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## Nebraska political race heats up

By John Gaskins

The 1996 political elections are nearing, and Nebraska's senatorial and congressional campaigns are heating up.

In the race for one of Nebraska's two seats in the U.S. Senate, Republican Chuck Hagel faces Democrat Gov. Ben Nelson. Meanwhile, Democrat James Martin Davis and incumbent Republican Rep. Jon Christensen vie for the position of Nebraska second congressional district representative in the House of Representatives.

Candidates have been busy campaigning with a vast amount of advertising for people's votes, through everything from television and radio commercials to large billboards. Political analysts say campaigning is making the difference in Nebraska's elections because voters decide on who has more political appeal and seems more trust-worthy, not necessarily how they stand on specific issues.

One such analyst is Dr. Richard E. Shugrue, a professor at the Creighton University School of Law and a political commentator for Omaha television and radio stations.

"Voters are too often drawn in by 'bumper sticker messages' in the candidates' campaign ads. They disregard reality and pay more attention to what makes them feel good," Dr. Shugrue said.

The Senate race is showing a classic display of such advertisements. Both candidates are airing numerous commercials on television with a homespun, feel-good message, Dr. Shugrue said.

In their advertisements, both candidates take firm stands on how they would deal with the major current when in office. Dr. Shugrue said that the candidates' views and ads are so similar, it is hard to tell the difference between them. Dr. Shugrue said Nelson has the advantage in the race because of his popularity with both Republicans and Democrats. He said Nelson has won Republican votes in a Republican state because of his conservative views that appeal to both Republicans and Democrats.

"Hagel has to outconservativize the gov-

ernor to get those Republican votes back," Dr. Shugrue said.

However, Dr. Shugrue said Hagel's messages in advertisements are too similar to Nelson's, and because of that, he isn't taking votes away from Nelson. Polls have indicated that Christensen has a significant lead over Davis. This comes as no surprise to Dr. Shugrue.

"Christensen has an advantage because he has significantly more money to work with for his campaign," Dr. Shugrue said. "He has spent this money on technically proficient, professional help and has a brilliantly orchestrated campaign."

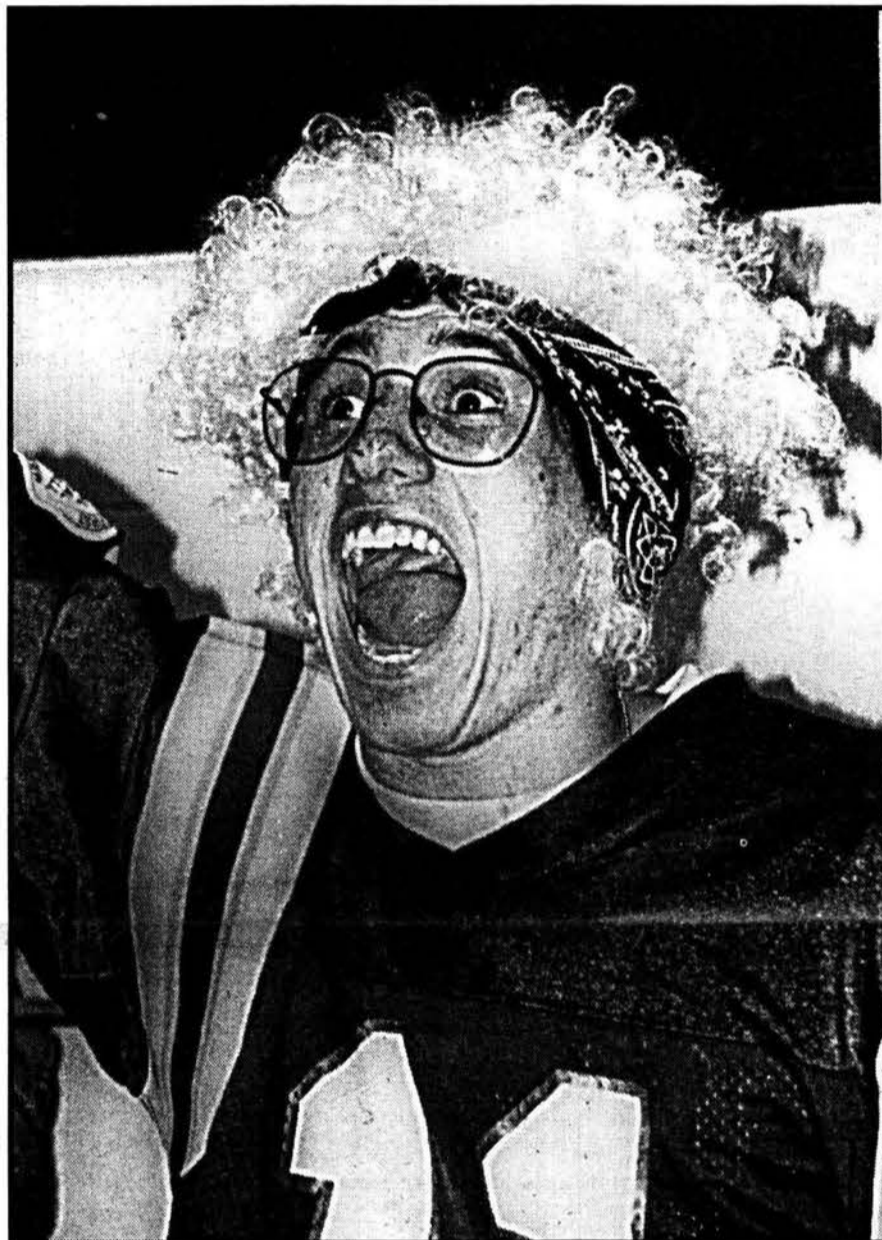
Dr. Shugrue said that Christensen is hiring the best advisers in public relations and advertising to send his message to the voters. The images of Christensen being glorified as a concerned and caring representative strikes a chord with the voters, Shugrue said.

Meanwhile, Dr. Shugrue said Davis has about only one fourth of the amount of campaign finance money of his opponent, and this makes it much more difficult for him to get his message across to voters. Social studies department head Mr. Jack Blanke said that most of the advertisements Davis uses are messages from labor unions, mainly because unions pay substantial amounts of money to place the advertisements for Davis. However, Blanke said, the Davis campaign has significant problems.

"Davis has not said much. He has very few commercials of his own and the voters don't know much about him, and that is a major problem," Blanke said.

Blanke said Christensen has an automatic advantage because he is the incumbent, but also has another advantage in the fact that he is advertising and campaigning better than Davis. Both Blanke and Dr. Shugrue agreed that while some advertisements may be appealing to the voters, most are not specific enough on the issues for a voter to have an accurate perception of the candidate. Blanke added that once elected, the candidates do not always follow through on the promises they made in campaigns.

## Ahhhhhhhhhh!!!!!!!



Sophomore Doug Graber gives the students and staff at Central's Homecoming pep rally a little taste of how much Eagle pride he has. The pep rally was the first this year, and students and staff said that it went well.

## Central's booster club builds morale in sports, band

By Carolyn Bullard

Over the past year, Parents of Central athletes and band members have consolidated their efforts to form a new Athletic Booster Club whose purpose and goal is to support sports, band, pom squad and cheerleading both financially and morally.

"Booster Club is still in its infancy, and to a degree, having grown

ing pains, but it's definitely finding its niche in Central's support structure," Bill Houston, Central Booster Club President, said.

Houston said the project had made some very serious progress in the year that it has been going.

Until last year, Central was the last metro area school without an athletic support organization. With Dr. Thompson becoming Central's new principal many parents felt it was a good time to get something started, Houston said. So the parents got together and used last year as their organizational year. The two primary concerns of the club upon starting out was banquets and letters. In the past, Central has had spring and fall sports banquets but only the seniors' dinners were paid for. Mrs. Bonnie Denney, Booster Club member, said that ideally all students involved in a sport, regardless of their grade or level in the sport, should have the chance to at-

tend the banquet free of charge.

The other focus was the letters. Currently when students letter in a sport or activity, they receive a letter giving them permission to go out and purchase the actual letter. The second goal of the club was to provide the letter for the students.

Now the Booster Club has many aspirations including those mentioned above. Houston said that a wish list consists of such items as Central eventually getting its own baseball/ softball complex and being able to house its own basketball games.

The work of the Booster Club has already shown results. Never before has Central had a media guide for fall sports. In the past, the only guide available was a single computer-generated piece of paper that had the players names on it, nothing else. Now, thanks to the booster club, a booklet supporting the club and athletic department can

be purchased at games and functions.

In addition to the media guide, a banner displaying the Central Eagles, was provided by the club. The purple banner can be found at Berquist stadium for Central's football home games and at the Norris Gymnasium for basketball.

Houston said that though he is pleased with the direction in which the organization heading, parental response to the club is not as successful as he would like. He said that a little less than 20 percent of the parents of Central athletes are involved. The percentage might be even lower because some of the members are parents of graduated seniors. As of right now the Booster Club has around 110 members. It is estimated that CHS has around 400-500 kids involved in sports related activities.

"There are many reasons why parents join Booster Club," Denney

said. "Not only does the school benefit, but there is also a greater sense of communication for the parents."

This communication takes place in part by a liaison program. Each sport has a liaison to the Booster Club. This person works together between the individual sport and the organization as a whole.

The Booster Club is supported by the members when they join and by their fundraising efforts. There are three available types of memberships. The first is the basic membership which costs \$10. The next step up is the purple membership, costing \$50, which gives free passes for one to Central home games. The top membership is the eagle membership, costing \$100, which gives home game passes for two.

The Booster Club said that by having more parents informed of their cause, they look forward to seeing more parents involved.

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## Eagle spirit low at CHS

Being the oldest school in Omaha, one would assume that faculty and students would have a strong sense of pride in attending Central High School. One would also think that this pride would be balanced between appreciating both the educational aspects of Central, and the sports activities. But instead, the majority of Central goes to no great lengths to endorse school glory. Furthermore, what esteem is displayed is hardly fairly apportioned between athletics and academics.

Central is lacking when it comes to the unity one experiences during such sports seasons as football season. The result of the game is not why school spirit is so imperative. Athletic competitions arouse a certain morale which academics cannot. In both playing a sport and watching one, people develop ties between those in the stands, and on the field.

But Central's players and students instead can be heard putting down their school, vocalizing that they have better things to do than attend games, and generally not participating in events which endorse the school.

Central cheerleaders hardly do what their title entails. Chanting encouragement to the players during the games is done between social chatterings of what's going on later and half-hearted hand-claps. Cheerleaders are also responsible for the signs which serve as advertisements for the upcoming major sport's event of the week. Colored posterboard and glitter are typical for such a sign. The cheerleaders interpretation of this is an eight and a half by eleven sheet of white computer paper with illegible purple marker scrawled on it.

Also the signs which provide recognition for the players are somewhat unprioritized. Junior varsity players get both their name and jersey number on their locker door, as do the sophomores, and the freshman. However, the Varsity players receive only their number to identify who they are. No name on the sheet which is supposed to honor them as talented sportsmen.

The effort shown by the Pom Squad during Spirit Week is admirable. How the court yard looked during Spirit Week was an excellent example of how students should feel in regards to their school.

## Environmental protection requires personal effort

The efforts that Central High has made towards environmental protection and recycling in the school have come to be greatly lacking, and should be revised immediately.

The one system of recycling Central does have is aluminum can recycling. The few cans in the courtyard designated for aluminum can recycling are often ignored or used for various other types of refuse. Aluminum can recycling is a good start, but Central High should have progressed much further than that in their efforts towards recycling.

Now that the school has a Powerade® machine on all day, plastic recycling is an utter necessity. The amount of plastic bottles thrown away every day is a travesty. The amount littered around the school is even worse. With this volume of plastic bottles consumed everyday, a plastic recycling program is necessary to justify the amount of plastic used in this school.

The city's recycling program collects recyclables weekly from local homes, it would not be that difficult to find a contractor willing to pick up and recycle our plastic and aluminum.

Paper is an entirely different, and much larger, area of focus. In a school that has 100 plus computers printing out information and projects, teachers making copies of worksheets, Scantron® sheets and mountains of theme paper used every year, every effort to conserve and consolidate paper use should be utilized.

OPS attempted to start a paper recycling program a few years back, and discovered it was not cost-effective, and was therefore canceled. It is unfortunate that money is the main issue when recycling is in question.

However, there are many other options in which teachers and students can reduce the amount of paper that is used in the classroom through personal efforts.

### Teachers:

If you have worksheets on a regular basis, tell your students to use a separate sheet of paper (front and back) for your worksheets. They can reuse that sheet for the next worksheet, labeling each new section. Use the same worksheets over again from year to year.

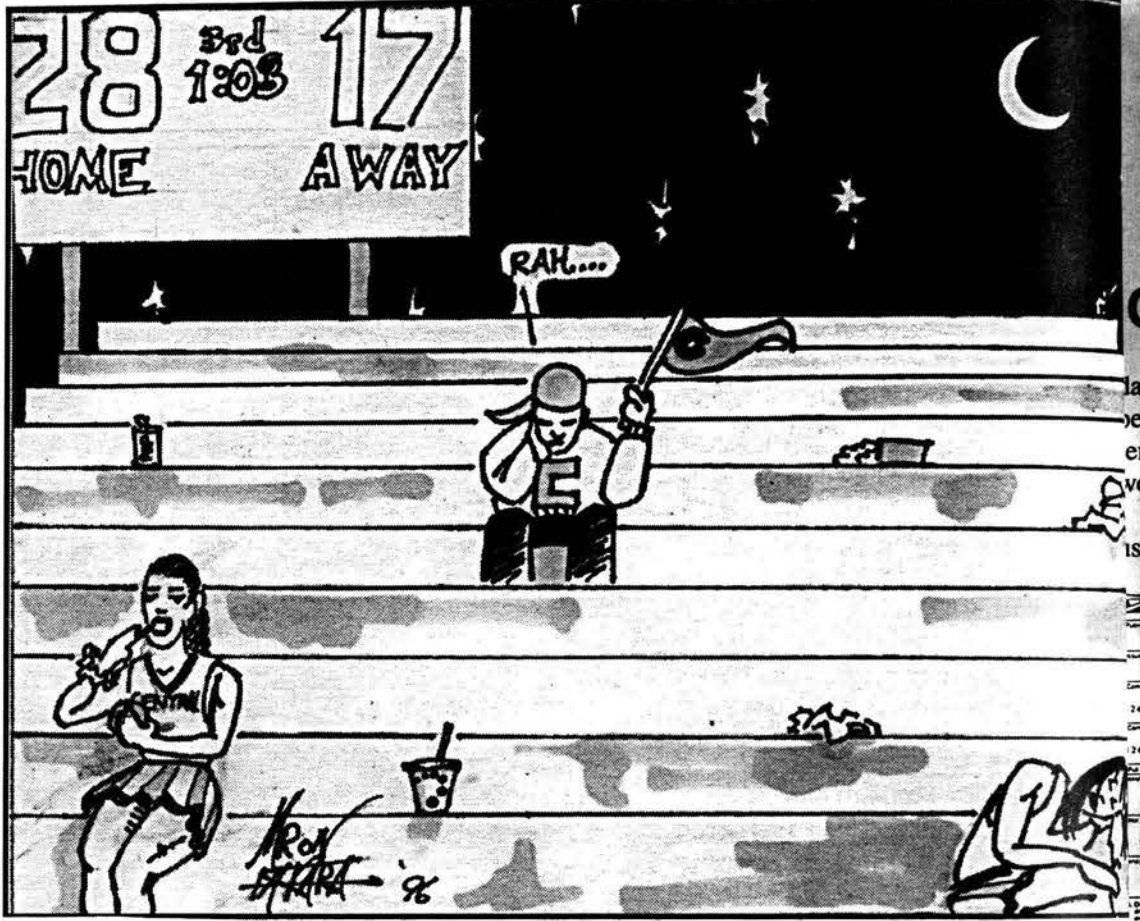
### Students:

Reuse the paper you use for notes and other materials that you keep.

