate team are going to debate camps. The students, juniors Clark Lauritzen and Mike Sigmond, are heading off to the Stanford National Forensic Institute at Stanford where they will learn advanced techniques in a rigorous, carefully struc-

tured environment."

The camp has gathered a varied group of nationally recognized debaters for instructors, including several state champions and finalists. The camp specializes in advanced competitions but offers "comprehensive programs for all levels."

Student Council members have the opportunity to take part in several camps over the summer.

"They run several sessions of it, one in July and one in August," said Julie Smiley, junior.

The camp, which is held at Wayne State University, lasts "around four days" and costs around 175 dollars.

Band members have the opportunity to attend a camp at Peru State College this summer.

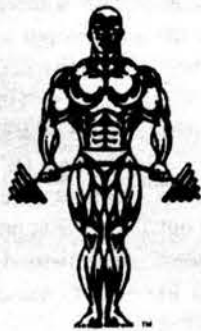
The camp is a three-day camp designed to help band students improve their playing and their marching techniques.

"We march, play music, march, march, eat lunch, march some more," said sophomore Chris Totkze.

Next year's Register and O-Book staff members have opportunities to improve their journalism skills at summer camps all around the country.

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Around town; Omaha has sweet summer spots

By Carrie Jacobson

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Without a doubt, we are all waiting with baited breath for summer to come unpack its bags. But after a week or two of doing very little but bronzing ourselves and traipsing to the mall or hanging out in cars at the dark park (bass a-blasting), you can get a bad case of schpilkes. With that in mind, we present the following suggestions:

How long has it been since you've been to the Henry Doorly Zoo? The monkeys would love to see you. Of course, there's the renowned Lied Jungle (the largest indoor jungle in the continental U.S.), the huge bird sanctuary, polar bears—easily an entire day's worth of activities. And if you call 492-9955, extension 6152, you can get the zoo's extra daily activities. It's \$6 for admission, and if your mother's got a family zoo pass deep in her wallet, you and your friends can go for free. (Just tell the zoo person they're your siblings.) The zoo is open from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Every Thursday morning starting around the Fourth of July is Jazz on the Green at the Joslyn. Admission is free, and the concert is from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. It's held outside on the Joslyn yard. It's lovely, it's classy, and above all, it's free!

Another good idea would be to play Kick the Can or Capture the Flag in your neighborhood. Not necessarily with your neighbors, because that can warrant some freakshows; rather, with a bunch of friends. There's nothing better if you're into it.

You've always got the Royals at Rosenblatt Stadium. Baseball games turn out to be awful cheap if you didn't already know—there are seats for as little as 3 bucks. (They also go for \$5 or \$6, depending on how badly you want to really see the game.) And don't forget the College World Series!

In the instance of poor weather, there's a new place out on 84th and F streets. *Laser Storm*. The whole place is lit with black light and there's fog all over. You get a gun and some chest pack with the target on it. After you suit up, you're let loose in the Star Trek-esque chamber

to shoot at people you don't know. It's neat, although it's *not* recommended that you go alone. It's \$6 for two 15-minute segments, but it's cheaper if you rent skates at the adjacent Skateland.

Last year, my sister bought a Slip-'N'-Slide. It was \$11 at Target. She set it up in the backyard on a slight downhill. And I tell you, I have never had so much fun in my life. If you're

skeptical, look at it this way—say you've got a date and you're really low on cash, like you can't even afford a movie. Target's open till 10:00 p.m., so get in your car and go! Get a new Slip-'N'-Slide! On top of everything else,

you can see the other person in a bathing suit straight off, which *could* save you some problems.

One problem a lot of us have is dirty dogs. And dirty cars. There's a place on 119th and Pacific streets where you can wash your dog and they provide the supplies—doggie soap, a basin, hoses, even a dryer. No, not like a *clothes* dryer, it's actually this big cube.

You stick your pooch in and air whooshes all around it—rather like a room-sized bubble-dryer. Although the dogs don't like that last part too much, it saves you the wet-dog-schmeck that can linger in your car for months.

