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March 16, numerous Cenudents and faculty bravely edout to Central's west porch en up their veins for those in

The American Red Cross mobile recently visited Cenand Red Cross volunteers d students and teachers to te blood.

The Bloodmobile was sponby Central's Student Counleacher and Student Councilor Mrs. Judy Storm said, "Stu-Council has always sponsored bodmobile. This is a way to mmunity service."

According to Mrs. Storm, there inly was not a shortage of do-

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nors at this year's blood drive. "There were more students that wanted to give than we could actually schedule," she said.

John Mitilier, junior, gave blood at the Bloodmobile and said that he "decided to give blood to help others."

Gwen Allen, junior and Student Council member, also gave blood for the blood drive. "I felt that I should participate in the blood drive since I'm a part of Student Council."

When a person goes to the Red Cross or to a Bloodmobile to donate blood, a pre-check first occurs, where a person's Social Security number and donation history are reviewed.

A person must be 17 years old, weigh more than 100 pounds, be free

of any maladies/diseases, and must feel well the day of donation in order to donate blood. Also, 52 days must pass between blood donations.

The actual drawing of a person's blood then occurs, taking only five to seven minutes, and donors are then sent to a refreshment area, where they are allowed rest, drink and food for approximately 15 minutes.

Last year, the midwest region of the Red Cross collected 100,000 units of blood, along with additional blood components. This year, they are planning to collect 110,000 units.

According to Ms. Susan Allen, who works in the communications department of Nebraska and western Iowa's American Red Cross, roughly 10 percent of the blood donated to the Red



Making a donation: High school students througout the metro area continuously donate blood to the American Red Cross. Ten percent of blood donations come from high school and college-age students.

Cross is donated by high school and college-age students.

"We've been really fortunate to have student groups throughout the metro area and throughout our region supporting us. I don't know of any high schools in the area that haven't been extremely helpful."

Ms. Allen said that there is a continual need for blood donors because "all blood components have a definite shelf life." Red cells taken from blood must be discarded after 42 days, and platelets must be thrown out after five days.

"We're really encouraging new donors to come in, and we're trying to arise new interest in people who haven't donated for awhile," said Ms. Allen. "If everyone would donate blood twice a years, there would be no blood shortages."

One thing Ms. Allen tries to emphasize when encouraging others to donate blood is that "You cannot get AIDS, or any other bloodborne disease, from donating blood. We use new, sterile needles for each donation."

Would you like to donate blood? Ms. Allen said that the Red Cross is always happy to have people come in and donate blood. "We encourage people to make appointments, but drop-ins are always welcome," she said.

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Drug-sniffing dogs may be of many new additions to the ha Police Department if the Omaha Policing Strategy mes a reality. This proposal completed March 15 and in-S Six new K-9 teams, two opters for Metro Area Air and extensive updating for police communications sys-

During a press conference ch was held on March 15, or Hal Daub suggested ways ch the proposed K-9 teams ld be used. One idea was for dogs to be taken into schools used to aid in drug detection. The reason for the additional hs is to improve the capability he police department in this Ms. Jennifer Meyer, Mayor b's communications coordinator, said.

"The hope is that [the dogs] would act as a deterrent," Ms. Meyersaid. On the hand, other

some educators question the necessity of canines in the schools.

"The use of drugs while students are in school is minimal so I am of the opinion that there is not a need for dogs in the schools," Dr. Norbert Schuerman, su-

perintendent of the Omaha Public The use of drugs while students are in school is minimal...There is not a need for dogs in the schools. -Dr. Schuerman

near future in which both this and other issues will be discussed," Dr. Schuerman said.

Dr. G.E. Moller, principal, *As said that if a large amount of drugs f was found in the school, dogs this would be needed. Though he bedate, I lieves that there may be drugs in have the school, few are ever found. not

"I can't believe that it is anyspowhere near out of hand, where we kento would have to resort to such drasthe tic measures as to employ dogs in mayor the building," Dr. Moller said. about

"[Evidence of drugs found this by dogs] would not stand up well issue, in a legal hearing. A student could but a always say that they don't know meethow the drugs got in their locker or ing is blame their locker partner for havbeing ing the drugs," he said. set up

"Most of the time people who for have drugs don't put them in their the lockers. If they do bring in the very

dogs, the people aren't going to put the drugs in their lockers where they would be found," senior Andrea Hartso said.

While currently there is no grand plan to bring dogs into the schools, people are already beginning to take sides or throw criticisms

"Personally, I think that it's a good idea because there's too much crime and violence anyway in the school. However, I also think that it's an invasion of privacy," junior Crystall Travis said.

Sophomore Sarah Fischer thinks that the dogs are unnecessary. "Mayor Daub has no close relation with the schools as is evidenced by his criticism of our snow days. It would be a waste of both the police department's and the administrators' time, as well as our tax dollars."

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Daub's criticism unwelcome

Mayor Daub is perhaps the most observed individual in the city. His opinions on issues and decisions for the city are intently covered by the press and watched by the citizens of Omaha. As in the case of most public officials, Daub has a responsibility to be discrete in his words, understanding that what he says in public will be listened to no matter how meaningless. Mayor Daub has been in office for only 2 1/2 months, and in that time he has made regretful decisions in the way of public speaking. Well publicized comments Daub made regarding the gambling practices of a neighboring state were clearly inappropriate, but what is just as troubling is Daub's attention to and misplaced comments about issues concerning public education and area school systems.

On Tuesday, March 7, Omaha Public Schools and many other area schools closed due to weather conditions. According to the *Omaha World Herald*, OPS Superintendent Norbert Schuerman based his decision to keep the schools closed on the city's street maintenance crew's prediction that only 30 percent of the streets would be cleared by 7 a.m. Tuesday morning Mayor Daub said he felt that the streets were, in his words, "open and passable."

The Omaha city charter states, "the Mayor shall be responsible for the proper exercise of his executive and administrative powers." Please note the word "proper." Publicly voicing his opinions about whether or not he agrees with the superintendents' decision to close schools is not the proper exercise of the mayor's powers. Actually, in this circumstance, it is an inappropriate use of influence. The mayor has no control over the decisions of the city school system nor should he feel inclined to comment on them. These powers are designated to the superintendent of schools. The superintendent answers to the School Board as well as every parent in his district. He should not have to defend his decisions to the mayor. Issues of educational importance should not be the subject matter of political focus. The superintendent is elected by the School Board so as to avoid the influence of politics in the school system. Clearly, the mayor should not publicly criticize the decisions of school superintendents, nor should he feel his opinions in these matters are of public importance.

During a press conference on Wednesday, March 15, the mayor revealed aspects of his new law enforcement strategy. Included in his plan is the possibility of using police patrol dogs to visit area schools and check lockers for illegal substances. As reported by *Omaha World Herald* writers, Daub said he had discussed the idea with area school superintendents and felt that they looked favorably on the idea. However, when questioned, the superintendents from OPS, Ralston and District 66 said they had not talked to the mayor about the searching dogs proposal. Dr. Schuerman said he could not form an opinion on the ideaof drug-sniffing dogs because the Mayor did not discuss the idea with him.

Forty-three thousand five hundred seventy-seven students in 77 schools are under Dr. Schuerman's authority, and the Mayor failed to discuss with him an idea, which could have great significance on issues under the superintendent's control, before announcing the idea to the public. If the Mayor feels that area schools figure in his law enforcement strategy, it is only logical that he communicates his ideas to the individuals who would know if the ideas would work, the superintendents.

In the future, Daub should remember that our education is not open for political interference. If Mayor Daub wants to make a positive impact on the education in Omaha, he will communicate directly with the superintendents and not thoughtlessly make his opinions know through the press.

Funding changes, a hungry mistake

Congress is trying hard to cut unnecessary costs and excessive spending. The American people expect the government to cut spending and downsize but not at the expense of children and their well-being. A plan presented by Congress to give states control of three federally-funded nutrition programs puts children at risk.

The creator's of the proposed legislation estimate that their plan will save \$6.7 billion over the next five years by cutting administrative costs. They plan to do this by giving individual states control of a system of grants that provide funding for school lunches, daycare nutrition programs



By Nick Stender This issue: The cost of summer school By Sara Co

As you may recall, no funds were allocated for remedial summer school at the secondary level when the budget for the 1994-95 school year was adopted last August. The Omaha School Board is justified in its decision last year to increase the cost of secondary remedial summer school to \$75 a course. I applaud the School Board's decision and see it only fit.

Public education gives every student the opportunity to learn and to be challenged to the fullest. The student's education is paid for by tax-paying citizens. In return, these students help fund education for the next generation of students, and the cycle perpetually revolves.

If a student chooses not to take advantage of the educational opportunity presented to him, why should tax-payers have to pay for his second, third or possibly fourth chance at it? The tax-payers did not let the opportunity pass them by and, rightfully, should not have to pay it.

Opponents of the School Board's decision have no right to complain. The School Board is simply cutting off free money for free loaders who can, but do not attempt to pass. No budgetary reductions were made at the elementary level or for secondary students enrolled in ESL or special education classes.

In fact, students taking summer school should be thanking the School Board for keeping the cost of classes so low.

Finally, I find it rather ironic that these students won't think twice about spending \$75 at the mall, but they'll complain when they have to pay that much for an education that they could have had for "free."

I am against the \$75 fee per class for su mer school. It is ridiculous to assume that ery student who needs to attend summer sch can afford the fee. Not to mention, the peo in the city of Omaha pay enough money for a cation through taxes.

There are students out there who need at mer school to graduate the following ye Some of these kids come from householdst can't afford the expense of summer school. I School Board is being unfair to these studer Students in this situation can't take advanta of the opportunity of summer school. Acader opportunity is a sad thing to lose, and the Sch Board is ensuring it.

Taxes are another reason that there should be a fee. People pay taxes year-round, not during the school year. They shouldn't have pay even more for summer school. There other ways the School Board can pay for su mer school. The city could use the money for cigarette or alcohol taxes to pay for summer school expenses. If they can't do that, the has got to be another way to reduce the fee.

If students cannot afford the high fee of su mer school, where are students going to gu make up classes? If they can't completely w the fee out, they could reduce the fee to an fordable rate.

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and Women, Infants, Children (WIC). WIC is a program that provides supplements for pregnant women, nursing mothers and children under five.

The Federal School Lunch Program began with the National School Lunch Act passed in 1946. The Federal School Lunch Program enables 14 million children to eat nutritional lunches at free or reduced prices. In Nebraska a total of 62,618 children eat lunch free and 24,160 children pay a reduced price. The total cost of the Federal School Lunch Program to U.S. tax payers is \$4.5 billion a year.

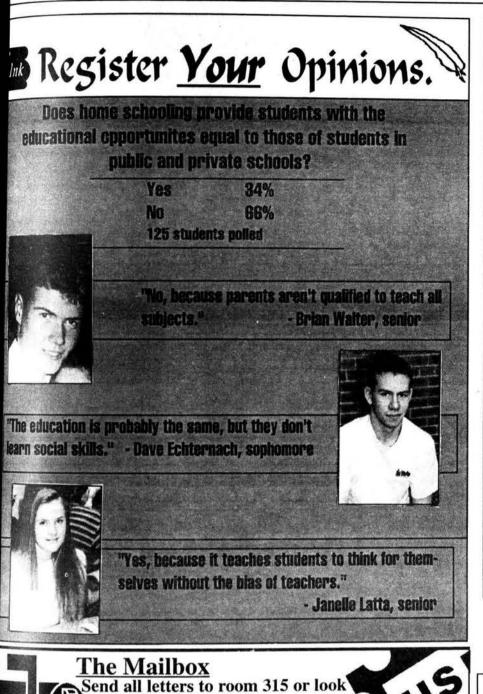
School districts that rely heavily on the subsidies for lunch programs will be especially hurt by this legislation. Connie Stefkovic, administrator at Nutrition Services, expressed concerns about a decrease in program availability if this legislation is passed because some districts will not be able to pay more for the same program. As availability decreases, the amount of children that go hungry will increase.

