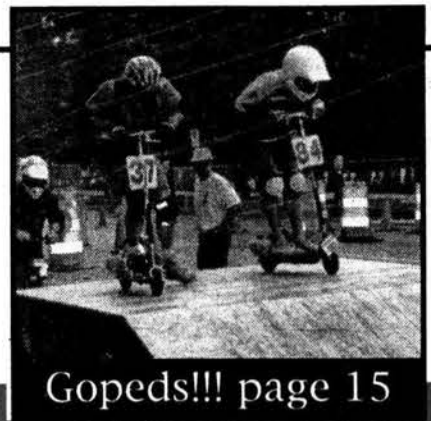


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Eagles get new W.I.N.G.S.

By Josh Cohen

Central has received a joint lottery grant of approximately \$600,000 to instigate a new program called W.I.N.G.S. 21.

Central's Business/Marketing/Technology department in partnership with the Applied Informational Management Institute, or A.I.M. Institute, co-wrote a grant proposal for the lottery commission asking for a technology grant to better prepare students for the future.

The grant money that was received was split between Central and A.I.M.

Central received \$300,000 of the \$588,933 grant. The money will be spent on the W.I.N.G.S. 21 program, which stands for Workforce Initiative for the Next Generation of Students for the 21st century.

With W.I.N.G.S. 21 in place, new DOS based, I.B.M. compatible, computers and software will be purchased for a new wave of technological curriculum, which has never been seen at the high school level before.

This new curriculum will help students prepare to enter the 21st century by educating them in the areas of advanced informational technology.

"We approached the A.I.M. Institute because we knew they could help us get the grant," Dr. Gary Thompson, principal, said. "It will benefit them just as much as it will benefit Central."

The A.I.M. Institute will receive \$288,933 of the grant. A.I.M. is a conglomeration of about 32 businesses and 10 colleges in the Omaha Metro area that will be aiding Central in establishing the new informational technological curriculum.

Some of the money they receive will be put back into Central by means of internships for certain students with some of the businesses in association with A.I.M.

"A.I.M. is composed of most of the larger

corporations in the Omaha area, and some universities like U.N.L., Creighton and U.N.O.," business teacher Keith Bigsby said.

Bigsby was one of three teachers, along with Business/Marketing/Technology teachers Tim Larson and Murray Fenn, who helped the A.I.M. Institute prepare the grant proposal.

"Over seventy schools applied for some kind of a lottery grant for this year," Dr. Thompson said, "and Central was one of the thirty or so schools picked to receive a grant."

Dr. Thompson said that the three teachers, Bigsby, Larson and Fenn, did a great job on writing the grant proposal.

"With A.I.M.'s help they really did a wonderful job on getting the proposal perfect. It said exactly what we wanted to accomplish with this new technology."

Dr. Thompson said that Central has always had a great reputation and tradition for being a high school with strong academics, and this new program will only add to the recognition Central will receive.

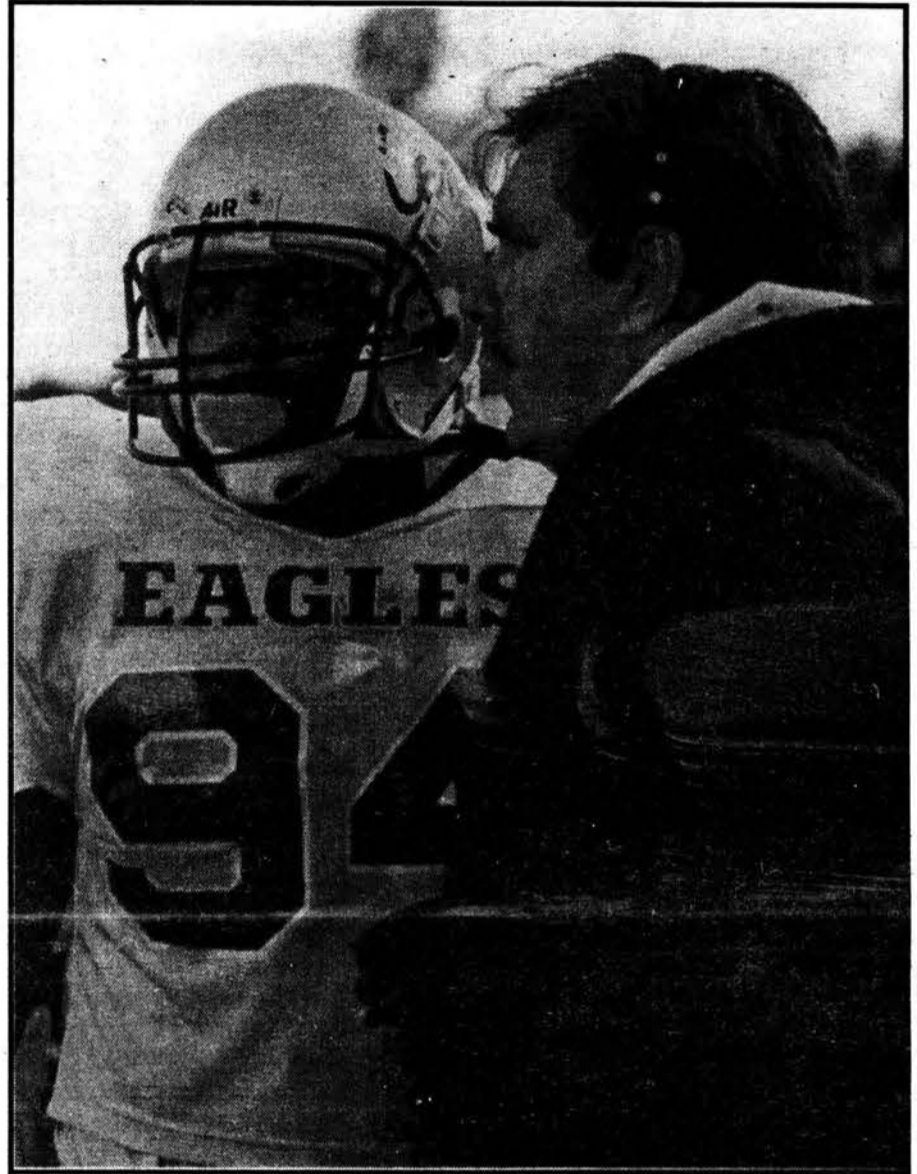
Bigsby said that since the new computer age is what is dawning in America for the 21st century, all students will need to know some basics on how to use computers.

"There are fifteen hundred jobs in the Omaha Metro area that require technical informational education," Bigsby said. "As of now, there are only about one hundred qualified people that are graduating from college who are qualified to fill these jobs."

Bigsby said that the goal of the W.I.N.G.S. 21 is to give more students the opportunity to go in to these technical fields.

Bigsby said that he, along with others, wants kids to have every opportunity to find out what they want to do in life during high school. He said if they go through the W.I.N.G.S. program now, they will now have a wider range of job choices to choose from in the future.

First and ten...



Lei Brown

Head varsity football Coach Joe McMenamin sends in a play with Djuan Johnson, 11, against the number one rated Millard South Indians. Central battled the Indians, but came up short in the long run losing 31-13. The Eagles played a tough first half and held the Indians to a 16-13 half time score. The Eagles play Creighton Prep at Caniglia field, at U.N.O., on Oct. 4.

Large increase in crime among younger generations

By Jen Houlden

In the past decade, the amount of delinquent filings in Douglas County Juvenile Court have risen from 551 filings in 1985 to 1,855 filings in 1995.

Mr. Vernon Daniels, Deputy County Attorney, said this 342 percent increase is because of a variety of causes, including lack of parental guidance, negative peer pressure and a youthful lack of judgment.

"The rise in crime among ju-

veniles cannot be attributed to any specific area of crime," Daniels said. However, drug charges and weapons charges have increased heavily since 1985. Daniels also said that theft charges have not only risen in the past decade, but have also changed in nature. They are not only simple robberies now, they have become highly sophisticated crimes, often involving credit cards and checks instead of the traditional theft of items of value. The types of weapons being confiscated have also changed from knives to guns, Daniels said.

One of the main factors in the increased amount of crime among juveniles is the way they are raised in their home, Daniels said.

"Many kids haven't received basic instruction on how to behave, or even been taught basic manners," Daniels said. This lack of etiquette, when brought to a further extent, creates an attitude in the child that is easily transferred to criminal behavior, Daniels said.

The object of the juvenile court

system is to rehabilitate the child back into proper behavior. Rehabilitation is defined as restoring a previously good condition. The main problem with this rehabilitation process is that when it tries to rehabilitate a child who has no good basis to return to, it fails.

"You have to have something to build on," Daniels said. He also commented that it is much more difficult to teach a child when they are older and past the initial development of their life.

The young age of some parents is also detrimental to the upbringing of children. Because the only observations a child may have is that of their parents, who are not much more than children themselves, the child develops a skewed attitude towards their behavior, Daniels said. If the parents were older, Daniels also added, the maturity level would most likely be higher, and the children much more likely to receive the proper instruction as to their behavior.

In a situation in which the par-

ent exhibits an inappropriate behavior to the child, reparations must be made before the child can improve his behavior, Daniels said. The parent needs to be able to face the child, tell him or her they themselves were wrong, and that the behavior is not acceptable for either the parent or the child, Daniels added.

The natural lack of judgment that comes with youth, regardless of particular upbringing, is also a main contributing factor to the high rate of juvenile crime, Daniels said.

"Children seem to think that age provides a shield to any adverse consequences," Daniels said. This immaturity complex that many juveniles possess is a main contributing factor to the unwise decisions that result in their committing crimes, Daniels said.

Daniels also cited negative peer pressure that encourages criminal behavior as a main detriment to the children of today. He said the "gang culture" that is prevalent in the youth today is one of the main problems.

Another addition to the many

problems and roadblocks in the way of the justice system is the lack of resources the juvenile court has been given. Daniels feels that critics of the justice system should acknowledge the limited amount of resources before placing blame upon the members of the system. He feels that most people who criticize the system are too far away from the real situation, so their view is distorted.

"It's a fashionable thing to be concerned about kids today. Tomorrow they'll move on," Daniels said of the bandwagon activists that attack the juvenile court.

Regardless of the many struggles and roadblocks in the path to a successful juvenile court system, Daniels said he feels that the court system is quite effective, considering the resources allotted to it. He said that more attention should be focused on juvenile justice in general, and that the courts would be even more effective if the appropriate amount of financial and personnel support were provided for the court system.

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Behavior brings just rules

Many students at Central have been amazed and angered at the new lunch hour policies instated this year. Most wonder why these measures have been taken. The main reason for the new lunch hour policy is the lack of staff available for the supervision of the West Porch and the remainder of the school during lunch periods. It must also be acknowledged that the tendency of students to disregard rules also reinforces the administrations' limiting of privileges. The student body needs to realize that good behavior is the key to receiving privileges.

On Tuesday, Sept. 3, an unnamed student lit off a smoke bomb in the basement of Central. Whether this was a protest against the new policy or just a mindless act. It is obvious that this student does not understand how the administration works. It is shameful to have to admit that behavior like this still exists on the high school level. If we expect to be treated with any amount of respect or empathy, we must earn it. As most students have learned through relationships with their parents, once a trust is broken it is a long term struggle to regain that trust. It is very difficult at the beginning year for the administration to trust the student because there is no basis for trusting. The lack of foresight in this student's actions has most likely destroyed any trust the administration had the courtesy to place in us.

The administration does not feel that the majority of the student body is at fault for these problems. Dr. Thompson has stated that he feels that 95 to 96 percent of the student body is not to blame for the problems in the school. It is, however, that four or five percent that eliminate the chance for any privileges for the rest of the school. This ridiculous behavior can be cited as a specific reason for the rules placed upon the student body. If the student body of Central had the maturity and common sense to behave, progress in the changing of certain policies may be possible. But unfortunately, there are enough shortsighted and infantile people in this school to ruin any chance of freedom that we had.

It is not that the administration does not want the student body to enjoy their lunch hour; it is simply that they cannot permit the students to damage the school's property or cause chaos in the school. Fire drills are quite disruptive to the days schedule, and the notification of the authorities is quite a hassle for the administration. The pathway to being able to enjoy the privileges and freedoms that the administration has the authority to give is not through misbehavior and vandalism. The student body must be able to exhibit enough responsibility and maturity that is expected of high school age students. The administration, as with any other authority, responds to positive actions in a positive way. The student body must learn to provide the administration with reasons to trust them. Good behavior is the only answer.

Child neglect causes concern

Over the years, the term neglect has developed a more serious connotation. No longer is it you neglected to pick up the milk at the grocery store, or you neglected to grab the mail.

Today in 1996 it is the neglect of people to take adequate care of their children. It is a neglect to feed and bathe their infants. It is a neglect to keep their babies alive.

Infanticide, the killing of one's children, occurred again last month in New York. Carla Lockwood was charged with three accounts of murder for the death of her four year old daughter, Nadine Lockwood. Nadine died August 31st at the pitiful weight of fifteen and a half pounds. The child had virtually not moved out of her sleeping area for almost a year.

More puzzling than just the insane circumstance of this child being slowly forgotten about, is that under the same roof seven other children were being fed, clothed and generally cared for. There was an eighth child that had been given up for adoption. Even now Lockwood is pregnant, this time with twins.

There are risk factors which can shed light on what types of people might neglect their children, but no concrete reasons as to why. According to Child Protective Services (CPS), being a person of unemployment, a drug abuser, a depressed person, having a mental illness, or having been abused themselves as a child are all components that could make a parent a neglecter. But ultimately no statistic can break it down so that suddenly there is an explanation.

One can simply write off that these people are profoundly disturbed, and be satisfied to admit the misfortune of their existence. What no person should begin to accept are the people who are able to break the cycle of abuse, but are sitting back as the numbers of fatalities increase, and the peaks in the charts double.