In the computer lab-don't print until your final draft, use grammar and spell check on the computer. Have other people read it on the screen, don't print it out before you check it.

If you bring your lunch, find a reusable cooler or bag to store it in. Don't throw away a brown paper bag every day.

Many efforts can be made by individuals to further promote recycling in our school. Perhaps the school will see that the effort is worth the cause and will begin to implement a schoolwide recycling program. This is a necessary commitment to our environment.



## REGISTER YOUR OPINIONS

"Register Your Opinions" is a sampling of student opinion. It is not meant to represent the views of the entire student body or the staff of the Register.

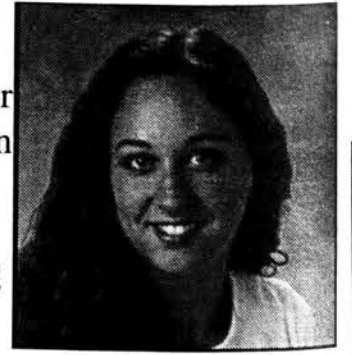
### Is animal testing justified if it benefits medical research and saves human lives?



No. The life of an animal is just as important as a human's life. The arrogance of human beings is ridiculous. We have no right to inflict pain on another creature.

Angie Cammarata 12

Yes, because humans should take precedence over animals. Our lives benefit the world much more than theirs.



Alicia Blanke 12



No. It may save human lives, but it kills animals.

Sandi Czaplá 9

No. It shouldn't be done because animals don't have any say-so. If you have a disease you're probably going to die anyway, so you should get the experiments done on you.

Amara Simmons 9



Yes, because it's the only way you can find a cure without harming human beings first.

Pam Williams 11

## Through My Eyes

By Erin Beal



### Opinionated media

It is so easy to become caught up in the daily grind. For most of us, the stress and happenings of everyday life absorb all of our attention, leaving little room for interest in world events.

However, what little news we do hear usually comes from the television, newspa-

pers or magazines. Whichever way the media chooses to portray events can easily become the audience's view of the world.

Reporters can choose to report whichever aspects of a story that they choose. Because of this freedom, the news can become twisted, even when reporters have only the best intentions in mind.

Most members of the media have strong opinions regarding world issues since they deal with them every day. At times, these beliefs show through in their work.

For example, on the night of the execution of Walking Willie Otey, both supporters and critics of the death penalty arrived to represent their cause. In later reports it was clear that the number of anti-death penalty activists far outnumbered the number of pro-death penalty demonstrators.

However, during the local evening news

reports, the newscasters depicted the two opposing groups as being equal in number through a clever use of camera angles.

Viewers who were curious about the prevailing opinion of Nebraskans regarding this issue could be easily lead astray.

Through their misrepresentation of the events, the reporters allowed either their personal opinions or lax techniques to interfere with an accurate account of the event.

Even a writer's use of words can influence a reader's mind. Carefully placed words can be very suggestive. Through description, writers can create strong emotions in the minds of the readers or listeners.

Now, this is not to say that all reports are skewed by personal opinion. In fact, most reporters are able to keep their own inclinations under control. It is that minority section of the media which the public must beware of.

During an election year, this issue becomes even more important. As the people attempt to make a choice as to which candidates to vote for, they need an accurate representation of the political stances of each candidate.

Without a realistic presentation of the facts, the public has no basis for making conscientious decisions. In order for our country's leadership to truly represent the feelings of its citizens, voters must be informed of cor-

rect information.

Unfortunately, the candidates become, in the minds of voters, whatever image the media creates of them. The media can present one candidate in a more favorable light than the other by using a variety of techniques.

For instance, a better picture of one candidate may make him or her seem more pleasant, devoted, or caring (whatever the desired effect may be).

Since reporters are not usually able to relate an entire speech by each candidate, they pick and choose phrases from the speeches of each.

If these phrases are taken out of context with the rest of the speech, a candidate can easily be depicted as saying something which was not intended.

The media holds a great deal of power with their words. The way they interpret the facts can either enlighten the audience through an unbiased representation of information or persuade them to believe a certain way regarding an issue.

For all of their best intentions, members of the media still have that human tendency to insert their own opinions in the news.

It is ultimately up to the audience to glean the facts from the information presented. After all, what you see is not always the whole truth.

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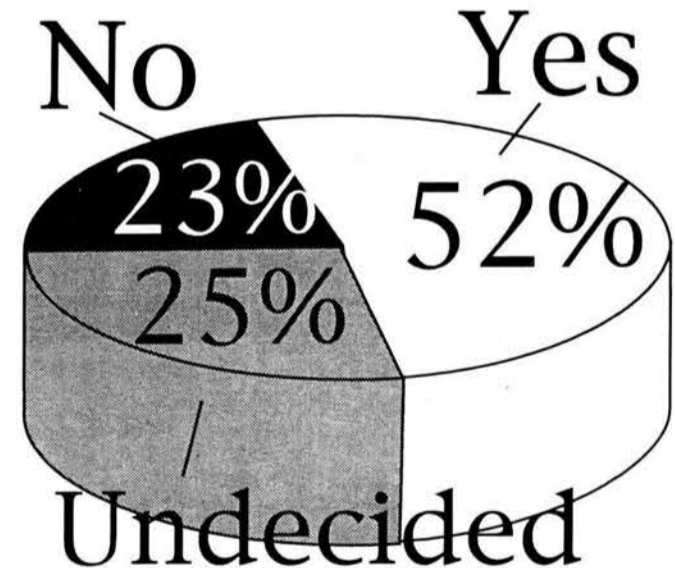
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## Don't buy the hype

Jon Cristensen has consistently voted against pro-environmental bills, and has shown very little respect for our earth by supporting Asarco. Don't be fooled by the plethora of signs supporting this man. If you want the privilege of living in a healthy world, you don't want this man in office.

## CENTRAL STANDARDS



Do you think Nebraska should instate a hate crime law to further punish those who commit crimes because of the race, religion, ethnicity or sexual orientation?  
145 Students Polled

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### A READER OPINION FORUM

Dear Editor,  
I am writing in response to the article written about Central's Spirit Week. I was immediately shocked by the news that Central's pom squad was organizing this event, especially when I found myself being drug out of bed on Saturday morning along with thirty other cheerleaders, as well as flag corps and some band members, to spend between five and six hours at Central preparing for Spirit Week. I speak for my squad, as well as others who put so much time into this, when I say that maybe more credit should go where it is deserved.

Therefore, I would like to thank all of the cheerleaders, band, flags, sponsors, as well as pom squad for showing up to decorate and working so hard to pull his event together.

Kelly Allen, senior

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**NEWS  
IN  
BRIEF**

**Homeroom sparks feeling in sophomores**

The Young Women's Christian Association, Y.W.C.A., sponsored a sophomore auditorium homeroom on Thursday Oct. 10.

Ms. Sharon Crawford, personal/social guidance counselor, said that the point of the homeroom was to make sophomores aware of domestic abuse.

"I felt that the seminar was very beneficial to the sophomores in attendance," Crawford said. "They were very mature about a topic that can sometimes be somewhat uncomfortable."

Crawford said that this seminar was aimed towards sophomores because they are at that proverbial age where teens start to go on their first car dates unchaperoned.

"I really think this was a successful program," Crawford said.

**Writing lab gets new PC computers**

Central's English lab will never be the same.

Network problems with the aging of the Macintosh lab is on its way to being replaced by new PC computers from Gateway 2000.

The change coincides with the installation of the W.I.N.G.S. 21 program in partnership with the Applied Informational Management Institute. The grant Central received requires new software and the most economical and consistent choice for the school is to put the machines on one platform. This will allow more teachers and students to access the technology on the same setup throughout the school.

The replacement of 13 old computers is anticipated before the beginning of second semester. The others will probably be replaced used at a later time.

Once replaced the old computers will stay at Central and be at the discretion of Dr. Gary Thompson, principal, and Mr. Dan Daly, Head of the English department.

The age of the computers has made the English lab network ineffective so students have been forced to use personal disks to save their data.

**Clinton vs. Dole: which side are you taking**

By Erin Beal

All information in this story was brought forth by the candidates in the first presidential debate.

As the November elections quickly approach, the presidential candidates are becoming more aggressive in their advertising.

Sometimes it can be difficult for the public to get an accurate view of the issues because of all the hype that follow these types of campaigns. Ultimately, the best source of information comes from the candidates themselves.

President Bill Clinton said that he believed that the government should give people the tools and help them to establish the conditions in which they can make the most of their own lives. Clinton said that he has made programs like the Family and Medical Leave law, the Brady bill, the assault weapons ban, and the

program to put 100,000 police on the street a priority.

Clinton said that Senator Dole opposed all of these programs while he supported them because he felt that they were legitimate efforts to help people make the most of their lives.

Senator Bob Dole said that he believed differently regarding the role of the federal government.

Dole said that he trusts the people while the president puts his faith in the government. Dole said that he relies more on the individual. One issue which specifically involves students is the candidates stances on education.

Clinton said that he has been working hard to expand students' choices in public schools. In his new plan to balance the budget, there are funds for the creation of 3,000 new schools.

These schools, called charter schools,

would be established by teachers, parents, and occasionally business people.

Clinton said that these schools are free of bureaucracy and can only stay in existence if they perform and teach children.

Clinton said that he was against Dole's plan to take money away from all the children whom government now helps with limited federal funds and help far fewer.

Dole, on the other hand, supports ending the Department of Education, which he never agreed with when it was created.

Dole wants to institute Opportunity Scholarships which would give some students more choice in which school they attend.

Dole said that he believes the government should take the money which they can save from the Department of Education and put it in the Opportunity Scholarships program.

**Stress takes its toll on students**

By Tim Hakanson

Stress is a necessary, and sometimes harmful aspect of life among high school students.

Causes of stress vary greatly from person to person, Mrs. Kerry Timm, personal/social counselor, said. She said that often it can be caused by students trying to accomplish too much. In some cases, students are in seven to eight classes, many of them honors classes, as well as school activities and part-time jobs. These, however, are by no means the only causes of stress, Timm said.

She said that stress is not always a bad thing. In fact, she said that some stress is good.

"Stress is necessary. Without stress, we would not get up in the morning," Timm said.

She said that there are some situations when stress can be a part of good things in life. Getting good grades and having good dating relationships are a couple areas of life

in which stress is always necessary, but not harmful.

It is when students are over stressed that it can become harmful, Timm said. When personal or external expectations are more than a student can achieve, stress can become unhealthy, mentally and physically. As people grow older, excessive stress can lead to heart problems and high blood pressure, along with other physical health risks.

There are ways in which stress can be relieved, Timm said. Staying healthy and keeping in a constant routine can help. Timm said that maintaining a good routine of getting enough sleep, eating the right foods, and getting daily exercise, even if it is just a walk, can be a good way to reduce unwanted stress.

Having hobbies, listening to music, talking on the phone and reading also can be successful stress relievers.

All students have many different ways of relieving their stress. "I go to my room and break stuff," Joey Brown, sophomore, said.



Brandon Roberts, junior, said that he likes to hunt to relieve stress. People tend to do things they enjoy as stress relievers.

Timm said that it is important to incorporate stress relieving activities into student's daily routine, even if it is just for a few minutes.

Sometimes it is important to look at the aspects of life causing stress, Timm said. One should figure out his or her priorities and figure out if a change needs to be made

or if a cause of stress needs to be given up.

In December, Timm and Mrs. Sharon Crawford, Personal/Social Counselor will be putting stress relief tips in the morning bulletin. Also in December, they will be holding a stress, management workshop.

"The holidays can be very stressful," Timm said, making reference to the timing of the announcements and workshop.

**Parking problems plague Central**

By Lea Platz

Since the first day of school, many complaints regarding the parking situation have been travelling through Central's halls.

One of these protests concerns the shortage of parking places in general. There has been a large increase in the number of students attending Central this year, and this may have appeared to be the cause for fewer spots. However Dr. Gary Thompson, Central High School principal, declared that the increase was strictly underclassman.

About five hundred or six hundred students try to drive to school every day," Thompson estimated. "And there are only around 100 OEA

spaces and 75 senior lot spaces."

Alex Lund, senior, said he felt that the senior lot itself was also a cause for frustration, because the number of spots given out were more than are actually available.

**I park in OEA, and within the first week my back bumper had been dented repeatedly.**  
-- Carrie Walter, senior

"75 spaces is enough, a lot of the people who get stickers don't go every day," Dr. Thompson said.

Those students without assigned parking spaces have to deal with the shortage of alternative parking places.

"My ride and I have had to park illegally three fourths of the time," Jimmy O'Conner, senior, said.

But some students, like Zak Davis, senior, said that finding a parking space is not really a problem for him because he arrives to school by seven a.m.

Dr. Thompson also said that he has even seen students parked at meters for the day.

"Something will ultimately have to be done," Dr. Thompson said.

Buying the lot across from 20th street was one time thought to be a possible resolution to the need for more parking spaces. However the building next to the lot would also have to be purchased. This would cost a total of \$6 million dollars, Dr. Thompson said, and therefore is not an option.

Another problem which is not new to Central is the security in the parking lots.

"I park in OEA, and within the first week my back bumper had been dented repeatedly with some kind of stick," Carrie Walter, senior, said.