Currently in Nebraska, every school meal receives a \$.35 subsidy. If the proposed legislation is passed then all school meal prices will increase by at least \$.35. If a student pays \$1.35 a day or \$6.57 a week for lunch now, then under the new legislation, that student can expect to pay at least \$1.70 a day or \$8.50 a week. Over the course of the school year that is a \$70 increase. However, most families have more than one school-aged child. For some families on a restricted budget a \$70 increase is difficult but possible, however an increase well over \$100 is may not be possible.

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lear Editor,

As you know, it is difficult for the marketing teachers to discuss "our side of the story" ue to student privacy issues. We weren't prepared to discuss the issue with the press hen your reporter approached us for information. In response, I have prepared a brief verview of the situation.

The first issue is the violation of school policy. The second issue is the penalties issued. he students made the decision in the first issue, and it is the administrators who will make he decisions in the second issue. These seem to be the facts!

In my opinion, a third issue exists; students that take risks by knowingly violating school olicies, but not being concerned about it until they GET CAUGHT! Then the students rgue, appeal, lie and never admit, "hey, I did violate the policy and now I must serve the onsequence." It seems to always be someone else's fault that the student made a bad ecision.

Getting caught is an issue. It could have been students on a foreign language hayrack ide passing a bottle of booze around and...*getting caught*. It could have been students attending a football or basketball game under the influence of drugs or alcohol, being bearched and...*getting caught*. It could have been a group of athletes celebrating with drugs and alcohol after a game and...*getting caught*. Have the above-mentioned violations happened at some time?—not until someone GETS CAUGHT! Only when someone gets caught and other students see how the situation is handled will we know whether or not the tisk is worth GETTING CAUGHT! Not everyone gets caught speeding on the highway, but sooner or later it will be you. Is it worth the risk? I hope the consequences of such violations will deter students from violating policies that were written to protect students.



A LOOK AT CENTRAL'S PROUD HISTORY THROUGH PAST EDITORIALS 1965-Spring fun foiled by semester finals

"Now is the time for all good students to hit the books. Yes, finals are just around the corner and it's time for every student to settle back and begin to review the semester's work. We all know that we are just fooling ourselves by saying that, "It's too late to study." Even the brightest minds need refreshing.

Just how to go about studying for finals is a great puzzler. What should be reviewed? What is important? These are just a few of the questions students are asking.

Begin by collecting all your class notes, study guides, and examinations. Make sure that you have your textbook, also. Read all of your notes very carefully. Study your past tests and take special notice of all errors so that you won't make the same mistakes again. Scan your textbook, giving extra attention to all words and phrases in bold face type. These are the most important items.

After you have studied all of these items carefully, you have probably done about all you can in the way of studying. Be certain to get a good night's sleep the night before the final."

1989- Central calls for recycling programs "Omaha and many other cities throughout the United States are making a commend-

able effort to recycle. Central should join the effort.

The city has made a plan with a company which will sort the city's trash and recycle it. Surely the city would pick up recyclable materials from schools if they would pick up recyclables from homes.

Schools have an abundant supply of recyclable materials. Considering all the paper used and pop cans emptied by students and teachers, Central's contribution would be a large one. Beginning a recycling project would not be difficult if groups such as the Student Council, National Honor Society or any other clubs were willing to spend some time organizing.

Recycling alleviates two problems: where to put trash, and more long-term, how to preserve resources. The city officials who are researching recycling and actually instituting recycling programs deserve recognition and support. Central should do its best to follow the city's lead."

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THE WATER BY CLIFF HICK



here's an issue that's been bother-

ing me for a while now. Everybody talks about it, but no one actually stands up and denounces it, but that's what I'm here for, right? That issue is school politics.

People deny that high school is imminently political, but those people are usu-

"You won't be able to do anything else."

tual artists who have taken art classes? Couldn't the science, history and English departments coordinate so that all term papers are not due within a week of each other? Shouldn't we avoid giant field trips and midterms falling close to each other? But no, teachers are becoming like little children, refusing to share their new toys.

Every department is guilty of this to some extent. Athletics falls into the same problem. One student told me that they were told "You have no life except for us." They only want you to participate in their event, nothing else.

Does this bother any of you the way it bothers me? What happened to "getting a full and enriching high school experience"? What happened to "taking advantage of all the opportunities presented to you as a student"?

The sad reality is that high school is turning into another red-tape theme park, where you have to stand in line for three hours to get one good ride, and if something

Vicki Wiles, marketing instructor

unding changes, a hungry mistake

Hunger and its dangers cannot always be seen from the outside. Studies have proven me and time again that hungry children do not do as well in school as their class mates who hjoy adequate nutrition. For example, Tufts University School of Nutrition reported that w-income elementary school students who participate in school breakfast programs show gnificant improvements in their school work. School officials have noted over the years hat children who do not eat breakfast or receive the proper nutrition often tire quickly, get ck easily and have trouble concentrating. A decrease in the availability of free or reduced rice school lunch programs and other nutrition services will cause an increase in malnourthed children who are not capable of succeeding because they are hungry.

In a perfect world there would be no hunger. Every individual would have adequate ^{utrition}. We do not live in a perfect world. Hunger exists and is a reality for many children. ^{chool} lunch programs, daycare nutrition programs and WIC help children get a good start in ^{fe} with proper nutrition. The efforts Congress is taking to cut unnecessary and excessive ^{pending} is admirable. However, the proposed legislation will hurt children who depend on ^{hese} programs to keep them healthy. ally adults. How can we tell high school has the inner workings comparable to any bureaucracy? Quite simply, look around you.

"If you join us, this is all you'll have time for all year." How many times have you heard that? Myself, I've heard it twice, and to be blunt, it just isn't so.

Teachers seem to treat students like commodities, hoarding them for their own life. They believe that their cause is the *only* cause and that they shouldn't be forced to share you.

Have your parents carried on as much as mine have, about the things they did when they were in high school? Truth be told, all our parents were involved in a lot more activities than many of us will ever be, simply because teachers will *not* work together.

Let's talk cooperation. Is it that hard for departments to get along? Wouldn't it be wise for the department to ask for aid from any other departments of the school? Can you imagine how much better set backrounds would look when done by acgoes wrong with the ride, you're out of luck.

Many of these people claim it is because students don't have time to do more than one thing. My first point is that if our parents could do it, why can't we? My second point is that if teachers would coordinate their efforts, students would have more than enough time for almost anything they wanted to, sports, journalism, theater, art, debate, etc.

So where does that leave you, the student? With two options, neither of them very enjoyable. Your first choice is to not participate in anything at all, an option that leaves you out in the dark and not very well off. The second one is what I'd recommend and the option I took myself, do everything that you want to and take the abuse.

Sooner or later, teachers are going to realize that we as students are not going to stand for this treatment anymore. I encourage all of you to enjoy as many opportunities as you can and to get around doing only one thing, despite what teachers tell you. Remember, this is your youth, not theirs.

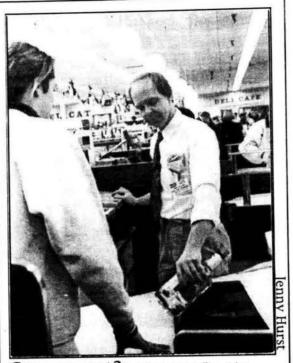
A NEWS Central High Register 'Cops in shops' to stop illegal purchase of alcohol 'Cops in shops' to stop illegal purchase of alcohol

By Sarah Danberg

"WARNING! Under 21? If you're too young to buy, don't even try," reads the message on hundreds of posters, stickers and buttons being passed around the community recently. Perhaps you have even seen some at Central. This is the slogan for a new campaign designed to stop the illegal purchase of alcohol by minors.

The program, called "Cops in Shops," is sponsored by Stampede Omaha: A Century Council Coalition

The Century Council is a national, non-profit organization designed to reduce the number of drunk drivers and under-age alcohol consumers. It is supported by more than 800 brewers, vintners, distillers and wholesalers. The program is also in cooperation with the Omaha Police Department, Nebraska State Patrol and various retailers.



Cop or not?: The new "Cops in Shops" program will have police officers posing as employees.

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places will be grocery stores, convenient marts, stop and go places," Mr. Jay Fisher, coordinator of Stampede Omaha, said. Mr. Fisher

said that this program, which was established in 1991, is similar to other such programs, "but with a re-emphasis to tackle the problem." "The big

In 1985, Nebraska raised its drinking age from 18 to 21 because of government incentives. Most states followed Nebraska in 1987.

Nebraska law reads that minors attempting to purchase alcohol would be fined up to \$500 and serve up to 90 days in a juvenile detention center.

Adults attempting to purchase alcohol for a minor could face one year in jail or a \$1,000 fine. The minor they purchased for will also be punished.

will be two officers at each sto

one behind the countera one in the parking lot.) Fisher estimated that a where from eight to stores would probably targeted in a night.

The stores willben domly picked. "Therea ers have been very su portive. They're ve happy to be a part of this Mr. Fisher said. Hea mentioned that poste stickers and buttons w be passed around the co

munity and will also be posted stores.

"We know it won't solve t problem, but we think it will help he concluded.

Alcohol-related crashes rema the number one cause of dea among teens nationally. Omaha one of the test cities for this nation program.

Starting April 13, undercover OJC provides real life experience

By Angela Parks

Are you currently a junior who still is unsure of plans for the future?

Omaha Job Clearinghouse [OJC] helps students who plan not to attend college receive real-life work experience within their chosen field of interest.

"The OJC is a cooperative effort between Omaha Public Schools, Metropolitan Community College and the Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce," said Mr. Bob McMeen, Central job counselor.

"The goal of the program is to reach out to students who do not plan to go to college."

Mr. McMeen also said the program is excellent because it "teaches the students job-seeking skills, how to write a resume, complete a job application and maintain a job.

The program expanded this year by focusing on a wide diverse student population which includes any student who is unsure of future career and educational plans.

Ms. Vickie Douglas, counseling and educational coordinator for OJC, said that the expansion means a student may participate even if they later do decide to go to college.

businesses and students that Ms. Douglas commented on are:

*Allows a business to preview a potential employee's performance

*Develops an individual's loyalty to an organization

*Molds a young person to fit a company's needs

*Expands a company's labor pool by recognizing students who are many times not considered for employment

*Provides students a chance to experience the workplace and explore entry level positions in a career of their choice.

*Leads to job opportunities or good references for students.

When students participate in OJC, they participate in a program called "job shadowing." Through the "job shadowing" experience high school students are introduced to companies in which they have a potential career interest.

small amount of money for attending a full day of seminars on Saturdays. At the seminars students talk and receive help on their future plans.

"Students are followed closely, have one-to-one instruction and encouragement from OJC staff," Mr. McMeen said.

Ms. Douglas said that OJC will start coming to the area high schools and conduct interviews of juniors who wish to join the program. Then the students will have to attend a week of intensive seminars in the summer and then, during the school year, participate in the job-shadowing program

She also said that OJC works with grades 4-12 on their future plans by having workshops and classes

Mr. McMeen said that Central joined the program about three years ago. There are approximately five active students in the program at Central.

Senior Nichelle Moten is one of the participants in OJC. She said that she joined the program because she was unsure about attending college. She did some job shadowing at First National Bank, Bahner Col-

Silver anniversary celebration Earth Day still going strong

By Cliff Hicks

Twenty-five years ago, on April 22, the first Earth Day was held in 1970. This year marks the silver anniversary of the festival "for this uncertain notion that we the people are a part of the Earth, not apart from it," said Frank Graham, Jr., field editor for Audubon.

Earth Day, when it was dreamed up in 1970 by Senator Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin, was considered by some to be a scam to deflect the nation's attention from the war in Vietnam. Others claimed it was a communist plot, as the April 22 date coincided with the 100th anniversary of Lenin's birth.

Ecologists, however, claimed it was about time something was done about the environment.

Some of its first issues were: the Everglades, the blackened beaches from blowouts of oil-rigs off the coast of Santa Barbara, pesticides, Los Angeles

festivities that evolved into Earth Day, despite numerous setbacks

Many things happened on the first Earth Day, from prayer vigils to trail hikes.