According to the CPS, in 1991, an estimated 1,383 fatalities in our nation were the result of child abuse and neglect. This shows a ten, percent increase since 1990. In 1994 the numbers continued the climb upward. And who is standing in their way?

It was allegedly reported with this most recent case that notifications had been made to the police, and nothing was done.

Surprisingly in a year of hurricanes, foreign conflict and elections, there were but few briefs in papers and news programs on the latest case of infanticide. The Internet produced no information in regards to this under a dozen different appropriate headings. There was but limited room for the tragic account of another child lost to a mother's neglect. An account which is imperative to the awareness of the people of the United States.

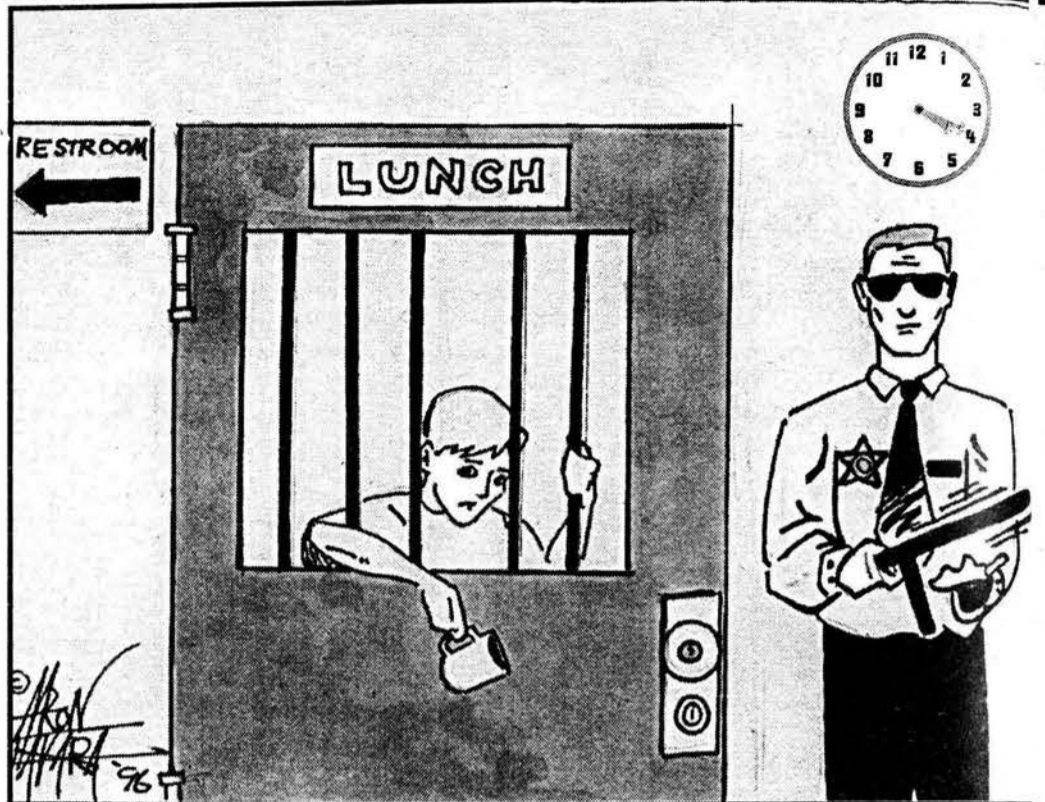
But apparently everyone should assume the regularity of these deaths because of the extensive coverage of Susan Smith who sent her car along with her two sons into a lake to drown.

Perhaps Tanya Reid, who suffocated her baby girl, should have made us realize how these things happen.

Or maybe it was Waneta Hoyt who killed her five children, one after the other, by the same induced suffocation that Reid and many other parents use, who was supposed to make us remember finally how recurrent these same types of deaths are.

Incarceration has brought this woman to her punishment. But she shares the blame with others. The police and neighbors, those who knew are just as guilty for not being persistent enough to prevent this innocent girl's death.

The guilty parties in infanticide cases are simply lunatics, and not in a capacity to make rational decisions. But most times there is someone who thinks that something is wrong or someone who knows, and those people deserve no pardon.



REGISTER YOUR OPINIONS

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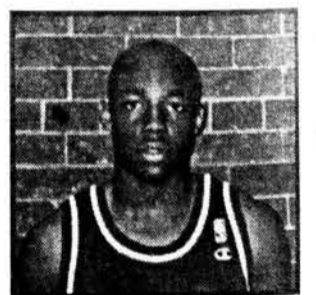
Is the United States sending cruise missiles to Iraq an appropriate way to deal with Saddam Hussein's invasion of Kurdish territory?



It's great that we bombed Iraq. They shouldn't have moved into Kurdish territory.

Derek Vande-Brake 9

I think it was appropriate because Saddam keeps messing with other countries. We need to show him we have the power.



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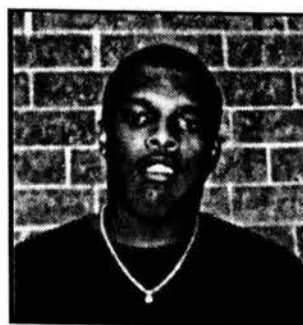
No, because they are having their own problems. We should worry about our own backyard before we invade others.

Chad Jacobsen 12

I don't think its okay because the United States has their own problems. Solving other countries problems should be secondary to ours.



Laura Werkheiser 9



No, if they keep bombing them, it shows how much more violent America is. Sending missiles just creates more problems.

Quincy Welchen 12

Through My Eyes

By Erin Beal



Silence. From the moment you enter the classroom, all chattering dies away. Gathering your courage, you risk one glance toward the rows of desks and their curious, slightly hostile occupants. All of a sudden, your new school clothes don't seem so "cool" and anxiety tightens around your heart. Never having felt so alone, you quietly take your seat in the new school which is a few blocks from your new house in this cold, unfriendly city.

Most people have experienced this terrifying event, otherwise known as the first day of school. For new kids, this important day can be especially traumatic. However, as with most problems in life, the newness wears off and the fears are soon forgotten. Instead of strange faces, children's memories are soon filled with laughter and best friends. While this day is usually the beginning of many fun-filled times, for some it is a door slammed shut.

For those who are extremely shy, an interactive education is far from reach. Because they are uncomfortable with other people, it is almost impossible for them to gain a rich, diverse life experience. The fetters of insecurity often keep people from forming friendships or expressing their ideas to others.

Shyness often confines people to their homes and familiar situations. A person's lack of confidence can limit both his or her experiences and enjoyment of life. The results of extreme shyness and insecurity are tragic for both the shy individual and the rest of the world.

So many amazing discoveries have resulted when people refused to be silenced by doubt. For example, Christopher Columbus requested money from Spanish royalty to pay for his now famous voyage. If this bold step had not been taken, the discovery of America would have been prolonged indefinitely.

Individual bravery has changed the

world time and time again. Self-confident people have often instigated needed changes which create a better quality of life. None of this would be possible if those people had allowed self-doubt and shyness to take control.

Of greater interest, however, than any story from the pages of history, are the actions of ordinary people as they change their communities in extraordinary ways. No matter what their personalities may be like these people have the desire to improve the world around them.

Be it your neighbor who serves lunch at a shelter on the weekends or the rather quiet student who teaches Spanish at grade schools on Wednesdays, each has overcome the obstacle of shyness and touched others as a result.

For some, interaction with others is painful because of the paralyzing fear that accompanies it. Social functions can be especially trying for extremely shy people. Our appearance-based society usually views them as silent and rather boring.

Without pausing for a second glance, the popular crowd always passes them by in its continual search for new excitement. These capricious people make such a horrible mistake.

Every person has some interesting story to share. In general, quiet individu-

als are much more observant of life than the rest of the population who habitually chatter on without stopping for breath. Therefore, shy people often notice the details in life that escape the notice of others.

They indeed have many interesting stories to tell. Unfortunately, many shy individuals never see their potential, focusing instead on their faults and shortcomings.

No matter how much they might like to tell someone a joke they made up or relate the strange conversation they overheard at a restaurant last night, they simply cannot. The very thought of unwelcome attention is enough to turn some faces pale.

In reality, most people never discover the interesting stories that make up a shy person's life because they don't take the time to ask the questions or truly listen.

Most people will never know that the quiet, eighty year-old man in church used to ride Harley Davidsons. In addition, few people pause long enough to learn how much he loved them or the reason why he gave up riding.

The boisterous neighborhood kids never really seem to notice the shy girl who whispers and plays with her dolls alone every day. They never see her eyes follow them as they laugh and cycle down the street.

It could be that shy girl who sits behind you in class or the old man who, with tears in his eyes, sings the church hymns in a quavering voice.

Extend yourself and help to bring a shy and frightened person out of their shell. In initiating such a friendship, you will have changed two lives forever.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A READER OPINION FORUM

Dear Editor,

I am writing in protest to the closing of the West porch during the lunch hours. I feel that trapping us in the building for a full day without even a breath of fresh air is quite unfair and unhealthy. In an unairconditioned building I would hope that the administration would understand how difficult it is to study, learn, and concentrate in this hot and humid environment.

It is a misconception by the administration that the closing of West Porch is a deterrent to those who want to leave the school grounds for whatever reason. Those students who choose to break the rules, will, regardless of any new policy. The closing of the West Porch only increases the tension and frustration of those students who, like myself, are trying to remain in school. I find it insulting to be forced to remain in either the courtyard or cafeteria without any access to the library or other resources on my lunch period.

I believe that the teachers and staff would find their students to be much more eager and able to learn if they would allow us to relax in the short amount of free time we have. I ask the administration to review and re-address this issue as soon as possible.

Paul Engles, senior

Dear Editor,

This letter is in response to several letters written to the editor last winter and spring of the 95-96 school year. I have great deal of respect for these students voicing their opinions concerning student support at athletic events. No one would argue the importance of crowd support at school events.

I challenge the kind of support our teams received at two basketball games I attended. They were at Papillion-LaVista and Millard North. I was pleased to see a large following at the Papio game. Unfortunately, at the start of the game I immediately heard profanity and negative comments to the Papio team. At Millard North, when a player sunk two free throws to clinch the win, He turned to our crowd and made a gesture.

I am sure any varsity player would play at a higher level than that. Let's not help them by giving our school a bad image.

I challenge our senior class to lead our underclassmen in a positive direction at athletic events.

George Pserros, teacher

Dear Editor,

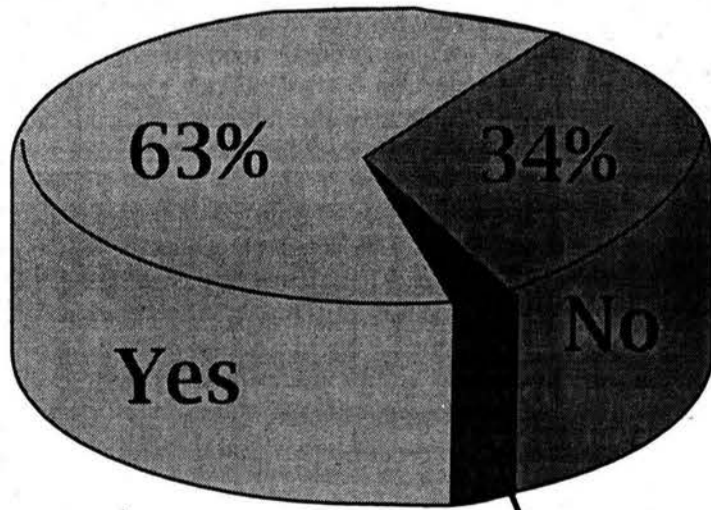
Being a senior has its privileges, and parking in the senior lot is one of them, or so I previously believed. When you have to get to the senior lot at 7 a.m. to get a parking space, it becomes a hassle. I believe this hassle comes from the fact that the school gave out 150 tickets for 75 spaces. I have found that parking on the other side of the highway has been quite nice. You can sleep in a couple of minutes, you get a nice brisk walk to start your day and you don't have a security guard on your back because you are sitting in your car.

Matt Hayduska, senior

P.S. If you have a zero hour class and get here early enough to park on the street, please do.

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Do you think that the belief of Creation should join the teachings of Darwinism in our educational institutes?



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NEWS IN BRIEF

StuCo has dance

Student Council held a back to school dance at Norris Junior High on Friday, Sept. 13, after the varsity football game.

The dance lasted from 9 p.m. until 11 p.m.

"We wanted the students to be able to do something fun together after one of our games," treasurer Mary Hill said. "We were very pleased with the turn out and we think everyone had a good time."

"I would like to do something like this again because I think it served as an opportunity for all grade levels to get together at an informal level, unlike prom and homecoming," Mary said.

Spirit week '96

Another year, a better spirit week. This year Central's Pom Squad is organizing spirit week, which is October 7th to the 11th, the week before the homecoming football game and dance. All during this week all students are encouraged to dress up on the designated days according to its appointed theme.

Maria Theophilopoulos, senior, said that they are prepared to outdo the themes of years past. But this will be done without forgetting the "favorites" as Theophilopoulos put it.

Monday will be Pajama day.

Tuesday will be Flash-back day.

Wednesday will be career day.

Thursday will be clash day.

And Friday will be Spirit day since the homecoming game is that night. Purple and white is to be worn as much as possible.

"Each year we do these themes and it is a lot of fun, Amber Ingram, junior, said the more people that dress up the better."

Amanda Weiler, senior, said that it is the one week students can play dress up and since again there will be a pajama day, just roll out of bed and go to school.

Homecoming each year like the days of the week before it, also has a theme by which all the decorating is done.

Once again this year's homecoming dance's theme is being kept a secret.

Nebraskans join together and walk for cure

By Carolyn Bullard

Over One thousand HIV/AIDS supporters, victims and volunteers gathered at Memorial Park on the morning of Sept. 8 to kick off AIDS Walk Nebraska, a ten kilometer fundraising walkathon benefiting the Nebraska AIDS Project, or NAP.