Dr. Thompson said that Central and OEA are separate, but do work together.

Many students said they would gladly pay an extra fee to get cameras placed in the parking lot which was a consideration after certain vandalism incidents happened last year.

"OEA has people in the building keeping an eye on things as staff enter and leave the building fairly frequently," Thompson said.

In the senior lot right now there are five security guards who are responsible for watching and protecting the area. Last school year there were only three guards.

The idea of having cameras in the lot was proposed last year to the business services department who manage buildings and grounds, but Thompson has not heard back from them.

"I think that cameras would make a difference," he said.

According to Dr. Thompson, parking is a long term item Central needs to continue to look at.

# OPS school board censors Web Sites

By Emily Martin

Last year while the Omaha Public Schools' school board limited funding on many programs, they did approve installing a new world wide web filter.

The budget set last year allowed \$10,000 to be spent on a program that would block undesirable web sites from students while using the internet in OPS schools.

"Web Track basically is on a server so when a student tries to access a web site, it checks the address against a list," Kelly Nicklin, Instructional Telecomputing Facilitator at the Teacher Administrative Center, said.

The company who makes Web Track takes a look at a site, then places it in one of seventeen general categories. From there, the people who purchase the program are able to block out any of the categories they want. OPS could in essence block all sites under the popular headings of entertainment or sports so students would be unable to access them.

In reality, the sites that are screened from students are ones in which possibly dangerous materi-

als may be downloaded. The point of the block is to reduce the amount of violent and obscene material students are able to access off the internet while at school.

One category of web sites students are unable to access using the school internet are tilda sites. This type of site is a personal web site that a person has created to share information important to them.

"Some of the worst information on the internet is on personal directories, unfortunately, some of the best information as well," Nicklin said.

Personal home pages are as diverse as the people who own them. One home page may be the center of a pedophile ring or give directions on how to make homemade explosives. Teachers and professors also have web pages to share prevalent information to the masses that log on though, Nicklin said.

At this time there is essentially no logical way to separate good tilda sites from bad tilda sites. It would, in theory, work to unblock all tilda sites then weed out the bad ones by visiting them and finding out which ones have offensive materials. This



would prove hard because every day many new personal home pages are created. It would also take an immense amount of time and money to personally visit every single tilda site. A second alternative would be to unblock positive tilda sites as they are found. This way students could access educational sites while still being sheltered from negative sites.

Presently there are no differences between the materials screened in elementary, middle and

high schools in OPS. First graders, freshmen, and teachers are all treated equally by Web Track.

While Internet abuse was never widespread in OPS, it may be assured that it will not boom while the block is in affect. Some people will not be phased by the block though, Nicklin said.

Nicklin said, "To an extent, it doesn't block everything. If you want to visit a particular site, you can always find a way to."

# Loss of educational funds creates alternative solutions

By Carolyn Bullard

With the painful loss of funds that education will be experiencing due to the property Tax Cap, Central High School along with other public schools, has been working on ways to compensate.

So what is this Tax Cap? It's like this: up until the cap Nebraska property tax was around \$.50 per square foot. A good part of the money accumulated through this tax supported the public education systems of Nebraska.

With the enforcement of the Tax Cap, Nebraska will not be allowed to tax more than \$.90 per square foot. Due to the tax cuts, Omaha Public Schools will be losing a total of \$50 million, 1/6 of the total budget. To put

this into perspective, if Omaha Public Schools shut down all seven of their high schools they still wouldn't save \$50 million," Dr. Gary Thompson, CHS principle, said.

Thompson said that the cuts will be very obvious, especially without any help outside of state funds.

"With the rise in school population and the decrease in funds there will not be the same student to teacher ratio as there has been in the past. This factor," said Thompson, "could really hurt Central."

There are several programs that Central has already begun in order to make up for some of the missing money. Some will be business partnerships. One such program is a contract that Cen-

tral has with the Coke Mid-continent-Pepsi Corporation. Under this contract, special circumstances are arranged so that for every Coca-Cola project that Central sells, a small profit will go to Central High School. Another program is a new CHS foundation. Under the foundation, contributions will be accepted to raise the level of funds for special projects at Central.

Thompson said that one program that might be started is an Alumni Association. Central alumni would be able to join the association for a small fee, which would feed money back into Central, also supporting the association.

Thompson said that with the decrease in money and an increase in need, OPS will be seeing more business partnerships.

# Advanced Placement classes challenge CHS students

By Rachel Slosburg

"I thought my senior year was supposed to be the easiest," Central senior Shoshana Wees said. "My workload is incredible, primarily because of my four AP classes."

Many seniors are enrolled in AP, or Advanced Placement, classes.

Advanced Placement classes are courses taught at a college level which may allow the student to earn college credit.

The Advanced Placement exam, given in the spring, determines the students who are to receive college credit. If a student receives a grade of 3, 4 or 5 on any AP exam, he is most likely eligible for college credit in that subject area at numerous universities throughout the nation. The exams, which cost \$70 each, save students lots of money in credit hours at the university level.

During the year, the students enrolled in AP classes study a curriculum revolving around the AP test in the spring.

The AP exams are offered at Central in the following subject areas: American History, Biology, Calculus (two levels: AB and BC),

Chemistry, English, European History, French, German, Latin, Pascal, Physics and Spanish. The AP European History course is offered to juniors. Some juniors ahead in their class load are placed in other AP classes. However, seniors account for the majority of the students enrolled in these classes.

According to the Educational Testing Service (ETS), in the past, Central students took more AP exams than Burke, Benson and North combined. Central students not only have taken a larger number of exams, but also have a greater percentage of passing grades on the exams than the entire state of Nebraska said the ETS source.

Mr. Daniel Daly, English teacher and department head, has taught the AP English class at Central for 21 years. Daly said the AP English exam has changed very little

over time.

Daly said the Educational Testing Service has maintained its quality test over the years.

Daly said the class sizes vary every year. Because of an increase

in the number of interested students, beginning in the 1985-1986 school year, the course offered three sections (class periods) instead of two.

Daly said one benefit of AP English is it's conclusion to the overall structure of the four year English program designed at

student's shoulders. If the student rises to the challenge, he will be capable of responding to fundamental college classes and earning credit hours," Daly said.

AP American History teacher and department head, Mr. Jack Blanke, said several reasons explain the importance of AP classes.

"The first reason to take an AP class is to challenge oneself," Blanke said. "An economic reason includes saving considerable money and not having to repeat the course."

Blanke said he has taught AP American History for 25 years and tries to emulate a college course.

"My course consists of lecturing, essay exams, and research papers; all of which are included in a college course. These teaching methods provide students with a leg up their freshman year of college."

Blanke said he knows the AP American History test is difficult and strongly encourages students to prepare.

"I have found in the last few years students take the test less seriously," Blanke said. "It is disappointing for me to see low scores after the whole year was geared to prepare the students for the exam."

**The first reason to take AP classes is to challenge oneself.**  
-- Mr. Jack Blanke, AP History Teacher

# NEWS IN BRIEF

## Student council helps worthy cause

Central's Student Council helped raise money for Habitat-for-Humanity by volunteering at "The Never-ending Nightmare" haunted house on Thursday Oct. 17.

"The Never-ending Nightmare" is Habitat-for-Humanity's fund-raiser during Halloween.

"We were asked by Habitat coordinators if we would like to volunteer our services at their haunted house," Student Council Vice President Chris Darst said. "We thought it was a really good opportunity to volunteer for a worthy charity."

Senior student council member Luke Denney said that he was excited about working at the haunted house.

"I think we should have a really good time," Luke said. "Not to mention we are doing it for a worthy cause."

## Math Club elects new officers

The Central High School Math Club held its elections for officers in September. John Waterman, math department head, said the voters consisted of students in his Enrichment Math classes.

While an old theory says that every senior in Math Club is automatically president, voters elected Andy Ochsner as official president. Other top elected officers were Sarah Fischer, vice president; Erika Mullen, secretary; Ralph Blank, bouncer (the informal term for Sgt. at Arms).

Math Club students also created other unique and unconventional office positions. Some of this year's "alternative" positions included Godfather (Dakota Bailey), Goddess of Math (Mary Lynn Super), Scribe (Jody Sheely), Dean of Admissions (Charlie Carlin), and CEO (Sonja Shelstad).

Even more unusual were the new positions of Clergy, Hitman, Moo Mush, Gawd, Clutz, Duncie, and everybody's favorite, Doofus.

"We try to have fun more than anything. Anyone can hold any office they want (besides the traditional positions), no matter how wacky that position may be," Waterman said.

College Columns

**Kansas State University**

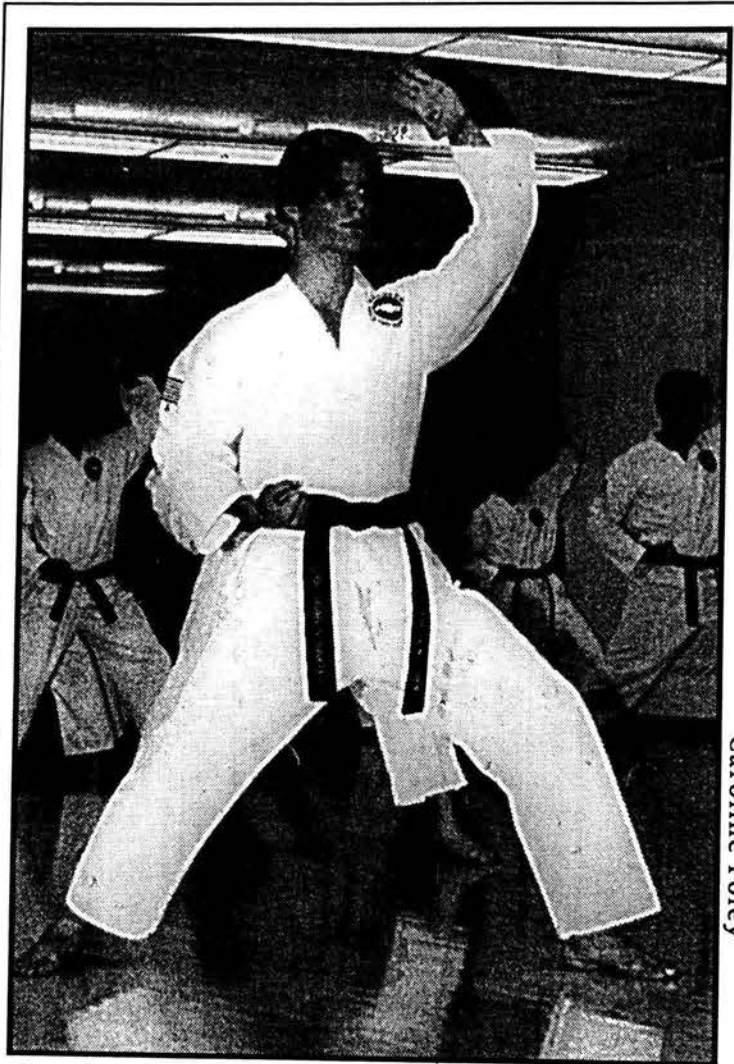
By Caroline Foley

- School: Kansas State University
- Where? Manhattan, Kansas
- Percent male and female: 54 and 46 percent
- Number of applicants: 8,530
- Percent accepted: 72 percent
- Mean ACT: 22
- Estimated tuition (including room and board): \$10,000 out-of-state
- Students involved in fraternities and sororities: 40 percent
- Most popular major: education

Miscellaneous information: Once considered a farm school, Kansas State's school of agriculture is losing dominance. The milling and poultry sciences, as well as the agricultural economics programs remain strong. Almost every department offers an honors program, but students consider the program to be "laid-back." Some courses, mainly lectures, enroll as many as 300 students, whereas other courses enroll only 15 to 20.

All information taken from *Insider's Guide to the Colleges*

**Tae-kwan-do excercises the mind and body**



Caroline Foley

Senior Sean Baxter performs a raising block in Master Kim's Tae-kwan-do school.

By Lea Platz

Parents often enroll their kids in various athletic clubs and other recreational activities. But most do not enroll them in something as unique as Martial Arts.

Sean Baxter, senior, was put into Kim's Tae-kwan-do class at the age of five, eventually reaching the point where he is today. Now he is a second degree black belt.

Originally the reason the Baxters got their son involved with this self-defense oriented art was out of concern for local child assault related incidents.

What had started out because of a situation of parental fear for their child, ended up one of the larger aspects of Sean's life.

As he became older, Sean said he became more appreciative of what this means of defense does mentally as well as physically.

"In Martial Arts, you can't be physically prepared without being mentally prepared as well," Sean said.

Meditation is a regular part of his classes. At the beginning of every class meditation is done for the first few minutes.

"It clears your mind on what else is going on in the outside world," Sean said. Along with the cleansing effect Tae-kwan-do has on its participants, Sean said it instills

respect.

The owner of Kim's Tae-kwan-do is an eighth degree black belt, which is the second to highest rank. Because of the lower belt and younger age, the conversation Sean engages in with Master Kim is minimal. However, it is acceptable for the other lower instructors to consider themselves friends with pupils ranked at their belt level.

The upgrading of belts is done by attending and competing in national tournaments. There are usually five or six a year of which Sean attends two.

Another component of the ranking system is the impossibility for an American to become a ninth degree black belt.

For Americans, sixth is the limit. But Sean does not see this part of Korean culture as discrimination between races.

"I wouldn't want to have an American be taught by an American," Sean said.

He said he thought that the technique would not be the same something would be lost. Sean accepts this as part of the trade of its society.

"Tae-kwan-do helps you see the realities in life because you know what you have to do and you are confident," Baxter said.

**Anthropology students learn about human skeletons**

By Brian Joseph

Just in time for Halloween, Central's anthropology students studied two actual human skeletons to illustrate evolutionary trends among primates.

These bones did not come from some ancient graveyard. They originally came from donations to Central from the Nebraska Medical Center and Creighton many years ago.

"These bones are about 80 to 100 years old," Mr. Gary Kubic, anthropology teacher, said.

The students' main activity during the lab was measuring various bones to determine, by the use of mathematical formulas, the race, sex, age and nationality of the specimens.

Although Mr. Kubic called the lab "rather crude," the measuring techniques are those used by forensic experts today.

Since the beginning of the year, anthropology students have been studying primate evolutionary trends. The day before, the students had been looking at the common ancestors of humans. The lab was a follow up to class discussions concerning why humans walk on two legs as opposed to walking on four.

While the thought of working with human remains is stomach turning to most people, the general consensus among the anthropology students was that it was quite interesting.

"It was fun, kinda morbid, but fun," senior Sarah Newell said.