It was thought, however, that this would be a one time only event by many, though some skeptics began to concede after the first one that Earth Day would be on the calendar for years, not faded into obscurity.

Since then, the National Environmental Policy Act has virtually been rewritten, added Clean Water Act, a Marine Mammal Protection Act, an Endangered Species Act and a Safe Drinking and Toxic Substances Control Act.

After 25 years, the message of Earth Day is still being broadcast loudly as April 22 on almost every calendar in the U.S. reads "Earth Day."

Earth Day will be recognized in Omaha Sunday., Apr 23 with a celebration held in the Heartland of America Park. Many environmental groups cluding Central's Green Eagles club, will be participating in the festivities. The Green Eagles club will have a booth focusing on the environmental education of children.

Ms. Douglas said OJC links schools and businesses together to create "promising futures for local students and businesses within the community.

Some of the advantages for

The students experience the company's workplace through a series of up to four half-days of job shadowing.

Students do not get paid for job shadowing, but they do receive a

lege and Rose's Beauty School.

Nichelle is now planning on attending college, but she said that OJC is a good program and that everyone should join it even if their plans to attend college are definite

smog and the sewage in Ches peake Bay.

Nelson hired Denis Hayes, a student from Harvard Law School, to assume control of the operation. Hayes planned the

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National Youth Service Day to be held

National Youth Service Day will be held on April 22 beginning at Adams Park. The Mayor's Youth Council supports National Youth Service Day.

The day will begin at 10 a.m. beginning with a clean-up of Adams Park. Eventually workers will progress into collecting canned goods for the Salvation Army and Lydia House

There are numerous organizations involved in National Youth Service Day. Any organization interested in being involved in National Youth Service Day can contact Tammy Langan at 444-4547.

Later in the evening of April 27, there will be a forum on substance abuse at Westside Community Center that is open to the public.

The forum will begin at 7:00 and will last about an hour.

CHS students place in Metro, State Science Fairs

The annual Metropolitan Science and Engineering Fair Conference was held Saturda March 18 at Benson High School. Senior Jim Kovarik, junior Lindsay Conn. and treshmi Rachel Slosburg competed. Jim Kovarik received honorable mention, and Rachel Slosbu received first in her division and third overall.

The annual Greater Nebraska Science and Engineering Fair was held Sat., March 25 Nebraska City. Rachel and Jim advanced to state competition. Rachel placed first in environment mental science, and Jim placed fourth in physics. Rachel's display was "Water Purity Jim's project was called "The Analysis of the Frequency of Sound in Boiling Water

Central student named JCL president of state

Junior Charile Yin had the honor to be named Nebraska Junior Classical League predent. Each candidate presented a speech and the schools would cast their vote. Chartle a against two other candidates, one from Creighton Prep and one from North Platte. Charl plans to bring great achievements to Nebraska. He took over the competition by receiving out of 12 votes. Charlie has been in JCL for three consecutive years.

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acher from another school at the onference. The teacher notified the otel security about the incident.

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Twelve CHS students at ne DECA conference were mplicated in the possession of cohol. Ten students were sent ome on the night of March 13.

During the week that ollowed, Central's administrators ad conferences with the twelve mplicated students. "We are trying collect facts and that takes time," Moller said.

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It makes me sick. This is a time During March 12-14 the DECA when what is in writing allows no ate conference was held at the consideration or flexibility for any circumstances," he said.

To date, six of the twelve implicated have been reassigned to ISC for the remainder of second ts Nared, assistant principal, gave semester. If any of these students are speech to DECA students unhappy with the decision, they have the right to appeal.

The appeal process starts with a hearing with the student and old the students that the conference their parents to an OPS hearing examiner. If the student and parents at they would be under the regular are unsatisfied with the examiner's

> decision, the case is heard in front of the School Board. After that, there are no other appeals. A

Central junior w h 0 participated in the conference and was reassigned to ISC said he will not appeal. "I have nothing to appeal. I know

I am guilty."

Mrs. Nared said she does not think that Central students were the only ones with alcohol. "I believe, if they searched other kids' rooms, they would have found just as much alcohol. I am positive of it," she said.

Nared also said that she was surprised at the type students involved. "I am not surprised the kids are drinking, but I am surprised at the kids who did it. I did not expect these students to engage in this type of activity," she said.

Mr. Harry Gaylor, marketing director, said he was also sur prised. "I am surprised and disappointed but what worries me is that the students were more disappointed that they were caught than in what they were doing. Alcohol is an abusive thing," he said.

Gaylor said that he was not leohol will have a mandatory upset that it was mostly Central eassignment to ISC for the students who got caught. "When emainder of the semester with a you are on the highway, someone andatory enrollment in a will pass you and then you will get lagnostic drug and alcohol pulled over for speeding. That is just rogram. "I have no leeway at all. the way it is," he said.

DECA students conquer at state conference

By Colleen Cleary

Once again, Central High School cleaned up with awards at the 38th annual DECA career development conference. Central won 11 trophies, 17 medals and 14 certificates at the conference. The conference was held in Omaha at the Holiday Inn Central on March 12-14. More than 900 students, chapter advisors and Nebraska business people were in attendance, 65 of whom were from Central. "We are very happy with our performance," Mrs. Vicki Wiles, marketing teacher, said.

The competitive events at the conference tested individual members' knowledge and skill in the individual career areas that they selected. The student must be able to participate in a simulated business situation assuming the role of the client, customer or employee. The students are given a case study and then must act appropriately as a judge assumes a role in the setting. Students must also take two written tests to prove their comprehensive knowledge of their career field.

Another type of competition was individual written projects. The event consists of a prepared 30-40 page written research report on specific career topics and activities. "The conference was a really hectic three days for all of us there," Laura Richards, junior, said.

The Grand Awards Ceremony was held on Tuesday, March 14. Governor Nelson spoke at the ceremony along with special speaker Joshua McKarcher, national DECA president.

Students earning State Series Trophies and qualifying to represent Nebraska at National competition were first place winners, junior Paul Rumbaugh, and seniors Brian Ellefson and Ben Stone. Second place winners include seniors Kris Berg, Esperonsa Riveria, Amy Glup, Monique Huston and junior T.J. Brumfield. Thrid place winners were seniors Allison Heller, Sara Eagle and Sarah Vance.

Students earning State medals were seniors Erin Bullington, Jim Turco and Brian Wattier. Juniors were Nick Stender, Jon Shradar and Sara Boro.

Those earning first places in

individual tests were juniors Sara DeWitt, Paul Rumbaugh, Sara Boro, Nick Stender, Jon Shradar and Andrew Gaylor; seniors, Amy Glup, Brian Ellefson, Ben Stone, Monique Huston and Kate Lavia .

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Earning second place in individual tests were seniors Sara Eagle, Esperonsa Riveria, Sarah Vance and Gus Jespersen. Juniors were Lindsey Schulz, Laura Richards, T.J. Brumfield and Nick Stender.

Earning third place in individual tests were seniors Liz Bell and Esperonsa Riveria. Juniors include Jan-Michael Williams, Andy Shroeder, Dana Whitmarsh and Nick Stender.

Members of the first place quiz bowl team were: seniors Amy Glup, Brian Ellefson, Gus Jesperson and Jim Turco. They are the only quiz bowl team that will represent Nebraska at national competition.

Mr. Harry Gaylor, marketing director, was very pleased. "It was a great year. We have Central students representing us at nationals in 10 of the 16 events," he said.

Students form All-Star Band

By Sarah Pugh

An All-Star Band is being formed to provide music for Aksarben's Centennial Jubilee Celebration. Two hundred high school students from Nebraska and western lowa who will make up the band will also have the opportunity to play for events at the Omaha Community Playhouse and eventually perhaps a professional football game.

"We wanted some special music." said Dr. James Saker, chairman of the music department at UNO. "We hope that this will become an annual event even without the Jubilee."

Applications were sent out to all high schools two weeks ago. Band members will be selected on the basis of teacher recommendations and student performance. At most, five students

from each school," said Dr. Saker. "But every school will have at least one representative."

Approximately 50 members of the UNO Marching Mavericks have agreed to donate

their time

"Support

"We couldn't have done this without support from the community. It's been very challenging, but it's exciting now that things are coming together so well."

The All-Star Band's first performance will be Saturday, May 13 in the Aksarben Coliseum for the Jubilee celebration. Ms. Rauch also said the band will be seen out and about at various performances throughout the weekend of the Centennial celebration.

Chip Davis, Grammy Award winning producer and composer for Mannheim Steamroller, completed a special arrangement of the Star Spangled Banner for the All-Star Band. He will be present at the kick-off in order to conduct the group in their ' first performance May 13.

Tickets for the Jubilee celebration are available through the Aksarben ticket office. An Aksarben

can come from any one school. "We will try to select the best

phenomenal," said Vicki Rauch, membership is not necessary in order to attend the event. administrative assistant to Dr. Saker.

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CHS student receives Legion of Valor Bronze Cross

JROTC Battalion Commander Kent Herzog was recently announced as the winner of both the Legion of Valor Bronze Cross for Achievement and the position of Deputy Brigade Commander. The Legion of Valor medal is awarded to only twelve people in the United States each year. Both high school and college levels of ROTC are included in the selection of those twelve people.

"[The Legion of Valor] is just recognition of hard work and scholastics in the ROTC program," Herzog said.

According to Major Richard Yost, JROTC instructor, each of the seven Omaha Public High Schools sends its commander to compete together with the other commanders in a group. It is the results of this competition which determines each commander's Brigade position.

The new Brigade positions were announced during the Military Ball which was held March 16. The Deputy Brigade Commander position which Herzog received is the second highest position in the city.

"[Kent Herzog] is one of three people to win this prestigious award for Central in the last twelve years," said Major Yost.

Boys and Girls State participants chosen

and aid in

order to guide the All-Star Band.

They will serve as both mentors and

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chaperones to the fledgling band.

On June 10, four chosen Central students will be participating in Girls' and Boys' State for a week. The students will take part in a model state government congress with other juniors representing their high schools in Nebraska. The students will be staying on the campus of University of Nebraska. The two girls representing Central are juniors Sarah Boro and Jesica Christensen. The junior boys are Jeremy Evans and Matthew Whitten. The alternates chosen are juniors Angela Parks, Tanya Watzke, Jon Lynch and Garner Girthoffer.

Student receives \$5000 scholarship

Sarah Boro, junior, had the honor to receive a \$5000 minimum scholarship to the University of Rochester in New York. Sarah's A.P. world history teacher, Mrs. Carol Valdrighi, announced that anyone who was interested in receiving a scholarship sign up on a sheet of paper. Sarah's name was drawn. "You can get more than \$5000, It depends on your qualifications," Boro said. Selected schools all over the U.S. were able to enter in the drawing.



News/Features Central High Register Central equestrians gallop through high school

By Mimi Douglas

The amount of pressure that is placed on students today can be excruciating, especially if they don't have a form of emotional release. For some CHS students, this release can be found in horseback riding.

Senior Julie Whitney enjoys riding because it "keeps your mind off of your problems. If you get in a fight with someone, you don't have time to think about it while you're riding." Horses demand your complete attention, she said.

Julie started riding eight years ago following her inquiry into an advertisement in the newspaper. It offered a special deal for a certain number of horseback riding lessons at Ponca Hills Farm.

Back then, Julie hadno idea that her interest would lead to eight years of horses.

Julie rides at least once a week, and three to four times when she is exercising horses for other people.

Junior Laura Perry has also been riding for eight years. Like Julie, Laura doesn't own her own



Riding high: Laura Perry, junior, aboard Irish Lace, hones her riding skills as a way of relaxation and enjoyment at Ponca Hills Farm.

horse, but she leases one from Ponca.

Laura rides about five times a week and agrees that riding is a great stress-reliever.

"Riding takes your mind off of

school [and takes you away from] the city and your pressures," she said.

"You have to be calm when you ride; it's all that you can think about," Laura said. Concentration is especially essential when you are jumping, which is both Laura and Julie's favorite event.

"You have to concentrate on guiding the horse and helping him along," Julie said.