The participants began to pour in around 10 a.m. via wheelchairs, rollerblades and by foot. By 11 a.m. the park was bustling with activity. People with different stories, different backgrounds, and different health status all came for the support of one single cause: AIDS.

Walkers were to get people to sponsor them for the amount that they were planning to walk. As an incentive, t-shirts were given to those who raised forty dollars or more. In addition to the t-shirts, a grand prize was to be given to the person who raised the most money.

The grand prize was two round trip air tickets to anywhere in the continental US.

Jeffrey Wilson, Development Director for NAP began the opening ceremonies by comparing this year's walk to the very first AIDS walk.

"We have over 1,100 registered walkers today. Just five years ago there were twenty of us here to walk," Wilson said.

Wilson attributed the increasing numbers to the awareness of the community, saying that more people had been affected by the epidemic today than they had previously been five years ago. According to the Center for Disease Control an estimated 2,500 Nebraskans are now infected with the virus.

Cindy Calhoun, aerobics instructor, led the mass of supporters in a group warm up before the walk.

As well, much concern was given to the health of those walking who perhaps could not make the entire walk. A van followed closely behind the crowd to pick up any stragglers.

The walk encircled the areas of Memorial Park, Fair Acres and Dundee, and did not go unnoticed. Homeowners came out of their houses to see what was occurring. Some were supportive while others showed their lack of enthusiasm towards the cause. Several offensive names were yelled at walkers.

"Not only are you raising money to help provide for people living with HIV/AIDS but you are also sending a message out to the community, to every house you pass, a message that says 'WE CARE'. We are raising the level of consciousness that much more," Emile Cartoin, walk volunteer said.

The walk was finished and the participants met back at the park for free food and prizes. The Orienta Trading Company, which is a huge supporter of NAP, along with many other businesses and individuals donated hamburgers, hotdogs, pop toys and other odds and ends.

Upon finishing the walk, each registered walker received a red bag full of toys and candy as well as information regarding NAP, HIV/AIDS, volunteer opportunities and prevention. After all the hotdogs had been eaten, those who remained at the park helped clean up and were treated to icecream.

The proceeds went to Nebraska AIDS Project, an organization that has taken on the great responsibility for preventing the spread of AIDS through education and support services for those whom it has affected.

Minimum wage increase has mixed reviews at CHS

By Tim Hakanson

The Nation's minimum wage will be increasing across the country in less than a month and working students are not short of opinions on the increase.

Starting in October, the federal minimum wage, the lowest legal hourly wage, will be raised in two increments.

On Oct. 1, the minimum wage will increase from \$4.25 to \$4.75. One year from this November, the minimum wage will be increased again. At that time it will be raised 40 cents to set the wage at \$5.15.

There is a varied reaction to the minimum wage among working Central High School students.

Among those pleased with the increase include those paid below the future minimum wage.

Students such as David Richardson, junior, who makes \$4.25, which is the present minimum wage, said he enjoys the change. As a direct result

of the wage increase, his wage will go up. After the increase, David said that he will be, "Makin' the money."

He also approves of the increase because he said he believes that the federal minimum wage increase will keep the economy stable.

Others also think that the increase will cause increased inflation. Michael Sheehan, sophomore, works for the present minimum wage \$4.25. Despite the fact that his wage is directly affected by the increase, he does not agree with it. In his view, it will raise the price of everything else.

Becky Overgaard, senior, said she is not happy with the increase. A year ago, she started working at minimum wage. She now earns \$4.65 and said she is not happy that it took her so long to get paid that while come October, all workers will be paid at least \$4.75. She said that her employer will have to redo the raise scale.

All of those who work over the minimum wage do not think that their pay will be affected by the minimum wage increase.

Central gets new teachers from junior high

By John Gaskins

Going to a senior high school after attending a junior high can be an interesting experience for most students, but what about teachers that must do the same thing?

Due to Omaha Public School's decision to terminate ninth grade at Lewis and Clark Junior High School, many of the students that would have been freshmen at Lewis and Clark are attending Central. Three former Lewis and Clark freshman teachers, English teacher Ms. Dolores D'Agosto, math teacher Ms. Mary Whitney, and science teacher Mrs. Jean Whitten, have made the same move.

New students must adjust to the significant difference in the size, age and maturity of other students, as well as the overall atmosphere of a high school. However, these teachers have also had to adjust to high school life, especially during their first few days.

"I was overwhelmed with chaos; numbed in fact," D'Agosto said. "I'm still trying to recover from that numbness."

D'Agosto has reason to be overwhelmed. Her life and teaching career has not seen such a change in a long time.

She spent many of her 23 years at Lewis and Clark teaching freshman English 1-2, and already has seen major differences in the surroundings of the junior high school level and Central.

"I have always been an organized person, but this experience has made me feel very disorganized, which is kind of frustrating," D'Agosto said.

D'Agosto, who teaches freshman English 1-2 and sophomore English 3-4, teaches about 150 students in her five classes, compared to the 110 she taught in her six classes at Lewis and Clark.

Despite the size of the classes, D'Agosto is

happy with the students and impressed with the maturity, work ethic and focus they have shown. She says there is a definite difference in the behavior and maturity level of junior high students and high school students.

Whitney, whose tenure at Lewis and Clark lasted 21 years, is also overwhelmed by the larger class sizes, not to mention one other pesky issue that both teachers and students have had to encounter.

"It is hot in here!," Whitney said. "I miss the air conditioning we had at Lewis and Clark."

She taught freshman Honors Geometry and Algebra 1-2 at Lewis and Clark and now teaches Algebra 1-2 and sophomore Algebra 3-4 at Central. At first, she thought the job of teaching at a high school would be more demanding than at a junior high, but has found that not to be the case.

Whitney also felt slightly uncomfortable and disorganized the first few days of school. She said one of the more difficult adjustments was following the different procedures that the Central administration demands, such as the hour-and-a-half home room the first day.

Other difficult adjustments she has had to make at Central have been teaching significantly larger classes, dealing with the heat, and, like D'Agosto, traveling from room to room. She no longer has the comfort of her air-conditioned portable at Lewis and Clark.

"Oh, yeah, it has taken some getting used to, but I think I'll like things here," Whitney said. "The students have been great and I've seen so many kids I knew from Lewis and Clark, which is nice."

Both Whitney and D'Agosto said they greatly enjoyed teaching at Lewis and Clark and would have stayed at the junior high had freshman enrollment not been terminated. However, the presence of Central principal Dr. Gary Thompson, who was principal at Lewis and Clark

for four years before coming to Central, and Central's reputation of quality academics convinced them to come to Central.

The adjustments of going from a junior high school to a senior high school were not as difficult to make for Whitten, the freshman Honors Biology 1-2 teacher. Prior to teaching ninth-grade biology at Lewis and Clark for five years, Whitten taught at high schools in South Carolina, Boston, North Carolina. She also taught at the University of Nebraska at Omaha for 10 years. The year before she started at Lewis and Clark, she taught at Central as a substitute.

Whitten said there is very little difference between the freshman class she teaches now and the one she taught at Lewis and Clark, with the exception of the much larger class sizes. She is also impressed at the maturity of high school students and said they are capable of handling the larger classes.

"The kids seem to be really, really easy and fun to work with, and as long as you have that, you can teach 32 kids without any problems," Whitten said. Her classes at Lewis and Clark had only 20 to 25 students.

Whitten said she came to Central because she wanted to continue teaching biology at the high school level and because she already knew most of the Central staff from her substituting days.

She said one of the benefits of teaching freshmen at a high school compared to a junior high is that she is able to see her former students in the years after she taught them. As a freshman teacher at a junior high school, she didn't get to know students until they were freshmen in her class.

Whitten said she feels no added pressure or stress teaching at a high school because she has done it before. She is very excited to be at Central.

These Lewis and Clark veterans said they are gradually getting used to teaching at a high school and are proud to call Central home.

A familiar face returns to the halls of CHS

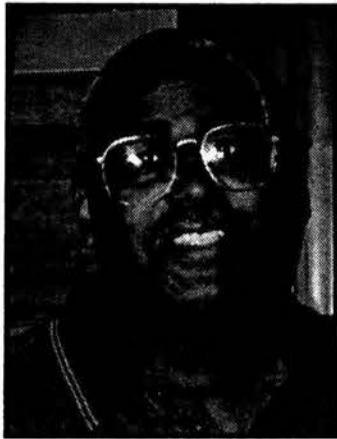
By Emily Martin

Mr. Charles Williams, security aide, returned to Central this year after leaving at the beginning of the '95-'96 school year.

"I went to an outside agency to pursue another path; I thought I'd have a job in marketing," Williams said.

The job did not turnout the way he expected and he returned to the Omaha Public School system last semester.

In OPS Williams worked as a



Charles Williams

security aide at both the Walnut Hill and Jackson Schools.

Working in the schools, Williams became interested in coming back to Central.

"It's home," he said.

After bidding for a security job at Central he was hired once again. There were people who were pushing for him to return to Central as well, Williams said.

This year there have been numerous changes in Central's rulebook, many of which affect security aides. Most changes

occur during the lunch hour.

"A lot of the changes are working really well," Williams said.

There is a smaller area to observe students in during lunch time which makes his job more efficient.

At lunch, Williams may be seen patrolling the school for everyone's safety.

"My duty is to insure the safety of staff, students, equipment and faculty," Williams said.

The student population increase has not hurt his duty.

The students appear to be more protective with their property because of the increase in population this year Williams said.

Students and staff have welcomed Williams back this year. Many are glad to have him volunteering his time to school activities

once again.

"I give a helping hand driving the debate team to tournaments and talking to the consumer science classes about immunizations," Williams said.

His experience with immunizations is based on 22 years of giving immunizations to infants and children while in the United States Airforce.

Returning to a different administration than he remembers Williams is happy with the changes, sighting the positive changes that have already taken place over the past year.

"Central this year will grow and get better," Williams said.

If it does, one can expect Williams to be a part of the positive changes.

Counseling center changes are positive

By Sam Achelpohl

Personnel and the office makeup are some of the changes that the Central High guidance center have undergone since last year.

If you've been in the guidance department lately, you may have noticed a few new characteristics about the room. Over the summer, the north wall was torn down and another office was built in its place. The secretary's desk, copy machine and file cabinets were all moved to the middle of the room and the partition in the back was taken out to add more space.

"It's a great change," Guidance Director Sharon Cipperley said. "We have more space then before and we also have more plans in the making."

It's clear that the changes in the center have made some impact on the students as well as the personnel.

"The changes made waiting to see a counselor easier," senior T.J. Ernst said. "It's also made it easier to get in and take care of my scheduling problems." Future changes include a new work station similar to that of the main office. There are also plans to create a college search area for seniors towards the back of the center where the partition used to be.

"We plan on putting some comfy chairs in the back where seniors can sit back and get comfortable while they look at colleges," Cipperley said.

For many seniors, college is currently the main focus of attention in their lives. The counseling department dealt with this two years ago by adding a new position based on college guidance alone.

Cipperley held the position last year as well as guidance director. An attempt was made to replace the counselor from two years ago, but after many candidates were interviewed, no one was selected to fill the position.

"It was tough handling both jobs," Cipperley said.

This year, because of the expected increase in enrollment, interviews again took place over the summer. They needed someone who could concentrate directly on college counseling.

Ms. Janette Matney was hired to fill the position of college counselor.

"We wanted someone enthusiastic who could work with seniors," Cipperley said.

Matney will add to the idea at Central that a student is able to go to any counselor he feels comfortable with, unlike many other schools where you are assigned a certain counselor who you see all the time.

Whether it be a change of character in the center, or the addition of new people, the counselors' office has undergone some extensive alterations in the past few months. It has given the guidance department a whole

new look which will allow it to have an even greater impact on the student body.

We have more space than before and more plans in the making.
-- Sharon Cipperley, Guidance Director

Blue sheets stack up in guidance center

By Rachel Slosburg

Several blue sheets of paper surrounded the desks of counselors and secretaries inside the guidance center by Friday, Aug. 30 at Central High School.

The blue sheets represented the requests of students trying to change their class schedules. At the start of each school year, the guidance department rearranges numerous class schedules to fit the needs of students and eliminate conflicts.

Many students are aware or have dealt with this situation before. Central's assistant principal Mr. Paul Semrad said schedule conflicts are a result of too many students with too many class needs. According to Semrad, the students who have the most schedule conflicts are enrolled for the courses offered the least.

Semrad said the primary goal of scheduling is to match the needs of the most kids.

"We want to give every opportunity for students to take the classes they want or need to graduate," Semrad said.

However, some students have to make a choice between two classes because of a schedule conflict.

Semrad said music subjects and other electives cause many schedule conflicts for students. Classes offered in various hours of the day try to revolve around those courses with fewer sections(hours offered).

Semrad also said science courses can be a problem because of the double period required for lab. This year, Biology is no longer attached to a lab period, and as a result fewer freshmen have schedule conflicts.

The process of developing a student's schedule begins months before the school year approaches. Semrad is in charge of creating an overall schedule for every course offered at Central during the year.

In the spring, counselors register students for the following school year.

From the spring registration, he determines the number of class periods necessary for each course.

The department heads then de-

cide which teacher and what period of the day a certain course should be taught. Semrad spends the first three weeks of summer on his computer fitting all courses and sections into an overall schedule. Each class period is designated a maximum number of students to control the class size.

Semrad conducts trial runs of the schedule, or prints a listing off of the computer of every student and whether he or she has a conflict.

"This year I started out with 330 conflicts out of 1800 students. It took six trial runs to have over 2000 students with no schedule conflicts," Semrad said.

Semrad said he will contact students over the summer if they have a schedule conflict occurring on a trial run.