"It was interesting how we were able to tell so much just by the bones," senior Soñia James said.

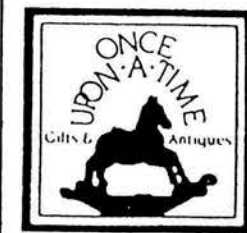
Not one student found the bones to be disgusting.

"At first it was gross, but then it just became normal," senior Nosh Dube said.

The experiment did go farther than just measuring bones. The students afterwards discussed many different aspects of the skeleton.

"Basically, it's an open forum about human life," senior Cameron M said.

Halloween's skeletons have taken on a new meaning to these students.



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Courtesy of Desoto Bend

**Snow geese** can be seen at Desoto National Wildlife Refuge in October and November. Peak numbers of 200,000 or more geese have been observed from the visitor center. The geese stop to rest and feed near the lake on their southward migration.

## Desoto Bend provides home for migratory birds

By Emily Martin

Migratory birds invade Desoto Bend National Wildlife Refuge in Missouri Valley, IA during November on their trek south for the winter.

"It is lovely to see the snow geese in mid to late November, even though it gets hectic," Joan Martin, Park Ranger, said.

The snow geese are the most popular attractions at Desoto Bend in the fall. Up to 4,500 people may visit the park in one day to witness the geese as they stop at the wildlife refuge.

After flying for as much as 70 hours straight, the geese stop at Desoto Bend to feed and take a rest from their long journey south.

"We are anticipating in the way of half a million geese this fall because of the increased population," Martin said.

While geese begin arriving at Desoto Bend in mid October, the number of geese slowly builds up until it peaks in mid to late November.

The average date the number of geese peaks is Nov. 19th. Near this date a person visiting Desoto Bend is likely to see hundreds of thousands of snow geese either flying around Desoto Bend or resting on Desoto Lake.

Ducks are also commonly seen at Desoto Bend during the fall migration.

October and November are the months in which the duck use reaches its climax.

The duck population, consisting mainly of mallards, is around 50,000 at that time.

Shortly after the waterfowl leave, bald eagles migrate through Desoto Bend.

"While the bald eagle's primary food source is fish, they do prey on sick or weak geese and ducks," Martin said.

The eagles gather in the greatest numbers in the middle of December and again in late March.

Public access is restricted within most of the park from early October through mid April to prevent disturbing the perches and roosting sites of the bald eagles.

People are able to watch the bald eagles from the viewing gallery in the Desoto Bend Visitor Center during this time though.

A record 120 bald eagles were seen at Desoto Bend in 1984. At the viewing area half of these birds were visible.

There are four trails at Desoto Bend for people to observe smaller birds on a nearly year round basis.

All of the trails are under a mile

long and house a variety of birds including northern orioles, blue jays, nuthatches, thrushes, warblers, sparrows and meadowlarks, as well as numerous others.

For those who dislike nature trails there are other options.

"We do put feeders out in the viewing area at the visitor's center so people can relax and watch the smaller birds," Martin said.

Auto tours of the refuge are also available. The Fall Auto Tour features numbered stops that correspond to an informative brochure. The 12 miles of roads pass along the Missouri River, woods, ponds and grasslands.

While on the tour one may behold other wildlife besides birds. White-tailed deer, red and gray foxes, coyotes, rabbits, beavers, badgers, raccoons, opossums, skunks and mink all reside within Desoto Bend.

Many times animals remain allusive to visitors, though. Being able to view many of these animals would be exceptional.

Established in 1959 to preserve habitat for migratory waterfowl, Desoto Bend presently houses a diverse habitat of wildlife as well as a visitor's center with a viewing area, films on wildlife and goods from the shipwrecked Bertrand.

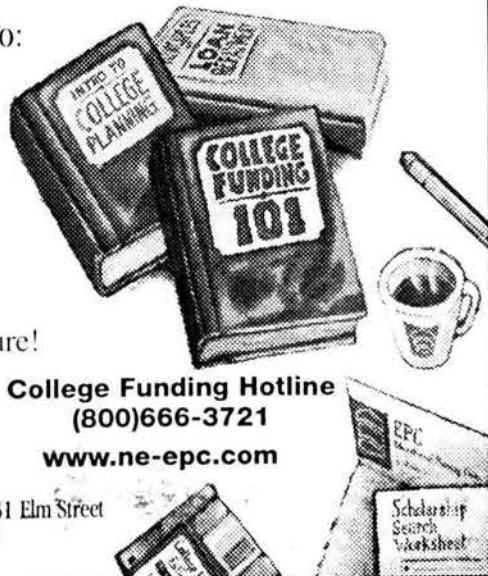
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## Bible study sponsors child

By Erin Beal

"Every time you take a breath, a child dies," said the voice on the World Vision promotional video. World Vision is an organization which was begun forty years ago with the goal of bringing "God's love and compassion to a world crippled by hunger and poverty."

Beyond Belief (Central's Bible Study Club), is now participating in World Vision's Child Sponsorship program. "By contributing twenty dollars a month, World Vision directly provides your child with food, clothes, shelter, medical attention and education as needed," Lisa Petersen, Bible study leader, said.

The children which are supported by the World Vision program come from poor families which may not be able to adequately provide for their kids.

In addition to providing these kids with the basic necessities of life, World Vision also uses the money to fund local development projects. These projects provide the communities with things like water purification and agricultural improvements.

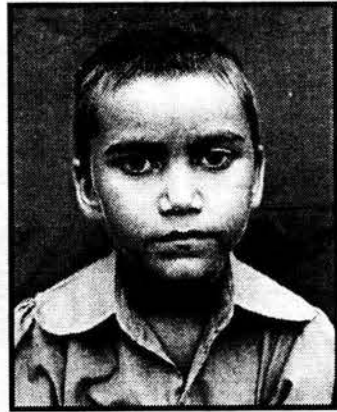
By aiding the communities, World Vision helps to raise the standard of living which the sponsored children live in.

Rootha Fottya Gavit is the eight year-old girl that Beyond Belief is sponsoring. In this particular case, her parents are employed. However, their income is not sufficient to meet the needs of their family.

Rootha is now a part of World

Vision's family program where her basic needs are met during the day without complete separation from her family. The members of Beyond Belief are very enthusiastic about this cause.

"I think it's just another way we can show that we care about people," senior Ryan Van Arkel said. "You're acknowledging that people have needs outside of your community and taking care of a problem outside of your reach."



Beyond Belief also plans to send a care package to Rootha with letters and photographs of the members of the club.

"[By supporting World Vision] children can live and know that there are people caring for them.

That way maybe he or she can receive Jesus Christ into their heart," Emily Ortiz, freshman, said.

Senior Lisa Prosterman said that since we live in an advanced country, we don't realize how much we have and how much they don't have.

"I think that, with us living in America, everybody should take part and help someone. World Vision is a great opportunity to do that," Heather Anderson, freshman, said.

According to World Vision, "You'll be giving your child the comforting gift of knowing that someone cares enough to reach out in love."

"One little girl really does make a difference," Anna Jane Kerns, senior, said. "Our support also makes us feel that we are making a difference too."

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# ALCOHOL: A Different

## ■ Highway deaths

# Drunk driving proves deadly

By Tim Hakanson

Alcohol and driving have proven a deadly combination in the state of Nebraska, as well as nationwide.

The statistics show that over the last few years, alcohol has been a major factor in deaths and automobile accidents. According to the Nebraska Office of Highway Safety, in 1995, 32 percent of all fatal accidents, and 31 percent of the deaths in those accidents were alcohol related.

Driving under the influence of alcohol has become a major cause of death nationwide. Thirty-three percent of males and 13 percent of females this year said that they have driven after drinking sometime in the last year, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Alliance. The NHTSA said that traffic crashes are the single greatest cause of death for every age group between the ages of five and 27, 40 percent for 16 to 20 year old people. Of these deaths, almost one half were alcohol related.

Drunk drivers, however, are not the only ones affected by drunk driving accidents. Often, passengers and drivers of other vehicles become victims. This can be seen in the fact that, according to the Nebraska Office of Highway Safety, there were 72 alcohol related crashes, but there were 80 alcohol related fatalities.

Drunk driving is not just a problem among adults. Teenagers as well often drink, and many drive drunk. Nationally, in 1995, two of three eighth graders had tried alcohol and nine of ten high school seniors had tried alco-

hol, according to the NHTSA. According to the United States Surgeon General, teenagers drink alcohol for various reasons, such as relieving stress or boredom, because they are upset or feeling alone, or just to get drunk.

Ms. Diane Riibe coordinates a project called Project Extra Mile, an underage drinking prevention project for the Omaha metropolitan area. It was started to create a consensus in the area to state that underage drinking is illegal, unhealthy, and unacceptable. In February, 1996, the project staff took surveys and facilitated focus groups of both youths and adults, collected data and reviewed information. Almost a third of the youths that they surveyed said that they had driven after drinking.

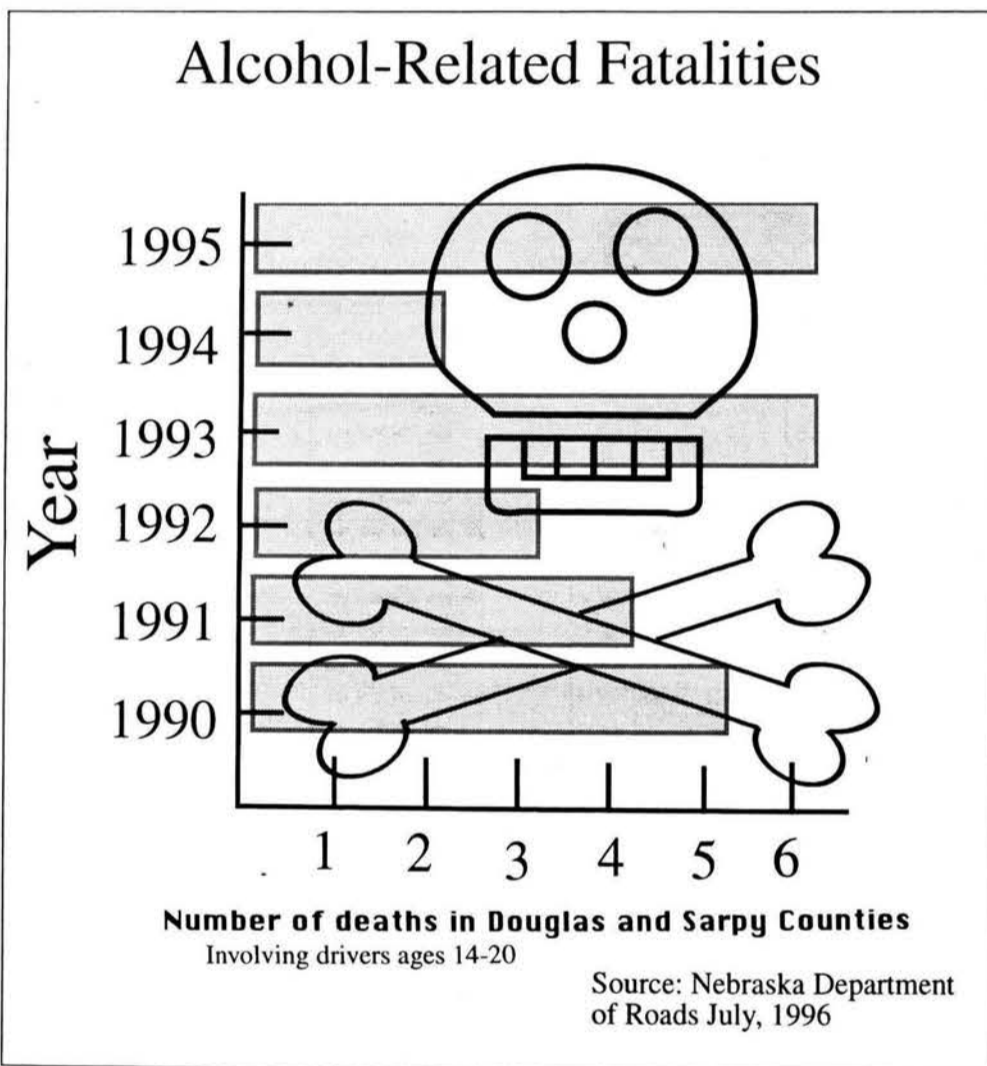
Project Extra Mile found that in Douglas and Sarpy Counties, drivers between age 14 and 20 were involved in 26 fatal crashes related to alcohol since 1990. Close to half of the high school students and over half of the junior high students in Nebraska reported having ridden with someone who had been drinking.

Seventy-four percent of the youths surveyed by Project Extra Mile said that the possibility of injuring or killing themselves or others in car crashes would motivate them to stop drinking, yet 57 percent of the youths surveyed indicated that they had consumed alcohol in the last year. The data collected showed that 166 injuries were inflicted by drunk drivers ages 14 to 20 in Douglas and Sarpy Counties since 1990.

In 1995, 10 million drinkers of alcoholic beverages were under the age of 21, according to the NHTSA, and on the average, eight young people in the United States die every day in alcohol related crashes.

In 1995, ten 16 year-old people, 22 seventeen year old people, 93 eighteen year old people, and 138 nineteen year old people were convicted of alcohol related driving charges in Nebraska, according to the Nebraska Office of Highway Safety, proving that the problem is one that affects all generations.

If teenagers driving drunk does not prove fatal the first time, statistics show that people are



likely to be involved in another drunk driving accident.

# Former drinkers recount horrors

By Erika Wulff

\*\*Names have been changed for confidentiality

Alcohol abuse among teens continues because of constant pressure from their friends and the media weighing heavily on their vulnerable minds. It seems as if it would almost be impossible to counteract such pressures.

Possibly the most successful approach to opening teens' eyes to the danger of alcohol is to hear it from the horse's mouth, someone who has been there and done that. When teens hear about the pain and danger alcohol has brought into someone's life they tend to think twice about how drinking is "cool".

\*\*Bud, a recovering alcoholic, began drinking when he was twelve years old.

"I started with taking drinks of my parents alcohol and then went on to stealing it," Bud said.

He said he would drink with friends behind Skateland when he was 13 and 14. Contributing factors to his drinking consisted of depression,

negative self image and wanting to be accepted among his peers. He continued his drinking and at age 18 was legally able to drink when he joined the Navy.

"Drinking takes away fear and pain, it's commonly known as "liquid courage. It enables you to escape yourself," Bud said.

Bud also said that his alcoholism was a gateway to other drugs such as cocaine as equalizer to balance out the alcohol's effects. He has physically hurt himself while intoxicated.