Although both girls thriveon the atmosphere of competitive. show jumping, they both agree that the most relaxing aspect of riding is being able to get out on the open trails.

"Going on trail rides totally relaxes you," Julie said. "It's quiet," Laura agreed and added, "you're out in the open, you're in another world."

Senior Erin Varner also rides, but unlike Laura and Julie, she does it strictly for pleasure. She rode a little bit when she was younger, and it has "become a hobby," she said.

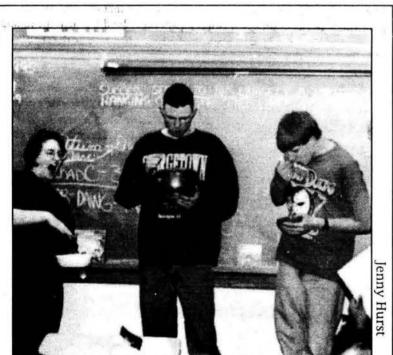
"It's the horse and rider working together; it's a stress-reliever," Erin said.

Erin owns her own horse which she boards in town.

She rides occasionally, when she has the time, though not as often as she would like to The best feeling, is after a les-

son when you feel like you've accomplished something, or when you teach your horse something new, Laura said. "The experience is really rewarding."

Reading class benefits many



Actions speak louder than words: Mrs. Mary Branson's 10th period reading class acts out Goldilocks and the Three Bears.

in a World-Herald advertisement with their Creative Teacher Award.

Mrs. Branson's students enjoy her class and said that they are learning a lot. Anne Gilbert, senior, said, "There's more excitement here [than in English class]."

Todd Partusch, sophomore, said that his reading has improved. "It [reading] is my most fun class of the day. I know definitely that I read faster, and I also know that I probably wouldn't read if I didn't have a time set aside each day to read."

Students participate energetically; remembering sayings to help them in their reading.

Mrs. Branson said that if a student mispronounces a word, the class responds with "you must not be 'Hooked on Phonics'." Or if a student does not want to read his story in front of the class, a fellow classmate may respond with the slogan above the chalkboard, "Your 'I will' is more important than your IQ."



By Jacob Slosburg

It is required that students read certain literary works for English classes. In Mrs. Mary Branson's class, however, it is only required that students read.

Mrs. Branson teaches the elective reading course at Central. In her class, students select their own novels to read and do not take quizzes or tests over them. They do, however, have to participate in discussion and write response journals revealing their attitudes and feelings toward certain circumstances in the work.

The class is based on effort and its chief goal is to make students "want to read." Mrs. Branson said that she is not having problems meeting this goal.

"My biggest problem is getting

them [the students] to put their books down."

Mrs. Branson has found ways to get her students to put their books down though.

By incorporating innovative and creative activities into the classroom, she has kept her students' interest.

Some of these activities include hiring professional story-tellers, video-taping students' readings of their own fairy tales and taking field trips to local elementary schools to read to third and fourth grade ESL [English as a Second Language] classes.

In fact, Mrs. Branson's teaching techniques are so superior that she has been awarded a \$2200 grant for her class. ConAgra provided this grant and recognized Mrs. Branson Mrs. Branson said that she tries to incorporate all methods of teaching reading from suffixes and prefixes to phonics in her class. She believes that "a strong phonics background helps anybody."

Attim Jones, senior and student in Mrs. Branson's class, said, "This reading program allows people to pinpoint what they need to work on in their dictation and phonics." Therefore, the students are able to read and learn more efficiently.

Jones added that a lot of students don't realize "how illiterate they are until they read some of the material our English classes offer." Mrs. Branson hopes to end this illiteracy, and judging by the class' current popularity, she is.



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However, if told this, the stageraft crew would take it as a com-

diment. Their objective snot to be seen, heard ornoticed in any way.

Stagecraft is a nour of eight students who build and take apart all of the sets, move the props between acts, run the separate curtains at the appropriate times and arrange the lighting sequences for each perormance.

"[Stagecraft is] reponsible for the smooth transition of how a play goes." said Mr. Larry Hausman, stagecraft and art teacher. "We do all he backstage work."

"We make sure that he creativity of the acors is embellished to its ullest for the audience's leasure." Mr. Hausman said.

Mr. Hausman also said that, in addition to the Stagecraft class which meets daily durng both ninth and 10th nours, these students also stay after school ev-

eryday during the two to three weeks before a show so that they will be on hand during rehearsals.

Mr. Hausman said, "While the stage crew gets no applause, it does all the work."

"If you know that you did a

good job and can quickly cover-up your mistakes, you're content with what you've done," said junior T.J. Brumfield, stage hand.

Although Brumfield does not take the stagecraft class, he helped out during Road Show.

Junior Crystal Rhoades, student director of Road Show, said, the Orpheum, and the people who make it work are the stage hands. However, they really are a lost and unknown people," Mr. Hausman said.

Mr. Hausman has taught at Horace Mann Junior High, Omaha Technical School, and the Individual Study Center before beginning at

Central.

His teaching of stagecraft began fifteen years ago when he had little knowledge of lights, the sound board or other important aspects of stagecraft.

"I learned with the kids," said Mr. Hausman.

"I also read many books on the subject and got help at from times M r s Georgeson [drama teacher]."

"The most important thing about stagecraft is the

people involved. We're very important to one another," Mr. Hausman said.

According to Mr. Hausman, the most magical thing about it is that the audience doesn't know who we are, but we make everything work.

Privitera studies opera By Sarah Danberg

"Opera is something I just fell into," said senior Rebecca Privitera. Already Rebecca has fallen into many roles in productions throughout Omaha. Next year, Rebecca plans to go to Italy to study opera.

Rebecca's first stop next year will be in Catania, Sicily. There she will stay with relatives, take voice lessons and get a "basic understanding of the language." After she masters the language, she will take regular classes at the university. Probably within a year's time, she will apply to The Milan Conservatory, located in Milan, Italy. Rebecca said that she will apply to the Conservatory as she would a normal college, but she must go and audition in person. "Talent-wise, they know what they are talking about," she said. If accepted, she will take voice lessons there and study to become an opera singer.

"Italy was one of the birth places of opera. It is so much larger than life. They really try to build it up," Rebecca said. She said she chose Italy to go to because of this reputation, her relatives and also her father knows many people in the music business there. Although he was almost an opera singer himself, Rebecca said that he never pushed her. "There is no way you can do it if you don't want to. It takes too much emotion," she said.

"It has really been luck or fate or something," she said. Rebecca was only 13 when she had her first audition, which was for Opera Omaha's production of "The Magic Flute." Her former music teacher, Ms. Jacque Hosbach, was the one who first encouraged Rebecca to try out. Ms. Hosbach also sings with Opera Omaha.

"I auditioned for a boy's part in 'The Magic Flute'," Rebecca said. She added that she had to sing in German, and at the time she was taking French. "They put out a line, and I had to sing it," she said. Originally Opera Omaha was looking for a male to play the part, but it was given to Rebecca. "That was where I got my start," she said.

Subsequent roles followed. Rebecca played the part of the Shepherd Boy in Opera Omaha's production of "Tosca." Her sophomore year at Central she played the role of Cupid in the world premiere at Opera Omaha of "Gardens of Adonis." Rebecca said she had fond memories of that opera, which only had seven characters, because the composer, Hugo Weisgall, frequently came to rehearsals and praised her work.

Perhaps one of her most memorable roles was when she was in the world premiere of "Requiem Variations" last summer. Rebecca was in the offstage chorus and sang a solo. She said that the experience was 'thrilling" because she got to sing for Andrew Lloyd Webber, the famous composer of opera. "I sang my solo the best when he was there. When I was 11 years old I was infatuated with him," she said.

Rebecca said that she is looking for more challenging roles. "I am at this point of life when I can't do little boy roles anymore. My voice is changing. Opera is a lot of hard work, but I think it is worth it. I love hearing the applause and being with other singers," Rebecca said. Until she leaves, she will concentrate on building up her voice and taking care of it. She practices singing daily in CHS Singers and A Cappella here at Central.

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Curriculum specialists versus department heads Central holds to tradition when managing school departments

By Laura Richards

What is the best way to mange a department? Should a teacher thois very knowledgeable in a ceran subject area control the specific lepartment for all grade levels, or hould someone who is not necessarily a teacher take over four to six

Central has found success with department heads and will continue to use them under principal Dr. G.E. Moller. "It is a building's prerogative to choose their system [of curriculum format]," said Dr. John Mackiel, assistant superintendent for personnel. Dr. Moller chose to

ous benefit is that they are teachers, so they know what the students are learning and are aware of new teaching methods. Teachers often say that administrators haven't been in the classroom, so they don't know what it is like.

Dr. Moller said, "With department heads teaching classes, they

For example, if the schools group certain subjects together, there can be a common underlying thread that can be beneficial to all teachers, according to Mr. Bigsby.

Burmood said at Burke they are in the

process of changing **T** he chief systems be-

According to the 1994 OPS salary schedule, curriculum specialists make five percent more than department heads, but they work an extra two weeks. Once averaged out they would make approximately the same amount. Mr. Harry Gaylor, market-

> ing teacher, said that curriculum specialists are cheaper in the long-run because there are fewer of them than department heads. Mr. Gaylor said that there are positives and negatives 10 both sides. "If the school has been re-organized under curriculum specialists to fit complementing curriculums together, then I think that it is a



Hausman to design new sets for You're a Good

Man, Charlie Brown. This set will be

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ubject areas? The answer varies hetween high schools in the OPS district. Many administrators and leachers have high opinions on the matter

Department heads, primarily found only at Central in OPS, are leachers who only work in their specific field of study. Curriculum specialists are not active teachers, and they cover a variety of subjects, not specializing in any one subject. Curriculum specialists also mostly do administrative tasks

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keep Central with department heads.

"The chief reasoning [for keeping department heads] is education," Dr. Moller said. He sees department heads as the best of two worlds: good teachers still teaching and helping with administrative tasks. "When we take teachers out of the classrooms, we are damaging the quality of education that we deliver to the students."

Mr. John Waterman, math department head, said that one obvi-

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still know what is going on in the classroom-a significant factor."

"My expertise is math and that is definitely an advantage for the students," said Mr. Waterman. Dr. Moller agreed, "Department heads are experts in their fields of study; [curriculum specialists] can't be in every subject."

Mr. Waterman said the major problem with curriculum specialists is they cannot be a "specialist" in all of their assigned fields. In all actuality they become "pseudo-administrators" for their departments.

Mrs. Karen Burmood, principal at Burke High School, said that a disadvantage to department heads is that all they can manage is their department and classes, there is no freedom to go in depth on other projects.

Mr. Keith Bigsby, business department head, said he likes the department head system, but there are advantages to curriculum specialists.

cause curriculum specialists are able to "focus full-time on curriculum, have a lot more opportunity to work with the curriculum and are able to help with other school projects."

Burnood said that curriculum specialists were

able to get more done than department heads because they were not teaching classes which is helpful in a larger high school.

good system, and it reduces cost." He said "curriculum specialists were designed to be a teacher support- system."

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Learning without leaving home

By Sarah Pugh

"Homeschoolers are exempt from the state," said Mrs. Kathleen Lenzen, president of the Nebraska Christian Home Educators Association, or NCHEA. "Neither the parent nor the child is required to do anything after the paperwork is complete." Between 700,000 and one million children in the United States are currently taught at home.

According to Mrs. Lenzen, the paperwork in this case consists of "filing for Rule 13." Rule 13 of the Nebraska Department of Education details procedures a parent must follow if they choose not to meet state approval and accreditation. Nebraska, In "sincerely held religious beliefs" are the only legal reason a parent could create his. own school at home.Presently about 3,000 children between the ages of seven and 15 in Nebraska are homeschooled.

"My kids didn't hear anything about humanism, evolution or Darwinism," Mrs. Deb McGaffin said. Mrs. McGaffin home-schooled her three boys for a total of four years. "I got to teach them exactly what I wanted them to know."

Parents have the freedom to teach their children everything or nothing if they choose the home school option. Mrs. Gerry Zerse, Central guidance counselor, said there should be more direction.

"The educational standard should be regulated but not controlled," she said.