"It is important that a student decides between taking one class or another," Semrad said. "It is not fair for me to choose one class over another without a student's approval."

Academic support counselor Mrs. Sharon Franzen said that one of the causes of schedule conflicts

is a lack of faculty. Like Semrad, Mrs. Franzen said she agrees that the biggest problem is having students desire too many class periods for a wide selection of courses.

"We try to accommodate all of our students, but it is very difficult to do with almost 2000 different schedules to work with," Franzen said.

Franzen and Semrad also commented that class sizes may reflect schedule conflicts. An example is Honors Physics 1-2 during periods four and five. Mr. Frank Marsh, the teacher of this class began the year with 42 students. The class was large because several students' schedules could not fit a Physics class any other time during the day.

Since then, the class size has decreased to 35. The counselors chose seven students whose schedules would be easiest to change. As Central continues to grow, the schedule will become an even harder puzzle to solve said Franzen and Semrad. The goal will be the same: providing students with the best possible help with class needs.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Absence policy returns to CHS

The 10 day policy is back at Central this year.

The policy states that student who miss more than 10 days automatically are placed in failing status, and must appeal to the course instructor to be taken out of the failing status.

The change was made mainly due to an outcry by teachers because too many students were missing too many classes. The students could get away with missing as many as ten, twenty, or thirty days and still pull of a passing grade which teachers felt was unfair and insulting to them.

The policy is currently set up so a student who goes over the ten absence limit in any class can appeal to the teacher.

If the teacher feels the student still should be failing, the student has the additional option of contacting the principal to get a final decision. Teachers will have pre-arranged absences, doctor's notes, religious holidays, funerals and approved school activities to take into consideration when considering appeals.

The complete policy can be found in its entirety in the *Central School Handbook*.

Book policy

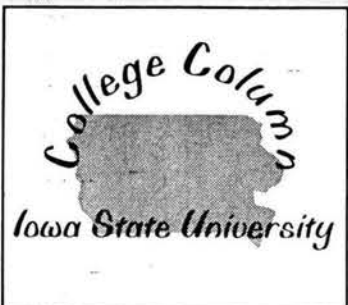
The books that pass through students' hands usually end up being replaced. The question is what happens to the books after school.

The first step is that the books are inspected by administrators who choose whether they will be destroyed, redistributed, or resold.

Books which are destroyed are those that have been deemed obsolete. Many subjects are updated so the books become obsolete. At other times, the condition is so bad that they are destroyed.

Books that are still in good condition and are still applicable to their subjects can be checked out by students. The books are also used in local programs for organizations that tutor pupils. These include the Boy's.

O.P.S. buys the books from the publisher and signs a contract to have the books for usually six or seven years. During this time the district can buy more books of the same type to replace other ones which were damaged. The books are at the will of O.P.S. after the end of the contract in most cases.



By Caroline Foley

- 🌻 School: Iowa State University
- 📍 Where? Ames, Iowa
- 👥 Total Enrollment: 20,757
- 👤 Percent male and female: 58 and 42 percent
- 📄 Number of applicants: 8,000
- 📄 Percent accepted: 88%
- 📄 SAT range: 370-530 Verbal and 460-630 Math
- 📄 Estimated tuition (including room and board): \$10,000 out-of-state
- 👥 Students involved in fraternities and sororities: 33%
- 🌻 Most popular major: engineering

Miscellaneous information: Iowa State's has outstanding architecture, engineering and computer schools.

Since ISU is state-funded, vocational programs such as veterinary medicine, medicine, agriculture, and consumer sciences are very strong.

The only required course for all students to take deals with the library.

Jane Smile, Pulitzer Prize-winning author, teaches in ISU's English department.

Every spring, VEISHA, a large music festival and parade, gives the students time to take a break from the books.

Iowa State is a member of the competitive Big Eight Conference, and the facilities and opportunities for varsity athletes are outstanding.

One of these facilities is the state-of-the-art athletic hall designed solely for recreational use by non-varsity athletes.

Iowa State is a classic large university that provides sound academics, strong athletics, and a social life filled with variety.

** all information taken from *The Insider's Guide to the Colleges*

Jobs affect students school performance

By Tim Hakanson

Part-time jobs are a good way for students to learn responsibility and time management, as well as putting a little extra cash in their bank accounts, but jobs can also have a negative effect on students' grades and overall performance in school.

Many students are employed in after school and weekend jobs. These jobs are often necessary because of financial needs. They also teach important skills. Work experience, social skills, responsibility and time management can be learned by high school students who work.

Many times, however, jobs take up so much time that students run out of time for schoolwork and sleep.

Dr. Shawver, English teacher, asks that students tell him whether they work or not on their enrollment cards. He said that some students who work make excuses for undone work due to their jobs. Also, working late hours and lack of sleep causes some students to not only leave homework undone, but be tired and inattentive in class. He said that some job situations demand that work cuts into school.

Jason Stearns, sophomore, works at Petrow's Restaurant over 20 hours a week. He works

Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. He said that his job does affect his schoolwork.

"When you work from 4:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., you don't have time for homework," Stearns said.

He said he believes that he would most likely be doing better in school if he worked fewer hours, but that is not always possible. Jason said he needs the money.

Dr. Shawver, who said he believes that every case is different, said he has seen improvement in the grades of students who work after they end their job. He said that the same is true of students involved in extra-curricular activities. After a sports season, there are often small improvements in the grades of athletes involved in those sports.

"If at all possible, school should be the number one priority," Dr. Shawver said.

Jobs do not always cause students to fall behind in their schoolwork.

Allison Pagan, junior, works at Baker's 15 hours a week. She said that she does not let working affect her schoolwork.

"I am motivated enough to get my homework done," Allison said.

She said she does think, however, that any more than 15 hours probably would have a negative affect her schoolwork.

Community service

Students take pleasure in reading for the disabled

By John Gaskins

Reading magazines, newspapers and books is an activity that many people do for their own personal enjoyment and sometimes take for granted. However, once a week, Central seniors Jeff Evans and Ryan VanArkel not only read for themselves, but for a community of people who are unable to take part in the everyday activity of reading.

Jeff and Ryan read magazine and news articles for the Radio Talking Book Network, a closed circuit radio station that provides news and informational programming for anyone who cannot read the words or turn the pages of printed material, mainly the blind and physically disabled.

When Jeff, who has always been a fanatical reader, found out about the volunteer service, he couldn't pass up the opportunity to get involved.

He has been volunteering at the network for two years and usually reads science and environmental articles, and also finds it great that he not only gets to do something he enjoys, but is giving back to the community at the same time.

"I love it. It's the best and most fun volunteering I can think of," Jeff said. Jeff said he also likes the fact that volunteers can choose to read whatever they want.

Ryan heard about the service

from Jeff, and comes in once a week to read for "Names in the News," which is a program involving the current news of political, entertainment, and sports figures.

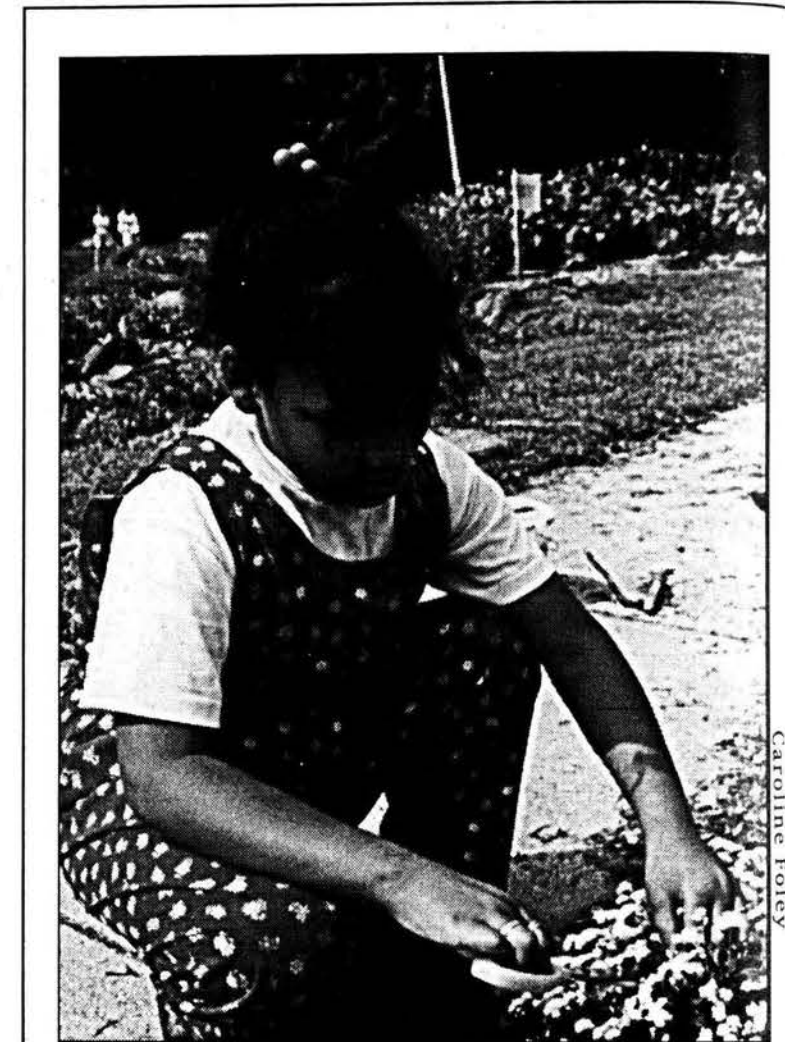
"It is so much fun. It's kind of cool to know you're casually reading these articles from People Magazine to thousands of people who are thankful you are doing it," Ryan said.

Over 125 people volunteer for Radio Talking Book, which is on the air 120 hours a week, 365 days a year, and offers a wide variety of programming. The network is part of the Radio Talking Book Services, Inc., which is located in the Community Health Plaza, just south of Immanuel Hospital.

A variety of interesting and entertaining programs fills the airwaves everyday. Financial, medical, environmental, consumer and sports news are heard, not to mention cooking programs, yard and garden tips, and entertainment gossip.

Plus, listeners are entertained with amusing shows such as "Mystery Theatre," a heart-stopping storytelling program, and "The Gold Old Days," a light-hearted history program.

In addition, advertisements in newspapers from department stores and grocery stores are read every weekday.



Helping out. Imani Taylor, 8, "dead heads" magnolias at the City Sprouts garden. City Sprouts is an organic gardening project on 41st and Franklin. Kate Brown, founder of the organization, said, "Our goal is to get the community involved in and aware of organic gardening." All of the spices, fruits and vegetables that the garden produces are sold at the Farmer's Market on Sundays. Work parties are on Saturdays and Sundays. Anyone can volunteer and, according to Brown, "We'd be happy to have you."

To receive the network, interested listeners must apply for a receptor that carries it, or the network can be heard on secondary audio programming on Nebraska Public Television.

John Fullerton, executive director, said most listeners are elderly people who have gone blind late in their life, and therefore many hospitals and nursing homes receive the network.

"These people miss being able to do the simple things they could when they could see, such reading the newspaper every night, and that is why we are here - to read for them," said Fullerton, who is in charge of fund-raising and supervises a staff of ten at the organization.

One member of the staff is Dick Zlab, the studio manager, who like most listeners is visually impaired. Zlab has worked for the network since it was nine months into its establishment in 1974.

He said that the network has grown from 100 receivers in the Omaha area when it started out to over 2,000 receivers statewide, with a potential audience of 25,000 listeners.

Zlab's job is engineering the network in the control room five days a week, which includes selecting the programs that will air on the network. He says the most popular program is the reading of the *Omaha*

World-Herald and *Lincoln Journal-Star* newspapers, which air live every weekday for two hours in the morning and two hours in the evening.

Zlab also advises volunteers on how to read their stories and articles. "Basically, we tell them to read clearly and slowly, as if they are reading to a friend over the kitchen table," Zlab said.

Volunteers have the freedom of coming in whenever they choose, and may also read whatever they choose.

When a volunteer goes to read, he or she selects the material they will read and the tape with the allotted time for their reading, and then reads the material in a recording studio until the tape is complete.

Most readings are done on half-hour tapes, since most programs are a half-hour long. Volunteers must record and edit their own tapes.

Jeff and Ryan said they agreed that the process is both fun and easy. "I was a little nervous at first, but now it's like riding a bike. I'm basically reading out loud to myself," Jeff said.

"You go in, pick your article, read and leave," Ryan said. "It's as simple and fun as that." Both Zlab and Fullerton said they are satisfied with the success of the network, and future goals include making sure that the network is received by as many people as possible.

Trip to Israel enriches the lives of Central students with new experience

By Dave Echternach

Last summer two Central seniors took a journey to a foreign country. In late June, Jason Hoberman and Maggie Jacobson both traveled to Israel.

They each spent a total of twenty-eight days in several cities.

"I was never in the same city for more than four days," Maggie said.

Jason also traveled to Egypt for a total of two days.

"It took awhile for it to sink in that I was there," Maggie said. While both Maggie and Jason had the same destination each had different reasons for going, and each went with different groups. Maggie wanted to go for a new experience. Jason wanted to go because he is devout in Judaism, the main religion in Israel.

"I wanted to visit the Homeland," Jason said.

Maggie went with people from all over the U.S., called ISI outdoor adventure. Jason went with the Jewish Organization of Omaha who awarded him a scholarship that covered half of his traveling expenses.

"I received the scholarship for going to classes in the organization," Jason said. While in Egypt Jason said the temperature reached 115 degrees both days.

"The food was horrible, and we were only guaranteed one bottle of water." The bottle contains only one and a half liters, very sparing for a whole day in one hundred degree heat. If any more water was needed it could be purchased for at one to two dollars a bottle.

"I spent nearly two hundred dollars on water alone," Jason said.