One night I was drunk and fell down the stairs and broke my ankle, but that was nothing compared to the time I tried to steal a car while I was drunk and got beat up by ten guys," Bud said.

Bud said the only way for an alcoholic to seek help is for them to hit bottom. They will reach a point to where they just cannot deal with the abuse anymore. Bud reached his bottom after he was sent to jail for the fourth time.

"I couldn't take it anymore. I didn't want to

be in jail again and I knew that in order for that to happen I had to change myself," Bud said.

Bud joined a twelve step alcohol program where he received the help he needed. Bud still goes to the program's meetings after five years. He enjoys the support and having the chance to speak openly with other members. Bud also makes visits to local high schools where he speaks to students about the dangers of alcoholism and how to get help if you have a problem.

Bud makes sure to tell the students, "No one is perfect. If you try to achieve perfection instead of just doing your best, you won't feel good about yourself."

Jim Wilson knows how dangerous alcohol can be, particularly when mixed with driving. Jim moved to Hawaii in the middle of his senior year. When graduation time drew near, the parties grew numerous.

"There was at least three different parties

a night and there was drinking them," Jim said. One night his friend who was at a party for a ride home. I knew she was drinking but I didn't really think about it," Jim said.

On the way home his friend turned in front of a moving truck that she did not have the right of way. Jim flew through the windshield and landed approximately twenty yards away. When the paramedics arrived, Jim was pronounced dead. The paramedics attempted to shock him back to life but were unsuccessful. Jim was rushed to the hospital where he died a few days later. Shock treatment was performed and was again successful.

Jim's face was cut so badly that he was unrecognizable.

"They told me it just looked like a mound of bloody flesh," Jim said.

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# Kind of School Spirit

## Students choose drinking, sobriety

By Rachel Slosburg

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

Teenagers often have conflicting views for the activities of underage drinking and alcohol consumption.

The following Central students have been interviewed concerning their opinions and experiences with alcohol.

Junior **\*\*Jane Smith** said she began drinking at the end of her freshman year. Jane said she began drinking because all of her friends started to drink, and it was a new activity on the weekends.

Jane said she drank heavily during the summer between her freshman and sophomore year. She said at the beginning of her sophomore year she stopped drinking because of an accident which involved a close friend.

"One of my longtime friends became very ill one night and was admitted to the hospital for alcohol poisoning," Jane said. "This really made me reconsider my drinking habit."

Jane said her boyfriend also influenced her to stop using alcohol on the weekends. The last time Jane said she had a drink was the night of Homecoming '95.

"I am tempted to drink when I am around alcohol, but otherwise I don't really notice the desire," Jane said.

Jane said she preferred to drink hard liquor over beer because of the taste.

"I really don't enjoy the taste of beer; hard liquor always went down much easier," Jane said.

Jane also said she never drove if she had been drinking, and never went with drunk friends who were driving.

Senior **\*\*John Doe** began drinking at the end of seventh grade and continues to use alcohol every weekend. "I began drinking very early, but not very often," John said. "Now I drink every weekend, and it is something I enjoy doing."

John said he prefers to drink beer over hard liquor, although he does not mind the taste of a few mixed drinks. John said he has never been in trouble with the police and often buys his own beer. However he would not reveal the location of the liquor store.

"My parents know I drink, and it is okay as long as they never see me completely blitzed," John said. "My

parents also do not permit any drinking and driving, and I have never driven under the influence."

Freshman **\*\*Joe Bloggs** said he chooses not to partake in drinking alcohol. He said he has been around alcohol, but does not have any desire to drink.

"Most of my friends don't drink and I really have no reason to drink; I don't need to drink," Joe said.

Joe said he has not seen more alcohol abuse at Central than at junior high.

"Students' use of alcohol from junior high to high school has not significantly changed," Joe said. "The number of students using alcohol is about the same."

Although Senior **\*\*Mary Jones** said she enjoys drinking alcohol, she said she likes to do other things on her weekend besides get drunk.

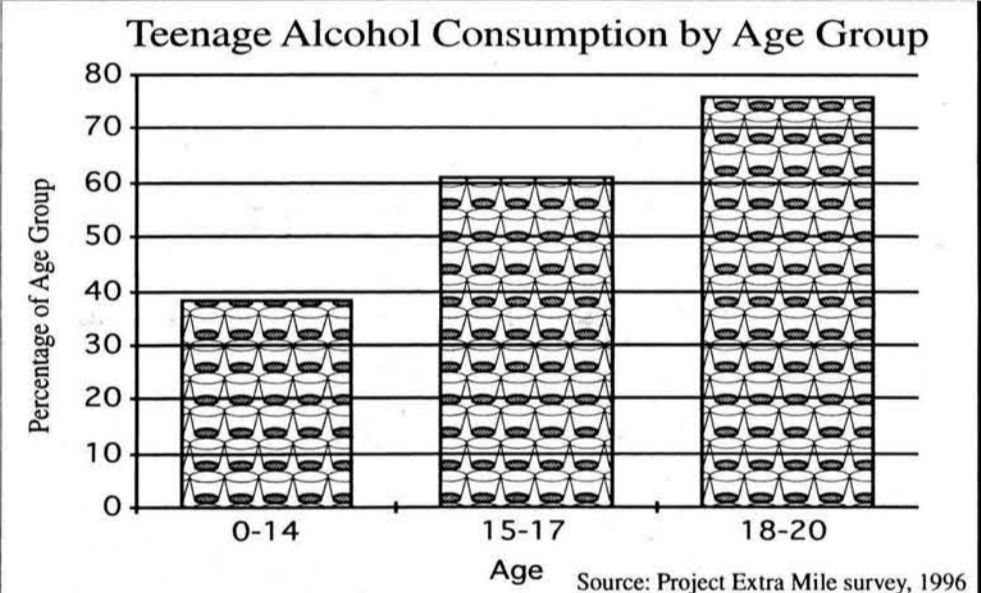
"Drinking used to be really fun," Mary said. "Now it is still fun, but not as exciting."

She said her tolerance is rather low, and it is easy for her to become drunk.

"I really like hard liquor, but normally beer is what my friends are able to get," Mary said. "It takes me about three beers to get buzzed."

Mary said she rarely drives if she has had something to drink.

"If I had a beer or two within a long amount of time, I will drive. However, normally I



have friends drive me home," Mary said.

One Central senior, **\*\*Bill Johnson**, has been given an M. I. P. (minor in possession).

"The police found beer in my house, and I got mipped," Bill said. "I went to court and was excused to the juvenile diversion program where I went to class every two weeks for six months."

Bill said the class was designed to teach kids the effects of drinking and getting in trouble with the law.

"The class removed the M.I.P. from my record, but if I ever get in trouble again I will be tried as an adult," Bill said.

Sophomore David Rennard said he does not understand the reason to drink.

"I think there are a lot of other ways to have a good time without getting drunk," Dave said. "I don't think it is cool to lose control of your own actions."

Dave said part of his resistance to alcohol results from living in Italy where drinking is very prevalent.

"Drinking at a young age is accepted in Italy, and I think it had a reverse effect on me; I tried it at a young age and did not like the taste," Dave said.

ions. Almost nine of ten people in jail in the drunk had been previously on probation, jailed, driving, according to the NHTSA.

## Stories

sequently, the top plastic surgeon in America d in Hawaii and was on call at the hospital. for reconstruction had to be done. They didn't think I was going to make it, I was ting in and out of life and death," Jim said. ter Jim arrived at the hospital, his heart stopped ting for the third time.

don't know why I'm still alive, I was clinically dead three times in one day," Jim said. m again was shocked back to life. He underwent several hours of major surgery. Amazingly, came out of it in fair condition and was released from the hospital several weeks later. One setback that Jim faced was that he couldn't remember anything that happened to him since he moved to Hawaii, four months ago. Jim's family moved back to Omaha where Jim still lives ay. Jim has told his story to many high school dents. Amazing as his story is, it causes people rethink about drinking and driving. It's not worth it." Jim said, "Life is not a toy to y with."

**Just the facts...**

Alcohol is the leading cause of death for young people.

One in four teens between the ages of 14-17 are alcoholic or problem drinkers. (Over 4.5 million teens)

2.6 million teenagers did not know that a person can die from an overdose of alcohol.

Alcohol use costs American society 136 billion each year, in terms of mortality, health care, and incarceration, loss of productivity

Seven million underage American students are able to walk into a store and purchase alcohol.

At least 8 million American teenagers drink every week.

Source: CHS Guidance Department

# CHS SPIRIT WEEK '96

Central has shown its true Eagle pride with its inventive and creative approach to this year's Spirit Week.

On Wednesday, October 9th, students began really showing some inventive costumes. There were many people who wore many different outfits, ranging from construction workers, firemen,

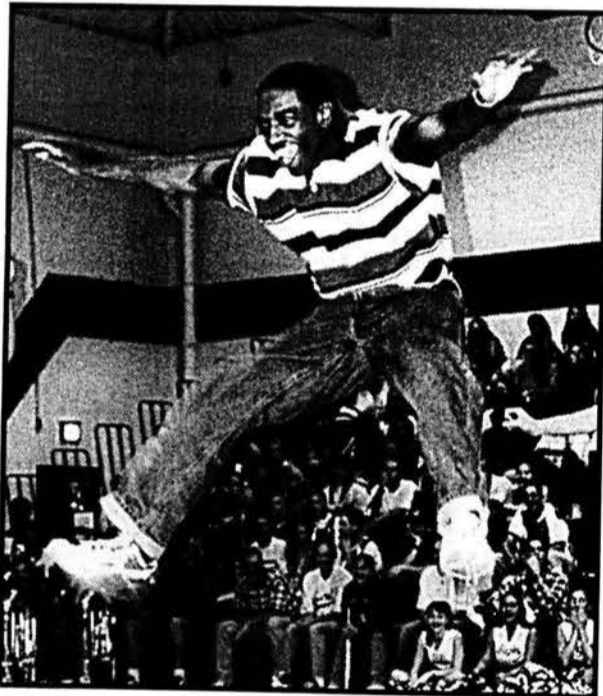
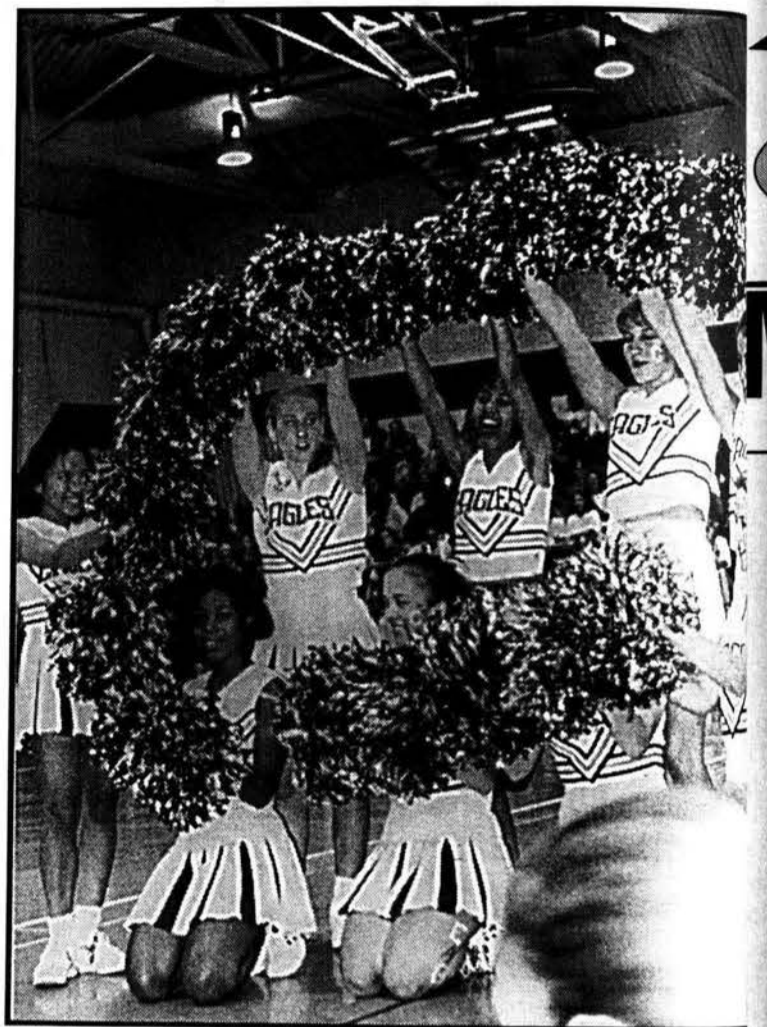
telemarketers and ballet dancers. Friday was Spirit Day and both students and faculty brought out their true colors for the upcoming Homecoming football game that night. A swirl of purple and white was all that could be seen through the halls.

To top off the week, the varsity football team beat South.