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subject matter. Some families incorporate Bible study or morality into the curriculum. At the McGaffins, each boy took turns making breakfast and lunch for the family. Mr. Widhalm's daughter was able to learn typing i eighth grade.

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"Not being in age-segregat classes opens more opportunitie Mrs. Hooley said. "My five-yeargreatly benefits from being with dividuals across the age spectru Home schooling parents t cally run into questions at whether or not the proper cial skills are learned. N Hooley also runs a si port group for oth home-schoolin families. Accord ing to her, home schooling offers a big advantage for students because they immediately become part of the real world.

"They don't get involved with that artificial academic world," Mrs. Hooley said. "My children are already doing things like community service jobs for society."

Mr. Widhalm said school is a valuable tool to learn life-

time lessons. "Kids need to learn how to deal with situations in a school setting," he said. "Peer relations and basic interaction skills are practiced."

While the freedom associated with home school appeals to most students, there are drawbacks.

"All my friends are gone until three or four, when they get home from school," James said. "It gets boring, and you get kind of aggravated playing with your brothers."

Mrs. McGaffin said her boys complained very little. The biggest difficulty was with sports.

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By Elizabeth Kaplan

Students who are not succeed in high school for whatever read often have an alternative option in Individualized Study Centers. The centers offer an alternative educational procession. High allows to detional procession with allows to detional procession. High allows to detional procession with allows to deschool Individualized Study Center are located in Omaha. Students attend the center for half a day either in the morning or afternoon.

Students may be placed in thele dividualized Study Centers (ISC) in a variety of reasons, said Mrs. Benin Nared, administrator. The studen handbook says that any studentings session of drugs or alcohol on schu grounds or at a school activity is a tomatically assigned to ISC.

"They may be placed for a medcal reason, if they are in trouble we the law, or have been in jail an missed a lot of school," Mrs. Nam said. "If a kid is constantly in trouble they've been suspended and subpended again, and they don't coment school, we may recommend net placement. The student may need different environment."

Mr. Sobert Wagner, student pr sonnel assistant for OPS, is responsible for placing students in ISC. R said, "If a student is not being sur

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pre-arranged Christian curriculum packages. The most common programs are ABEKA, Sexton or Bob Jones.

James McGaffin, now a freshman at Central Christian High School, was home-schooled for four years. Mrs. McGaffin used the ABEKA program to teach her three sons in a classroom they created downstairs.

"We had three regular school desks just like a normal classroom," James said. "We usually woke up at nine in the morning. It doesn't take as long with only three students, so we usually spent about four to five hours on school work."

Due to the freedom of action in a home school environment, the daily schedule varies with every household. Mr. Leonard Widhalm, Central mathematics teacher, has a daughter who was home-schooled in eighth grade. When his wife began teaching their

54.7% of these students score in the top quarter.

Mrs. McGaffin said it depends on each household. 'If you're not diligent with it, there could be problems," she said. "If you stay withit, it far exceeds

traditional schooling.

James had few problems moving into a high school setting. He did well in math and science at home but ran into some difficulties. They ran out of time and were unable to get all the way through the math book.

"The first month it was hard to learn new stuff," James said. "My mom did most of my science project too, since I didn't have a clue as to how to do what."

Mr. Widhalm was pleased with his daughters experience.

"She got to go at her own pace and do things a normal classroom setting wouldn't allow," he said.

An alternative classroom setting allows room for a wider variety of sports at some," Mrs. McGaffin said. "We have some basketball fanatics here. There are some programs out there though, and we got involved with the YMCA."

The majority of the handlies hlved in home schooling believe that the benefits far outweigh the problems.

"My children tell me regularly they greatly appreciate not having to attend the di-

Hooner said. The Hooner said. The McGaffini and Mr. Widhalm said they were very satisfied with the situation.

"There's a place in our society for all the educational alternatives," said Mrs. Zerse.



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a school, Central for ex- lines and assignments and can "take student earned 12 credits last semesthe Central has the obliga- the time they need" to complete the ter at ISC, but that some students earn see if the student can be work of the semester courses. "It may take [a student] a month, six weeks

no credit while at the Center. "When students walk into an Individualized Central but is now attending ISC. "I like it there," he said. "I try to work hard so I can get my credits and get out of it."

> Tim said the classes at the Center are "about the same as at regular school, but are smaller. Sometimes I'm the only one [in the class]." He said, "I'm doing the same work as students at Central. We have a folder in each class with a list of the work we need to do. After you have all the work done, you get a credit. Your work depends on how much you want out of the Study Center. If you work hard, you can get a credit in under a month, or if you put it off it could take a year."

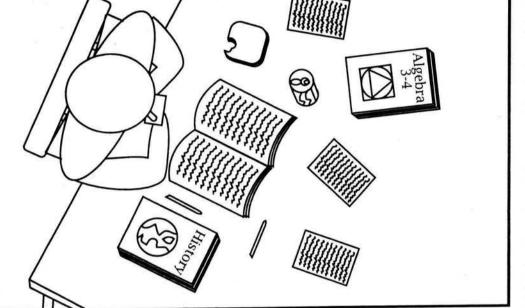
Tim said the envi-

ronment at the Study Center is more "relaxed." Students can eat and drink during class. "If you're in English class and don't feel like working, you can ask to go to another class," he

Another ISC student who used to attend Central, Holly Connealy, senior, was falling behind in school due to an illness that kept her in the hospital for periods of time. She enjoys attending the study center because it allows students to work as "fast as they want."

Holly goes to the Center from 7:30 to 10:30 in the morning. "I really like that I get out at 10:30 because I can go to work earlier and work longer," she said. "I like it better than regular school. I'll probably be done with most of my classes soon." Holly will be able to participate in Central's graduation ceremony and will receive a Central diploma because she has only attended ISC for a short time. She said it is up to the administration to decide if student's can graduate with their class. Some students graduate with an ISC diploma.

Tim said that he wants to come back to Central. "[ISC] may sound appealing because the days are short, but you miss out on being with your close friends, you don't eat lunch there, you can't play sports, and there are no clubs to join," he said. "They say your high school years are the best years of your life, but being in ISC is like letting those years slip away. You miss out on too many activities."



or six months to complete the work, but they can go at their own pace." students can work at their Students work one-on-one with teachers at ISC and must ask for assistance on assignments.

personal with not only the teachers,

but also the students, because you live

Chandra said she noticed from the

transfer from Central to Boys Town

is that at Boys Town the classes are

One main difference that

with them."

"a lot smaller."

*John, an em-

ployee at Boys Town,

said, "The ideal is to

have around 10 stu-

dents in a class-

room." He said, "We

Mr. Wagner said that a Central

Study Center, they walk into one of the finest educational programs we have. For some students, it is an educational utopia," he said.

remain anonymous, used to attend

Tim, a sophomore who wishes to said.

Town creates home and school environment for youth

been changed to protect

ur program is that each child Lee Denker, public relations own.

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⁰ Mr. Denker, Boys Town

you if you're having problems. is happier at Boys Town because "it's Chandra said that going through a smaller school so you can get more

the experience of Boys Town has helped her because "they help you set goals and also help you realize what you are going to do with your life in the future."

Chandra said, "It was very different coming from Central."

Chandra said the atmosphere of Boys Town is

"very structured." One ex-





550 students. He said, mily homes on campus with ouths that live in each home." and that a married couple also and serves the role of family the couples are "extensively these homes.

or, senior at Boys Town, said g that she likes the most about Boys Town is the atmosphere. "It is really safe out there, you don't have to look over your shoulder," she said.

Chandra previously attended Central during no sophomore and half of her junior year, before going to Boys Town for "personal problems."

She said she

may have eighth graders who do not know how to read yet," so the classes need to be more individualized.

Many believe in an environment such as Boys Town, where the students not only go to school, but also reside, that relationships among teachers and students are

stronger.

"I think there is much more bonding going on because there is a certain amount of trust level that these youths are getting at Boys Town with the school teachers and the family teachers," John said.

Chandra agreed and said the family teachers are a tremendous help. She said they help out by talking to

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their "point card" system. Chandra said when a student arrives at Boys Town, they have a daily number of points that they have to earn. Chandra

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requirement, the stu free time or use of privileges su lephone.

Chandra said a few examples of how points are awarded may include going to school, doing chores and various other things. Chandra said as the student's skills progress, "their [number of daily points] is lowered

"He's not heavy, he's my brother:" The statue has become a symbol of Boys Town. Other institutions across the country have studied Boys Town's successful programs and used their strategies

Chandra said there are a lot of things she wand like to do, but, "I don't have the freedom to do it."

Chanara said although her freedom is limited at Boys Town, "They p us busy with other things." John said his experience at Boys Town "has been a real challenge, but it is very rewarding."

He said, "Sometimes it takes a long time to see a child succeed, but if you can get just one child to learn how to read, or do a math problem, it's a real big accomplishmet."

O Entertainment Central High Register UICH SOLUTIONS TO SPRING FEVER WOES April 22, but if you're interested in an hour's drive away. Just look at a sharks. This new aquarium will put ing this time of year. Camping ar-

By Libby Broekemeier

Put away the jeans and pull out the t-shirts, warm weather has returned. Spring is officially here. Flowers are growing, trees are filling in and more people are smiling. Along with the arrival of spring is the blooming of events and activities one can do.

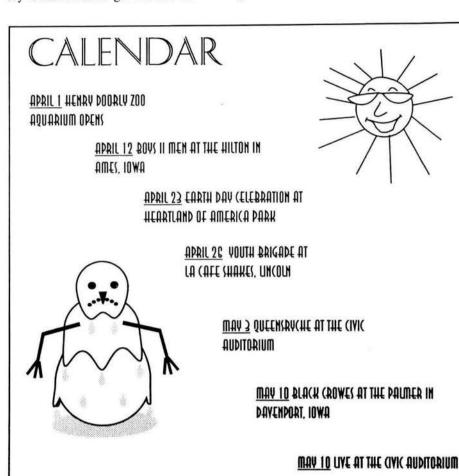
Look out your windows! It is time to come out of hibernation and run with your bare feet on the grass. Okay, now you're outside but what do you do next? Maybe these suggestions could help you.

Have a barbecue party! You and your friends pool some money together on burger patties and whip up some potato salad, avocado dip, whatever your hearts delight and then choose someone to grill with. Grills can be found in several area parks where picnicking is permitted or someone's backyard.

Fly a kite! Make your own kite simply by using a garbage bag and gluing popsicle sticks on both sides in a triangle shape with a line of sticks going down the middle. Attach string through holes in the tail of the garbage bag and go fly your kite.

Check out the new aquarium at Henry Doorly Zoo. The aquarium features an underwater tunnel in which people may observe aquatic life. Species range from penguins to

Omaha on the maps; therefore ev- eas are abundant outside Omaha; ery Omahan must go and see it. some just aren't well known. Some



Without membership cost is \$6.50. Camping is also excellent dur-

camping areas take about two hours issues, bands, food and lots of to get to whereas some are within people. Earth Day actually falls on

Nebraska road map and pick a place to camp. All you need is a tent, sleeping bag, food,

cash for gas and park admittance.

A relaxing thing to do is drive out to the country and explore. Hidden lakes, rock quarries and creeks dot the countryside. Take a sack lunch and break for the afternoon anywhere. Being in the country is a delight for city ears. Just don't go so far that you can't find your way back to Omaha.

Celebrate the new spring's growth by attending the 25th Anniversary of Earth Day Celebration at Heartland of America Park, April 23. The celebration will feature display booths

on environmental

doing something that might benefit the Earth and you, plan this day asa time to maybe plant a tree or pick up litter.

Another way to spend some time in the sun is to play a fun game called WOOSH. WOOSH follows the same rules as the Ultimate Frisbee game. The WOOSH is donut-shaped rather than disk-shaped It will fly in any direction it wants to go, even like a boomerang. This game can be found in most tay stores.

Ice cream is also great in the spring. Instead of driving your car to the ice cream store, walk or ride your bike there. Do it because i slows down time rather than rushes it, plus it's exercise. Go with a friend and share a banana split.