He said the lodging also left something to be desired. "There were no doors to the rooms, it was very unsafe," Jason said.

While in Egypt, Jason climbed Mt. Sinai which reaches an elevation upwards of 7000 feet. The morning of the climb Jason and his group left at two thirty and reached the top at

five fifteen. He stayed on the peak of the mountain for one and a half hours until the sunrise.

"It was probably the most beautiful thing I have ever seen," he said. "You could see for miles across all of Egypt." While in Israel, Jason climbed Masada, a mountain believed to have been climbed by the Zealots in 71 A.D. to free the Romans from captivity.

"We weren't really trying to re-create what the Zealots did we were just trying to get a feeling for it all," Jason said.

Maggie went rappelling 150 feet down a mountainside. She also went scuba diving in the Red Sea.

Some of the cities in Israel visited by both were Tel Aviv, (considered the capital in the United States), Jerusalem, (considered the capital in Israel), and Tiberia. While in Israel, Jason ate mainly schnitzel. Schnitzel is a type of Jewish ethnic food.

"It is similar to french cutlet at school except it is chicken." Jason said. "It's like a long wide chicken Mc Nugget."

Maggie ate alot of rice, pida bread, cucumbers and tomatoes. While there both got a feel of the Israeli lifestyle.

"They try to be Americanized," Maggie said. She said they look like they just came off the cover of *Seventeen*.

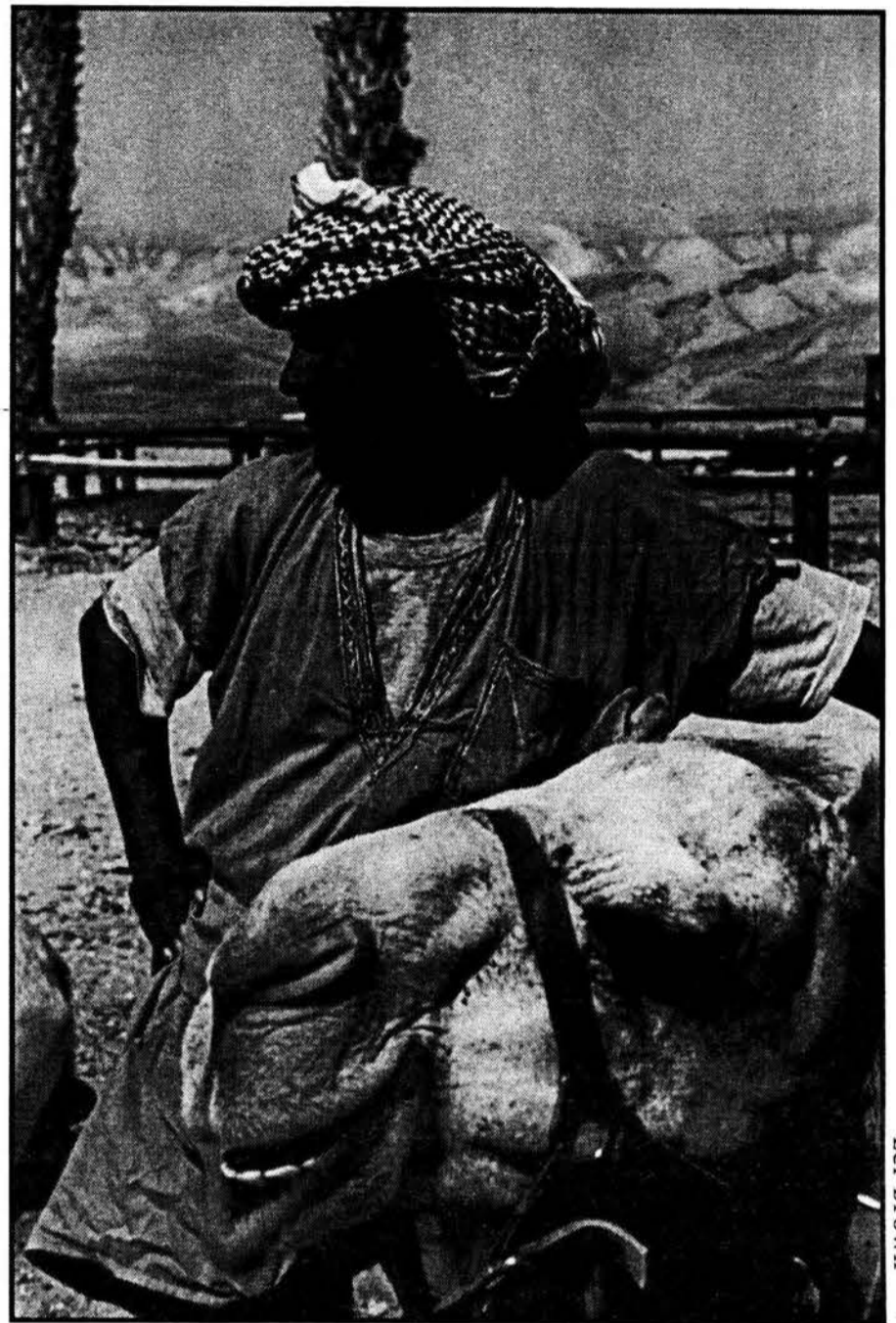
"As a whole the people are very friendly," Jason said.

Both Maggie and Jason believe Israel is a much safer country than the United States. Neither of them saw nearly as much crime as the United States has. Jason plans to return to Israel this Summer. He wants to live there after college.

"I am deeply attached to the state of Israel," Jason said.

Maggie has done all she wanted while she was there and won't be returning for a while.

"I would go back, but it wouldn't be anytime soon," Maggie said.



Lei Brown

Camel herder. Mohammed, a Bedouin nomad, is responsible for taking care of the camels. In Israel, the care of camels is a very important job for nomads, since these people depend on them as transportation in their wandering lifestyles.

Many factors shape youth political views

By Erin Beal

As the news and airways become crowded with political propaganda, voters are finalizing their choices for presidential candidates. Teenagers, along with adults, are forming opinions as to what is right and wrong in the political scene.

Many factors can influence teenagers' beliefs regarding these important issues. My parents always explain what they believe and why. It makes sense," Lisa Petersen, senior, said. Parents' persuasive arguments often affect the way their children think. Christina White, senior, said, "A lot of my beliefs come from my parents. The values that you've grown up with have a lot of influence on you."

Some teachers also accredit their parents with influencing their political beliefs. "My parents were my first influence. I would hear things they said about democrats versus republicans," Mrs. Dee Kovarik, math teacher, said.

However, parents are not the sole source of teenagers' political ideas. Many students form their own opinions based on information from outside of their families. I decide just from seeing the news on T.V. Everyone's entitled to their own opinion about politics. I decide for myself what I believe about the issues," said Hope Pruett, sophomore.

Sean Baxter, senior, said, "My parents don't influence me at all. I'm an independent because I think it's easier to choose between two sides. You want to choose the right candidate, not the right party."

The political party a teenager begins with may or may not be the one he or she decides to stay with. Mrs. Vickie Anderson, Spanish teacher, was a republican as a teenager but later became a registered democrat.

"I now better understand how the political system works," she said, "When

teenagers are new to the process, they don't know what democrats and republicans stand for." She said she believes that as adults, people see the differences between the two groups and are able to make a conscious decision as to their political alignment.

Mr. Jack Blanke, history teacher, said, "Many times [teenagers] ideas change as they're away from home and they see the world unfold before them. They're affected by the way it unfolds."

However, in some cases, adults stand by the beliefs they held when they were younger. For example, Kovarik said, "The system that I grew up with is still consistent with my life."

"At eighteen and nineteen, you tend to be more idealistic and liberal," Dr. Jurgen Shawver, English teacher, said.

He said that he believes that people become more conservative as they age.

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TECHNICAL

Rules do not prevent communication devices

By Rachel Slosburg

****Names have been changed for confidentiality**

"Radios, tape players, record players, portable T.V.'s computer games, electronic paging devices (beepers), cellular telephones, etc. ARE NOT TO BE BROUGHT TO SCHOOL. These machines cause distractions to the learning atmosphere of the school and there is the possibility of theft for which a school cannot be responsible."

Does the above paragraph look familiar? It is an excerpt from page 11 in the white section of the 1996-1997 *Central High School Handbook*. The excerpt explains the rules for bringing technological devices to school, and lists the main reasons why the machines are not allowed.

However, several students do not abide by this rule. ****John Doe** brings his pager to school every day. John said he uses his pager to keep in touch with friends during the day.

"I need my pager to know who I need to call back," John said.

John said he hides the pager in his pocket and leaves it on the vibrating mode while at school.

"It doesn't disturb a class, and my teachers never see it but I can still receive pages at school," John said. John said he disagrees with the school's policy. He said that a student should be able to carry a pager as long as it doesn't disturb a class.

"My pager doesn't interrupt anyone and is my own personal property," John said. "The school shouldn't be able to take things that belong to me."

****Joe Bloggs** also brings his pager to school, but for a different reason.

"I mainly use my pager so my parents can contact me at any time during trend unlike others; I use my pager for the convenience."



Gotcha!..This Central student secretly checks his pager in the school day to see who he needs to call back.

According to Dr. Gary Thompson, principal of Central, more and more students fit the scenario of John and Joe.

Dr. Thompson said that the students' use of pagers and cellular phones at school has become prevalent in recent years. The popularity of these technological devices has increased for several reasons Dr. Thompson said.

"It is easier for students to obtain access to a cellular phone or pager, and many parents want son or daughter to carry either of these devices for safety precautions," said Dr. Thompson.

Dr. Thompson said it is difficult to confiscate the pagers and cellular phones if the devices are not causing classroom or hallway disturbances.

"We will not search backpacks or lockers for cellular phones and pagers. However, if a student receives a phone call or his/her pager interrupts a classroom, it will be taken away."

Dr. Thompson said he understands the parents' concern for the security of their child. He said his own son has a car phone to use just in case of an emergency.

According to Dr. Thompson, pagers originally represented drug trafficking and the selling of illegal substances in schools. Today, some students display their pagers to represent a fashion trend. Senior Maggie Jacobson said she uses a bright yellow pager for social connections on weekends.

"My pager sits in my room until Friday night, and I changed the color to bright yellow to be different than the normal black design," Maggie said.

Maggie said the cost of her pager is approximately \$85 dollars a year. She said she has found it very useful and has more advantages than a cellular phone.

"My pager replaces the need for a phone, which is much more expensive and unnecessary Maggie said. "If I had a phone, I would use it twentyfour-seven and consider every little instance an 'emergency'."

Other students own only cellular phones and not pagers. Junior Denna Leavitt said her parents gave her a phone for her sixteenth birthday.

"Because I started driving, my parents felt safer with me carrying a phone on the weekends," Denna said. "It really worked out to my advantage because I use it for social calls all the time."

Senior Andrew Mattson said he thinks a phone

is more beneficial than a pager. He never features including call forwarding to conference.

"My phone can do a lot more than a pager is expensive," Andrew said. "I have to pay for out-going calls."

Andrew said he pays for his cell phone for social calls on the weekends.

"My phone is not for security, it is to communicate with friends," Andrew said.

Dr. Thompson said that as the popularity increases, the school's policy will be more strict.

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Teachers call cellular phones a success

By Erika Wulff

When Miss America waved her delicate hand good-bye, she left Central with something it never had before, cellular phones.

Last May Central was issued 25 cellular phones on trial from Alliant Cellular. The main objective for the program was to make information readily available for students and staff and to help Central overcome communication barriers in and outside the school.

"Central was chosen for the cellular phone trial due to the networking difficulties of our school," Dr. Thompson said.

With Central's thick walls,

courtyard and vast area, it is extremely difficult and costly to run wires within the building, especially in the basement and in the teacher's offices.

Teachers are required to submit an application for request of the phone. The applications are looked over by Dr. Thompson who then determines where the phones would be needed the most. Staff members who are frequently requested throughout the building have first rights to the phones. There are also six phones that are kept in the office that can be checked out on a daily basis. This way teachers who need the phones temporarily can take advantage of the

phones as well.

For Mr. Larson and Mr. Fenn the phones are a "godsend". The two computer teachers are in high demand throughout the school. With the cellular phones they can easily be contacted for computer reference. It also enables them to contact computer maintenance when there is a networking problem. Beforehand Mr. Larson and Mr. Fenn had to dash from the phone to the computer to solve problems.

"With the cellular phones, you can be in front of the screen and solve the problem at the same time," Larson said.

Fenn and Larson say that their

phones are always ringing.

"I have to remember to turn it off when I go the rest room," Fenn said.

Both teachers as well as students have access to the phone.

Mrs. Peggy Wheeler allowed her students to use her phone during creative writing in order for them to acquire information for their semester projects.

"I was able to get all my information in class which gave me more time to complete my project" Sam Achelpohl said.

The cellular phones allow students to get a hold of information that normally would not be available to them.

Other benefits the phones offer is that they enable teachers to reach parents quickly and conveniently.

Departments can also reach other effortlessly within the school which saves time and omits the

TECHNOLOGY

Students surf into the future

By Tim Hakanson

Many consider the Internet to be the gateway to the future, and at Central High School, the Internet is already becoming a part of the school's future.

This is the third year that Central has been connected to the Internet, Mr. Tim Larson, technology coordinator, said.

About 15 computers in Central High School are connected to the Internet through the Netscape browser. These computers are located throughout the building, in the writing lab, as well as the foreign language, family and consumer science, social studies, business and marketing, math and science computer labs.

In social studies, students have used the Internet to log onto information about the United States Congress. Foreign language students have found information on their specific language over the Internet, and international business students have explored different areas of business on it.

Teachers, as well as students, take advantage of Central's Internet access. They do research for classes, and get information on writing.