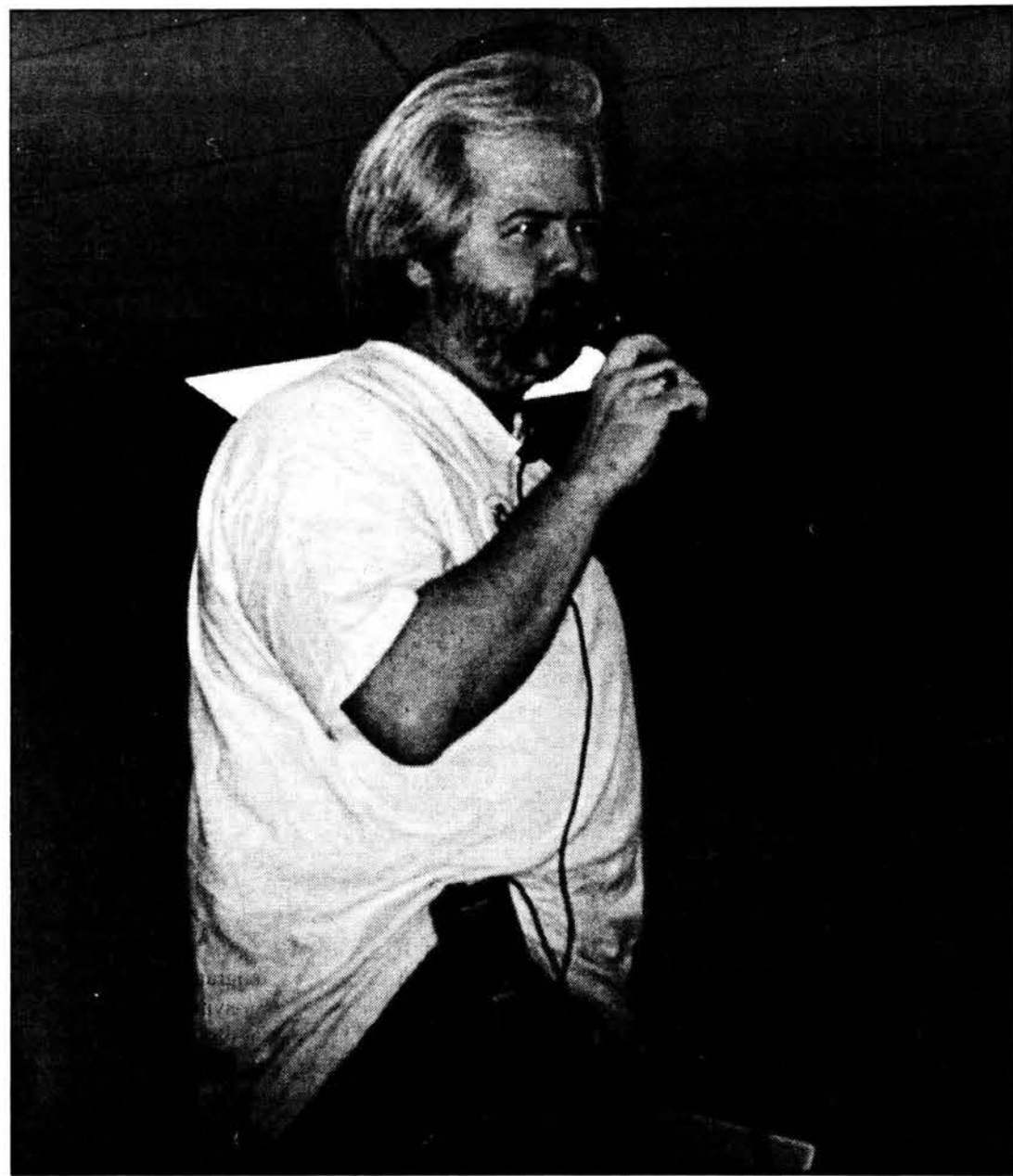
About dirty cars—it's great fun to wash your car with a hose, and, sickeningly enough that I know this, you can burn a lot of calories depending on the dirtiness level that you start with compared with the cleanliness level that you end up with.

Speaking of cars, every Sunday night at 7:00 p.m. during the summer, Sunset Speedway races Nascar stock cars. Located on 114th and State streets, Sunset Speedway costs \$5 ages 16 and under and \$7.25 for adults. There's hot dogs, great pizza, lots of drinks and even Nascar paraphernalia! Oh, joy!

There's a drive-in movie theater in Iowa for only \$5 per person—that's per *visible* person, as there are actually people who hide in the trunk.

Go to the Nebraska and Iowa State Fairs. See *Shakespeare on the Green*. (It's kind of like *Jazz on the Green*, except there's no jazz. It's free.) Eat outside at a restaurant. Take a mini-road trip. Go to Peony Par—oh. Never mind.

See, there's lots of stuff to do in the big "O"—or in close proximity. And if none of these ideas appeal to you, you can always consult a Pleasure Pac.



The birthday boy: Merrill Osmond croons a song at his birthday party in Branson, Missouri. Two Central seniors were hired to photograph the event. Photo courtesy of Lanessa Iwen.

A clickin' good time Seniors photograph Osmond birthday bash

By Elizabeth Kaplan

The Osmond Family Fan Club hired Brad Iwen and Matt Pekula, seniors, to take pictures at Merrill Osmond's birthday celebration, in Branson, Missouri, country music capital of the world.

The celebration described by Brad as a "big Osmond family get-together," lasted from Tuesday, April 26, to Saturday, April 30.

Brad and Matt, photogra-

phy students at the Career Center, got the job through Brad's sister who knows the president of the Osmond Family Fan Club for the Midwest.

She baby-sits the president's child at her day care center. Allen and Merrill were the only two of the four Osmond Brothers, a pop singing group from the sixties, who attended the celebration.

"We also met a lot of the second generation Osmonds who were about 18 or 19," said Matt.

"We took some pictures of concerts, but mostly we took photo sets of fans with Merrill," Brad said. He got to know Merrill pretty well and said that "Merrill was the coolest."

Brad and Matt were paid about \$500 including food and a hotel room for the week.

They said that Branson was "pretty boring and very touristy" consisting mostly of "old people wearing big cowboy hats."

The most exciting thing that happened during the week was a nearby tornado, said Matt.

Correction: An ad that appeared in the April 23 issue of the Register for The Greek Islands Restaurant implied that there are two locations when there is actually only one now located at 3821 Center St. Phone number 346-1528.