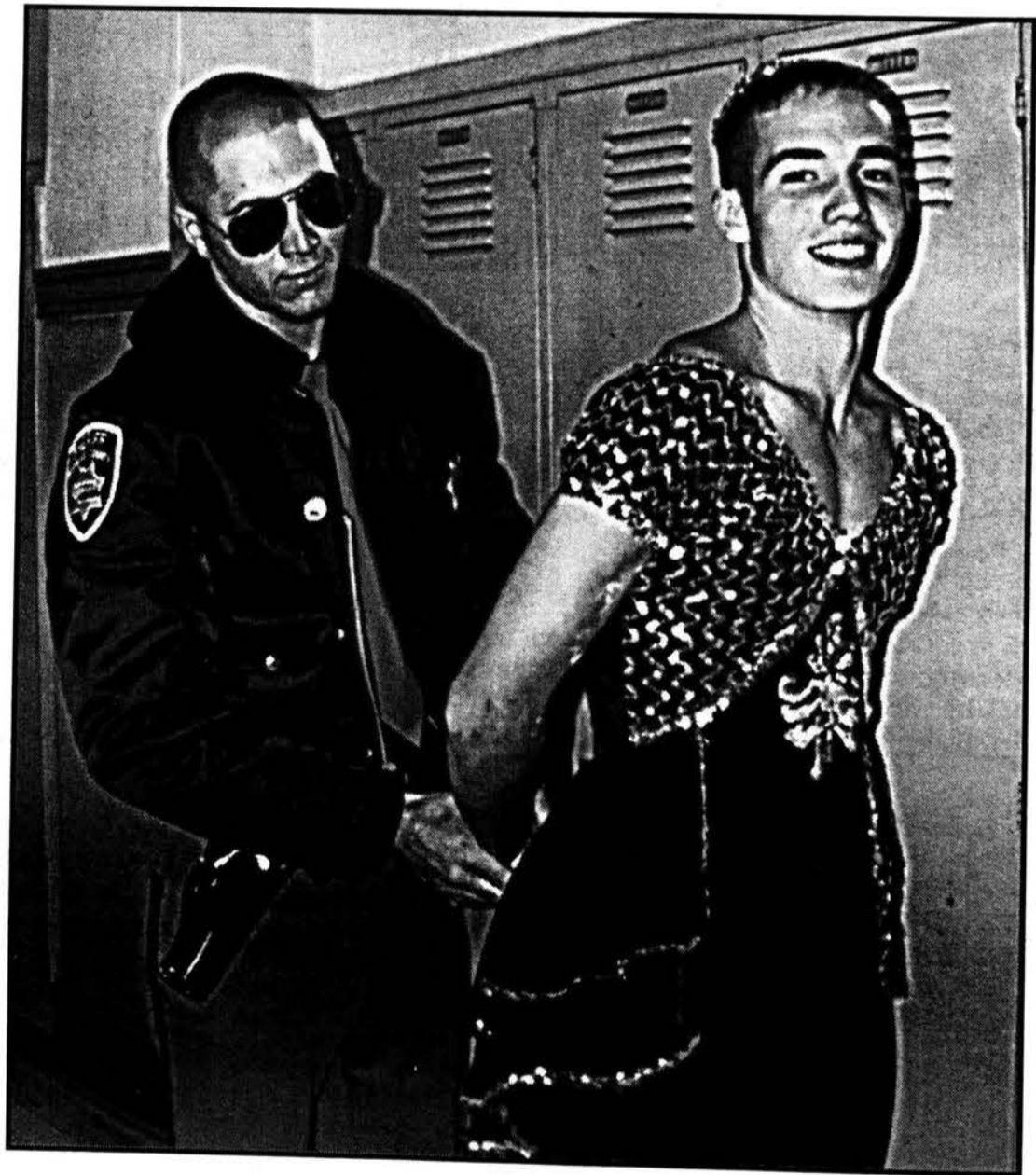
**Below:** Central students show their Eagle pride at the Homecoming football game versus South.



**Right:** Central cheerleaders show off at the pep rally.



**Above:** Lamar Fuller, junior, does a russian for the crowd, at the annual Homecoming Pep rally, when the boys of student council led a cheer for the students.



**Left:** Deput Sheriff senior Luke Denney arrests senior Jeff Ludwig for a flagrant dress code violation on career day during spirit week. Luke informed us that Jeff was not wearing the correct dancing shoe.

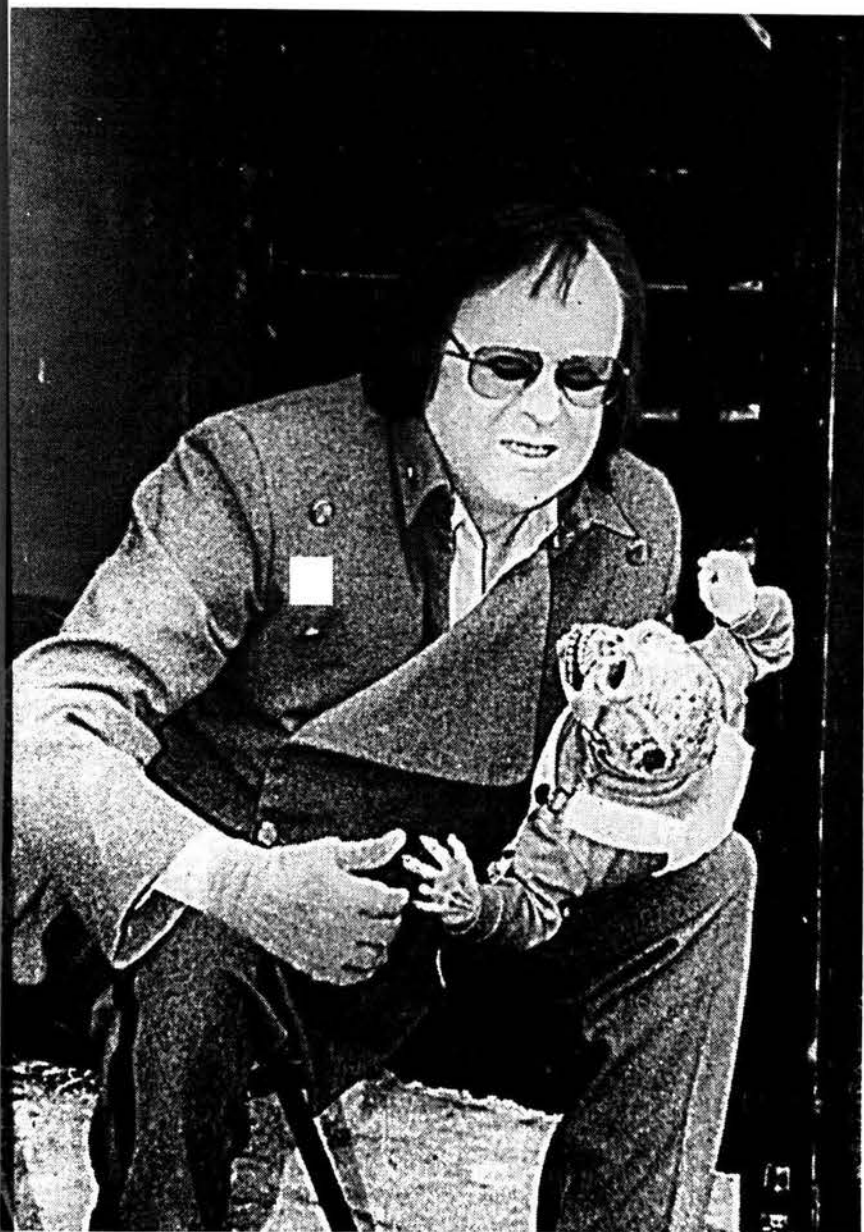
**Right:** Centralites pose in their fatigues, along with some of America's own during career day.



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### Mystery Manor strikes terror in crowds



Caroline Foley

**BOO!** Dr. Death and Uncle Freddy welcome their victims to Mystery Manor, located at 716 N. 18th St. The costumed duo scare the pants off its patrons and Mystery Manor costs only \$6.00 for the full thrill.

### Psychics guiding lives

by Carolyn Bullard

In the 90's all it takes is picking up your push tone phone, dialing a few numbers and Latoya Jackson brings the future into your home. They're called psychic hotlines and they are definitely hot.

According to The Witches of Salem Psychic Network, over 1200 callers call their line each day.

Now for the facts. There are seven major psychic lines used in America. On average each call costs \$3.99 per minute.

There are many different varieties of psychics available over the phone. Some base their readings on tarot cards while others rely on clairvoyant images and feelings. The various kinds of psychics range from love specialists to animal psychics. On extension 286 of the Yellow Pages Psychic Network you can talk one on one with a professional pet psychic.

Other unusual methods used over the phone include the use of Native American Health Cards and medicine techniques.

Two different lines, names not to be mentioned, were called and asked the same questions so that the two groups of answers could

be compared. In the period of a half hour, these two hotlines had given two vastly different visions on love, social happenings and financial matters.

Though most of the available psychic hotlines advertise themselves as being for "entertainment only," some people still claim to rely on the future provided by their phone-psychics.

"I really like using 'Psychic Friends' and use it regularly to learn what is going to happen with my social and financial situations," John Franzese, Central junior, said.

Others don't view the use of psychics as reliable sources for knowing your future.

"I would never call a psychic line. I don't believe in that stuff. It is so fake," Joe Costello, Central senior, said.

An investigation was done to compare the answers of two different psychic lines to the same set of questions. For each psychic that was asked questions concerning love and finances, different answers were given. So who is right? Maybe neither. If they were so psychic, wouldn't they have known that their caller wasn't even old enough to make the call?

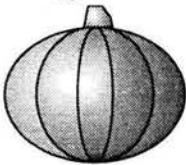
By Rebecca Starr

The novelty of haunted houses seems to wear off with age, but most still associate them with Halloween past times. The plastic skeletons and the cheesy masks seem to become stupid instead of intense, but this doesn't mean that they're not worth your time and money.

#### Rating System



**This haunted house couldn't scare the Grrr out of your tiger.**



**Ok, but not great.**



**This haunted house will eat your mother.**

**Mystery Manor:** This was an awesome house with many twists and turns, making for a fun tour. After you start through, you'll never find a one that compares to the scares and intensity that Mystery Manor has to offer.

Some of the new rooms this house has are the clown and the alien rooms. There are a few high points that make your money well spent and Mystery Manor, like all haunted houses, has a strobe light. But Mystery Manor always does it better with tilted floors and two very in your face cowboys.

Luckily, when we got trapped, one person in our group had the brains to look for a way out of a room, because the rest of us were just sitting there screaming.

Another feature was The Slide of Doom, a stainless steel slide with a 90 degree turn about halfway down and a monster waiting to help you off the slide at the bottom. This made the haunted house end with a bang.

I would suggest this house to people of all ages. It is definitely worth the \$6 dollars it costs to get in and Mystery Manor gives all profits to the National Society to Prevent Blindness charity.



**Stone Castle of Terror:** This haunted house wasn't really all that haunted. It seemed to have some sort of dinosaur and Egyptian motif running through the entire house.

You step into a hallway and the group volunteers a guide.

The entire house was a series of mazes in which the majority of people got lost from the group and all you could hear was our guide's name echoing through the entire house.

All of the mazes kept us stumped and we got lost on more than one occasion, but eventually we bored of even looking for the way out.

By the time we got out of the house, our guide was sick of his name and we were all sick of wandering around a plywood maze. The haunted warehouse came to an abrupt end without even some sort of sign that you were about to finish, but no one really seemed to mind.

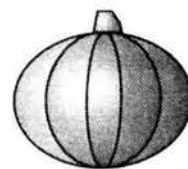
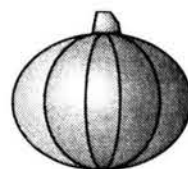
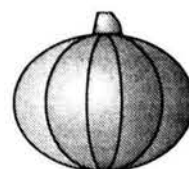


**Fright Zone:** The chain saw's roar can be heard echoing through the house and the monsters can be seen roaming around the front of this haunted house. The house was a lot of fun, but really wasn't that scary.

Wandering though this house with our guide, I decided that our guide was probably the spookiest thing about the house. It didn't have the scare power of other houses.

Despite this criticism, this was still a very fun house that contained a bumpy hall which makes you feel like the ground is moving and you just aren't moving with it. This was probably the highlight of the house.

The Christmas room was an unusual twist that I've never seen before. The sweet motherly character seemed to resemble someone you actually know. The atmosphere wasn't ruined, but was tainted as you walked into the rest of the room and monsters jumped out from the most expected places.



## Sometimes Dazed and Usually Confused

By John Gaskins



### Election 96: Granny versus Bubba

Warning: (something I should have put in before my last column): This column contains sarcastic material, intended to be humorous. These are jokes people....jokes. If you are offended, get a life!

Whether you like it or not, it is that time for those wacky, unavoidable, oh so important political elections. I will try my best to entertain you with my views on the political world.

Before I go nuts, let me remind you that I know as much about politics as our former vice-president Dan Quayle knew about spelling first-grade-level words such as "potato." I don't want to get involved in an argument about the specific stances Democrats, Republicans, and other political parties take on our nation's most pressing issues. This is not the C-SPAN newsletter.

Instead, I would like to analyze the personalities (or nuisances) of the two major presidential candidates - Bob "I Hate the World" Dole and the incumbent, Bill "I Feel Your Pain" Clinton. These men both have respectable plans for this nation, some with more faults than others. If they have one common thread, it is the fact that they are about the easiest targets in the world for meaningless public scrutiny, and so now I will hit those targets.

We know who the Republican nominee is, of course, Bob "Granny" Dole, the veteran senator from Kansas. This guy has been in Washington longer than Moses was stranded in the desert. While he is a very honorable man with integrity and an upstanding political record, he has plenty of character flaws.

First of all, Dole appears to be older than a Neanderthal skull, even if he isn't. He looks like a wooden statue of Richard Nixon.

Granny also has personality of a human speed bump and the overwhelming luster of Rusty the Bailiff from the People's Court (yes, Rusty is a recurring character...enjoy). He is so stiff that his wife has to chip the ice off of him when he wakes up in the morning.

Bob Dole acts so old and his views are so out-of-date that if asked what the most pressing social issue in America today is, he might respond, "it's those darn Brits; they screw us on everything. If that King George ever tries to cross my path, I'll beat him down with the hickory stick I used on the farm in Kansas!"

Of course, Dole doesn't ever speak in first person, instead he uses "Bob Dole," as if Bob Dole is the greatest man ever to have lived, and all Bob Dole seems to talk about is how big of a champ Bob Dole is because he lived through the depression.

"Bob Dole earned his living the hard way. Bob Dole didn't have electric garage doors, gas-powered cars, and this fancy dancy indoor plumbing business when he grew up." Bob Dole this. Bob Dole that. Here a Bob Dole, there a Bob Dole, everywhere a Bob Dole. He sounds like an annoying broken record. There should be a Bob Dole doll with a string attached. Pull the string, and the doll repeatedly cries, "Bob Dole. Bob Dole. Errrr, Bob Dole!"

Granny whines so much, he makes me sick. He's a bigger crybaby than Bobby Knight after a traveling call. It is painful to listen to this grouch time and time again ruthlessly attack Bill Clinton, the Democratic Party, and anyone who doesn't think Dole is King. Granny seems to be more bitter than a disgruntled postal worker. I can't stand another pitiful second of this man whimpering on like some farm auctioneer who can't make a dime.

Dole is also about as articulate as Rainman. Did you see this guy in the Presidential Debates? Granny couldn't speak in complete sentences

without stuttering, gagging, choking, or groaning even if he were using a voice box. Can you imagine him trying to rationalize an international dispute with Saddam Hussein? "If you don't stop the bombing right now, young man, I'm gonna have to crack your knuckles with a ruler!"

It really did not help Granny out when he called President Clinton a "bozo" at a campaign rally. Yeah, nice going, genius. That'll get people to vote for you. Now Dole has announced he is going to attack Clinton's ethical character even more. What's next, a death threat? Can you say desperate? Granny is like a deer in headlights, and he knows it. That is why Clinton is kicking him around in the polls.

Dole is decent, honest, and clearly cares about this nation's future, but let's face it - Bob Dole is a mean old man who severely lacks the charisma, charm or likability it takes to be this country's head honcho.

By the way, don't be convinced that Bob Dole is "the right man" if your only valid source for political news is that stupid pumpkinhead, Rush Limbaugh. Compared to "Head Rush," Granny is a jewel when you are considering who you might be able to stand listening to for five seconds and who just plain makes you want to puke.