However, Larson said that Central is not yet using the Internet to its full potential. Some students do not know about it or how to use it. Right now, students use the Internet if a class they are in is using it or if they have a good reason to use it, such as being assigned to do research by a teacher. Larson said that Central is

getting more into the use of the Internet. There is currently no class that directly teaches how to use the Internet, but Larson is hoping that will change.

"There will be classes in the future that teach the use of the Internet," Larson said.

Ms. Amanda Karpf, science teacher, will be using the Internet this year for her Global Science and Biology classes. She said that it is a wonderful tool for teaching. Karpf designs projects for her students' research on the Internet by writing a home page for the topics being explored. She said that it is a teacher's job to write a well-guided assignment on the Internet.

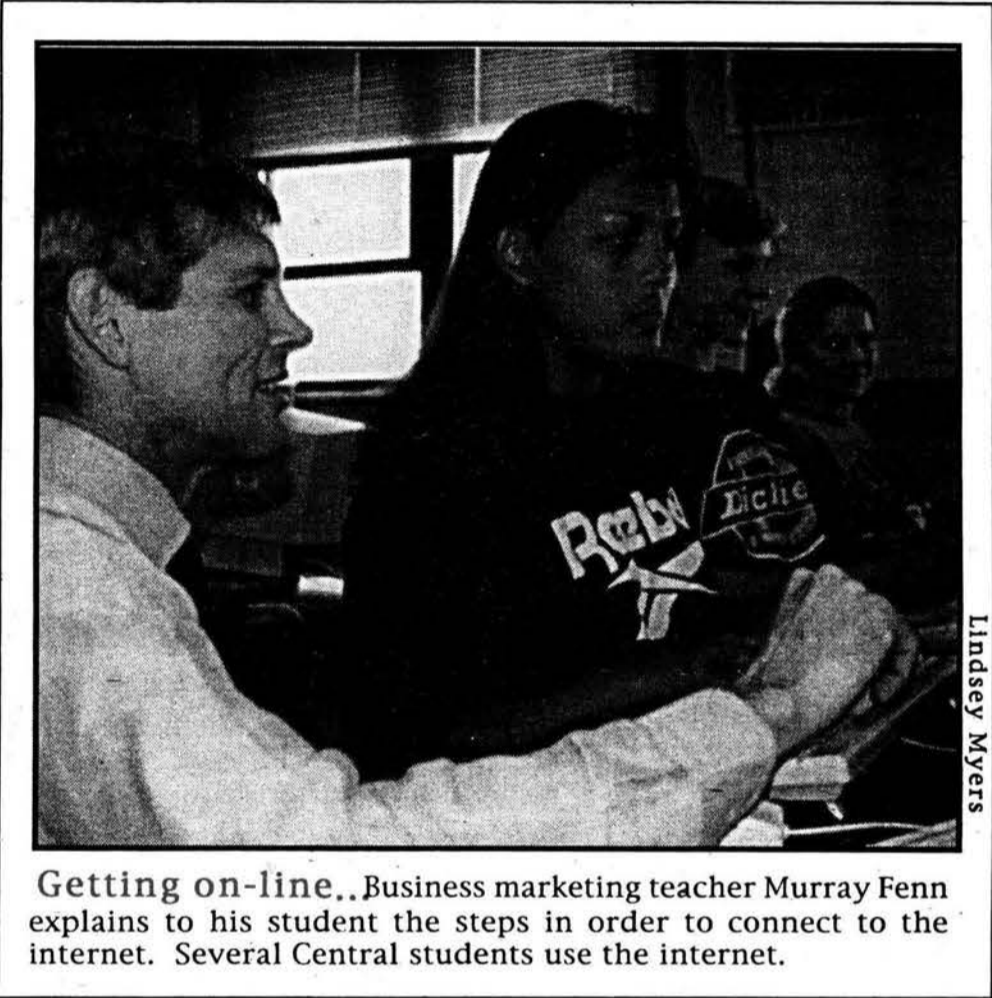
"It is a great research tool if you know where to look," said Karpf.

She said that in the future, all teachers and students will need to use the Internet. Right now, many teachers and students lack the experience or are afraid to use the Internet.

However, it is relevant to almost any class. "I can find out almost anything on the Internet," Karpf said.

Science teachers can get scientific information from universities. Social Studies teachers can visit Europe over the Internet. English teachers can visit university libraries. Art teachers can even visit the Louvre or the Smithsonian.

Last year, Karpf used the Internet for her physical science classes. Although having most of the computers in the computer labs, and not in classrooms is an obstacle, she plans to use the Internet even more this year than last year.



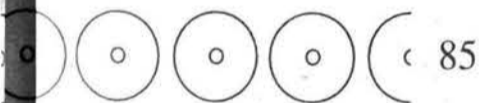
Getting on-line.. Business marketing teacher Murray Fenn explains to his student the steps in order to connect to the internet. Several Central students use the internet.

Lindsey Myers

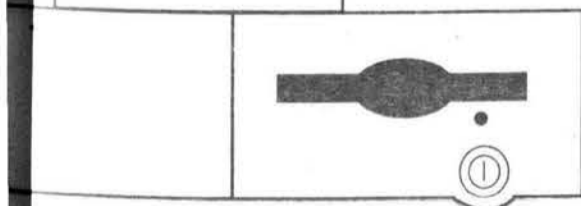
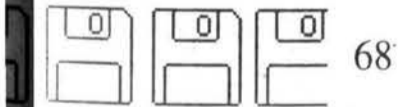
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around. Dr. Thompson said feedback received on the phones very positive.

Thompson said that one of the was stolen on the first day of

said this was an extreme waste and effort because the phones operate outside of the school.

cellular phones offer conviavance ability at Central High.

Photography at Career Center reels to new heights

By Erika Wulff

The photography program at the T.A.C building is going digital. A new system will be put into the photo lab's film scanners that will enable students to digitally send pictures from the career center to the Omaha World Herald's computers.

Beginning the week of Oct. first, The career center will become a part of this international Associated Press program.

Photo's from the career center will soon be able to transfer to other participating departments in a matter of minutes.

Mr. Dave MacCallum, the photography coordinator at the career center said that the photo's image can be scanned and

stored into the data base of the career center computer.

Then image is then transferred into pixels which are then sent over a modem through a phone line, much like voices are sent over a phone.

The phone line is attached to the World's Herald's modem which unscrambles the pixel code onto their computer screen.

"This process eliminates the step of having to save the pixel code on a file and having to transport the disk to the World Herald," MacCallum said.

This practice is used all over the globe so photos can be transported.



Entertainment

Opium Taylor playing to the local scene

By Rebecca Starr

New releases, touring and local shows are just some of the reasons for Opium Taylor to get excited.

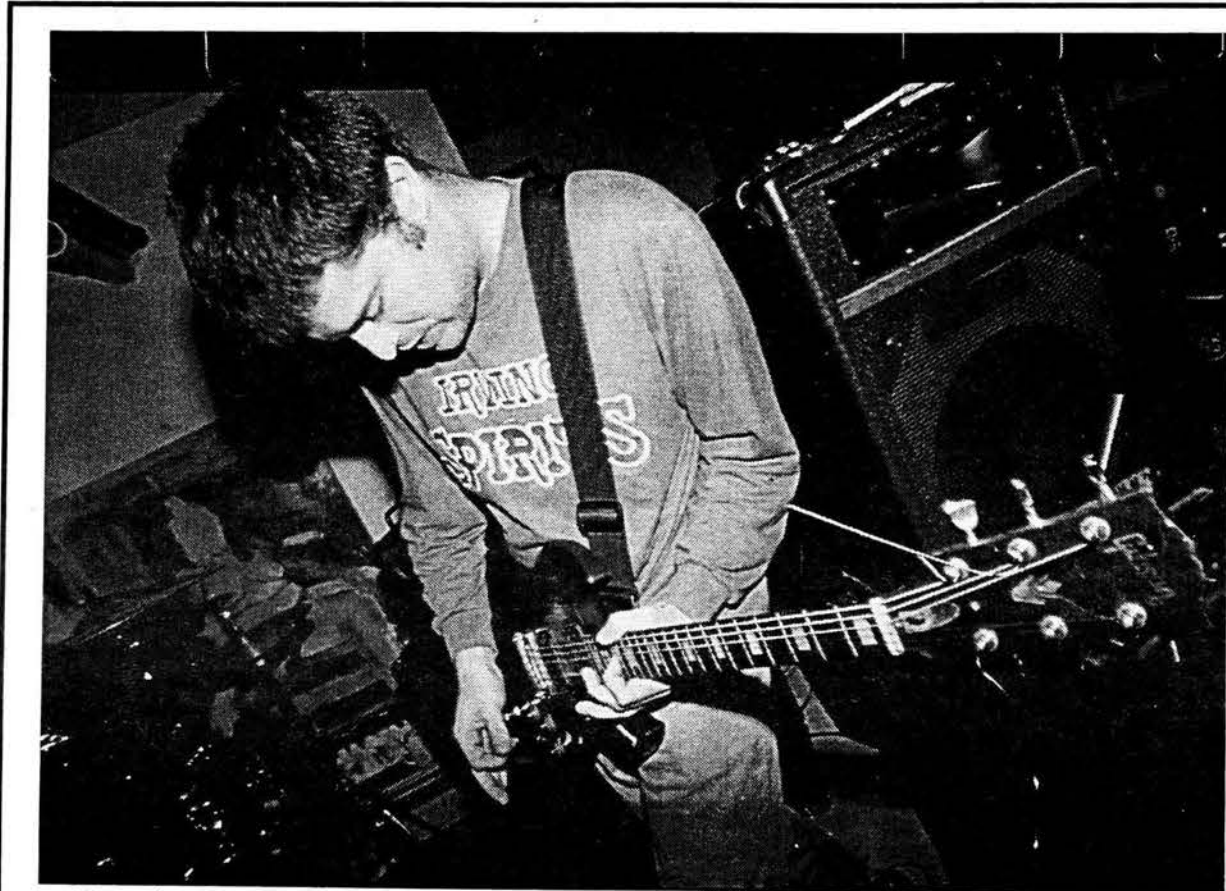
"It gets to a point when all the bands are so good, and everyone has so much energy, people are playing a lot of shows and everything is really exciting and then all the bands break up and the venues close and everyone has to start over," said Matt Focht, drummer and Central High alumnus.

Self-acclaimed twisted punk rock band, Opium Taylor must feel privileged for being a band that has been together since Nov. of '93 putting out a seven inch in April of '94.

Opium Taylor's first recording came out with original guitarist, Mike Mogis, who is currently playing with the band We'd Rather Be Flying. Chris Hiene, front man, said that reason for the split was, "at the time, he wanted to do other things besides tour." Mogis recorded *Sun Foil* and one track off of *Boy White City* with the band and was replaced by Matt Silcock almost a year later.

"Touring made us a lot smarter and a lot tougher. It helped us reach a different level, even though we have many other levels to attend," Hiene said.

Focht described the experience as scary, but fun. The band has made three tours including



Mark Murman

Catch Opium Taylor will be at Sokol Hall on Oct. 7. where they will be performing material from their new album, *Fade Machine, Fade Magazine*.

the Entropui Press Festival in Boston with a variety of other bands.

Around the Omaha area the band has been playing venues like the Cog Factory for years. Focht considers himself fortunate to have a place like the Cog Factory to play at and considers the Antiquarium and the Cog to be two of the best things in Omaha.

"We consider this a typical first album," Focht said, describing their

first and only full length album *Boy White City*. The album came out in April 1995, on Caulfield records. This driven and energetic album was recorded at Mogis Studios in Lincoln.

"Expect something new," is how Focht described *Fade Machine, Fade Magazine*, tentatively the name for Opium

Taylor's next full length release. Heine considered the album a natural progression of four musicians (Pat Noecker, Matt Silcock, Chris Heine, and Matt Focht.) He adds that the album may be a little darker and that it will sound more mature to the keen ear. Also, expect another seven inch out on Red Dawg Records from Bloomington, Indiana.

head down to Sokol Hall at 13th and Martha on Oct. 7. They will be playing with Man or Astro Man.

"I'm glad that high school kids can relate to us because there is a lot of older bands that can't connect to high school," Focht said. "It's nice to have a secret connection to high school kids and it's nice that they can get excited about a Lincoln band."

Central alumnus in the spotlight

By Sam Achelpohl

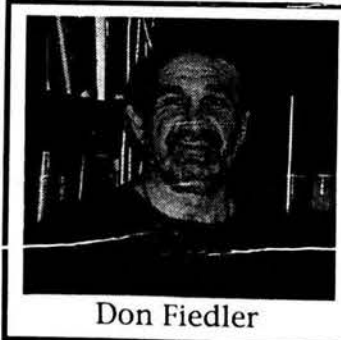
A new star has emerged from the long line of successful Central graduates, a former football player who now performs one-man plays around the country.

You can't count as many people that have gone on to big careers since they were at Central. Some big names include Henry Fonda, Gale Sayers, and now, Don Fiedler, a local attorney who has used his acting skills to create a name for himself.

Fiedler, a graduate of the class of 1961, was an all-state

guard who played on the state championship football team with Chicago Bears Hall of Famer, Gale Sayers.

"I believe one of the most exciting things ever to happen for me was winning that football game," he said. "It was the most memorable point in my high school career."



Don Fiedler

Fiedler also had no idea that Sayers would go on to such a huge career.

"There were so many great players on that team, and since Central still hadn't become a factory of superstars, no one knew Gale would go so far."

After high school, Fiedler went on to the University of Arizona, where he played football for one year.

When asked about how he got started in acting, he laughed and commented on a time when he wore a cheerleading outfit during a pep rally at Central to help gain athletic support from the student body.

"I think that's probably what sparked my career," Fiedler said.

Fiedler has worked in many different productions ranging from *Catch 22* to *The Odd Couple*. He has also starred in local productions including *Of Mice and Men*, which was performed at the Omaha Community Playhouse.