Dylan's Stupid Facts

- A 747 burns 185 gallons of kerosene per minute on takeoff.
- The Cobra can't strike anything directly above its head.
- Mice love chocolate.
- Almost 100 colleges have rodeo scholarships.
- Lizards are completely motionless for 90% of their lives.
- The safest holiday for car drivers is New Years Eve.
- The Pentagon's phone bill is 8.7 million a year.
- We generally shed 40 pounds of skin by the time we die.
- Most geniuses have been short.
- If lightning hits you, you won't see it.
- Zane Grey wrote 3 books a year for 29 years.
- You'd weigh about 2 tons on the sun.
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The Crow Powerful movie, soaring soundtrack

By Dylan Gaughan

Brandon Lee's accidental death on March 31, 1993, was the shot heard 'round Hollywood. The 28-year-old actor, son of martial arts hero Bruce Lee, was killed during the filming of the death of his character, Eric Draven, by a stray chunk of metal lodged in the barrel of a pistol shooting blanks.

While the entertainment industry mourned the loss of Lee and pondered what to do with the film, his family fought to have *The Crow*, the story of a man rising from the grave to avenge both his and his girlfriend's murder, released.

What a blessing that they did. *The Crow* is a dark, intense and incredibly entertaining movie. Brandon Lee's performance as the angry Draven, a role he fought hard for, beating out first-choice Christian Slater, is unforgettable. As you watch him thrash across the screen, you'll wish the tragedy had never occurred. Brandon Lee had talent and will never get to see the public response or critical acclaim for his finest work.

The Crow soars, delving into the depths of darkness, murder and morality. As you are sucked in by its energy, you will notice that one of the most noticeably effective elements in achieving its intensity is the incredible soundtrack.

Dedicated to Lee, the fourteen songs on the album are just as passionate as the film itself. The soundtrack opens with The Cure's "Burn," an eerie song perfectly fitting the film. While they've mastered sorrow, The Cure has never sounded so dark. Boris Williams's pulsing drums mix with high-pitched, bird-like feedback, creating a song that sounds like the movie looks and feels.

Stone Temple Pilots, who contribute "Big Empty," will surprise even the toughest of their critics with their finely crafted powerballad. Infamously known for copying the sound of Pearl Jam on their single "Plush," STP strays more towards the acoustic material of Alice in Chains on this song, showing that even they can make a respectable piece of music.

Contributing a cover of "Dead Souls," a Joy Division classic, is Nine Inch Nails. NIN's Trent Reznor, king of relentless angst, soups up a once-depressing song into a tearing wave of rusty guitars and fuzzy whispers and screams. Reznor's shaky voice and pounding drums echo the anger of Brandon Lee's character in *The Crow*.

The alternative favorites, the Violent Femmes, also make an appearance on the soundtrack, heard here as five-piece band on "Color Me Once." If Trent Reznor's voice represents Lee's anger, singer Gordon Gano's plays the part of his fears. The song moves slowly but comfortably, a refreshing change on a disc full of industrial-fueled power.

On "Golgotha Tenement Blues," by Machines of Loving Grace, rock, dance and doom blend to create one of *The Crow*'s most intriguing, dare I say... sexy tracks. The heavy guitar and groovy bass line will sound fantastic cranking out of your stereo.

Two of the album's weaker performances come from Rage Against the Machine ("Darkness") and Pantera ("The Badge"). While both bands attempt to pound out their messages, they just don't come off as hard enough. As bookends to the Rollins Band's "Ghostrider" and Helmet's "Milktoast," their songs are weak and almost laughable. Luckily, they're also easy to ignore, allowing to enjoy the rest of the album.

A virtual unknown band, For Love Not Lisa, turns in a surprisingly ardent performance in "Slip Slide Melting."

Sonically Smashing Pumpkins-esque, the song rocks, slips into an acoustic melt, then picks up where it left off. The formula is a common one but is wielded well by the band.

Other musicians contributing to the soundtrack include Jane Siberry, Medicine, My Life With the Thrill Kill Kult and The Jesus and Mary Train.

Brandon Lee left the world a captivating, moving piece of brilliance in *The Crow*. The soundtrack will be your personal souvenir.

CARRIE'S CULINARY CONCOCTIONS

So maybe you're having a party. Or perhaps Mom's working late and you just don't feel like Hot 'N' Now (eek) for the third consecutive meal. At any rate, I've conjured up a few recipes that could be helpful in any culinary situation. By the way, I haven't gotten around to testing all these out, so if they turn out OK, let me know.

Raspberry Mint Boisson

1/4 cup sugar
1/2 cup mint leaves
1 medium-sized package frozen raspberries (10 oz.)
1 6 oz. can frozen lemonade concentrate

Combine sugar, leaves, and one cup boiling water—let stand 5 minutes. Add raspberries and lemonade and stir till thawed. Add two cups cold water and stir. You might want to strain the mixture.

*add club soda for fizz!
*stick it in the blender with some crushed ice!

*some measurements are approximate: suit to taste

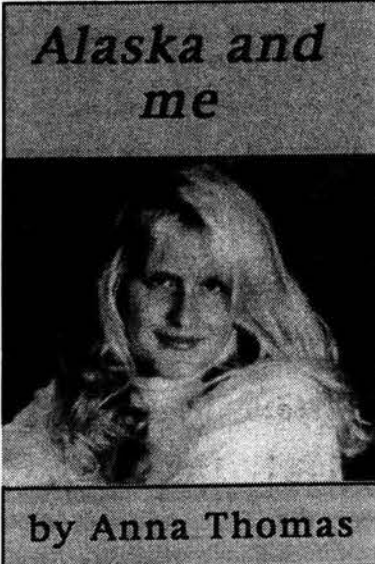
Disappearing Marshmallow Brownies

—Grease a 9x9 pan; heat oven to 350.
—Melt in a large saucepan 1/2 stick butter or margarine 1/2 cup butterscotch chips over medium heat, stirring occasionally
—Remove from heat; cool to lukewarm
—Add 3/4 cup flour 1/3 cup brown sugar 1 tsp. baking powder 1/4 tsp. salt 1 egg 1 tsp. vanilla
Mix until smooth.
—Fold in 1 cup chocolate chips
—Fold in 1 cup miniature marshmallows
—Spread mixture in pan; bake at 350 for 22 minutes