Get involved in something new that pokes your interests outside of school. Don't make this year's spring a repeat of last year's. Try attending a public lecture on something that interests you or you feel in support of. Who knows maybe this summer you'll be leading a protest against television or promoting violence awareness.

It often rains in spring so on a warm rainy day be daring, ditch the television and take a dip in the rain. Go crazy and let yourself get sopping wet.



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The house may still be busy, but it should be fun for you and in no way essful. Go someplace for your own enjoyment. Make sure to add your rsonal stamp on anything you do.

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quarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18

Set out on your own this month, venturing out into the unknown. Your e will be filled with conflicts in family life and in romantic involve-

sces Feb. 19-March 20

You will be filled with a new feeling of self-confidence, so make the st of it! You will feet more attractive and social, and others may take tice of the change, too.

ties March 21-April 19

Attention will be all around you at the end of April Pinancial matters limprove greatly, as will romantic involvements. Enjoy yourself!

urus April 20-May 20

Pay close attention to the advice of peers. They may help you through ne rough times. Life at home is still rocky, but it will pass with time.

mini May 21-June 21

Friends will mean a lot to you this month, so listen to what they have kay. Late in April, you may want to let others be in charge while you

ncer June 22-July 22

our position in life and society will noticeably improve. You will be ed hy someone of a background different than your own. Employment portunities are heightened.

0 July 23-Aug. 22

You will be very charitable now, but don't assume that charity always its at home. Be willing to help anyone in need of assistance

go Aug. 23-Sept. 22

Second thoughts and rough times may cause you worry, but don't take seriously. Take a road trip or another vacation if you can spare the

ra Sept. 23-Oct. 23

In April, your main form of communication will be vocal. In May, ugh, you will be more prone to demonstrating your feelings physically. will find peaceful feelings later in the month.

rpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22

our love life will significantly improve in the end of April. Make the you have more enjoyable by spending the time alone with your sigant other. A relationship with a business associate will help you reach goals.

ittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21



the water. The visitors are lucky because Henry Doorly is one of only 10 zoos in North America to exhibit of construction, Omaha's Henry puffins.

'Sea Things' The Kingdoms of the Sea

Next are the playful and energetic Arctic penguins. Forty penguins, borrowed from Orlando's Sea

S ome of the most important ecosystems in the world are never even seen by

North America's longest and largest underwater walk-through tunnel. The glass tunnel allows visitors to surround themselves with the underwater ecosystem and give them the feel of walking directly on the bottom of the ocean.

Happy Easter!

Register April 5

With nearly a dozen sharks and hundreds of fish species, the tank maintains a living coral reef inside of the aquarium. This is a feat because the corals require a lot of life support and light. Being housed in the furthest location from the sea is also an accomplishment of the aquarium.

Dr. Lee Simmons, zoo director, describes this new addition as a giant class room for visitors to expand their knowledge of the underwater world.

You feel as if you need some time away, so go for it A vacation may ust what you need. Take any extra time in May to work on your physishape.



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isting aquarium, correctly being called an addition rather than a new exhibit. Although, this "addition" is estimated to add \$51 million back to Omaha's economy in the first year.

By Andrew Kammerer and

After \$16 million and two years

Doorly Zoo is making quite a splash

with its new aquarium exhibit, The

Kingdom of the Seas, which opened

It has been well worth the

wait. As the ad campaign

promises, you are assured to

"Sea things in a whole new

way." This 71,000 square foot

building is world class in size

and layout, and features

aquatic habitats from the po-

lar regions, cold oceans, coral

is actually built around the ex-

The Kingdom of the Seas

reefs and the Amazon.

Sarah Pugh

Saturday, April 1.

The tour begins with the

2,500 square foot Interpretive Hall providing visitors detailed information about the aquatic life along with interactive computer programs. Thirty-foot video screens give visitors a sneak peak at what they are about to see.

Past the opening scene, the puffins are the first animals to greet visitors. Almost extinct in the 19th century, the birds are now gaining numbers in their native area along North America's coast. Puffins are a black and white bird with a parrot-like beak. Not only are they all agile fliers but also use their wings when swimming to glide through

most people. --Dr. Lee Simmons

World, make up the exhibit's natural habitat. These penguins will be returned to Orlando after a sufficient breeding stock has been formed in Omaha. Each day twenty tons of man-made snow is artificially produced, and dropped from five ceiling ducts replicating the natural habitat of the birds. Viewing these creatures is made easy by looking into a 60-foot long window featuring above and below water viewing. The birds are agile and playful swimmers, moving at up to 15 mph.

The high light of The Kingdom of the Seas exhibit is the 450,000 gallon tropical reef tank, including

"Some of the most important ecosystems in the world are never even seen by most people. I want the - visitors to leave with an understanding of one of the most important ecosystems we have. Without the ocean nothing else would exist on Earth," said Simmons.

When asked if the aquarium would be completely finished by April 1, Simmons added, "It will never be finished. It will continue to grow forever."

Some hints about what to expect in the zoo's future are a conservation center, a new nursery area and an I-Max theater. Simmons admits that these are all just speculative plans but guarantees something new for Henry Doorly Zoo's future.

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As my career as a high school student comes to an end (22 days! Woo-hoo!), I look back at my plethora of report cards with a sense of longing and regret. I feel I've taken a well balanced selection of classes, but I can't help but wonder about the classes I wanted to take,

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but never did ...

As I flip through next year's course guide (you guys are so lucky! Next year you guys have Internet Hacking and Advanced Placement Individual Sports!), I find myself getting a little teary-eyed at the thought of registration. Gosh, how I'll miss standing in the long, dreary lines trying to get my schedule changed so that I can take Ballroom Dancing instead of AP Calculus.

You know, Central could really use some help with course selection. I'd be more than willing to help decide some of the new classes to offer all of the gifted, warm, caring students of Central. For instance, I've always wanted to take Underwater Basket Weaving 5-6 Honors. I passed the first two years with flying colors, but I wish they had the third year. I was just starting to get the hang of it.

Also, I wish I had the opportunity to learn about the wonderful world of cave exploring. I can just see the name of it now: Spelunking-"the underground caverns and tunnels under the ground that we walk on. Every day.'

l also would have enjoyed taking some art classes. How about Graffiti for Beginers? Or Hair Styling as a Classical Art Form?

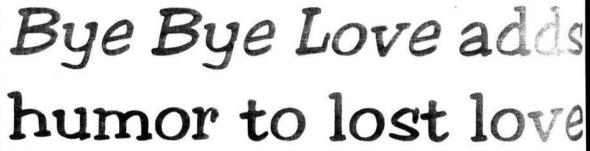
Central also needs to offer some survival skills courses-Door-Stop Dodging 1-2. That, and Opening Lockers from the Inside and Crossing Dodge Street Safely and Legally. Don't worry, they're freshman only classes.

And of course there would have to be some science courses. How does Ordnance Disposal sound to you? Or how about Mutations and Massacres Made Easy? Or Build Better Bombs, Faster? For the athletic minded people, I'd offer Brisket Ball Strategies and Techniques as well as Minefield Dodging 101. And speaking of gym, our wonderful PE teachers should really consider a career in the prison system. I mean, you've got a great system going-everyone has to wear a degrading uniform, everyone is forced to shower together in extremely close quarters and everyone has to degrade themselves by playing immature, violent competitive games that waste everyone's time. If that isn't a weekend up at Kearney State

Boys' Reformatory, I don't know what is!

And for all of you home-en. nomic fans, I haven't forgotten vor In addition to the popular classe such as Foods 3-4 and Clothing Appreciation, I'd offer exciting classes like How to Cook Rame Noodles in a Tea Pot (somethin every college student needs learn), Crocheting for Fun and Prof and Peanut Butter and Jelly forth Finicky Eater. Exciting. right!

But alas, no one in the admit istration listens to my ideas N they only listen to their own ideas mean, who needs classes like Alg bra or Biology? I'm sure as heekn gonna need to know where the spleen of a paramecium is to new cessful as an exotic day



By IB Jones

Bye-Bve Love is a charming look at the world of divorced single families. The film is a weekend long

saga of the dating and childrearing woes of three divorced dads, played wittily by Paul "Mad About You" Reiser. Matthew "And the Band Played On" Modine and Randy "Davis Rules" Quaid.

Donnie (Reiser), is struggling to cope with the delusion that he will get back together with his ex-wife, Claire, who is re-

married. His daughter, played with finesse by Eliza Dushku is bitter about the divorce and makes his life more difficult.

Dave (Modine) is a confessed womanizer whose invitations to

Perhaps the most touching tale of the three is Vic's (Quaid). Unlike the other two, Vic is definitely not on good terms with his ex-wife.

The side plot of the tasti deas with an adopt-a-georer a McDonalds. The geezer is plaved



They spar on everything from tires to her unemployed, long-haired boyfriend sitting on his deck. (The deck makes for good laughs later.)

Quaid's consolation for having the most embittered role is the most hysterical scene of the film, the touchingly by Ed Flanders. Donnie's daughter

has a crush on Mau the geozor-adopter. neatly connecting the

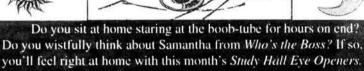
stories.Flandersist widower who ends up adopting May more than May adopts him Alland all it's pretty cute

The movie isa serious date fum.se most guys should be expected to k dragged there and to enjoy it.

This film truly touching and funny at the same

It boasts a great script time. that is only improved by the portray als of the actors. My suggestion b to grab a date and go see it.

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you'll feel right at home with this month's Study Hall Eye Openers. Play with your friends and family! It's a fun-filled festival of cheesy sitcom history brought to you by your friends at the Register!

Characters

1. On that classic piece of Americana affectionately called Who's the Boss what was the name of Samantha's first boyfriend? b) Charlie

a) Harvey

d) Barry Williams c) Alex 2. Who was the beloved neighbor of the Keaton family on that classic

	Saturday Me	rning Funtime
	c) Ted Howell III	d) Barry Williams
	a) Thurston Howell IV	b) Thurston Howell III.
3. What	was the full name of the i	nillionaire on Gilligan's Island?
	c) Dippy	d) Barry Williams
	a) Yippy	b) Skippy

4. What was the name of the oh-so-splendid cartoon about the teenage boy who, when he got really hot and sweaty, would turn into a miniature corvette?

a) Pole Position	D) TURDO THRUSI
c) Turbo Teen	d) Not Barry Williams
5. What was the original name	of Saved by the Bell?
a) Zach & Co.	h) Good Morning. Miss Bliss
c) Saved by the Bell	d) Bayside's Best
6. What was the name of Slater	's pet lizard on the classic show Saw
by the Bell?	
a) Arnie	b) Artie
c) Sam	d) Slater Jr.
Clas	sic Comedy
7. How many Darins were then	e on Beneitched?

a) two b) three c) one d) none

8. Mama, a popular character on The Carol Burnett Show , received her own show later on. What was its title?

a) Mama b) I Remember Mama c) Mama's House d) Mama's Family 9. What was Sam's nickname on Cheers? a) Blowhard Malone b) Mayday Malone c) Liver Lips d) Stud-muffin Malone 10. What was the name of Carla's hockey-playing husband on Cheers?

a) Nick b) David c) Eddie d) Alex 11. What was the nickname for Margaret on M.A.S.H.? a) Hot Pants b) Hot Lips c) Sweet Cheeks d) Major Hot Lip 12. The Brady Bunch has had how many spin-offs? a) two b) three c) four d) six million 13. Guy Williams, star of Disney's Zorro, received the role of Don-Diego because

a) he could fence c) he fit the mask

b) he was co-producer d) he could ride a horse

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women land him in hot water with his newest girlfriend. As if Dave's women troubles weren't enough, his kid's don't like his girlfriend.

blind date from hell. Janeane Garofalo of "Saturday Night Live" plays Lucille, the worst date you can imagine, with élan.

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ophomore Erika Wulff has een called back for a suporting role in an Alexander layned movie. The movie, betil Inside, will be filmed in Omaha beginning April o ind will be released in the ate summer or fall. The novie stars Lanca Dern and lurt Reynolds.