The play that Fiedler is most famous for is *Bryan*, the life story of William Jennings Bryan, who was a presidential candidate from Nebraska in 1896.

One of the popular parts of that play was Bryan's Cross of Gold speech, which he spoke at the Democratic National Convention of 1896, in Chicago.

Fiedler performed the same speech, which was televised and broadcasted nationally on both C-SPAN and National Public Radio, during the 1996 Democratic Convention, which was also held in Chicago.

"I remember how bizarre it was performing such a huge, pivotal speech in front of a podium in the complete darkness," Fiedler said.

Fiedler has also been involved in other activities and organizations besides his acting career.

He served as the Executive Director of N.O.R.M.L. (National Organization to Reform Marijuana Laws).

He became involved with this organization because of his work with cases that dealt with drugs. He said that he enjoyed the opportunity to work with such a liberal organization.

Fiedler felt that his best years were spent at Central, and that we should all take advantage of our time here.

"High school will be the greatest time of your life, as long as you don't let the springboard of opportunity pass you by."

**Sometimes Dazed
and Usually Confused**
By John Gaskins



could care less about. You are sent back to the lobby and go into a coma for...say...another decade until it you are called to take the vision test.

You are escorted up to the counter by a retiree turned part-time D.M.V. "security guard", a man who looks like Rusty the Bailiff from the People's Court and who flaunts about as much power and authority as Barney Fife or Mr. Magoo. Anyway, you're ready to take the vision test.

And what a doozie this thing is! Ray Charles could pass this test in his sleep. It would matter less if you had two swelling cataracts. All you have to do is identify blinking red and green lights, something the average hyperactive kindergartner can do. Assuming you do pass, it is then off to take the written driver's test..

This test is no law school bar exam. Basically, if you have been in a mode of transportation once in your life, if you have normal human brain cells and a pulse, you'll pass this puppy with flying colors at some point, no matter if it is the first, second, or twentieth time you take it. I could drool my

answers on the paper or write them in crayon and it wouldn't matter. I apologize to those who have failed it, but I mean...come on...read a manual and pass this brain stumper!

Now you come to the hardest and most nerve-racking part of this ordeal, the actual driving test, conducted by the one, the only, Irma. Now, if you take the same sadistic, maze of an obstacle course I did to pass the test, then about the only thing you have to know is how to change lanes, meaning you have to know where the right and left-hand lanes are, something I learned when I was, say, oh... three years old!

I kept my speed under the limit and kept my eyes straight ahead as if I were paying attention to what was going on, two things I never do now, and passed easily, though I would have never guessed judging by the cyborg tone in Queen of the Dead's mouth when she broke me the great news.

The final part of this process is everybody's favorite — the picture. Have you ever seen anyone look half-good on their driver's license? These things make Brad Pitt look like the Elephant Man.

In my case, I look like Alfalfa coming out of a coma after a heroine overdose, or maybe by strange coincidence someone who has spent way too much time at the D.M.V.!

You are then handed the piece of plastic by the lovely Thelma, the defiled, foul-mouthed D.M.V. secretary, who has by now already called you a "little twerp" twelve times for disturbing her coffee-drinking, nail-filing, and *National Enquirer* reading.

Now you are an officially licensed driver of the state of Nebraska and can go out into society and risk losing you life amidst the other idiotic, out-of-control, driving boobs in this town. I can just hear the Church Lady from "Saturday Night Live" yelling, "Well, isn't that just special!"

To sum it up (too late), it is not being a good enough driver to receive the license that is the hard part, it is putting up with the long and disgustingly irritating process of getting it.

The D.M.V. - folks, fun, and state funding. Aside from getting a root canal or listening to a Bob Dole speech, I can't think of too many worse things to do with my time.

Rainy Reggae Fest spices up small crowd

Rebecca Starr

Good music and a great atmosphere made the First Annual Reggae festival in Council Bluffs a success.

Only after getting lost seeing the picturesque view of Neola, Iowa did I find State Fair Park. In the parking lot, there were hundreds of cars and my friend and I were talking about how crowded it was going to be.

After we turned into the marked Reggae Fest, we were kind of disappointed to find only about 40 cars. We paid the \$13.00 fee and got to the concert to find a sparsely covered amphitheater with a single stage in front and a row of tables and food stands running a boarder around the amphitheater.

With the access they had vastly overestimated the reggae audience with several different restaurants and clothing, wall hangings, and incense than could be bought by so few people.

However, the music was great and fans of all ages came out for the event. Some of the bands included Local Hero, World Power, Jon Levi, and

a solo drummer. The multiple bands allowed people to leave the park and come back without even missing an entire act.

The overcast day and the open field permitted people to play Frisbee and soccer while enjoying the music. World Power kicked off the show around 2 p.m. I didn't get to the show until 4 p.m. so I can't imagine that World Power would have drawn a large crowd.

The emcee came out and talked for a while making jokes concerning the poor turnout.

Towards the end of Local Hero the skies began to rumble and darken as they finished up

their set with a sing-along whose lyrics consisted of "Put your hand in mine, everybody put your hand in mine."

Kirsten Hepburn, sophomore, said, "I think that rain and poor publicity kept people away from this great event."

The first annual Reggae Festival was a great event despite the unexpected turnout and this is one music festival I hope continues despite the poor turnout.

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Edgefest dashes hopes

By Carolyn Bullard

Muddy, wet and miserable are three words to describe the event that took place Sunday, Sept. 15 at Aksarben. What event is being described? You guessed it, Edgefest.

Around 11:30 a.m. crowds began to file into Aksarben's outdoor area. The rain was a constant drizzle but at that point none seemed to be bothered by it. The first band began to play and soon a visible mass of moshers and crowd-surfers could be seen amidst all the mud and confusion.

Blue Moon Ghetto, a local band was the third on the line up. Their audience, primarily consisting of Omahans, applauded loudly as they performed live on stage with all the other national bands.

The other bands were Reach Around, The Verve Pipe, Seven Mary Three, The Refreshments, Goldfinger, The Nixons, Tracy Bohnam, A Flock of Seagulls and several other modern rock bands.

Many fans expressed their disapproval towards the bands selected for the 96' Edgefest.

After all, Edgefest 95' was filled with bands like 311 and The Violent Femmes.

When asked about the most important band playing Edgefest several different responses were given.

"I came here for one reason, and one reason only. To see Goldfinger," Dan Harbeck, concert goer said.

The above answer seemed to be the most common. And after nine hours of loud, repetitive modern rock music it wasn't too hard to see why.

Goldfinger was superb, while other bands generally looked the same, talked the same and attempted to be cool the same.

The crowd's energy was brought to it's zenith during Goldfinger's performance of the song "Mable", but was then subdued during a moment of silence for the late Tupac Shakur.

Tracy Bohnam wasn't half bad either.

Her versatile talent rotated between violin and guitar and kept the crowd very entertained. Bohnam's cover of PJ Harvey's "50 Foot Queeny" was pretty good compared to Seven Mary Three's use of Pink Floyd's "The Wall."

"I wish I had decided to stay home. Now I am going to have pneumonia," Allison Dennert, Nixons fan said concerning the weather.

The weather was just one more factor to make Edgefest less desirable. The temperatures were in the low sixties and rain was abundant.

Though the amount of ticket sales were astronomical (over 23,000), many attendants were displeased. Better luck next year.

Fazoli's fast food fails taste test

By Carolyn Bullard

I arrived at Fazoli's around 7:30 p.m. to find a two-mile line and a forty minute wait. It felt like Disney World. I knew immediately that this was not fast food.

Finally I approached the counter to place my order. Looking overhead I began to peruse the menu and check out my dinner options. After debating between pizza, pasta and minestrone soup I finally came to a conclusion. I think I'll splurge tonight. The most expensive dish on the entire menu- the Sampler Platter. What an Italian name.

The guy behind the cash register spouted off my order into his little microphone and I proceeded

to shell out the \$3.99 to cover the bill. I grabbed a spork, my drink cup (to be filled at the drink station) and my ticket number. My meal was finally ready- all dolled up on a cute red cafeteria tray.

The Italian Sampler Platter consisted of fetticini alfredo, spaghetti, and lasagna. The food looked pretty good on the plate. Boy, was I in for a rude awakening.

Maybe I am an oddity but I prefer food that actually tastes like something.

The fettucini was watery, the spaghetti bland and the lasagna was just intolerable.

The atmosphere in this bustling Italian restaurant really confused

me. The building gave me the feel of being in a real restaurant but the service wreaked of fast food.

There were little Mediterranean murals on the wall, yet I dined with plastic utensils. Confusing.

I was a little unsure of how to judge my experience at Fazoli's.

At first I thought that the fact that it was fast food would cause me to cut it some slack, but after comparing it to the taste and quality of other fast food chains I decided it was still unacceptable.

I must give Fazoli's credit for their excellent breadsticks. There is even a guy who's duty it

is to walk around and replenish everyone's supply of breadsticks. That was kind of nice I guess.

I realize I have been harsh to a new comer to the fast food industry. It is just that the notion of speedy dining and Italian food is a huge contradiction.

Part of what I enjoy most about other Italian places is the sit down take your time atmosphere.

These aspects were not evident at Fazoli's.

I would strongly recommend Fazoli's to anyone pressed for time in dire need of Italian food- minus the flavor and in search of great breadsticks. Don't fall in to that category? Stick with Burger King.

CD Review

Specials latest album bombs

By Rebecca Starr

Listeners are disappointed with the new style of ska band, The Specials. The band's new album, *Today's Specials*, is lacking the energy of past albums with covers (many well known) that fail to compare to the originals.

The tracks lack any past Special's sounds that gained the band their popularity previous to their turn into a mass produced easy listening sound.

The first track, "Take Five," an instrumental selection leads fans to expect another catchy,

groovable album, but the rest mellow out even more than this slow, but jazzy lead.

Bob Marley cover, "Hypocrite," "Pressure Drop" and "Goodbye Girl" are all dragging and a bland introduction to the new album leaving the brassy solos as a welcome interruption to the synthesized sounding rhythms and repetitive lyrics. The songs are something well appreciated in the correct time, but definitely not for listening to late at night, while driving.

Radio song, "A Little Bit Me, A Little Bit You," was a radio

song because it is the only song catchy enough on the new album to draw in new listeners.

After hearing this version of the Special's, many find that this is a fun, but tiring remake of Neil Diamond classic.

The droned out sounds of the next two tracks, "Time Has Come" and "Somebody Got Murdered" can be thrown in with the first few tracks as being boring, slow and dragging.

Sun peaks through the clouds with "Shanty Town 007" and "Simmer Down," which were

both fun listening and upbeat tunes. The band kept it's repetitive lyrics and R&B sounding interludes, but there is more brass and funk-like beats.

The disappointment continues through the end of the album with tracks "Maga Dog" and "Bad Boys."

The Specials are an excellent group, but this album doesn't have the energy, speed, and full force brass of past albums.

With a beat that seems not to change through out the entire album and some high pitched back up singers, fans left with a new interpretation of *Today's Specials*.

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Capricorn Dec. 22- Jan. 19

Your attitude towards the crowd you've been around lately are changing. Space is a must. Keep an eye out for peoples motives: the stars are aligned against you. Pay special attention to friends this month.

Aquarius Jan. 20- Feb. 18

The latter part of the month will be your time to shine, but don't let others get you discouraged. What you have wished for is on the way. Don't miss it. The best gifts aren't always wrapped.

Pisces Feb. 19- March 20

Someone who has been watching you will reveal themselves. Your first impression is most likely a reliable one. Be up front to avoid unwanted disturbances. Keep an open mind about different opinions.

Aries Mar. 21- Apr. 19

If you have been wondering why certain people have been reluctant to spend time around you- examine yourself. Stop the whining. Self-pity will get you nowhere fast. Examine your problematic situations.

Taurus Apr. 20- May 20

Be nice. Some people have feelings. Try to minimize your insensitive gossip and tend to your own business. Share your success with someone who might appreciate it.

May 21- June 2

Be prepared for a possible change in careers, or a possible loss of employment. Do not look for a new job. Out come could be dangerous. Instead focus more on personal goals.

Cancer June 22- July 22

Unexpected news will reach you through the grapevine. As unbelievable as it may seem, it is most likely accurate. The stars are showing a possible failed test. Avoid misfortune by preparation.

Leo July 23- Aug. 22

Keep your patience when dealing with a rival. The best way to deal with conflict is not to avoid it.

Virgo Aug. 23- Sept. 22

Everything you could possibly want is about to happen, seeing as though you are the most wonderful and intellectual of the signs. Your schedule will be opening up quite a bit. Enjoy free time outdoors.

Libra Sept. 23- Oct. 23

Cleanliness is mandatory. Therefore, bathe. Get organized and ready for success. The future is looking bright. Your confidence will get you places if you take advantage of it.

Scorpio Oct. 24- Nov. 22

Stop worrying about your hair. It looks just fine. Start worrying about your Science grade. Though things are in a state of confusion, take time to think about your surroundings.

Sagittarius Nov. 23- Dec. 21

Expect the unexpected. Something may just come up on you and pop you in the face.

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Olive Garden is a bad idea

By Rebecca Starr

Do you consider bread and salad a meal? If so, the Olive Garden could be just the restaurant you are looking for.

I went Sunday afternoon and you could count the number of patrons on one hand. The waitress did a few run by smiles and waves before finally stopping.

After a few more run bys, she stopped and took our order. The broad menu makes decision making time difficult, but is you're living on a typical teenage budget, you'll be having bread and water. Since I had my family there to pick up the tab, I opted for the chicken parmigiana.

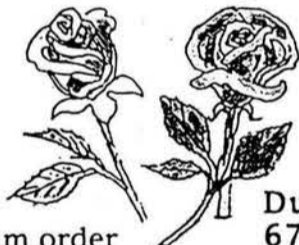
While waiting for my meal, I enjoyed the house salad which is served family style with breadsticks. I suggest you enjoy these because they put the main course to shame.