Marinated Grilled Chicken Salad

—Place 2 boneless chicken breasts a square pan or dish. Pour enough Italian dressing in the dish to cover them. Let sit overnight.
—Take chicken out but don't throw away the dressing! BBQ breasts on grill or broil 'em; char to taste. While cooking, baste on leftover dressing generously.
—Cut chicken into strips
—Wash 'n dry 1 head romaine lettuce. Break into pieces and put lettuce in large bowl.
—Add shavings from 1 carrot, 1 sliced cucumber, 1/3 cup grated mozzarella cheese, 2 sliced hardboiled eggs, 1/2 sliced tomato, 1/4 diced onion.
—Add dressing to taste.
—Lay chicken strips on top of salad.

Goat-ingesting trees do laundry



This is not going to be one of those weepy farewell columns. Today is my last day of my senior year, and I have to admit, I'm not feeling all that sad (except for those of you who are stuck here for another twenty-odd days.)

I can now stay up late and watch all the late night infomercials and very realistic episodes of *Baywatch* that I want (can you say *silicone*?) without worrying about dozing off during my slime-mold lab in biology. I can sleep till 10:00 and wake up just in time to catch *Family Ties* and *Happy Days*. Just as the Fonz is slapping the jukebox and the credits are rolling, you should be beginning a healthful school lunch, complete with food items from each level of the new FDA food pyramid.

Actually I am lying. While

you as students of the venerable Central High School are being enlightened with the secrets of the ages, I will be partaking in manual slave labor down at ConAgra. From 7:30 to 5:00 you can find me beneath the flags pulling weeds. Feel free to stop and visit anytime, and if you don't catch me this summer, you are welcome to drop me a note in the fall. I don't know my address yet, but I'm going to Rhode Island, so if you put my name on the envelope, they can probably yell real loud from the post office.

I also have to learn how to do laundry. I don't know, but I think somewhere in my brain is a large clump of anti-washing machine cells. I just can't grasp the concept, at least the way my mom explains it.

"Whites go in hot, colors go in cold, except red which goes by itself unless you want pink underwear, but of course some of your underwear is already pink, and sweatshirts are washed but only dried for ten minutes, and then transferred to a clothesline, unless of course they have a green stripe around the collar, in which case you need to throw in a toad leg and an eye of newt along with the Tide to keep the color vibrant, but of course that's just my way and you never listen to me anyway, so just go to your room."

A long summer is ahead, but four long years are behind me. I guess the question I have to ask myself is, did I learn anything? Sure, I remembered FDR's recov-

ery programs and the process of protein-synthesis long enough to write it on the bottom of my tennis shoe, but I never learned how long a piece of chewing gum really sits in your stomach, or how many licks it takes to get to the center of a Tootsie Roll Pop.

I didn't learn why M & M's melt in your mouth and not in your hand, or just how David Copperfield managed to make the Statue of Liberty disappear (or to get a date with Claudia Schiffer for that matter). I swear it wasn't a camera trick! And I've discovered that I completely lack the ability to see the 3-D image in those annoying hologram posters.

However, I did learn about the existence of giant goat-ingesting trees in the Amazon, and I learned that one should always cross the street at cross-walks.

I think a few drops of academia managed to leak in, too... maybe.

But at this point in the year my neurons are completely disattached. I hope yours are stable enough to withstand another few weeks of mental pummeling.

But don't worry, it's almost over. The time of corny year-book sayings and being blinded by Polaroid cameras in the hall is fast approaching.

Summer is almost here. Long lazy days in the sun, tall dripping glasses of Tang and all the reruns of *C.H.I.P.S.* a girl could want.

10 Ten better things to do than stay in school for a few more weeks.

- 1) See Brandon Lee in *The Crow* and buy the soundtrack.
- 2) Traffic live May 18th at the Civic Auditorium.
- 3) Go to the Playhouse production of *Marvin's Room*, through June 12.
- 4) Buy the Indigo Girls' new album, *Swamp Ophelia*.
- 5) Counting Crows live June 30th at the Mancuso Convention Center.
- 6) Check out the Beatles' movie *Backbeat*.
- 7) James Taylor live July 13th at the Civic Auditorium.
- 8) See Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Requiem Variations*, at the Orpheum June 9-19th.
- 9) Pink Floyd live in Kansas City, June 20th.
- 10) Kiss a freshman goodbye!!

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Team finishes 5-3
Golf team prepares for districts, hopes for state

By Sarah Danberg

"We've had a good year, but not as good as we wanted to have. We were hoping for better things," said boys' golf coach Jim Galus.

The team finished the season with a record of 5-3. In many matches, the team lost by one or three strokes or in sudden death.

"We've had our ups and downs," said Mr. Galus. He said that the team is working for consistency going into districts and state competition.

Out of five tournaments, Central has placed first, second and has received two third places. Brian Wilson, senior, won the Lewis Central Invitational, held April 14. Clark Lauritzen, junior, has medaled in every tournament.