Erika Wulff

Central student stars as Viure Mrs. Frankenstein

benior Christina Belford Is portraying Elizabeth avenza in the Omaha Community Playhouse's Frankenlein. Elizabeth Lavenza is Dr. Frankenstein's fiancée. The show was featured in the last issue of the Register. Christina is currently intern-

* * * * * Love Letters showcases Central talent

Several "actors" from Omaha that are appearing in the cast of *Love Letters* at the Omaha Community Playhouse have ties to Central High School. The play is simply composed of letters that the actors read, not

memorize indisminimally rehearies. A different pair of actors performs tightly for the play finning through the monitor April through the monitor April through the monitor April throws tairing include. Ray Crossman, senior Liz Grossman, senior Liz Grossman's grandfather Dr. Jack Lewis, Central High School a Team Physician, Kim Lauritzen, senior Clark Lauritzen's mother Dennis Lundgren, Central High graduate, and Woody Bradford, senior Jono Bradford's father.

** If you have any entertainment news, put it in the mailbox in the courtyard. 7-11 comedy entertains audience

Clerks cashes in

April 5, 1995 Stepping Out 18

By JB Jones

It's about time. After about three-billion months *Clerks* finally found its way to the Big 'O'. The fact that it took so long

to get here is a whole other criticism altogether, so I'll stick to the film.

Clerks is the whimsical journey through a day in the life of a convenience store clerk, Dante, and his friend Randal, the clerk at the adjacent video store. This film is a hysterical treat for anyone who has ever worked as a clerk/cashier anywhere. Even if you haven't, you can still enjoy Kevin Smith's quirky treat.

The performances are first rate. Brian O'Hallorhan is refreshing as Dante, the convenience store clerk and the more sensitive member of the duo.

Jeff Anderson is hysterical as the caustic, sarcastic Randal, every customer's worst nightmare; every clerk's idol.

The film also boasts a brilliantly funny script. Randal and Dante engage in three-in-the-morning conversations such as can only be found on slow days behind the register. Topics range from everything from why guidance counselors go insane to whether independent contractors working on the Deathstar in *Return of the Jedi* were innocent victims (don't ask). Besides such philosophical

SPOTLIGHT ON .. CLERKS STARRING: JEFF ANDERSON

> quandaries as these, the storyline of the film is an avant-garde gem in itself. The twisted side plots involve a roller-hockey game on the roof of the Quick Stop Grocery, a wake of an old friend, and a rendezvous between Dante's ex-girlfriend and a corpse (you really don't want to ask.)

I found myself near rolling on the floor as I realized that I knew these people; everyone knows people like this (I, of course work with them, but that's another story.) I don't know if it is a new trend

> in the cinematic world (convenience store films) but if future ones are more like this (and a lot less like S.F.W.) I could see a future for them in the independent channels. The thing that makes quirky films like this successful is the separation from the moneyobsessed studio system. Before I step off this soapbox, I will add that Kevin Smith should have a long future in films if he keeps up the quirky quality of his work.

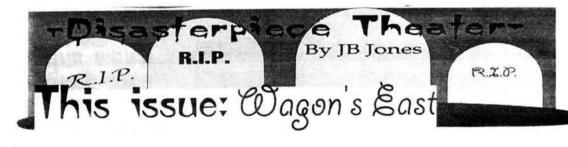
Both O'Hallorhan and Anderson will most likely have full acting careers, providing that other places

have more showings of the film than the fluff-flooded Big 'O.'

The cinematography is representative of convenience store camera but fits the tone of the film well.

The soundtrack is well chosen and fits its corresponding segments to a 'T.'

My suggestion, grab your live dollars, drive over to the Dundee and see *Clerks* before it escapes.



I've figured it out folks, the great cover-up in Hollywood. That's right, John Candy's death. You thought he croaked from eating six chickens in a single sitting didn't you? Well, that's what the studio system wants you to think, but I found the truth. What John the homestead and decide to take a wagon train east. Sure it sounds like an idyllic anti-hero western ,no worse a western concept than John Wayne as Ghengis Khan (which is a whole other bad movie disaster in itself.)

Just in case you might have thought that this sounded like a pointless, which it is so let me rephrase that, conflictless movie they threw in an evil antagonist determined to stop our hero from going East, the railroad industry Oh. ves, in what appears to be yet another slam on the great empire of the Iron-Horse, Hollywood and the writers expect the intelligent viewers to believe that if a group of losers headed by the drunkard wagon master from the Donner party (more about this strangle of plot later) were leaving the West that the railroad would not breathe a sigh of relief but instead send out a mercenary to get them back in the West. Now we come to the plot twist (and oh does it twist groans out of the viewers unlucky enough to still remain awake). After a deanticipation involving the trip scatter-brain. "Now I remember where I heard about him. he was wagon master for some party."

one of Santa's reindeer. Comet? Cupid? Blitzen. That's it, the Blitzen party?"

Richard Lewis: "You mean the Donner party."

"Yeah that was it," the screenwrite tries to force into a sappy moral confrontation. (Apparently I wasn't the only one who doubted the comic level of the script.)



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Candy really died from was the embarrassment and fear that this movie might ever be seen by (giggle) his fans.

"But JB," you say, "how can a film with both Richard Lewis and a lot of bathroom humor be an embarrassment to John Candy's career?" Good question. True it takes a lot to make one John Candy movie look more insipid and like an Andy Kaufman tribute to Wyle E. Coyote than another This one takes the rest to the bridge and heaves them into the East River

So you want to know the plot I know you say: "There is one The answer is ves there has in fact been an attempt to grace the actors with a storyline of some sort (It's what sort of storyline we re all worried about though.)

Anyway the concept of the movie is that a bunch of settlers in the West get tired of living out on

Richard Lewis: "What party?" "I can't remember I think it was I shouldn't even talk about the other members of the group, but who am I to deny you the gristy details. There's a prostitute who som love with Candy, a homosexual bookseller, a mail-order bride whose "husband" is a family of disgusting, smelly, mountain men, her wouldbe lover, the banker and his wite and Phil (Lewis) and his family. Basically even Gilligan wouldnit be caught dead on this two-hour four. Just paint three heads in theater so ats on your screen and the film owes on a whole new understandin



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The NCAA basketball cham-

pionship held in late March and early April is one of the most talkedabout sporting events of the year. Most would group the "Big Dance" with the World Series and the Super Bowl. While I admit that I also enjoy seeing my favorite schools compete with the best in college basketball, I have noticed three fundamental problems with the tournament and with college sports in general.

CBS recently signed a contract to air the "Road to the Final Four," the coverage of the NCAA tournament, into the 21 st century. CBS has consistently made more money on the tournament than on any other sporting event with the exception of the Super Bowl.

I have no problem with CBS, the NCAA or the individual schools making money from the telecast of these games. That is their right. On the other hand, the college players are simply being exploited for their talent. In the professional sports, the players put forth far less effort yet they not only receive millions of dollars in salary, but they also receive millions of dollars in endorsements.

Certain college players, like Kansas' Greg Ostertag, have wives and children to be concerned with aside from basketball and studies. For most of these players, basketball is a full-time job, school is the part-time job and there isn't time for anything else. These players cannot support themselves, let alone their families.

Some will argue that a free education is enough of a reward. There

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are too many faults in this argument. First, there is far too much pressure on the players to leave school early for the NBA. That free education won't be waiting for the players after they bust a knee after two years of service. How good is a free education without a B.A. or a B.S.? Second, the schools make much more money off of their players than they offer in a scholarship.

The players who compete in the tournament are placed under even more pressure to avoid their other priorities in life. Making it to the "Big Dance" is, of course, a nice first step to the NBA, but it also draws the players away from school and work for an extra month. Players, like Ostertag, simply have too much to be responsible for and need some compensation for the time that they give to their schools and for the publicity that the schools receive.

Schools and the NCAA should benefit from their participation and success in the basketball tournament. The change should be that the players should have some benefit as well.

The NCAA has become a developmental league for the NBA. Students should be going to college to learn and prepare for their entire life, not just for the next ten years. The NBA has become a league of overpaid brats, and the only way to slow this down is to stress that college is for education first and athletics second.

The NBA should stop allowing early entries into the NBA. Players should be required to complete their term at college and then move on to the big money. This way they are prepared to attack life after basketball.

TRYOUTS GIVE GLIMPSE OF FUTURE Cheerleaders strut their stuff By Josh Cohen

Have you ever wondered about what it is like to be a cheerleader? Standing in front of the crowds at football games, cheering on your team in hopes of a victory. It looks pretty easy doesn't it? Hey, bet you think it would be a piece of cake to even make the squad, right?

Well, it isn't that easy. The cheerleaders you have the privilege to have in front of you, or behind you, if you're playing on a team, really work hard and put a lot of time and effort into being there supporting their school.

Sophomore junior varsity cheerleader Krista Griess gives you an inside look and feel to what it would be like to try out for cheerleading at Central.

Tryouts are the first item on the agenda for anyone even remotely interested in cheerleading. Krista, who last year was one of four sophomores who made the junior varsity squad, said that the tryouts are very demanding.

"Tryouts are really tough. Some people get very stressed out and nervous, but I seem to enjoy it," Krista said.

The week before tryouts there are special clinics that are like mock tryouts that teach all the cheerleaders basically what to expect. "We have to learn a group cheer and chant, as well as make up our own individual cheer," Krista said. "We also have to prepare an entrance for the day of tryouts because we try out in groups of three, and individually we enter into positions in front of the judges. It's basically a chance for more acrobatic cheerleaders to impress the judges with flips and jumps."

When the day of tryouts arrives, the girls have to be at Central around nine a.m. on a Saturday or Sunday morning. They all try out in front of judges who are not in any way directly related to Central, and are

usually former cheerleaders themselves.

"There were nine judges at tryouts," Krista said. "And two of them were guys who were cheerleaders in college." The judges judge the girls on their overall enthusiasm, form, in jumps and such, spirit and other technical points.

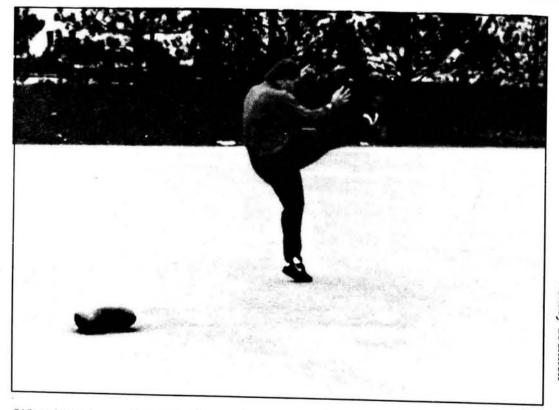
"First we do our entrance and run into the gym and shout something like 'GO EAGLES!' and do a jump or something. Then we have to do a russian, a herkie jump, which is a jump with one leg back and the other out in front, and finally we get to choose a jump, which is one that we are better at than others. After that we have to do a cartwheel, a roundoff and then the splits," Krista said.

"After all of that stuff, we have to do the individual cheer that we

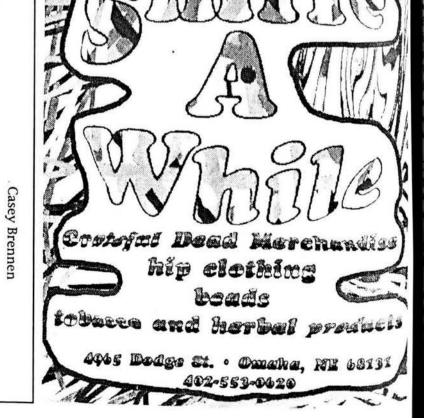
made up, and also the group ch and chant that the varsity cheerle ers had made up during mock outs. After all the tryouts are ished the waiting process beg "Some girls went shopping ore stayed at Central, but I went ho and went to sleep so the time wo pass more quickly." Kristas "When I got back to Central to the judges' results. I was excited a little bit nervous, but when I the list who had made the diffe squads, J.V. and varsity. I was static, because I made the var squad as a junior. And not m juniors make varsity."