My main course showed up about an hour after my arrival at the restaurant with two giant slabs of chicken and a generous side of spaghetti. The taste of the main course was rather undefined with nothing having exceptional flavor, but none of the food was poor tasting either.

The chicken was enjoyable but the salad and breadsticks are the best things the Olive Garden has to offer.

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Turf Talk

By Les Anich



Why did the Central Eagles' Football team lose to Omaha North, a game that should have been won?

How did they lose in the last minutes of the game?

Was it lack of confidence or lack of conditioning on the players or was it just a blown coverage?

Only the coaches know that answer for sure.

But what I know is that all the players dedicated themselves in every practice. Like most teams in every team sport, the Eagles have a weak side and senior leadership isn't it. Senior leadership is apparent in each practice.

Seniors push and praise the younger players. They can tell what is going wrong and they know how to fix it.

Now with that kind of leadership coming from the older players, the eagles' football team is much stronger athletically and mentally.

The Central defense did a fantastic job stopping Luther Starks and Chevist Johnson all night. Props to the defensive line and the secondary. The offense did the most passing I have ever seen since I have been here and completed the most receptions, too.

The Eagles have probably the best receiver in the state in senior Luke Denney, and the coaching staff utilized him correctly. They went to Luke at the right time when the North defense was thinking run.

And you can't forget about senior Zach Girthoffer.

With Luke attracting the defense, Zach will likely be open down the field. And senior Jeremy Colvin is the right person to be at quarterback. He has a strong arm, and he can deliver a thirty five-yard ball right on target.

Now with the defense strong as it is and the offense which has

a lot of talent, the 1996 team may go farther than the first round of the State playoffs. Hey, who knows they may win it all.

Maybe I'm getting ahead of myself here, but you never know.

And moving on to the NFL...

There are a lot of people out there in football land who believe the Pack is back. They believe that Green Bay Packers will be the next Super Bowl Champions. And some are vying for the Kansas City Chiefs.

Deep down, I believe it is going to be the Pack. The Pack has it all in one complete package. They have a good running-back, a phenomanal quarterback and talented, experienced wide-receivers.

Could it be their year or will someone spoil it for them? And will the Kansas City Chiefs be that team to spoil the Pack run for the title.

Is there any other team out there who could do that?

What about the Cowboys?

I know they are 1-2 with losses against the Bears and the Colts. This maybe the end of a legacy especially with a loss to the Indianapolis Colts.

But for some odd reason, I believe that the legacy of the '90's Dallas Cowboys is still going. Right now, they're having a nose dive for some odd reason.

Maybe it is the five-game suspension of wide-receiver Michael Irvin because of drug use, the loss of tight-end Jay Novacek or probably the athletes are hyped up about their multi-million dollar contracts like Emmitt Smith and Deion Sanders.

Michael Irvin will hype the team up during the games. That is what he does the best. He gets the team ready to play and win. He is a very good leader and his teammates look up to him.

For whatever reason the Cowboys are losing, they will overcome it.

Central golf swings into Metro

By Mike Kelly

The Central women's Golf team will not let inexperience bring them down this year.

Led by two year letterman, junior Rachel Slosburg, and returning lettermen sophomore Stacy Cramer and senior Sarah Berg, the Eagles hope to be competitive with any team in the Metro this year.

Central teed off their season Sept. 5 against defending Metro champion Omaha North without the help of some key players.

Seniors Alicia Blanke and Sarah Berg along with junior Staci Johnson all missed the season opener due to Pom Squad's performance at the first football game.

"This isn't a good day to come watch us play", said Coach Jo Dusatko, "We're missing half our team."

Coach Dusatko expects great things out of Rachel, comparing her to such former Central stars as Liz Crossman and Leah Musselman who qualified for the State Tournament their junior and senior year.

"Rachel has a great work ethic, she works hard every practice to im-

prove herself. I think she has the potential to go to state," said Dusatko.

Rachel placed 9th at the A.L. Invitational on Sept. 16 and shot a 40 at Elmwood in a dual match against Omaha Westside.

Besides Rachel and Stacy, key contributions will be needed from Sarah, Alicia and Staci.

"If we keep trying hard in practice and keep getting better in matches, we should do very well at Metro," said Sarah.

Coach Dusatko remains proud of her team's dedication to fair play and commitment to getting better.



Fore! Senior Alicia Blanke tees off in a match at Elmwood Golf Course. The Eagles take on the Metro's best Oct. 3 at the Metro Championships

The Eagles play Oct. 3 in Metro Championships at Elmwood. The District tournament will be Oct. 7

Gymnastics springs to hot start

By Les Anich

The Central Eagle's Gymnastic Team has high goals due to the team's overall experience this year, senior Kelly Allen said.

"We are really good this year, because we have a lot of talent," Kelly said. "And mostly because we are all seniors and we have competed before."

On Sept. 17, they won a dual meet against the Papillion-LaVista Monarchs.

Kelly won the all around which includes the vault, bars, beam and floor competitions.

Senior Cori Mallenby won the vault and Tiffany Taylor won the floor exercise.

"This year, we have a real good team. We have experienced athletes," Tiffany said. "Everybody's trying hard in every practice and that paid

off in that dual meet."

Senior Zack Johnson won the rings competition.

Zack said, "I felt like we were very in sync with our routines. The whole routine flowed extremely well. If we perform like that at Metro we should have an excellent showing."

The Eagles hope to compete well against perennial powers such as Millard South and Papillion at the Metro Championships.

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Sporting Alternatives

National Go-Ped Championship roars through Omaha

By Mike Kelly

While most Nebraskans were watching the Huskers demolish Michigan State, the International Go-Ped Association was having its national championships, in downtown Omaha at the Gene Leahy Mall.

On Sept. 7, Omaha played host to 70 athletes from all over the country. The racers came from as far away as California, Arizona, Michigan and Colorado. Some of the athletes were vying for \$5000 dollars in prize money.

Go-Peds are effectively like Target scooters with a weed-wacker motor on them," said B.J. McCart who competed in the amateur stock class.

Go-Ped racing is divided into two classes.

The stock class is the event where every racer gets a Go-Ped with an equally powerful motor.

The modified class is a division where the racers can build their own engines and have no limit to the machine's power. Stock Go-Peds usually attain a top speed of 17 mph while modifieds reach 32mph.

"We usually have our best racers compete in the stock class," said racer, Mr. Rob Kingery of Overland Park, Kansas, "The guys that built their Go-Peds up we let race in the modified. They tend to be nuts."

The actual race itself is very similar to a motocross, the wipeout filled dare-devil sport that frequented ESPN in the mid-80's.

The Omaha course was filled with tight turns and barricades that caused many acci-

dents among the participants. Professional racers can attempt to go over ramps to increase speed or pass the competition. After two laps around the course the checkered flag is waved and a winner emerges.

"You have to be in control, yet out of control, ride on the edge, have consistency, and maintain a good speed," said Ray Kite, owner of Top Speed Racing from Boulder, Colorado. "Plus it helps to have good looking shirts."

Most Go-Ped racers said they have a background in jet-skiing, skateboarding or cycling, and believe Go-Ped racing is a sport of the future.

Steve Ratmont, 45, of Orange County, California invented the Go-Ped in 1985. He still owns his own Go-Ped company and attended the event in Omaha. His two sons are sponsored by his company.

"I'm just a crazy Californian who was bored with surfing and skateboarding." I like to think of Go-Peds as the mode of transportation for the future, easily transportable, safe and fun," Ratmont said.

Ratmont said Go-Ped racing will soon be a sport in the X- Games on ESPN, and the courses of the future will have loops as well as jumps.

The Go-Ped championships will be televised on Prime Sports later this fall, which is Cox Communications channel 47.

Ratmont said the televised event will give the IPGA its first exposure on national television.



Caroline Foley

Go Speed Racer! A Go-Ped driver soars through the air on his way to victory during the Go-Ped Nationals held in down-town Omaha at the Gene Leahy Mall.

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Varsity softball prepared for new season

By Dave Echternach

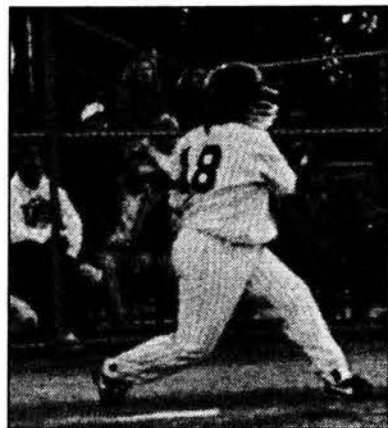
Central's varsity softball team is poised and prepared for an excellent season. After losing only three seniors from last years squad experience will not be a problem as it has been in the past years.

This year the Eagles have a new head coach, Dianne Miller. Miller used to coach at North West Missouri State University.

"Central works and plays hard all the time," coach Miller said.

This season's highlight has been the 7-6 victory to number 8 Lincoln Southeast. After coming off the big win the Eagles faced number three Millard North and number one Millard South. Both times the Eagles were stung, losing 10-0 to Millard North and 12-0 to Millard South.

Coach Miller said that the Eagles were prepared for the Millard teams but just came up short. The fact that both



Caroline Foley

Smack! Senior Sirena Montalvo hits one.

teams were highly ranked had no intimidating effect on the players.

Coach Miller said the team does not pay attention to the ratings.

Cross country strides into new year

By Les Anich

country program for years," coach Shipman said. "The boys and girls this year are as good as we ever had in my six year of coaching."

On Sept. 13 at the first annual Central Cross Country Meet, the women's team placed first over Omaha Westside, Bryan, Benson, Westside, Northwest and the Creighton Prep Junior Varsity Team.

"We had a lot of support from our Central staff," coach Shipman said.

Freshman Danielle Jamorczy won the 4,000 meter race with a time of 14 minutes and three seconds.

"My first year running for Central has been good," Danielle said. "It is what I expected it would be."

Senior Tim Riveria placed third and junior Kaun Johnson placed eighth in

runners. The women's team has very fast runners," Kaun said. "I expect Joe and Tim to finish in the top five in the State."

The 1996 varsity Cross Country Team has the experience and strength to be one of the best teams in the state varsity women's Head Coach Shipman said.

"Central has a very stable cross country the 5,000 meter race at the first annual Central Cross Country Meet.

Other cross country members include: seniors John Zendejas, Fischer and juniors Tim Hawkins, Tod Jacobson, Sam Krueger, Priverita, Chris Scofield, Anaka Carlson, Jill Carroll, Margarenc Kukula, Jamison Richart and freshmen Meredith Zendejas.

"This year's team has very son how

Central football comes to a crossroad

By Mike Kelly

The Central varsity football team has been on an emotional roller coaster in the first three weeks of the season.

The Eagles opened up with a heart-breaking 21-18 overtime loss against Omaha North in the first week of the season. The Eagles came from behind to take the lead only to have North rally to defeat the Eagles in the season opener.

With the score tied 7-7 in the second half, the Eagles relied on the impressive running of junior Deante Grixby and some key receptions by senior Luke Denney to sustain a drive that culminated with a one yard run by quarterback Jeremy Colvin.

Colvin then hit junior Djuan Johnson on the two point conversion attempt to give Central a 15-7 lead.

North got the ball with four minutes left in the game. The Vikings converted two important first down plays and with 1:33 remaining, North tied the game. The Vikings caught the Central secondary off guard and completed an 11 yard scoring pass. North successfully attempted the two-point conversion and the game was tied.

In overtime the Eagles received the ball on the North 10 yard line. The Eagles had to settle for a Denney field goal.

On their first overtime play, North won the game on a 10 yard run by Luther Starks.

21 on September 13.

Led by three first half touchdown passes by Jeremy Colvin, the Eagles built a 35-7 half-time lead.

"We were in a zone," senior captain Josh Norcutt said, "we could do anything we wanted on offense and the defense played an incredible game."

The Eagle defense, flanked by seniors Jeff Bogacz, Zach Girthoffer and Norcutt, held Benson's running game to just seven first half points.

"I told the defense that the key to this game was tackling Benson's backs well," coach Mark Allner said. "I think we did that pretty well."

Benson quarterback LaRon Tolbert was held to -14 yards rushing.

Behind the solid blocking of junior Jason Galaska, and seniors Robert Jefferson, Josh Cohen and Brandon Clogston, the Eagle running game was in full effect. Senior Damion Sayers led the team with a career high 87 yards rushing.

"It was a great team victory," senior Jeremy Garrison said, "we really needed that."

On Sept. 19, the Eagles took on top-rated Millard South, in an emotional game at Millard South.

After the Indians took a 7-0 lead, the Eagles came back to tie the score at 7-7. A 2-yard Deante scoring run capped off a long drive for the Eagles.

In the second quarter, the Eagles were pinned deep in their own territory. A



Lei Brown

Slashing by! Junior Deante Grixby runs past defenders on a kick off return against Millard South. Central lost 31-13 to the no. 1 ranked Indians.

botched double pass attempt fell in complete in the end zone, resulting in a safety.

Late in the first half with the Eagles trailing 16-7, Deante ran a kick-off all the way back to the Millard South 2 yard line. The dazzling run set up junior Lawrence Butler's first touchdown as an Eagle.

With the momentum on their side and the crowd on their feet, the Eagles seemed primed to pull the upset of No.1 Millard South.

When Jeremy did not return after the first quarter, it was senior Joe Girthoffer

and Norcutt, who both have touchdowns on the year. Through weeks Colvin was third in the Met passing and first in touchdowns with Johnson was also among the leading receiving yards.

Standing at 1-2, the Eagles are major crossroads in their season. Up for the Eagles will be Creighton Prep Oct.4 and Omaha South for the homecoming game.

"I think the team has the potential to rise to the next level and step it up next few weeks," Cody Shevlin, 11.

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