Mr. Galus said that there

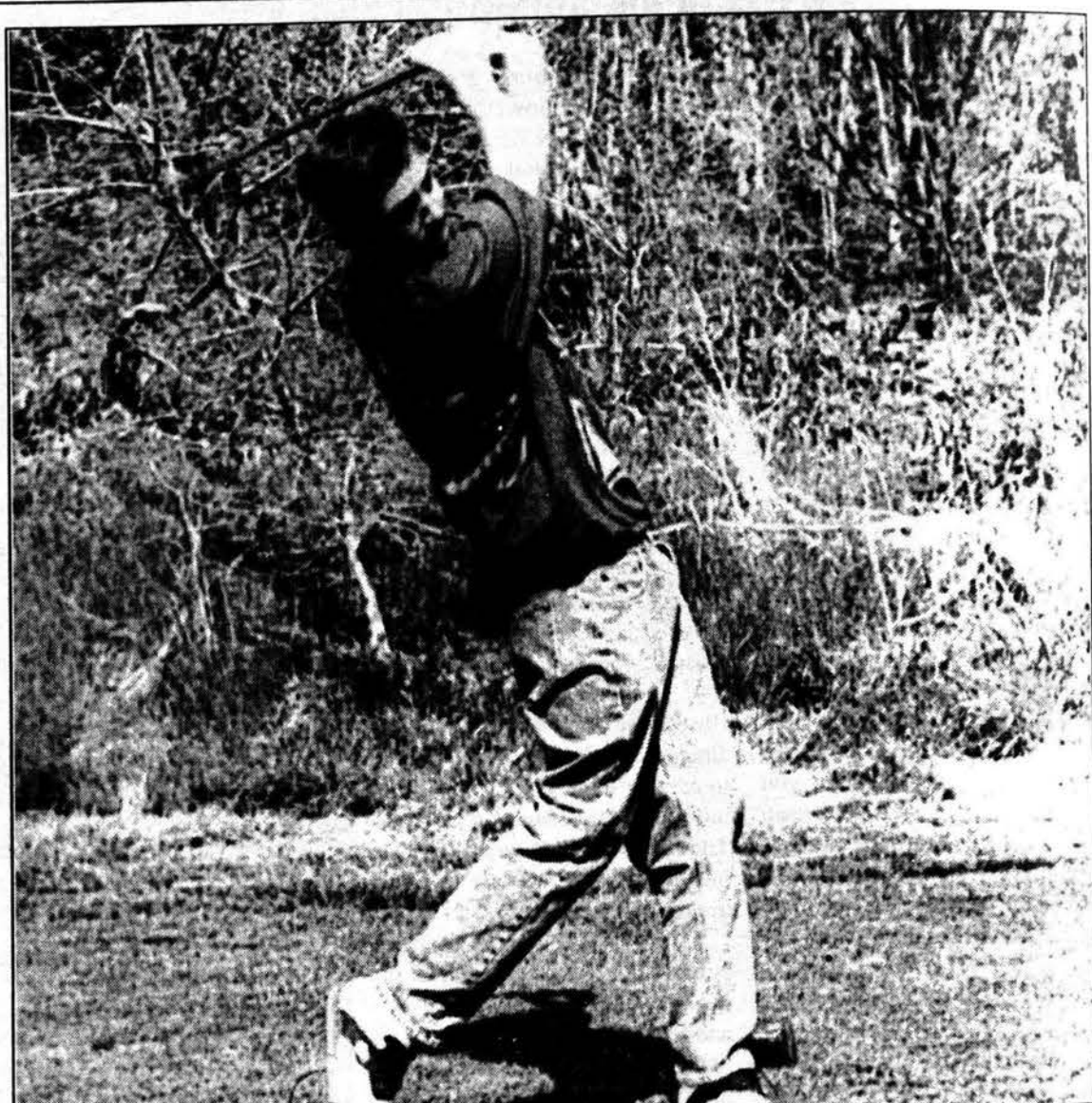
are a lot of returning lettermen that have done well." Many team members have been playing for Central three years, and that gives them more experience when it comes to tournaments, he said.

Junior Pat Lynam said that there is "a strong team unity" among teammates. He said that their goal is to "make it to state," and they are "getting mentally prepared" for competition.

"We look real, real strong," said Tim Langan, junior. "I think we can go to metro, move on to districts, and hopefully win state."

The metro tournament will be held May 12. The district tournament will be held May 17, and the state tournament will be the following week, on May 24.

"I think we're showing signs (of improvement). We just need to peak at the right time," said Mr. Galus.



Follow through: Pat Lynam, junior, watches his shot at a recent match.
 Photo by Brian Wilson

I think we're showing signs [of improvement]. We just need to peak at the right time.
 --Jim Galus

1993-94: A season of excitement, change in sports

Seventh Inning Stretch



By Christy Shearer

The world of sports has certainly had its share of ups and downs during the 1993-1994 season. Many of its images will remain in the minds of sports fans for years to come. All in all, it has been an exciting, although sometimes shocking, season of sports.

In order to remember some of the exciting moments, I have chosen what I feel are the top ten highlights from this past season at Central and beyond.

10. The 1994 Winter Olym-

pics drew a larger audience than ever before. Some sports fans were attracted by the excited faces of amateur athletes as they competed to reach their ultimate goal, and many Olympic fanatics followed the success stories of Dan Jansen and Bonnie Blair as she won her fifth gold medal. However, most television sets were tuned into the latest news on the Tonya Harding saga and viewers anxiously awaited the made-for-TV movie.