Then there is the big man himself, Bill "Bubba" Clinton. Bubba wins the personality race hands down. This guy has been in more scandal than Joey Buttafucio, Jimmy Swiggart, Jim Baker, and the Mafia combined. People have sued him for sexual harassment and land fraud...seemingly at every second. Let's face it - he's a sleaze! He's sleazier than any president or politician in American history (well, maybe not Nixon) ...and that is really sleazy!

But you know what, no one cares! Clinton is killing Dole in the polls because he is such a slick talker. This guy is a smoother operator than Barry White on New Year's Eve at a strip club with a six drink minimum. He can talk his way out of anything. Bubba was made for the cameras, and that is why he is ahead.

We can argue about who has better views on the important issues, but let's face it - half the battle is electing a president who seems to be a tad likable. Bottom line - Granny is too crusty and grouchy to win and Bubba is too slick to lose. It looks like Bubba's gonna reel this one in - again.

## Beck brings new style since **LOSER**

by Carolyn Bullard

"Odelay", the most recent release from Beck, is one of the most perfect medleys of beats, guitar and overall creativity that you will ever encounter. The satisfaction gained from listening to all thirteen tracks was well worth the \$15 it costs.

Plop the disc into the CD player. After one song you're hooked. The entire CD weaves back and forth from synthesized beats to guitar, mixing mellow and ecstatic, throwing in a little harmonica here and there and making you think that maybe this guy's had just a little too much acid.

All the same you press on to the next track and enjoy every moment of Beck's zany creativity that is so vividly present. Fun not to think about. Listening to this CD can be like reading a "choose your own adventure". It is more interesting to pick and choose the tracks instead of listening to the CD straight through. You will be content just listening to the beats as they groove in and out of your ears, while other times it is just as enjoyable to check out Beck's off-beat lyrics.

Turn the CD to number twelve, "Rock the catskills", a song, primarily instrumental, full

of magical samples, old school and awkward distortion. It has a Beastie feel to it. Never stands in a category by itself. You else could you find guitar, banjo, harmonica, pipe organ, turntable, microphones all in one fun-filled. Make that two turntables and a phone.

The cover is almost as amusing as the CD itself. The front gives illusion of some species of jumping over a hurdle. It really like a cute little dog or something. Upon examining it more closely not a dog at all, but instead a man.

One great thing about this CD that unlike some of Beck's previous CDs, you can actually listen to the CD with out going insane. This CD "Steriopathic soulmate" was a major headache. With such as "Satan Gave Me a T-missing both decent rhythm and ics, the only assets were the ridiculous interludes between songs. example there is one where Beck a rather amusing impression of Ozborne. Other than comic relief CD had little to offer. Such was the case with his other release "Foot in the Grave". Still "Odelay" towers above the others.

So if you need a new CD, or if you don't, pick up your copy of "Odelay." Everyone can benefit from the wonders Beck has to offer.

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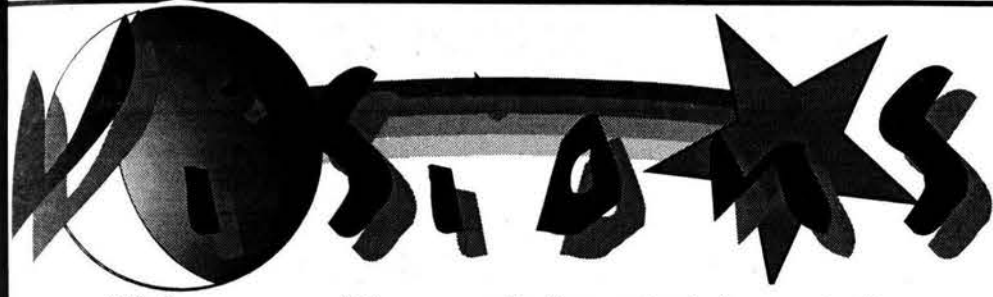
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Loneliness is pervading your social scene and lately you have been spending many a Friday night watching Nickelodeon with your little sister. Get a little confidence and go out on the town. You will definitely be rewarded.

**Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18**  
Things have been a little too spooky for you and you want them to go back to normal. Try to level with those who aren't having the same thoughts as you on certain subjects.

**Pisces Feb. 19-Mar. 20**  
Unknown crowds will be showing up at your doorstep- possibly wanting something. Don't hesitate to spark up a conversation with someone that you haven't talked to in a while.

**Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19**  
It's time to try something new. Next time you go out to dinner order something new for a change. Buy some new clothes. Anything different. You are in need of adding a little bit of flavor to your now bland style.

**Taurus Apr. 20-May 20**  
You will find yourself purchasing a Ford Taurus.

**Gemini May 21-Apr. 19**  
After a hot sweaty work out on "American Gladiators" you will discover a long lost twin who will share many things with you.

**Cancer June 22-July 22**  
An unexpected job offer will peak your

curiosity in a certain field. Tackle this job very meticulously and don't accept unjust accusations thrown in your directions. Expect a note from a mystery person around the 11th of Nov.

**Leo July 23-Aug. 22**  
Focus on making wise choices this month instead of relying on impulse. You will feel more secure and have more clear thinking, leading to less big mistakes.

**Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22**  
Take time to think the circumstances of present situations. Do you want this? If so run for it. If not, start running, but in the opposite direction. While running, regardless of direction, watch out for rocks or other things that might cause you to trip.

**Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23**  
You will be in a pleasant state of mind all month; insuring your success in all of your endeavors. Someone that you have showed interest in will respond. Prepare for the changing times that are to come.

**Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22**  
With new things developing in different areas of your life you are changing. Though change is good, don't forget who you were to begin with. Some things were not meant to change.

**Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21**  
When looking for a cherished object that you have lost, you will be devastated to learn that there is no basement in the Alamo. Don't rely on false securities. Use facts to locate what it is that you desire.

# Cast gears up for Oklahoma!

By Sam Achelpohl

Pack up the horses and wagons, a new theatrical extravaganza is riding into Central on Nov. 7th.

The actors and actresses of *Oklahoma!* are gearing up for their upcoming performances on November 7-9. Lines are being learned, sets perfected and the dances are in full swing, as curtain call draws near.

*Oklahoma!*, a Rogers & Hammerstein production, is the story of a young woman torn between two men during a time of adventure in the early Oklahoma territory.

When it first came out in 1943, *Oklahoma!* ran for five years and nine weeks, a record for continuous performances until it was surpassed by *My Fair Lady* in 1958.

Pegi Georgeson, drama teacher and director of the play believes this year's play will be a great success.

"All the students have been perfectly cast for their roles," Georgeson said. "Their voices are all wonderful and perfectly suited to each of their parts."

One of the many differences from *Oklahoma!* and other plays is the amount of music and songs involved along with acting.

"If you know the songs of *Oklahoma!*, you probably know what the play is about," Georgeson said.

Stage manager Max Culver, senior, said that this year's production of *Oklahoma!* will be better than when it was performed six years ago.

"It was done well a few years ago but this year we have more dedication and talent than we've

had for a while," Max said.

Without a class specifically based on Stagecraft as in years past, this year Central has hired an independent contractor to build the set in his own shop, Mrs. Lori Obradovich said, a paraprofessional hired to help with the production.

Although simple in nature, the sets will include scenes of prairie life and farm houses.

"We expect the sets to be wonderful and hope they will give the audience an even better feeling during the play," Obradovich said.

Many other faculty members are involved with the play. Mrs. Lynn Bouma, vocal music director at Central, will be involved with the conducting of both the orchestra and the vocals during the play. Mrs. Molly Moriarty and Mr. Pete Wilger, both instrumental music teachers, will be preparing the instrumental music for the pit orchestra.

Some student actors and actresses involved with the play includes seniors Anna Jane Kearns, Damien Thompson, Courtney Worrel, Chris Darst, Jeff Ludwig, sophomore Emilie Parrot and over forty other dancers and chorus.

All leading roles will be getting their lines memorized by Monday, Oct. 21st, and final preparations will be made for the upcoming performance.

The student matinee will be on Nov. 7th, with performances the following two nights at 7 p.m.

Tickets for the matinee will be \$4 with a Student Activity card and \$5 for the evening performances.

## Happenings

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| <b>Kiss- Oct. 23-24</b>                                    | <b>Halloween!! - Oct. 31</b>       |
| <b>Civic Auditorium</b>                                    | <b>Connell's- Nov. 6</b>           |
| <b>Hootie &amp; the Blowfish- Oct. 26 Civic Auditorium</b> | <b>Ranch Bowl</b>                  |
| <b>Phunk Junkeez &amp; The Urge- Oct. 30 Sokol Hall</b>    | <b>Tori Amos- Nov. 7 Orpheum</b>   |
|  | <b>Son Volt- Nov. 8 Ranch Bowl</b> |

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# Turf Talk

By Les Anich



## NU driving for third title

Is there a possibility for a third consecutive National Championship for the Nebraska Cornhuskers?

Of course there is. The Huskers are ranked No. 5 in the associates poll and No. 4 in the coaches poll.

If the No. 2, 3 and 4 teams in the A.P. poll lose one game, then the Huskers are in the mix of things. And that is very possible, especially with number one Florida playing number three Florida State in the near future.

The Huskers control their own destiny. They are capable of winning another national championship with a new quarterback and his young, but experienced and talented supporting cast.

With Scott Frost or Matt Turman at the helm and one of the three skillful I-backs in the backfield, the team can't lose. The offensive line is incredible, but maybe you're not buying this because of the poor performance against Arizona State which was a fluke.

It was a fluke, and Arizona State couldn't do it again. No other team in the nation has the talent to beat the Huskers. Move over Florida.

Right now, the Huskers are on their usual path to glory.

The over rated Sun Devils were just plain lucky. They caught the Huskers after a bye week in the Huskers' only second game of the season.

What do you call that? Luck. There is no other explanation for that loss. Nebraska is a road team and also a superb home team. They just don't lose.

This year's defense is probably the best defense ever. It's much more dominating than last year's team. Defense is noted for winning championships and this defense will win a third consecutive championship for the state of Nebraska.

Indeed, the defense needs a lot more support from the offense but

still, all the offense need to do is score at least ten points, and the defense will do the rest. The defense will crush the enemy. Sure we all want to watch a 72-0 blow out, but a win is a win no matter what the spread is.

That first regular season loss since Iowa State was just a freak of nature and it will not happen again for the rest of the season.

Hey New Orleans, here comes the mighty Huskers. They are hungry for another title, and motivated to make history.

Three-peat? Is it possible?

With this offense, anything is possible. With this defense, a championship is already won.

The Huskers are just too great for any other team in the country. The defense is superb and the offense is on a roll.

When Scott is in a rhythm like he was in the Colorado State game, the offense is unstoppable. The passing game will allow the running game to develop. The opponent has to stop both the passing and running plays and that is hard to do, especially if they can't stop the option alone.

If Scott doesn't have that rhythm, than the Turmanator will light that dormant spark plug of the offense.

Matt Turman should be running the offense a lot more especially when Scott is in the dumps. He knows the program inside out. He may not have the quickness or size

of Scott Frost, but he sure has the heart of a champion. He runs the option well and he throws a lot better than Scott. True, Scott was on target against then No. 12 Kansas State, hopefully it wasn't just luck. Scott led the receivers and especially the tight-ends too much. He over threw a lot of wide open players in the first three games.

The Huskers have too many lethal weapons on defense. Now back from a two-game suspension, Terrell Farley is a dominate force on the defense. It seems like he's in on every tackle or he's intercepting the ball or blocking punts. This guy is unstoppable.

True freshman, DeAngelo Evans had a fantastic game against Colorado State. All he needed was a chance. The same chance Ahman Green had last year with the five-game suspension of Lawrence Phillips. Lawrence, who?

Look here, with Ahman Green out for at least a couple of weeks with a grueling turf toe (hyper-extension of the toe), Damon Benning will take his place.

Damon is a great runner. He had a fantastic game against Baylor. He carried defenders for more yards after contact. Keep on running hard Damon. Don't worry about DeAngelo, you'll get your turn. Stay in there Ahman. You'll get the starting job back when your healthy. Ahman is too much of a competitor. He won't stop until he is number one.

And that is the same attitude from the rest of the Huskers' players. The Huskers won't stop until they are on top again where they should be.

**Apology given to...**

The Varsity Cross Country Team for a mistake made in lay out of the Cross Country story in the first issue of *the Register*.

(P.S. Thanks Joe-Joe.)

## Former Husker helps Eagles soar

By Mike Kelly and John Gaskins

After four years of playing professional football, Keithen McCant wants to give something back to the sport, and he is doing just that here at Central.

The former University of Nebraska quarterback has come to Central as a volunteer coach for the freshman football team.

At Nebraska, McCant was a reserve quarterback for three years before taking over the starting role at the beginning of the 1991 season. He quickly rose to the challenge of leading a college football powerhouse to success. Through McCant's leadership, the Huskers posted a 9-2-1 record, captured the Big Eight Conference title, and earned a berth into the Orange Bowl.

A memorable McCant moment came in the final regular season game against arch rival Oklahoma. With the Huskers trailing the Sooners in the fourth quarter, McCant led the team to a 19-14 comeback victory, a clutch performance that is forever etched in the minds and hearts of Big Red faithful. The victory clinched the Big Eight title and Orange Bowl berth. McCant was drafted by the National Football League's Cleveland Browns in 1992 and played two seasons with the club. He then spent time as a player in the Canadian Football League.

Along with learning the game of football at Nebraska, McCant earned his degree in Criminal Justice. After his pro football career ended in 1994, he came to Omaha, Nebraska to work with kids at risk at the Douglas County Youth Center.

"It's a tough job, but if you help just two or three kids out of 15, it's a success," McCant said.

Earlier this year a friend asked McCant if he was interested in helping out with the football program at Central. McCant eagerly accepted the role as head freshman coach. He also helps out with the varsity quarterbacks and receivers.

"Football has given me an education and a good life," McCant said. "I just wanted to give something back."

McCant said even though he cannot be out on the field playing with the freshmen, he can instill the knowledge he acquired at the college and professional level in his players. He said playing at a university that has such an outstanding coaching staff has helped him become a better coach as well.

"Nebraska's coaches were always correcting you, not just to correct you but to make you a better player than you were the week before," McCant said. "I'll be the first one to yell at you if you make a mistake, but I'll also be the first one to give you a hug if you do something right."

Varsity head football coach Joe McMennamin said he is pleased and impressed with McCant's leadership.

"He has done an excellent job teaching the kids the basics and fundamentals of the game," McMennamin said.