Krista said that she really enju cheerleading and looks forward next season. "It does take upa of your time, but I really think worth the time and effort we put it," she said.





Working on hang time: This man has spent about 30 minutes practicing, punting and kicking on the Astroturf during eighth period. His hopes are to try out for a professional team of some kind.



Central student's shot at Olympics

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Smooth sailing to the Olympics?

U.S. Olympic Sailing team, and summer will have the opportuto show their stuff at tryouts. Last summer Caroline spent 2 months at sea with the three othon her sailing team; they got off boat only five times during the ire journey, and those times only supplies. "We had buckets of

She said that spending the sum/ *mer on a boat really helped sharpen their sailing skills.

Sailing is not new to Caroline. "I started when I was really young and I guess that is why I got so good, but I do have to give credit to the three guys I have been sailing with

bad that not many, if any, people around here can experience this like I have had the opportunity to do," Caroline said. "It's really fun and I hope everyone gets a chance, sometime in their life, to at least try sailing."

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Question: Who do you think has a greater impact on the sport of basketball?

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113 Students Polled

91% said Jordan

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9% said Shaq

Track places high at Burke

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According to some players, wd support and hard work is at is making the Central men's eyball team achieve early-sea-

success. Central deated Roncalli games to one start the season with a record of e win and no ises, but accordto middle ocker Clay Wulf. nior, the outme should not ve been so close. "Roncalli was

as talented as were and they re making a lot

of our league," Coach Reichmuth said. "We played a little tight with a few exceptions, but physically we are ready. Mentally, we aren't there just yet.'

Coach Reichmuth went on to

of the individual efforts displayed by some of his players. "Clay Wulf led the team with seven kills and Kyle Small led us with 12 as-

Reichmuth praised the efforts of his only underclassman starter, Adam Rinn, junior. "Adam is one of our most competitive players, very intense," Coach Reichmuth said.

"I just like to focus in and compete," Rinn said. "I play within myself when I focus, but I enjoy working with my teammates in a team atmosphere and we get a lot of things done."

individual-style Along with play, Coach Reichmuth believes in running a simple and basic offense.

"We play two setters, serve tough, and handle the ball very carefully," Coach Reichmuth said. "We don't favor a lot of strong attacks."

Coach Reichmuth himself has an extensive background in the sport of volleyball having played setter at the University of Nebraska at Lin-

By Josh Cohen

Central Eagle varsity track team competed in the Burke Invitational Relays on Sat., March 18, 1995. The Eagle runners managed to take quite a few of the events and came away with a lot of medals in many different events.

Head Coach Joe McMenamin said, "I was really pleased with our depth. The seniors put out a superb performance, and I was really impressed with our freshmen, as well."

Sophomore Kyle Thomas was the M.V.P. of the meet. He earned the most points of any individual there by placing first in two events and third in two others. "Coming from a sophomore it's very impressive," Coach McMenamin said. We hope for big things out of Kyle in the future."

There were three first place fin-

Kyle Thomas placed third in the high jump event with a jump of five feet 10 inches. Also, in the triple jump event, senior John Skipper placed third, with a jump of 42 feet even. Finally the low hurdle team of seniors Jake Bond and Tony Hudson, junior Nick Dubas and freshman Diante Grixbey, with a combined time of 51.3, and the 1600-meter medley relay of Ahman Green, Kyle Thomas, Damion Morrow and sophomore John Zendejas, with a combined time of 4:12.8. both finished in third place.

Fourth place finishers were Jake Bond, Tony Hudson, Nick Dubas and sophomore Warren Hardy, in the 280 meter high hurdles. Also Keenan Wright and John Skipper placed fourth in the triple and long jump events respectively. Last, the freshman relay of Tim Riveria, Chris Grunke, Josh McMahon and Ian Mitchell took

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"That spike Adam had was a gexclamation point to the match," yle Small, senior setter, said. Head Coach Brad Reichmuth, hath teacher, said that he was very mpressed with the way the team ompeted in its first match of the eason.

"I think that if we can continue laying as well as we did last night e'll definitely finish in the top half

Coach Reichmuth

percentage at .800. Bensalah, a senior outside hitter, hit four kills out of his five attacks.

Even though Central is a senior-dominated team, Coach

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"College volleyball isn't sanctioned as an NCAA intercollegiate sport yet so it is a club event, but we played other Big Eight and Big Ten conference teams anyhow," Coach Reichmuth said.

Coach Reichmuth's team won the Big Eight championship his junior year and finished second in the conference last year, his senior year.

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ishing relays, consisting of a 4 x 100 and 4 x 200 relay of seniors Damion Morrow, Ahman Green, junior Parnell Walton and Kyle Thomas. The other first place finishers were the ninth grade team of Diante Grixbey, Lydel Shepard, Cecil Evans and Lamar Fuller.

fourth in the mile relay.

Also, Central had its 3200meter relay team of Tim Riveria, Chris Grunke, Josh McMahon and Ian Mitchell finished sixth. Kelly Allen, junior, also placed sixth in the discus toss with a throw of 199 feet 11 inches.





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Quality of facilities come into question among athletes

By J. Specht

When dealing with the scheduling of gym space, it's just impossible to get every coach to agree with the amount of time each team should have," Mr. Paul Pennington, Central athletic director, said. "If a coach is happy with the amount of time his team is getting to practice, then the scheduling is probably not very fair."

Central is, according to Mr. Pennington, a school that is in need of certain renovations, but also a school that should be satisfied with having what other schools don't.

"I would like to see a wrestling facility incorporated into the new gym, but there just isn't enough room right now to build it," Pennington said. "The difficult thing is that whenever I talk to Dwayne Haith [OPS Head of Athletic Directors] about certain things I think Central needs, he shifts the conversation over to the fact that Central has two gyms while Burke, Bryan and Northwest don't."

Dr. G.E. Moller, principal, said that he believes the school's athletic facilities are adequate. "There are definitely certain things that I would like to see done, but, of course, I'm happy with what we do have."

Moller said that when he first arrived at Central the football field was only one-third of what it is now and consisted only of rock, gravel and glass. "There really was no soil in which to grow any grass on, and there certainly wasn't any astroturf available," Moller said.

In 1979, the new gym, football field and track were added to form what Moller classified as a "100 percent improvement."

"Student parking was still not available and there was limited staff parking, but the athletic renovations were an improvement," Moller said.

"I wish we had a stadium, a swimming pool, and a regulation-size track, but with the problems that the lack of parking and seating presents, these types of renovations are just impossible," Moller said.

Pennington believes that, although parking and seating are significant problems, the main problem with holding events such as varsity basketball games is not because of inadequate parking or seating, but lack of supervision. "Our lobby entrance [to the new gym] is simply too small to hold a large number of people, and because we would have to sell tickets right at the gym entrance, it would be impossible to monitor the flow of people in and out of the bathrooms [located directly across the lobby from the gym doors]. Another reason is that the student parking lot doesn't have any available ramps for handicapped individuals.

Both Moller and Pennington agreed that one of the primary renovations Central needs to make is the reconstruction of the boys' locker room located in the basement.

"At South High School, the coach's office in the boys' locker room is centered in the middle of the room, with windows on every side, so that the coaches can see every person in the room," Pennington said. "By having a locker room that is constructed the way South's is, vandalism and other crimes are cut down making discipline much less of a hassle for the teachers.'

"The boys' locker room was terribly laid out when it was constructed and definitely needs to be redesigned," Moller said. "But things like that take time, and I don't see it happening anywhere in the near future."

Many people believe that, because Central plays games and holds practices at a

variety of different facilities, costs are out standing and procedures a hassle. Penningto said, however, that in order for any Centra team to use a field or court at either Nom Junior High School, Dewey Park or Seymo Smith Park, the procedure is fairly simple, well as being free of charge.

"For most sports I usually just fill out form and turn it in to either the OPS busines service office or the Parks and Recreation office and they give me a permit for usage Pennington said. "But in order for us to get soccer field, we have to pay about a \$10 feet the Parks and Recreation office.

While Pennington would like to see Cer tral develop a wrestling facility, which aton time was supposed to be built, Moller favo an enlargement to the weight room as the number one priority for renovation.

"Each year we request different sorts modifications, and I think it is definitely tim for the wrestling facility, as well as a new an improved gym floor," Pennington said.

"There is always a great deal of wishf thinking among the coaches here, but theya realistic and their cooperation is greatly a preciated," Moller said.

Men's soccer starts out baseball gives Mustang season with three wins **By Michael Sigmond** scoreboard first in the first inning.

By J. Specht

We are right about where I expected us to be, but we haven't peaked yet," men's head soccer coach Tim Herbert said. The team has pulled out three straight victories to start the season out at 3-0 while attempting to keep focused on what Coach Herbert said will be the team's toughest week of the season.

"We play Ralston and Burke this week, and I anticipate that those two teams will be two of the top five teams in the state when the rankings come out," Coach Herbert said. "After those games, we'll have a good indication of where we stand."

Although the team is 3-0, until a 2-0 victory over Creighton Prep, some players were not convinced that the team was where it should be.

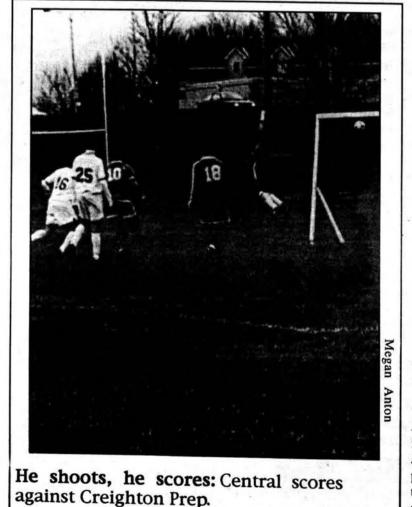
Dominic Digiacomo, senior forward, said that he believes the team's victory over Prep was sort of a monkey off the players' backs. "This was the first time we've beaten Prep in three years, but we had a lot of confidence and counted on winning," Digiacomo said. Coach Herbert agreed by saying the players were able to put the obstacle behind them by looking at the game as being just another game. not an obstacle. "We didn't consider the Prep game an upset and we didn't even make any serious adjustments that we felt would work to our advantage," Coach Herbert said. "Once we got ahead, we just basically stalled and kept possession of the ball."

Both Central goals came in the first half with the wind at the Eagles' back, and both were scored by juniors. Jeff Driscoll chipped in the Eagles' first goal off a throw in by junior Steve Farrington and Matt Hein lofted a 20-yard shot over the head of the Prep goalkeeper and into the net to account for Central's scoring.

The term "Boys of Summer" seemed ironic as Central took the field on a gray, misty, 35° day against top-ranked Millard North. The gloominess of the weather seemed to affect the players as the Eagles dropped their second straight game 4-3.

Central appeared the dominant force through the first three innings. Senior Gus Jespersen got the start on the mound and breezed through the first three, yielding just three hits and a walk. "The cold didn't bother me," Jespersen said. "Once the adrenaline gets to you, you just don't feel it."

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made the move for home," Behrens said.

Lawrence singled again with one out in the third and stole second. Bartee walked, and Lawrence and Bartee combined for a double steal, giving the Eagles two men in scoring position. O'Connor fouled out, and junior Tom Shearer grounded back to the pitcher killing another scoring opportunity.

The fourth inning truly turned the momentum against Central. On the first batter, Jespersen's 1-0 pitch was rocketed right back to him. Jespersen tried to elude the incoming ball but was nailed on the elbow. Jespersen left the game in obvious pain and was taken to a local hospital. Fortunately, the x-rays were negative, and his status is day-to-

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Central refused to die. though as they came to bat in the hottom the fourth. Senior Jono Bradio led off with a single to right a reached second on a throwing en by the Millard North catcher. 10 failed pick-off attempt. Sophomo Jed Ortmeyer walked and moved second on a sacrifice bunt by sent Justin Specht, moving Bradford third. Senior Britt Sullivan hit ground-ball to third, Millard Nort attempted to make the play of Bradford at home, but he score making it 4-2, moving Ortmeyer third. Behrens hit a sacrifice fly right, scoring Ortmeyer, the fin run of the game.