9. The Toronto Bluejays captured the 1993 World Series Championship. A new look has already taken shape with the change from two divisions to three and the addition of basketball great Michael Jordan. 1993 also saw the retirement of such baseball legends as George Brett and Nolan Ryan.

8. The Central High softball team managed to capture an eighth place wild card seed in this year's state softball tournament and ended the season ranked tenth in the state.

7. The varsity football team had a great season ending with 7-2 record. In the most memorable game, Central defeated then second-ranked Papillion/LaVista. Also this season, running backs Ahman Green and Damion Morrow, juniors, teamed up to rush over 2000 yards for the Eagles.

6. In the 1994 Orange Bowl, the Nebraska Cornhuskers nearly brought an end to their bowl-game blues. The team faced a fierce Seminole offense, led by Heisman trophy winner and non-draftee Charlie Ward, but the Blackshirts held their ground. The team's efforts finally won them much-deserved nationwide respect.

Also this season, the decision was made to increase the Big Eight to twelve teams, adding Texas, Houston, Texas A&M and Baylor.

5. Two Central gymnasts, Stacey Bolte and Jenny Gruber, were chosen to compete at the National High

School Gymnastics Competition.

The gymnasts have worked hard and competed well for Central, and I wish them luck at the competition.

4. The Central High powerlifting team won both the state and national competitions. Team members Kevin Armstrong, senior, and Hien Nyugen, sophomore, even set new American high school records.

3. Three Central graduates had the opportunity to turn professional in their sports this year. Calvin Jones was a third round NFL draft pick for the Los Angeles Raiders, Kimera Bartee became a member of the Baltimore Orioles organization, and John Musselman began playing professional golf.

2. Jeff Casady, senior, won the Class A State Wrestling title at 103 pounds. Central's team placed third at the district level and sent seven wrestlers to the state tournament.

1. The Central Eagles basketball team gave its fans a great season and a trip to the state tournament for the first time since 1986. The Eagles clinched the district championship and captured a berth in the state tournament by defeating Papillion/LaVista 46-44 in triple overtime.

For all those who have participated or helped with the athletic program at Central, I would like to thank you for all the memories and the feeling of pride that we all have shared this season. Also, good luck next season because I'm outta here!

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'Missouri Valley Tennis' Update

Tennis star serves up bright future

By Sarah Danberg

"My goal is to get a full-ride scholarship to college," said Andrea Friedman, freshman. Andrea is 15 years old and already nationally ranked in tennis.

She first started playing tennis when she was ten years old. She said that her grandmother first sparked her interest in the game.

During the off season, Andrea plays tennis one to two hours every day with her coach Bill Roach.

"He pushes me as hard as I'll work," said Andrea. She added that she likes her coach and they work well together."

Last summer, Andrea played in the Nebraska Tournament. She was one of three out of 30 to move on to the Missouri Valley Tournament.

In the Missouri Valley Tournament, she qualified by placing among the top five out of 300 for nationals.

The national tournament was held in Florida, and there Andrea received her national ranking of 124. "Last year was my best

year," she said.

Andrea said that she usually plays in tournaments during the summer, but there are also a few winter invitationals she attends.

Andrea has traveled to places for tournaments such as Miami, Atlanta, Ft. Lauderdale and North Carolina.

She said her family is very supportive.

Her mom and dad usually take her to the tournaments. "They try and watch every match. They're really into it," she said.

The high school tennis season is almost over, and "Andrea is probably one of the top three seeds in the Metro," Mr. Larry Andrews, Central girls' tennis coach, said.

"She is very talented. She's always come through. She works extremely hard at her tennis," Mr. Andrews commented.

Andrea works every 10th hour with Mrs. Diane Pfeiffer, Cen-

tral aerobics instructor. "She helps me work on foot speed, weight training and conditioning. It has helped me a lot," Andrea said.

Right now Andrea is concerned mainly with getting a scholarship to college. "Her grades are excellent, and she's a good student. She is balancing it all really well," said Mr. Andrews.