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# Central football gains momentum, confidence

by Mike Kelly

Over the past two weeks, the Central varsity football team won two of the biggest games in recent history.

Following a loss to top-rated Millard South, the Eagles have been giant killers, beating then No. 6 Omaha Westside 21-14, then dominating Omaha Creighton Prep 28-7.

"We've been on a roll," senior flanker Luke Denney said. "We just have to take one game at a time and not underestimate any team. It is important to always come ready to play."

The first of two victories came against Westside Warriors on Sept. 28.

The Eagles combined gritty offense with superbly menacing defense to avenge last year's loss to the Warriors.

Central started early with a fumble recovery by junior DeAntae Grixby. The Eagles then proceeded to score their first touchdown of the game on a DeAntae run.

Westside battled back to tie the score at 7-7. After that, the strong leadership of senior quarterback Jeremy Colvin and the skill-running of DeAntae took over the offense side of the game.

Central sustained drives and controlled the clock for the better part of the game.

"Our offense was fairly consistent throughout the last three quarters of the game," senior splitend Zach Girthoffer said.

After a 20-yard quarterback run by Jeremy, the Eagles took a 14-7 lead going into halftime.

The Eagles took the momentum back on the field with them for the second half.

After a long drive filled with stellar running by DeAntae and junior Lawrence But-

ler, Jeremy's 14-yard touchdown run gave the Eagles a 21-7 lead. The mad dash to the end zone was his second of the game.

It was then up to the defense to hold the potent Warrior offense. Key open field tackles were made by Lawrence, senior co-captain Josh Norcutt and senior Jeff Bogacz, holding the Warriors to just 7 second half points.

After Westside quarterback Eric Stapp was drilled by DeAntae on an option play, the Eagles seemed primed to pull the upset.

Late in the final quarter, Westside mounted a drive that moved them down to the Eagle 14-yard line with 15 seconds left to go in the game. The Eagle's secondary did not let up.

Three Warrior passes fell incomplete, including a desperation Hail Mary pass as time expired.

Coming into the next matchup against Creighton Prep on Oct. 4, the Eagles defeated Prep only once since 1960, and it was in the 1984 State Championship game.

The losing streak commonly known as the "Prep Curse" had haunted players and fans for decades. Stars like Calvin Jones and Ahman Green could not defeat the mighty Bluejays in their Central careers.

Central dominated the game on both offense and defense.

Early in the second quarter, Prep drove the ball down to the Eagle 10.

Prep seemed poised to score, but Prep quarterback Mike Mancuso was sacked by senior linebacker Jeremy Garrison and fumbled. Lawrence picked up the ball and ran it back for the first of his three touchdowns on the evening.



Lel Brown

**Eagles in action:** The Central defense lines up against the Omaha North Vikings. North won 21-18 in overtime on Sept. 13.

Central took the lead for good on a drive that featured the combination of Jeremy Colvin to Luke. The pair hooked up for 58-yards on the drive and the Eagles led 13-7 at halftime.

In the second half, the Eagle offensive line took control of the game. The Eagle offensive line, called by some the best in the state, opened up big holes for DeAntae and Lawrence. DeAntae finished the game with a career high 191-yards, including 167 in the second half.

After the Eagles moved ahead 28-7 in the 4th quarter, history seemed to be in the making.

As time expired, the Eagle fans stormed the field as Central beat another rated oppo-

nent. "The win over Prep was meaningful to all of us because it seems like when we play Prep we always lose," senior Brandon Clogston said. "It was also important because we won as a team."

Central continued its winning streak with a 35-21 victory over Omaha South on Oct. 11.

The Eagles were again led by the rushing of DeAntae and Lawrence. Lawrence had his first 100-yard game as an Eagle and DeAntae rushed for 121-yards.

The homecoming victory raised Central's record to 4-2. Up next for the Eagles will be Millard West on Oct. 25 and Omaha Bryan on Oct. 31.

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## Central volleyball climbing mountain of success

By Mike Kelly

"Our volleyball team is about to climb the mountain of success," Head Varsity Volleyball Coach Brad Reichmuth said.

After a 3-10 start the young varsity Eagles look to the second half of the season for the start of a winning tradition at Central High School.

The Eagles start four underclassmen and have only two seniors Emily Broom and Erika Mullen.

Five of the 10 Eagle losses this year came at the hands of rated teams. This experience will prove valuable for the younger players who are seeing varsity action for the first time.

"I think getting to play Varsity early in my career will give me the experience I need to win big games as a senior," said sophomore starter Lauren Petit.

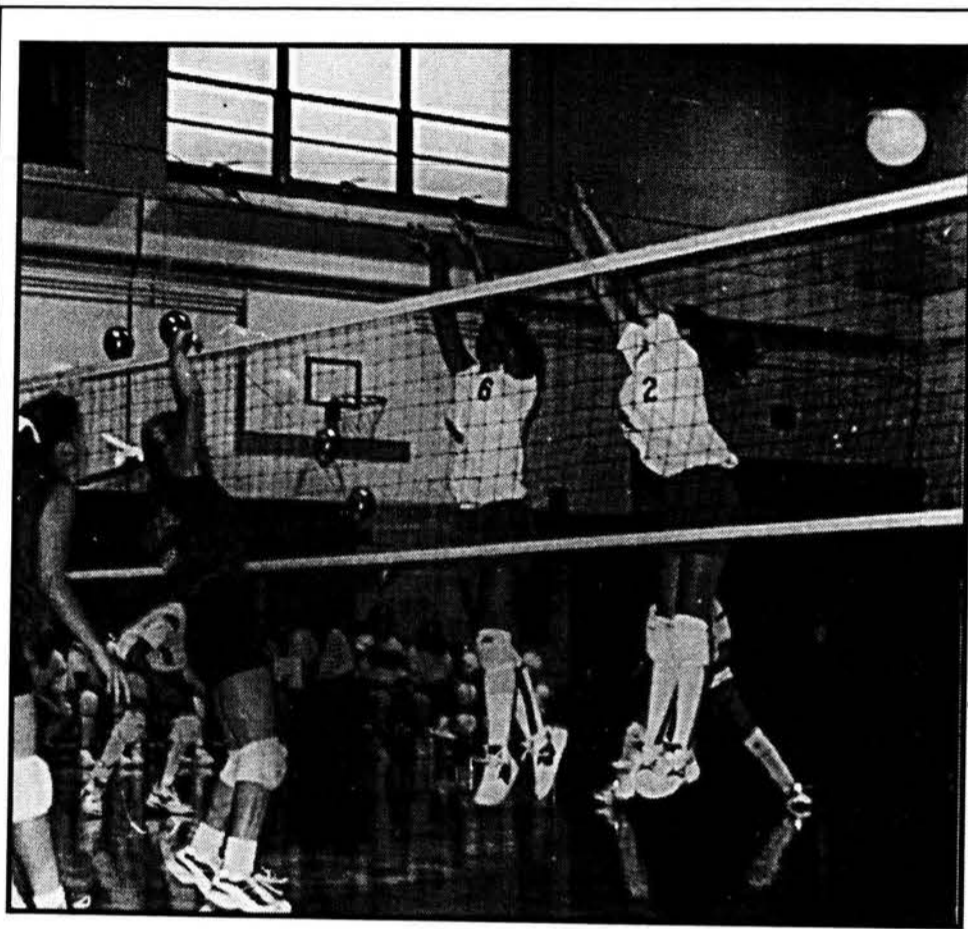
Petit is joined in the starting lineup by Broom, sophomore Kara Steffensmier, junior Stephanie Holm, junior Becca Baines and freshman Liz Keefe.

Holm is currently in the top 10 in the state for service aces.

For the Eagles, the season can only get easier. Central has already gotten through the most difficult part of it's schedule.

Coach Reichmuth said that it took a while to get used to player's different style and for the players to get used to him as a coach.

"I have to do a little more teaching of the game than actually coaching them," Reichmuth said. "Once we have the fundamentals of the game down, then the real coaching comes into effect."



April Santon

**In your face!** Two Central opponents attempt to block the ball. Despite falling to a 3-10 record, the Lady Eagles are climbing to end the season better than it started with a positive attitude, coach Reichmuth said.

Throughout what has been a rebuilding year for the Eagles, one constant has been Broom.

Reichmuth said Broom's leadership has been outstanding and that she has had a positive effect on her younger teammates. Broom,

along with Mullen, have provided an example of what it takes to be successful at the school level.

"I just try to work as hard as I can stay positive," Broom said. "I try to be an example for the younger players."

"Emily is one of the few athletes I have encountered that actually knows how to win games," Reichmuth said. "She does things as captain that I would not even think of."

The ascent up the mountain may not be too far away for the Eagles. Despite falling to 3-10, the team has kept a positive attitude that some teams in similar situations would not have been able to maintain.

The coaches said that the kids feel themselves getting better every day in practice.

The dedicated Eagles condition themselves weights three times a week throughout the summer. Most of the team also competes in club volleyball during the off season.

The Eagles even have matching practice uniforms which they obtained through fundraising.

"We think the little things make the difference," said Reichmuth. "The little things will distinguish the good teams from the mediocre teams."

Reichmuth believes that in the next few years, they will have one of the top teams in the OPS and will be rated in the top 10 in the state.

"The future of Central volleyball is excellent," Petit said.

The Eagles play in districts Nov. 10 at Bellevue West.

## Central varsity tennis team slams through season

By John Gaskins

The Central boy's tennis team served, volleyed and stormed through another successful season and proved once again they are among the Metro Conference's best in tennis. The Eagles posted a 7-2 dual record, giving Coach John Waterman his 16th winning season in his 16 years as head coach.

Central gave a strong fifth place performance in the Metro Championships at Dewey Park. Sophomore sensation Stuart Waters led the team with an impressive third place finish in No. 1 singles action, while the No. 2 doubles team of Jeremiah Shultz and Ben Teply won their consolation match to add to the team's success.

Although Creighton Prep won the team title, Waters defeated the

Junior Jays' No. 1 player Joe Hefflinger in straight sets to capture his metro medal. The win was Waters' third of the year over Hefflinger.

The victory came one day after a close, three set defeat to Millard North freshman Chris Chiou in the semifinals. Waters had five match points before losing in the third set.

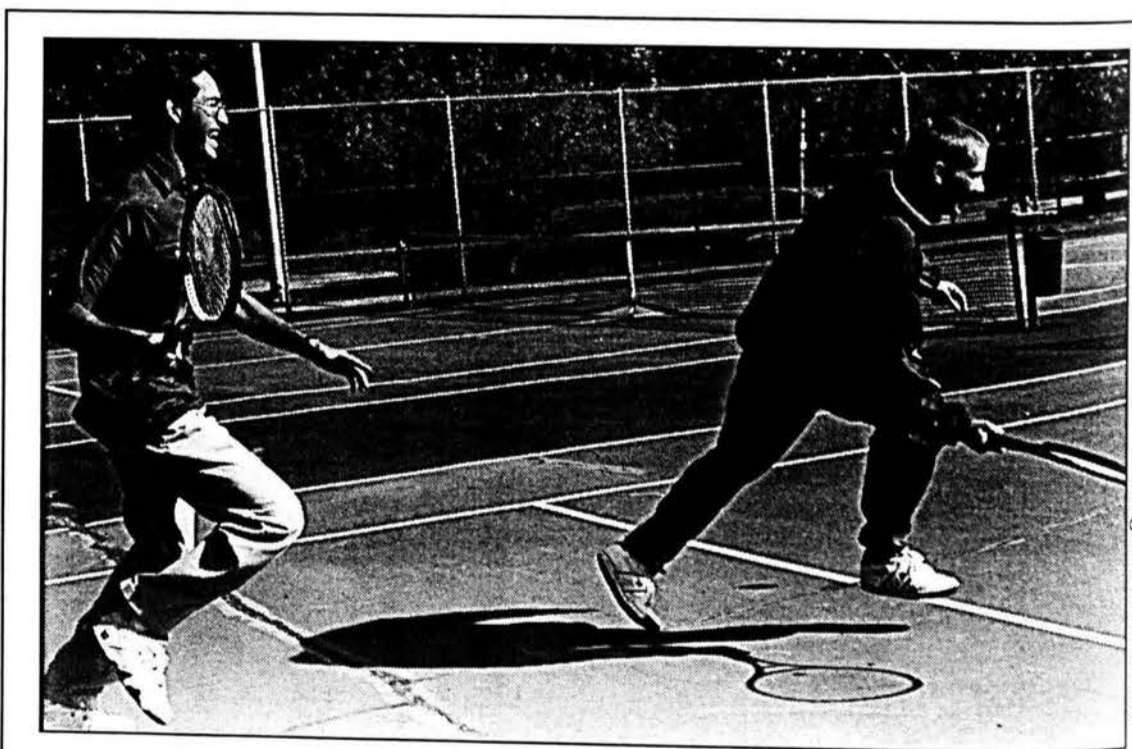
"I wanted to be in the championship very badly, and I was one point away, but I am very happy I came back and played well today," Waters said.

Waters played spectacularly with an array of vicious serves and unstoppable passing shots against Hefflinger. He credited his victory to his improved confidence.

"Stuart is one of the best players I have seen on a tennis court. He has the athletic ability and confidence to beat just about anybody," Waterman said.

Waters plowed through the regular season with a 10-2 match record and a third place finish at the Papillion LaVista Invitational. After his strong showing at Metro, Waterman considered Waters as a definite contender for the state title.

Stuart's impressive season ended on a bittersweet note, as he lost to Hefflinger in the quarterfinals of the State Tournament. The Eagles finished eighth as a team.



Angie Cammarata

**I got it!** Junior Chad Powell calls off senior Jason Hoberman during a varsity practice.

The other top players contributed to the team's success as well. Senior Jason Hoberman compiled a 7-4 match record in No. 2 singles play. The No. 1 doubles team of Nils Went and Chad Powell went 8-4, while Shultz and Teply went 7-2.

Waterman said he is also impressed with the winning attitude of the team. The coach gave all 15 players on the roster a chance to compete in dual action, and the team

responded with all players winning at least one match.

"Even though tennis is an individual sport, I thought the team's chemistry was great. The players supported each other by showing up and cheering on their teammates at every match and tournament, and we're awfully proud of that," Waterman said.

The team spirit was best shown in the final dual of the year with

Omaha Bryan, in which the Eagles won 9-0. Senior Omar Nazari teamed with doubles partner Adam Ochsner, won the only event he competed in all year. After the winning point, the rest of the team carried him off the court and gave him a standing ovation.

The success and fun should continue next fall, when Waters, Went, Powell, Shultz and Teply return to action.

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