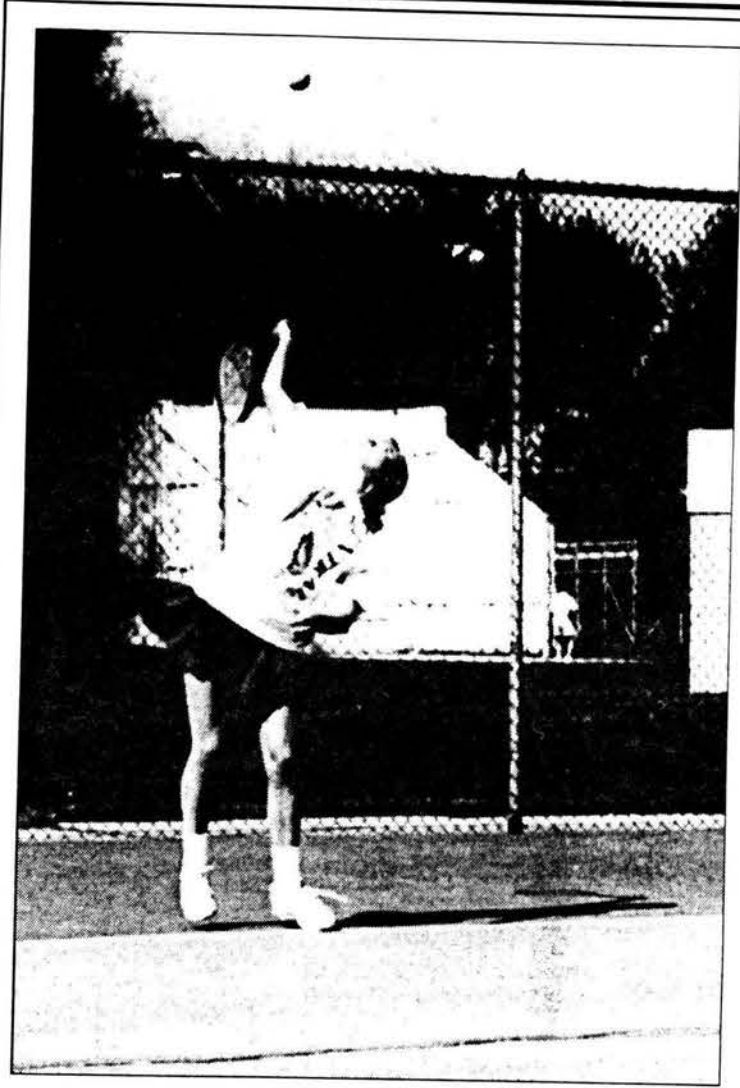
"It is hard to get all my homework done with high school tennis going on, but I've sort of gotten used to it," said Andrea.

Andrea said that after college she might turn pro. "She's got a lot of potential," said Mr. Andrews.

This summer, in addition to other tournaments, Andrea plans to play in the Missouri Valley Tournament again. She will move up an age bracket to 15 and 16-year-olds.

Andrea is probably one of the top three seeds in the Metro.

-- Mr. Andrews



Freezing the opposition: Andrea Friedman serves during a recent match.

Photo by Cathy Moyer.

Will Shields, Derek Brown invited

Central team hosts NFL, college stars

By Michael Sigmund

The First Annual Circle of Stars Football Camp, featuring many invited professional and college football players, will be held at Central High on the 28th and 29th of May.

The camp "is designed to promote the growth and develop-

ment of youth in playing and enjoying football as well as in the acquisition of positive attitudes and values," said a spokesman from Deuce/TRE Productions, the organizing company.

Featured on the "list of invited individuals" are San Diego Chargers' running back Eric Bienemy, Kansas City Chiefs' offensive lineman Will Shields and New Orleans Saints' running back Derek Brown.

Assistant Principal and Athletic Director Paul Pennington

said, "Don't expect most of these players to show up; they will probably be in training camp or with their respective teams."

Mr. Pennington did say that he expects Nebraska quarterback and defensive back Macathorn Clayton and former Nebraska defensive back Marcus Anderson to attend. Many former and current Nebraska players have been invited to attend.

The Central administration or the football department is not involved with or endorsing the camp. Head football coach Joe

McMenamin said that most of his players will go to the camp in Lincoln sponsored by the University of Nebraska but that he is passing out the flyers regarding the Circle of Stars Camp.

A spokesman for Deuce/TRE Productions said, "the highlights include small group participation so that each camper receives individual attention, special guest speakers to challenge and inspire the campers, a free T-shirt and an evaluation sheet that indicates areas of skill that need work."

"You can't teach a child to play football in a couple of days, but you can give them some things to work on for continued development," said the Deuce/TRE spokesman.

The Deuce/TRE spokesman says the camp's objectives are to teach basic football skills, pro-

vide and encourage the development of physical fitness, help campers acquire self-determination, emphasize personal values and to help develop an appreciation of team work.

The Circle of Stars Camp is sponsored by American National Bank, Arizona Iced Tea and John Kraft Chevrolet/GEO.

"Our goal is for each child to have a rewarding sport experience," said the Deuce/TRE spokesman.

The football camp is open to 250 participants in grades 10-12, whether one is a team member or not.

The fee is \$150.00, but athletes with a 2.6 grade point average or higher will receive a \$50.00 discount.

The camp will be held from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. at Central.

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Track wins 100-meter dash, shot-put at Metro

By Brian Wilson

As the season reaches the end, with only the District and State meets left, Central's track team has shown to be a contending force in the Metro area.

At the Metro track meet at Burke High School on May 3 and 4, Central finished fifth among the 18 teams that competed. Mr. Joe McMenamain, track coach, said, "If we would have scored higher in the events we normally score high in, we may have won the meet." Ahman Green, junior, won the 100-meter dash with a time of 10.97 seconds.

Kevin Armstrong, senior, also won his event, the shot-put, with a distance of 52 feet 7 inches. In this same event, Randy Sittig, senior, took third place with 52 feet 1 inch.

Keyland Wright, senior, ran a 15 flat in the 110-meter high hurdles to win third place. Central's 4 x 100 relay team took third place with a time of 43.1 seconds. Relay team members are Damion Marrow, junior, Parnell Walton, sophomore, Ahman Green, junior, and Jake Bond, junior.

Coach McMenamain said,

"This is our fastest time of the year, but with better hand-offs, I think they could have done much better and won easily."

On April 22, the team won the Harold Scott Invitational with a score of 104.33 points. The closest team to Central was Millard South with 87.33 points.

Individually, Ahman and Kevin won first place finishes in their events. Ahman ran 10.7 seconds in the 100-meter dash and 22 flat in the 200-meter dash. Ahman's times are the second fastest in the state so far.

I think we will be very competitive [at state].

--Joe McMenamain

Kevin won the shot-put with a throw of 54.55 feet. Kevin's goal for Districts and State is "to get a 55 foot throw. I'm hoping for my personal best."

The next meet, Districts, were held on May 12 at Burke High. "This was our most critical meet; the top four individuals from each event will go to state," said coach McMenamain.

Following Districts, is State which will be held on May 20 and 21 at Burke High. "I think we will be very competitive and will have a good chance at winning State," said coach McMenamain.

Coach 'Stan' resigns

By Michael Sigmond

Girls' basketball coach Stan Standifer announced his resignation in late April following a four-season tenure and a record of 8 wins against 58 losses. "I decided to give someone else a chance to try to build the program," said Coach Standifer.

Coach Standifer will continue at Central as a physical education instructor and assistant football coach.

Coach Standifer wants to see the girls' team "get off the ground and back to the tradition it had in the 80's with Maurice Ivy." The team that Coach Standifer referred to achieved a 58-game winning streak.

"My 'fondest' memory is getting beat by Millard North and

Millard South by more than 50 points per game. I never had that happen before in my life," Coach Standifer said. "The only regret about leaving is that I don't get a chance to get them back."

"The girls this year were probably the best girls to work with," said Coach Standifer.

Coach Standifer's retirement "came as a surprise" to senior starter Christi Atkison.

"I thought he was an excellent coach. I got along with him great, and I think he had a lot of heart," said Christi.

Senior Vanessa Bangbang is "disappointed" in Coach Standifer's decision because "he could have got it going again; he was a pretty good coach."

Gymnasts go to national meet

Central High seniors Jenny Gruber and Stacey Bolte are two of the four Nebraska seniors who were chosen to compete in the national gymnastics meet. The meet will be held in Marquette, Michigan, on May 27, 28 at the United States Olympic Educational Center.

Stacey was chosen after Shelley Loland, senior, decided not to attend the tournament.

Jenny and Stacey are the only gymnasts going from the Omaha area and are the first to represent Central. "Competition will be great," said Jenny. "This is something I have thrived on during my career."

The meet, which is exclusively for seniors, will be the last high school competition for some gymnasts, while for others this may be their last competition forever. Jenny, who has been associated with gymnastics for thirteen years, is giving up the sport since "there is not much of a future in it, and it just gets harder for the body to do the moves."

The fact that the tournament is exclusively for seniors is appealing to both Jenny and Stacey. According to Stacey, competitors in the national meet will stay on Northern Michigan University's campus. "I look forward to staying on campus and sharing one of my last high school experiences with other seniors."

Girls' soccer 'played well'

The girls' varsity soccer team finished their season with a record of 4-10.

"The team has played very well. We had a great deal of motivation, intensity and hard work. We kept improving with every game," said Coach George Grillo.

Junior Natalie Shepard agreed. "The teamwork and moti-

vation were there. [We had] a lot of spirit compared to last year," she said.

Natalie said that the first few games were rough, but they got better as the season went on. "[We] worked as a team and had a great time," she said.

"We've made tremendous progress in team play," said Coach Grillo. "The seniors have played very well [and] have shown great improvement that has helped the team succeed."

"Even though I'm sad to see the seniors go, I'm looking forward to next year," said Natalie.

Districts were held May 6-11. The state tournament will be held May 14-16.

Boys' lose in second round

Boys' soccer coach, Mr. Tim Herbert, says he is "feeling pretty good" about the team. The team was eliminated in district play, losing to Lincoln East in the second round.

The Central team held a 2-0 lead but Lincoln East scored three quick goals to notch the 3-2 victory and qualify for state. Had Central won the game, they would have earned a seed in the State Championships in Lincoln.

In the first round of district play, Central defeated Plattsmouth 2-1 as sophomore Matt Hein scored a last-minute goal. Coach Herbert said "We were at a disadvantage because the field was small and Plattsmouth is a big, fast team."

Central finished the season with a .500 record, winning six of their last nine games. "We established momentum going into the district tournament," said Coach Herbert.

The team will only lose two seniors and have nine returning starters for next year. Junior Sean Haley expects to have some "strong" freshmen joining the team as well. "We have to look forward to next year and not look back," Sean said.

Baseball ready for summer

The varsity baseball team ended its season at the district tournament May 9-10. The team ended with a 6-12 record.

At the district tournament the team defeated Valley/Waterloo 8-5. The team was down 5-0 in the third inning when Josh DiLorenz, senior, sparked the offense with triple to right field, followed by double by Scott Briganti, senior, and a triple by Khareth Barteo, junior. Ryan Behrens, freshman, started on the mound for the Eagles and pitched three innings, and Gu Jespersen, junior, finished.

The Eagles ended with defeat by Northwest 10-0 on May 10.

Scott said that the team's greatest problem this season was "lack of communication on the field and having one bad inning."

Tryouts began Friday, May 13, for the Eagle's summer team. The team plays about 54 games during the summer including tournaments in Hastings, Nebraska and Blue Springs, Missouri.

Scott said, "Hopefully we'll do better because we're not under a time pressure."

Tennis has 5-3 season

The girls' tennis team had a winning season this year with a record of 5-3.

The varsity team will send its top six finishers to the state tournament. The Metro tournament was held on May 12-13, and State tournament is on May 19-20.

The team's only senior this season, Deeann Hui, said, "I think we'll do better at state than ever before."

"Everyone has competed their best this season, and they have set a great precedent for next year," Deeann said.



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